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Latest Capsule Endoscopy Now Available Right in Doctor's Office

When standard diagnostic endoscopy cannot determine the cause of an unexplained gastrointestinal (GI) disorder, doctors turn to capsule endoscopy, using a large-vitamin-sized capsule that contains a camera to view the small intestine.

It's the test of choice for such unresolved cases, according to gastroenterologist Joyann Kroser, M.D., clinical associate professor in the Gastroenterology/Hepatology Division of the Department of Medicine at Drexel University College of Medicine.

"Capsule endoscopy is better in head-to-head comparisons than radiographic studies," Kroser says, "and the newest software has a wider angle of view."

Kroser has the latest generation of Pillcam® technology right in her office; patients no longer need to go to the hospital. "Now that the equipment is here, it's much more convenient for the patients," says Kroser.

Unlike upper endoscopy or colonoscopy, capsule endoscopy (CE) does not require sedation and allows a patient to go on with normal daily activities during the study. This significantly less-invasive procedure complements standard endoscopy and is almost always performed after negative results from standard tests.

Patients with obscure GI bleeding or those who have been referred by an internist for iron deficiency are both good candidates for capsule endoscopy.

After following specific pre-procedure diet and fasting instructions, the patient visits Drexel GI Associates™ early in the morning to be fitted with sensor leads that attach to the abdomen and to a belt, which carries a data recorder. The wireless PillCam is swallowed with water and then moves painlessly through the gastrointestinal tract, just like food.

Patients are free to go about their day, but are instructed to keep a diary of all food and liquids consumed.

The capsule transmits images of the small intestine onto the recording device for about eight hours, at which time the patient returns to the office, where the recorder is removed and the physician reviews the captured images. The single-use capsule is eliminated naturally, usually after 24 to 72 hours.

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Dr. Diane Magrane Named Director of Executive Leadership Programs



Dr. Magrane

After a national search, Drexel University College of Medicine has appointed Diane Magrane, M.D., to the newly created position of director of Executive Leadership Programs.

Magrane joins Drexel Medicine from the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC), where she has served as associate vice president for faculty development and leadership programs since 2004. Magrane will help create new leadership and faculty development initiatives and oversee existing programs, including the school's widely respected Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine® (ELAM) Program for Women. ELAM® is the nation's only in-depth program focused on preparing senior women faculty at schools of medicine, dentistry and public health to move into positions of institutional leadership where they can effect positive change.

Dean Richard V. Homan, M.D., lauded the search committee's choice. "Dr. Magrane's national leadership in medical education and her experience with faculty development make her a wonderful fit to advance the College of Medicine's priorities of producing innovative curriculum and quality leadership training."

Prior to her position with the AAMC, Magrane was associate dean for medical education and professor in obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Vermont College of Medicine. She received her medical degree from the University of Iowa and completed residency training in ob/gyn at St. Louis University Hospitals in Missouri.

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

Drexel Medicine Physician Refresher Course Tailored for the 21st Century

The College of Medicine is now proudly represented everywhere on the continuum of medical education, from premedical programs to physician refresher training. In mid-August, three “nontraditional” students received certificates of accomplishment in a rigorous curriculum customized to teach each

of them exactly what she or he needed to know. These students were established physicians who required a refresher in clinical practice for one reason or another. They are also the latest successes in the Drexel Medicine® Physician Refresher/Re-Entry Course, which to date has had 16 graduates.

The majority of our Physician Refresher students are self-referred – someone who retired early and then had a change of heart, a returnee from the pharmaceutical industry, a doctor who wants to brush up on a particular area of patient care. We also enroll foreign medical graduates who want to apply to a residency in the United States. The faculty members are from Drexel University College of Medicine, under the leadership of Nielufar Varjavand, M.D.



Dr. Varjavand

Two course modules are currently available: a structured on-site preceptorship and an online medical update curriculum.

The preceptorship enrolls the physician-student in six-week blocks (for as many blocks as she or he wants) in internal medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, surgery or pediatrics at Hahnemann University Hospital or St. Christopher's Hospital for Children. While flexible, the curriculum is very intense: a combination of conferences, rounds, assignments, outpatient clinics, and one-on-one time with a preceptor, with standardized pre and post exams as well as continuous feedback.

