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## College of Medicine Scientist Demonstrates Spinal Cord Regeneration

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A scientist from Drexel University College of Medicine has demonstrated the successful regeneration of injured spinal nerve endings in a lab animal and the resulting recovery of movement in the affected limb. The research, published in the July 12th issue of the *Journal of Neuroscience*, provides hope that a combination of treatments could one day lead to regeneration of nerve endings in people with spinal cord injuries, resulting in a return of functional activity.

John Houle, Ph.D., Professor of Neurobiology and Anatomy at the College of Medicine, and colleagues at the University of Arkansas and Case Western Reserve, demonstrated how a nerve removed from a lab animal's leg and transplanted across a spinal cord injury, in combination with enzyme digestion of scar material, led to regeneration of injured nerve endings and recovery of forelimb movements.

The specific enzyme, chondroitinase, reduced the normal inhibitory nature of scar tissue, and thus facilitated growth beyond the nerve graft, or bridge. The safety of this enzyme for human use has already been proven.

"This study represents a major milestone in the battle to return spinal cord injury patients to a state of mobility," Houle says, "however there is still a lot of work to be done to adapt this procedure to human use." More than 250,000 people in the United States alone are suffering from long-term spinal cord injuries, with more than 11,000 new occurrences each year.

A significant aspect of the study is that the treatment is applicable to animals that are newly injured as well as animals with long-term injuries, because the implanted nerve bridge can be used to direct regeneration towards a specific target area in the spinal cord.



**Dr. Houle**

Dr. Houle has a longstanding interest in spinal cord injury and the potential to promote structural and functional repair in acute and chronic injury situations. He came to the College of Medicine in March 2005 from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, where he was a Professor in the Department of Neurobiology and Developmental Sciences and Director of the Cellular and Molecular Neuroscience Division. In 2004, Dr. Houle was a recipient of the prestigious Javits Award in the Neurosciences from the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, which, in the words of the NINDS director, recognizes "extraordinary research that has the potential to better thousands of lives."

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## Love of Music and Medicine



**Dr. Sataloff**

When you hear that someone is an accomplished musician who teaches professional singers and conducts choirs, chances are you probably don't think that person's "day job" is performing medical operations as one of the country's premier ear, nose, and throat surgeons. But that's exactly the case with Robert T. Sataloff, M.D., the new Chairman of the Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery and Associate Dean for Clinical Academic Specialties.

Dr. Sataloff joined the faculty of Drexel University College of Medicine from Jefferson Medical College in March. He is renowned

internationally for microsurgery of the ear, ear-brain interface and skull base, and as the "go-to surgeon" for voice professionals.

Already a professional singer by the time he was a teenager, Dr. Sataloff's love of music was honed at Haverford College where he earned his undergraduate degree in music theory and composition. He also holds a Doctor of Musical Arts in voice performance from Combs College of Music. He earned his medical degree

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**Richard V. Homan, M.D.**  
Senior Vice President for Medical Affairs  
Annenberg Dean

## Key Appointments Lead Off New Academic Year

I am pleased to announce the appointment of several individuals to key leadership positions in the College of Medicine.

**Kenny J. Simansky, Ph.D.**, has been named **Vice Dean of Research**. In this capacity, he will focus on increasing our research activities; guiding the implementation of our new Strategic Plan for Research and supervising the Research Administration

functions of the College. A tenured Professor, Dr. Simansky has been an outstanding faculty member and researcher in the Department of Pharmacology and Physiology. He has been a Principal Investigator on NIH grants since 1985 and chaired an NIH study on neuroendocrinology, neuroimmunology and behavior from 2002 to 2005.

**Barry D. Waterhouse, Ph.D.**, has been promoted to **Vice Dean for Biomedical Graduate and Postgraduate Studies**.

Dr. Waterhouse will build upon his previous efforts at expanding our graduate and postgraduate programs. His new responsibilities will include expansion of medical student research pathways and research training programs for residents. He will also chair a new Dean's committee charged with oversight of quality standards, procedures and metrics for new educational offerings. Dr. Waterhouse previously served as Associate Dean for Biomedical Graduate, Postdoctoral and Professional Studies, and is a tenured Professor in the Department of Neurobiology and Anatomy.

**Gerald Soslau, Ph.D.**, has been promoted from Associate Dean of Premedical Education to **Senior Associate Dean of Post Baccalaureate-Pre-Professional Education**. His new position combines all post-baccalaureate and master's level programs into a single unit within the College. Dr. Soslau will be responsible for recruiting, admissions, training, graduation and alumni status of a dozen programs. Dr. Soslau earned his Ph.D. from the University of Rochester School of Medicine in biochemistry, and is a Professor in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.

**Richard Hamilton, M.D.**, has been named **Chairman of the Department of Emergency Medicine**. Dr. Hamilton is also the Program Director for the Emergency Medicine Residency Training Program and has been a faculty member at the College since 1997. Dr. Hamilton received his medical degree from Hahnemann University. After medical school, he was on active duty as a U.S. Navy Flight Surgeon, performing research in aerospace medicine. He completed his emergency medicine residency at Bronx Municipal Hospital Center, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, and subsequently completed a fellowship in medical toxicology at New York University. Dr. Hamilton is board certified in emergency medicine and medical toxicology and is a captain in the U.S. Naval Reserves.

**Eugene Hong, M.D.**, has been named **Chairman of the Department of Family, Community and Preventive Medicine**. Dr. Hong is an Associate Professor in the Department and Chief of the Division of Sports Medicine. Since joining the college in 2003, he has created a fourth-year elective in sports medicine and is developing a sports medicine fellowship. He also served as Director of the Family Medicine Residency Program for two years. Dr. Hong received his medical degree from Tufts University School of Medicine. His postgraduate training included a general surgical internship at the University of Connecticut, a family medicine residency at Thomas Jefferson University, and fellowships at the University of Massachusetts and Thomas Jefferson University, in community medicine and sports medicine respectively. He is the main team physician for two Division I colleges: Drexel and St. Joseph's University.

**Owen C. Montgomery, M.D.**, has been named **Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology**. Dr. Montgomery joined the College in 2003 from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. He previously held faculty appointments at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital and at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. Throughout his career, Dr. Montgomery has explored a range of concerns, including the provision of care to underserved women, issues of gender education, and the prevention of sexual assault, especially in teenagers. Dr. Montgomery received his medical degree from Hahnemann University, class of 1981. He completed his postgraduate training and fellowship at Jefferson Medical College, where he was also chief resident.

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## College of Medicine Welcomes Two Alumni to the Board of Trustees

Manuel N. Stamatakis, Hon.'05, Chairman of the Drexel University College of Medicine Board of Trustees, has announced the election of two new Board members. They are Donald A. Girard, M.D., HU '82, a gastroenterologist in private practice in Wilmington, Del., who is President of the Drexel University College of Medicine Alumni Association; and Nicholas A. Vaganos, M.D., HU '78, Chief of Cardiology at the Chester County (Pa.) Hospital, and Senior Cardiologist and President of Chester Cardiology Associates. (Dr. Vaganos earned his bachelor's degree from Drexel University's College of Arts & Sciences.)



