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Drexel Cardiology Leads the Way to New Ideas, Specialized Approach

Although heart disease is still the leading cause of death in the United States, the good news is that the *percentage* of people who are dying from heart attack or stroke has actually declined over the past 35 years, says Howard J. Eisen, M.D., who heads the Division of Cardiology at Drexel University College of Medicine. "It's said that there are almost a million heart attacks and strokes that never happen because people are taking better care of their health," he adds.

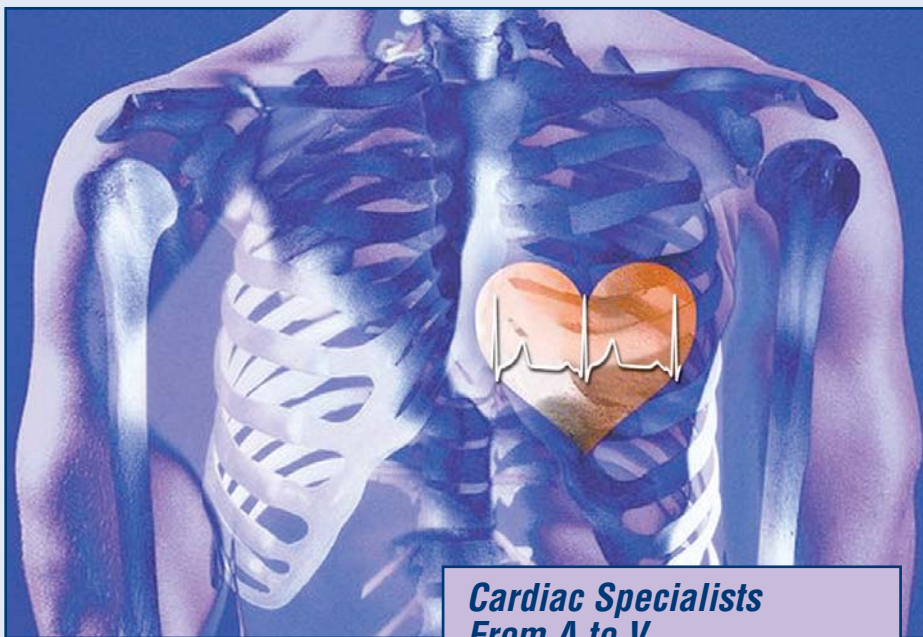
Two major diseases whose prevalence is increasing because of the aging of the population are heart failure (defined as the inability of the heart to supply adequate blood to the tissues) and atrial fibrillation, a very rapid irregular arrhythmia of the upper chambers of the heart. Close to 6 million people in the United States have congestive heart failure, notes Eisen, a specialist in advanced heart failure and transplant cardiology. An estimated 4 million to 5 million Americans have been diagnosed with atrial fibrillation, which can lead to heart failure and, after hypertension, is the second biggest cause of stroke (as a result of the arrhythmia, the blood may pool and form clots).

The approaches to treatment for these and other forms of heart disease have undergone dramatic changes as new thinking and new devices have evolved. With a team of 14 cardiologists – each contributing his or her own sub-specialization – as well as highly skilled nurse practitioners, Drexel Cardiology™ is leading the way.

Curative ablation of atrial fibrillation is a good example. Traditionally, atrial fibrillation was treated with medication – blood thinners were prescribed to prevent clots, and potentially toxic anti-arrhythmia medications were used to try, often unsuccessfully, to control atrial fibrillation. Now, a new therapy is successfully treating the fibrillation itself.

For atrial ablation, a cardiologist trained in cardiac electrophysiology and highly skilled in ablation techniques threads catheters into the heart, mapping the electrical activity to determine where the arrhythmia arises. The offending spot – a tiny amount of tissue – is then isolated/destroyed (ablated) by radiofrequency waves. Sites that initiate atrial fibrillation are also isolated from the rest of the heart electrically. "About 60 percent of these patients are cured," Eisen says. "This is tremendously exciting in terms of its potential. Even those who are not cured will be better controlled with medical therapy after the procedure."

Advanced heart failure and transplant care is a close collaboration between Drexel Cardiology and the Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery. The Cardiology Division pioneered



Cardiac Specialists From A to V

- Arrhythmia
- Atrial fibrillation
- Balloon angioplasty
- Cardiovascular disease
- Cardiovascular tomography
- Catheter ablation
- Defibrillators
- Diagnostic cardiology
- Echocardiography
- Electrophysiology
- Heart failure
- Hypertensive heart disease
- Interventional cardiology
- Metabolic aspects of cardiac disease
- Nuclear cardiology
- Pacemakers
- Preventive cardiology
- Risk stratification
- Stents
- Transplant cardiology
- Valvular heart disease
- Ventricular assist devices

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

Barbara Schindler Appointed Measey Chair

It gives me great pleasure to announce the appointment of Barbara Schindler, M.D., FAPM, DFAPA, professor of psychiatry and pediatrics, and vice dean for educational and academic affairs, to the William Maul Measey Chair in Medical Education.

The Measey Chair was established through the generosity of the Benjamin & Mary Siddons Measey Foundation. It is intended

that the chair be dedicated to the development, implementation and dissemination of academic innovations.