The online module, for internal medicine, comprises intensive lectures (more than 100) and exam questions on core topics we feel an internist must know. The lectures draw on an array of College of Medicine sources, including our Internal Medicine Board Review Course and grand rounds. The student receives an annual pass to use the resource as often as they want.

These programs represent a return to our roots – with an update. Beginning in 1968 at the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania, and into the 1990s at MCP, more than 400 physicians came to our College for physician-refresher education. Fittingly, our current course relies on our expertise in both clinical skills training and technology in medical education. A third module – Online Clinical Skills Curriculum – is under construction.

If you wish further information, please contact Nielufar.Varjavand@drexelmed.edu.

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Memorial Established for Dan H. Moore, Professor Emeritus

Dan H. Moore, Ph.D., professor emeritus in the Department of Microbiology & Immunology at Drexel University College of Medicine, passed away at the age of 99 on July 20, 2008. Moore was an eminent cancer researcher who was a pioneer in the field of retrovirology. A physicist by training, Moore in the 1940s established new approaches for investigating biological macromolecules. He was the first investigator to demonstrate, in 1954, that viruses have internal structures. A major part of his career was devoted to investigating viruses that cause cancer, specifically the mouse mammary tumor virus, carrying out a definitive identification of this agent as the cause of breast cancer in mice. He was named an American Cancer Society Research Professor in 1972. Prior to joining the College of Medicine (then Hahnemann Medical College) in 1977, Moore held faculty positions at Columbia University, Rockefeller University and the Institute for Medical Research. Numerous investigators who were trained in his laboratory have continued to make significant contributions to the field of biology in general and cancer research in particular. The Department of Microbiology & Immunology has established the Dan H. Moore Research Fund to support graduate student research. For further information, please contact Dr. Akhil B. Vaidya at [215-991-8354](tel:215-991-8354).



Dr. Moore in a painting at Queen Lane

MANUEL STAMATAKIS

Golf Classic

MONDAY, JULY 28, 2008



*\$225,400 raised this year for
medical student scholarships*





Dr. Alemo

Saeid Alemo, M.D., clinical assistant professor, Department of Surgery, co-authored “Correlation of Pseudarthrosis and Recurrent Cervical Monoradiculopathy After One Level of Anterior Cervical Discectomy and Fixation Using Methylmethacrylate” in *Journal of Neurological and Orthopaedic Medicine and Surgery*, Spring 2008.

In addition he presented “Role of Facet Joint Arthropathy in Chronic Mechanical Back Pain” at the American Association of Neurological Surgeons/Congress of Neurological Surgeons Section on Pain biennial meeting in Chicago, April 25.



Diane G. Cohen

Diane G. Cohen, director of the Standardized Patient Program, associate director of the Physician and Patient Course, and research associate, is a co-author of the abstract “Learning and Assessing the Giving of Bad News with the Online Tools ‘doc.com’ and ‘WebOSCE’: Presentation of a Pilot Study,” which was accepted for presentation as a short communication at the annual conference of the Association for Medical Education in

Europe, August 30-September 3 in Prague. Cohen’s name was not listed correctly in an announcement in the August *NewsPager*. The other co-authors are **Christof J. Daetwyler M.D.**, associate professor, Department of Family, Community, and Preventive Medicine; **Dennis H. Novack M.D.**, professor, Department of Medicine, Division of Internal Medicine, and associate dean of medical education; and **Edward Gracely Ph.D.**, associate professor, Department of Family, Community, and Preventive Medicine.

Daetwyler was to make the presentation in Prague on September 2. Novack was to present the same report at the European Association on Communication in Healthcare meeting in Oslo, Norway, on September 3.



Dr. Gleason



Dr. Richman



Dr. Morahan

Katharine A. Gleason, MPH, Rosalyn C. Richman, M.A., and Page S. Morahan, Ph.D., of the College of Medicine’s Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine® (ELAM®) Program for Women, co-authored “More Women at the Top,” published in the August 1 edition of *The Scientist*.