Dr. Girard



Dr. Vaganos

### **Mercy Catholic Medical Center: A Longtime Partner in Medical Education**

Each year, approximately 75,000 patients with a wide variety of problems and diverse backgrounds are treated in the emergency departments (EDs) of Mercy Hospital of Philadelphia (MHOP) and Mercy Fitzgerald Hospital, which together make up Mercy Catholic Medical Center (MCMC). These EDs provide an excellent training ground in emergency medicine for Drexel University College of Medicine students and residents in a relationship that dates to 1989. That year, one of DUCOM's predecessor institutions, the Medical College of Pennsylvania, formed an affiliation with MCMC in which the College's faculty began to oversee the operations of the two emergency departments. Over the years, the affiliation between Mercy and DUCOM has expanded to encompass all aspects of medical education, including undergraduate, graduate and continuing medical education, in a number of clinical areas.

Today, third- and fourth-year rotations at MCMC include internal medicine, surgery, radiology and psychiatry, as well as emergency medicine. Each year, about 150 DUCOM students learn from more than 100 full-time and part-time faculty and a cadre of voluntary attending physicians at MCMC. DUCOM has residents at Mercy, and a number of DUCOM alumni are training there.

"The very large and diverse patient population served by Mercy Catholic gives our students exposure to situations they might not otherwise see, particularly in the emergency care setting," says Barbara A. Schindler, M.D., Vice Dean, Educational & Academic Affairs, DUCOM, noting that Mercy Hospital serves the urban community of West Philadelphia while Mercy Fitzgerald, in Darby, serves patients in eastern Delaware County and southwest Philadelphia. Together, the two community hospitals have nearly



**Mercy Fitzgerald Hospital**

700 beds and 25,000 annual inpatient admissions. Mercy Catholic was formally established in 1969 with the merger of MHOP, founded in 1918 by the Sisters of Mercy as Misericordia Hospital, and Mercy Fitzgerald, founded in 1933.

"Students at Mercy Catholic learn a great deal from our residents as well as our faculty," says Arnold R. Eiser, M.D., Vice President of Medical Education, MCMC, who is also Associate Dean for Mercy Catholic Programs and Professor of Medicine, DUCOM.



**Mercy Hospital of Philadelphia**

"We are very proud of our GME programs in internal medicine, general surgery, radiology and transitional year residency. Our internal medicine program has a 98 percent board pass rate and many graduates do specialty fellowship training at DUCOM."

Another source of pride and educational strength is the Mercy Heart Center, where hundreds of open-heart surgeries are performed each year, as well as numerous leading-edge invasive cardiology procedures. Located at Mercy Fitzgerald Hospital, the program excels at several cardiology benchmarks as measured in the CRUSADE\* cardiology database.

***Our efforts are designed to teach them  
how to be an effective member of a team.***

At Mercy Catholic, first-year internal medicine residents benefit from an innovative two-week systems-based practice workshop developed by MCMC and awarded the Judges Award from the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education in March 2006. During this two-week program, first-year residents learn about the work of non-physician healthcare providers. They work side by side with hospital pharmacists, hospice nurse and visiting nurse services, the utilization management team and the nutritionist. They also gain experience in the clinical lab. "This program broadens their understanding of the entire spectrum of health care providers and the role of the physician in effectively integrating all these services to best serve the patient," notes Dr. Eiser, who designed the workshop with Dr. Joanne Connaughton, Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine.

"Medical students tell us that they really appreciate the level of experience they get during rotations at Mercy Catholic because they are almost all one on one," says J. Harris Joseph, D.O., MEd, Director of Medical Education. "In each rotation, there is one student, one intern, one resident and one attending. In addition, we offer a very strong formal didactic program.

"All our efforts are designed to teach them how to communicate effectively with patients and how to be an effective member of a team because in medicine today, almost everything involves a lot of teamwork," Dr. Joseph emphasizes. "At Mercy Catholic Medical Center, we make students part of a team right from the start, and that creates a positive experience for them and for us."

\*CRUSADE is a national quality improvement initiative designed to increase the practice of evidence-based medicine for high-risk patients with acute coronary syndromes.



**Dr. Blankenhorn**

**Elizabeth P. Blankenhorn, Ph.D.**, Professor, Department of Microbiology and Immunology, co-authored a study entitled “Evidence That the Y Chromosome Influences Autoimmune Disease in Male and Female Mice” that was published in the May 23rd edition of *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, volume 103. The study focused on numerous factors, including a parent-of-origin effect, that are believed to contribute to the onset of multiple sclerosis.



**Dr. Hong**

**Eugene Hong, M.D.**, Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Family, Community and Preventive Medicine and Chief of the Division of Sports Medicine, presented a research project entitled “Relationship Between Football Helmet Fitting Techniques and Concussions Among High School Football Athletes,” at the annual American College of Sports Medicine meeting in Denver.



**Dr. Martin-Garcia**

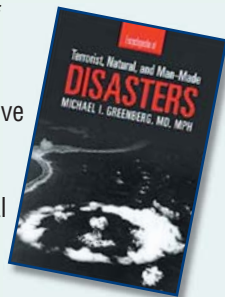
**Julio Martín-García, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology & Immunology, recently published the study “HIV-1 Tropism for the Central Nervous System: Brain-Derived Envelope Glycoproteins with Lower CD4 Dependence and Reduced Sensitivity to a Fusion Inhibitor,” in the journal *Virology*.



**Dr. Greenberg**

**Michael I. Greenberg, M.D., MPH**, Director of the Division of Medical Toxicology, and Professor of Emergency Medicine and Public Health, recently published a book entitled *Encyclopedia of Terrorist, Natural, and Man-Made Disasters*, which is a comprehensive reference publication

that encompasses many major toxicological incidents, both man-made and environmental in nature.



**Richard B. Huneke, DVM, MPH**, Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology and Immunology, and Director, University Laboratory Animal Resources, College of Medicine, recently published the 2005 American College of Laboratory Animal

Medicine (ACLAM) and the American Society of Laboratory Animal Practitioners (ASLAP) Salary Survey for Laboratory Animal Veterinarians, found on both organizations’ websites.



**Dr. Katsetos**



**Dr. Mishra**



**Dr. Legido**

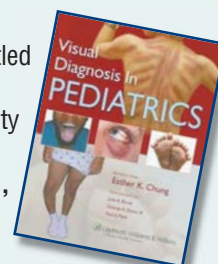
**Christos D. Katsetos, M.D., Ph.D., FRCPath**, Research Professor, **Qazi Ashraf, M.D., MPH**, Research Assistant Professor, **Om P. Mishra, Ph.D.**, Research Professor, all of the Department of Pediatrics, **Agustin Legido, M.D., Ph.D.**, Professor of Pediatrics and Neurology, and **Jean-Pierre de Chadarevian, M.D., FRCPC**, Professor of Pediatrics and Pathology, co-authored an original research article entitled “Altered Cellular Distribution and Subcellular Sorting of  $\gamma$ -Tubulin in Diffuse Astrocytic Gliomas and Human Glioblastoma Cell Lines” that appeared in the May edition of the *Journal of Neuropathology and Experimental Neurology*. This work was supported by an Established Investigator Award to Dr. Katsetos from the St. Christopher’s Foundation for Children.



**Dr. Lippa**

**Carol F. Lippa, M.D.**, Professor of Neurology and Director of the Memory Disorders Program, recently published an editorial entitled “Alzheimer Neuropathology in Non-demented Aging: Keeping Mind Over Matter” that appeared in the June 27th edition of the journal *Neurology*. The editorial reviews work that shows that many people who have trivial memory loss, or senior moment type of loss, actually have Alzheimer’s in their brains and should not accept this as a normal occurrence.

