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BROWN, PROVIDENCE & NEW ENGLAND ........back cover
Over the past ten years, the Department of Medicine at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University has had a remarkable record of success in its clinical, educational, and research activities. Since the last biannual report (2005), many faculty have joined the department, new clinical programs have been added, and the research profile has continued to grow.

A priority of the Department has been its primary care and hospitalists’ programs. Dr. Frank Basile has spearheaded a unique program at our new primary care site on Governor Street. Using a national model of a “Medical Home”, he has brought together a variety of sub-specialists including cardiologists, gastroenterologists, orthopedic surgeons, general surgeons, physical therapists, and psychologists to practice side by side with primary care internists. This ‘one stop shopping’ provides not only convenience (and easy parking) for patients but outstanding continuity of care from general internal medicine to subspecialty care. Dr. Basile and his group plan to reproduce this model in other sites in Rhode Island.

Hospitalist medicine has become increasingly important for the care of our patients, for the education of students and residents, and for high quality care for our patients. Drs. Sajeev Handa at Rhode Island Hospital and Kwame Daapah at The Miriam Hospital have expanded their programs and instituted innovative educational programs for our residents. Physicians in these divisions will also be responsible for quality initiatives in the future at both institutions. Similar but smaller programs have developed at both the VA and Memorial Hospital.

Clinical programs have also grown at both the VA and Memorial hospital. Dr. Tom O’Toole was recruited to head the outpatient programs at the VA. He is developing exciting approaches to the care of our veterans in league with many of the faculty from other institutions including those from our geriatrics and general internal medicine divisions. Other groups have expanded at the VA including Cardiology, Nephrology, Infectious Diseases, and Pulmonary. Research has also grown rapidly there under the leadership of Dr. Satish Sharma and more recently Dr. Sharon Rounds. Similarly, the faculty at Memorial Hospital has been reinvigorated by the energetic leadership of Dr. Amy Artenstein. The educational and research programs have grown rapidly. I have the privilege of taking morning report at the VA and Memorial on a monthly basis and can attest to the new energy and excitement at both institutions.

Our faculty teaches in all four years of the medical school and has recently taken over teaching many of the basic sciences as well as pathophysiology, the third year clerkships and the majority of the fourth year requirements and electives. The $100 million gift by Warren Alpert will help fund our educational efforts for students as well as move the medical school to the Rhode Island Hospital campus.

Research in the Department has more than quadrupled over the past 10 years, approaching $40 million annually and $250 million total. Approximately eighty five percent of grants are from federal sources. Of particular note are the multiple investigators in the Infectious Diseases Division, which has the largest research profile, the outstanding basic and translational research in gastroenterology and cardiology, and exciting new research in oncology, nephrology, and endocrinology.

Over the previous decade the Department has grown remarkably without losing its quality and unique culture. The leadership including the Division Chiefs, program directors, and hospital chiefs has matured into a highly effective group of academic leaders known nationally and in many cases internationally. It is very satisfying to have the privilege of being Chairman of such an outstanding group of faculty, trainees and staff.
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In April 2006, the position of Vice Chairman for Research and Academic Affairs was created and Lance D. Dworkin, M.D. was appointed to fill that role. The Vice Chair is directly involved or responsible for a number of key aspects of the Department’s Academic Mission. He meets frequently with the Chairman to discuss diverse Departmental issues and serves as a key advisor to the Chair. He oversees the appointment and promotions process, reviewing candidates for appointment or promotion with Dr. Wing and serving on the Department Promotions committee. He meets frequently with faculty and division directors, advising faculty on the promotions process, on academic achievement, career goals and choices. He also oversees mentoring of junior faculty, chairs the mentoring committee, facilitates pairing of junior faculty with more senior mentors, and helps to resolve issues between mentors and mentees. He facilitates communications between the Medical School Administration and the Department. Regarding research, The Vice-Chair acts as an interface between the Department and the Lifespan administration on diverse topics related to research, including grants administration and management, compliance, and time and effort reporting. He meets with Division Directors and key investigators to discuss the research mission. He coordinates the annual Department of Medicine Research Forum.

Accomplishments since the creation of this position include:

1) The development of Department of Medicine Standards for Appointment and Promotions that expand upon and help to clarify the Brown Medical School faculty rules on this issue.

2) Establishing a new mentoring program for junior faculty in the Department, including a Department Mentoring Guide, tools for matching faculty with mentors and evaluating academic progress, and the pairing of a number of junior faculty with more senior mentors.

3) Participating in the revision of the Alpert Medical School of Brown University faculty rules for appointments and promotions and chairing the subcommittee that drafted new language for promotion in the Research Scholar Track.

4) Meeting with a significant number of department faculty and recruits to discuss issues relating to academic advancement.

5) Conducting a review of Department experience with grants administration and presenting these data to Lifespan senior administration.

6) Participating in the revision of the Lifespan policy for time and effort reporting and meeting with division directors and research faculty to clarify these policies.

7) Successful conduct of the 2007 Department of Medicine Research Forum.

Goals and projects for the coming year include:

1) Expanding the mentoring program and developing an interactive mentoring page for faculty on the Department of Medicine website.

2) Participating in the development of joint Department/Lifespan compliance programs in Research and Education.

3) Revising and expanding the Departmental Promotions Guidelines to incorporate expected changes in the Brown faculty rules.

4) Planning and chairing the 2008 Research Forum.

5) Participating in strategic planning for expanding research in the Department, particularly translational research.
As Vice Chairman of the Department of Medicine, Dr. Fred Schiffman assumes several roles. He works closely with Dr. Edward Wing running the day-to-day clinical activities of the Department of Medicine at The Miriam Hospital. The educational, clinical and administrative programs of the Brown University Department of Medicine at The Miriam Hospital are Dr. Schiffman’s direct responsibility. He is especially involved with the education of medical students and residents and the continuing education of office-based and hospital-based faculty. He works together with the medical chief residents to organize and run formal and informal teaching activities. Additionally, quality assurance and improvement programs for the Department of Medicine at The Miriam Hospital are an important part of this position. He is involved in planning Medical Grand Rounds and co-leads the Committee on Clinical Appointments and Promotions. He is also the Medical Director of the Lifespan Comprehensive Cancer Center.

The department is especially pleased about the new Baxt Pavilion which holds very pleasant and functional conference space, state-of-the-art radiology equipment and the finest operating rooms available. Thirty-six additional patient beds occupy the third floor with beautiful and highly functional patient rooms and family and nursing areas.

The Miriam’s clinical services are populated by patients who have a very high “case mix index” reflecting serious multi-system disease. The majority of these challenging patients are ministered to by house staff and attending physicians on the wards and in the Critical Care Unit. Hospitalists work closely with medical residents, and side-by-side make diagnostic and therapeutic choices. Attending rounds are conducted by full-time and office-based practitioners; many of whom have won Department of Medicine Teaching Awards. Nursing care is on a high plane, and The Miriam Hospital boasts winning the Magnet Award for Nursing (a four year award) three times (1998, 2002, 2006).

Academic, full time groups admit approximately 35% of patients to The Miriam Hospital and also lead and participate in several research projects. The Infectious Diseases Division is especially active here. The Center for AIDS Research Grant for the federal government is led by Dr. Charles C.J. Carpenter and has been renewed an unprecedented 3 times, and also participate in the AIDS Clinical Trials Group (ACTG). Most of the other members of this division are actively engaged in projects of their own.

Many of the Department of Medicine’s international programs have been spearheaded by Miriam Hospital physicians and students while residents and attending physicians benefit from these relationships. The Cardiology Division boasts about being a 5 time Solucient Award winner and its members are actively involved with teaching and research as well as expert clinical care. The Hematology/Oncology Division has an extraordinarily active clinical program. Its members lead or participate in a large number of research projects. For example, Dr. Howard Safran is an international expert in upper GI malignancies and chairs medical oncology for the Radiation Therapy Oncology Group. (RTOG)

Wednesday morning’s Morbidity and Mortality Conference is regarded as a premier teaching and quality assurance and improvement vehicle. It is attended by the entire medical staff; as many of the interesting patients presented are further described in medical publications.

Department of Medicine faculty work closely with the surgical faculty and over the last two years, have begun a highly popular and educational combined medical/surgical teaching rounds. This is conducted by medical and surgical attending physician leaders and participated in by medical students and house staff.

The Miriam Hospital has always aspired to take its place among the best academic community hospitals in the country. Its reputation will be secure as we continue to be mindful of the imperatives of superb patient care and a meaningful academic vision.
CHAIRMAN’S ASSOCIATES

As chief of the Department of Medicine at Memorial Hospital of R.I., Dr. Andrew Artenstein presides over the academic activities of the full-time faculty members based there. The Department of Medicine at Memorial Hospital of RI currently has full-time faculty members in six subspecialty divisions: general internal medicine, infectious diseases, pulmonary-critical care, hematology-oncology, endocrinology, and cardiology. The Department also includes numerous community-based, clinical faculty, including a large cadre of primary care internists. The close collaboration of academic and community-based clinical faculty members brings a rich perspective to the Department at Memorial and provides valuable educational experiences for medical students, residents, and fellows and ensures a fertile environment for academic, community-based research investigations.

The Department of Medicine has a tripartite mission of cutting-edge, community-based research, outstanding medical education, and excellent clinical services to our community. Multiple faculty members are engaged in funded research in a variety of areas such as cancer screening, health disparities, women’s health, incarcerated populations, nursing home infections, resistant pathogens, biomedical engineering solutions to diagnostic dilemmas, sepsis, bioterrorism, influenza, and other emerging infectious threats. Much of this work is of a collaborative nature with colleagues at Brown and other academic centers. This occurs through individual investigator relationships and through collaborative work performed at the Center for Biodefense and Emerging Pathogens at Memorial or through the Brown Center for Primary Care and Prevention located on the hospital campus. Our community, rich in diversity, has been a traditional strength of the Department of Medicine at Memorial and Brown. This continues to be a source of enrichment for basic and clinical research, community and public health, and clinical education. Scholarly activities extend to other arenas; Memorial faculty members edit medical journals, serve on journal editorial advisory boards, direct initiatives of their subspecialty societies, edit textbooks of medicine, and develop curricula for medical education.

From a teaching standpoint, the Department of Medicine at Memorial is committed to excellence in medical education, as evidenced by the fact that numerous academic faculty have been recognized with Chairman’s Awards for outstanding teaching and numerous clinical faculty have been recognized with teaching excellence awards from Brown. Memorial is home to a Brown-affiliated residency program in internal medicine and is the sole site for the Brown residency program in family medicine. The full-time faculty members in the Department are charged with the mission of providing a valuable educational experience for students, residents, and fellows in an atmosphere that fosters mentorship by senior level faculty in all clinical arenas. The Department has embarked on a series of recent initiatives: a curriculum in professionalism; a program in professional development for faculty members; the implementation of a “firm” system to optimize continuity of care; a monthly faculty exchange with senior faculty from Rhode Island Hospital; the establishment of a visiting professor series; and the development of a joint elective rotation in cardiovascular medicine with the V.A Medical Center to enhance resident exposure to cutting edge diagnostic techniques.
Dominick Tammaro was appointed as Associate Chief of Clinical Affairs in March 2006 and in addition serves in a key position as Associate Residency Director for the Department of Medicine. In his role as Associate Chief, Dr. Tammaro is responsible for inpatient clinical programs in the Department of Medicine. He is responsible for the day-to-day clinical operations in the Department of Medicine at Rhode Island Hospital and oversees the educational, clinical, and administrative aspects of these programs. Dr. Tammaro serves as the Department of Medicine’s liaison with the Departments of Nursing and Laboratory Medicine as well as other clinical departments, such as Emergency Medicine, Neurology, Surgery, etc. In his role as Associate Residency Director, Dr. Tammaro is actively involved in the development of educational programs, faculty recruitment, and the coordination of medical clinical services. Dr. Tammaro also serves as the Director of the General Medicine Inpatient Consultation Service, providing medical consultation and support for patients on services outside the Department of Medicine.

The last two academic years have been marked by growth and development in both the clinical and educational aspect of the Department of Medicine’s missions. The Internal Medicine residency programs have continued to thrive and to adapt in the changing health care environment. For example, a steady increase in admission volume to the Department of Medicine has lead to further expansion of the hospitalist groups at both Rhode Island Hospital and the Miriam Hospital in an effort to maintain a ceiling on house staff admissions in compliance with ACGME guidelines. A partnership between the Department of Medicine and both the Rhode Island and Miriam Hospitals has been key in managing this growth successfully.

A new inpatient ward design at Rhode Island Hospital has enjoyed its first full year of operation during the 2006–07 academic year, and has successfully integrated several of our major subspecialty divisions into the core teaching and supervision activities in the Department of Medicine at Rhode Island Hospital. Faculty and fellows in Hematology/Oncology, Nephrology, and Geriatrics work closely with medical house staff in the care of patients, both at the bedside, the conference room, and the lab. The coming academic year will see a growth in the participation of our primary care division in the teaching and supervision of house staff on the General Medicine wards.

The last five years have also seen a growth in the interest in fellowship applications by our residents. That growth and interest has paralleled by great success as these same residents match at some of the best fellowships in the country for subspecialty training. It is apparent that the talent and abilities of our graduates have lead to greater opportunity in the subspecialties at major academic centers. Our graduates continue to achieve leadership roles in medical education as well. At the 2007 Fall Association of Program Directors in Internal Medicine Meeting, six of our recent graduates attended the meeting in their new roles as Associate Residency Directors at various outstanding academic institutions around the country.

While looking ahead to the future, a large-scale renovation and modernization of the Jane Brown Building, where most of the Internal Medicine teaching service patients are located, is anticipated. The department is also in the process of phasing in a reduction in the number of critical care rotations in which medicine house staff participated. Our evaluation system has adapted to incorporate new electronic technology as well as to integrate the six ACGME core competencies, which will over the next two to three years become incorporated in faculty credentialing as well as the evaluation of house staff.

Just as the last several years have seen growth and success in the Internal Medicine residency programs in our department, the next several years appear to hold the same promise with major improvements in both the physical plant as well as the flexibility to care for a growing population of patients who represent an extraordinary diversity of ethnic background, socioeconomic status and disease spectrum.
The Cardiology Division provides services at Rhode Island (RIH), Miriam (TMH), and the Veterans Administration Hospitals (VAH). All components have continued to grow in both clinical and research activity over the past two years. In addition to local growth, members of the Division hold key leadership positions on the national and international level. David Williams leads the NHLBI-funded Dynamic Registry. Athena Poppas Chairs the Women in Cardiology Committee of the American College of Cardiology (ACC) and served as the Governor of the RI Chapter of the ACC. Dr. Poppas also serves on the Program Committee for the 2008 Annual Scientific Sessions of the American Society of Echocardiography. James Arrighi is on the Program Committee of the ACC Annual Scientific Session, while Brian Abbott chairs the Organizing Committee for the American Society of Nuclear Cardiology Annual Scientific Sessions. Alfred Buxton chaired both the Joint American Heart Association (AHA)/ACC and Heart Rhythm Society (HRS) Committee on Electrophysiology Data Standards, as well as the joint ACC/HRS Committee to compose the database for the National ICD Registry. Drs. Buxton and Williams have both served over this period on the American Board of Internal Medicine Test Writing Committees for Electrophysiology and Interventional Cardiology, respectively.

The cardiology fellowship program continues to recruit outstanding candidates from major residency programs throughout the country. The core fellowship program includes 6 trainees per year for a minimum of three years. The first 2 years are dedicated to mastering the core aspects of clinical cardiology, and are comprised of required rotations in each of the major disciplines of cardiology (consultative and diagnostic cardiology, noninvasive imaging, heart failure, electrophysiology, and catheterization). The third year is tailored to the individual’s career goals. ACGME-accredited programs in interventional cardiology and clinical cardiac electrophysiology are offered as well. Participation of fellows in a research experience within the Division and Department is expected, and provides a foundation of ongoing scholarship and critical thinking that is required for any career in medicine.

Over the past 2 years, several initiatives have focused on improving education and/or patient care. We initiated a new fellows’ Cardiology Clinic in APC5. This clinic rapidly has reached capacity. In addition to its educational role, this clinic has a major role in delivering cardiology services to the underserved and needy population of Rhode Island.

We initiated a new competency-based curriculum, and plan to have all documents on the web, available to faculty and fellows. Finally, we have integrated training in the “newer” cardiac imaging modalities, such as CT and MRI, into the curriculum of the program. In addition, training in peripheral vascular disease diagnosis and treatment is now available at both Rhode Island and Miriam Hospitals.

The Cardiac Arrhythmia Program and Clinical Electrophysiology Laboratory continued to see growth in clinical activity. The program in ablation for atrial fibrillation has shown remarkable growth, aided by the acquisition of state-of-the-art three dimensional mapping systems that facilitate precise localization of foci of arrhythmia. The arrhythmia group added Lilian Joventino, M.D. to its roster. Dr. Joventino received her medical training at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, and her cardiology and electrophysiology training at Beth Israel-Deaconess Medical Center (Boston). Dr. Joventino initiated a new prospective registry seeking to improve early detection of cardiac sarcoidosis using MRI scans, in conjunction with Drs. Michael Atalay (Diagnostic Imaging) and James Myers (Pulmonary). This study is supported by a local seed grant. Other initiatives undertaken by the EP lab include an original investigation aimed at improving our understanding of the structure-function relationships that result in...
ventricular tachycardia after myocardial infarction. Several studies evaluating optimal use of cardiac resynchronization therapy (bi-ventricular pacing) are underway, led by Dr. Kristin Ellison. Dr. Malcolm Kirk is investigating electrophysiologic characteristics of genetically modified rabbits with long QT syndrome, in conjunction with Dr. Gideon Koren. Dr. Kirk recently performed the first percutaneous epicardial mapping procedure for ventricular tachycardia in the clinical EP lab.

The cardiac catheterization lab at RIH, under the direction of Dr. David Williams focused major efforts over the past year on improving the program of primary intervention for patients with acute myocardial infarction. A multidisciplinary task force in conjunction with the Emergency Department was convened to address ways to reduce the door-to-balloon time for patients with acute MI. Procedural alterations set in motion by the task force resulted in incremental reductions in door-to-balloon time. This team received the Fain Award for its accomplishments. For the current fiscal year, compliance with the 90 minute standard has been 92% which places Rhode Island Hospital in the top tenth percentile nationally. A major achievement was opening a new catheterization laboratory within the Emergency Department. Located on “trauma alley,” this unique lab is open 24 hours daily. It enables unprecedented immediate access and availability for patients with acute myocardial infarction presenting directly to our ED or as transfers from other hospitals. Other areas of growth include the relatively new programs of endovascular therapy and closure of intracardiac defects (PFO and ASD). Expanding interventions for patients with peripheral arterial disease are taking place under the direction of Dr. J. Dawn Abbott and Dr. Williams. Dr. Barry Sharaf continues to run an active quantitative angiography analysis program that serves as a core lab for a number of multicenter national studies, including the NHLBI-sponsored Women’s Ischemic Syndrome Evaluation (WISE) and a study of aldosterone blockade in women with chest pain and coronary vascular dysfunction.

The Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory at TMH continues to perform a large volume of diagnostic and interventional coronary procedures as well as an active program in Acute MI interventions. Dr. Paul Gordon, the lab Director, also has a growing experience with non-coronary procedures including balloon aortic valvuloplasty and intracardiac defect closure devices. He is currently working in conjunction with the neurologists in the Escape Migraine Trial, a national randomized trial of PFO closure in patients with frequent migraine headaches and aura. The lab participates in a number of other multicenter interventional research activities.

A multi-disciplinary Division of Peripheral Vascular Interventions has been developed at TMH under the leadership of Dr. Kenneth S. Korr. This new Division includes representatives from Vascular Surgery, Vascular Interventional Radiology and Interventional Cardiology. A weekly Vascular Interventional Conference reviews cases within a multi-disciplinary format. A common database including QA/QI information is being developed for the different vascular interventional areas. TMH has been designated by CMS as a Center for Carotid Interventions and will participate in the NCDR/ACC Carotid Stent National Database.

Dr. Immad Sadiq joined the TMH fulltime faculty in August 2005 with a primary focus on interventional cardiology with special focus on peripheral vascular disease. Dr. Sadiq received his medical and cardiology training at St. Vincent’s Hospital (Worcester, MA), followed by an interventional fellowship at Hartford Hospital. He then completed a peripheral interventional and non-invasive vascular medicine fellowship at St. Elizabeth’s Hospital (Boston). He has acquired extensive experience performing carotid and peripheral vascular interventions in the TMH Cardiac Cath lab, and is involved in several carotid stent registries. Working in conjunction with the cardiothoracic surgeons, he has been performing aortic stent graft procedures for patients with abdominal aortic aneurysms.

Dr. Sadiq has also initiated a Takotsubo Cardiomyopathy Registry based upon combined data from both the TMH and RIH cath labs. This registry represents one of the largest Takotsubo databases nationally. The study group, which includes major efforts by two of our clinical cardiology fellows, Drs. Richard Regnante and Russell Linsky, plans an additional trial using intravascular ultrasound (IVUS) to evaluate the frequency of mild plaque rupture in this patient population.

The RIH nuclear cardiology laboratory is under the direction of Dr. James Arrighi. The laboratory performs over 2500 SPECT studies per year, utilizing the most state-of-the-art techniques. All scans are performed using a unique technology, called attenuation-correction, which helps to improve the accuracy of studies and reduce the chance of falsely abnormal studies. The laboratory maintains a database, and is actively involved in clinical research. Over the past year, there have been two major clinical initiatives in nuclear cardiology. The first initiative has been in providing stress testing and imaging services to the new Chest Pain Unit in the Emergency Department. In collaboration with the Emergency Department staff, we have developed protocols to provide stress imaging services in the most efficient manner, 6 days per week. The second initiative has been in cardiac positron emission tomography (PET). After the installation of a new PET camera, which included
cardiac software, we now provide myocardial viability studies in patients with severe coronary disease and left ventricular dysfunction. We plan to eventually offer rest/stress PET as well. The laboratory also is involved in clinical research projects in several areas. A multicenter trial using a new imaging agent called MIBG, for assessing sympathetic innervation of the heart, was recently completed. We recently obtained approval and are about to start another trial using BMIPP, a fatty acid analog, which is used to assess myocardial metabolism and will be evaluated in patients presenting with chest pain. We completed analysis of a pilot study using FDG, a glucose analog, for imaging ischemia.

At TMH, Nuclear Cardiology, under the direction of Dr. Peter Tilkemeier, in addition to providing inpatient and outpatient testing, is participating in the development and clinical evaluation of new stress testing agents and image acquisition modalities that will significantly decrease the time needed to acquire images. Other research includes the evaluation of the new clinical appropriateness guidelines and their application in a hospital compared to outpatient setting, and providing this information to the writing committee for inclusion in the upcoming revision to this document.

The echocardiography laboratory at RIH, under the direction of Dr. Athena Poppas, continues to grow in breadth and depth in both the clinical and research arenas. The laboratory performs over 8000 transthoracic, 500 transesophageal and 500 stress echo studies each year. The laboratory has 8 state-of-the-art echocardiography carts, two dedicated stress echo rooms and one for transesophageal procedures; the lab is completely digital, with all reports being immediately available on line. The laboratory works closely with interventional cardiology for collaborative procedures in the catheterization laboratory and with cardiac anesthesia for intra-operative transesophageal studies. The echocardiography laboratory is involved in a number of research projects. An echocardiography core laboratory has supervised multicenter trials such as PLAATO trial in atrial fibrillation. Dr. Poppas continues to be a co-investigator in RO1 grants studying the cardiac and vascular relationship with echocardiography to neurocognitive structural and functional changes in the elderly. Clinical research includes investigations into echocardiographic predictors of the efficacy of biventricular pacing, dobutamine echo and viability, perioperative predictors of successful mitral valve repair and gender differences in aortic stiffness in the elderly. Animal research includes echocardiographic evaluation of swine models of chronic ischemia, mouse models of hypertrophic response to pressure overload, and rabbit models of electrical instability and sudden cardiac death.

The Heart Failure Program continues to develop increasing levels of clinical activity. The program actively participates in a number of multicenter clinical trials. Pre-transplant evaluations and post transplant care occupy significant resources, including performance of endomyocardial biopsies. The program recently marked its 28th successful transplant recipient. Of note, there has been only one transplant patient death in seven years among our patients. The program recently completed its 300th cardiopulmonary exercise test.

The adult congenital heart disease clinic meets three times monthly and is composed of Drs. Philip Stockwell, Thomas Drew, and Robert Corwin of the pediatric cardiology division. The clinic continues to grow as patients transition from the care of their pediatric cardiologist during their late teenage years or early twenties. We offer on site echocardiography and have benefited greatly from the assistance of Dr. Michael Atalay of Diagnostic Imaging, who interprets the MRI studies of these complex patients. In addition, the service has been developing ties with regional centers when specialized procedures become necessary.

The Center for Cardiac Fitness at the Miriam Hospital, under the direction of Dr. Peter Tilkemeier and Loren Stabile, continues to grow since opening three years ago. The last two years have seen increasing numbers of patients served with more that 20,000 annual patient visits in a variety of programs including cardiac rehabilitation and maintenance, pulmonary rehabilitation and maintenance, peripheral vascular rehabilitation and bariatric surgery rehabilitation. The Center is the only such entity in the state that has maintained certification from the American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation for the last 9 years, and benefits from close collaboration with the behavioral medicine and nutritional service departments. The Center is currently participating in five collaborative research trials, three with NIH funding, evaluating the best ways to maintain healthy lifestyle changes and the best way to treat patients with peripheral vascular disease. Collaboration is ongoing with Brown University in the development of new tools, software and models for the delivery of cardiac rehabilitation services in non-traditional settings.

At the VA Medical Center the major areas of clinical focus in the Cardiology Division remain preventive cardiology and cardiovascular imaging. Under the direction of Dr. Satish Sharma, and in close collaboration with the diagnostic imaging department, the Cardiology Division has an active imaging program with state-of-the-art SPECT camera, 3-D ECHO, cardiac MRI, and a soon-to-be-installed 64-slice CT scanner with cardiovascular imaging capabilities. Drs. Hank Wu and Gaurav Choudhary are actively
involved with the Preventive Cardiology program, which consists of multidisciplinary cardiovascular risk-reduction clinics. The Division is actively involved in teaching medical students, residents and fellows in these areas.

Cardiology research at the VA is currently focused on cardiac imaging, outcomes research, preventive cardiology as well as basic vascular biology. Ongoing imaging projects include a prospective study of multi-slice CT angiography in intermediate risk patients, endothelial function study in erectile dysfunction, and a CT and ECHO correlation study. Dr. Hank Wu is working in collaboration with the Target Research Enhancement Program at the Providence VAMC evaluating surgical blood transfusion practices and cardiovascular outcomes, and evaluating behavioral and pharmacological intervention practices in cardiovascular risk reduction. Dr. Gaurav Choudhary’s basic science research program is focused on endothelial cell biology in pulmonary arterial hypertension. His work is performed at the Vascular Research Laboratory at the Providence VAMC. In addition, the division is participating in a VA co-operative study evaluating the role of home INR monitoring in patients on anti-coagulation.

Gideon Koren, M.D., joined the faculty at Rhode Island Hospital 2 years ago to establish the new Cardiovascular Research Center (CVRC) in the Cardiology Division. CVRC investigators including Ulrike Mende, M.D. and Bum-Rak Choi, PhD have recently moved to new state-of-the-art laboratories located on the 5th floor of the Coro building. These investigators are currently studying the molecular mechanisms of cardiac arrhythmias, myocardial hypertrophy, and heart failure using genetically modified rabbit and mouse models. Through an inter-disciplinary effort, CVRC investigators are applying a broad spectrum of experimental approaches to identify changes in cardiac excitation and contraction, cell signaling and gene regulation that contribute to cardiac disease. These approaches include a newly established modern optical mapping laboratory capable of mapping arrhythmias ex vivo. In addition, the new CVRC facilities include laboratories for studies in single cells and in genetically modified animal models using cellular electrophysiology, heart cell physiology, biochemistry, molecular biology, genomics, and proteomics.