Dr. Gracely

Edward J. Gracely, Ph.D., associate professor, Department of Family, Community & Preventive Medicine, is a co-author of “Jet Injection of 1% Buffered Lidocaine Versus Topical ELA-Max for Anesthesia Before Peripheral Intravenous Catheterization in Children” published in the August 2008 issue of *Pediatric Emergency Care*. Gracely is also an associate professor in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics at the Drexel University School of Public Health.

Institute for Women’s Health and Leadership Announces Woman One



Jane Pepper

Jane Pepper, the president of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, will be Woman One 2009, and will receive the honor at the award ceremony on April 27, 2009, at Philadelphia’s Rittenhouse Hotel.

The selection of Pepper, whose leadership has made the Philadelphia Flower Show the largest and most prestigious such event in the world, was announced by Lynn Yeakel, director of the Institute for Women’s

Health and Leadership, where Woman One is administered.

“Jane Pepper’s leadership goes far beyond the work she has done to make Philadelphia beautiful,” said Yeakel. “She has a powerful positive influence on the city’s economy and on community

decisions, and she is particularly inspirational as a model for women in leadership roles.”

Yeakel also announced that the Woman One campaign for 2009 will be chaired by Stephanie Naidoff, the 2008 award recipient and longtime community leader. Funds raised are used for the Woman One scholarship program for medical students at Drexel University College of Medicine.

Pepper is the seventh Woman One honoree. Her selection was to be announced at a September 23 reception welcoming the three most recent Woman One scholars, Alicia Howard, Stephanie Johnson and Ifeoma Nwabuzor. Each of these first-year medical students will receive \$80,000 in scholarship support over her four-year education. Currently, there are 11 scholars studying with Woman One scholarships in the medical school. Two others, Annette Lopez and LaToia Marks, graduated in May 2008.

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Upcoming Events

2008

Sunday, October 5
American College of Gastroenterology
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Gaylord Palms Resort, Orlando

Sunday, October 12
American Academy of Pediatrics
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Boston Marriott Copley Place

Tuesday, October 14
American College of Surgeons
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Hilton San Francisco

Tuesday, October 28
American College of Emergency Physicians
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Hilton Chicago

Monday, November 3
Association of American Medical Colleges
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Grand Hyatt San Antonio

Sunday, November 9

American Association for Laboratory Animal Science
3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Westin Indianapolis

Monday, November 17
Society for Neuroscience
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
JW Marriott, Washington, D.C.

2009

Wednesday, February 4 – Saturday, February 7
**CME: Multidisciplinary Update in Clinical Medicine/
Surgery for the Practicing Physician**
Snowmass, Colorado

Friday, May 1 – Saturday, May 2
Alumni Weekend

Wednesday, May 13 – Friday, May 15
50-Year Class Reunion

Friday, May 15
Commencement

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



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'60s

David Albright, M.D., HU '69, has been appointed chief medical officer at Brattleboro Memorial Hospital, Brattleboro, Vt. He continues to practice internal medicine with a subspecialty in infectious disease at Brattleboro Primary Care.

'70s

John C. Ansel, M.D., HU '77, has been appointed chairman of the Department of Dermatology at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Medicine. Ansel was previously a tenured professor in the Department of Dermatology at the University of Colorado Denver on the Anschutz Medical Campus, with a joint appointment in the Department of Ophthalmology. He was also on the staff of the University of Colorado Hospital in Aurora and the Veterans Administration of Eastern Colorado Health Care System in Denver.

Richard Cohen, Ph.D., Psychiatry, MCP '78, was featured in the "CEO File" in the *Philadelphia Business Journal* the week of July 25. Cohen is the president and CEO of the Philadelphia Health Management Corporation, a nonprofit public health institute.

'80s

Michael Mayo-Smith, M.D., HU '80, MPH, has returned to the Veterans Affairs New England Healthcare System as network director. Mayo-Smith had served as the national chief consultant, primary care, since 2006. Prior to that, he served as director, Primary Care Service Line, for the New England system.

Jeffrey Yablon, M.D., HU '80, a board-certified neurosurgeon, has opened Lake Norman Neurological & Spinal Surgery in Mooresville, N.C. Yablon specializes in cervical and lumbar disc disease and diseases of the central nervous system, as well as peripheral nerve surgery and carotid endarterectomy.