**Paul S. Matz, M.D.**, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, recently co-edited a textbook entitled *Visual Diagnosis in Pediatrics*. Several of the College of Medicine’s general pediatrics faculty wrote chapters in the publication, including: **Robert Bonner, M.D.**, **Nancy Spencer, M.D.**, **Laura Smals, M.D.**, **Hans Kersten, M.D.**, **Christopher O’Hara, M.D.**, **Cynthia Warren, M.D.**, **Harry Salvati, M.D.**, **Shoshana Melman, M.D.**, and **Shareen Kelly, M.D.**



**Anand S. Mehta, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor, Department of Microbiology & Immunology, recently published findings of a study entitled “Proteomic Analysis of Serum Associated Fucosylated Glycoproteins in the Development of Primary Hepatocellular Carcinoma” in the *Journal of Proteome Research* 2006, 5, 308-315.

**Olimpia Meucci, M.D., Ph.D.**, Associate Professor, and **Muhammad Z. Khan**, Research Associate, both of the Department of Pharmacology & Physiology, published recent findings of their study entitled “HIV gp 120 Stimulates p53 Activity and Induces Apaf-1 Expression in Neurons” in the publication *Molecular and Cellular Neuroscience*, 2005; 30(1).

**Pasquale F. Nestico, M.D., FACC**, Clinical Professor of Medicine, Division of Cardiology, was the guest speaker at a conference on the beneficial cardiovascular effects of the Mediterranean diet, organized by the Italian Language Inter-Cultural Alliance, which convened in Rome, June 7–9. His topic was “Cardiovascular Risks: An American Prospective.”



**Dr. Núñez**

**Ana Elizabeth Núñez, M.D.**, Associate Professor of Medicine, Director of the Center of Excellence in Women’s Health and Women’s Health Education Program, presented “Beginning with the End – Impact Driven Cross Cultural Medical Education” at the conference Eliminating Health Disparities: The Role of Cultural Competency, University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, May 23.

Dr. Nunez also presented “Women’s Health Through the Life Cycle” at the Latino Health Issues for Primary Care Providers: Achieving Better Health Outcomes conference sponsored by the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, Nebraska on May 24, 2006.



**Dr. Roberts**

**James Roberts, M.D.**, Professor, Department of Emergency Medicine, was the keynote speaker for the annual meeting of the Emergency Department Practice Management Association in Las Vegas, as well as for the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians in Destin, Fla., where he spoke about “Risk Management in Emergency Medicine.”

Dr. Roberts was also a consultant and reviewer for the sections of “Injuries” and “Poisonings” for the *Merck Manual*, 18th edition.



**Candace Robertson**

**Candace Robertson, MPH**, Research Manager at the Women’s Health Education Program, presented “Sex Education: Health Choices for a Healthy Life” at the Gillespie Area/Drexel Beacon Center Program at Gillespie Middle School in Philadelphia on June 8.

**Frank E. Shafer, M.D.**, Associate Professor of Pediatrics, co-authored an article entitled “Single Dose of Anti-D Immune Globulin at 75 Kg is as Effective as Intravenous Immune Globulin at Rapidly Raising the Platelet Count in Newly Diagnosed Immune Thrombocytopenic Purpura in Children.” The article was published in the April edition of the *Journal of Pediatrics*.

**Mahesh Sharma, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor, Department of Surgery, recently published an article proposing “A Novel Target to Inhibit Angiogenesis and Tumor Growth,” in Volume 81 of the *Journal of Experimental and Molecular Pathology*.

**Humberto E. Soriano, M.D.**, Associate Professor, Department of Pediatrics at the College of Medicine, and Chief, Section of Gastroenterology, Hepatology & Nutrition, and Medical Director, Liver Transplant Program at St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children, co-authored an article entitled “Acute Liver Failure in Children: The First 348 Patients in the Pediatric Acute Liver Failure Study Group” that was published in the *Journal of Pediatrics*.

Dr. Soriano also co-authored an article with **Renee M. Turchi, M.D., MPH**, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, entitled “Tb or Not Tb: Crohn’s Disease Presenting with Tonsillar Granulomas” that appeared in the *Journal of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery*.



**Dr. Waterhouse**

**Barry Waterhouse, Ph.D.**, Vice Dean for Biomedical Graduate and Postgraduate Studies and Professor, Neurobiology and Anatomy, has co-authored an article entitled “Methylphenidate Enhances Noradrenergic Transmission and Suppresses Mid- and Long-Latency Sensory Responses in the Primary Somatosensory Cortex of Awake Rats.” The article was published in the

May issue of the *Journal of Neurophysiology* and was the subject of a press release by the American Physiological Society and the *New Scientist* because of its relevance to the treatment and understanding of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.



# ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

## '60s



**Dr. Meadows**

**Anna T. Meadows, M.D., WMC '69**, Medical Director of the Cancer Survivorship Program at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, received the 2006 Pediatric Oncology Award from the American Society of Clinical Oncology at its annual meeting in Atlanta in June. Dr. Meadows is a Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, where

she leads both the Cancer Survivorship Research Program and the Lance Armstrong Foundation Living Well After Cancer Program at Penn's Abramson Cancer Center.

## '70s

**Trina Menden Anglin, M.D., MCP '72**, Chief of the Office of Adolescent Health and Coordinator of the Maternal and Child Health Bureau's adolescent health program at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, was a recipient of the annual William G. Anderson Awards from the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. Dr. Anglin is responsible for a national programmatic approach to the promotion of health and prevention of physical and emotional health problems among school-age children, adolescents, and young adults. She is also known for her leadership on the National Coordinating Committee on School Health and Safety.

**John Gastaldo, M.D., HU '72** (and former resident), a neurosurgeon, was selected to be a judge for the 53rd Lancaster (Pa.) Newspapers Science & Engineering Fair at Franklin & Marshall College. The annual event is sponsored by the *Sunday News*, *Intelligencer Journal*, and *Lancaster New Era* and cosponsored by Pfizer Inc./Pfizer Global Manufacturing in Lititz, Pa. More than 357 junior and senior high students participate.

**C. Ronald Duncan, M.D., HU '73**, who is board certified in diagnostic radiology and is a specialist in breast imaging, has joined the medical staff of Anne Arundel Medical Center (AAMC). He will practice at the AAMC, the AAMC Breast Center, and Anne Arundel Diagnostics. He also practices with Annapolis Radiology.

**Eric Schaff, M.D., HU '76**, a physician who specializes in reproductive healthcare, has joined Planned Parenthood of Delaware as Medical Director. Dr. Schaff has worked in Kenya, India, Vietnam, Albania, Macedonia, Kyrgyzstan, and the Philippines.



**Dr. Pujols-McKee**

**Ana Pujols-McKee, M.D., HU '79**, has been appointed by Governor Rendell to serve as Chair of the Pennsylvania Patient Safety Authority, which works to reduce and eliminate medical errors in Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hospitals. Dr. McKee serves as Chief Medical Officer and Associate Executive Director of the Penn Presbyterian Medical Center in Philadelphia.

## '80s

**John J. Borruso, M.D., HU '81** (and former resident), a surgeon and member of the Danbury [Conn.] Hospital Department of Surgery since 1986, has joined Danbury Office of Physicians Services, specializing in general surgery, including procedures for breast surgery, hernia repair, venous access, and biliary disease. Dr. Borruso is Vice Chairman of the Department of Surgery and is an instructor for the advanced trauma life-support course.

**Alfred T. Dorsey, M.D., HU '81**, has joined the Division of Anesthesiology at the Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children in Rockland, Del. Dr. Dorsey is an anesthesiologist who is certified by the American Board of Anesthesiology, the American Board of Anesthesiology/Critical Care Medicine, and the American Board of Pediatrics.