A graduate of Woman's Medical College, Barbara completed her training in psychiatry at Medical College of Pennsylvania, and since then has amassed an impressive record of more than 30 years of experience in clinical care, medical student and resident education, academic leadership and program development, with progressive leadership roles both within and outside the College. She has achieved a national reputation in psychiatry and psychosomatic medicine, and medical education/academic medicine.

As vice dean for educational and academic affairs since 1998, Barbara reorganized under one office all medical student educational functions; supported the development of a new basic science curriculum now chosen by 70 percent of students; coordinated the academic campuses that provide clinical education to all 3rd and 4th year students, implementing clerkship comparability across the sites; and promoted the role and integration of technology across the College, especially web-based educational programs.

In addition, Barbara continues to teach, practice and conduct research. She also founded and serves as the medical director of the Caring Together Program, an outpatient treatment program for women with addictive disorders.

It is gratifying to have the opportunity to honor Dr. Schindler in this way. On behalf of the College of Medicine, I would like to express heartfelt appreciation to the Measey Foundation for its visionary commitment to medical education and for its confidence in our ability to carry forth that vision.



Dr. Schindler

Dean's Office: 215-762-3500

Commerce Bank a Big Booster of March 29 Black Tie White Coat Ball

As the presenting sponsor of the Black Tie White Coat Ball, to be held March 29, Commerce Bank has contributed \$50,000 to the cause. Joseph A. Tammaro (center), regional vice president, Commerce Bank, presented a check to the College of Medicine: (l-r) board chairman Manuel Stamatakis; Drexel president Dr. Constantine Papadakis, Ph.D.; chief communications officer Linda Roth; and Dean Richard Homan, M.D.

Ball Information: 215-255-7327



Pediatric AIDS Benefit Concert



More than 700 tickets were sold to the Pediatric AIDS Benefit Concert, January 26, which featured 17 performances – many of a caliber to make one wonder “Why don’t these people forget school and go into show business?” The event has raised \$34,000 so far. Donations can still be mailed to PABC c/o Dennis Novack, Office of Educational Affairs, Suite 221, 2900 Queen Lane, Philadelphia, PA 19129.



Behind the fabulous evening was a committee of first- and second-year medical students (MS-I, MS-II) and master of medical science (MMS) candidates: (l-r) Avnee Shah, MS-II; Justin Chen, MMS; Josh Brody, MS-II; Sumana Narayanan, MS-II; Agnes Chiang, MS-II; Kim Tustison, MS-II; Jennifer Yeast, MMS; Kevin Bernstein, MS-I; Shannon Tocchio, MS-II; Amanda Roof, MS-II; Glenn Russo, MMS; Nisha Agrawal, MS-I; Puja Shah, MS-II.



Dr. John Swaney led “the MUFAs and the PUFAs” (a group of medical and Interdepartmental Medical Science students, named for mono- and polyunsaturated fatty acids) in a parody of “Sixteen Tons,” entitled “A Medical Student’s Lament, or Sixteen Tests”: (l-r) Dana Levin, IMS; Anju Mammen, IMS; Angelo Kim, MS-I; Manoj Nair, IMS; Dr. Swaney; Justin Feng, IMS; Osarenomase Egharevba, MS-I; Wendy Gu, MS-I; and Andrew Lee, MS-I.

Alumnus Talks about Experience as an Army Physician in Iraq

On February 12, Christopher Curtis, M.D., class of 2005, a surgeon with the 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, shared his experiences from the war zone with students, faculty and staff at the College’s Queen Lane Campus.

The title of Curtis’s presentation, “All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Medical School,” was only slightly tongue in cheek. He stressed to students the importance of paying attention during their medical education, because they’ll never know what they may need to draw on, from understanding how to work a respiratory ventilator to commanding an operating room.

“Internship did nothing to prepare me for the major trauma surgeries I performed, the evaluation and treatment of the pediatric patients, and the public health efforts I undertook,” he said. “Everything I did was based on the education I received at Drexel.”

Curtis was sent to Kirkuk, Iraq, a year after graduation. There he spent 15 months overseeing the healthcare of more than 3,000 U.S. soldiers and was also the leading official for the Iraqi civilian health system in the region. Another of his duties was to oversee the 2-year-old Kirkuk University Medical College, where first- and second-year students were sharing medical texts that predated the 1991 U.S. Iraq embargo.

Last June, Drexel University College of Medicine received a plea from Curtis for updated medical books. Through the Student Government Association, Drexel medical students collected and shipped over 320 medical textbooks to future physicians in Kirkuk.



Christopher Curtis, M.D., '05, left, presented a flag from his military unit to the College, represented here by Anand Jain, student government president, and Shay Myers, director, Office of Student Affairs.

“The reception of the textbooks was tremendous,” Curtis said. “The sheer quantity of books was overwhelming. Books were stacked in the hallway, and the dean of the college said that they would need to build new shelves in the new library just to house them.” In thanks, Curtis and his military unit gave the College a mission flag with an inscription expressing their appreciation.



Dr. Giszter

Simon Giszter, Ph.D., associate professor in the Department of Neurobiology and Anatomy, published a study entitled “Spinal Cord Injury: Present and Future Therapeutic Devices and Prostheses” in the January edition of *Neurotherapeutics*.