FACULTY MEMBERS

FULL-TIME FACULTY (Hospital or Foundation Based)

Brian G. Abbott, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor, Rhode Island Hospital
J. Dawn Abbott, M.D., Assistant Professor, Rhode Island Hospital

James Arrighi, M.D., Associate Professor, Rhode Island Hospital
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Douglas Burtt, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor, The Miriam Hospital
Alfred E. Buxton, M.D., Professor, Rhode Island Hospital and The Miriam Hospital
Gaurav Choudhary, M.D., Assistant Professor, VA Medical Center
Fredric Christian, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor, Rhode Island Hospital
Thomas Crain, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor, The Miriam Hospital
Thomas Drew, M.D., Clinical Associate Professor, Rhode Island Hospital
Kristin Ellison, M.D., Assistant Professor, Rhode Island and The Miriam Hospital
Michael Gilson, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor, Rhode Island Hospital
Paul Gordon, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor, The Miriam Hospital
Lilian Joventino, M.D., Assistant Professor, Rhode Island and The Miriam Hospital
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Malcolm Kirk, M.D., Assistant Professor, Rhode Island and The Miriam Hospital
Charles Koo, M.D., Assistant Professor, Rhode Island and Miriam Hospital
Gideon Koren, M.D., Professor, Rhode Island Hospital
Kenneth Korr, M.D., Director, Associate Professor, The Miriam Hospital
Daniel Levine, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor, Rhode Island Hospital
Gong Xin Liu, M.D., Assistant Professor, Rhode Island Hospital
George McKendall, M.D., Associate Professor, Rhode Island Hospital
Ulrike Mende, M.D., Associate Professor, Rhode Island Hospital
Albert Most, M.D., Professor, Rhode Island Hospital
Athena Poppas, M.D., Associate Professor, Rhode Island Hospital
Roger Raymond, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor, Rhode Island Hospital
Immad Sadiq, M.D., Assistant Professor, The Miriam Hospital
Barry Sharaf, M.D., Associate Professor, Rhode Island Hospital
Satish Sharma, M.D., Associate Professor, VA Medical Center
Philip Stockwell, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor, Rhode Island Hospital
Peter Tilkemeier, M.D., Associate Professor, The Miriam Hospital
Marilyn Weigner, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor, Rhode Island Hospital
Wen-Chih Wu, M.D., Assistant Professor, VA Medical Center

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Ara Sadanian, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor, The Miriam Hospital
Gisele Saliba, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor, The Miriam Hospital
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Franklin Schneider, M.D., Clinical Instructor, The Miriam Hospital
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Lynne Johnson, M.D., Adjunct Professor, Rhode Island Hospital
Harry Schwartz, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor, The Miriam Hospital
NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL HONORS AND RECOGNITION OF FACULTY

Brian G. Abbott, M.D.
- Board of Directors, American Society of Nuclear Cardiology.
- Chair, Annual Scientific Sessions Program Committee, American Society of Nuclear Cardiology, 2007–2008

Invited Presentations:

J. Dawn Abbott, M.D.

Invited Presentations:
- Yale School of Medicine, Interventional Cardiology Conference, “Lessons from Drug-Eluting Stent Registries”, May 9, 2007

James A. Arrighi, M.D.
- Board of Directors, American Society of Nuclear Cardiology
- Vice President, Certification Board of Nuclear Cardiology

Invited Presentations:
- “Physician Certification and Training in Nuclear Cardiology.” International Conference of Nuclear Cardiology, Prague, Czech Republic.

Alfred E. Buxton, M.D.
- Cardiostim. “Which Patients with an EF <40% Should Have EPS?” Nice, FR June 14, 2006
- Twenty-first Nordic Congress of Cardiology. “Prediction and Prevention of Sudden Cardiac Death in Chronic Heart Failure and LV Dysfunction” Oulu, FI, June 8, 2007

Gaurav Choudhary, M.D.
- Member: AHA NE Affiliate Peer Review (2007)
- Manuscript Reviewer: Nature Clinical Practice Cardiovascular Medicine, Atherosclerosis Thrombosis and Vascular Biology

Paul C. Gordon, M.D.
- Invited Presentations:
  - Rhode Island Chapter: American College of Cardiology. Update for Primary Care Physicians 9/2005: Carotid Artery Stenting

Charles H. Koo, M.D.
- Invited Presentations:
  - Electrophysiology Fellows’ Educational Symposium, Miami FL; Career Choices in Electrophysiology, April 2006
  - Cardiology Grand Rounds, Roger Williams Medical Center, Pawtucket RI; Update in Cardiac Device Therapies, February 2005

Gideon Koren, M.D.
- Invited Presentations:
  - PDZ domain containing proteins, Heart Rhythm Society, Boston, June 2006
  - Post-genomic approaches to cardiac arrhythmias, Tel Aviv, Israel October 2006
  - Animal Models of long QT syndrome, Nantes, France June, 2007

Ulrike Mende, M.D.
- Elected as Fellow of the American Heart Association (FAHA), Basic Cardiovascular Sciences

Invited Presentations:
- Regulators of G protein Signaling in the Heart at the National Cardiovascular Center, Osaka, Japan
- Heterotrimeric G Proteins and their Regulation by RGS Proteins in Cardiac Hypertrophy and Failure at the 17th Great Wall International Congress of Cardiology, Beijing, China

Immad Sadiq, M.D.
- Invited Presentations:
  - “Advances in Coronary Intervention”, Pakistan
  - “Endovascular Interventions for the Cardiologist”, Pakistan

Satish Sharma, M.D.
- Honored as Distinguished Physician by Rajasthan Medical College Alumni Association (2006)
Barry L. Sharaf, M.D.

Invited Presentations
- Optical Coherence Tomography: Core Curriculum. American College of Cardiology Anaheim, California. March 5, 2005
- Coronary Artery Imaging in the Cath Lab. Cardiology Grand Rounds, University of Florida, Gainesville April 20, 2006

Peter L. Tilkemeier, M.D.
- Fellow, American Society of Nuclear Cardiology, 2006
- Member, Quality in Imaging Summit, American College of Cardiology Foundation 2007

David O. Williams, M.D.
- Milton Hamolsky Outstanding Physician Award, 2007
- Barnet Fain Award—Champion of the Rhode Island Hospital Door-to-Balloon Taskforce
- Charles Laubach Visiting Professorship, Geisinger Medical Center

Wen-Chih Wu, M.D.

Invited Presentation:
- Wu WC. “BNP and the management of CHF.” Medical Grand Rounds, Roger Williams Hospital, Boston University School of Medicine. March, 2005; Providence, RI.

RESEARCH AND OTHER SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

Brian Abbott, M.D.
- Invited Participant, American College of Cardiology-Duke University Medical Center Think Tank on Quality in Cardiovascular Imaging, Washington D.C., January 31–February, 2006

J. Dawn Abbott, M.D.
- Grant Study Section, American Heart Association, Northeast Affiliate, NEA 6 (Cell Structure and Function) Study Group 2006
- Abstract Reviewer, American College of Cardiology Annual Scientific Session, 2007–

James Arrighi, M.D.
- Chairman, Integrated Imaging Spotlight Committee, American College of Cardiology

Alfred E. Buxton, M.D.
- Member, American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association-European Society of Cardiology: Ventricular Arrhythmias and Sudden Cardiac Death Guidelines Writing Committee
- Chairman, American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association/Heart Rhythm Society: Committee on Electrophysiology Data Standards
- Chairman, American College of Cardiology/Heart Rhythm Society, National ICD Registry: Database Data Elements and Definitions Committee
- Member, American Board of Internal Medicine: Member, Test Writing Committee on Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology

Gaurav Choudhary, M.D.
- Manuscript Reviewer: Nature Clinical Practice Cardiovascular Medicine, Atherosclerosis Thrombosis and Vascular Biology.

Thomas M. Drew, M.D.
- Chairman, DOH/AHA Committee on Health Healthy Community Program (developing criteria for and promoting necessary programs for communities in RI to meet the Heart Healthy AHA standards as adopted in RI)
- Chairman: Elective Procedures Subcommittee, Health Care Quality Partners (DOH initiative to track numbers and outcomes of elective procedures by institution and physician, making that data available to the public)

Kristin E. Ellison, M.D.
- Chairperson for the Rhode Island Hospital Cardiac Arrest Committee

Ulrike Mende, M.D.
- Integrative Cardiac Biology Study Section, American Heart Association
- Cardiac Contractility, Hypertrophy and Failure (CCHF) Study Section, National Institutes of Health

Athena Poppas, M.D.
- Abstract Reviewer:
Satish C. Sharma, M.D.
- Member, National Executive Committee, VA Co-operative Study #399 (Atrial Fibrillation)
- The Home INR Study (THINRS), VA Cooperative Study #481, Principal Investigator

David O. Williams, M.D.
- Reviewer, Network for Cardiothoracic Surgical Investigations in Cardiovascular Medicine, NIH/NHLBI
- Study Chairman, NHLBI Dynamic Registry
- National Principal Investigator, DEScover Registry
- Editorial boards: Circulation, Journal of the American College of Cardiology, American Heart Journal, The American Heart Hospital Journal, ACCEL, Up-To-Date-Interventional Cardiology section editor
- Member, ABIM Interventional Cardiology SEP Committee

Wen-Chih Hank Wu, M.D.
- Medical Faculty Executive Committee, Brown University (July, 2004 – )

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

EDUCATION HONORS AND AWARDS

Brian G. Abbott, M.D.
- Dean’s Teaching Recognition Award

Alfred Buxton, M.D.
- Dean’s Teaching Excellence Award

Gaurav Choudhary, M.D.
- Dean’s Teaching Excellence Award

Thomas Crain, M.D.
- Dean’s Teaching Excellence Award

Athena Poppas, M.D.
- Outstanding Teaching Award, Department of Medicine

Immad Sadiq, M.D.
- Dean’s Teaching Excellence Award

Philip Stockwell, M.D.
- Dean’s Teaching Excellence Award
- Teaching Recognition Award

Peter Tilkemeier, M.D.
- Dean’s Teaching Excellence Award, Internal Medicine Clerkship
Wen-Chih Hank Wu, M.D.
- Teacher of the Year Award, Cardiology Fellowship

TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES

Brian G. Abbott, M.D
- Director, Rhode Island Hospital Internal Medicine
- 2nd year resident ECG interpretation course

James Arrighi, M.D.
- Program Director, Fellowship in Cardiovascular Disease

Douglas Burtt, M.D.
- Director, BioMed 350 Pathophysiology and Pharmacology, Cardiology Section

Alfred Buxton, M.D.
- Program Director, Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology Fellowship

Paul Gordon, M.D.
- Director, Interventional Cardiology Training Program, The Miriam Hospital

Athena Poppas, M.D.
- Director, Cardiology Fellowship Echocardiography Curriculum

Philip Stockwell, M.D.
- Course Director, Biomed 310—Consultative Cardiology.
- Director, Cardiology Grand Rounds and Friday Clinical Cardiology Conference

David O. Williams, M.D.
- Program Director, Interventional Cardiology Fellowship, Rhode Island Hospital

Wen-Chih Wu, M.D.
- Section co-leader: Bio 281 - Pathophysiology Course

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

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Gunstad J, Poppas A, Smeal S, Paul, R., Tate D, Jeffrey A, Forman D, Cohen R. Elevated BNP


Barry Sharaf, M.D.


Satish Sharma, M.D.


Peter Tilkemeier, M.D.


David O. Williams, M.D.


Abbott JD, Choi EJ, Selzer F, Srinivas VS, Williams DO: Impact of Coronary Collaterals on Outcome Following Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (From the National Heart Lung and Blood Institute Dynamic Registry). The American Journal of Cardiology 2005;96:676–680


## FELLOWS AND RESIDENTS July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2007

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Combined Program of the Rhode Island & Miriam Hospitals - General Cardiology

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The Division of Endocrinology at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University includes the Hallett Center for Diabetes and Endocrinology, a Bone Density Unit with state-of-the-art diagnostic and osteoporosis management capabilities, an outpatient Clinical Research Unit, and the Diabetes and Endocrinology Research Laboratories. The Division coordinates academic and clinical programs at Rhode Island Hospital, The Miriam Hospital, the Providence Veterans Administration Medical Center and the Roger Williams Medical Center. The Division provides consult services at Women and Infants Hospital, includes affiliated faculty at Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island, and integrates educational activities with the Division of Pediatric Endocrinology.

The Hallett Center was created in 2001 as the first comprehensive, academic diabetes and endocrinology program in the state of Rhode Island. Patient care at the Hallett Center is provided by six board-certified endocrinologists, all of whom have Brown University faculty appointments. The Center currently accommodates more than 10,000 patient visits per year and is continuing to rapidly expand its services. To assure readily accessible, comprehensive care for patients with diabetes, specialty services are offered within the Center not only in diabetes and endocrinology, but also in nephrology, podiatry, and nutrition/weight management. In addition, outpatient programs of the Hasbro Children’s Hospital in pediatric diabetes and endocrinology are conducted in the Hallett Center facility. The Hallett Center markedly exceeds national performance levels and standards for quality of care indicators. The Hallett patient education program has been awarded multi-site center certification status by the American Diabetes Association. Through a program developed cooperatively with the Rhode Island Department of Health, the Hallett Center certification status extends to multiple satellite patient education units throughout the site.

Laboratory research programs in the Division of Endocrinology are conducted by four groups. Dr. Robert Smith, the division director is investigating insulin and insulin-like growth factor signaling mechanisms and their roles in the molecular causes of diabetes, growth disorders, and neurodegenerative disease. The laboratory of Eduardo Nillni, PhD is studying the prohormone processing and molecular physiology of hypothalamic neuropeptides related to energy balance. Haiyan Xu, M.D., PhD, is investigating the role of adipose tissue in mediating inflammatory responses that contribute to the complications of obesity and diabetes. Leslie J. DeGroot, M.D., who was formerly chief of endocrinology at the University of Chicago and is a world-renowned researcher on autoimmune causes of thyroid disease, is working on novel strategies for blocking thyroid autoimmunity. Geetha Gopalakrishnan, M.D., coordinates research activities in the Clinical Research Unit, which involve multiple division faculty members.

The Division of Endocrinology provides extensive teaching in diabetes and endocrinology at Brown University, The Warren Alpert Medical School, and the affiliated academic hospitals. The Division faculty members have been honored by many teaching awards from Brown University. In addition to a broad range of classroom and bedside teaching activities, the faculty members serve as research mentors and thesis advisors to multiple graduate and postgraduate level trainees, plus undergraduate independent study students. The educational program includes a nationally known, highly selective ACGME-certified clinical fellowship in Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Metabolism.
FACULTY MEMBERS

FULL-TIME FACULTY (Hospital and Foundation Based)

Robert J. Smith, M.D., Director of Endocrinology and the Hallett Center for Diabetes and Endocrinology, Professor, Rhode Island Hospital, University Medicine Foundation

Dominic Corrigan, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor, Rhode Island Hospital, University Medicine Foundation

Leslie J. DeGroot, M.D., Professor of Medicine, Brown University

Geetha Gopalakrishnan, M.D., Assistant Professor, Director of Clinical Education, Rhode Island Hospital, University Medicine Foundation

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Dennis Krauss, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor, The Miriam Hospital

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NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL HONORS AND RECOGNITION OF FACULTY

Leslie J. DeGroot, M.D.

Invited Presentations

- “Nonthyroidal Illness Syndrome,” University of Connecticut Medical School, Farmington, CT
- “Genes Promoting Development of Graves’ Disease,” University of Connecticut Medical School, Farmington, CT
- “Management of Thyroid Cancer,” South County Hospital, RI
- “Genetic Influences in Graves’ Disease,” International Thyroid Association, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- “Non-Graves’ Causes of Hyperthyroidism,” University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI
- “Non-Thyroidal Illness Syndrome and What To Do About It,” University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI
- “Viral-mediated Gene Therapy of Differentiated Thyroid Cancer,” University of Siena, Italy
- “Management of Thyroid Disease in Pregnancy,” Boston University School of Medicine, Boston, MA
- “Central Hypothyroidism in the Non-thyroidal Illness Syndrome,” Tufts University Medical School, Boston, MA
- “Thyroid Disease in Pregnancy Symposium,” Endocrine Society Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada
- “Guidelines for Management of Thyroid Disease in Pregnancy,” Endocrine Society Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada

Geetha Gopalakrishnan, M.D.

Invited Presentations

- “Bone Health in HIV Infected Men and Women,” AIDS Community Health Network, Rochester, NY
James V. Hennessey, M.D.
National and International Honors and Recognition
➤ Governor, Rhode Island Chapter, American College of Physicians
➤ Executive Board Member, Thyroid Foundation of America
➤ Member, Public Health Committee, American Thyroid Association
Invited Presentations
➤ “Thyroid Disease Update 2005: Subclinical Hypo and Hyperthyroidism,” Ft. Lauderdale, FL
➤ “Thyroid Hormone Therapy 2005, Update in Current Bioequivalence Issues,” Charlotte, NC
➤ “Limitations of Current Bioequivalence Standards,” Joint Public Meeting on equivalence of Levothyroxine Sodium Products, co-sponsored with the FDA by the American Thyroid Association, the Endocrine Society and the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists, Washington, DC
➤ “Pharmacokinetic versus Pharmacodynamic Determination of L-Thyroxine Bioequivalence: History and Current Reality,” Endocrine Nurses Society 15th Annual Symposium, San Diego, CA
➤ Session Chair, “Clinical Thyroid Disorders,” 87th Annual Meeting of the Endocrine Society, San Diego, CA
➤ “Different Levothyroxine Preparations: Implications for Practice,” 87th Annual Meeting of the Endocrine Society, San Diego, CA
➤ “Thyroid Dysfunction and Glucose Metabolism: Impact on Diabetic Patient Outcomes,” Nevada Diabetes Association for Children and Adults, Annual Diabetes Mellitus Update, Reno, NV
➤ “Thyroid and Depression,” The Endocrine Society’s Clinical Endocrinology Update 2005, Ontario, Canada
➤ Program Chair and Moderator, Thyroid Section, The Endocrine Society’s Clinical Endocrinology Update 2005, Toronto, Canada
➤ “Different Levothyroxine Preparations: Implications for Practice,” Endocrine Grand Rounds, University of Connecticut Health Center, Farmington, CT
➤ “Thyroid Disease Update 2005,” Medical Grand Rounds, Providence Hospital, Southfield, MI
➤ “Bioequivalence of Thyroxine Preparations. Update in Thyroidology,” Jersey Shore University Medical Center, Neptune, NJ
➤ “Thyroid Disease Consensus Guidelines Conference,” Texas Academy of Family Practice Primary Care Education Group, Amelia Island, Georgia
➤ Program Chair and Moderator, Thyroid Section, The Endocrine Society’s Clinical Endocrinology Update 2006, San Francisco, CA
➤ “Assessing Thyroxine Bioequivalence: Clinical Implications and FDA Policy,” The American Thyroid Association Annual Meeting 2006, Phoenix, AZ
➤ “The Clinician’s View of Thyroid Nodules: Introductory Lecture for Workshop on Thyroid Cytopathology,” Annual Meeting of the American Society of Clinical Pathology, Las Vegas, NV

Marc J. Laufgraben, M.D.
National and International Honors and Recognition
➤ Member, Publications Committee, American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists
➤ Socioeconomic and Member Advocacy Committee, American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists
Invited Presentations
➤ “Combination Therapy for Stubborn Dyslipidemias,” Meet the Professor Sessions, Clinical Endocrinology Update 2005, Toronto, Canada
➤ “The ABC’s of Diabetes: Reaching the Goal,” PharmEd Continuing Education Programs for Pharmacists, Danbury, CT
➤ “The ABC’s of Diabetes: Reaching the Goal,” PharmEd Continuing Education Programs for Pharmacists, Randolph, MA
➤ “Dyslipidemia: Guidelines, Goals and Effective Therapies,” PharmEd Continuing Education Programs for Pharmacists, Hyannis, MA
➤ “Dyslipidemia: Guidelines, Goals and Effective Therapies,” PharmEd Continuing Education Programs for Pharmacists, Woburn, MA
➤ “New Approaches in Treating Diabetes,” PharmEd Continuing Education Programs for Pharmacists, Flushing, NY
➤ “Lizard Spit and Other Cool New Stuff for Diabetes,” PharmEd Continuing Education Programs for Pharmacists, Worcester, MA
“Diabetes and Pregnancy: Improving Maternal and Fetal Outcomes,” 32nd Annual Endocrinology and Metabolism Update, Ingham Regional Medical Center & Michigan State University School of Medicine, East Lansing, MI

“Lizard Spit and Other Cool New Stuff for Diabetes,” PharmEd Continuing Education Programs for Pharmacists, Randolph, MA

Eduardo A. Nillni, Ph.D.

National and International Honors and Recognition

Member, Integrative Physiology of Obesity and Diabetes Study Section, Center for Scientific Review, NIH

Executive Member, Graduate Programs Admissions Committee, Molecular Biology, Cell Biology and Biochemistry (MCB) and the M.D.-PhD program, Brown University

Invited Presentations

“The Role of proTRH in Energy Balance,” University of Washington, Seattle, WA

“Hypothalamus and Energy Balance,” Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA

Monitor, Hormone Action in Development and Cancer Conference, Mount Holyoke College, MA

Robert J. Smith, M.D.

National and International Honors and Recognition

Chair, Clinical Endocrinology Update Committee, The Endocrine Society

Chair, Diabetes Professional Advisory Council, Rhode Island Department of Health

Editorial Boards of the Journal of Biological Chemistry, Endocrinology, Acta Diabetologia, the Journal of Growth Hormone and IGF Research, the Journal of Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition, Joslin’s Diabetes Mellitus, and UpToDate

Invited Presentations

“Heterozygous IGF-I Receptor Mutations in Humans,” Gordon Research Conference on Insulin-Like Growth Factors in Physiology and Disease Conference, Ventura, CA

“Role of Receptor-Interactive Proteins that are Not Tyrosine Kinase Substates,” 2nd International Conference on the Molecular Basis of Metabolic Regulation, Bari, Italy

“Current Knowledge and Treatment of Diabetes,” Governors Grand Rounds, Newport Hospital, Newport, RI

Haiyan Xu, M.D., Ph.D.

National and International Honors and Recognition

Reviewer, Endocrinology

Reviewer, Journal of Biological Chemistry

Reviewer, Regulatory Peptides

Invited Presentations

“Infiltration of Adipose Tissue by Immune Cells in Obesity: Chicken or Egg?,” 9th Postgraduate Nutrition Symposium: “Obesity & Inflammation”, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA

RESEARCH AND OTHER SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Education Honors and Awards

Dominic Corrigan, M.D.

Teaching Recognition Award, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, 2007

The Dean’s Teaching Excellence Award, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, 2007

Geetha Gopalakrishnan, M.D.

The Dean’s Teaching Excellence Award, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, 2006, 2007

James V. Hennessey, M.D.

The Dean’s Teaching Excellence Award, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, 2005, 2006
Charles B. Kahn, M.D.
▶ Teaching Excellence Award, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, 2007

Marc J. Laufgraben, M.D.
▶ Teaching Recognition Award, Brown Medical School, 2005
▶ The Dean’s Teaching Excellence Award, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, 2005, 2006, 2007
▶ Award of Academic Achievement in Medical Management, American College of Physician Executives, 2006

Paul Levinson, M.D.
▶ Best Doctors in America 2005–06

Robert J. Smith, M.D.
▶ The Dean’s Teaching Excellence Award, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, 2007

Valerie Thomas, M.D.
▶ Teaching Recognition Award, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, 2007

TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES
Robert J. Smith, M.D., Director
Endocrinology Fellowship Program
James V. Hennessey, M.D., Director
Brown Medical School Pathophysiology Course

ENDOCRINOLOGY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Graduates 2005

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Post-Doctoral Research Fellows
Yun Jae Chung, M.D., Barbara Giovannone, PhD, Jorge Goldstein, PhD, Hidefume Inaba, M.D., Mario Perello, PhD, Amparo Romero Pico, PhD, Caroline Savery, PhD

PhD Thesis Graduate Students
Angel Byrd, M.D., PhD, Isin Cakir, PhD, Paul Hanes, PhD, Aimee Hebert, PhD, Lawrence Mulcahy, PhD, William Tsiaras, M.D., PhD.
PUBLICATIONS

Leslie J. DeGroot, M.D.
- DeGroot LJ. Non-thyroidal illness syndrome is a manifestation of hypothalamic-pituitary dysfunction, and in view of current evidence, should be treated with appropriate replacement therapies. *Crit Care Clin*. 2006; 22:57–86.

Geetha Gopalakrishnan, M.D.

James V. Hennessey, M.D.

Marc J. Laufgraben, M.D.

Eduardo A. Nillni, Ph.D.

Robert J. Smith, M.D.
- Ling PR, Smith RJ, Bistrian BR. Hyperglycemia enhances the cytokine production and oxidative responses to a low but not high dose of endotoxin in rats. *Citr Care Med*. 2005; 33:1084–1089.

Haiyan Xu, M.D., Ph.D.
- Hong, S, Lubben, T, Dolliver, C, Petrolonis A, Roy R, Li Z, Parsons T, Li P, Xu H,

BASIC RESEARCH
Eduardo Nillni, Ph.D
- ProTRH Gene Transcription and Biosynthesis by Leptin. National Institutes of Health
- ProTRH Sorting to the Regulated Secretory Pathway. National Institutes of Health
- Role of Prolylcarboxypeptidase in Metabolic Dysfunction. National Institutes of Health/ Yale University
- Transcriptional Regulation of Body Weight through Energy Expenditure. National Institutes of Health/ Virginia Tech University

Robert Smith, M.D.
- Mentor-Based Postdoctoral Fellowship Program American Diabetes Association
- Nirin Trivedi Lilly Fellowship. Eli Lilly and Company
- Role of GRB10 As An Insulin Receptor Adapter Protein. National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases

Haiyan Xu, Ph.D
- Role of Mitogen Activated Dual Specificity Kinase Phosphate 3 (MKP3) in Obesity and Diabetes Related Gluconeogenesis. Lifespan
- The Function of Salt Inducible Kinase 2 (SIK2) in Adipocyte Energy Metabolism. Rhode Island Medical Foundation
- The Mechanism of MAP Kinase Phosphatase 3 (MKP-3) Induced Glucineogenesis in Obesity and Diabetes. Charles H. Hood Foundation

CLINICAL RESEARCH
Geetha Gopalakrishnan, M.D.
- A Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-controlled Study to Evaluate AMG 162 Bone Loss in Subjects Undergoing Androgen-Deprivation Therapy for Non-metastatic Prostate Cancer. Amgen
- A Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-controlled Study, Multicenter Efficacy and Safety Study of Toremifene Citrate for the Prevention of Bone Fractures in Men with Prostate Cancer on Androgen Deprivation Therapy. GTx
A Randomized, Double-blind, Placebo-Controlled, Multicenter Efficacy and Safety Extension Study of Toremifene Citrate for the Prevention of Bone Fractures in Men with Prostate Cancer on Androgen Deprivation Therapy. GTx

A Phase 3, Open-Label, Parallel-Group Study to Compare Two Dosing Algorithms for Preprandial Human Insulin Inhalation Powder (HIIP) in Insulin-naive Patients with Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus. Eli Lilly and Company

James Hennessey, M.D.
A Randomized Multicenter Parallel Group Study to Determine if Knowledge of Baseline Vertebral Fracture Prevalence (As Determined by Hologic IVA) and Bone Turnover Marker Levels Improves Persistence with Actonel 5 mg daily Therapy in Subjects Receiving Glucocorticoids. Aventis Pharmaceuticals Products, Inc.

