

# NEWSPAGER

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## ***1998–2008: College of Medicine Celebrates 10th Anniversary of Turnaround***

***November 11, 2008, marks one decade since Drexel University set about reversing the fate of MCP Hahnemann University, and in the process, acquired a medical school.***

In July 1998, Allegheny Health, Education and Research Foundation declared bankruptcy. Its hospitals and schools, including MCP Hahnemann School of Medicine and the legacies it comprised, faced a precarious future. In addition to the losses at a personal level – to alumni, students, faculty and staff – it is no exaggeration to say that the failure of MCPHU would have extinguished a unique brand of medical education and 150 years of history.

City and state officials – concerned about the schools, the hospitals and the thousands of jobs the city would lose – were more than ready to help. Tenet Healthcare emerged to buy the hospitals. But the agreement hinged on finding an academic partner for the schools. Enter Drexel University.

Through the inspired – and unstinting – efforts of Drexel President Constantine Papadakis, Ph.D., and College Chairman Manuel Stamatakis, Hon. '05, an agreement was reached wherein Drexel would manage MCPHU for three years, with an option to take it over. On November 11, 1998, after many late nights and endless paperwork, the signatures were affixed. The traditions, patient-centered care, vibrant education, and innovative research would continue to thrive.

Since 1998, faculty in the medical school and the other colleges of Drexel University have collaborated in countless interdisciplinary projects. Many have found that an environment where engineers, basic scientists and physicians freely exchange ideas can accelerate translational research, promote state-of-the-art patient care, and offer students not only a rigorously broad education but a lifetime model for learning.





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

### **November 2008: Much to Be Grateful For**

In November 1998, Drexel University, a modern institution with its own great history, took on the challenges of America's "oldest new medical school" [see cover story]. A decade later, the College of Medicine is thriving in all its missions. The steadfastness of our excellent faculty and their commitment both to the education of their students and to the art and science of medicine, combined with the visionary leadership of President Constantine Papadakis and Chairman Manuel Stamatakis, transformed the school in a time of vulnerability.

Drexel had the foresight to save one of the treasured resources of our country, one of our 129 medical schools. Together, we are capitalizing on our strengths in medicine, engineering and applied bioengineering and science. In a University that encourages such collaboration, the whole is much more than the sum of its parts.

In November, let us celebrate our histories, our victories, and our future!

**Dean's Office: 215-762-3500**

### **College Trains Army's First Medical Toxicologist**

Physicians here are currently training a U.S. Army colonel who, upon completion of his fellowship, will be the first and only U.S. Army officer trained in both occupational medicine and medical toxicology.

James Madsen, M.D., MPH, is an active-duty full colonel in the U.S. Army and one of the military's primary experts on weapons of mass destruction and chemical warfare. He is board-certified in anatomic and clinical pathology as well as in occupational medicine. Now, Madsen has begun a two-year fellowship in medical toxicology within the Department of Emergency Medicine at Drexel University College of Medicine.

Drexel's toxicology fellowship is an exceptionally rigorous program emphasizing both direct patient contact and extensive research. It is the only accredited program in adult medical toxicology in Philadelphia.

The expertise will flow both ways, according to Michael Greenberg, M.D., professor and chief of the Division of Medical Toxicology. "Dr. Madsen brings a wealth of knowledge and experience and we will certainly be learning from him as he learns from us."

The College's toxicology fellows serve as clinical consultants for the Philadelphia Poison Control Center, federal and local government, industry, the legal community, and even the Philadelphia Zoo with regard to issues involving medical, occupational, environmental, hazardous material, and forensic toxicology. Fellows also carry out over 1000 bedside patient consultations annually at Hahnemann University Hospital, St. Christopher's Hospital for Children, Mercy Philadelphia Hospital, and Mercy Fitzgerald Hospital, as well as in a separate outpatient toxicology clinic.

"What I'm enjoying most out of this experience is the opportunity to provide hands-on patient care again," said Madsen, who served as battalion surgeon for the 2/502 Infantry of the 101st Airborne Division in Saudi Arabia and Iraq during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, and was a recipient of the Combat Medical Badge and the Bronze Star.



**Dr. Madsen**

Madsen was also the team physician for the first trial challenge inspection of Russian chemical-agent storage facilities by the On-Site Inspection Agency (now the Defense Threat Reduction Agency) and is an Army flight surgeon. Immediately prior to his fellowship, he was the scientific advisor to the Chemical Casualty Care Division at the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense, the nation's leading science and technology laboratory in the area of medical chemical countermeasures research and development. In addition, he is an associate professor of preventative medicine and biometrics and assistant professor of pathology and of military and emergency medicine at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Md.