Dr. Sharma

Mahesh C. Sharma, Ph.D., associate professor in the Department of Surgery, published an article entitled “The Role of Annexin II in Angiogenesis and Tumor Progression” in the December 2007 edition of *Current Pharmaceutical Design (2007)133568-3575*. This research was supported by Pennsylvania’s Department of Public Health and the U.S Department of Defense. Recently, three reviewers from the Pennsylvania Department of Public Health reviewed the performance of Sharma’s research program and rated it outstanding.



Dr. Varjavand



Dr. Novack

Nilufar Varjavand, M.D., assistant professor of medicine, and **Dennis Novack, M.D.**, professor of medicine and associate dean for medical education, are co-authors of an abstract entitled “Disclosure of Medical

Errors: Comparison of Resident Communication Patterns from 2000 to 2006,” which was accepted for a poster presentation at the 2008 Society of General Internal Medicine regional meeting in Philadelphia on March 7.

Studies Focus on Elucidating Causes of Preterm Birth



Jennifer Culhane

Jennifer Culhane, associate professor, and **Robert Goldenberg**, professor, both in the Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology, are co-authors of an article entitled “Epidemiology and Causes of Preterm Birth” in the January 5, 2008, edition of *The Lancet*. The article is the first in a three-part series addressing preterm birth, which is the leading cause of perinatal morbidity and mortality in developed countries. *The Lancet* introduced the series in an editorial.



Robert Goldenberg

Goldenberg is also the lead author of “The Alabama Preterm Birth Study: Umbilical Cord Blood *Ureaplasma urealyticum* and *Mycoplasma hominis* Cultures in Very Preterm Newborn Infants,” which appeared in the January 2008 edition of the *American Journal of Obstetrics & Gynecology*. The article outlines research regarding a possible link between the presence of *U. urealyticum* and *M. hominis* in cord blood and spontaneous preterm delivery, and offers recommendations for further research regarding antibiotic treatment for women who are at risk of early delivery, and for infants delivered prematurely. An editorial pointing to the importance of this research appeared in the same issue of the journal.

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the use of molecular diagnostic techniques, instead of invasive biopsies, to detect cardiac transplant rejection. A number of new medications are being investigated to reduce the frequency and severity of rejection, and the incidence of other problems further down the road, such as transplant coronary artery disease and cancers. Eisen believes these new medications may be more successful than what is currently available.

An expanded role for ventricular assist devices in patients with heart failure is particularly noteworthy. Left ventricular assist devices (mechanical devices inserted in the left ventricle to take over the pumping function of the failing heart) are being

viewed not just as bridges to transplant but as real alternatives to transplant.

“There are never going to be enough hearts available for every transplant candidate, so the thought here is that the ventricular assist devices will become a destination therapy,” Eisen says.

Older LVADs pumped like the heart, and they had mechanical problems, with ball-bearings, for example. Newer LVADs have a rotor instead of a pump, creating continuous blood flow. They are small (some are about the size of a D battery), function more efficiently than the older devices and are more durable.

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Dr. Avery-Black

Cheri Avery-Black, M.A., has joined the College of Medicine as an instructor in the Department of Psychiatry. She is director of the PRIME (Partners Reaching to Improve Multicultural Effectiveness) Institute, which is based in the department's Division of Behavioral Healthcare Education. Previously, the institute was housed at Temple University, as the Multicultural Training and Research Institute, also under Avery-Black's direction. She holds a master's degree in mental health communications from Syracuse University. Avery-Black earlier served as deputy director, then acting director, of the Mental Health Division of the Philadelphia Office of Mental Health/Mental Retardation.

PRIME Institute: 215-762-7930



Dr. Hoang

Teresa Hoang, M.D., recently joined the College of Medicine as an instructor in the Department of Family, Community, and Preventive Medicine. Hoang received her medical degree from Ross University School of Medicine, in Dominica, West Indies, and completed her family practice residency at Drexel University College of Medicine. Before joining the College, Hoang provided tutoring services for junior medical students at Ross University School of Medicine and ran quality control tests of materials used in vaccines at Pasteur Merrieux Connaught Laboratories in Swiftwater, Pa.

Department of Family, Community, and Preventive Medicine: 215-482-4744



Dr. Babalola

Adeniyi C. Babalola, M.D., recently joined the College of Medicine as assistant professor in the Department of Medicine, Division of Internal Medicine, and associate program director of the Internal Medicine Residency Program. After graduating from New York College of Podiatric Medicine, Babalola practiced podiatry, and was a clinical instructor at Interfaith Medical Center, Brooklyn, for three years before entering Finch University of Health Sciences/The Chicago Medical School, where he earned his medical degree. He completed his internal medicine residency at UMDNJ—New Jersey Medical School—Morristown Memorial Hospital as chief medical resident. Before coming to DUCOM, Babalola was an academic hospitalist at Cogent Healthcare.

Department of Medicine: 215-762-2514



Dr. Solari

Paola Regina Solari, M.D., has joined the College of Medicine as an assistant professor in the Department of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases and HIV Medicine. Solari earned her medical degree at Universidad Central de Venezuela in Caracas. She completed her internship and residency in internal medicine at Albert Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia and a fellowship in infectious diseases at Drexel University College of Medicine. Solari's primary medical interests are in clinical research in both HIV/AIDS and general infectious diseases, including epidemiology. She provides service to Cancer Treatment Centers of America as an ID specialist.