A 2-Year Randomized, Multicenter, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Study to Determine the Efficacy and Safety of Intravenous Zoledronic Acid 5 mg Administered either annually at Randomization and 12 months or Administered at Randomization only in the Prevention of Bone Loss in Postmenopausal Women with Osteopenia. Cell Based Delivery

Marc Laufgraben, M.D.
A One-Year, Open, Randomized, Parallel, Three-Arm Study, Comparing Exubera (Insulin Dry Powder Pulmonary Inhaler) vs. Avandia (Rosiglitazone Maleate) as Add-on Therapy vs. Exubera Substitution of Sulfonylurea in Patients with Type 2 Diabetes, Poorly Controlled on Combination Sulfonylurea and Metformin Treatment. Pfizer

An Assessment of the Calcimimetic Agent AMG 073 for the Treatment of Subjects with Parathyroid Carcinoma or Intractable Primary Hyperparathyroidism. Amgen
The Division of Gastroenterology at Brown University extends to Rhode Island, Miriam, Women and Infants, and Veteran’s Administration Hospital(s). The major missions of the Division are to provide state-of-the-art treatment to those with gastrointestinal and liver diseases; to educate undergraduates, medical students/residents, postdoctoral fellows in the pathophysiology of digestive diseases, and to engage in “cutting-edge” basic and applied research. The Rhode Island Hospital Endoscopy Suite is equipped with the latest technological advances, and accommodates consultations from Southeastern Massachusetts, Cape Cod, Connecticut, and Rhode Island. The Liver Research Center, and Swallowing/Motility Research Center are located on the Rhode Island Hospital campus, and are staffed with twelve principal investigators, twenty-five postgraduate physician/scientists, and twenty undergraduate/graduate students providing a strong basic science program to advance the understanding of disease processes at the cellular and molecular level. N.I.H. sponsored projects include: motility and signal transduction of the G.I. tract, H. pylori in gastric cancer, pathogenesis of NASH, molecular mechanisms of hepatic fibrosis, antiviral approaches to hepatitis B and C infection, molecular pathogenesis of human hepatocellular carcinoma, and monoclonal antibodies in the treatment of G.I. malignancy.

RESEARCH

Faculty in the Division of Gastroenterology hold varied N.I.H., N.S.F., corporate, foundation, and pharmaceutical grants to support basic and translational research activities. Fifty faculty publications appeared in highly respected, peer-review journals in the past year.

TEACHING

The Brown University Fellowship Program in Gastroenterology is a three-year A.C.G.M.E./A.B.I.M. accredited program conducted by thirteen fulltime and twenty-seven volunteer faculty stationed at the Rhode Island, Miriam, Women and Infants, and Veteran’s Administration Hospital(s). Individuals are encouraged to select the Clinical-Scholar, Physician-Scientist, or Research track; mentors of varied interests are on-site to assist Fellows allowing a unique clinical/research perspective. Faculty Members

FACULTY MEMBERS

Full-time Faculty (Hospital and Foundation-Based)

Jack R. Wands, M.D., Jeffrey and Kimberly Greenberg-Artemis and Martha Joukowsky Professor in Gastroenterology and Professor of Medical Science; Director, Division of Gastroenterology and Liver Research Center, Providence Veteran’s Administration Hospital(s), and University Medicine (Gastroenterology) Foundation.

Gyorgy Baffy, M.D., Assistant Professor, Rhode Island Hospital, University Medicine (G.I.) Foundation.

Jose Behar, M.D., Professor, Rhode Island Hospital, University Medicine (G.I.) Foundation.

Piero Biancani, Ph.D., Professor of Medicine (Research) , Rhode Island Hospital.

WeiBao Cao, M.D., Assistant Professor, Department Medicine & Surgery, Rhode Island Hospital

Suzanne de la Monte, M.D., MPH., Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine (Res) and Clinical Neuroscience, Rhode Island Hospital

Silvia Degl-Esposti, M.D., Associate Professor of Medicine, Women’s and Infants Hospital

Edward Feller, M.D., Clinical Professor, Miriam Hospital

Fadlallah Habr, M.D., Assistant Professor, Rhode Island Hospital, University Medicine Foundation - Gastroenterology

GASTROENTEROLOGY OVERVIEW

Jack R. Wands, M.D., Jeffrey and Kimberly Greenberg-Artemis and Martha Joukowsky Professor in Gastroenterology and Professor of Medical Science; Director, Division of Gastroenterology and Liver Research Center
Karen M. Harnett, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Rhode Island Hospital
Sripathi Kethu, M.D., Assistant Professor, Rhode Island Hospital, University Medical Foundation-Gastroenterology
Miran Kim, Ph.D, Assistant Professor of Medicine, The Liver Research Center
Ji-su Li, M.D., Ph.D., Associate Professor, The Liver Research Center
Steven Moss, M.D., Associate Professor, Rhode Island Hospital, University Medicine Foundation-Gastroenterology
Kittichai Promrat, M.D., Assistant Professor, Veteran’s Administration Medical Center, University Medicine Foundation-Gastroenterology
Daniel Quirk, M.D., M.P.H., Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine, Director of Translational Research in the Division of Gastroenterology, Rhode Island Hospital
Harlan Rich, M.D., Associate Professor, Rhode Island Hospital, University Medicine Foundation-Gastroenterology
Shuping Tong, M.D., Ph.D., Associate Professor, The Liver Research Center

Volunteer Faculty
Alyn Adrain, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor, Memorial Hospital
Paul Akerman, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor, Rhode Island Hospital
Nicholas Califano, M.D., Clinical Associate Professor, Rhode Island Hospital
Leslie Cashel, M.D., Clinical Instructor, Rhode Island Hospital
William Chen, M.D., Rhode Island Hospital
Evan Cohen, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor, Miriam Hospital
Thomas DeNucci, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor, Rhode Island Hospital
Christy L. Dibble, D.O., Clinical Assistant Professor, Women & Infants Hospital
Joseph DiMase, M.D., M.S., Clinical Assistant Professor Emeritus, Rhode Island Hospital
Neil Greenspan, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor, Memorial Hospital
Edward Iannuccelli, M.D., Clinical Professor, Rhode Island Hospital
Donald Kaufman, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor Emeritus, Memorial Hospital

Sheldon Lidofsky, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor, Rhode Island Hospital
James Manis, M.D., Clinical Associate Professor Emeritus, VA Medical Center
Peter Margolis, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor, Rhode Island Hospital
Philip McAndrew, M.D., Clinical Instructor, Rhode Island Hospital
Herbert Rakatansky, M.D., Clinical Professor, Miriam Hospital
David Schreiber, M.D., Clinical Instructor, Miriam Hospital
Thomas Sepe, M.D., Clinical Professor, Rhode Island Hospital
Samir Shah, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor, Miriam Hospital
Jay Sorgman, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor, Miriam Hospital
Jeremy Spector, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor, Miriam Hospital
Joel Spellun, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor, Rhode Island Hospital
Walter Thayer, M.D., Professor of Medicine Emeritus, Rhode Island Hospital
Philip Torgan, M.D., Clinical Associate Professor Emeritus, Miriam Hospital
Paul vanZuiden, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor, Rhode Island Hospital

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL HONORS AND RECOGNITION OF FACULTY

Gyorgy Baffy, M.D.
Presentations:
◗ American Gastroenterological Association, Washington, DC 2007
◗ Mitochondrial uncoupling protein 2 alters chemoresistance by decreasing ROS production and apoptosis rates in colon cancer cells.
◗ 98th Annual Meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research, Los Angeles, CA 2007
◗ Mitochondrial uncoupling protein-2 inhibits oxidative stress and p53-mediated apoptosis in HCT116 cells

Jose Behar, M.D.
◗ Chairman, Biliary and Pancreatic Section, Rome (Multinational Workshop Team) 2006
Presentations:
- American Motility Society Meeting, Grand Bahama Island, March 2007
  - Role of cholesterol in the pathogenesis of gastroparesis in the transgenic OB/OB mouse.
- American Gastroenterological Association, Washington, DC 2007
  - Role of caveolar cholesterol in the pathogenesis of gastroparesis in the transgenic OB/OB mouse.
  - Abnormalities of prostaglandins and COX enzymes in female patients with slow transit constipation.

Piero Biancani, Ph.D.
- International Symposium on O.E.S.O, Avignon, France 2006
  - Development of acid induced esophageal inflammation

Weibiao Cao, M.D.
Presentations:
- American Gastroenterological Association, Washington, DC 2007
- Sharad Kunnath, Victor E. Pricolo, Neal S. Leleiko, Weibiao Cao. Role Of Platelet Activating Factor (PAF)-Induced H2O2 Production Via Activation Of NADPH Oxidases In Sigmoid Motor Dysfunction In Ulcerative Colitis (UC) (oral).
- Jin Si, Jose Behar, Jack Wands, David G. Beer, David Lambeth, Weibiao Cao. Bile acid-Induced NADPH oxidase NOX5S Expression In Barrett’s Esophageal Adenocarcinoma Cells (poster).
- Weibiao Cao, Karen M. Harnett, Jose Behar and Piero Biancani. Phosphatidyl inositol-phospholipase Cb2 mediates prostaglandin F2α induced contraction of human LES circular smooth muscle (poster).

Sripathi Kethu, M.D.
Presentations:
- National Viral Hepatitis Prevention Conference, Washington, DC 2005
  - Degli Esposti S, Raymond P. Integrating Perinatal Hepatitis C Prevention Activities into Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention.

Suzanne de la Monte, M.D., M.P.H.
- Editorial Board: Journal of Alzheimer’s Disease

Karen Harnett, Ph.D
Presentations:
- American Gastroenterological Association, Los Angeles, CA - 2006
  - PAF induced activation of NADPH oxidase is mediated by arachidonic acid and the myeloid-related proteins S100A8/A9.
  - Vanilloid receptor TRPV1-induced PAF production mediates acid-induced esophageal inflammation.
  - Phospholipases mediating prostaglandin F2α-induced contraction of human lower esophageal sphincter circular smooth muscle.

Sripati Kethu, M.D.
Presentations:
- National Viral Hepatitis Prevention Conference, Washington, DC 2005
  - Degli Esposti S, Raymond P. Integrating Perinatal Hepatitis C Prevention Activities into Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention.

Suzanne de la Monte, M.D., M.P.H.
- Editorial Board: Journal of Alzheimer’s Disease

Suzanne de la Monte, M.D., M.P.H.
- American Gastroenterological Association, Los Angeles, CA - 2006
  - “Role of insulin resistance in Alzheimer’s disease - is this Type 3 diabetes?”
  - ISBRA World Congress on Alcohol Research, Sydney, Australia 2006
  - “Role of insulin resistance in the pathogenesis of CNS disorders in fetal alcohol syndrome”
- National Institutes on Aging: ADRC Council 2006

Ji-Su Li, M.D., Ph.D
Presentations:
- American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases, San Francisco, CA 2005
  - von dem Busssche A, Fukutomi T, Kawai S, Wands J, Li JS Contribution of wnt-1/WISP2 signaling in hepatocyte proliferation induced by hepatitis C virus core protein. (Poster)
- International Meeting of the Molecular Biology of Hepatitis B Viruses, Vancouver, BC 2006
  - Kwei K, Tang X, Konkin T, Li JS, Wands JR, Tong, S. Hepatitis B virus vaccine escape mutants may have defects in virion secretion. (Oral)
American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases, Boston, MA 2006

Steven Moss, M.D.
Presentations:
Chinese Medical Society, Manila, The Philippines - 2005
Helicobacter pylori and gastric cancer
Harvard Digestive Disease Center, Boston, MA - 2006
Coordinate actions of bacterial and host factors in the promotion of gastric carcinogenesis during H. pylori infection
Mayo Clinic Symposium - Rochester, MN - 2006
Helicobacter pylori in gastric carcinogenesis

Kittichai Promrat, M.D.
Presentations:
American Gastroenterological Association, Chicago, IL - 2005
Worsening of liver histology of NASH after stopping pioglitazone. Is long-term therapy needed?
American Gastroenterological Association, Los Angeles, CA 2006
Outcome of screening for hepatitis C virus infection in the veteran population
American Gastroenterological Association, Washington, DC 2007
The prevalence and predictors of nonalcoholic fatty liver disease in myotonic dystrophy.

Shuping Tong, M.D.
Presentations
American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases, San Francisco, CA 2005
The G1862 T mutation in the hepatitis B virus genome impairs DNA replication at the step of core protein expression
International Symposium on HBV Genotypes, Kyoto, Japan 2006
Impact of viral genotypes and naturally occurring mutations on the biological properties of HBV
112th International Symposium on Viral Hepatitis and Liver Diseases, Paris, France 2006

Session Chair: HBV: Mutants
Speaker - Hepatitis B virus e antigen expression and regulation

Jack R. Wands, M.D.
Editorial Boards:
International Journal of Oncology
Cancer Therapy

Presentations
ISBRA World Congress on Alcohol Research, Sydney, Australia 2006
Consequences of alcohol induced endocrine disruption
Asian Pacific Digestive Week, The Philippines 2006
Current strategies in the diagnosis of hepatocellular carcinoma
Clinical genomics: role in the treatment of GI diseases
98th Annual Meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research, Los Angeles, CA 2007
Co-Chairperson, Liver Cancer [New Concepts in Organ-Site Research]

RESEARCH AND OTHER SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

Faculty Members of Study Sections and Advisory Committees

Piero Biancani, Ph.D
Member - American Heart Association Northeast One Peer Review Meeting - March 2006
Chairman - NIH-NIDDK Special Emphasis Panel for Neuromuscular Gastrointestinal Program Projects - March 20, 2006

Suzanne de la Monte, M.D.
NAL NIH Study Section Member 2007
Lifespan IACUC Committee Member

Steven Moss, M.D.
NIH Study Section NIDDK PO1- Program project site visit, Mar 2007

Kittichai Promrat, M.D.
Member, Review Panel Committee: The Dr. George A Bray Research Scholars Award Fund 2006
Member, NIDDK Safety Monitoring Committee RO1 DK 068598-01A1
GI Clinical Champion, National VA Colorectal Cancer Care Collaborative
Jack R. Wands, M.D.
- Chair, NIAID Special Emphasis Panel – HCV proposals, 2005
- Reviewer, NCI, Cancer Etiology Cluster Review - 2006
- Moderator, NIH NIDDK Hepatitis B virus meeting - 2006
- Member, NCI Review Group, Subcommittee C - 2006
- Member, NIAAA Review Panel of Center Grants - 2007

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Gyorgy Baffy, M.D.
- Co-Director, Gastroenterology Section, Providence Veterans Administration Medical Center

Silvia Degli-Esposti, M.D.
- Course Director, Elective for Gastroenterology Fellowship, The Warren Atwood Medical School of Brown University - “Gastroenterology in Women’s Health and Pregnancy” 2007
- Course Director, BioMed 285 - Introduction to Faculty Research
- Dean’s Teaching Excellence Award – Bio 282 Pathophysiology/Gastroenterology 2005

Fadlallah Habr, M.D.
- Dean’s Teaching Excellence Award, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University - 2006

JiSu Li, M.D., Ph.D
- Biomed 284 – Graduate Program in Pathobiology - Course Leader

Steven Moss, M.D
- Program Director - The Warren Atwood Medical School of Brown University/Affiliated Hospital Program in Gastroenterology

Kittichai Promrat, M.D.
- Chief, Gastroenterology Section, Providence Veterans Administration Medical Center
- Outstanding Teacher Award 2005 - Brown Fellows in Gastroenterology
- Special Contribution Award, Department of Veteran’s Affairs 2007
- Preceptor - Longitudinal Hepatology Clinic, Rhode Island Hospital

Daniel Quirk, M.D.
- Dean’s Teaching Excellence Award - 2005

Harlan Rich, M.D.
- Biomed 282 – Gastrointestinal and Liver Pathophysiology - Course Director
- Dean’s Teaching Excellence Award – Bio 351, Brown Medical School - 2005

Jack Wands, M.D.
- Biomed 282 - Gastrointestinal and Liver Pathophysiology - Lecturer
- Harvard/MIT-Pathophysiology [HST] - Lecturer

GASTROENTEROLOGY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

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SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

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**BASIC RESEARCH**

Gyorgy Baffy, M.D.
› UCP2 in the Pathogenesis of Steatohepatitis. National Center for Research Resources
› COBRE - The Role of Mitochondrial Uncoupling Protein-2 (UCP2) in Colon Carcinogenesis. National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases

Jose Behar, M.D.
› The Role of Progesterone in Colonic Muscle Dysfunction. National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases

Piero Biancani, M.D.
› Inflammation and Signal Transduction in Esophagitis. National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases

Weibiao Cao, M.D., Ph.D
› NADPH Oxidases-associated Transition from Barrett’s Esophagus to Adenocarcinoma. National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases

COBRE - Transduction in acid induced progression of Barrett’s Esophagus from metaplasia to dysplasia. National Center for Research Resources.

Suzanne de la Monte, M.D.
› Effects of Ethanol on Insulin Signaling in the Brain. National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.
› Award: Alcohol-Related Human Disease Research. National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism
› Midcareer Investigator Award in Alcohol-Related Human Disease Research. National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

Miran Kim, Ph.D
› COBRE - Wnt Signaling in Hepatocellular Carcinoma. National Center for Research Resources

JiSu Li, M.D., Ph.D
› Hepatitis C Virus Core Protein and Cell Proliferation. National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases.
› Molecular Target(s) for Interruption of HBV Infection. National Institutes of Health/National Cancer Institute.

Steven Moss, M.D.
› p27 and Apoptosis Resistance in Gastric Cancer. National Cancer Institute.
Gastroenterology

COBRE - H. Pylori in Gastric Carcinogenesis. National Center for Research Resources.

H. Pylori Vaccine. National Institutes of Health

Kittichai Promrat, M.D.


Shaping Tong, M.D., Ph.D

Hepatitis B virus replication and secretion. American Cancer Research Scholar Award

Molecular Targets for Interruption of HBV Infection. National Institutes of Health/National Cancer Institute

Jack Wands, M.D.

Nucleic Acid Based Therapy of HCV. Nucleonics Inc.

Biomarker for Hepatocellular Carcinoma. National Institutes of Health/National Cancer Institute

Alcohol Effects on the Liver. National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

HCV in Alcoholics. National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

Ethanol, IRS-1 Signaling and Neuronal Migration. National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

Pathogenesis, Immunodiagnosis and Therapy of HCC. National Institutes of Health/National Cancer Institute.

Research Training Program in Gastroenterology. National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases

COBRE Cancer Signaling Networks (Mentor). National Institutes of Health, National Center for Research Resources.

Clinical Research

Fadlallah Habr, M.D.

COBRE - Signal transduction in acid induced progression of Barrett’s esophagus from metaplasia to dysplasia. National Institutes of Health, National Center for Research Resources.

Kittichai Promrat, M.D.

Outcome of Screening for Hepatitis C Virus Infection in Veteran Population. Lifespan grant

Weight loss and retreatment with pegylated interferon and ribavirin for hepatitis C non-responders. Lifespan grant.

Daniel Quirk, M.D.

A double-blind randomized controlled trial of rifaximin compared to vancomycin for the treatment of Clostridium difficile-associated diarrhea. Salix Pharmaceuticals

OSCCAR Startup: a novel, population-based prospective inception cohort of IBD. CCFA/RFA [Mass General]
The 2005 and 2006 academic years have seen growth, achievement and change for the Division of General Internal Medicine (DGIM). Led by its Director, Michele G. Cyr, M.D., FACP, Professor of Medicine, the division continues to sponsor a wide array of educational, patient care and research activities. Due to the constraints of space, this report will highlight but a few.

The DGIM faculty includes 39 Full Time Faculty, 15 University Medicine Foundation Primary Care Clinical Faculty and 111 Clinical/Part-time Faculty. Our faculty maintain thriving clinical practices and serve as administrators, dedicated educators, and successful researchers at 5 of Brown University’s Warren Alpert Medical School’s affiliated hospitals in Rhode Island – Rhode Island Hospital, Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island, The Miriam Hospital, Veterans Affairs Medical Center and Women & Infants’ Hospital.

Medical education, a chief focus of the Division’s mission and purpose, is conducted at the Brown affiliated hospitals and involves the training of more than 200 residents. General Internal Medicine faculty continue important leadership roles for the residencies. Dr. Dominic Tammaro continues as Associate Program Director for the Internal Medicine Categorical Residency and Preliminary Internship and as Co-Director for the Med-Peds Residency. During this period, Dr. Kelly McGarry was named Program Director for the Brown General Internal Medicine Residency and Dr. Jennifer Jeremiah was named Associate Program Director for the Internal Medicine Residencies sponsored by RI Hospital. Dr. Joseph Rabatin joined the faculty at Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island (MHRI) and was named Associate Program Director for the Internal Medicine Residency. Each year, 64 interns are recruited into the 5 Medicine Residencies. During this period, 98 residents completed 3 or 4 years of training and have gone on to fellowships, chief residencies, clinical practices, and clinician educator positions in a variety of settings including community-based practice, hospitalist practice and public health. Twenty-one interns completed the 1-year program and entered into specialty programs.

DGIM faculty serve as the attendings for the inpatient general medicine rotations and as preceptors in the ambulatory clinics. They provide bedside teaching, lectures, feedback, and evaluation for residents and medical students. Furthermore, nearly 60 General Internal Medicine Community Physician Faculty and 30 Sub-Specialty Faculty members served during these years as preceptors in our Community-Based Teaching Program, providing a second continuity ambulatory experience for the 2nd and 3rd Year Residents.

Brown Medical School students play a significant role in the Division and the Department of Medicine through their participation in core clerkships and sub-internships guided by division faculty. Mark Fagan, M.D. serves as the Medical Clerkship Director for Brown. Joseph Rabatin, M.D. has been named Site Director for the clerkship at Memorial Hospital of RI. Division faculty play an important role in the medicine clerkship, serving as inpatient attendings, outpatient preceptors, small group leaders, and career advisors. Division faculty also serve as supervisors for fourth year medical students during their subinternships and longitudinal clerkships. Many students choose to work with our faculty on research projects, clinical electives or in community-based practices.

Two of the division’s faculty practices moved into a newly renovated building adjacent to the RI Hospital campus. The building is now entirely devoted to GIM activities with practices devoted to General Internal Medicine and Women’s Health on the 2nd and 3rd floors respectively and the GIM research unit occupying the first and ground floors. The consolidated space fosters enhanced collaboration among GIM faculty.
The Division continues its exchange program with Cabral y Baez Hospital in Santiago, Dominican Republic. This elective, under the direction of Mark Fagan, M.D. and Joseph Diaz, M.D., is available to internal medicine residents as well as Brown medical students.

Cabral y Baez is a large, public teaching hospital in Santiago, the second largest city in the Dominican Republic. The hospital has an Internal Medicine residency training program, and the goal is for our residents to integrate into the system there as much as possible. In this elective, residents and students work with inpatient teams of Cabral residents and faculty, attend teaching conferences, and participate in outpatient clinics at Cabral. In addition, our trainees have the opportunity to work in a clinic in a rural area, about 30 minutes from the hospital.

Dr. Michael Stein has worked with physicians at Cabral y Baez to enhance the delivery of HIV services. This collaboration has been successful in bringing up-to-date HIV treatment to Santiago, advocating for increased resources for HIV care, and establishing a database of more than 800 HIV patients followed at Cabral.

Seven new faculty members have joined the DGIM during the last two academic years;

Kristin Lehr Anderson, M.D. obtained her medical degree from Albany Medical College and completed her Medicine/Pediatrics residency at Rhode Island Hospital. Her undergraduate degree is from Skidmore College.

Dr. Anderson is based at RI Hospital. She teaches in the Med-Peds and Internal Medicine residencies, and practices at Women’s Health Associates

Bethany Gentile, M.D. is a graduate of the Cornell University Medical College. She completed her Internal Medicine residency at Stanford University. Dr. Gentile joined the Division after working as an internal medicine hospitalist at Stanford Hospital in California. She works with the hospitalist service at RI Hospital and as a teaching attending on the Internal Medicine Inpatient Service.

Mary Hohenhaus, M.D. completed her residency at Rhode Island Hospital after receiving her medical degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. Dr. Hohenhaus served as a Chief Resident in Internal Medicine for 2004–2005. She is based at the Miriam Hospital as a teaching attending for Internal Medicine Residents and medical students and has a general internal medicine practice in the Fain Clinic.

Donnah Mathews, M.D. attended medical school at the George Washington School of Medicine and completed her General Internal Medicine Residency at Rhode Island Hospital. Prior to joining the DGIM faculty at RIH, Dr. Mathews worked with the Internal Medicine Inpatient Service at Miriam Hospital. She now serves as a teaching attending at RI Hospital on the inpatient internal medicine service and in the Medical Primary Care Unit.

Joseph Rabatin, M.D. came to Brown from NYU Medical School where he served as a teaching attending. He received his M.D. degree from the University of Minnesota and did his Primary Care Internal Medicine Residency at NYU-Bellevue Hospital. In 2006 he joined the GIM faculty at Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island where he serves as the Associate Program Director for the Internal Medicine Residency and the site director for the Medicine Clerkship.

Catherine Malone Smitas, M.D. completed medical school at the University of Rochester and her General Internal Medicine Residency at RI Hospital. Her undergraduate degree is from Harvard University. She joined the DGIM faculty at RI Hospital as a teaching attending on the inpatient internal medicine service and in the Medical Primary Care Unit.

Edward H. Wu, M.D., MSc graduated from the New York University School of Medicine and completed his General Internal Medicine residency at Rhode Island Hospital. Dr Wu completed a fellowship in General Internal Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. He has also received a Master of Science in Medical Education from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. He joined the faculty at RI Hospital as a teaching attending on the inpatient internal medicine service and in the Medical Primary Care Unit.

The DGIM Research Unit, directed by Michael Stein, M.D., moved to its new facility in January 2007. This move provided the group with a total of 8500 square feet providing much needed space for the existing group as well as room for expansion. The new space has five private interview rooms, as well as a large conference room to accommodate meetings, focus groups and group interventions.

The group was pleased to welcome two new faculty members this past year, David Dove, PhD and Susan Kiene, PhD.

Dr. David Dove, is a new Investigator in Medicine. He recently completed his post-doctoral fellowship in the Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University and Rhode Island Hospital. He serves as the project director on
two NIH-funded HIV risk reduction intervention studies - one for at-risk adolescents from a non-traditional public high school and a second for substance using incarcerated adolescents. During the past seven years, Dr. Dove has examined psychosocial factors related to adolescent sexual behavior, adolescent sexual and substance use risk prevention, behavior change interventions, mental health needs of marginalized populations, and health disparities. Working with researchers at the George Washington University, he conducted studies of income- and status-based health disparities and managed a family-based adolescent substance abuse prevention program for a predominantly low SES, minority sample. His current study begins a new line of research focused on understanding cultural and contextual issues involved in at-risk adolescents’ sexual risk behavior.

Dr. Susan Keine joins the group as an Assistant Professor of Medicine, from the Center for Health/HIV Intervention and Prevention at the University of Connecticut. Trained as a psychologist, her research interests primarily lie in applying social psychological theory and methods to the study of health behavior change and maintenance. Within this general area of interest, she focuses on two programs of research. The first investigates the dynamics of HIV risk behavior and maintenance of safer behavior to understand the situational, interpersonal, and individual difference factors that influence HIV risk behavior. The second focuses on developing and evaluating theory-based, tailored interventions to reduce HIV risk behavior. Dr. Keine's research involves a variety of populations including both HIV-negative and HIV-positive persons from the U.S., South Africa, Mozambique and Uganda.