"The Drexel University College of Medicine toxicology fellowship is very well known and highly respected, so I'm confident I will get excellent training here. I've also worked and written with Dr. Greenberg over the years and I'm very excited to have him as a mentor," Madsen said.

Madsen will be working on a variety of research projects during his fellowship and is expected to return to the Army full-time after completing the program.



DREXEL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF MEDICINE *presents*

# A Multidisciplinary Update in Clinical Medicine/Surgery for the Practicing Physician



TUESDAY FEBRUARY 3 – SATURDAY FEBRUARY 7, 2009



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## TARGET AUDIENCE

All practicing physicians.

## PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

After attending this program, you will be able to:

- Recognize the value of developing a multidisciplinary approach to caring for the critically ill patient
- Utilize current and updated treatment guidelines to optimize patient care
- Enhance the utilization of new and innovative educational techniques
- Delineate the challenges of coronary artery disease and the various treatment options available
- Describe issues and treatment options for erectile dysfunction and how it plays a role in identifying underlying vascular disease
- Incorporate advances in diagnosis and therapeutic options to diagnose GI dilemmas with an emphasis on current imaging techniques
- Implement the newest imaging modalities across multi-specialty lines

## ACCREDITATION STATEMENT

Drexel University College of Medicine is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians. **AMA:** Drexel University College of Medicine designates this educational activity for a maximum of 19.5 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*<sup>™</sup>. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity. **AOA:** This program is eligible for 19.5 credits in Category 2A of the American Osteopathic Association.

## FACULTY DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

It is the policy of Drexel University College of Medicine to ensure balance, independence, objectivity, and scientific rigor in all its sponsored educational programs. Speakers at continuing medical education activities are required to disclose to the audience their financial relationships with the manufacturer(s) of any commercial products, goods or services related to the subject matter of the program topic. Any conflicts of interest must be resolved prior to the presentation and announced to the audience. The intent of this disclosure is to allow participants to form their own judgments about the educational content of this activity and determine whether the speaker's commercial interests influenced the presentation. In addition, speakers are required to openly disclose any off-label, experimental, or investigational use of drugs or devices discussed in their presentation.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Educational grants will be acknowledged during the conference.

## INFORMATION

Contact the Office of Continuing Medical Education – 215-762-2580. Program details are available at: [www.drexel.edu/med/cme](http://www.drexel.edu/med/cme). Resort information is available at: [www.aspensnowmass.com](http://www.aspensnowmass.com).

## CONFERENCE LOCATION AND HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

**Silvertree Hotel, 100 Elbert Lane, Snowmass Colorado 81615**

A block of rooms has been reserved at a special conference rate of **\$369 (Double/King), plus tax until 12/15/08**. Reservations must be made directly by calling **(800) 525-9402** or **(970) 923-3520**. Be sure to mention the *Drexel University College of Medicine Conference* to qualify for this special rate. There are a limited number of rooms available. Reservations are on a first come, first served basis. Reservations received after 12/15/08 or after the contracted number of rooms is reached, will be accepted on a space available basis at the prevailing rate.

Fifty percent of the total room cost is due upon booking. The balance is due 30 days prior to arrival. Reservations canceled 30 days or more prior to arrival will receive a refund of the deposit less a 25% administration fee. Individual reservations canceled within 30 days are non-refundable. No refunds will be issued for no-shows, late arrivals, or early departures. Travel insurance is recommended and may be purchased at the time of booking.

Check-in time is 4:00 PM. Check-out time is 11:00 AM. Guests remaining in their rooms beyond check-out time will be charged for an additional night. The hotel will make every effort to accommodate guests who arrive early or depart later than the official times.