Department of Medicine: 215-762-2514

Neurology Goes the Extra Mile for Its Programs



The 2007 Alzheimer's Memory Walk drew (l-r) College of Medicine graduate student Heather Gwin; neurology instructor Andrea Rosso; University HR employee Stacy Burkee; neurology resident Gonzalo Revuelta, D.O.; administrative assistant Sheila Urban; Urban's friend Kathy Godfrey; neurology professor Carol Lippa, M.D. The team name is Looking Forward. More members wanted!



Walk 2 Miles in My Shoes for RSD is a fundraiser founded and chaired by JoAnn Spalnick (foreground) to support the work in reflex sympathetic dystrophy syndrome conducted by Dr. Robert Schwartzman. In back (l-r) are nurse coordinator Theresa Paylor; department administrator Barbara Erwins-Romm; and administrative assistant Sheila Urban. Neurology contact for both events: sheila.urban@drexelmed.edu



Dr. Bailey

Heatherlee Bailey, M.D., FAEM, assistant professor, Department of Emergency Medicine, was awarded a Presidential Citation for contributions to the Society of Critical Care Medicine.



Dr. Goldsmith

Donald P. Goldsmith, M.D., professor in the Department of Pediatrics and director of the Section of Rheumatology at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children, has been selected as a 2008 Visiting Professor by the American College of Rheumatology Research and Education Foundation. This program provides educational opportunities for medical students and pediatric residents

in institutions where no established pediatric rheumatology expertise exists. Goldsmith was one of only seven pediatric rheumatologists in the country chosen for this award.



Dr. Huneke

Richard B. Huneke, DVM, MPH, executive director of University Laboratory Animal Resources, was elected to a second three-year term to the Council on Accreditation of the Association for the Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care (AAALAC) International. AAALAC International is a private, nonprofit organization that promotes the humane

treatment of animals in science through voluntary accreditation and assessment programs.



Dr. Moreland

Robert S. Moreland, Ph.D., professor in the Department of Pharmacology & Physiology and director of the Graduate Program in Pharmacology & Physiology, has been named the 2008 Outstanding Alumnus from the Basic Health Sciences of the Medical College of Virginia, the institution where he received his doctoral degree.



Dr. Reginato



Dr. Vosseller

Mauricio J. Reginato, Ph.D., assistant professor in the Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, was awarded a Synergistic Idea Award of \$500,000,

entitled "Targeting Protein O-GlcNAc Modifications in Breast Cancer" from the Department of Defense's Breast Cancer Research Program. This award is part of a collaboration with **Keith Vosseller, Ph.D.**, assistant professor, Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology. In addition, Reginato and Vosseller, together with the College of Medicine, have recently filed a worldwide patent for a method to administer an inhibitor of O-GlcNAc transferase to reduce or eliminate neoplastic disease called "Methods for Treating Neoplastic Disease Targeting O-Linked N-Acetylglucosamine Modifications of Cellular Protein."



Dr. Tunkel

Allan R. Tunkel, M.D., Ph.D., professor in the Department of Medicine and chair of medicine at Monmouth Medical Center, will be honored with mastership by the American College of Physicians, during their national meeting on May 15 in Washington, D.C. Mastership in the American College of Physicians is bestowed upon select fellows in recognition of stellar career accomplishments and service to the college.



Dr. Schwartzman

Robert Schwartzman, M.D., professor and chair of the Department of Neurology, is the author of "Pathophysiology of Complex Regional Pain Syndrome: Development of New Treatments," the cover article in the Winter 2007 edition of *The Pain Practitioner*, the magazine of the American Academy of Pain Management. He is shown at the

academy's 2007 annual clinical meeting delivering the keynote address, on which the article is based. Schwartzman received the Richard S. Weiner Pain Education Award at the meeting, which was held in September in Las Vegas.

The American Academy of Pain Management annual clinical meeting offers specialized educational opportunities in the field of integrative pain management, including pharmacological management of pain, behavioral therapies, and psychosocial and quality-of-life issues, along with current research related to pain management from both Eastern and Western medical traditions. The 2008 clinical meeting will take place September 8-11 in Nashville, Tenn. Visit www.aapainmanage.org for more information.



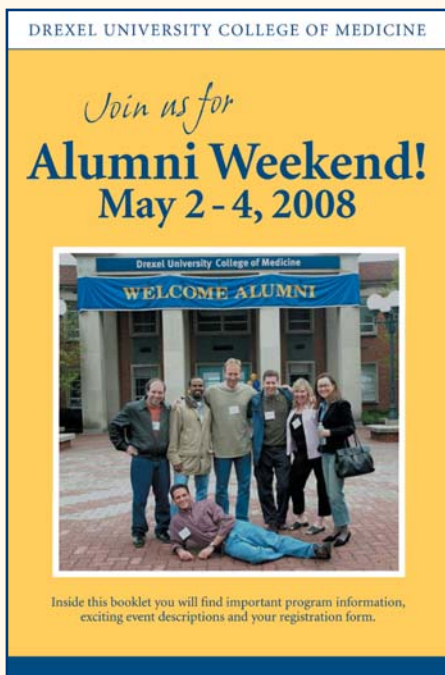
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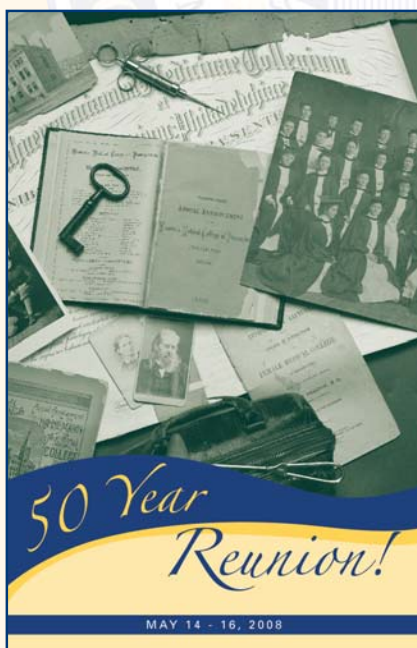
Alumni Weekend