General Internal Medicine research at Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island has expanded with the recruitment of Dr. Jennifer Clarke. She is the Director of Health Disparities Research and is known nationally for her work with incarcerated women. Dr. Joseph Diaz now devotes most of his professional effort to research with the receipt of a K award from the NCI to study colorectal cancer decision aids in primary care. Michele Cyr serves as the PI for the MHRI site for the National Cancer Institute of Canada breast cancer prevention trial of exemastane vs placebo.

Finally, General Internal Medicine, the largest division in the Department of Medicine, is pleased and very proud to report on two years of continued progress in pursuit of our goals for excellence in education, clinical care, and research.

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NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION OF FACULTY

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Honors

- Brown University/Women and Infants Hospital National Center of Excellence in Women’s Health – Outstanding Faculty Mentor Award
- Listed in Best Doctors in America – a database representing the top 5% of doctors in over 400 subspecialties of medicine, 2005, 2006 and 2007

Invited Presentations

- American College of Physicians - Workshop Co-Director: Getting through the Match Annual Session 2007 San Diego, Ca April 2007
- Bowdoin College – Panelist: Bowdoin Women in Business Convention Brunswick, Me March 2007
- Radio Station 93.3 – Keynote Speaker: Vital Recharge Providence, RI October 2005
- Brown University/Women and Infants Hospital National Center of Excellence in Women's Health – Co-Presenter: Menopause “Enjoying” a New Phase of Life, Warwick, RI May 2006

Joseph A. Diaz, M.D.

Invited Presentations

- Diaz JA, Goldman RE. Stigma and Misperceptions: Risk Perceptions and Barriers to Colorectal Cancer Screening Among Dominicans and Puerto Ricans. Society of General Internal Medicine Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada, April 2007

Mark J. Fagan, M.D. FACP

Honors

- Recipient of the Ruth-Marie E. Fincher, M.D. Service Award
- Clerkship Directors in Internal Medicine (CDIM) July 2006.

Peter D. Friedmann, M.D., MPH

Honors

- President-elect, Association for Medical Education and Research in Substance Abuse (AMERSA)

Invited Presentations


Carol Landau, Ph.D.

Invited Presentations

- Invited speaker with Kelly A. McGarry, M.D., “Wellness 101: How to take care of your patients and yourself.” Sponsored by the Office of Graduate Medical Education. The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University Providence, RI, April 11, 2007.

Kelly A. McGarry, M.D.

Honors

- Listed in Strathmore’s Who’s Who – A publication recognizing men and women who have achieved success in their respective fields, 2005.
- Listed in Best Doctors in America – a database representing the top 5% of doctors in over 400 subspecialties of medicine, 2006 and 2007

Invited Presentations

- Workshop leader with Michele G. Cyr, M.D. and Dominick Tammaro, M.D., “Getting Through the Match.” American College of Physicians – American

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Jennifer Rose, Ph.D.

Invited presentations

- “A latent class typology of young women smokers” at Wesleyan University Department of Psychology colloquium series, Middletown, CT

Mark D. Schleinitz, M.D., MS

Invited Presentations


Michael Stein, M.D.

Honors

- AMERSA’s Excellence in Mentorship Award
- Associate Editor, Journal of Addictive Diseases

Invited Presentations

- Featured speaker, National Institute on Drug Abuse conference on Drug Abuse & Risky Behaviors: The Evolving Dynamics of HIV/AIDS, Bethesda, M.D.

Dominick Tammaro, M.D.

Honors and Awards

- Rhode Island Chapter of the American College of Physicians Governor’s Award, May 2006

Invited Presentations

- Morning Report: Fourteen Simultaneous Sessions, Association of Program Directors in Internal Medicine, Philadelphia, PA, Overall Workshop Director/Small Group Facilitator, April 3, 2006
- Morning Report: Fourteen Simultaneous Sessions, Association of Program Directors in Internal Medicine, San Diego, CA, Overall Workshop Director/Small Group Facilitator, April 17, 2007
- Mastering the Match, ACP American College of Physicians Annual Sessions, Philadelphia, PA, Co-Presenter, April 7, 2006
- Mastering the Match, ACP American College of Physicians Annual Sessions, San Diego, CA, Co-Presenter, April 21, 2007.

Edward H. Wu, M.D., MS

Invited Presentations

- “What to Learn and How to Learn in Residency.” Visiting Scholar, Muribushi Project for Okinawa Residency Programs, Okinawa, Japan, January 30, 2006

RESEARCH AND OTHER SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

Michele G Cyr, M.D., FACP

- Co-PI, Women’s Health Initiative Vanguard Center, Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island of Rhode Island, 2001 – present
- PI, National Cancer Institute of Canada (NCIC), “A Randomized Study of the Effect of Exemestane vs. Placebo on Breast Density in Postmenopausal Women at Increased Risk for Development of Breast Cancer”, Years: 2003-
- Leadership Director for the Brown University/Women & Infants Hospital National Center of Excellence in Women’s Health, Department of Health and Human Services “National Centers of Excellence in Women’s Health”, Years: 2003–2007

Joseph A. Diaz, M.D.

- Colorectal Cancer Decision Aids in Primary Care, Grant # 1K07CA106780, NCI/ DHHS, 5/2/06 – 4/30/11.

Christine Duffy, M.D., MPH

- Poster, “Alcohol and folate intake and risk of ovarian cancer in premenopausal women”. SGIM National Meeting, Toronto Canada 2007
- Poster, “Long-term breast cancer survivors report need for psychosocial support and referral from their medical providers”. APOS National Meeting, Austin, TX 2007
Mark J Fagan, M.D.
› Lifespan Risk Management Grant Recipient: Improving Chronic Pain Management in the Medical Primary Care Unit.

Peter D. Friedmann, M.D., MPH
› Associate Editor, Alcohol and Health: Current Evidence. 2003–2007.
› Associate Editor, Alcohol, Other Drugs and Health: Current Evidence. 2007–2013.

Michael J. Maher M.D.
› In-house Grant for evaluation of management of chronic pain with opiates 2007

Kelly A. McGarry, M.D.
Editor with Iris Tong, M.D.. The 5-Minute Consult: Clinical Companion to Women's Health, Philadelphia, PA, Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, 2007.

Paul A. Pirraglia, M.D.
› Co-Chair, Scientific Abstract Review Committee, SGIM NE Regional Meeting, 2007
› Moderator, Scientific Abstract Oral Presentations, SGIM NE Regional Meeting, March 23, 2007
› Abstract Reviewer, SGIM National Meetings, 2005–2007
› Abstract Reviewer, SGIM NE Regional Meetings, 2005–2007
› VA Health Services Research & Development Career Development Award, $462,206, 2005–2008
› RI Foundation Grant, $5,110, 2006

Joseph S. Rabatin, M.D.
› Reviewer for Journal of General Internal Medicine

Susan Ramsey, Ph.D.

Jennifer S. Rose, Ph.D.
› Ad hoc reviewer for NIH study section: Behavioral Genetics and Epidemiology

Cynthia Rosengard, Ph.D., MPH
› Abstract Review Committee, Society for Adolescent Medicine (SAM)
› Membership Committee, Psychologists Affirming Their GLBT Family (AFFIRM)

Mark D. Schleinitz, M.D., MS

Michael Stein, M.D.
› NIH Study Section Member AA3 – National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism
› National Advisory Board, Special Program of National Significance (SPNS): Buprenorphine and HIV

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Michele G Cyr, M.D., FACP
MAJOR TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES
› Brown Medical School Graduate Medical Education Committee
› Lifespan Graduate Medical Education Committee
› Memorial Hospital of RI Graduate Medical Education Committee
› Associate Dean of Graduate Medical Education and Women in Medicine, Brown University's Warren Alpert Medical School

Michelle Stozek Anvar, M.D.
EDUCATIONAL HONORS
› Dean's Teaching Excellence Award, 2006
› Teaching Recognition Award, 2006

Joseph Diaz, M.D.
MAJOR TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES
› Site Director, Internal Medicine Clerkship, Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island / Brown Medical School October 2001–March 2007
› Co-Coordinator, Objective Structured Clinical Exam for third-year core clerkship in internal medicine, Brown Medical School October 2001–March 2007
› Co-Coordinator, Dominican Republic Medical Exchange, Clinical Program, Department of Medicine, Brown Medical School October 2004–present

Mark J. Fagan, M.D.
MAJOR TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES
› Clerkship Director, Core Clerkship in Medicine, Brown Medical School.
› Medical School Curriculum Committee and Basic Clinical Skills Committee.
› Director, Medical Primary Care Unit (MPCU)
Jennifer Jeremiah, M.D.

**Major Teaching Responsibilities**
- Co-coordinator, Dominican Republic Medical Exchange Clinical Program
- Department of Medicine, Brown Medical School, October 2004–present
- Chair, Dean’s Teaching Excellence Working Group, 2006–present

Carol Landau, Ph.D.

**Major Teaching Responsibilities**
- Associate Program Director, Internal Medicine residencies
- Director, Community Based Education/Second Site Program
- Co-leader weekly intern conference

Michael J Maher M.D.

**Educational Honors**
- General Internal Medicine Residents’ Teacher of the Year Award: 2007
- Brown University Dean’s Teaching Award 2005, 2006
- Brown Medical School Excellence in Teaching Award 2006

Kelly A. McGarry, M.D.

**Educational Honors**
- Faculty Teaching Award, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, Class of 2006.
- Women of Achievement Award: Education – sponsored by YWCA of Northern Rhode Island Tools of the Trade Luncheon, honoring Women of Achievement in Health Care, September 21, 2006.

**Major Teaching Responsibilities**
- Program Director, General Internal Medicine Residency
- Subinternship Coordinator, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University
- ACGME Core Competency Retreat, Program Coordinator and Speaker
- The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University Graduate Medical Education Committee
- Director, Center of Excellence, Education Component
- Member, Medical Faculty Executive Committee

Anne Moulton, M.D.

**Major Teaching Responsibilities**
- Co-Director, Department of Medicine Residents Research Program

Joseph S. Rabatin, M.D.

**Major Teaching Responsibilities**
- Clerkship Director Brown Medical School Internal Medicine Memorial Hospital 2006–present
- Associate Program Director Internal Medicine Residency Program Memorial Hospital of RI 2006–present
- Seminar Leader Doctoring 360 Course Brown Medical School 2006–present
- Seminar Leader Doctoring 361 Course Brown Medical School 2006–present

Susan Ramsey, Ph.D.

**Major Teaching Responsibilities**
- Adult Track Seminar Series Coordinator, Brown University Medical School Psychology Internship Program.

Jennifer Rose, PhD

**Educational Honors**
- Williams Visiting Assistant Professor for 2006–2007 academic year, Department of Psychology, Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT.

Cynthia Rosengard, Ph.D., MPH

**Major Teaching Responsibilities**
- Coordinator, Writing Seminar for Post-Doctoral Fellows in Psychiatry and Human Behavior within General Internal Medicine Research Unit

Benjamin Sapers, M.D.

**Educational Honors**
- Dean’s Teaching Excellence Award, Brown University 2005
- Department of Medicine Chairman’s Award, Brown University Medical School, 2005
- Brown Medical School Department of Medicine 2006 Attending Teaching Award

Mark D. Schleinitz, M.D., MS

**Major Teaching Responsibilities**
- Director: Introduction to Meta Analysis. Seven part course on performing systematic reviews offered to junior faculty funded by WRHR and BIRCWH mechanisms. Feb. – Apr. 2006.

Catherine Malone Smitas, M.D.

**Educational Honors**
- Dean’s Teaching Excellence Award, 2006 The Alpert Medical School of Brown University
Dominick Tammaro, M.D.

EDUCATIONAL HONORS AND AWARDS

- Brown Medical School Faculty Appreciation Award, Providence, RI, 2006
- Beckwith Family Award for Outstanding Teaching, Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, Providence, RI, May 2007

MAJOR TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES

- ACGME Core Competency Retreat, Program Coordinator & Speaker
- Associate Director, Categorical and Preliminary Internal Medicine Residency Programs
- Co-Director, Combined Internal Medicine and Pediatrics Residency Program

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Michele G Cyr, M.D., FACP


Kristin Lehr Anderson, M.D.


Jennifer G. Clarke, M.D.


Joseph A. Diaz, M.D.


Christine Duffy, M.D., MPH


Mark J. Fagan, M.D.

- Kaplowitz RA, Fagan, MJ, Sesso HD, Gaziano JM. Psychiatric Disease and Hypercholesterolemia in an


Peter D. Friedmann, M.D., MPH

Friedmann PD, Alexander JA, Yey Y, Nahra T, Soliman S, Pollack H. Duration of outpatient nonmethadone treatment: results from a national survey. Substance Abuse. 2006; 27(3) 45–51


Debra Herman, Ph.D.


Carol Landau, Ph.D.


Kelly A. McGarry, M.D.


McGarry KA, Hebert MR. Caring for your lesbian patients. Medicine & Health RI 2006;89(6):198–201.

Paul A. Pirraglia, M.D.


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CLINICAL RESEARCH

Jennifer Clarke, M.D.
- Women Leaving Prison: Two Models of Family Planning Service Delivery. Department of Health and Human Services
- Restructuring Risky Relationships - HIV NIDA/Lifespan
- Women in Prison: Decreasing Unplanned Pregnancies & STDs. NIH/National Institute for Child Health and Development

Nanada Col, M.D.
- The John M. Eisenberg Clinical Decisions and Communications Science Center. Oregon Health Sciences University
- A Menopause Interactive Decision Aid System. NIH/Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
- Effective Brief Behavioral Interventions. NIH/Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

Michelle Cyr, M.D.
- A Phase III Multicenter, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Study of IOGEN for the Treatment of Moderate or Severe Periodic Breast Pain Associated with Symptomatic Fibrocystic Breast Disease in Otherwise Healthy Euthyroid Premenopausal Women. Symollan Pharmaceuticals, Inc

Joseph Diaz, M.D.
- Colorectal Cancer Decisions Aids Primary Care. National Cancer Institute

Christine Duffy, M.D.
- BIRCWH Scholarship-Identifying and Addressing the Primary Care Health Issues of Cancer Survivors. Women & Infants Hospital of Rhode Island/ORWH

Peter Friedmann, M.D.
- Trazodone for Sleep Disturbance in Early Alcohol Recovery. NIH/National Institute of Drug Abuse
- Linkage to Health Services in Drug Abuse Treatment. NIH/National Institute of Drug Abuse
- Continuity of Care for Drug-Addicted Offenders in RI. NIH/National Institute of Drug Abuse
- Integrating Buprenorphine Opioid Treatment with HIV Primary Care. Miriam Hospital
- National Criminal Justice Survey (Analysis of an Existing Criminal Justice Drug and Treatment Services - CJDATS - data set). NIH/National Institute of Drug Abuse
- Drug Abuse Treatment System Survey. NIH/National Institute of Drug Abuse
- Canteen Incentives for Veterans Cessation of Smoking (CIVICS)
- Integrating Buprenorphine Opioid Treatment with HIV Primary Care. Miriam Hospital
- Opiate Replacement Therapy at Release from Incarceration. Miriam Hospital
- CBT For Insomnia. Brown/NIH
- Program to Integrate Psychosocial & Health Services in Chronic Disease & Disability. Department of Veterans Affairs-Health Services R&D

Laura OfStead, M.D.
- A Menopause Interactive Decision Aid System. NIH/Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

Paul Pirraglia, M.D.
- Experiences, Perceptions, Needs, and Preferences of COPD Patients Regarding Depression and Anxiety. VA
- Integrating Depression and Anxiety Care into Primary Care Practice: A Qualitative Study. VA
- Assessing Changes in Depressive Symptom Burden among Veterans with Chronic Disease Participating in a Tele-Health Program. VA
- Assessing Depressive and Anxious Symptoms in Veteran Participating in a Pulmonary Rehabilitation Program. VA
- Partners in Dementia Care. VA

Susan Ramsey, Ph.D
- Preventing Depression in MMT Patients on Interferon. National Institute On Drug Abuse

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**RESEARCH**

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THE WARREN ALPERT MEDICAL SCHOOL OF BROWN UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE

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Improving Smoking Cessation Outcomes in Heavy Drinkers. Brown/NIH

Reducing HIV Among Pregnant Women in Drug Treatment. NIH/National Institute on Drug Abuse

Brief Alcohol Intervention with Depressed Patients. National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

Brief Intervention To Reduce Drinking Among Batterers. Butler Hospital/NIMH

Cynthia Rosengard, Ph.D.

Partner-Specific HIV Risk Reduction For Drug Using Incarcerated Adolescents. NIH/National Institute on Drug Abuse

Partner-Specific Factors in Adolescent Sexual Behavior. NIH/National Institute of Mental Health

Mark Schleinitz, M.D.

Women and Infants BIRCWH Scholarship Award. NIH/Women and Infants Hospital

PRECISION: Prospective Randomized Evaluation of Celecoxib Integrated Safety vs. Ibuprofen Or Naproxen- A Randomized, Double Blind, Parallel-Group of Cardiovascular Safety In Osteoarthritis or Rheumatoid Arthritis Patients With or at High risk for Cardiovascular Disease Comparing Celecoxib With Naproxen and Ibuprofen. INC Research

Screening Breast Ultrasound in High-Risk Women. American College of Radiology

H. Denman Scott, M.D.

Volunteers in Health Care. Robert Wood Johnson

Michael Stein, M.D.

A brief Marijuana Intervention for Adolescent Women. NIH/National Institute on Drug Abuse

Antidepressants During Office-based Buprenorphine. NIH/National Institute on Drug Abuse

Building Interdisciplinary Research In Women's Health. Women & Infants Hospital

Insomnia and Drug Relapse Risk. NIH/National Institute on Drug Abuse

Midcareer Investigator Award in Substance Abuse - Research. National Institute of Drug Abuse

A Multi, Double-Blin, Randomized Pilot Study to Compare the Safety and Activity. Miriam Hospital

Smoking Cessation Among Methadone Maintained Patients. National Institute of Health

A Trial to Reduce Hepatitis C Among Injection Drug Users. National Institute of Health

Midcareer Investigator Award in Substance Abuse - Research. NIH/National Institute on Drug Abuse

A Brief Alcohol Intervention for Incarcerated Women. National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

Adult Therapeutic Clinical Trials Program for HIV/AIDS. Miriam Hospital

Antidepressant Treatment to Reduce HIV Risk Among IDUs. NIH/National Institute of Mental Health

A Study Comparing the Safety and Tolerability of a Tenofovir-Based Expanded PEP Regimen to a Standard Protease Inhibitor-Based PEP Regimen for Subjects with Occupational Exposure to Source Patients with Human Immunodeficiency Virus Infection. Gilead Sciences

Antidepressant Treatment. NIH/NIMH

HIV Smokers. TMH/NIH

Dominick Tammaro, M.D.

Residency Training in General Internal Medicine/Pediatrics. Bureau of Health Professions, HRSA
## INTERNAL MEDICINE RESIDENCY PROGRAM AT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL OF RHODE ISLAND

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### GENERAL INTERNAL MEDICINE/PRIMARY CARE

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### Categorical Internal Medicine

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General Internal Medicine/Primary Care

Medical Practice

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  - Laurel Internal Medicine Clinic, Salinas, CA
  - Vanguard, Quincy, MA
- 2006
  - Harvard Vanguard, Quincy, MA
  - New Bedford Community Health Center, New Bedford, MA
  - Morton Plante Mease Primary Care, Largo, FLA
  - Center for Women’s Health, Providence, RI
  - Brown Medical School, Providence, RI

Academic Hospitalist

- 2007
  - Community Medical Center, West-Toms River, MJ
  - Kent County Hospital, Warwick, RI
  - Swedish Medical Center, Seattle, WA
- 2006
  - Kent Hospital, Warwick, RI
  - University of California at San Francisco, CA

Fellowship Placement

- Cardiovascular 2007: University of Louisville, KY
- Clinical Scholars Program 2006: Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program, Yale University, New Haven, CT
- Geriatrics 2007: Alpert Medical School of Brown University, Providence, RI
- Health Services 2007: University of Washington, Seattle, WA
- Obstetrics Medicine 2007: Alpert Medical School of Brown University, Women and Infants Hospital, Providence, RI
- Pulmonary Diseases & Critical Care Medicine 2007: Alpert Medical School of Brown University, Providence, RI
- Rheumatology 2006: National Institutes of Health Clinical Center Program, Bethesda, M.D.
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### RHODE ISLAND HOSPITAL POST GRADUATE PLANS

**Medicine Pediatrics**

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### MEMORIAL HOSPITAL OF RHODE ISLAND POST GRADUATE PLANS

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The past two academic years (7/05–6/07) of the Division have been dynamic; clinical and educational growth has accelerated with the return of the Division Director in 2005 from his nearly 3 years as interim dean of medicine. Division faculty has grown from six full-time geriatricians in 2005 to 9 in 2007. Ana Tuya, M.D. (teacher scholar track), and Ramona Rhodes, M.D., MPH (research scholar track) were recruited to Assistant Professor positions 7/06. Both are graduates of the Division’s fellowship program. Joan Teno, M.D., MS, an internationally respected scientist studying end-of-life care, is part time. Naomi McMackin, M.D., lead geriatrician for Family Medicine (7/05), an internist and BU geriatrics fellowship graduate based at Memorial Hospital, is a 10th Division member. Stefan Gravenstein, M.D., MPH, has been recruited to join the Division as Professor (7/07). He is currently Professor of Medicine, Director of the Division of Geriatrics, Director of the Geriatric Medicine Fellowship program, and Director of the Glennan Center on Aging, all at Eastern Virginia Medical School. He is an eminent scientist, teacher and clinician.

The most exciting development during this period has been the award of a four-year $2M Donald W. Reynolds Foundation grant to Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University and to the Division of Geriatrics to establish comprehensive programs that will strengthen physicians’ training in geriatrics; Dr. Besdine is PI. After one year of operation, it already figures prominently in Brown’s Geriatrics identity. Taking advantage of concurrence with major curriculum redesign in the medical school, this project is generating aging-related content for every relevant course in every year for every student. Exam questions (8–20% of mid-term and finals for the current 1st year class) have been written. More than 55 hours of new aging-related content has been added to the 1st year curriculum 2006–7. Clinical experiential goals have been established for 6 of 7 mandatory clinical clerkships.

Two residencies (IM, EM) were targeted for geriatrics strengthening. In Medicine, the mandatory intern block month has been dramatically enriched, with gratifying improvement in evaluations. The in-patient geriatrics teaching service has also been enhanced. An Emergency Medicine geriatrics fellowship has been launched; the 1st fellow (M.D., MPH) is preparing for an academic career in geriatric EM. All EM residents attended a 3-hour Simulation Center session of 4 geriatrics cases, preceded by a 1-hour lecture by an EM geriatrics fellow. The Simulation Center cases are being modified for use with IM residents and medical students on the IM clerkship. A Scholarly Concentration in Aging (SC-A) has been created as one of 10 options. The SC program is a distinctive feature of the curriculum redesign; it provides 1st year students who enroll with a 3-year opportunity to do a mentored project and have multiple enrichment experiences in broad topical areas. Aging has served as the prototype.

The geriatric medicine fellowship program, accredited in 2002, graduated its 9th and 10th fellow in 2007. Six have gone on to academic faculty careers in Geriatrics. Three fellows, two committed to academic faculty careers entered the program 7/07. Clinical sites for training include RIH, TMH, Memorial and Butler Hospitals, Steere House Nursing Home, Hospice Care of RI, East Avenue geriatrics primary ambulatory care practice, and multiple sites of ambulatory specialty care. Research training in aging and health services occurs within the public health program at Brown; fellows apply to the MPH program and to the T32 postdoctoral research training program at the Center for Gerontology and Healthcare Research, and are mentored by Division and Center faculty members in a 2-year program following one intensive year of clinical training. Opportunities to train in basic biology of aging are also abundant.
A major new comprehensive research, clinical and clinical teaching program in geriatrics is being launched summer of 2007 at the Providence VA. Ambulatory primary care, interdisciplinary assessment and specialty programs (dementia, falls prevention) are starting, along with a health services research faculty development program. Faculty positions in education, clinical care and research will be supported, as well as geriatrics fellows. At TMH, beginning in 2006, elderly in-patients from Division of Geriatrics practices have been cared for in collaboration with the Hospitalist Program. The GENESIS project, begun in 2002 by Dr. McNicoll in collaboration with Nursing, brought geriatrics strategies to the care of TMH patients. The project won the Barnett Fain Quality Improvement Award for 2003. GENESIS also won TMH’s Patient Satisfaction Award 2004. The division continues to participate in quality improvement initiatives at TMH and RIH to improve quality of care for older hospitalized patients.

Research productivity of the Division has been concentrated at the Center for Gerontology and Healthcare Research. Dr. Besdine is Center director. One of 9 centers comprising the research arm of the Program in Public Health, the Center is internationally known for its studies on health and healthcare of older persons. The Center is the major research arm of the Program on Aging, and partners with the Geriatrics Division. Research activities of Drs. Besdine, Dosa, Rhodes and Teno occur in the setting of the Center; its productivity has increased substantially over the past two years in spite of no new faculty additions since 2000. Its 15 faculty hold more than 45 active grants. Grant funding from federal (NIH, AHRQ, CMS) and private foundations (RWJ, John A. Hartford, Reynolds, Macy, Pew) is ~$4.5 million annually, and peer reviewed publications average 75 annually. The Gerontology Center collaborated with Professor Tatar of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology on submission of a large NIH Center Grant (PO1) to study biological aging in nonhuman primates.

FACULTY MEMBERS

FULL-TIME FACULTY (Hospital- and Foundation-Based)

Richard W. Besdine, M.D., Director, Professor of Medicine, Rhode Island Hospital, The Miriam Hospital, University Medicine Foundation

David M. Dosa, M.D., MPH, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Rhode Island Hospital, The Miriam Hospital, University Medicine Foundation

Stefan Gravenstein, M.D., MPH, CM.D., Professor of Medicine (pending), Rhode Island Hospital, The Miriam Hospital, University Medicine Foundation

Naomi McMackin, M.D., Assistant Professor of Family Medicine, Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island

Lynn McNicoll, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine, Rhode Island Hospital, The Miriam Hospital, University Medicine Foundation

John B. Murphy, M.D., Professor of Medicine and Family Medicine, Rhode Island Hospital, The Miriam Hospital, University Medicine Foundation

Aman Nanda, M.D., CM.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine, Rhode Island Hospital, The Miriam Hospital, University Medicine Foundation

Ana Tuya, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine, Rhode Island Hospital, The Miriam Hospital, University Medicine Foundation

Ramona Rhodes, M.D., MPH, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Rhode Island Hospital, The Miriam Hospital, University Medicine Foundation

Tom J. Wachtel, M.D., Professor of Medicine, Rhode Island Hospital, The Miriam Hospital, University Medicine Foundation

PART TIME FACULTY:

Joan Teno, M.D., MS, Professor of Community Health and Medicine, Center for Gerontology and Healthcare Research, Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

David R. Gifford, M.D., MPH, Associate Professor of Medicine and Director, Health Department, State of RI

Robert Crausman, M.D., Associate Professor of Medicine and Chief, Rhode Island Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline, RI Health Department

FACULTY TRANSITIONS

Departing Faculty – none

Arriving Faculty – Stefan Gravenstein, M.D., MPH, CM.D., Professor of Medicine (pending), began 7/07.
## National and International Honors and Recognition of Faculty

**Richard W. Besdine, M.D.**
- Keen Award, Brown Medical School Alumni Association, 2005
- Past President and Board Chair, American Geriatrics Society
- Visiting Professor, National Council for Research (CNR) and University of Padova; Padova, Italy

### Invited Presentations
- Plenary speaker (Economics of Osteoporosis), National Congress of the Italian for the Study of Metabolic Bone Disease (GISMO), Naples, Italy
- Plenary Presentation: Relationships Between Retirement and Depression. NIH-organized international conference on SHARE (Survey of Health, Aging and Retirement in Europe), Vareenna, Italy
- Plenary Presentation: Treatment of Dyslipidemia in Elderly Diabetics. Annual Meeting European Society for Cardiovascular Disease Prevention, Naples, Italy.
- Plenary Presentation: Epidemiology of Aging. Comtempo in Geriatria e Gerontologia, Italian Society for Geriatrics and Gerontology, Rome, Italy.
- Visiting Professor, University of Miami, Miami, FL.