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# PROGRAM

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2009

6:00 – 7:30 PM **Welcome Reception**

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2009

- 6:30 – 7:00 AM Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 7:00 – 7:30 AM Introduction and Overview  
Mark Victor, M.D.
- 7:30 – 8:20 AM Aortic Stenosis – Is there still a role for the surgeons?  
Point /Counterpoint  
Michael Strong, M.D. and Daniel Dadourian, M.D.
- 8:20 – 8:50 AM Interventional Cardiology Update – Are drug-eluting stents good or bad and where are we heading?  
Daniel McCormick, D.O.
- 8:50 – 9:20 AM Resynchronization Therapy – Why does it matter?  
George Yesenosky M.D.
- 9:20 – 9:50 AM Acute Coronary Syndrome – Time is muscle  
Sheldon Goldberg, M.D.
- 9:50 – 10:00 AM Question and Answer  
Mark Victor, M.D.
- 10:00 AM – 3:15 PM **Break**
- 3:15 – 3:30 PM Afternoon sign in
- 3:30 – 4:00 PM Imaging – Interesting case studies  
Michael Hallowell, M.D.
- 4:00 – 4:30 PM LVAD – New technology, new uses, destination therapy  
Howard Eisen, M.D.
- 4:30 – 5:00 PM CT Surgery 2009 – Why heart surgery is safer than ever  
Andrew Wechsler, M.D.
- 5:00 – 5:30 PM The Pre-Operative Clearance – An irrelevant waste of time or a precious opportunity?  
Kevin Kasper, M.D.
- 5:30 – 6:00 PM Question and Answer  
Andrew Wechsler, M.D.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2009

- 6:30 – 7:00 AM Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 7:00 – 7:30 AM Overview  
David Stein, M.D.
- 7:30 – 8:00 AM Rectal Carcinoma – Newer treatment options  
David Stein, M.D.
- 8:00 – 8:30 AM Robotic Surgery – Is it more than a marketing gimmick?  
TBD
- 8:30 – 9:00 AM Obesity – Surgical and non-surgical options  
Andres Castellanos, M.D.
- 9:00 – 9:30 AM Plantar Fasciitis – Do I need to stop running?  
Steven Boc, D.P.M.
- 9:30 – 10:00 AM Question and Answer  
David Stein, M.D.
- 10:00 AM – 3:15 PM **Break**
- 3:15 – 3:30 PM Afternoon sign in
- 3:30 – 4:00 PM GERD – What to do when the purple pill doesn't work  
James Reynolds, M.D.

- 4:00 – 5:00 PM Women's Health Issues: Hormone Replacement Therapy Revisited: Point/Counterpoint  
Gregg Alleyne, M.D. and Susan Weil, M.D.
- 5:00 – 5:30 PM Traumatic Brain Injury – What are we to do with our Vets?  
Joseph Karam, M.D.
- 5:30 – 6:00 PM Question and Answer  
James Reynolds, M.D.

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2009

- 6:30 – 7:00 AM Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 7:00 – 7:30 AM Overview  
Edward Schulman, M.D.
- 7:30 – 8:00 AM Intubation Injuries – It's not just hoarseness  
Matthew Nagorsky, M.D.
- 8:00 – 8:30 AM Pulmonary Hypertension Update – A review of causes and new treatments  
Edward Schulman, M.D.
- 8:30 – 9:00 AM Joint Replacement – An update in new technologies  
Norman Johanson, M.D.
- 9:00 – 9:30 AM Hyponatremia – Is it always iatrogenic?  
Joseph Brezin, M.D.
- 9:30 – 10:00 AM Question and Answer  
Edward Schulman, M.D.
- 10:00 AM – 3:15 PM **Break**
- 3:15 – 3:30 PM Afternoon sign in
- 3:30 – 4:00 PM HIT, DIC, TTP – How to tell them apart?  
David Topolsky, M.D.
- 4:00 – 4:30 PM Breast Cancer – New treatment approaches  
Renee Rubin, M.D.
- 4:30 – 5:00 PM Erectile Dysfunction – Current approach to therapy  
Bruce Sloane, M.D.
- 5:00 – 5:30 PM Diabetes – New tricks for an old dog?  
Joseph Boselli, M.D.
- 5:30 – 6:00 PM Question and Answer  
Richard Homan, M.D.

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2009

- 6:30 – 7:00 AM Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 7:00 – 7:30 AM Overview  
Richard Homan, M.D.
- 7:30 – 8:00 AM Hepatic Transplant – New benefits  
Burckhardt Ringe, M.D.
- 8:00 – 8:30 AM Peripheral Vascular Disease – A surgeon's perspective  
Michael Marcucci, M.D.
- 8:30 – 9:00 AM Acute Environmental Exposures  
Eric Sandler, M.D.
- 9:00 – 9:30 AM Legal Update: The new rules for physician/hospital relationships – Can we still be friends?  
Stephen Greenberg, Esq.
- 9:30 – 10:00 AM Question and Answer, Wrap-up  
Richard Homan, M.D.