Lynn Horton, M.D., MCP '83, has joined the medical advisory board of Organic Alliance, a company that provides organic foods and crops to food packagers and processors. Horton specializes in family medicine. She and her husband raise certified organic beef on their ranch in Wyoming.

Mittie Dragosljvich, M.D., HU '84, and **Resident, HU '88**, a radiation oncologist, has joined Skaggs Cancer Center, part of Skaggs Community Health Center in Branson, Mo.

Louis E. Samuels, M.D., HU '87, has been named chief of cardiothoracic surgery at Paoli Hospital, part of the Main Line Health Heart Center. He also serves as the surgical director of

Lankenau Hospital's Heart Failure Program. Samuels received international recognition for performing the world's fifth AbioCor Implantable Artificial Heart surgery in November 2001.

Rosaire Verna, M.D., HU '87, has been appointed to the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Board of Physicians. The board is made up of 21 members appointed by the governor. Verna, who is a wound specialist at Memorial Hospital in Easton and an assistant professor of medicine at Georgetown University, will serve on the board's Case Resolution Committee.

'90s

Scott R. McGlynn, M.D., HU '97, has joined SouthCoast Medical Group, a physician-owned multi-specialty healthcare practice, as the practice expands its Department of Cardiology in Savannah, Ga. McGlynn is board certified in internal medicine, cardiology, and interventional cardiology.

Andrew Rudnick, M.D., MCPHU '99, a cardiac electrophysiologist, has joined the Department of Medicine/Cardiology in association with Hunterdon Cardiovascular Associates in Flemington, N.J.

'00s

Sophie McIntyre, M.D., MCPHU '00, has joined the community health center of Hudson River HealthCare in Monticello, N.Y. She also has full privileges at Orange Regional Medical Center in Middletown. McIntyre is board certified in family practice.

Michael J. Durkin, M.D., MCPHU '01, has joined The Heart Group PC, Allentown, Pa., an independent cardiology practice. Durkin is board certified in internal medicine and nuclear cardiology, and is eligible for certification in cardiovascular disease.

Albert Ko, M.D., '02, a plastic surgeon, has joined the ViVa Skin Care Center in Boston and Burlington, Mass. Ko performs blepharoplasty and SmartLipo laser lipolysis body sculpting.

John Fugate, M.D., '03, a pediatric critical/emergency care specialist, has been named medical director of the Memorial Hospital for Children, Colorado Springs, which opened in 2007 and is the first children's hospital in southern Colorado.

Gabriel Flaxman, M.D., '08, was accepted into the Santa Rosa Family Medicine Residency, which is affiliated with the University of California, San Francisco. Flaxman has worked with the Himalayan Health Exchange in India and the Toiyabe Indian Health Project, and as a coordinator for a domestic violence program.

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Former Fellows and Residents

David Cone, M.D., Resident, MCP, Emergency Medicine '94, has been named editor-in-chief of *Academic Emergency Medicine*. Dr. Cone is an associate professor of emergency medicine and public health at Yale University School of Medicine.

Deborah Petrowsky, M.D., FCCP, Fellow, HU, Pulmonary Disease/Critical Care '98, was named Vice President for Medical Affairs of Ikaria Holdings, Inc., a critical care biotherapeutics company. She was previously worldwide Medical Director, Medical Affairs at Pfizer in New York. Dr. Petrowsky is board certified in internal medicine, pulmonary disease and critical care.

Benjamin A. Youdelman, M.D., Resident, Cardiothoracic Surgery 2004-07, has been appointed assistant professor of surgery, Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery, at Jefferson Medical College.

Looking for Class Representatives for Alumni Weekend May 1 & 2, 2009

It's not too early to begin to plan for your class reunion! If your year of graduation ends in 4 or 9 come back and celebrate with your classmates on May 1 & 2, 2009. We are looking for Class Representatives to help contact classmates and have a great turnout for your reunion! It is an easy job! If you are interested please contact the Alumni Office at: **866-373-9633**.