**David M. Dosa, M.D., MPH**
- Merck New Investigator Award-American Geriatrics Society, 2006
- Elected Physician Representative, Rhode Island Senate Long Term Care Coordinating Council (Term 2007–2009)

### Invited Presentations

**Lynn McNicoll, M.D., FRCPC**
- New Investigator Award - Given to individuals whose research reflects new and relevant work in geriatrics at the 2006 AGS Annual Meeting

**John Murphy, M.D.**
- Treasurer, American Geriatrics Society, 2006
- President-elect American Geriatrics Society, 2007

### Invited Presentations
- Non-Standard Programs, Group on Resident affairs, Association of American Medical Colleges, Memphis, TN, 4/2006
- Influenza: Basic Science to Birdwatching. Annual Meeting of the RIAFP, 9/06.

**Aman Nanda, M.D.**
- Member, Task Force to Improve End of Life Care, Attorney General Office, RI
- Steering committee member, RI Chapter of American Medical Directors Association.

**Tom J. Wachtel, M.D.**
- Chairman, Community Health Scientific Meetings Committee, Brown University
- Chairman, Longitudinal Outpatient Program Subcommittee, Brown University
- Member, Resident Ranking for Matching Program (NRMP), Rhode Island Hospital
- Member, Quality Assurance Committee, Rhode Island Hospital
- Member, Core Clerkship Committee

### Geriatric Medicine Fellowship Program Fellows Enrolled 7/1/05-6/30/07

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EC = Educator Clinician faculty career  
CP-m = Clinical Practice with mentoring of students, residents or practicing physicians  
CP = Clinical Practice
RESEARCH AND OTHER SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

Members of Study Sections and Advisory Committees

Richard W. Besdine, M.D.
- Reviewer for Aging Clinical and Experimental Research
- Occasional reviewer NEJM, JAGS, JAMA
- Ad Hoc Review Panel GACA 2007 (recused)

David M. Dosa, M.D., MPH
- Reviewer for Journal of the American Geriatrics Society, Journal of the American Medical Director's Association, Aging Clinical and Experimental Research
- Reviewer, Geriatric Medicine, American Board of Internal Medicine

Lynn McNicoll, M.D.
- Reviewer Journal of the American Geriatrics Society

John Murphy, M.D.
- Reviewer, Family Medicine, Journal of the American Board of Family Medicine

Aman Nanda, M.D.
- Reviewer, Annals of Long-Term Care, JAMA
- Question Reviewer for Geriatric Medicine, American Board of Internal Medicine

Tom Wachtel, M.D.
- Reviewer:
  - American Journal of Medicine
  - Annals of Internal Medicine
  - Journal of General Internal Medicine
  - Journal of the American Geriatric Society
  - Journal of the American Medical Association
  - New England Journal of Medicine

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Richard W. Besdine, M.D.
- Field Experience Director, Geriatrics; Community Health Clerkship Preceptor, Geriatrics Rotation for Internal Medicine Residents

David Dosa, M.D., MPH
- Major Teaching Responsibilities
  - Preceptor: BC/0196: Independent Study Instructor
  - MPH Thesis Advisor

Lynn McNicoll, M.D., FRCPC
- Major Teaching Responsibilities
  - Director, Scholarly Concentration in Aging

John Murphy, M.D.
- Major Teaching Responsibilities
  - Chair, Residency Advisory Group, Reynolds Foundation Project
  - Director, Graduate Medical Education-Lifespan 2004–present

Aman Nanda, M.D.
- Major Teaching Responsibilities
  - Associate Program Director, Geriatric Medicine Fellowship Program, 2003–6
  - Program Director, Geriatric Medicine Fellowship Program 2006–present

Ramona Rhodes, M.D., MPH
- Major Teaching Responsibilities

Ana C. Tuya, M.D.
- Major Teaching Responsibilities
  - Director, Geriatrics Block Rotation for Internal Medicine PGY 1 residents (4-5 residents per month for didactic sessions and on-site clinical education). 7/06–present.
  - Director, Geriatrics In-patient Teaching Service (continuous all-patients-on-teaching service at Rhode Island Hospital), Division of Geriatrics. 7/06–present.

Tom J. Wachtel, M.D.
- Major Teaching Responsibilities
  - Preceptor, Bio-Med Course 381, Community Health Clerkship, Brown University
  - Preceptor, Seminars in Epidemiology, Community Health Clerkship, Brown University
  - Course Director, Bio-Med Course 315F, “Ambulatory Longitudinal Clerkship”, Brown University
  - Director, Geriatric segment of Medicine Core Clerkship, Brown University 2005–6
  - Director, Required IM residency geriatrics rotation, RIH 2005–6
PUBLICATIONS

Richard W. Besdine, M.D.

David M. Dosa, M.D., MPH
• Dosa D, Grossman N, Werle T, Mor V. To Evacuate or not to Evacuate? Lessons learned from Louisiana Nursing Home Administrators Following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. *J Am Med Dir Assoc.* 2007; 8:142–149.

Lynn McNicoll, M.D.

John Murphy, M.D.

Aman Nanda, M.D.

Ramona Rhodes, M.D., MPH
• Rhodes RL. The Use of Palliative and Hospice Care in the Nursing Home Setting. *Medicine and Health Rhode Island* 2007;90:161–162.

Joan Teno, M.D., MS
• Mitchell SL, Kiely DK, Jones RN, Prigerson H, Volicer L, Teno JM. Advanced Dementia Research in the Nursing


Ana C. Tuya, M.D.


Editor, Geriatrics for the Practicing Physician. *Monthly column of Medicine and Health Rhode Island* – publication of the RI Medical Society.

Scholarly Work Published In Other Media

Resources for Geriatrics Education – public website on Brown Center for Gerontology; Web page, with mirror site on Brown Internal Medicine Residency Intranet page. URL: http://www.chcr.brown.edu/toolkit.htm

Tom J. Wachtel, M.D.

*Ferri’s Clinical Advisor* 2005, Section Editor; Update of chapters authored in 2004 edition

*Ferri’s Clinical Advisor* 2006 Section Editor; Update of chapters authored in 2005 edition

*Ferri’s Clinical Advisor* 2007 Section Editor; Update of chapters authored in 2006 edition

RESEARCH

Richard Besdine, M.D.

PI (40%), Reynolds Foundation Award; Comprehensive Program to Strengthen Physicians’ Training in Geriatrics; $2M; 7/06–6/10

Co-director, NIH T32, Research Training Grant in Dementia (PI, Malloy)

David Dosa, M.D., MPH

Site Co-PI; Prospective Observational Study to Evaluate Physical Performance and Quality of Life in Older Long Stay Nursing Home Residents with Chronic Kidney Disease with and without Anemia; Amgen; 1/07–1/08

Co-investigator: Unmet Need: An Acute/Chronic Care Link (PI-Susan Allen): National Institute on Aging (RO1 AG022073); 5/04–4/07

Co-investigator: MAPS: Multifaceted Interventions to Ameliorate Pain/Symptoms (PI-Joan Teno); National Institute on Aging (R21 AG023872); 9/04–5/07

Co-PI; To Evacuate or Not to Evacuate: Lessons Learned by Nursing Home Administrative Directors during Hurricanes Katrina/Rita: Kaiser Family Foundation; 1/06–9/06

PI, Epidemiology of Delirium in the Nursing Home; SURDNA Foundation (Brown#4-64566); 1/05-6/06

Co-PI, Exploring the Special Needs & Potential Role of Nursing Homes in Surge Capacity for Bioterrorism and Other Public Health Emergencies AHRQ Special 7/04–12/05

Lynn McNicoll, M.D., FRCPC

Co-PI, Rhode Island Intensive Care Unit Collaborative for the dissemination and implementation of evidence-based protocols to improve practices and patient safety in ICU statewide. Unrestricted funds provided by United Healthcare and Blue Cross Blue Shield RI; $870,000; 8/05–7/07

PI, Rhode Island Foundation Medical Research grant; ICU Utilization among nursing home residents. $10,000 5/07–4/08

Co-investigator, Donald W. Reynolds Foundation (Besdine, PI), Comprehensive Programs to Strengthen Physicians’ Training In Geriatrics; 7/06–6/10

Aman Nanda, M.D.

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Ramona Rhodes, M.D., MPH
Co-investigator R01 AG024265-02S1 Teno (PI); Research Supplement to Promote Diversity in Health Related Research; NIA; 7/1/06–7/1/08
Co-investigator, Donald W. Reynolds Foundation (Besdine, PI), Comprehensive Programs to Strengthen Physicians’ Training In Geriatrics; 7/06–6/10

Ana Tuya, M.D.
Co-investigator, Donald W. Reynolds Foundation (Besdine, PI), Comprehensive Programs to Strengthen Physicians’ Training In Geriatrics; 7/06–6/10

Joan Teno, M.D.
AG 023872 PI 9/15/04-5/31/07 DHHS-NIH
Multifaceted Interventions to Ameliorate Pain/ Symptoms

R01 CA097358 PI 9/1/03-8/31/07 NIH/NCI
Cancer Assessments and Reports of End-Of-Life Treatment
AG024091-02 S R01 (Teno) 9/30/04–7/31/07 Sub w/ HRCA
The CASCADE Study: End-of-Life in Advanced Dementia
RO1 AG024265 PI 6/15/05–5/31/09 DHHS-NIA
Feeding Tube Use Among Persons with Advanced Dementia
sub w/ HRCA to Alzheimer’s Assoc.
11/1/05–10/31/07
Improving Hospice Care for Dementia
Retirement Research Foundation 11/1/06–12/31/08
Development of the Patient Evaluation of Hospice and Palliative Care Measure

Grand Rounds Lecture, May 2007
HEMATOLOGY/ONCOLOGY

OVERVIEW

The combined Hematology/Oncology Division at Rhode Island Hospital and Miriam Hospital continues to strive for excellence in patient care, basic and clinical research, and education. Major changes have characterized the last few years with a turn-over of faculty and the addition of a cohort of excellent new faculty members. Drs. Neal Ready, Anita Kestin, and Gary Strauss have departed. Drs. Ariel Birnbaum, Maria Constantinou, Ravitharan Krishnadasan, Gerald Colvin, Jason Aliotta, Eric Winer, and Peter Quesenberry all have joined the faculty in the last two years. Drs. Birnbaum and Constantinou arrived from the Brown/Lifespan fellowship program and are outstanding junior investigators focusing on head and neck cancer, lung cancer, and brain tumors. Dr. Krishnadasan was recruited from Yale where he had won many honors. He is focusing on hematological disorders including coagulation. Dr. Colvin came from Roger Williams Medical Center (RWMC). He is an experienced clinical hematologist/oncologist with extensive stem cell transplant experience and a laboratory base in stem cell biology. He has a K08 NIH award and is a project leader on the Stem Cell COBRE which was left at RWMC. Dr. Jason Aliotta was also recruited from RWMC. He is a pulmonologist with his primary appointment in Hematology/Oncology and his secondary appointment in pulmonary medicine. He is doing cutting edge work on the conversion of marrow cells to lung cells. Dr. Eric Winer is an experienced stem cell transplant and clinical investigator. He will have a central role in the development of stem cell transplantation at RIH. Dr. Quesenberry also came from RWMC. He is a hematologist/oncologist and transplant with a long experience in research on marrow stem cells. He is R01 funded and was Principal Investigator on the RWMC COBRE.

There has been a special emphasis on education in the past year. At RIH, the inpatient rotation has been divided into two sections each with a clinical faculty member and a fellow. We have also added a 10-headed Nikon Microscope for morphologic teaching.

FACULTY MEMBERS

Faculty (Full Time or Volunteer):

Peter J. Quesenberry, M.D., Director, Hematology/Oncology at Brown Medical School and Lifespan Medical Center, specifically at the Rhode Island Hospital and The Miriam Hospital, Paul Calabresi, M.D. Professor of Oncology and Professor of Medicine, Executive Director of Hematology/Oncology for academic activities at the VA Medical Center and Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island.

Jason Aliotta, M.D., Pulmonologist, Assistant Professor (pending), Hematology/Oncology and Pulmonary/Critical Care/Sleep Medicine, Rhode Island Hospital, University Medicine Foundation.

Ariel E. Birnbaum, M.D., Oncologist, Hematology/Oncology, Rhode Island Hospital, University Medicine Foundation.

Deborah Britt, Ph.D., Assistant Professor (Research), Hematology/Oncology and Pathology, Rhode Island Hospital, University Medicine Foundation.

James Butera, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor, Hematology/Oncology, Rhode Island Hospital, University Medicine Foundation.

Devasis Chatterjee, Ph.D., Assistant Professor (Research), Hematology/Oncology, Rhode Island Hospital, University Medicine Foundation.
Gerald A. Colvin, DO, Associate Professor (pending), Hematology/Oncology, Rhode Island Hospital, University Medicine Foundation.

Maria Constantinou, M.D., Hematologist/Oncologist, Hematology/Oncology, Rhode Island Hospital, University Medicine Foundation.

James Darnowski, Ph.D., Associate Professor (Research), Hematology/Oncology, Rhode Island Hospital, University Medicine Foundation.

Joseph DiBenedetto, Jr., M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor, Hematology/Oncology, Rhode Island Hospital, University Medicine Foundation.

Karen Drumea, M.D., Assistant Professor (Research), Hematology/Oncology, Rhode Island Hospital, University Medicine Foundation.

Loren Fast, Ph.D., Associate Professor (Research), Hematology/Oncology, Rhode Island Hospital, University Medicine Foundation.

Mary Anne Fenton, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor, Hematology/Oncology, Rhode Island Hospital, University Medicine Foundation.

Edward Filardo, Ph.D., Assistant Professor (Research), Hematology/Oncology and Surgery, Rhode Island Hospital, University Medicine Foundation.

Nancy Freeman, M.D., Clinical Associate Professor, Hematology/Oncology, VA Medical Center.

Douglas Hixson, Ph.D., Professor (Research), Hematology/Oncology and Pathology, Rhode Island Hospital, University Medicine Foundation.

Djuro Josic, Ph.D., Professor (Research), Hematology/Oncology, Rhode Island Hospital, University Medicine Foundation.

Linda Hassan, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor, Hematology/Oncology, Memorial Hospital.

Humera Khurshid, M.D., BMBS, Assistant Professor, Hematology/Oncology, Memorial Hospital.

Ravitharan Krishnadasan, M.D., Assistant Professor, Hematology/Oncology, Rhode Island Hospital, University Medicine Foundation.

Yow Pin Lim, M.D., Ph.D., Assistant Professor (Research), Hematology/Oncology, Rhode Island Hospital, University Medicine Foundation.

Anthony Mega, M.D., Associate Professor (Clinical), Hematology/Oncology, Miriam Hospital, University Medicine Foundation.

David Mills, Ph.D., Assistant Professor (Research), Hematology/Oncology, Rhode Island Hospital, University Medicine Foundation.

Ahmed Nadeem, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor, Hematology/Oncology, Landmark Medical Center.

Plakyil Joseph, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor, Hematology/Oncology, Rhode Island Hospital, University Medicine Foundation.

Alan Rosmarin, M.D., Associate Professor RST, Hematology/Oncology and MCI, Miriam Hospital, University Medicine Foundation.

Howard Safran, M.D., Associate Professor TST, Hematology/Oncology, Miriam Hospital, University Medicine Foundation.

Sundaesan Sambandam, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor, Hematology/Oncology, Rhode Island Hospital, University Medicine Foundation.

Fred Schiffman, M.D., Professor TST, Hematology/Oncology, Miriam Hospital, University Medicine Foundation.

William Sikov, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor, Hematology/Oncology, Miriam Hospital, University Medicine Foundation.

Rochelle Strenger, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor, Hematology/Oncology, Miriam Hospital, University Medicine Foundation.

Anthony Testa, M.D., Clinical Instructor, Hematology/Oncology, St. Joseph's Hospital.

Anthony G. Thomas, DO, Clinical Assistant Professor, Hematology/Oncology, Rhode Island Hospital, University Medicine Foundation.

Nancy L. Thompson, Ph.D., Professor (Pending), Hematology/Oncology, Rhode Island Hospital, University Medicine Foundation.

Edward G. Wittels, M.D., Associate Professor TST, Hematology/Oncology, Miriam Hospital, University Medicine Foundation.

Zhongfa Yang, Ph.D., Instructor (Research), Hematology/Oncology, Rhode Island Hospital, University Medicine Foundation.

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL HONORS AND RECOGNITION OF FACULTY

Devasis Chatterjee, Ph.D.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS:

- The United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology (USCAP) Conference. “The prognostic role of RKIP
and Stat 3 in Gastric Adenocarcinoma; a tissue microarray study. Hyatt Regency, Atlanta, GA.
RIH Regulation of life and death by RKIP. COBRE/CCRD.
Gerald Alexander Colvin, DO
Outstanding Research Contribution Award from ASBMT.
Outstanding Research Contribution Award from NIH NIDDK.
American Medical Association Physician’s Recognition Award.
INVITED PRESENTATIONS:
“Modern Trends in Human Leukemia”, Wilsede, Germany.
James William Darnowski, Ph.D.
INVITED PRESENTATIONS:
“Caspase-Mediated Cleavage of STAT Signaling Proteins”, Whispering Pines Conference Center, T. J. Martell Foundation.
Karen C. Drumea, M.D.
American Society of Hematology Travel Award.
Loren D. Fast, Ph.D.
INVITED PRESENTATIONS:
Collaborative for Vaccine Research and Development, Brown University.
Guest Lecturer, Immunology Medical Microbiology BI254A, Pfizer Laboratories.
Mary Anne Fenton, M.D., FACP
INVITED PRESENTATIONS:
“Pathophysiology of Breast, Cervical, Ovarian, and Uterine Cancer”, URI College of Pharmacy.
American Society of Breast Disease, Adjuvant Hormonal Therapy.
Edward J. Filardo, Ph.D.
Independent Investigator Award.
American Cancer Society Research Scholar.
INVITED PRESENTATIONS:
Characterization of GPR30: a seven-membrane-spanning estrogen receptor (7-mER) that triggers autocrine release of EGF. COBRE.
Activation of GPR30, a novel estrogen receptor at the plasma membrane. Endocrine Society Meeting.
Transactivation of the EGFR by estrogen. Rapid Steroid Hormone Actions, Royal College of Surgeons, Dublin, Ireland.
Douglas Carter Hixson, Ph.D.
INVITED PRESENTATIONS:
“Bile duct Epithelial Cells: Are they Hepatocyte Impersonators or the Real Thing?” Symposium on Inflammation, Repair and Carcinogenesis in Liver, Pancreas and Gastrointestinal Tact, University of California, San Francisco.
Djuro Josic, Ph.D.
Director of Proteomics Core of the COBRE Center for Cancer Research Development at RIH.
Ravitharan Krishnadasan, M.D.
Provide free care in outpatient medical clinic in Southern India and surrounding villages 2–4 weeks per year.
Yow-Pin Lim, Ph.D.
INVITED PRESENTATIONS:
Quantitative Protein Biomarker Analysis using Monolithic ImmunoDisk, Portoroz.
Anthony Mega, M.D.
Top Doctor – Hematology/Oncology, Rhode Island Monthly Magazine.
INVITED PRESENTATIONS:
B-cell Malignancies Education Network, Providence, RI. Moderator, Optimizing Therapy for CD20-Expressing B-Cell Malignancies.
Urology Conference, Rhode Island Hospital, Providence, RI. Prostate Cancer.
Hematology/Oncology Grand Rounds, Rhode Island Hospital, Providence, RI. Prostate Cancer/Adjuvant Therapy.
Medical Grand Rounds, Landmark Medical Center, Woonsocket, RI. To Castrate or to Not Castrate – The Role of Androgen Deprivation Therapy in the Management of Prostate Cancer.
Peter J. Quesenberry, M.D.
Lifetime Achievement Award from Leukemia/Lymphoma Society of America.
Castle Connolly Top Doctors Award.
INVITED PRESENTATIONS:
Fox Chase-Temple BMT Program, Philadelphia, PA.
31st Annual Meeting of the European Group for Blood and Marrow Transplantation, Prague, Czech Republic.

RFA Stem Cell Grantee Meeting, Cell Cycle Related Homing and Engraftment of Marrow Cells to Pulmonary Tissue.

UVA, “Basic and Therapeutic Implications of the Stem Cell Continuum” Charlottesville, VA.

Stem Cell Workshop for Xth ISBS, Stem Cell Continuum.


Adult Stem Cells Workshop, Burlington, VT, Fluctuation of Marrow Cell Production of Lung Cells in a Continuum.


XXXth World Congress of the International Society of Hematology, Current Perspectives on Stem Cell Biology and Challenges in Clinical Implications, Istanbul, Turkey.

Third Annual Meeting of European Stem Cell, Therapeutics Excellence Centre (STEC) & Second Meeting of the Polish Stem Cell Excellence Network, Cracow, Poland, Stem Cell Continuum, Lecturer and Chair.

6th Annual Meeting of the DFG Priority Program 1109, "Embryonic and Somatic Stem Cells" together with the Priority Program 1129 "Epigenetics", lecture on The Stem Cell Continuum: Cell Cycle Modulation of Stem Cell Phenotype, Dresden, Germany.

Stem cell presentation at Rochester University, New York.

Weizmann Institute of Science, Stem Cell Club Meeting, First meeting of the Israeli Stem Cell Society, Israel.

Presentation for the Program in Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine at the University of Florida, New Concepts in Stem Cell Biology: The Stem Cell Continuum.

Presentation at the AlloStem Workshop being held in Naples, Induction of complete responses in patients with refractory hematologic malignancies by mini-haplo transplants without engraftment.

RFA Stem Cell Meeting, NIH cell cycle related transdifferentiation into lung cells.

Bone Marrow and Hematopoietic Cell Transplant Seminar, Tufts-New England Medical Center, Boston, Massachusetts.

Presentation on stem cell plasticity and tissue restoration at the Clinical Laboratory Science Society of New England Annual Meeting, Salve Regina University, Bristol, RI.

ATS Symposium, Regenerating the Lung Circulation in Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension: More than a Pipe Dream, in San Diego, California, Lecture on Clinical potential of adult stem cells for repopulating diseased pulmonary circulation.

Presentation at the Bone Marrow Transplant Conference at Harvard Medical School on stem cell engraftment.

Presentation at the IDeA Symposium in Washington, DC, The New Stem Cell Biology.


Presentation on the “Global Continuum Model of Stem Cell Regulation, International Symposium on Hematopoietic Stem Cells VI in Tubingen, Germany.

Presentation at the Canadian Blood and Marrow Transplantation Group meeting on cell cycle related transdifferentiation into lung cells in Edmonton, Canada.

Pediatric Research Colloquium, Women & Infants Hospital, Microvesicular Induced Stem Cell Plasticity.

Stem Cell RFA Grantees Meeting, NIH.

ASCLS-CNE, Annual American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science Central New England, Microvesicular Alteration of Cell Phenotype, RI Convention Center.

Jewish Medical Ethics Forum, Controversies in Stem Cell Therapies.

Yale Hematology Seminar, The Stem Cell Continuum: An Alternate Model of Stem Cell Regulation.

West Virginia University School of Medicine, 15th Annual Palladino Lecture.

Co-organizer, Molecular Characteristics of Normal and Leukemia Stem Cells Conference, Brazil.

Alan Rosmarin, M.D.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS:

Johns Hopkins University, Hematopoiesis and Immunology Research Seminar. “GA-Binding Protein (GABP): a key regulator of myeloid gene transcription is required for cell cycle progression”.

Eighth International Workshop on Myeloid Development, Co-Organizer and Speaker. “A novel enhancerosome is required for ATRA-induced myeloid transcription”, Orlando, FL.

University of Vermont, Hematology/Oncology Grand Rounds, “Transcriptional Regulation by GABP: role in normal myeloid differentiation and implications for acute leukemia”.

Seventh International Meeting on Myeloid Stem Cell Development and Leukemia. “GABP is required for myeloid development in mice”, and session co-chair, Annapolis, Maryland.

Howard Safran, M.D.
Invited Presentations:
- Plenary presentation at ASCO GI on targeted therapy in esophageal cancer.

Fred J. Schiffman, M.D.
Invited Presentations:
- Association of Program Directors in Internal Medicine, Workshop Leader/Panelist, Morning Report.
- Chiefs of Medicine of Federation of Jewish Philanthropies Hospitals, Annual Meeting.
- Association of Program Directors of Internal Medicine, plenary session panelist & workshop leader.
- Chiefs of Medicine of Federation of Jewish Philanthropies Hospitals, Annual Meeting.
- Visiting Professor, Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, Medical Grand Rounds.

William M. Sikov, M.D.
- Elected to Executive Committee of Cancer and Leukemia Group B.
Invited Presentations:
- Breast Cancer Update: Review of the 2004 San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium, University of Vermont, Manchester, VT.

Rochelle Strenger, M.D.
Invited Presentations:
- New Directions in Breast Cancer Treatment, Women’s Wellness Workshop.

Nancy L. Thompson, Ph.D.
Invited Presentations:

Eric S. Winer, M.D.
Invited Presentations:

Edward G. Wittels, M.D.
- Top Doctor – Hematology/Oncology, Rhode Island Monthly Magazine.

Zhongfa Yang, Ph.D.
- Young Investigator Award of Rhode Island Hospital 13th Annual Hospital Research Celebration.

RESEARCH AND OTHER SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

Faculty Members of Study Sections and Advisory Committees

Deborah Britt, Ph.D.
- Member, Lifespan Research Celebration Committee.
- Associate Chair, Recombinant DNA Committee.
- Mentor, Bio 195/196.
- Mentorship of graduate research, Pathobiology Graduate Program.
- Principal Investigator, “Nuclear LYRIC in Prostate Cancer Development”, NIH.
- Co-Investigator, “Cellular Origins of Liver Cancer.” NIH.
- Principal Investigator, “Examination of a Novel Protein LYRIC and its Involvement in Prostate Tumor Suppression Mediated by the Cell Adhesion Molecule CEACAM1-L.” US Army.
- Principal Investigator, “The Role of a Novel Protein, LYRIC, in Development of Hepatocellular Carcinoma.” NIH.
- Principal Investigator, “Investigation of the Nuclear Localization of a Tight Junction Protein, LYRIC, and its Implications in Hepatocellular Carcinoma.” NIH.

Devasis Chatterjee, Ph.D.
- Rhode Island Hospital and Lifespan Developmental Award. “Regulation of apoptosis in human cancer cells by the expression of RKIP”.

THE WARREN ALPERT MEDICAL SCHOOL OF BROWN UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE
» COBRE/CCRD NIH Pilot and Junior Investigator.
» Consultant for RI Clinical Research Center, Tiverton, RI.
» Ad hoc reviewer for: (1) FEBS letters, (2) anticancer research, (3) clinical cancer research, (4) expert opinion on investigational drugs, (5) Journal of Clinical Investigation, and (6) Clinical Cancer Research.

**Gerald Colvin, DO**
» Invited member of the Emerging Leaders Task Force.
» Site Director National Marrow Donor Program.
» Cancer Center Protocol Review Committee.
» Cancer and Leukemia Group B Member (CALGB).
» P & T Committee.
» Human Research Review Committee.

**James W. Darnowski, Ph.D.**
» Member, IACUC Ad-Hoc Committee on Research
» Associate Director, IACUC, Rhode Island Hospital.
» Member, IRB, Women & Infants’ Hospital.
» Member, Con-CET-3 Study Section, US Army DOD.
» Member, CET/Prostate Cancer Study Section, US Army DOD.