**Frederick J. Bloom Jr., M.D., HU '83**, who specializes in family medicine and geriatrics, was honored by the Luzerne Foundation for his significant work in the community. Dr. Bloom works at the Geisinger Medical Group—Wyoming, Pa., office. Eleven years ago, Dr. Bloom established the Back Mountain Free Medical Clinic to provide quality healthcare services to the uninsured and underinsured. Dr. Bloom runs the clinic, operated from St. Therese's Church in Shavertown, Pa., every Friday evening.

**William H. Halmi, M.D., HU '87**, a physician who specializes in dermatology, was listed in the April 2006 edition of *Phoenix Magazine's* "Top Docs" list.

**Marlana Ottinger, M.D., MCP '89**, joined Mercy Medical Center's Department of Radiation Oncology. Dr. Ottinger was most recently with Associates in Radiation Medicine, Maryland Regional Cancer Care.

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It's not too early to begin planning your class reunion! If your year of graduation ends in 2 or 7 come back and celebrate with your classmates on May 4-6, 2007. Call **1.866.DREX.MED** or e-mail **medical.alumni@drexel.edu** to find out how to get started!



## *In Memoriam Nancy E. Gary, M.D.*

Distinguished alumna **Nancy E. Gary, M.D.**, a 1962 graduate of the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania, and one of the first women to lead a medical school, died May 31. She had lived in Washington, D.C., for the last 20 years.

Dr. Gary was appointed Dean of Albany Medical College in 1988, a time when it was uncommon for a woman to head a medical school. She later served as the Executive Vice President of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences and was Dean of its F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine in Bethesda. Dr. Gary also held the position of Clinical Professor of Medicine at George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences, which in 1995 gave her its Meritorious Service Award.

Dr. Gary became well known for her expertise in medical education, research, medical practices and government affairs. She was considered a mentor and role model for many women and was honored recently by the Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine (ELAM) Program for Women at the College of Medicine.

"She was the third woman dean of a U.S. medical school in the 20th century and the first woman to serve as the dean at more than one medical school," ELAM noted when presenting Dr. Gary with its Mentorship Award.

Dr. Gary had retired from her position as president and chief executive of the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates, which provides certification for entry into U.S. graduate medical programs. While at the commission from 1995 to 2001, Dr. Gary enhanced the licensing process by adding a fourth examination that requires students to interview mock patients, much as her alma mater does. In 2000 she created the Foundation for Advancement of International Medical Education and Research.



**Nancy Gary in 2002**

Certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine in medicine and nephrology, Dr. Gary served on numerous boards and commissions throughout her career, including the National Board of Medicine Examiners and the World Federation for Medical Education taskforce on defining international standards in basic medical education. She was a member of Alpha Omega Alpha, as well as a Master in the American College of Physicians.

Dr. Gary was born in Brooklyn, N.Y. and grew up in Manhasset, N.Y. She is survived by her four brothers, Peter Q. Gary, Walter Gary, Thomas Gary and Father Paul Gary.

## *In Memoriam Joan Burgess, M.D.*



**Joan Burgess and Laura Valenti in May**

Medicine in May, although she was not well, to celebrate the reunion with the class of 1956.

After earning her medical degree, Dr. Burgess traveled to Alaska to establish a family practice clinic in Anchorage, where she practiced for more than 30 years. In addition to serving the medical needs of her community, she worked closely with a

**Joan Burgess, M.D.**, a 1966 graduate of the Women's Medical College, died at her home in Anchorage, Alaska, on June 29, 2006. Dr. Burgess was an active alumna member of WMC and recently returned to the College of

number of Alaska's past Episcopal bishops, performing a variety of community services.

The move also enabled Dr. Burgess to work in villages through music ministry at vacation bible schools. She participated in a choral group that sang for Pope John Paul II and was especially proud of her service in the Alaska Air National Guard and working with children in Vietnam. Her love of music also inspired her to donate the Queen Lane Carillon to the College in hopes that it would become the heartbeat of campus life.

A friend of Dr. Burgess wrote: "Joan had a special love for animals. Her dog, Dusty, was her best friend. She also sponsored dolphins ... and traveled to Florida to swim with her 'dolphin friends' whenever possible. Dr. Burgess was a lifetime learner who continued to study and learn about medicine, religion and her country."

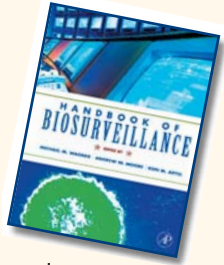
Dr. Burgess is survived by her brother, Thomas Burgess of Connecticut.



# ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

## '90s

**Ron Aryel, M.D., HU '93**, Director of Data Analytics at CTG, a consulting services firm based in Buffalo, N.Y., has co-edited a textbook entitled *Handbook of Biosurveillance* (Elsevier, 2006). The publication defines and describes the principles and practices of biosurveillance, a multidisciplinary area of science which concerns the detection of disease outbreaks and epidemics, whether man-made or naturally occurring. Dr. Aryel's group at CTG serves clients such as governments, health insurers and healthcare organizations that want to improve the quality and efficiency of healthcare services.



**Ellen Kemper, M.D., HU '94**, a family practice physician, has joined SouthEast Alaska Regional Health Consortium's Alicia Roberts Medical Center in Klawock, Alaska. Dr. Kemper previously worked at the Kodiak Native Clinic.

**Jonathan Kroser, M.D., MCP '95**, formed a new practice called Surgical Alliance of Middle Tennessee. He is also the Medical Director for NorthCrest Hospice, the wound care center, and the lymphedema treatment program. Dr. Kroser is board certified in surgery and is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

**Joseph Kutza III, Ph.D., HU '95**, will be inducted into the Berwick Academic Hall of Fame at the Berwick [Pa.] High School. Dr. Kutza serves as Expert Regulatory Biologist and Product Reviewer for the Food and Drug Administration's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research. He also holds a U.S. Provisional Patent Application with several other people. He has received numerous honors and awards, including the FDA Outstanding Service Award, Team Excellence Award and Special Recognition Award.

**Colleen M. Lennard-Love, M.D., HU '95**, an otolaryngologist, has joined the practice of Drs. Morris Balfour, Denise V. Guendert, and Andrew J. Limb in Lodi, Calif. She previously practiced at the Blanchfield Army Community Hospital in Fort Campbell, Ky.

**Stephan Coffman, M.D., MCP '96**, a general surgeon, has joined the staff of Monadnock Community Hospital in Peterborough, N.H.. He was previously with Lebanon Community Hospital in Lebanon, Ore.

**Theodore Corbin, M.D., MCP '97**, was named one of the "40 Under 40" by *Philadelphia Business Journal*. Dr. Corbin is a Clinical Instructor in Emergency Medicine at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital and Medical Director of the Jefferson Community Violence Prevention Program.

**George P. Chambers, Jr., M.D., MCP '98**, has been listed among the top eight obstetricians/gynecologists in Las Vegas in the June 2006 edition of *Las Vegas Life Magazine*. Currently Dr. Chambers is in a private practice in Las Vegas, and is an Assistant Clinical Professor of OB/GYN at the University of Nevada School of Medicine.

**Kertrisa McWhite, M.D., MCPHU '99**, a physician who is a surgical breast oncologist, has joined the Atlantic General Hospital staff in Berlin, Md. Dr. McWhite will perform surgical procedures as well as serve as Director of Atlantic General Hospital's breast services for women and men diagnosed with cancer.