In Memoriam:

Shirley R. Rashkis, M.D., WMC '62, March 25, 2008

Demetrius S. Saris, M.D., HU '50, April 15, 2008

Estelle Siker, M.D., WMC '43, June 29, 2008

Genevieve M. Tirrell, M.D., WMC '50, July 11, 2008

Rita A. Mariotti, M.D., WMC '57, passed away on August 26, at the age of 78. The cause was lymphoma. Mariotti opened a private practice in family medicine in Woodbury Heights in 1960. The *Philadelphia Inquirer* quotes her longtime friend Brigit Venable as saying Mariotti "drove a white motorcycle and wore a white helmet when she made house calls." Mariotti also opened a restaurant in her home. Before she retired in 1995, she was the volunteer staff pediatrician in Nicaragua for Operation Smile, a U.S. group that treats children born with cleft palates. Mariotti is survived by a brother, Henry, and several nieces and nephews.

Lawrence David Phillips, M.D., HU '64, of Sarasota, Fla., passed away on July 28. The former resident of Cherry Hill, N.J.,

was 68. A well-known gastroenterologist, Phillips was a professor of medicine at Jefferson Medical College, where he completed his residency and fellowship, and at the University of South Florida in Tampa. He is survived by his wife, Dana; daughters and son-in-law Amy and Matthew Spragins, Debra and Jill; and two granddaughters, Erin Spragins and Reiley Fox. He was preceded in death by his daughter Randi Phillips.

Eva Reich, M.D., WMC '48, died August 10 at her home in Hancock, Maine. She was 84. A native of Vienna, Reich moved to the United States in 1938. She and her then husband, William Moise, an artist, moved to Hancock in 1952, where she set up a rural practice. Reich focused on the emotional health of infants and developed a gentle touch treatment for upset babies called "butterfly baby massage." After she divorced in 1974, Reich traveled to 30 countries to lecture about her work and the work of her father, the psychiatrist Wilhelm Reich. Reich's survivors include a daughter, Renata Moise of Hancock.

Please note: The NewsPager publishes brief obituaries, space permitting, when information is made available by the family or a media service.

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MLAS Students and Staff Win Awards

Drexel University College of Medicine students and staff were big winners at the annual awards dinner of the Delaware Valley Branch of the American Association of Laboratory Animal Science (AALAS) on September 10. The branch includes members from more than 50 research institutions in the eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware region.

Three second-year Master of Laboratory Animal Science (MLAS) students won J. J. Noonan Scholarships of \$1,000 each: Ashley Thurm, Ashley Van Kurin, and Nicole Waltemire.

Julia Krout, a 2nd-year MLAS student and research tech for Dr. Elizabeth Blankenhorn, won the Technician Author Support Program award and a free trip to attend the National AALAS meeting in November in Indianapolis.

Janet Schulenberg, senior veterinary technician, University Laboratory Animal Resources, won the Animal Specialties and Provisions Technical Services Award.



Janet Schulenberg (left) receives award from Deb Benner of Animal Specialties and Provisions



Julia Krout (left) receives award from Denise DiFrancesco, awards committee chair

Latest Capsule Endoscopy...continued



Dr. Kroser

In rare cases – about 1 percent – the PillCam may be retained due to an obstruction or narrowing, which may in itself be an indication of a problem area. In those cases, surgery or endoscopic removal of the capsule may be required.

Other potential concerns include patients with GI tract transit issues, such as diabetics, who typically have delayed stomach emptying, and patients with hypothyroidism or

swallowing disorders. Kroser notes that those patients might benefit from taking medication to make the capsule travel more quickly through the system, but this is still under discussion.

However, even people who cannot swallow because of a stricture or motility issue in the esophagus can have the test. The physician can place the capsule endoscopically in the small intestine.

Capsule endoscopy can be a vital tool in the diagnosis of conditions like Crohn's disease, celiac disease, benign and cancerous tumors, and ulcerative colitis, as well as other GI disorders.



Normal small bowel



Small bowel bleeding

Perhaps most significant is the clinical impact of capsule endoscopy on patient management. A prospective study published this year in *Clinical Gastroenterology and Hepatology* (6:433-437) concluded that physicians who requested capsule endoscopy changed their diagnostic strategy in the majority of those cases based on the CE findings, often to a less complex approach or one with less associated risk. Whether or not changes in patient management will result in successful long-term outcomes is still being studied.