**Loren D. Fast, Ph.D.**
» Ad hoc reviewer for Journal of Immunology, American Journal of Pathology, Transfusion and Blood.
» Chair, Biohazard and Laboratory Safety Committee.
» Vice Chair, Pathobiology Curriculum Committee.

**Edward J. Filardo, Ph.D.**
» Study Section for Endocrinology, Department of Defense.
» Study Section for National Science Foundation.

**Djuro Josic, Ph.D.**
» COBRE Center for Cancer Research Development, NIH/NCRR.

**Anthony Mega, M.D.**
» Scientific Review Board, Brown University Oncology Group.
» Chair, Genitourinary Subcommittee, Brown University Oncology Group.

**Peter J. Quesenberry, M.D.**
» Tissue Engineering Bioengineering Research Partnerships, Council ZRG1 MOSS-G 52 Application Review, NIH.
» NIDDK application review, “Liver Injury and Repopulation by Bone Marrow Stem Cells”.
» NCI P01 Review, Stem Cell Transplantation Cluster Review.
» Review of RFA-HL-04-017, Specialized Centers for Cell-based Therapy and Data and Coordinating Center.
» National Stem Cell Bank Review, NCRR Special Emphasis Panel.
» NHLB Review, Specialized Centers for Cell-based therapy and data and coordinating center.
» Biomedical Research Council, evaluation of research proposal, The Agency for Sciences Technology in Research in Singapore, Phone review.
"NIDDK Cellular Niches Workshop."
"Translational Research Review, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society."
"Center for Scientific Review, Study Section Meeting, brain disorders and clinical neuroscience."
"Translational Research Grant Review, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society."
"BDCN Member Conflicts Special Emphasis Panel, NIH."
"Peer Reviewed Medical Research Program, Blood-Related Cancer Panel, AIBS."
"NIDDK Special Emphasis Panel, ZDK1 GRB-9 (J1)."
"Translational Research Grant Review, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society."
"Site Visit, City of Hope Comprehensive Cancer Center, Duarte, CA."
"Regional Editor, Forum."
"Section Editor, Leukemia."
"Editor, Central European Journal of Biology (CEJB)."
"Editorial Board, American Journal of Hematology."
"Associate Editor, Experimental Hematology."
"Lead Reviewer, Stem Cells."

Alan Rosmarin, M.D.
"NIH Cancer and Molecular Pathology, ad hoc member."
"American Cancer Society, Research Council."
"Scientific and Medical Research Funding Working Group of the California Institute of Regenerative Medicine (California Stem Cell Initiative), alternate member."

Howard Safran, M.D.
"National Cancer Institute, GI Cancer Steering Committee"
"RTOG Medical Oncology, GI Committee Chair"
"Main leader in development of Intergroup esophageal cetuximab trial RTOG-0436."
"Main leader in development of upcoming intergroup adjuvant pancreatic trial."
"NCI/CTEP Pancreatic cancer task force."
"NCI/CTEP Esophagogastric task force."
"Editor, GI Oncology, Up-to-Date Online."

Fred Jay Schiffman, M.D.
"Workshop Leader, “Morning Report”, Association of Program Directors in Internal Medicine, San Diego, CA."
"Workshop Leader, “Advancing your (and your program’s) academic agenda as Chief Resident”, Association of Program Directors in Internal Medicine, San Diego, CA."

William M. Sikov, M.D.
"CALGB – Board of Directors."

Rochelle Strenger, M.D.
"Cancer Control Committee."

Nancy L. Thompson, Ph.D.
"National Advisory Board, FASEB Minority Access to Research Careers (MARC) Program."
"RIH Radiation Safety Committee."
"Lifespan Developmental Grant Review Study Section."
"RIH Department of Surgery Trauma and Inflammation Training Grant, Intramural Advisory Committee."
"Brown University Committee on Medical Faculty Appointments (CMFA)."
"Brown University Office of Women in Medicine Advisory Board."
"Brown BioMed Division: Dean’s Task Force on Graduate and Postdoctoral Training."
"Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology Science Award Committee; Chairman."
"Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology Minority Access to Research Career Advisory Board."
"Outside reviewer: promotion dossiers, Academic Promotions Committees: Dept. of Pathology and Lab Med, Univ. North Carolina, Chapel Hill; National Cancer Institute, Intramural Program; Dept. Pathology and Lab Med, University of Toronto, Canada; Dept. Surgery, Emory University; Chair, External Review Committee, Dept. Pathology and Lab Medicine, University North Carolina, Chapel Hill."

Edward G. Wittels, M.D.
"Secretary Board of Directors, The Miriam Independent Physicians Association."
"Finance Committee, University Medicine Foundation."
"Investment Committee, University Medicine Foundation."
"Nominating Committee for Board Members, University Medicine Foundation."
"Clinical Operations Strategic Committee, University Medicine Foundation."
"Tumor Board Conference."
"Chairman, Cancer Control Committee."

THE WARREN ALPERT MEDICAL SCHOOL OF BROWN UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE
Zhongfa Yang, Ph.D.
- Instructor of Medicine, Research Associate.

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Education Honors and Awards

Jason Aliotta, M.D.
- Outstanding Teaching Award, Pulmonary Pathophysiology Small Group Leader, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University.

James M. Butera, M.D.
- Brown University Dean’s Excellence in Teaching Award.
- The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University Dean’s Teaching Excellence Award.

Ravitharan Krishnadasan, M.D.
- The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, Dean’s Teaching Excellence Award.

Anthony Mega, M.D.
- Dean’s Teaching Excellence Award, Bio 350: Pathophysiology-Hematology, Brown Medical School.
- Teaching Recognition Award for Clinical Faculty, Warren Alpert Medical School, Brown University.
- House Staff Teaching Award, The Miriam Hospital.

Peter J. Quesenberry, M.D.
- Paul Calabresi, M.D., Professorship in Oncology at Brown University/Rhode Island Hospital.

Alan Rosmarin, M.D.
- Dean’s Teaching Award.

Fred J. Schiffman, M.D.
- The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, Beckwith Family Award for Outstanding Teaching.
- The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, MC Faculty Award in honor and with gratitude for teaching and mentoring.

William M. Sikov, M.D.
- Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University Dean’s Teaching Excellence Award in recognition of Exemplary Teaching.
- M & M Conferences (organizer and leader)
- Hematology Pathophysiology Course (small group leader)

Rochelle Strenger, M.D.
- Course Leader, Elective in Clinical Hematology/Oncology (Biomed 311A).
- Course Leader, Physical Diagnosis, Miriam Hospital, (BioMed 373–4)
- Course Leader, Elective in Clinical Hematology/Oncology for Postgraduate Years One, Two, and Three.

Edward G. Wittels, M.D.
- Dean’s Teaching Excellence Award, Bio 350: Pathophysiology-Hematology, Brown Medical School.
- Site Director, The Miriam Hospital, Bio 350: Core Clinical Clerkship in Medicine, Brown Medical School.

TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES

Deborah Britt, Ph.D.
- Course Leader, Bio 284 Topics in Pathobiology: Molecular Mechanisms of Carcinogenesis.
- Course Organizer, Bio 285 Introduction to Faculty Research.

Anthony Mega, M.D.
- Director, Hematology/Oncology Fellowship.
HEMATOLOGY/ONCOLOGY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS

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<td>Bharti Chauhan, M.D.</td>
<td>Pandit JJM Medical College Raipur, India</td>
<td>Brown University, Memorial Hospital of RI, Pawtucket, RI</td>
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<td>Samir Desai, M.D.</td>
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<td>Ronald Harris, DO</td>
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<td>Private practice Binghamton, NY</td>
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<td>Linda Ries, M.D.</td>
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<td>Brown University-Rhode Island Hospital, Providence, RI</td>
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<td>Ariel Birnbaum, M.D.</td>
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<td>University of Minnesota Minneapolis, MN</td>
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<td>Kurt Demel, M.D.</td>
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<td>Health Alliance of Greater Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH</td>
<td>Minneapolis, St. Paul</td>
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<td>Ursula Reusch, M.D.</td>
<td>University of Missouri Columbia, MO</td>
<td>Brown University Rhode Island Hospital – The Miriam Hospital Providence, RI</td>
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<td>Maine Center for Cancer Medicine</td>
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<td>Devon Evans, M.D.</td>
<td>Jefferson Medical College Philadelphia, PA</td>
<td>Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, MA</td>
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<td>Neil Zakai, M.D.</td>
<td>University of Virginia Charlottesville, VA</td>
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SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Jason Aliotta, M.D.


Ariel Birnbaum, M.D.


Deborah Britt, Ph.D.


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Devasis Chatterjee, Ph.D.


Gerald Colvin, D.O.


Maria Constantinou, M.D.


James W. Darnowski, Ph.D.


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Karen C. Drumea, M.D.


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Ravitharan Krishnadasan, M.D.


Peter J. Quesenberry, M.D.


David R. Mills, Ph.D.


Mills DR, Haskell M.D., Britt D, Flanagan DL, Callanan HM, Brilliant KE, Carriero MP, Hixson DC: Monoclonal antibody OC.10 against an early bile duct differentiation marker defines a cell surface epitope on Hsc70 and promotes morphogenesis of bile ducts in newborn rat liver. Accepted, under revision, Cell Stress and Chaperones.


Anthony Mega, M.D.


Alan Rosmarin, M.D.


Howard Safran, M.D.


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**Deborah Britt, Ph.D.**
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**Djuro Josic, Ph.D.**
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**Erica Lawson**
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**Yow-Pin Lim, M.D., Ph.D.**
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Howard Safran, M.D.

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Radiation Therapy Oncology Group. Brown University

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William Sikov, M.D.

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CALGB Main Member Support Program. University of Chicago/NCI

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A Phase II Study of Glutamine Supplementation in Patients Receiving Weekly Taxol for Metastatic Breast on Non-Small Cell Lung Cancers. Boston University/Bristol-Myers

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HOSPITALIST MEDICINE

OVERVIEW

Rhode Island’s first inpatient group inaugurated on August 7, 1996. This was a ground breaking move especially given the fact that the term ‘hospitalist’ had not yet been coined. The program, originally under the Division of General Internal Medicine, began modestly with three full time physicians. Initially, the role of the inpatient group was to cultivate relationships with community physicians and a marketing campaign was launched. A patient brochure was designed to provide an explanation to patients about the new Internal Medicine Inpatient Service (hereby designated as IMIS). Physicians were invited to sign up with this new program that provided inpatient care to their patients giving them the advantage of remaining in their offices as opposed to making a hospital visit. The IMIS program established formal links with the patients Primary Care Physicians. Communication was established at the time of admission and discharge via fax or phone call; discharge summaries sent once available.

Over time the momentum of the hospitalist movement began to gain significant ground. Many outpatient practitioners realized that hospital medical practice was becoming an increasingly complex endeavor: managing a sicker inpatient load; ordering and following up on tests; interacting with consultants and so forth. The result was that demand for the inpatient group grew and in October 1999 the program was further expanded and two additional physicians were added to complement the existing three. During this year all other non-teaching services at Rhode Island Hospital (which had existed as separate entities) were folded into the IMIS program including the nurse practitioner service as well as the House Officer on Private Service (HOOPS) program.

The IMIS program functioned in this capacity through until July 2003 when further alterations were made on account of the reduced workload for housestaff mandated by the ACGME (Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education). Staffing was increased to accommodate a new chest pain observation service as well as increased outpatient physician enrollment to the hospitalist program. In the summer of 2003 Rhode Island Hospital’s Jane Brown 2 North ward was designated an IMIS unit in order to streamline admissions and discharges. In September 2003 another milestone was achieved and the Division of Hospitalist Medicine was created. In 2007 plans for further expansion are underway to increase the size of the program as well as to develop a formal academic track for the Division’s physicians.

The Division of Hospitalist Medicine is now responsible for the following clinical programs at Rhode Island Hospital:

- The Hospitalist Program – offering admissions, management through until discharge for primary care physicians who have signed up with the group;
- The Community Physician Alliance Service –staffed by primarily nurse practitioners – this program offers cross coverage services on all medical non-teaching services during the weekdays and assistance with admissions overnight.

The Division of Hospitalist Medicine currently employs the equivalent of nine full time University Medicine Foundation Physicians as well as four nurse practitioners. All physicians hold clinical appointments with the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University.

Teaching responsibilities with the Medical School have included the second year history and physical course as well as preceptorship for the third year medical students.

Sajeev Handa, M.D., Director, Division of Hospitalist Medicine
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- Member, Society of Hospital Medicine
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- Member, American Medical Association

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- Charter Member, Society of Hospital Medicine
- Member, Infectious Diseases Society of America
- Reviewer, Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome

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SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Joel T. Park, M.D.

- Park, J.T., Padbury, J. Maternal Grave's Disease and Neonatal Hyperthyroidism Presenting as pseudo-“TORCH” Syndrome in a Premature Newborn.
The Division of Infectious Diseases was established in 1966 at the Brown Medical School. The mission of the Division of Infectious Diseases is to provide state of the art care for all patients with any type of infectious disease, to teach and mentor medical students, house officers and fellows in the art and science of infectious diseases, and to pursue clinical and basic research into the manifestations, treatment, and prevention of infectious diseases. Physicians in the Division provide comprehensive inpatient and outpatient infectious disease care to patients at The Miriam and Rhode Island Hospitals, Memorial Hospital and Veterans Administration Medical Center.

The Division has an in-depth focus in the area of HIV/AIDS. The NIH funded Lifespan/Tufts/Brown Center for AIDS Research (CFAR), based at The Miriam Hospital under the leadership of Dr. Charles C.J. Carpenter, continues to support laboratory and clinical HIV prevention and treatment research. The total external HIV/AIDS research funding, from all sources, for Brown University Infectious Disease faculty per year exceeds $10,000,000. The NIH Center grant strongly supports the primary thematic goal of the Lifespan/Tufts/Brown CFAR, which is to carry out translational research dealing especially with the treatment and prevention of HIV infection in hard-to-reach populations, both in New England and in several countries in the developing world. The NIH Fogarty HIV Training Program (AITRP) supports international clinicians and scholars who receive further HIV related training at Brown and affiliated hospitals.

Distinctive clinical investigation has focused on HIV in women, community-based adherence, interventions among substance users, rapid HIV testing and microbicide and vaccine studies.

The AIDS Clinical Trials Program at The Miriam Hospital/Brown University has been an outstanding success. This is one of 30 units around the country, which is NIH funded to participate in multi-center HIV and AIDS treatment trials. The Miriam Hospital/Brown University has played a leading role in the development and enrollment of HIV treatment trials, specifically for women. The Immunology Center established the first HIV menopause clinic in the US and also provides virtually all the HIV care for pregnant women in Rhode Island. The Center also established reproductive health services for HIV infected serodiscordant couples in collaboration with Women and Infants Hospital.

A priority for the Division of Infectious Diseases has been innovative models for improved prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of HIV, particularly in the clinical setting. Support has generously been provided through Ryan White Titles II, III, and IV programs, as well as Special Projects of National Significance funded through the Ryan White Care Act. Infectious disease physicians with a focus on HIV and AIDS provide care not only in the hospital setting, but also at the state prison, substance abuse treatment centers, and community health centers in the surrounding towns of Woonsocket, Fall River, and Newport. The overlap between HIV, Hepatitis C and addiction has led to integrated models of care and prevention. Under the leadership of Dr. Rich, the Center for Prisoner Health and Human Rights has been established to promote diagnosis and treatment of infectious diseases within the correctional settings nationwide. A NIH funded T32 training grant supports faculty and fellows who focus on infectious diseases among communities that suffer disproportionately from addiction.

The Center for Biodefense and Emerging Pathogens at Memorial Hospital directed by Dr. Andy Artenstein continues its successful role both within Brown and within Rhode Island. Dr. Artenstein, along with the
Center’s Associate Director, Dr. Marguerite Neill at Memorial Hospital, has provided substantial community based education around biodefense since 9/11 to a variety of medical and public safety personnel. The Center has been awarded a substantial contract from the Rhode Island Department of Health for which it has developed educational tools for the health care community, as well as for the broader public, and the Center’s physicians provide 24/7 consultative services for the RI DOH for bioterrorism concerns. Dr. Margarite Neill chairs the Bioterrorism WorkGroup for the Infectious Disease Society of America, which has played a leading role in education of Infectious Disease physicians since 9/11. As part of that effort, she has spearheaded the development and maintenance of the IDSA web site on bioterrorism, developing authoritative materials, including clinical pathways, for evaluation of disease syndromes, with full text access to the references and citations supporting the content.

The Rhode Island State Tuberculosis Treatment Program moved to The Miriam Hospital, Brown University School of Medicine. This has been a nationally recognized program of excellence that was cited by the Centers for Disease Control for its leadership nationwide in establishing directly observed therapy programs for all persons with TB. This program has participated in national trials to improve TB therapy. Dr. Jane Carter has established an outstanding collaboration with Moi University Medical School in Eldoret, Kenya, which investigates improved TB therapeutic strategies for patients who have TB alone and for those patients who are co-infected with HIV and TB in the developing world, which poses unique challenges.

Members of the Division of Infectious Diseases have had national prominence in the field of hospital epidemiology and infection control. Dr. Leonard Mermel was the 25th President of the Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America, a society whose members are infection control opinion leaders from over 30 countries. He was the first author of the Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA) Guidelines on Management of Intravascular Catheter-Related Infections and he is the Chair of the writing group revising these guidelines. Dr. Mermel also co-authored national guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control on the Prevention of Intravascular Catheter-Related Infections. Dr. Mermel’s research team has recently investigated innovative technologies to prevent intravascular and bladder catheter-related infections, as well as research to better understand the epidemiology of MRSA infections. Dr. Mermel is the Medical Director of the Rhode Island Hospital Dept of Epidemiology & Infection Control. Dr. John Lonks, whose research focus is on resistant pneumococcus, directs the Department of Infection Control at Miriam Hospital.

The Division of Infectious Diseases has established a dedicated inpatient and outpatient consultative service to prevent and treat infections among solid organ transplant recipients, under the direction of Staci A. Fischer, M.D. Kidney and pancreas transplants are performed at Rhode Island Hospital, where a multidisciplinary team with active ID involvement also cares for recipients of other solid organ allografts performed at outside institutions, providing clinical exposure to the care of heart, lung and liver transplants as well. Active research projects include investigations into the epidemiology and risk factors for BK virus-induced nephropathy; the pharmacokinetic impact of immunosuppressive therapies on antiretroviral agents in the transplantation of HIV-infected patients; and an NIH-sponsored study in partnership with the University of Massachusetts investigating CMV-specific T cell responses and their impact on allograft rejection.

The Division of Infectious Diseases, in conjunction with Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine, have established the Ocean State Clinical Coordinating Center (OSCCC) at Rhode Island Hospital. Steven P. LaRosa, M.D. serves as the Director of the OSCCC and Steven Opal, M.D. serves as Associate Director. The OSCCC is an academic group of physicians, research nurses, and research assistants who, working in conjunction with a study sponsor, serve as the “real-time” main point of contact for study sites for a variety of services. These services include: assessment of patient eligibility for the study, direction regarding protocol procedures, and answering questions regarding concomitant medications and safety concerns. The OSCCC has secured grant funding for trials of sepsis treatment interventions and severe pneumonia.

Dr. Kenneth H. Mayer has recently received multiple awards for his outstanding work in the area of HIV prevention. He was honored by the American Federation for AIDS Research to receive its yearly award for leadership in the area of HIV clinical research. He was chosen as the Paul J. Galkin Lecturer for Distinguished Leadership in HIV and AIDS. He also received honorary lifetime membership in the Indian Medical Association due to the establishment of the HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment collaboration with YRG Care in Chennai, India. Dr. Mayer has played a leading role in developing and evaluating microbicides for the prevention of HIV, both in this country and in resource poor settings.
Dr. Timothy P. Flanigan and Dr. Jennifer A. Mitty have spearheaded a program of modified directly observed therapy for HIV treatment for individuals who are marginalized and would otherwise not receive the benefit of our new combination HIV treatments. An NIH funded modified DOT pilot program for active substance abusers to provide community based treatment strategies is ongoing and has been cited nationally. Programs to extend these community based therapies for pregnant women and persons leaving prison have begun.

Dr. Josiah D. Rich and Dr. Scott Allen have founded the Center for Prisoner Health and Human Rights <www.prisonerhealth.org> at the Miriam Hospital to promote research, quality health care, education and advocacy for people detained in correctional systems. The Center currently has over a dozen adjunctive faculty members.

Dr. Bharat Ramratnam directs the Virology Core laboratory at Brown for the Center for AIDS Research. His work investigates viral dynamics, and particularly HIV viral decay. He has received funding from the Doris Duke Foundation, NIH/ NIAID, and the Culpepper Foundation. Recent work has focused on inhibitory activities of siRNA and the use of lactobacillus as vectors for mucosal microbiode delivery.

Dr. E. Jane Carter, who is a national expert on TB, oversees opportunities for clinical research for residents in Africa (Moi Medical School, Kenya). Drs. Mayer, Flanigan and Cu-Uvin collaborate on HIV clinical research in Chennai, India, Cambodia, Philippines and Indonesia related to HIV prevention and treatment of AIDS and opportunistic infections. Herb Harwell, M.D., who was trained in both Pediatrics and Medicine, has expertise in the area of sexually transmitted diseases and HIV. He has developed ongoing projects in Phnom Penh, Cambodia to evaluate the long-term morbidity and mortality related to HIV and the potential impact of antiretroviral therapy in Southeast Asia. He currently provides HIV treatment guidance and training for the Clinton Foundation.

FACULTY MEMBERS

FULL-TIME FACULTY (Hospital and Foundation Based)

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Josiah D. Rich, M.D., M.P.H., Professor, Miriam Hospital, University Medicine Foundation
Karen T. Tashima, M.D., Associate Professor of Medicine, Miriam Hospital, University Medicine Foundation
Lynn E. Taylor, M.D., Assistant Professor (Research), Miriam Hospital
Edward J. Wing, M.D., Professor, Rhode Island Hospital, University Medicine Foundation
Nickolas Zaller, Ph.D., Instructor (Research), Miriam Hospital

VOLUNTEER FACULTY
Jeffrey Bratberg, Pharm.D., Clinical Assistant Professor, Rhode Island Hospital
Patricia A. Cristofaro, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor, Miriam Hospital
Rinchen-Tzo Emgushov, M.D., Clinical Instructor, Rhode Island Hospital
Glenn Fort, M.D., Clinical Associate Professor, Rhode Island Hospital
Husam Issa, M.D., Clinical Instructor, Rhode Island Hospital
Jerome M. Larkin, M.D., Clinical Associate Professor, Rhode Island Hospital
Dennis Mikolich, M.D., Clinical Associate Professor, Veterans Administration Medical Center
Michael T. Poshkus, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor, Rhode Island Hospital

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL HONORS AND RECOGNITION OF FACULTY

Curt G. Beckwith, M.D.

Invited Presentations:

Charles C.J. Carpenter, M.D.


INVITED PRESENTATIONS:
› Chair, Session on HIV/TB Co-infection at the U.S.-Japan Cooperative Medical Science Program 10th International Conference on Emerging Infectious Diseases in the Pacific Rim in Hanoi, Vietnam on November 16-17, 2005.
› Chair, Session on International Research at the Annual Meeting of the NIH-supported Centers for AIDS Research in Birmingham, Alabama, on November 8–10, 2006.
› Chair, Treatment Section of the Fifth Meeting of the Institute of Medicine Committee for the Evaluation of the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) in Washington, DC on June 29-30, 2006.

E. Jane Carter, M.D.

International Tuberculosis Foundation. President, Board of Directors
World Lung Foundation, Board of Directors

Patricia Cristofaro, M.D.

Invited Presentations:
› “Microbicidal potential of RNA interference in vivo” at Conference on Retrovirus and Opportunistic Infections. Boston, MA, February 2005

Susan Cu-Uvin, M.D.

Contance B. Wofsy Women’s Health Investigator Award, The AIDS Clinical Trials Group, 2005
The Ladies Home Journal Health Breakthrough Awards, 2006
Woman Physician of the Year, Rhode Island Medical Women’s Association, 2007

INVITED PRESENTATIONS:
› HIV-1 Shedding in the Female Genital Tract, University of Washington Center for AIDS Research Seminar, Seattle, WA, March 2, 2006.

Staci A. Fischer, M.D.
- Finalist, 2007 Charles C. Shepard Science Award, the Centers for Disease Control and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, "presented to the authors of the most outstanding peer-reviewed research paper published by CDC/ATSDR."
- Named to “Top Doctors,” Rhode Island Monthly, 2006

Timothy P. Flanigan, M.D.
- First National HIV Advocacy Award from Infectious Disease Society of America - 2006
- Honorary PhD Degree Salve Regina University – 2005

Invited Presentations:
- Visiting Professor and The George Naff Cleveland VAMC Annual Lectureship – 2007

Melissa M. Gaitanis, M.D.
Invited Presentations:

Joseph I. Harwell, M.D.
Invited Presentations:
- Lecturer; “Adherence in the scale-up of antiretroviral therapy in Asia,” 7th International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific, in Kobe, Japan on July 2, 2005.
- Coordinator and sole presenter of a Symposium on Pediatric HIV Infection, sponsored by the National Center for AIDS regional pediatric HIV treatment program initiation in Lixin, China on September 3–7, 2005.
- Principal lecturer at the National Training Symposium on Pediatric HIV Care, sponsored by the National Center for AIDS Division of Treatment and Care in Beijing, China on November 9–11, 2006.

Rami Kantor, M.D.
Invited Presentations:
- Faculty member and lectures titled “HIV drug resistance mutation lists” and “Lessons from the non-B working group for SATuRN implementation.” South Africa Treatment and Resistance Network (SATuRN) planning meeting, June 4–6, 2007, Durban, South Africa.
- Lecturer titled “HIV diversity and drug resistance,” February 17, 2006, Center for Biostatistics for AIDS Research, Harvard School of Public Health, Harvard University, Boston, Massachusetts.

Milu Kojic, M.D.
Invited Presentations:

John R. Lonks, M.D.
- “Top Doc” (Infectious Disease) Rhode Island Monthly, May 2006

Invited Presentations:

Leonard A. Mermel, D.O.
- President, Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America, 2005
- Board of Directors, Infectious Diseases Society of America, 2006

Invited Presentations:

Jennifer A. Mitty, M.D.
Invited Presentations:
- Community Based Modified Directly Observed Therapy at NIMH/IAPAC International Conference on HIV Treatment Adherence. 2006; Jersey City, New Jersey.
Marguerite A. Neill, M.D.
- Member, Board of Scientific Counselors, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Corresponding Editor, International Journal of Infectious Disease
- Chair, Rapid Communications Task Force, Infectious Disease Society of America

Steven M. Opal, D.O.

Josiah D. Rich, M.D.
- Chair, Medical Faculty Executive Committee, Brown University School of Medicine, 2005/2006
- Editorial Board Member, Infectious Disease Practice (IDP)

Karen T. Tashima, M.D.
- Member, Performance Evaluation Committee of the AIDS Clinical Trials Group (ACTG)

Edward J. Wing, M.D.
- Visiting Professor, Research Institute of Nephrology, Nanjing University School of Medicine, “HIV/AIDS Update,” Nanjing, China, May 2007.

RESEARCH AND OTHER SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

Andrew W. Artenstein, M.D.
- Scientific Steering Committee, New England Regional Center of Excellence in Biodefense and Emerging Infectious Diseases (NERCE), Harvard Medical School, granted by the National Institute of Health, Boston, MA
- PhD Thesis Committee, Biomedical Engineering, Brown University, Providence, RI
- Special Emphasis Panel, National Institute of Allergy & Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, RFA-06-035 – “Partnerships into therapeutics and Diagnostics for BioD Toxins (U01)”, Bethesda, M.D..