## Former Residents

**Pamela Bassett, DMD, Resident MCP '81**, has joined the New York office of Cantor Fitzgerald & Co., a financial services provider to the institutional equity and fixed-income markets, as an Equity Research Analyst covering the life sciences sector. She will publish research on companies involved in biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, medical devices, and diagnostics.

**David J. Goydan, DMD, Resident MCP '88**, a dentist, has received the Healthcare Heroes Award for Community Outreach from the *Dallas Business Journal*. Dr. Goydan received the award for the care he provides to patients with mental or physical disabilities. He devotes one day each week to serving patients from 22 area agencies.

**Timothy Hayes, M.D., Resident MCP '86**, has been named Medical Director of Vindico Medical Education, a continuing medical education provider. Dr. Hayes's career includes 19 years as a laparoscopic surgeon and 25 years of medical communications experience, including producing and presenting CME materials. He was recently honored by the Pennsylvania Medical Society with an Award of Excellence for his contributions in medical education.

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### Dr. Mildred Duer Celebrates 100 Years



Dr. Duer

Mildred Caroline Duer, M.D., WMC '34, was born 100 years ago on April 16th in San Francisco, 18 hours before the great earthquake that shook the city. This milestone event has been recognized and celebrated by Dr. Duer's family, who composed a tribute to honor a woman they feel embodies the compassion that her profession strives for.

Dr. Duer, or "Millie" as she was often referred to by family, felt she had a calling growing up to pursue a career in medicine. After graduating from WMC she returned to Kansas City where she had been raised, later to become the first

female physician on staff at St. Luke's Hospital. During her many years in private practice she treated several generations of families, including her own nieces and nephews, and their children.

As her family members describe her, Dr. Duer always has had the utmost amount of patience and an upbeat personality that could make everyone smile, perhaps the reason that patients she treated as children continued to call her for medical advice when they had children of their own.

With a continuing thirst for knowledge, Dr. Duer enjoys gardens, nature and antiques and is an excellent cook. For her 80th birthday she took cooking lessons and showed off her recipes and skills to her neighbors. Dr. Duer now resides in the Louisburg Care Center in Louisburg, Kansas.

### A Grand Centennial for Dr. Stella Stenley

Stella Stenley, M.D., WMC '36, was born 100 years ago on June 30th. In celebration of the milestone event, Maryland Governor Robert Ehrlich issued a citation recognizing Dr. Stenley's 45 years of service as a physician, as well as her many years of financial support for five families in Poland. She also received a birthday greeting from the President and First Lady.

"Bubbles," as her family calls her ("It's a long story," her grandson says), who lives in a nursing/rehab residence, remains active, using an electric wheelchair for local mobility. She goes out for lunch and a bit of shopping with her grandsons, as the weather allows. If not, she might work on a



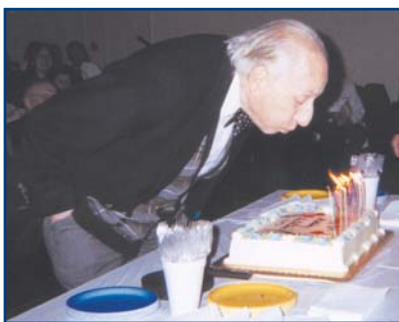
Dr. Stenley

short story at the computer she learned to use five years ago.

Dr. Stenley volunteers as a patient advocate for, as she puts it, "some of the old people here who can't speak for themselves," and is referred to as "Doc" by the staff. She recently alerted the staff to an apparent stroke suffered by another resident. Testing confirmed her suspicion.

She has many memories of her medical education, and of her experiences as a psychiatrist, including work at Bellevue Hospital in New York and Camarillo State Hospital in California, where her patients included, as she says, "a Hollywood celebrity or two."

### Ninety Years Young



Dr. Di Palma

Dr. Joseph Di Palma was born on the first day of spring in 1916 and celebrated his 90th birthday with College of Medicine friends on the Ides of March. Dr. Di Palma came to Hahnemann Medical College as professor and chairman of the Department of

Pharmacology in 1951, so this year marks another landmark! As Dean of the College from 1967 to 1982, Dr. Di Palma has been part of some interesting history, and he writes about it in his book *Decanus Maximus: The Life and Times of a Medical School Dean*.

### Attire: "Baseball Elegant"

When Jon Rosensweig and Danielle Elicker thought about a destination wedding, South Philadelphia was not the destination they had in mind. But Rosensweig, a fourth-year Drexel medical student, and Elicker, a graduate of Drexel's College of Nursing and Health Professions, soon turned their thoughts to Citizens Bank Park.



"We're both huge baseball fans," says Danielle "and the stadium was new and gorgeous. We thought it would be fun to have our wedding at the park." No halftime affair, the wedding was the event of the evening on June 24, and admission was limited to the couple's guests, except for the Phillie Phanatic, who came to dance.



**Dr. Al-Bataineh**

**Mohammad Al-Bataineh, M.D., FACC**, has joined the College of Medicine as an Assistant Professor of Medicine in the Division of Cardiology, where he specializes in cardiac electrophysiology. Dr. Al-Bataineh earned his medical degree from Jordan University of Science and Technology in Irbid, Jordan. After completing his residency in internal medicine and a fellowship in

cardiology, both at Seton Hall University of Graduate Medical Education, Dr. Al-Bataineh continued with fellowships at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center and here, at the College of Medicine, in clinical electrophysiology. Dr. Al-Bataineh joins us from the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, where he was an Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine, Section of Cardiology, and Director of Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology. He is a Fellow of the American College of Cardiology and a member of the Heart Rhythm Society, among other organizations.

**Cardiac Electrophysiology: 215-762-3457**



**Dr. Croft**

**Damien J. Croft, M.D.**, has joined the College of Medicine as an Instructor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. After receiving his undergraduate degree from Syracuse University, Dr. Croft earned his medical degree from the State University of New York at Syracuse College of Medicine. Dr. Croft completed his post-graduate training with internships in emergency medicine at

Thomas Jefferson University Hospital and OB/GYN here at the College of Medicine, where he also completed a residency. Dr. Croft is a member of the American Medical Association and the Society of Laproendoscopic Surgeons, and is a Junior Fellow with the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

**Department of OB/GYN: 215-762-1838**



**Dr. Delvadia**

**Dipak R. Delvadia, D.O.**, has joined the College of Medicine as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. After receiving his undergraduate degree from Loyola University of Chicago, Dr. Delvadia earned his D.O. degree from Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed his post-graduate training with an internship at the Allentown Osteopathic

Hospital and a residency in OB/GYN at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, where he most recently held the position of Assistant Professor. Dr. Delvadia is a member of the American College of Osteopathic Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecologists, among other organizations.

**Department of OB/GYN: 215-762-1838**



**Dr. Jean-Louis**

**Florence Jean-Louis, M.D.**, has joined the College of Medicine as an Instructor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. After receiving her undergraduate degree from Vassar College, Dr. Jean-Louis earned her medical degree from the State University of New York at Syracuse College of Medicine. She completed her post-graduate training here at the College of Medicine with a residency in

OB/GYN. Dr. Jean-Louis is a member of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology and the American Medical Association.

**Department of OB/GYN: 215-762-1838**



**Dr. Ramoska**

**Edward A. Ramoska, M.D., MPH, FACEP**, has joined the College of Medicine as a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Emergency Medicine. After receiving his undergraduate degree from Temple University, Dr. Ramoska earned his medical degree from Hahnemann Medical College followed by his masters in public health from the Medical College of Wisconsin. Dr. Ramoska

completed his post-graduate training at the Medical College of Pennsylvania and most recently held the title of Clinical Associate Professor for the Division of Emergency Medicine at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, and had previously held the title of Chairman of Emergency Medicine at Methodist Hospital for 10 years. Dr. Ramoska is a member of the American College of Emergency Physicians, both national and Pennsylvania chapters, among other organizations.