"Capsule endoscopy is better in head-to-head comparisons than radiographic studies," Kroser says.

First-Years Receive White Coats



ONGOING

Drexel Medicine® Physician Refresher/Re-Entry Course

OCTOBER

Oct 26

15th Annual Management of Heart Disease – Cardiology Update 2008

Hyatt Regency Philadelphia at Penn's Landing
7:45 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Contact: Lesa Green – 215-389-2300

NOVEMBER

Nov 12 – 14

25th Annual Conference: A Quarter Century of Awareness: Assessment, Treatment and Policy Advances

Sheraton Fallsview, Hotel & Conference Centre
Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada

Contact: Anna Auch – 215-831-4773

DECEMBER

Dec 6

Annual Day of Trauma

The Union League of Philadelphia
7:45 a.m. – 4:10 p.m.

Contact: Jennifer Sumter – 215-762-2580

FEBRUARY

Feb 4 – 7

A Multi-Disciplinary Update in Clinical Medicine/Surgery for the Practicing Physician

Presented by Drexel University College of Medicine
Silvertree Hotel & Conference Center
Snowmass Village, Colorado

Contact: Jennifer Sumter – 215-762-2580

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A glimpse of the standardized patient evaluation room used by the Drexel University College of Medicine Physician Refresher/Re-Entry Course.

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- **Career Watch:** How to put a more positive spin on the annual performance review. See page 4
- **Skipjack Project—Issues in Contemporary Medical Education:** Financial issues are one of the major problems faced by new physicians. See page 7

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The September 2008 Academic Physician & Scientist features the College of Medicine's Physician Refresher/Re-Entry Course on its cover. The in-depth story links our heritage to the initial impetus for offering re-entry courses and explains how that evolved into our current program. You can read the article online at www.acphysci.com/aps/app.

Director of Executive Leadership Programs...continued

Throughout her career, she has been actively involved in improving instruction, evaluation, and faculty development in medical education. She is an ELAM alumna.

At the AAMC, Magrane was responsible for a variety of faculty development programs, including Women in Medicine, TeamWorks, and the Executive Development Seminars for Chairs and Associate Deans. In addition, she is the founding editor of *Faculty Vitae*, an online professional development publication for medical faculty.

A leader in women's health education and in curriculum design, Magrane is a founding member of the Alliance for Clinical Education, past chair of the Examination Committee of the Council for Resident Education in Obstetrics and Gynecology, and past president of the Association for Professors in Gynecology and Obstetrics (APGO). She is also chair of APGO's Women's

Health Education Committee, where she has led educational initiatives to advance the teaching of sex and gender variation across the continuum of physician education.

In appointing Magrane to the position at Drexel University College of Medicine, Dean Homan acknowledged the vision and hard work of ELAM founders Page Morahan, Ph.D., and Rosalyn Richman, who developed the groundbreaking and internationally acclaimed program in 1995.

Said Magrane, "I am particularly honored to take the baton for ELAM from Page Morahan and Roz Richman who have built an internationally recognized program in women's leadership."

Dr. Magrane joined the College of Medicine September 11 on a part-time basis to transition from her role at the AAMC. She will begin full-time on March 1, 2009.



Michael I. Greenberg, M.D., MPH, professor, Department of Emergency Medicine, was recently awarded the degree of Master of Science in Forensic Toxicology by the University of Florida. Dr. Greenberg is chief of the Division of Medical Toxicology and program director for the Medical Toxicology Fellowship Training Program at the College. He is also a professor in the Drexel University School of Public Health.

Submissions for Presentations & Publications and Grants & Kudos may now be emailed directly to NewsPager@drexelmed.edu. Please be sure to include all the relevant information, including full name, title, and department for any College of Medicine or University colleagues involved. For Presentations & Publications, please use the entries on page 4 of this issue as a model. Thank you.



Drs. Paul Curcillo and Stephanie King were featured in the cover story of the July edition of *M.D. News* for the revolutionary single port access (SPA™) surgery technique they have developed here at Drexel University College of Medicine.