Curt G. Beckwith, M.D.
- Reviewer: JAIDS, AIDS & Behavior, Journal of Urban Health

Charles C.J. Carpenter, M.D.
- Chairman, Treatment Subcommittee, Committee for the Evaluation of the President’s Emergency Fund for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), 2005–2008.

E. Jane Carter, M.D.
Review Panel, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease (ZA11 KS-A (M3)), Units for HIV/AIDS Clinical Trials Network
Reviewer, The International Journal of Tuberculosis and Lung Disease
Reviewer, AIDS Patient Care and STDs
Reviewer, JAIDS Clinical Science
Alternate Representative, Advisory Committee for the Elimination of TB (ACET), CDC
Millenium Village Projects, Earth Institute, Columbia University Health Advisory Group Board Member

Susan Cu-Uvin, M.D.
Adult AIDS Clinical Trials Group (ACTG): Chair - Women's Health Committee, Member, Scientific Advisory Steering Committee, 2004–2006
Member, Public Health Service Task Force/Perinatal Antiretroviral Guidelines Working Group, Office of AIDS Research Advisory Council, 2005–present
Member, HPV Working Group, USPHS/IDSA Guidelines for the Prevention and Treatment of Opportunistic Infections, 2006
Member, Infectious Disease Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology Scientific Program Committee, 2007

Staci A. Fischer, M.D.
Abstract Reviewer, American Transplant Congress, 2007

Timothy P. Flanigan, M.D.
Principal investigator of the Clinical and Translational Science Award and Planning Grant to Brown University in Collaboration with Lifespan, URI and other academic hospitals partnering with Brown Medical School
Member, Review Committee for the NIH General Clinical Research Centers from 2005–2007.
Advisory Member for United States Agency International Development Advisory Committee on Foreign Voluntary Aid 2005–2007.

Stephen H. Gregory, M.D.
Panel Member, NIH Vaccine Study Section ZRG1 IMM-G 12B, 2005-
Ad Hoc Reviewer – Journal of Immunology, Cellular Immunology, Infection and Immunity. Journal of Leukocyte Biology, Immunity, Journal of Infectious Diseases and Hepatology, 2005-

Joseph I. Harwell, M.D.
Member - Scientific Advisory Panel, China National Center for AIDS Control.
Special Study Section, CDC Pediatric Adherence in Resource Poor Settings, Atlanta Georgia. July 31–August 2, 2006.

Rami Kantor, M.D.
Member of AACTG (Adult AIDS Clinical Trials Group) 5077 study group.
Member of the Brown/Kenya program advisory committee.
Member and Advisor to World Health Organization Global HIV Drug Resistance Surveillance Network

Kenneth H. Mayer, M.D.
American Foundation for AIDS Research, Scientific Advisory Committee
Visiting Scientist, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Clinical Research Center
HIV Prevention in Clinical Care Working Group, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
Chair, Scientific Review Committee, HPTN Executive Committee

Leonard A. Mermel, D.O.
Chair, Infectious Diseases Society of America Guidelines Writing Group: Management of Intravascular Catheter-Related Infections, 2006–P
Oversight Committee Member, Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America /Infectious Diseases Society of America Fellow’s Course on Infection Control & Infectious Diseases, 2005–Present.

Marguerite A. Neill, M.D.
Reviewer for Special Emphasis Panel on Studies of Avian Influenza at the Animal:Human Interface, Centers for Disease Control, Atlanta, Georgia.

Steven M. Opal, D.O.
National Heart Lung and Blood Institute Program Project Reviews-Notre Dame site visit report, 2006
German Federation Research Counsel-External reviewer External reviewer of proposals investigating the role of genetic factors in the susceptibility to infection, 2006–07
The Netherlands Federal Grant Awards programs-external reviewer
Reviewer for microbiology, immunology and genetics external advisory board, 2006–07

Josiah Rich, M.D.
National Medical Advisory Panel, “Evaluating a National Model for Viral Hepatitis Training”, New York State Department of Health. In partnership with the State Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services, New York Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the AIDS Community Outreach Initiative of America
Reviewer, NIH/NIMH Special Emphasis Panel (R25), Mentoring Program to Diversify the Mental Health HIV/AIDS, Research Workforce through Innovative Educational Initiatives
Reviewer, NIH/NIDA Loan Repayment Program, Scientific Review and Evaluation Award, International Conference on Urban Health, Toronto, Canada
Section Editor, Journal of Urban Health

Karen T. Tashima, M.D.
Appointed: ACTG CRS site leader of The Miriam Hospital CRS (Harvard CTU/Kuritzkes).

Edward J. Wing, M.D.
Chairman, Association of Professors of Medicine Program Planning Committee, 2006–08
Board Member, Association of Professors of Medicine, 2006–
Editor, Cecil Essentials of Medicine, 2007
Board Member, Rhode Island Free Clinic, 2007

EDUCATION HONORS

Andrew W. Artenstein, M.D.
Dean’s Teaching Excellence Award, presented by The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, June 2007

Curt G. Beckwith, M.D.
Dean’s Teaching Excellence Award (Bio 351 Infectious Diseases/Pathophysiology small group), Brown Medical School, 2005 & 2006

Charles C.J. Carpenter, M.D.
James Marsh Professor-at-Large of the University of Vermont, 2007.
Robert H. Williams, M.D. Distinguished Chair of Medicine Award from The Association of Professors of Medicine, 2007.

E. Jane Carter, M.D.
Faculty Award, Teaching and Education, Brown Medical School Class of 2005

Staci A. Fischer, M.D.

Timothy P. Flanigan, M.D.
Dean’s Teaching Award for Excellence, Brown Medical School – 2005

Michelle A. Lally, M.D.
Dean’s Teaching Excellence Award, 351 Infectious Diseases Pathophysiology, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

John R. Lonks, M.D.

Kenneth H. Mayer, M.D.
- Doctoral thesis advisor and committee member for six graduate students in either Community Health (Brown), or Epidemiology or Immunology and Infectious Disease (Harvard School of Public Health)
- Director, Medical Student Senior Seminar: Lessons of AIDS, Brown University

Leonard A. Mermel, D.O.
- Dean’s Teaching Excellence Award, 2007, Pathophysiology Course (BioMed 351)

Maria D. Mileno, M.D.
- Dean’s Teaching Excellence Award, Brown Medical School – July, 2005.

Marguerite A. Neill, M.D.
- Beckwith Family Award for Outstanding Teaching in the Department of Medicine, Warren Alpert Medical School, Brown University.

Josiah Rich, M.D.
- Honoree, Physicians for Human Rights, 20th Anniversary Celebration
- The Friend of the Field Award, CODAC’s 35th Anniversary Celebration

Karen T. Tashima, M.D.
- Program Director of Infectious Disease Fellowship at Brown Medical School
- Mentor, Junior Faculty contributor/advisor

TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES

Andrew W. Artenstein, M.D.
- Course Director, “Medicine in the Time of Bioterrorism”
- Course Director, Brown Medical School, Bio 296, Independent Study, “Introduction to the Microbial Basis of Disease”

Curt G. Beckwith, M.D.

Charles C.J. Carpenter, M.D.
- Faculty member, “Update on Antiretroviral Therapy,” 1st National conference of the AIDS Society of India, New Delhi, India, 2005.

E. Jane Carter, M.D.
- Faculty, Tropical Medicine in East Africa (IM 320)
- Fogarty International Training Program in HIV/AIDS, Executive Committee
- Supervisor, T32 HIV Training Fellows, Kenya Placement

Staci A. Fischer, M.D.
- Subspecialty Education Coordinator, Division of Infectious Diseases

Timothy P. Flanigan, M.D.
- Coordinator for the newly developed Scholarly Concentration of Global Health for the Brown Medical Students –2007

Melissa M. Gaitanis, M.D.
- Co-Course Leader, Brown Medical School Biomed 351 Integrated Pathophysiology: Infectious Diseases and Organ System Pharmacology: Anti-Infective Agents

Joseph I. Harwell, M.D.
- Program Director, Brown University Combined Medicine/Pediatrics Infectious Disease Fellowship
- Co-Chair, Brown University Scholarly Concentration on Global Health

Erna Milunka Kojic, M.D.
- Course Leader, Brown University Medical School, Biomed 308 HIV/AIDS Clinical Care Elective

Michelle A. Lally, M.D.
- Mentor for Research Assistantships, Research T-32 Fellowships, The MET School Students

Steven P. LaRosa, M.D.

Jerome Larkin, M.D.

John R. Lonks, M.D.
- Course Section Leader, Biomed 365: Integrated Medical Sciences. Microbiology/Infectious Diseases, Warren Alpert School of Medicine at Brown University.

Leonard A. Mermel, D.O.
Maria D. Mileno, M.D.
- Small Group Leader, Faculty Development Workshop, 2006
- Course Director, Brown Medical School Elective: Introduction to Tropical Medicine – 2005 to present.

Edward J. Wing, M.D.
- Program Director, Brown Medical School Internal Medicine Residency Program

**SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**

Andrew W. Artenstein, M.D.

### FELLOWS AND RESIDENTS

#### Departing Fellows

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<td>Shadaba Asad, M.D.</td>
<td>Fatima Jinnah Medical School</td>
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<td>University of NE College of Osteopathic Medicine</td>
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#### Departing NIH T32 Sponsored Research Fellows

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<td>Loida Bonney, M.D.</td>
<td>State University of New York Health Sciences Center</td>
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<td>Miriam Haverkamp, M.D.</td>
<td>Medical School of Hanover, Germany</td>
<td>Albert Einstein College of Medicine</td>
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<td>Michael Waxman, M.D.</td>
<td>University of MA</td>
<td>Bellevue Hospital</td>
<td>Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine</td>
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#### Current Fellows:

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<td>Upstate Medical Unvirsity, NY</td>
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<td>Eirini Christaki, M.D.</td>
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<td>Albert Einstein College of Medicine</td>
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<td>Omega Edwards, M.D.</td>
<td>SUNY Downstate College of Medicine</td>
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<td>Eleni Patrozou, M.D.</td>
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<td>PhD Jackson State University</td>
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<td>Aadia Rana, M.D.</td>
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<td>ChiaChing “Jackie” Wang, M.D.</td>
<td>SUNY School of Medicine</td>
<td>Women and Infants</td>
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<td>Kimberly Zeller, M.D.</td>
<td>University of Texas Southwestern Medical School</td>
<td>Natividad Medical Center Salinas Family Practice</td>
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Jennifer A. Mitty, M.D.

- Goggin K, Liston R, Mitty J. Modified directly observed therapy for ART: A primer from the field *Public Health Reports* 2007;122:472–81
Marguerite A. Neill, M.D.


Steven M. Opal, M.D.


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**RESEARCH**

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<td>$1,623,636</td>
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**BASIC RESEARCH**

Patricia Cristofaro, M.D.

Harnessing RNAi to Prevent Cervical Cancer. Lifespan

Stephen Gregory, Ph.D.

A Collaborative for Vaccine Research and Development. Brown University

Anti-core LPS Vaccine for Tularemia. Harvard Medical School/NIH

Francisella Tularensis: Innate Resistance to Inhalation. National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

Neutrophil-macrophage Interactions Gover Liver Immunity. NIH/National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases

A Genome-derived, Epitope-driven Tularemia Vaccine. EpiVax/National Institute of Health

Michael Newstein

Isolation of a Intracellular HIV-1 Inhibitor from a Monkey Genomic Episomal Library. Miriam Hospital/National Institutes of Health
Bharat Ramratnam, M.D.
- Using RNA interference to dissect stem cell potential. Roger Williams Medical Center/National Institutes of Health
- Novel HIV-1 Microbicides. NIH/National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease
- Overcoming HIV-1 Resistance to RNA Interference. NIH/National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease
- CFAR - Core C: Immunovirology and Laboratory Services. National Institutes of Health
- SiRNA Microbicides. NIH/National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases
- Creation and Testing of the advanced system for lentivirus-mediated transduction of hematopoietic stem cell and expression of ant HIV-1 shRNAs. U.S. Civilian Research and Development Foundation
- Transient gene therapy for Inflammatory Bowel Disease. The Eli and Edythe L. Broad Foundation
- Lab Expressing CV-N as a Microbicide. University of Pittsburgh/National Institutes of Health
- Impact of Mult-Drug Resistant Proteins on HIV Treatment. Doris Duke Foundation

CLINICAL RESEARCH

Andrew Artenstein
- Center for Bioterrorism and Emerging Infections. Rhode Island Department of Health/CDC
- Center for Bioterrorism and Emerging Infections II. Rhode Island Department of Health/CDC
- Novel Approaches to Inhibition of Anthrax Toxins. National Institutes of Health
- Protocol H400-09 and H400-12, The Safety, Tolerability, and Immunogenicity of ACAM200 Smallpox Vaccine in Adults With or Without Previous Smallpox Vaccination - A Randomized, Double Blind, Fixed Dose, Phase 3 Comparison Between ACAM200 and Dryvax Smallpox Vaccine. Acambis, Inc/NIH

Curt Beckwith, M.D.
- MAP’s targeted HIV outreach program: Project Faith and Sara’s Light. CDC/MAP
- Rapid HIV Testing in Jail and Associated HIV Risk-Behavior Change. CFAR Developmental Grant Program

Charles Carpenter, M.D.
- (SUN) Study of Unnatural History of HIV. Centers for Disease Control
- Center for AIDS Research. National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease

E. Jane Carter, M.D.
- Presidential Expansion Project for AIDS Relief. NIH/Center for Disease Control/Indiana University

Susan Cu-Uvin, M.D.
- Center for AIDS Research - Core D. Lifespan Center for AIDS Research
- Antiviral Therapy and HIV in the Genital Tract of Women (R-01). National Institutes of Health
- Antiviral Therapy and HIV in the Genital Tract of Women (K-24). NIH/National Institutes of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

Staci Fischer, M.D.
- CMV + T Cell Responses. Umass Medical Center

Timothy Flanigan, M.D.
- HIV Education in Africa. Brown University
- An Evaluation of Innovative Methods for Integrating Buprenorphine Opioid Abuse Treatment in HIV Primary Care Settings: Demonstration Model Site. Health Resources & Services Administration
- Planning Grant for the Brown Institute for Clinical and Translational Science. National Center for Research Resources
- Adult Therapeutic Clinical Trials Program for HIV/AIDS. National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease
- Directly Observed Therapy in Kenya. National Institutes of Health/Fogarty International Center
- HIV and Other Infectious Consequences of Substance Abuse (T-32). National Institutes of Health
- Neurocognitive consequences of HIV/AIDS in South India. National Institutes of Health
- Directly Observed Therapy (DOT) for TB and HIV in Kenya. National Institutes of Health
- Adapting to HIV: A Family Intervention. National Institutes of Health/Rhode Island Hospital
- CDAAR Center Grant. National Institutes of Health/Tufts University
- Center for Biodefense and Emerging Pathogens at Memorial Hospital. RI Department of Health/Memorial Hospital
- AACTG Pune, India. Social & Scientific Systems, Inc./NIH
Clinical Service at Thundermist Health Center. Thundermist Health Associates/HRSA

Mary Flynn, Ph.D.
Comparing a plant based olive oil diet to a conventional diet in women diagnosed with breast cancer after the age of 50 for improvement in biomarkers and weight loss. Susan Komen Breast Cancer Foundation

Melissa Gaitanis, M.D.
A Multicenter, Double-blind, Randomized, Placebo-controlled Probe Study with an Additional Open label Control Arm to Evaluate the Safety and Immunogenicity of a 3-Dose Regimen of the MRKAd5 HIV-1gag Vaccine in Subjects with Chronic Hepatitis C Virus Infection. Merck & Company

A Multicenter, Open -Label, Controlled Phase II Study to Evaluate Safety and Immunogenicity of MVA-BN Smallpox Vaccine in 18-55 Year-Old Naïve and Previously Vaccinated HIV Infected Subjects with CD4 Counts 200-500/ul. NIH/National Institutes of Health/Bavarian Nordic Gmb

A Phase I Dose Ranging Study of the Safety, Tolerability, and Immunogenicity of a 3-Dose Regimen of the MRKAd5 HIV-1 Trigene and the MRKAd6 HIV-1 Trigene Vaccines Alon and in Combination in Healthy Adults. Merck & Company

Joseph Harwell, M.D.
World Aids Fund – Cambodia. World Aids Fund
HIV Shed in Cambodia. Fogarty International Center
Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women's Health, National Institutes of Health/ Women and Infants Hospital
A Pilot Study of Genital Tract and Blood Plasma Virology and Pharmacology in HIV-1 Infected Women. Rhode Island Foundation

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Karen Tashima, M.D.
- Safety and efficacy study of TPV boosted with low dose ritonavir (TPV/r) 500 mg/200 mg BID in antiretroviral treatment experienced HIV positive patients with HCV or HBV co-infection, with a pilot evaluation of therapeutic drug monitoring (TDM). An open-label, multicenter, multinational study with randomization to standard of care (SOC) or TDM TPV/r therapy (BPI 1182.99). Boehringer Ingelheim

A Phase 3, Randomized, Double-blind, Multicenter Study of the Treatment of Antiretroviral-Naive, HIV-1-Infected Patients Comparing Tenofovir Disoproxil Fumarate Administered in combination with Lamivudine & Efavirenz versus Stavudine, Lamivudine & Efavirenz. Gilead Sciences

A Phase IV Investigation to Compare CSF and Genital Secretion Virology and Tenofovir Levels with Plasma Levels in HIV-1 Infected Patients who are ART Naive or Failing an Antiretroviral Regimen. Gilead Sciences

Early Access of TMC114 in combination with Low-dose Ritonavir (RTV) and Other Antiretrovirals (ARVs) in Highly Treatment Experienced HIV-1 Infected Subjects with Limited of No Treatment Options. i3 Research/Tibotec Pharmaceuticals

A Phase II dose-escalating, placebo-controlled, double-blind parallel group study in HIV treatment-experienced patients to evaluate the safety, tolerability and efficacy of PA 103001-04 administered as functional monotherapy for 14 days as part of optimized background regimen for an additional 10 weeks (PA103001-04). Panacos Pharmaceuticals

A Phase 3, Randomized, Open-label Study of Lopinavir/Ritonavir Tablets 800/200mg Once-Daily Versus 400/100mg Twice-Daily when Co administered with Nucleoside/Nucleotide Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitors in Antiretroviral-experienced, HIV-1 Subjects (Protocol M06-802). Abbott Laboratories

A Multicenter, Open-Label, Expanded Access Trial of Maraviroc (A4001050). Pfizer Incorporated

Safety & Efficacy of an initial regimen of Atazanavir+Ritonavir+the Abacavir/Lamivudine Fixed-dose Combination Tablet (ABC/3TC FDC) for 36 weeks follow by simplification to Atazanavir w/ ABC/3TC FDC or maintenance of the initial regimen for an additional 48 weeks in Antiretriviral-Naive HIV-1 Infected HLA*5701 Negative subjects (GSK 108859). Glaxo Wellcome

An Open-label Phase III Study to Assess the Long Term Safety Profile of GW433908 Containing Regimens in HIV-1 Infected Adults. GlaxoSmithKline

A Phase IV Investigation to Compare CSF and Genital Secretion Virology and Tenofovir Levels with Plasma Levels in HIV-1 Infected Patients who are ART Naive or Failing an Antiretroviral Regimen. GlaxoSmithKline

Early access of MK of MK-0518 in Combination with Optimized Background Antiretroviral Therapy (OBT) in Highly Treatment Experienced HIV-1 Infected Patients with Limited to No Treatment Options (protocol #023-00). Merck & Company

Multicenter, double-blind, Randomized, Dose Ranging Study Placebo-Controlled Study, to Evaluate the Safety, Pharmacokinetics and Antiretriviral Activity of L000900612 in Combination with an Optimal Background Therapy Alone, in HIV-Infected Patients with Documented Resistance to at Least One Drug in each of the 3 Classes Licensed Oral Antiretroviral Therapy (005-02). Merck & Company

A Probe Study to Evaluate the Safety, Tolerability, and Immunogenicity of the Adenovirus Serotype 5 Vector (MRKAd5) Human Immunodeficiency Virus Type 1 (HIV-1) gag Vaccine in HIV-1 Infected Patients (014-00). Merck Research Laboratories

Safety and efficacy study of TPV boosted with low dose ritonavir (TPV/r) 500mg/200mg BID in antiretroviral treatment experienced HIV positive patients with HCV or HBV co-infection, with a pilot evaluation of therapeutic drug monitoring (TDM). An open-label, multicenter, multinational study with randomization to standard of care (SOC) of TDM TPV/r therapy. Merck & Company

A Probe Study to Obtain Peripheral Blood Mononuclear Cell (PBMC) Samples from HIV-1 Infected Individuals in Order to Evaluate HIV-1 Specific Cellular Immune Responses in Subjects on Highly Active Antiretroviral Therapy (Protocol Merck 005). Merck & Company

A Phase IV, Open-label, Randomized, Multicenter Study Evaluating Efficacy and Tolerability of Single Tablet Regimen of Efavirenz/Emtricitabine/Tenofovir DF Compared to Unmodified HAART in HIV-1 Infected Subjects Who Have Achieved Virological Supression on their HAART Regimen (AI266073). Bristol-Myers Squibb, Inc.
Aprobe Study to Evaluate the Safety, Tolerability and Immunogenicity of the Adenovirus Serotype 5 Vector (Ad5) Human Immunodeficiency Virus Type 1 (HIV-1) gag Vaccine in HIV-1 Infected Patients (006), Merck & Company

Adult Therapeutic Clinical Trials Program for HIV/AIDS (ACTG) “Partners Healthcare Systems/Harvard Medical School/The Miriam Hospital/Brown University CRS” “The goal of this project is to participate in multi-center HIV/AIDS therapeutic trials, NIAID/NIH

Early Access of TMC125 in Combination With Other Antiretrovirals in Treatment-Experienced HIV-1 Infected Subjects with Limited Treatment Options (TMC 125-C214). i3 Research/Tibotec Pharmaceuticals

A Descriptive Study of Atripla Use in Women - The First Six Months. Bristol-Myers Squibb, Inc.

A Phase IV, Multicenter, Cross-Sectional Study to Evaluate the I50L Substitution among Subjects Experiencing Virologic Failure on a HAART Regimen Containing Atazanavir (ATV) (AI424128). Bristol-Myers Squibb, Inc.

Lifespan/Tufts Center For AIDS Research: Neurocognitive Function and Neuroimaging Measures in HIV/Hepatitis C Coinfected Patients. Lifespan/Brown/Tufts CFAR

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Lynn Taylor, M.D.

Screening for Acute Hepatitis C Virus Among At Risk HIV+ Populations. Lifespan Center for AIDS Research

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Medicine-Pediatrics resident, Dr. Sabrina Assoumou and Dr. Timothy Flanigan.
Clinical, research and educational programs in nephrology continue to evolve and expand. One notable change in the past year was the renaming of our division, which is now called the Division of Kidney Disease and Hypertension. This change was made because the terms nephrology and renal are not well understood by the population that we serve and also to call attention to our clinical and research focus which includes not only kidney disease, but also hypertension as well.

Clinically, the division provides consultative services for inpatients with kidney disease or hypertension at Rhode Island Hospital, The Miriam Hospital and the Providence Veteran’s Hospital, to outpatients in our offices or clinics at all three hospitals, and also in the Hallett Diabetes Center and at the University Medicine Foundation offices on Governor Street in Providence. At Rhode Island Hospital the kidney division is an integral part of the kidney and pancreas transplant program, which is a joint medical, surgical effort. Described below, the transplant team provides outstanding, innovative clinical service to patients with end stage kidney disease and conducts state of the art clinical/translational research on various topics related to transplantation. Division faculty also provide clinical and administrative leadership for several inpatient and outpatient dialysis units in the Providence metropolitan area. The inpatient dialysis units at Rhode Island Hospital and The Miriam Hospital are quite busy and perform approximately 8000 treatments per year, primarily to hospitalized patients with acute or chronic renal disease, not only in the dialysis units themselves, but also in the intensive care units at both institutions. The Dialysis Unit at Rhode Island Hospital also provides plasmapheresis and plasma exchange to patients with diverse types of kidney, hematological and neurological diseases.

The Division has experienced steady growth in the size of its chronic dialysis program, which began in about 2000 and now includes over 150 patients with end stage renal disease (ESRD) treated with dialysis. In addition to directing the inpatient units at Rhode Island and the Miriam Hospital, Division faculty are medical directors of the dialysis unit at the VA hospital and at two privately owned outpatient dialysis units in North Providence and in East Providence respectively. Our faculty also provides clinical care for patients with ESRD at several other private dialysis units in Providence and in Warwick. In all of these venues, division faculty and fellows strive to provide high quality and innovative care to patients with ESRD. Nocturnal dialysis is one such innovative program, initiated and overseen by Douglas Shemin M.D. that is ongoing. In this technique, patients receive a long, 7-hour dialysis treatment overnight, while they are sleeping in the dialysis facility. This form of therapy provides almost twice as much dialysis as is typically prescribed for kidney patients, is associated with better control of metabolic and physiologic markers of disease. This novel therapy may be particularly well suited to younger patients and/or those that are either working or attending school as functional status is significantly greater in patients on nocturnal as compared to standard dialysis. Whether or not nocturnal dialysis also improves long-term outcomes for patients with kidney failure is the subject of intense interest and investigation.

The Division has successful, externally funded programs in both basic and clinical research. The clinical research program is notable in that two of the largest NIH funded clinical trials currently underway in patients with chronic kidney disease are currently lead by Division faculty. Dr. Andrew Bostom is the Principal Investigator for “The Folic Acid for Vascular Outcome Reduction In Transplantation (FAVORIT)” study. FAVORIT, is a multicenter, randomized, double-blind controlled clinical trial sponsored by the National Institute of Diabetes & Digestive & Kidney...
Dr. Zhuang joined the Division as Associate Professor of Medicine (research) and where he has established and directs an NIH funded, independent research program. His laboratory is interested in the mechanisms of renal regeneration after injury and in developing therapeutic agents that promote renal recovery after acute kidney injury (AKI). His current projects are focused on determining the intracellular signaling events critical for renal epithelial cell dedifferentiation and migration after injury, as well as defining the role of suramin in stimulating renal epithelial cell regeneration and accelerating recovery of renal function following ischemia/reperfusion-induced AKI. Dr. Zhuang has recruited two post-doctoral fellows to work with him on these projects and is also providing opportunities for residents, fellows and students to gain experience in basic research.

Also progressing as a member our research faculty is Dr. Rujun Gong who was recruited as part of a national search for a PhD scientist with expertise in molecular/cell biology and in the pathogenesis of renal disease. Dr. Gong obtained his M.D. and PhD degrees from Nanjing University Medical School in Nanjing, China. Dr. Gong came to Brown Medical School in November, 2001 to join the laboratory of Lance Dworkin as a post-doctoral research fellow. Rujun did an outstanding job in that capacity, producing novel data on the effects of hepatocyte growth factor on matrix turnover and as a modulator of renal inflammation, both processes contributing importantly to progression of chronic renal disease. Since that time he has examined other signaling molecules important in these processes, which has resulted in a steady stream of first rate, peer-reviewed original reports in high impact journals. Rujun has also obtained significant extra-departmental funding in the form of a developmental grant from Lifespan as well as a young investigator award from the Institute for Health. In recognition of these successes, Dr. Gong was promoted from Instructor to Assistant Professor of Medicine (Research). He continues to work with Lance Dworkin on mechanisms of progression of chronic renal disease. Gong and Dworkin use cell culture systems to dissect basic pathways that are involved in the regulation of cell processes such as inflammation and fibrosis, that play a central role in the progression of chronic renal disease. Insights from these cell studies are then examined in a variety of animal models of kidney disease in mice and rats, in order to determine their biological significance. The team includes a post-doctoral research fellow as well as a senior research assistant.