Alumni and alumnae of WMC, MCP, Hahnemann, MCPHU and Drexel Medicine, join classmates, friends and faculty in Philadelphia May 2-4 to share your memories, celebrate your legacy, and renew the pride you feel in your College of Medicine.



50-Year Reunion

Members of the Class of 1958, come to Philadelphia May 14-16 to reminisce, reconnect and participate in the graduation events!



Patty Comey, Director, Alumni Relations
Drexel University College of Medicine
Suite 11489, 1601 Cherry Street
Philadelphia, PA 19102

Upcoming Events

Saturday, April 12

The Austin Alumni Ranch Party

4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Austin, Texas

Friday, May 2 – Sunday, May 4

Alumni Weekend 2008

Monday, May 5

American College of Obstetricians & Gynecologists

Alumni Reception

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

New Orleans

Tuesday, May 6

American Psychiatric Association

Alumni Reception

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Washington, D.C.

Wednesday, May 14 – Friday, May 16

Class of 1958

50-Year Reunion

For more information, contact the Office of Alumni Relations
at **215-255-7341** or medical.alumni@drexel.edu

Alumni Association Board Elections

The Board of Directors of the Alumni Association of Drexel University College of Medicine has posted the slate for the 2008 election (term July 1, 2008, to June 30, 2011) online at www.drexelmed.edu/alumni/association. Additional nominations may be made by sending a written petition signed by 20 active members to Mary Coté, M.D., chair of the Nominating Committee, in care of Patty Comey, at the address below.

Voting will be available to all members on the Alumni Association website beginning March 19, with a voting deadline of April 20. The results of the election will be announced at the annual meeting during Alumni Weekend, May 2-4.

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'50s

John R. Clark, M.D., HU '59, Saint George, Utah, a retired neurosurgeon, gave a lecture entitled "Neurosurgeon Goes Vegan," sponsored by the Vegetarian Society of Utah.

'60s

Mahin Behbehanian, M.D., WMC '65, a general surgeon who practices in Media, Pa., was one of the "2007 Top Physicians" in *Main Line Today* magazine.

Robert Ruggiero, M.D., HU '67, an orthopedist who practices in Malvern, Pa., was one of the "2007 Top Physicians" in *Main Line Today* magazine.

'70s

Richard Schott, M.D., HU '70, a cardiologist who practices in Media, Pa., was one of the "2007 Top Physicians" in *Main Line Today* magazine.

Edward D. Sivak, M.D., HU '70, Syracuse, N.Y., has been named the 2008 Outstanding Clinician of the Year by the New York State Thoracic Society. He currently serves as chief of the Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care, and chief of the Medical Intensive Care Unit at SUNY Upstate Medical University in Syracuse. He previously served as director of the Medical ICU and head of Pulmonary Research at the Cleveland Clinic.



Dr. Sivak

Allen Gabroy, M.D., HU '71, a general surgeon who practices in Ridley Park, Pa., was one of the "2007 Top Physicians" in *Main Line Today* magazine.

William Mannella, M.D., HU '73, a general surgeon who practices in Upland, Pa., was one of the "2007 Top Physicians" in *Main Line Today* magazine.

Elizabeth Rock, M.D., MCP '75, an internist who practices in Phoenixville, Pa., was one of the "2007 Top Physicians" in *Main Line Today* magazine.

Gerald W. Rothacker, Jr., M.D., HU '76, an orthopedic surgeon, wrote an article entitled "Reverse Shoulder Replacement" that appeared in the *Lancaster County Woman*.

Pamela Scott, M.D., MCP '76, a general surgeon who practices in West Chester, Pa., was one of the "2007 Top Physicians" in *Main Line Today* magazine.

William Ayers, M.D., MCP '78, a general surgeon who practices in Drexel Hill, Pa., was one of the "2007 Top Physicians" in *Main Line Today* magazine.

Steve Krell, M.D., HU '78, a neurologist who practices in Wayne, Pa., was one of the "2007 Top Physicians" in *Main Line Today* magazine.

Catherine S. Manno, M.D., HU '78, spoke to the Community Club of Garden City, N.Y., on "Women in Medicine in the 21st Century." Manno is a professor of pediatrics at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, as well as associate chair for clinical activities in the Department of Pediatrics and medical director of the Children's Hospital Hemostasis and Thrombosis Center.