**Department of Emergency Medicine: 215-762-2368**



**Dr. Hartmann**

**Sandra Urdaneta Hartmann, M.D., Ph.D.**, has joined the Institute for Women's Health and Leadership as sex and gender research coordinator and liaison to the Gender and Ethnic Medicine Project. Dr. Hartmann received a Degree in Medicine in 1997 from the University of Zulia in her native Maracaibo, Venezuela, and a Ph.D. in Microbiology and Immunology from Penn

State College of Medicine in 2004. She was a Ruth L. Kirchstein Postdoctoral Fellow at the Department of Microbiology and Immunology of Penn State College of Medicine from 2001 to 2004. Dr. Hartmann came to Drexel University in June 2004 as a Research Associate in Dr. Mary K. Howett's laboratory, in the Department of Bioscience and Biotechnology in Drexel's College of Arts and Sciences. Her research focuses on the development of candidate microbicides to prevent sexually transmitted infections and to prevent mother-to-child transmission of HIV-1 through breastfeeding.

**Institute for Women's Health & Leadership: 215-255-7379**



**Dr. Santamarina**

**Leo Santamarina, M.D.**, has joined the College of Medicine as an Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology. After receiving his undergraduate degree from Brown University, Dr. Santamarina earned his medical degree from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. He continued with post-graduate training with residencies in internal medicine at Bryn Mawr Hospital and ophthalmology at State University of New York Health Science Center in Brooklyn and a fellowship in vitreoretinal surgery at Tulane University. Dr. Santamarina joins us from the Ophthalmic Partners of Pennsylvania and has held staff appointments at several hospitals throughout the area, including Lankenau and Bryn Mawr. He is a past President of the Delaware Academy of Ophthalmology and a member of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, among other organizations.

**Drexel Eye Physicians: 215-762-3937**



**Dr. Wiler**

**Jennifer L. Wiler, M.D., MBA**, has joined the College of Medicine as an Instructor in the Department of Emergency Medicine. After receiving her undergraduate degree from Colgate University, Dr. Wiler earned her medical degree from the University at Buffalo School of Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, and her MBA from the University at Buffalo School of Management. Dr. Wiler

completed her post-graduate training here at the College of Medicine and was honored with the 2006 Hahnemann Resident of the Year Award as well as the 2006 Emergency Resident Teaching Award. Dr. Wiler is on the board of the Emergency Medicine Residents Association.

**Department of Emergency Medicine: 215-762-7963**

### August

Aug 11-13 **Leadership Beyond the Basics: SELAM International Regional Meeting**  
The Given Institute  
Aspen, Colo.  
**Contact: Victoria Odhner, 215-842-647**

### September

Sept 10-11 **Creation, Procreation and the New Genetics**  
Jewish Theological Seminary  
New York City  
**Contact: David Teutsch, 215-576-0800, ext. 253**

### October

Oct 14-15 **Clinical Problem Solving in Gastroenterology**  
Hershey Lodge and Convention Center  
Hershey, Pa.  
**Contact: Holly Ann Myers, 610-664-9700**

Oct 25-28 **The NADD 23rd Annual Conference: Promoting Mental Health in Children and Adults with Intellectual Disabilities: Cross Systems Collaboration**  
Wyndham Hotel at Emerald Plaza  
San Diego, Calif.  
**Contact: Anna Auch, 215-831-6923**

## Mini-Med at Body Worlds – Act III

Invited once again to offer a community education experience in conjunction with “Body Worlds” at the Franklin Institute last spring, Mini-Med Director David Stein, M.D., Assistant Professor of Surgery, set up an interactive colon cancer awareness exhibit inside the Body Worlds show. The weeklong exhibit was sponsored by Hahnemann University Hospital. More than 30 DUCOM students volunteered their time to join residents and fellows in staffing the exhibit and teaching the community about the disease. Pictured here is fourth-year medical student Nativ Simimi, dressed as the “Polyp Man.”



**Contact: Peggy Lee, 215-762-6800**

## IWHL Receives Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Grant

A \$50,000 grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has been awarded to the Gender and Ethnic Medicine (GEM) Project of the Institute for Women’s Health and Leadership to advance knowledge of sex, gender and ethnic health differences. The GEM project was launched last year to help improve healthcare for women and ethnic minorities through research and education. The grant will support GEM’s development of new professional education curricula in oral health and mental health as well as community education for targeted populations.

**Biju Basil, M.D.**, a fourth-year resident in psychiatry, has been chosen as the IndoAmerican Psychiatric Association (IAPA) Outstanding Resident Awardee for 2006. Dr. Basil was honored at the IAPA annual meeting in Toronto on May 21.

**Luther W. Brady, M.D.**, Professor of Radiation Oncology, has been selected by the American Society for Therapeutic Radiation and Oncology to receive the designation of Fellow. Dr. Brady was chosen among 75 outstanding individuals for his contributions to the field of radiation oncology and the society.



**Dr. Della Badia**

**Carl Della Badia, D.O.**, Assistant Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology was elected President of the American College of Osteopathic Obstetricians and Gynecologists in San Antonio, Texas, on April 1.



**Dr. Faerber**

**Eric Faerber, M.D.**, Professor of Radiologic Sciences and Pediatrics, and Director of Radiology at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children, received the Distinguished Committee Service Award from the American College of Radiology, for which he is a Councilor for the Pennsylvania Chapter, and recently served as Senior Councilor.



**Dr. Goldsmith**

**Donald P. Goldsmith, M.D.**, Professor, Department of Pediatrics, and Director of Rheumatology at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children, has been awarded the 2006 Joseph Lee Hollander, M.D. Award, presented by the Arthritis Foundation of Eastern Pennsylvania for excellence and achievement in the field of rheumatology.

**Ilya Rybak, Ph.D.**, Professor, and **Michel Lemay, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor, both of the Department of Neurobiology and Anatomy, were awarded NIH funding for their proposal "Spinal Cord Locomotion: Studies and Applications."

**Franco M. Nichini, M.D.**, Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Radiation Oncology, was awarded a testimonial from the Pennsylvania Medical Society in recognition of 50 years of medical service faithfully performed in the traditional ideals

of the medical profession. Dr. Nichini was honored at the Chester County Medical Society Meeting held at Radnor Hunt in Malvern, Pa., on May 31.



**Dr. Núñez**

**Ana Núñez, M.D.**, Associate Professor of Medicine and Director of the Women's Health Education Program, was selected as one of 50 women to be included in the Pennsylvania Commission for Women Role Model Book, *Voices: African American and Latina Women in Pennsylvania Share Their Stories of Success*. Dr. Núñez was honored at the official launch party in Harrisburg.

**Lise Rioux**, Research Assistant Professor, Department of Neurobiology and Anatomy, received a National Alliance for Research on Schizophrenia and Depression Young Investigator Award for her proposal entitled "Neuregulins and Olfactory Bulb Plasticity in Schizophrenia."



**Dr. Sataloff**

**Robert T. Sataloff, M.D., DMA**, Professor and Chair of the Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery and Associate Dean for Clinical Academic Specialties, has been named the 2006 recipient of the Pennsylvania Medical Society's Distinguished Service Award. Dr. Sataloff received a unanimous vote of the Medical Society's Board of Trustees.