Compliance Corner: The Electronic Medical Record and Appropriate Access



Edward G. Longazel
Chief Compliance
& Privacy Officer

The clinical departments are busy with the implementation of the electronic medical record (EMR). A key function of the EMR is the strict control of access to the medical record. Access to the system is assigned by role and job function. The HIPAA [Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act] Privacy and Security rules require auditing and monitoring of access to the EMR. The Privacy and Security Committee relies on the chief security officer to maintain a secure password-protected network and a secure EMR. The committee also relies on the privacy officer to perform ongoing audits of EMR access to ensure that access to the records is in keeping with our commitment to the confidentiality of our patients and strict compliance with HIPAA.

We have begun auditing and monitoring of EMR access to ensure that all EMR access is appropriate. It should be noted that the treating clinician must approve the patient's personal access to his or her own medical record in the EMR and that family members must provide specific permission from the patient to view his or her medical record. The review of personal and family medical records by College of Medicine employees is prohibited. Access to the EMR by College of Medicine employees must be for the purpose of treatment, payment or operations tasks during the performance of assigned duties. The viewing of any medical record out of the context of assigned duties relating to treatment, payment or operations is prohibited.

Questions? Call any time to ask a question, schedule training or request development of new training to address any important privacy, coding, or documentation issues that arise. Contact the chief compliance and privacy officer at **215-255-7819**.

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Bulletins:

University Up in 'Best Colleges,' Sixth in 'Up-and-Coming' List

Drexel University ranked 89th in the 2009 *U.S. News & World Report* rankings of "America's Best Colleges." This marks a significant jump from last year into the top 100 and is the University's highest ranking ever. Drexel also topped the publication's newly created list of the nation's top "up-and-coming schools," ranking sixth out of only 20 universities that made the exclusive list. Factors that *U.S. News* notes contributed to the school's progress include increased graduation rate, smaller classes, and improved test scores for freshmen.

Pediatric Dental Health Symposium Being Held Oct. 2

Please join the St. Christopher's Hospital Foundation for Children and the Philadelphia Department of Public Health on Thursday, Oct. 2 for the Philadelphia Pediatric Dental Health Symposium: A Critical Dialogue on the Disparity of Access to Dental Health Services. This dynamic discussion of the current state of pediatric dental health will focus on awareness, prevention, early intervention, education and treatment of dental disease in children. For more information on this free event, visit www.scfchildren.org.

Autism Underdiagnosed in Girls?

A British study presented at a Royal College of Psychiatrists meeting suggests that autism may be underdiagnosed among girls because they show fewer or different symptoms than do boys, reports the BBC. The researchers, who have not yet published their findings, said that the children in the study, mostly patients at the Social and Communication Disorders Clinic in London, were high-functioning and did not have classic autism. Obsessional interests in the girls tended to focus on people and relationships. "These interests were more likely to be acceptable to their parents, and therefore tended not to be reported to doctors," notes the BBC article.

Calendar:

September

Sep 28 "Walk 2 Miles in My Shoes for RSD"
Raises funds for work of Dr. Robert Schwartzman
McDade Park, Scranton, Pa., 1 p.m.
Contact: sheila.urban@drexelmed.edu

October

Oct 15 **Discovery 2008**
The College of Medicine's annual research day
Contact: Angelo Milone, 215-991-8403 or amilone@drexelmed.edu

Oct 22 **Conversation About Women's Health and Aging**
Presented by the Institute for Women's Health and Leadership
Philadelphia Senior Center
Contact: 215-255-7381 or mmcvail@drexelmed.edu

Oct 29 **New Faculty Reception**
Ritz Carlton, Grand Ballroom, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Contact: Arlene Padolina, 215-762-2500

November

Nov 10 **Conversation About Women's Health**
Presented by the Institute for Women's Health and Leadership
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Nov 27 Thanksgiving

December *Safe Toys & Gifts Month*

January *National Blood Donor Month*

February *American Heart Month*

Feb 3 **Sex & Gender Research Forum**
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March *National Kidney Month*

Mar 19 **Match Day**

April *National Autism Awareness Month*

Apr 20 **Marion Spencer Fay Award**
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Apr 27 **Woman One Award Ceremony**
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