Nicholas Vaganos, M.D., HU '78, a cardiologist who practices in West Chester, Pa., was named one of the "2007 Top Physicians" in *Main Line Today* magazine. Vaganos, who earned his undergraduate degree from Drexel University, is a trustee of Drexel University College of Medicine.

Vera Howland, M.D., HU '79, an internist who practices in Upland, Pa., was one of the "2007 Top Physicians" in *Main Line Today* magazine.

Margaret Lytton, M.D., MCP '79, a physician who specializes in family practice in Narberth, Pa., was one of the "2007 Top Physicians" in *Main Line Today* magazine.

'80s

David Handel, M.D., HU '80, a radiologist, joined the Shore Memorial Hospital in Somers Point, N.J., with privileges in diagnostic imaging.

Timothy Boyek, M.D., HU '82, a cardiologist who practices in West Chester, Pa., was one of the "2007 Top Physicians" in *Main Line Today* magazine.

Leslie Poor, M.D., MCP '82, a cardiologist who practices in Bryn Mawr, Pa., was one of the "2007 Top Physicians" in *Main Line Today* magazine.

Lorna Blum, M.D., MCP '83, a radiologist who practices in King of Prussia, Pa., was one of the "2007 Top Physicians" in *Main Line Today* magazine.

Nick D. Leasure, M.D., HU '83, was named President of Berks Hematology Oncology Associates Ltd., in West Reading, Pa. In this new position, Leasure will direct the eight-physician private practice.

David McCloskey, M.D., MCP '83, a general surgeon who practices in Drexel Hill, Pa., was one of the "2007 Top Physicians" in *Main Line Today* magazine.

Joseph Sincavage, M.D., HU '83, a neurologist who practices in Media, Pa., was one of the "2007 Top Physicians" in *Main Line Today* magazine.

Stephen Shore, M.D., HU '84, an oncologist who practices in Drexel Hill, Pa., was one of the "2007 Top Physicians" in *Main Line Today* magazine.

Richard Wozniak, M.D., HU '84, a physician who specializes in family and geriatric medicine, has been named program director

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for graduate medical education at Memorial Medical Center in Johnstown, Pa., where he will oversee six residency programs.

Nancy Bains, M.D., MCP '85, an obstetrician and gynecologist, has joined the Ob/Gyn teams at the Blaine Medical Center in Blaine and Fridley Medical Center in Minneapolis, Minn.

Deborah Rosa, M.D., HU '85, a general surgeon who practices in Phoenixville, Pa., was one of the "2007 Top Physicians" in *Main Line Today* magazine.

William Merenich, M.D., MCP '87, a radiologist who practices in Media, Pa., was one of the "2007 Top Physicians" in *Main Line Today* magazine.

Susan Roitman, M.D., MCP '87, a neurologist who practices in Phoenixville, Pa., was one of the "2007 Top Physicians" in *Main Line Today* magazine.

Richard Zamarin, M.D., HU '87, an orthopedist who practices in Paoli, Pa., was one of the "2007 Top Physicians" in *Main Line Today* magazine.

Christopher T. Olivia, M.D., HU '88, was appointed president and chief executive officer of West Penn Allegheny Health System in Pittsburgh, Pa., effective in March. (See page 10.)

Anne Maria Siegal, M.D., HU '88, an oncologist who practices in West Chester, Pa., was one of the "2007 Top Physicians" in *Main Line Today* magazine.

'90s

Kristin Jhamb, M.D., MCP '91, an internist, spoke to teenage girls about what it takes to become a medical doctor and how she decided to follow that path in a presentation sponsored by the Cornerstone of Science program, whose mission is to connect children and adults to science and technology, held at the Curtis Library in Brunswick, Maine. Jhamb practices internal medicine at the Midcoast Medical Group in Topsham, Maine.

Henry Hooker, M.D., HU '92, a neurologist, was interviewed in an article about migraine headaches, "Women More Prone to Migraine Headaches," that appeared in *The Daily Times*, a Maryville, Tenn., newspaper. Hooker is the director of the Headache Center at East Tennessee Medical Group, Alcoa, Tenn.

Edwin Lee, M.D., MCP '92, was profiled in an article, "In-Shape Doctor Shows Patients by Example," that appeared in *The Ledger* of Lakeland, Fla. Lee, an endocrinologist at Gessler Clinic in Winter Haven, Fla., works with his patients on diet and exercise. He runs, bikes, swims, kayaks, and plays golf.

Dalton Daniel, M.D., HU '93, a radiologist, joined Wayne Memorial Hospital, Honesdale, Pa., at the end of 2007. Daniel previously worked in New York City and on Long Island.

Roselle Mesmer, M.D., HU '93, a cardiologist who practices in Upland, Pa., was one of the "2007 Top Physicians" in *Main Line Today* magazine.

Amy Crawford-Faucher, M.D., MCP '94, a physician who specializes in family practice in Springfield, Pa., was one of the "2007 Top Physicians" in *Main Line Today* magazine.

Monica Norris, M.D., MCP '98, a physician who specializes in family practice in Downingtown, Pa., was one of the "2007 Top Physicians" in *Main Line Today* magazine.

'00s

Julia Powell, M.D., MCPHU '01, a neurologist who practices in Upland, Pa., was one of the "2007 Top Physicians" in *Main Line Today* magazine.