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No refunds will be granted after 1/15/09.



## Drug Delivery Surgical Staple May Improve Healing

An absorbable surgical staple may be used as a drug delivery vehicle for wound healing agents, antibiotics, chemotherapeutic agents, or radioactive therapy and may lead to lower morbidity and mortality rates for surgical interventions, according to researchers from the Drexel University College of Medicine, School of Biomedical Engineering and College of Engineering who are developing it in a translational research collaboration.

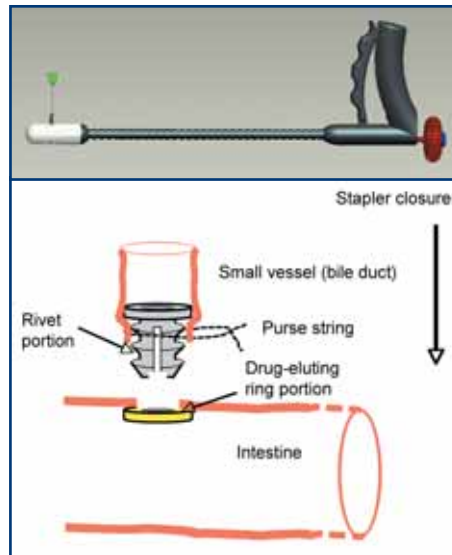
The prototype staples are made of an FDA-approved biocompatible, bio-absorbable polymer (poly-lactide co glycolide) that delivers bioactive agents at a pre-programmed rate to improve healing. The staples are expected to be especially beneficial in surgical procedures involving small lumen structures such as the common bile duct, ureters, and blood vessels, where a thin wall and reduced blood flow greatly increase the risk of poor healing, leaks, and strictures.

“It is here, at these delicate sites, that an absorbable staple can truly revolutionize surgical interventions,” said Ari Brooks, M.D., associate professor, Department of Surgery, who has applied for a patent for the staple jointly with Margaret Wheatley, Ph.D., the John M. Reid Professor, School of Biomedical Engineering. Bradley E. Layton, Ph.D., assistant professor, Mechanical Engineering and Mechanics, is a co-investigator working on the design of the stapler. The group has received several grants for this work, including the highly competitive Wallace H. Coulter Translational Research Grant.

A miniaturized surgical staple that allows delicate structures to be joined safely while keeping vessels open will have broad applications in surgery, according to Dr. Brooks. Bile duct procedures alone total 60,000 to 120,000 cases annually. Liver transplantation, surgical resection for hepatocellular cancer, pancreatic cancer, and cholangio-carcinoma are just a few of

the procedures that may require anastomosis of the common bile duct. The standard protocol is to hand-sew the common bile duct either to itself or its enteric counterpart, which is technically challenging, extremely time-consuming, and may lead to serious complications if it fails.

“This invention combines two proven methodologies, the stapler, which is rapid and efficient, with the local delivery of cytokines, which have been proven to improve wound healing,” said Dr. Brooks. “Therefore, we believe that the use of this staple will improve the speed, accuracy, and effectiveness of procedures, while lowering the morbidity and mortality rates of surgical interventions, which is the overall goal of our laboratory. Our intended population are immuno-suppressed and cancer patients.”



In addition to advancing medicine by leveraging engineering and technology expertise, collaborative research also serves as a training ground for the next generation of researchers, according to Dr. Brooks. “Medical students, graduate students, surgical residents and Ph.D. engineering students come together in our lab and interact. They learn very early how to speak each other’s language, which is very important in today’s world. This enables them to go back and forth very easily from

one type of lab environment to the other, discuss literature from those very disparate regions and put it all together.

“Drexel University maintains a unique niche for research collaboration of this nature,” he adds. “I don’t know of another school that has the diversity of programs and collaborations offered here, combining medicine, computer science, chemical and material science, electrical and mechanical engineering, plasma physics and other disciplines. Our students gain important advantages through exposure to this level of collaboration.”

## Compliance Corner: Conflict of Interest, Code of Conduct & Federal Sanction Attestation Program



**Edward G. Longazel**  
Chief Compliance  
& Privacy Officer

The annual Conflict of Interest, Code of Conduct and Federal Sanction Attestation will be emailed to each employee of Drexel University College of Medicine before the holiday season. Completion of the three components is required, and satisfaction of the requirement will be tracked by employee identification number this year to enable accurate and timely exception reporting to department chairs and administrators.