**Alison Schneider, M.D.**, a College of Medicine resident, was presented with The Diversity Award, given by the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE) and the ASGE Foundation at its annual Crystal Awards Dinner in May. Dr. Schneider was recognized for her abstract submitted during Digestive Disease Week which promoted gender- and minority-related healthcare research.

**Mahesh Sharma, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor, Department of Surgery, has been elected as an editorial board member of the journal *Recent Patents on Cardiovascular Drug Discovery*.

**Jed Shumsky, Ph.D.**, Research Assistant Professor, Department of Neurobiology and Anatomy, was awarded a pilot grant entitled "Neuroprotection and Task-Oriented Motor Training Improve Function in Cervical Contusion Injury" from the Center for Experimental Neurorehabilitation Training of the University of Pennsylvania.

### Office of Community Experience

The Philadelphia Department of Public Health presented Achievement Awards to these members of the Drexel University College of Medicine family with the following citations:

**Vincent J. Zarro, M.D., Ph.D.**, Associate Professor, Department of Medicine: "For contributions to the screening and immunization project for Hepatitis B in the Asian Community."

**Chinatown Clinic Outreach**: "For your contribution to the success of the Philadelphia Department of Public Health annual community-based influenza vaccination campaign."

## ***Archives and Special Collections on Women in Medicine and Homeopathy Leads Collaborative Project With Girls' High***

A cooperative venture into a century-and-a-half of women in medicine, involving the Philadelphia High School for Girls and the Archives and Special Collections on Women in Medicine and Homeopathy, a core program of the Institute for Women's Health and Leadership, was rewarding for all.

Through a grant from TV's History Channel, the Archives partnered with 25 students at Girls' High in a project called "Preserving Women's History in Our Own Backyard: Woman's Med and Girls' High" during the spring.

"The program was very productive," said Archives Director Joanne Grossman. "The students learned about the challenges faced by early women physicians, and at the same time they helped us transcribe documents that are in some cases a century old."

On May 22, Grossman and Lynn Yeakel, Institute Director, conducted a special program at Girls' High. Featured was Dr. Gertrude Copperman, who is a graduate of both Girls' High and the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania, Class of '49.



**Girls' High students are flanked by (left) Speaker Dr. Gertrude Copperman, Moderator Lynn Yeakel, and Project Coordinator Nia Bonds, and (right) Archives staff member Claire McGuire, Girls' High faculty member Brian Solodar, and Archives Director Joanne Grossman.**

## ***Hepatitis B Foundation Honors DUCOM Scientists at Crystal Ball***



College of Medicine scientists were among those honored by the Hepatitis B Foundation (HBF) at its annual Crystal Ball, March 25 in New Hope. Dr. Timothy Block, Professor of Microbiology and Immunology, Director of the Drexel Institute for Biotechnology and Virology Research, and HBF co-founder and President, presented the awards: (l-r) Dr. Block; Dr. Ender Simsek, HBF Post-Doctoral Fellow, Department of Microbiology and Immunology, DUCOM; HBF co-founders Paul and Janine Witte; Dr. Andy Cuconati, Assistant Professor, HBF Institute for Hepatitis and Virus Research; and Dr. Anand Mehta, Associate Professor, Microbiology and Immunology, DUCOM.

## ***Pfizer Visiting Professorship Awarded***

The Women's Health Education Program (WHEP) is one of 10 sites selected for the Pfizer Visiting Professorship in Health Literacy/Clear Health Communication by an independent academic advisory board. This will afford WHEP the opportunity to bring Sunil Kripalani, M.D., MSc, Assistant Professor, Department of Internal Medicine, Emory University School of Medicine, and Assistant Director for Research, Grady Hospitalist Program, to Drexel University College of Medicine this fall. During Dr. Kripalani's visit, WHEP will conduct a series of meetings, workshops and a symposium in collaboration with Dennis Andrulis, Ph.D., Drexel University School of Public Health, and Ian Bennett, M.D., University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Kripalani is interested in improving communication with patients who have limited health literacy skills.

## 2006 Apple Blossom Ball Honors Dr. Delivoria-Papadopoulos



Dr. Delivoria-Papadopoulos and a tiny patient

The Second Annual Apple Blossom Ball was held on May 11 at the Cescaphe Ballroom in the Northern Liberties area of Philadelphia. This special night honored Dr. Maria Delivoria-Papadopoulos, a world renowned neonatologist at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children, who is a Professor of Pediatrics at Drexel University College of Medicine. Hundreds of Dr. Delivoria-Papadopoulos's family members, friends, and colleagues attended the event, from across the country and around the world. The night featured a presentation on her life and work, and dinner and dancing to a live band. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Ralph Brenner Chair in Pediatrics to Dr. Delivoria-Papadopoulos, who has dramatically improved the lives of countless children during her almost 50 years of medical practice and research.

### Love of Music and Medicine...continued

from Jefferson Medical College and completed his residency and a fellowship in otology, neurotology and skull base surgery at the University of Michigan.

In fact, it was during his residency at Michigan that Dr. Sataloff helped develop the sub-specialty of professional voice care when his musical colleagues called to find out how to take care of their voice problems. "When I went to look up the answers, I was surprised to find that there was almost no information available," he remembers.

So he got involved with the few people in the world who were already interested in professional voice care and, in 1981, published the first paper on teaching otolaryngologists how to care for singers. Now the subject is included in all otolaryngology residency programs and on otolaryngology board examinations. In addition, there are a dozen fellowships in the United States in laryngology and professional voice care, including one now affiliated with the College.

At DUCOM one of Dr. Sataloff's first objectives will be to build the Department of Otolaryngology. "Although we have excellent faculty and make no distinction between full-time and volunteers in our department, there is room for some specialty improvement in several areas, particularly with regard to research and teaching," he says.

While recruiting new otolaryngologists and researchers, Dr. Sataloff has brought to the department his group of four otolaryngologists and a staff of approximately 40 people, including a team of speech-language pathologists, audiologists, researchers and others in the midst of funded research totaling more than \$2 million.

Additionally, Dr. Sataloff wants to strengthen medical student education in his department. The four-week rotation has already been redesigned since his arrival and will include broad clinical experience, Internet lectures, didactic training, and opportunities

for publication and research. He looks forward to collaborating more closely with otolaryngologists at several of DUCOM's clinical campuses who have expressed interest in becoming more involved with Drexel education.

In his role as Associate Dean for Clinical Academic Specialties, Dr. Sataloff plans to develop interdisciplinary education programs as well as master's and doctoral programs in various disciplines. He also hopes to combine his love of art and medicine in ways that will benefit students. For example, how do physicians learn to read X-rays? "In general, medical students stare at films for a couple of years and eventually start seeing things," he says. "However, there are better ways to learn to read X-ray films, and to acquire the acute visual observation skills (skin condition, eye color, etc.) expected of physicians." He points to the art world, where centuries of pedagogy have developed techniques to teach critical visual analysis. Ideally, Dr. Sataloff would love to see medical students collaborating with art students, and eventually develop a medical illustration program.

He is also working on proposals to enhance medical student training in the specific skills required to write publishable material. "Academic physicians have always fretted over the fact that so many of our students disappear into clinical practice and never contribute their wisdom to the profession through publication. Yet, if we expect all physicians to continue to be academically active, we should help teach them how to do so easily and expeditiously."

While he acknowledges the challenges inherent in change, Dr. Sataloff says, "I believe that DUCOM recognizes that the time is right to reconsider all aspects of education, research and healthcare delivery in light of 21st century cultural and technological advances and to move forward with new ideas."