Elizabeth Ann Tillman, M.D., MCPHU '01, an internist, has joined the medical staff at Bristol Hospital, Bristol, Conn., where she will be medical director for the Inpatient Medical Services Program and medical director of Bristol Hospital's Hospice Program. Prior to joining Bristol Hospital, Tillman was with Hospital Internists of New London, Conn., and practiced at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital, New London, where she held positions as a hospitalist physician, the director of medical education, and the director of nocturnal medicine.



Dr. Tillman

Former Fellows and Residents

Rear Admiral Steven K. Galson, M.D., Resident, MCP '86, acting surgeon general of the United States, spoke on youth and underage drinking to an audience at the Oklahoma History Center and at the University of Oklahoma College of Public Health's Grand Rounds. His Oklahoma visit was part of a national tour focusing on the public health problem of youth and underage alcohol use, and potential solutions.

Garry Thomas, M.D., Resident, HU '89, an ophthalmologist, has changed the name of his practice from Suburban Eye Care Associates to Thomas Retinal Eye Specialists. The practice has offices in Pottstown, Harleysville, Bethlehem and East Norristown, Pa. Thomas is affiliated with Mercy Suburban Hospital.

Main Line Today's Top Physicians

Congratulations to all the alums who were named to *Main Line Today's* "2007 Top Physicians." The magazine compiled its list from a survey of more than 1,000 physicians in Chester, Delaware and Montgomery counties, asking them to name doctors of their choice in 10 specialties.

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Portrait Honors Doris S. Bartuska, M.D.

Doris S. Bartuska, M.D., WMC '54, was honored by colleagues, family, friends and fans at the unveiling of her portrait at the College of Medicine's Queen Lane Campus on February 3. An emeritus professor of medicine in endocrinology at Drexel



The portrait of Doris Bartuska, M.D., was painted by her brother, Paul Gorka, pictured with her here.

University College of Medicine, Bartuska was the director of the Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Metabolism and professor of Internal Medicine at the Medical College of Pennsylvania. She was also past president of the MCP Medical Staff.

Bartuska was one of the first physicians certified in endocrinology when that specialty's boards originated in 1972. She had completed a residency in medicine at Woman's Medical College and then a residency in endocrinology at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital. She joined the faculty at MCP in 1958. Bartuska also served a two-year National Institutes of Health fellowship at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in molecular medicine.

Because of her interest and involvement in medical humanities and ethics, Bartuska was asked to participate in the President's Forum on Physicians and Social Responsibility. She has been a nationally recognized spokesperson for women in medicine and the sciences. Throughout her career, Bartuska's research focused primarily on issues relating to women, specifically the endocrinology of aging and women's health with a special emphasis on prevention and treatment of osteoporosis and thyroid disease.

Profile: Christopher T. Olivia, M.D. – Family Ties

A Hahnemann graduate, Christopher T. Olivia, M.D., class of 1988, is the new chief executive officer of the West Penn Allegheny Health System, a network of six hospitals headquartered in Pittsburgh. One of those is Allegheny General Hospital, a regional campus of Drexel University College of Medicine.

Olivia, who is an ophthalmologist, brings to the job a sterling record of accomplishment as the CEO of Cooper Health System, a position he assumed in 2002 at the tender age of 40. He had joined Cooper just two years earlier as the president of its faculty physician organization.

Olivia's ability to bring people and programs together in a complicated environment was noted by a West Penn board member who said, "Dr. Olivia has a strong penchant for relationship building at all levels of the organization." In addition to the MBA he earned from the Wharton School, his gift at management probably owes something to the fact that he is still a practicing physician.

All in the family. Olivia's father, Joseph V. Olivia, M.D., is a graduate of the Hahnemann Medical College class of 1955. The senior Olivia and his classmate Wilbur W. Oaks, M.D., professor

and former chairman of the Department of Medicine, were known as the "O Team" in medical school. Whatever else the "O Team" was up to during that time, Joseph Olivia met his wife-to-be, Joan, who was a nurse at Hahnemann Hospital.



Drs. Joseph V. Olivia and Christopher T. Olivia

The whole family was on hand when Christopher Olivia received the Distinguished Alumnus Award of Drexel University College of Medicine in 2005. The Drs. Olivia, father and son, share their pride in a photo.

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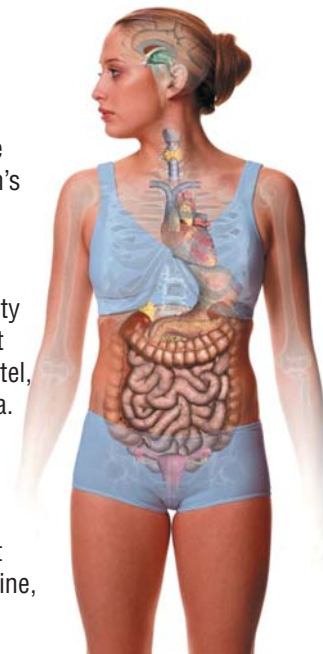
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National Forum on Women's Issues in Gastroenterology and Hepatology

Gender-based issues specific to inflammatory bowel disease, motility disorders, endoscopic procedures and hepatobiliary diseases will be the focus of the third National Forum on Women's Issues in Gastroenterology and Hepatology, sponsored by the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Drexel University College of Medicine, April 4-6 at the Radisson Plaza-Warwick Hotel, 1701 Locust Street, Philadelphia.