The Conflict of Interest component takes on added interest this year as federal Sunshine Act legislation, providing for transparency in the relationship between physicians and manufacturers, is considered in committee. Additionally, the Association of American Medical Colleges has issued guidance concerning relationships with industry.

The annual review of the Code of Conduct, a complete filing of the Conflict of Interest forms with full disclosure, and the completion of the Federal Sanction Attestation program are key and important components of the Drexel University College of Medicine Corporate Compliance Program. Also be sure to look for the annual mailing of the Deficit Reduction Act education required by federal and state Medicaid regulations.

**Confidential compliance hotlines: Call toll-free 866-936-1010; or visit [www.drexelmed.edu/ComplianceHotline](http://www.drexelmed.edu/ComplianceHotline)  
Compliance or Privacy training requests: 215-255-7819**

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## Bulletins:

### College Participating in International Alzheimer's Study

Drexel University College of Medicine is participating in Phase 3 clinical trials for a possible Alzheimer's vaccine. Carol Lippa, M.D., professor of neurology and director of the Memory Disorders Center at the College, is among a group of Alzheimer's specialists who will evaluate and monitor the progress of patients being administered the drug bapineuzumab, a therapeutic antibody that works by binding to and clearing beta-amyloid, an abnormal protein in the brain associated with Alzheimer's disease.

"Buildup of amyloid plaque in the brain has been an indication of Alzheimer's disease for a long time, but only recently have treatments been developed to try to eliminate the abnormal protein," said Lippa. "Our ultimate hope is that we can not only slow the progression of the disease, but actually stop and reverse Alzheimer's."

The Phase 3 study will enroll a large number of patients (approximately 4,100) at more than 350 sites worldwide. Volunteers will be administered intravenous infusions of bapineuzumab every other month for 18 months. Participants must be diagnosed with mild to moderate Alzheimer's disease and must be between 50 and 88 years of age. For more information about enrolling in the study at Drexel University College of Medicine, call **215-762-7783**.

### HPV Vaccine Slowly Accepted

One in 4 adolescent girls received at least one dose of Gardasil® human papillomavirus vaccine, according to estimates for 2007 released October 9 by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The vaccine is given in a three-dose series over a six-month period. The CDC survey provided estimates for three vaccines recommended at 11 or 12 years of age: the tetanus-diphtheria-acellular pertussis vaccine, the meningococcal conjugate vaccine, and the human papillomavirus vaccine for girls and young women. Generally, the nation's immunization coverage rates for preteens and teens are increasing for routinely recommended vaccines, but most still do not have all of the recommended immunizations. HPV vaccination was first licensed and recommended in 2006.

## Calendar:

<b>November</b>	<i>Healthy Skin Month</i>
Nov 10	<b>Conversation About Women's Health</b> Presented by the Institute for Women's Health and Leadership Contact: 215-255-7381 or mmcmail@drexelmed.edu
Nov 12-14	<b>National Association for the Dually Diagnosed annual conference</b> A Quarter Century of Awareness: Assessment, Treatment, and Policy Advances Niagara Falls, Canada Contact: Anna Auch, 215-831-4773
Nov 27	Thanksgiving
<b>December</b>	<i>Safe Toys &amp; Gifts Month</i>
Dec 6	<b>Annual Day of Trauma</b> Presented by the Trauma Center Directors of Greater Philadelphia The Union League of Philadelphia, 7:45 a.m. – 4:10 p.m. Contact: Jennifer Sumter, 215-762-2580
<b>January</b>	<i>National Blood Donor Month</i>
<b>February</b>	<i>American Heart Month</i>
Feb 3	<b>Sex &amp; Gender Research Forum</b> Contact: 215-255-7381 or mmcmail@drexelmed.edu
Feb 4-7	<b>A Multidisciplinary Update in Clinical Medicine/Surgery for the Practicing Physician</b> Presented by Drexel University College of Medicine Snowmass, Colorado Contact: Jennifer Sumter, 215-762-2580
Feb 21	<b>Pediatric AIDS Benefit Concert</b> Presented by the students of Drexel University College of Medicine Main Building, Drexel University
<b>March</b>	<i>National Kidney Month</i>
Mar 19	<b>Match Day</b>
<b>April</b>	<i>National Autism Awareness Month</i>
Apr 20	<b>Marion Spencer Fay Award</b> Contact: 215-255-7381 or mmcmail@drexelmed.edu
Apr 27	<b>Woman One Award Ceremony</b> Contact: 215-255-7381 or mmcmail@drexelmed.edu