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## Exporting Our Expertise

### Brazil: The Significance of Laboratory Animal Care Accreditation

Richard B. Huneke, DVM, MPH, Director of University Laboratory Animal Resources and Assistant Professor, Microbiology and Immunology, College of Medicine, was invited to travel to Brazil to speak at a three-day workshop on laboratory animal care accreditation. Co-sponsored by the Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care (AAALAC) and COBEA (the Brazilian Association of Laboratory Animal Science), the conference took place in São Paulo, April 27–29.

Around the world, more than 700 companies, universities, hospitals, government agencies and other research institutions, including our own, are accredited by AAALAC, a private, nonprofit organization that promotes excellence in the humane care of animals in science. Accreditation signifies that the institution or research program has demonstrated excellence in animal care and use, beyond compliance with standards set by law. As a member of AAALAC's Council on Accreditation – one of just 38 members worldwide – Dr. Huneke makes accreditation site visits from 15 to 20 days a year.

Currently, there is no accreditation program for laboratory animal care in Brazil or, for that matter, in all of Latin America. The purpose of this first workshop was to spread information and awareness among animal researchers, facility veterinarians and managers, and others involved with laboratory animal science. An accreditation program tends to improve scientific results because it focuses attention on proper surgical techniques, which

prevent infection, and pain relief, reducing stress for the animal. A Brazilian facility that becomes AAALAC-accredited will be more likely to have collaborations with research organizations and pharmaceutical companies in the United States, suggests Dr. Huneke. Most Pharma companies are now doing business in the Asian markets, but Brazil is closer to the U.S., the language isn't as difficult, and the culture is similar.



At the laboratory animal care accreditation workshop in São Paulo are (l-r) Richard Huneke, DVM, MPH, Drexel University College of Medicine; Marcio de Paula, of the Brazilian organization COBEA; Silvia Ortiz, President, COBEA; James Swarengen, DVM, AAALAC.

## Compliance Corner: 2006/07 Regulatory Education and Preparation



Edward G. Longazel  
Chief Compliance Officer

The start of the academic year 2006/07 brings a reminder for all to accomplish the important administrative requirements that accompany the provision of clinical care. The newly arrived clinically involved faculty, staff and students are afforded web-based education in HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) Privacy and Security rules at <http://webcampus.med.drexel.edu/hipaa>. New compliance education required by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, available in the fall of 2006, will also be web based. It will include federal sentencing guideline, whistleblower, and coding and documentation training. Inpatient and outpatient documentation skills will be evaluated for each new practitioner as well during initial and annual compliance program audit cycles.

The Conflict of Interest disclosure website for faculty and administrative managers is found at <http://inside.drexelmed.edu/COI>. The staff reviews the Code of Conduct and Federal Sanction Attestation at <http://inside.drexelmed.edu/COC>.

A phased-in move to an electronic medical record in the Drexel University Physicians® practices is under way, and use of outpatient documentation templates will ease the transition. Inpatient documentation templates jointly developed by Hahnemann University Hospital Medical Records, HUH Medical Affairs, and the Drexel University Physicians faculty practice group, Corporate Compliance and Coding Services offices provides for clarity with a concise and standardized format and a designated section for the teaching physician's notes.

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## Bulletins:

### Congress Urged to Clarify Payments for Resident Training at Non-Hospital Sites

Last month, the AAMC joined 80 hospital and physician groups in a letter to all members of Congress requesting support for the "Community and Rural Medical Residency Preservation Act." This legislation would clarify the costs hospitals must sustain for the time resident physicians spend training in non-hospital settings, specifically allowing hospitals and non-hospital sites to determine what costs, in addition to the residents' stipends and benefits, the hospital would be required to pay. Currently Medicare policies effectively deny payment for much of the time residents spend in non-hospital settings. Such policies, with very few exceptions, require that hospitals pay for physician supervisory time even when the physician is volunteering. The proposed legislation would allow for volunteer physician supervisors and would establish clear and concise guidelines for the use of ambulatory sites in teaching programs.

### Bold Campaign Seems to Be Making Hospitals Safer

In 1999 the Institute of Medicine reported that up to 98,000 Americans die each year because of medical errors in the nation's hospitals. Now, the 100,000 Lives Campaign, launched in December 2004 by the Institute for Healthcare Improvement, claims to have saved an estimated 122,342 lives over 18 months, based on a comparison of hospital mortality rates during the campaign and just before it. More than 3,000 hospitals made a commitment to participate in the campaign by implementing some or all of six recommended changes in care that have been proven to prevent avoidable deaths. Those interventions include rapid response teams to rush to a patient's bedside at the first sign of trouble, checks and rechecks to ensure that drugs were properly prescribed and administered, adoption of the latest heart attack treatments, and various steps to reduce infections during surgery or while using hospital equipment.

### FDA Ready for Adaptive Trials

The Food and Drug Administration plans to develop regulatory guidelines for the use of adaptive trials – studies that are modified prior to completion based on early results – in the prescription drug approval process. The agency has put together an internal team to work with its drug-review divisions on the adaptive designs, which are intended to direct a larger percentage of participants to treatments that appear most effective and eliminate treatments that appear ineffective, in a move that could lay groundwork for greater future use of such studies, reported the *Wall Street Journal*. Pharmaceutical companies hope such approaches hold the potential for major savings, while advocates of adaptive designs say they can save time, lower the number of patients required for a trial by 30 percent, and carry major benefits for patients who have reduced odds of getting a less-effective treatment, the *Journal* added.

## Calendar:

- August** *National Immunization Awareness Month*  
*Children's Eye Health and Safety Month*
- Aug 9 **Grand Rounds: Advances in HIV Therapy**  
Jeffrey Jacobson, M.D., DUCOM  
8:30 am, Geary Auditorium Lecture Hall B  
Contact: Walter Albright, 215-762-8695
- Aug 10 **First- and second-year medical student classes begin**
- Aug 11 **White Coat Ceremony**  
Hilton Philadelphia City Avenue, 3:00pm  
Please contact: 215-991-8219
- Aug 16 **Grand Rounds: Omega 3 Fatty Acids in Cardiovascular Disease**  
Katherine Sherif, M.D., DUCOM  
See August 9 for details.
- Aug 17 **Student Activities Center Grand Opening**  
Queen Lane  
Contact: Ellen Plower, 215-255-7327
- Aug 23 **Grand Rounds: Evaluation and Management of Dizziness**  
Robert T. Sataloff, M.D., DUCOM  
See August 9 for details.
- September** *Women in Medicine Month*  
*Healthy Aging Month*  
*Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome Awareness Month*  
*Prostate Cancer Awareness Month*
- Sep 4 *Labor Day*
- Sep 5 **Congratulations!**  
Drexel University College of Law first day of classes.
- Sep 26 **Open House and Showcase of Scholars**  
1601 Cherry Street, Suite 1050, Philadelphia, PA 19102  
Please contact: 215-255-7373 or iwhl@drexel.edu
- October** *Healthy Lung Month*  
*National Breast Cancer Awareness Month*  
*Eye Injury Prevention Month*
- Oct 10 **New Faculty Reception**  
Contact: Ellen Plower, 215-255-7327
- Oct 11 **Discovery 2006**  
College of Medicine's Annual Research Day  
Contact: Tara Sarica, 215-762-3948
- November**
- Nov 18 **Black Tie White Coat Ball**  
Benefiting research, prevention, treatment of HIV/AIDS in women and children  
Pennsylvania Convention Center  
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