Internationally renowned speakers will lead lectures and case-based breakout sessions. Asyia S. Ahmad, M.D., assistant professor, Department of Medicine, is program director. Barbara B. Frank, M.D., professor in the department, is co-director.

For additional information or to register, call the Office of Continuing Medical Education, **215-762-2580**, or visit www.drexelmed.edu/cme and click on *Conferences and Seminars*.



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E-mail Essentials Program Offers Web-Based E-mail Etiquette and Behavior Training



Edward G. Longazel
Chief Compliance
& Privacy Officer

The mass acceptance and adoption of e-mail as a major business and personal correspondence tool has provided an enormous increase in utilization, given the speed, access and ease of this instant and recorded communication method. The rapid growth in the number of e-mails sent occurred without training as to the proper use and potential personal and institutional liabilities of poor behavior captured and sent in writing via e-mail.

Drexel University College of Medicine has purchased the "E-mail Essentials" training program from Quality Media Resources (QMR, "The Respectful Workplace Company") to assist our community in the effective, proper and respectful use of e-mail. The course addresses the problematic behaviors of e-mail harassment, expression of anger and "flaming" e-mails, promotion of personal business, political campaigning, practical jokes, inappropriate personnel discussions and the sending of confidential information. A notification e-mail to each member of the faculty and staff will provide a link to the training, which will be hosted by QMR, and the completion of the program and post-test results will be recorded by QMR as well. The satisfactory completion (80 percent on the test) of the program will be rewarded with a certificate that can be printed and will be recorded by QMR. The chief compliance and privacy officer will have access to the QMR tracking system to obtain completion reports. QMR will automatically link each faculty and staff member to the DUCOM Acceptable Use Policy, which outlines the permitted use of our computing assets and network. Completion of the program is required between the mid-March 2008 rollout and the April 30, 2008, deadline.

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Bulletins:

ELAM Names 2008 Senior Scholar

The ELAM™ (Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine) Program for Women has announced that Karen Stephenson, Ph.D., will serve as the 2008 ELAM Senior Scholar. Stephenson is a corporate anthropologist who has been lauded as a pioneer in the growing field of social-network business consultants, and in 2007 she was one of only three women recognized in a distinguished short list of 55 in Random House's *Guide to the Management Gurus*. Among the dozens of organizations with which Stephenson has worked are Amgen, Genentech and Pfizer; the medical schools of Harvard and UCLA; and the National Institutes of Health. She has held academic positions at UCLA's Anderson Graduate School of Management and Harvard's Graduate School of Design, as well as fellowships at the Sloan School of MIT, the National Institute of Mental Health and Bryn Mawr College. **ELAM contact: 215-255-7309**

ACGME Says Most Residents Are Getting Some Sleep

According to the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, most residency programs have complied with the 80-hour work week limit. The rule, which was instituted by the ACGME in 2003 in an effort to prevent mistakes by sleepy residents and promote a more humane training regimen, is reportedly followed by 94 percent of the residents that participated in the council's survey. The regulations and the most recent report can be found at www.acgme.org.

ACP Supports Research into Therapeutic Use of Marijuana

The American College of Physicians has issued a policy paper called "Supporting Research into the Therapeutic Role of Marijuana." The ACP says that while medical marijuana has been well documented for treating the effects of HIV wasting and chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting, several factors, including the federal approval process for necessary research, limited availability of research-grade marijuana, and the ongoing debate over general marijuana legalization have hindered research expansion. The policy paper is available at www.acponline.org.

Calendar:

March	<i>National Multiple Sclerosis Education and Awareness Month</i>
Mar 20	Match Day Queen Lane Campus, 11:00 a.m. seniors; 11:30 a.m. others
Mar 20	Kate Hurd-Mead Lecture "Brains and Brawn: The Birth of Physical Therapy as an Allied Health Profession" Presented by Beth Linker, Ph.D., assistant professor, University of Pennsylvania College of Physicians of Philadelphia, 6:15 p.m. Contact: 215-563-3737, ext. 304
Mar 29	Black Tie White Coat Ball to support autism research and treatment Philadelphia Marriott Downtown Contact: 215-255-7327 or email mpizzulo@drexelmed.edu
April	<i>National Autism Awareness Month</i>
Apr 9	Golden Apple/Golden Stethoscope Awards and Student/Faculty Art Show Queen Lane Campus, 5:30 p.m.
Apr 28	Woman One Award Ceremony Contact: 215-255-7373 or email iwhl@drexelmed.edu
May	<i>National Physical Fitness and Sports Month</i>
May 2-4	Alumni Weekend
May 13	Senior Formal
May 14-16	50th Reunion
May 16	Commencement Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts, 9 a.m. Faculty and students report at 8 a.m.
June	<i>National Scleroderma Awareness Month</i>
Jun 14	Drexel University Commencement
July	
Jul 28	Manuel N. Stamatakis Golf Classic Contact: 215-255-7327
August	
Aug 5	Class of 2012 Orientation begins
Aug 11	Class of 2012 White Coat Ceremony