Two other new developments in research program are worthy of note. This year, the Brown University received...
an extremely generous donation of $1.25 million from the Rhode Island based, Foundation for Health to fund research on kidney disease. The funds have been deposited at Brown as an endowment; income from the gift fund will be distributed by Division and Department leadership each year to promising investigators conducting renal research or to fund other research needs of the division. Also of note, this year, one of Brown’s two full-time pediatric nephrologists, Andrew Brem, gave up a large portion of his clinical practice to join the adult division laboratory research program as a near full-time investigator. Dr. Brem is interested in vascular biology, hypertension, renal injury and fibrosis and, in particular, steroid metabolism as it affects these processes. He is collaborating with Rujun Gong in these studies, which have already led to presentations at national meetings.

Andrew Brem’s involvement in activities of the Kidney Division is long-standing and extends well beyond his participation in the laboratory research program, and this illustrates another important aspect of the kidney program at Brown, its collaborative nature. For many years, Dr. Brem has had adult renal fellows working with him in the pediatric renal clinic, in order to provide them with an experience in pediatric nephrology. This tradition is being continued by the new Director of Pediatric Nephrology, Mohammed Faizan, M.D., with the support of the Chairman of the Department of Pediatrics, Aaron Friedman, who is also a pediatric nephrologist and a frequent participant in our Divisional conference series. All of the pediatric nephrologists are also actively involved in teaching renal pathophysiology course to Brown Medical Students in the second year. In addition to the Department of Pediatrics, the Kidney Division also has a very collaborative working relationship with our four transplant surgeons, Dr. Anthony Monaco, Dr. Paul Morrissey, Dr. Kevin Charpentier, and Dr. Amitabh Gautam, who round frequently with fellows rotating on the transplant service, provide lectures and attend conferences in the division. Three members of the pathology department are also have extensive interactions with our program. Dr. Alfredo Esparza is an expert renal pathologist, reviews renal biopsies for the division, and provides hours of instruction to fellows and faculty on the pathology of kidney disease. Dr. Abdalla Rifai is director of Clinical Immunology, and expert on the pathogenesis of glomerular disease and an integral member of the basic laboratory research team. Finally, Dr. Staci Fischer is a member of the Division of Infectious Disease, but also our full-time transplant infectious disease expert. Her office and clinic are located in the transplant unit of the Kidney division and she works, rounds and instructs fellows and residents on this complex topic.

Another milestone this year was the 10 year anniversary of the affiliation between the Division of Kidney Disease and Hypertension at Brown and the Research Institute of Nephrology in Nanjing, under the auspices of the Renal Sister Center Program of the International Society of Nephrology. This program pairs kidney centers in developing countries with established programs in the United States or Europe, in order to facilitate the development worldwide of clinical and academic programs in nephrology. The affiliation between the nephrology programs at Nanjing University and Brown began in May 1997. As a result of this affiliation, several post-doctoral fellows from Nanjing have spent 1-2 years working in the kidney division laboratories at Brown. More recently, there have been visits to Brown by faculty from Nanjing, including a 3 day visit last year by Professor Liu, who is the current director of the Research Institute of Nephrology, and a 3 month observership of our clinical and training programs in nephrology at Brown earlier this year by Dr. Wei Shi Hu, who is the director of clinical programs in nephrology at the Institute in Nanjing. In May 2007, Lance Dworkin, Ed Wing, Rena Wing and Rujun Gong traveled to China for two weeks to visit the Research Institute of Nephrology in Nanjing as visiting professors, to further enhance this program. The Research Institute of Nephrology at Nanjing is the premier kidney program in China. It occupies a modern 7 story building on the campus of Jingling Hospital, which has nearly inpatient 2000 beds, as well as a brand new outpatient facility that opened just 2 months prior to our visit. The Institute also contains large modern clinical and research laboratories with state of the art equipment for modern molecular and cell biology. Major areas of investigation include studies on the pathogenesis and treatment of glomerular diseases, including Systemic Lupus Erythematosus and IgA nephropathy, and diabetic nephropathy. The Brown delegation was very impressed with the University, the hospital, the Renal Institute, with their physical plant and facilities, and with the faculty and trainees with whom we met.

We hope to work actively with our partners in China to expand the collaboration between the kidney programs. A new post-doctoral fellow, funded by the International Society of Nephrology, will be arriving in December to work in the Dworkin lab for two years. This will bring total funding for the Sister Center Program to over $40,000 per year, with the possibility of additional funding up to about $70,000 to enhance our collaborative programs. One goal is to provide opportunities for nephrology fellows to visit China and observe nephrology practice and research in an international setting.

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Division faculty are actively engaged in providing nephrology education to medical students, residents, clinical, and post-doctoral research fellows. Division faculty teach renal physiology, pharmacology and pathophysiology to medical students in both the lecture and small group format each year. The nephrology portion of the second year pathophysiology course is co-directed by Doug Shemin and Susie Hu and receives highly favorable reviews each year. Beginning in 2004, the Medicine A service of the residency training program was modified to create a Renal Team that admits patients of the full-time faculty with acute or chronic renal disease, as well as renal transplant patients. Members of the full-time faculty serve as attendings on that service, rounding with residents and students daily for 12 months per year. This has greatly enhanced resident education in nephrology and has provided for increased interaction between division faculty, fellows and the medicine housestaff. The nephrology fellowship began at Rhode Island Hospital in 1966 and has been in existence for over 40 years. Ably directed by Gary Abuelo for many years, it is a highly competitive program that attracts approximately 200 applicants each year, including many internal applicants from our medicine residency, for its three training slots. The fellowship is a two year program that includes 18 months of clinical education and 6 months of clinical or laboratory research. The program boasts a 100% nephrology board pass rate and our graduates are highly sought after for both clinical and academic positions. Recent graduates are currently working in many communities around the country, including Florida, North Carolina, Virginia, Utah, as well as in Providence and the New England area. In addition to the regular fellowship program leading to board certification, the division also accepts post-doctoral fellows seeking training in basic, laboratory research. The laboratory research program currently provides training to three post-doctoral fellows, working with Drs. Zhuang, Gong and Dworkin. The positions are both internally and externally funded. One slot is typically filled by an individual from our sister center in Nanjing and will be primarily funded by a grant from the International Society of Nephrology in the coming year. Past post-doctoral fellows have gone on to faculty positions in the United States and internationally, including Rujun Gong who is currently Assistant Professor of Medicine in our own division at Brown.

Transplantation

The Division of Organ Transplantation remains one of the busiest and most aggressive centers in New England. Since the inception of the program in 1997, close to 700 kidney transplant procedures have been performed at Rhode Island Hospital, averaging between 70-80 transplants per year. It is also among only five centers in New England that currently offers pediatric kidney transplantation. The center follows a cadre of over 1100 transplant recipients, which accounts for over 1800 clinic visits to the transplant nephrologists at Rhode Island Hospital each year.

In 2003, pancreas transplantation was introduced to the program. Diabetics with frequent insulin reaction as well as those poorly controlled on insulin are ideal candidates as this procedure markedly improves quality of life. Pancreas and kidney transplantation may be performed simultaneously when diabetes is cause of kidney failure or, after a successful kidney transplantation to prevent progressive injury to the kidney from uncontrolled diabetes.

The center provides a multidisciplinary approach to patient care through a comprehensive group of medical/surgical specialists, nurses, pharmacists, social workers and other support services. Overseeing the medical care of the patients are two full time transplant nephrologists. Dr. Reginald Gohh is the medical director and an associate professor of medicine at Brown University Medical School. Dr. Angelito Yango Jr. is the associate medical director and an assistant professor of medicine at Brown University Medical School. Recent addition to the medical team is Dr. Staci Fischer, (Transplant Infectious Diseases) and Dr. Jodi Underwood (Psychiatry).

Transplant Research

The Division of Organ Transplantation is at the forefront of critical advances in transplantation including the use of donor bone marrow cell infusions and newer biological agents to reduce allograft rejection and immunosuppressive drug requirements. The center continues to be an active participant in national and international trials evaluating the efficacy of various drug regimens in improving outcomes, reducing rejection rates and enhancing quality of life. The center has also recently instituted protocols for reducing alloantibody levels in highly sensitized patients using intravenous immunoglobulins, plasmapheresis and anti-CD20 antibodies. Currently, the division is involved in eight ongoing trials and employs three full time research nurses.

Residents and fellows are actively involved in several basic and clinical researches in the division. Dr. Gohh has been involved in investigating the role of preemptive plasma-
pheresis in preventing recurrent FSGS in renal transplant recipients. In collaboration with Dr. Fatemah Aklaghi of University of Rhode Island, College of Pharmacy, Dr Gohh is also investigating the pharmacokinetics of mycophenolate mofetil in diabetic renal transplant recipients.

Dr. Yango has recently introduced a program for protocol renal biopsies to monitor early stages of rejection and chronic allograft nephropathy in renal transplant recipients. The center performs 70–90 bedside ultrasound guided renal transplant biopsies a year and this has been a valuable tool in immunosuppression management. Dr. Yango is also investigating the role of hepatocyte growth factors as a non invasive indicator for allograft injury and rejection.

**Transplant Fellowship**
A one year transplant fellowship is available to nephrology fellows who have successfully completed their two year clinical training. The fellowship involves all aspects of pre- and post-transplant care including donor and recipient medical evaluation, designing immunosuppressive regimen, renal transplant biopsy and management of medical complications in transplant.

**FACULTY MEMBERS**

**FULL-TIME FACULTY (Hospital and Foundation Based)**
- **Lance D. Dworkin, M.D.**, Director, Professor, Rhode Island Hospital, University Medicine Foundation
- **J. Gary Abuelo, M.D.**, Associate Professor, Rhode Island Hospital, University Medicine Foundation
- **Andrew G. Bostom, M.D., M.S.**, Associate Professor, Rhode Island Hospital, University Medicine Foundation
- **Reginald Gohh, M.D.**, Associate Professor, Rhode Island Hospital, University Medicine Foundation
- **Rujun Gong, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor of Medicine (Research) Rhode Island Hospital
- **Susie Lee Hu, M.D.**, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Rhode Island Hospital
- **John O’Bell, M.D.**, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Rhode Island Hospital
- **Douglas Shemin, M.D.**, Associate Professor, Rhode Island Hospital, University Medicine Foundation
- **Angelito Yango, Jr., M.D.**, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Rhode Island Hosp., University Medicine Foundation
- **Shougang Zhuang, M.D., PhD.**, Associate Professor of Medicine (Research) Rhode Island Hospital

**VOLUNTEER FACULTY**
- **Joseph Chazan, M.D.**, Clinical Professor, Rhode Island Hospital
- **Jeffrey Clement, M.D.**, Clinical Assistant Professor, Miriam Hospital
- **Christopher Cosgrove, M.D.**, Clinical Assistant Professor, Rhode Island Hospital
- **Richard Cottiero, M.D.**, Clinical Associate Professor, Miriam Hospital
- **Daniel Dragomirc**
- **Raymond Endreny, M.D.**, Clinical Associate Professor, Rhode Island Hospital
- **Elkin Estrada, M.D.**, Clinical Assistant Professor, Miriam Hospital Miriam Hospital
- **Boyd P. King, M.D.**, Clinical Associate Professor, Rhode Island Hospital
- **Thomas Krahn, M.D.**, Clinical Assistant Professor, Rhode Island Hospital
- **George Lee, M.D.**, Clinical Assistant Professor, Rhode Island Hospital
- **Charles E. McCoy, M.D.**, Clinical Associate Professor, Rhode Island Hospital
- **Ildiko Medve, M.D.**, Clinical Instructor, Rhode Island Hospital
- **Mark Siskind, M.D., M.S.**, Clinical Associate Professor, Rhode Island Hospital
- **Michael Thursby, D.O.**, Clinical Assistant Professor, Rhode Island Hospital
- **Marc Weinberg, M.D.**, Clinical Associate Professor, Miriam Hospital
- **David C. Yoburn, M.D.**, Clinical Associate Professor, Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island
- **Steven Zipin, M.D.**, Clinical Assistant Professor, Miriam Hospital

**NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL HONORS AND RECOGNITION OF FACULTY**

**Andrew G. Bostom, M.D., M.S.**

**Invited Presentations**
- “The Kidney and Homocysteine Metabolism”, ASN/ISN World Congress of Nephrology, San Francisco, CA
- “Measurement and Parameters and Methodologies in Chronic Renal Disease, ASN Renal Week, Philadelphia, PA
Lance D. Dworkin, M.D.

Invited Presentations
- Worcester Medical Center/St. Vincent’s Hospital, Renal Grand Rounds, 2005
- American Heart Association Scientific Sessions, 2005, Renal Vascular Disease: A Time to Focus on Proper Identification and Treatment of High-Risk Individuals, Dallas, TX, November 14, 2005
- Emory University, Medical and Renal Grand Rounds. On Beyond ACE’s: Uncovering the Multiple Renal Protective Actions of HGF. Atlanta, GA, March 28, 2006.
- University of Miami, Renal Grand Rounds, 2007
- New York Methodist Hospital, Renal Grand Rounds, 2007
- University of Texas, Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, Texas, Renal Grand Rounds, 2007
- Jinling Hospital, Nanjing University School of Clinical Medicine, Visiting Professor. “Renal Artery Stenosis: Controversies and the CORAL Trial”, “Renal Protection with All Receptor Blockers: Beyond Hemodynamics, Usual Doses and the AT1 Receptor”. Nanjing, China, May 20–June 1, 2007.

Reginald Gohh, M.D.

Invited Presentations
- National Institute of Transplantation of Paraguay, Asuncion, Paraguay, August 2006, “Organ Donation”

Rujun Gong, M.D., Ph.D.

Invited Presentations
- Senior Scholar Visiting Research Conference of the International Society of Nephrology Sister Renal Center Program, Research Institute of Nephrology, Nanjing University School of Medicine, Nanjing, China, 05/20/2007~06/02/2007. “Regulating the Proinflammatory NFκB Activation in Progressive Chronic Kidney Disease: From Hepatocyte Growth Factor (HGF) to Glycogen Synthase Kinase (GSK)-3β.”

John W. O’Bell, M.D.

Invited Presentation
- Poster Presentation at the American Society of Nephrology Meeting. “Epidemiology and Outcomes of Acute Renal Failure in Hospitalized Patients: A National Survey. November, 2005

Douglas Shemin, M.D.

Invited Presentation
- Chairman, End Stage Renal Disease Network of New England, 2006–2008
- Named “Outstanding Medical Professional” by National Kidney Foundation of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, and Vermont, 2006

Angelito Yango, Jr., M.D.

Invited Presentations
- National Kidney Foundation “Transplantation in the Elderly”
Shougang Zhuang, M.D., Ph.D.
Invited Presentations
¬ Yokohama City University Department of Molecular Biology, Japan, 2005

Faculty Members of Study Sections and Advisory Committees
Lance D. Dworkin, M.D.
¬ National Kidney Foundation Executive Committee of the Council on Hypertension
¬ Medical Advisory Board, National Kidney Foundation of Massachusetts, Rhode Island,
¬ National Institute of Health, General Medicine B Study Section & Urology Special Emphasis Panel
¬ Harvard Medical School, Intensive Board Review and Contemporary Issues in Nephrology
¬ American Society of Nephrology, Hypertension Advisory Group, 2005–present

Reginald Gohh, M.D.
¬ Medical Advisory Board, National Kidney Foundation – Regional Board of Directors of Massachusetts and Rhode Island
¬ Board of Directors and Chairman of Transplant Committee, ESRD Network of New England

Rujun Gong, M.D., P.D.
Ad Hoc Reviewer
¬ Journal of the American Society of Nephrology
¬ Kidney International
¬ American Journal of Pathology
¬ American Journal of Physiology Renal Physiology
¬ American Journal of Kidney Disease
¬ Cell Biology International
¬ Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry

Shougang Zhuang, M.D., PhD
Ad Hoc Reviewer
¬ Journal of Photobiology and Photochemistry
¬ Journal of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics
¬ Kidney International
¬ Journal of the American Society of Nephrology
¬ Peptides

TEACHING ACTIVITIES EDUCATION HONORS

Lance D. Dworkin, M.D.
¬ Brown Medical School Dean’s Teaching Excellence Award, 2005, 2006

Susie L. Hu, M.D.
¬ Brown University, School of Medicine
¬ Dean’s Teaching Excellence Award, 2005, 2006

John W. O’Bell, M.D.
¬ Brown Medical School Dean’s Teaching Excellence Award, 2005, 2006
¬ Brown Medical School Department of Medicine Attending Teaching Award, 2006

Angelito Yango, Jr., M.D.
¬ Young Investigator’s Award
¬ Dean’s Teaching Excellence Award, Brown Medical School 2005

TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES

J. Gary Abuelo, M.D.
¬ Program Director, Nephrology Fellowship
¬ Lecturer/Small Group Preceptor, Renal Pathophysiology, Brown Medical School

Lance D. Dworkin, M.D.
¬ Small Group Leader, Renal Pathophysiology, Brown Medical School

Reginald Gohh, M.D.
¬ Lecturer/Small Group Leader, Renal Pathophysiology (Biomed 281)

Susie L. Hu, M.D.
¬ Co-course Leader, Renal Pathophysiology, Brown University, School of Medicine 2005

John W. O’Bell, M.D.
¬ Lecturer/Small Group Leader, Renal Pathophysiology, Brown Medical School
¬ Renal Elective Course Director, Rhode Island Hospital and The Miriam Hospital

Douglas Shemin, M.D.
¬ Course Co Leader, Renal Pathophysiology, Brown Medical School
NEPHROLOGY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Departing Fellows

Amit Johnsingh, M.D., Private Practice, FL
Kevin Lowery, M.D., Private Practice, VA
Clyde Mendonca, M.D., Private Practice, Hospitalist, MA

Current Fellows

Subil Go, M.D., University of the Philippines, M.D.; Cleveland Clinic Foundation, OH, Residency
Premal Joshi, M.D., Baroda Medical College, M.D.; Wright State University, OH, Residency
Abha Saxena, M.D., University of Alabama School of Medicine, M.D.; Robert Wood Johnson University, Residency
Ritche Chiu, M.D., Cebu Doctors College of Medicine, M.D.; Eastern Virginia Medical School, VA, Residency

Angelito Yango, M.D.
- Fellowship Research Coordinator
- Medical Student/Resident Renal Elective Coordinator

PUBLICATIONS

J. Gary Abuelo, M.D.
- Normotensive ischemic acute renal failure. NEJM, accepted for publication, April 2007.

Andrew Bostom, M.D.

Lance D. Dworkin, M.D.

Rujun Gong, M.D., Ph.D.
Susie L. Hu, M.D.
› Brim N, Cu-Uvin S, Hu S and O’Bell J. Bone Disease and Pathologic Fractures in a Patient with Tenofovir-Induced Fanconi’s Syndrome. The AIDS Reader 2007; in publication.

John W. O’Bell, M.D.
› Brim, NM, Cu-Uvin S, Hu SL, O’Bell, JW. “Bone Disease and Pathologic Fractures in a Patient with Tenofovir-Induced Fanconi’s Syndrome.” The AIDS Reader. Accepted for publication, June 2007.

Douglas Shemin, M.D.

Angelito Yango, M.D.

Shougang Zhuang, M.D., Ph.D.

BASIC RESEARCH

Rujun Gong, M.D., Ph.D.
› Regulation of proinflammatory phenotype of renal tubular epithelial cells by HGF (Principal Investigator), Rhode Island Foundation for Health. A novel therapy for lupus nephritis (Principal Investigator), Lifespan Development Grant.

Shougang Zhuang, M.D., Ph.D.
› R01 DK071997-01A1 “Dedifferentiation Following Renal Cell Injury” National Institute of Health

CLINICAL RESEARCH

Andrew Bostom, M.D.
› Folic Acid for Vascular Outcome Reduction in Transplantation (FAVORIT) Trial, NIH/National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases
Renal Transplantation, Homocysteine Lowering and Cognition, Tufts University/NIDDK

Serum Total Homocysteine and C-Reactive Protein As Pred*, NIH/National Heart Lung & Blood Institute

A Randomized Controlled Trial of Homocysteine, NIH/National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases

Lance Dworkin, M.D.

Cardiovascular Outcomes in Renal Atherosclerotic Lesions (CORAL), National Institute of Health

A multi-center, open-label, randomized phase II study to assess safety, duration of treatment (up to 72 hours) and preliminary efficacy with the Renal Assist Device (RAD) in patients with Acute Renal Failure (ARF), Nephros Therapeutics

The effect of Sulodexide in overt type 2 diabetic nephropathy, Keryx, Inc.

A twelve week double blind, randomized multicenter parallel group study to evaluate the efficacy and safety of orally administered valsartan/amlopidine (SPP 100/Diovan), Novartis Pharmaceuticals

Project Title: Fixed Doses of Darusentan as compared to placebo in resistant hypertension (DORADO), Gilead Colorado, Inc.

Project Title: A dose blind long-term extension study to the phase 3 fixed doses of Darusentan as compared to placebo in resistant hypertension (DORADO), Gilead Colorado, Inc.

Reginald Gohh, M.D.

Rapamune Outcomes Assessment Registry, Syreon Corporation

A Multicenter, Randomized, Open label Trial of Simulect with Rapid Steroid Withdrawal vs Simulect wi, Deaconess Hospital

An Open Label Multicenter Study to Further Characterize the Clinical Utility and Safety of RapamuneR, Wyeth-Ayerst Research

A Comparative Open Label Study to Evaluate Graft Function in De Novo Renal Allograft Recipients Treated with Either a “Reduced Dose” or a “Standard Dose” of Cyclosporine in Combination with Rapamune (Sirolims) + Corticosteroids, Pharmaceutical Product Development

A Randomized Open-Label Preference Study of Gengraf Compared to Neoral in Stable Solid-Organ Transplant, Pharmaceutical Product Development

Pilot Study to Induce Specific Unresponsiveness with Donor-Specific Peripheral Blood Mobilized Bone Marrow Stem Cells (PBSCs) in Recipients of Living Donor Mismatched Renal Allografts Treated with Thymoglobulin and Standard Cyclosporine Based Immunosuppression, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical

Multicenter, Double-Blind, Randomized, Parallel Group Study on Tolerability and Safety of ERL080A, Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation

Douglas Shemin, M.D.

Correction of Hemoglobin & Outcomes in Renal Insufficiency (CHOIR), Carestat

Randomized Placebo Controlled Double Blinded Study to Evaluate Efficacy of a Bivalent Recombinant Staphylococcus Aureus Glycoconjugate Vaccine in Adults in Hemodialysis, NABI Pharmaceuticals

A Randomized Open Label Study to Assess the Safety of Epoetin Alfa Manufactured by Deep Tank Technology and Epoetin Alfa Manufactured by Roller Bottle Technology in Subjects with Chronic Kidney Disease Not on Dialysis, Amgen

Angelito Yango, Jr., M.D.

My GAIN Study: A 4 week, multicenter, double-blind, randomized, parallel group study to compare the gastrointestinal safety and tolerability of myfortic and MMF (Cellcept) when administered in combination with calcineurin inhibitors in renal transplant recipients experiencing gastrointestinal intolerance

Monitoring Serum and Urine Hepatocyte Growth Factor (HGF) levels for six months after renal transplantation to determine its potential as a non-invasive indicator for allograft injury and rejection.

Determining renal expression of Hepatocyte Growth Factor (HGF) in various forms of allograft injuries including acute rejection, chronic allograft nephropathy, and drug induced nephropathy
OBSTETRICS & CONSULTATIVE MEDICINE

MISSION

To provide expert care to women with medical problems in pregnancy from obstetric internists, gastroenterologists, and women’s behavioral health specialists;

To provide internal medicine, primary care, and behavioral health services to the obstetric and gynecologic patients at Women & Infants Hospital and the community;

To facilitate the primary care function of Ob/Gyn’s;

To improve access and quality of care provided to all women;

To educate medical students, internal medicine and OB/GYN residents, and Obstetric & Consultative Medicine and Gastroenterology fellows to treat medical problems in pregnancy and provide general medical and perioperative consultation;

To engage in research and curriculum development in the medical and psychiatric care of pregnant and postpartum women.

OVERVIEW

The unique expertise of the Women and Infants Hospital Division of Obstetric and Consultative Medicine has continued to build its national and international reputation as a leader in the care of medical problems in pregnancy. Karen Rosene-Montella was elected President of the International Society of Obstetric Medicine (ISOM) and the Division has developed a new web-based forum for improving the care of medical illness in pregnancy for the ISOM. Our faculty has been invited speakers at the national meetings of the Society of Maternal Fetal Medicine, Society of Obstetric Anesthesiology and Perinatology and the American College of Physicians, the International Society of Obstetric Medicine in Lisbon, Portugal, as well as New England Journal of Medicine sponsored courses in India and Turkey in the past year. Dr. Ghada Bourjeily received the Peter Garner Award for her research presentation entitled “Practice Habits of Obstetric Care Providers Regarding Sleep Habits” at the 27th Annual Meeting of the Society of Maternal Fetal Medicine in San Francisco, California in February 2007.

Silvia Degli Esposti, M.D., Director of Women’s Digestive Disorders, is working with the Rhode Island Department of Health’s Perinatal Hepatitis Prevention Program and Hasbro Children’s Hospital’s Pediatric Liver Clinic on a program for the prevention of perinatal hepatitis B&C virus and screening and referral guidelines for pregnant women and newborns.

Our Obstetric Medicine Fellow completed a quality improvement project examining issues related to the critical care of obstetric patients. Using a multidisciplinary Failure Models Effect Analysis (FMEA), he identified and evaluated potential sources in error in the care of these patients. His findings were presented as an oral presentation of the North American Society of Obstetric Medicine in April 2006 in Philadelphia.

Each year our fellowship graduates leave the program and go on to establish new programs in obstetric medicine at universities in North America and around the world. 2005–2006 was not any different. Elvis Pagan, M.D., our fifteenth fellow graduate, went on to St. Peter’s University Hospital in New Brunswick, New Jersey, as an obstetric internist. Letitia Acquah, M.D., our sixteenth fellow, will graduate on June 30, 2007. She is currently interviewing for several positions out of state. Meghan Hayes, M.D., our seventeenth fellow, will graduate on June 30, 2008.
We are proud to announce that the Women's Digestive Disorder Track within the Brown University affiliated training program in Gastroenterology offers a three-year accredited Training Program in Gastroenterology the goal of which is to prepare Board-eligible internists for a career in clinical or academic Gastroenterology. The program fulfills all training standards as mandated by the A.C.G.M.E., A.B.I.M., A.S.G.E., A.G.A., and A.C.G. The atmosphere is scholarly, and provides wide exposure to clinical gastroenterology and hepatology and clinical, translational and basic scientific research.

Dr. Sumona Saha joined us in July of 2005 as the first GI fellow and will complete her three-year fellowship in June of 2008. Dr. Saha’s research interests include inflammatory bowel disease in pregnancy and hereditary colon cancer syndromes. She completed an advanced Inflammatory Bowel Disease rotation at the University of Chicago Hospitals from December 2006–January 2007 with Sunanda Kane, MF, MSPH as her mentor.

Many of our faculty contributed chapters to the textbooks Medical Care of the Pregnant Patient, 2nd Edition, which is scheduled to be published in September 2007; the Pulmonary Problems in Pregnancy: Clinical and Research Aspects, which is scheduled for publication in March 2008; the 5-Minute Consult Clinical Companion to Women’s Health, which was published in March 2007; and de Swiet’s Medical Disorders in Obstetric Practice, 5th Edition, which is scheduled for publication by the end of 2007.

Karen Rosene-Montella, M.D., Chief of Medicine, is pleased to announce the addition of Niharika Mehta, M.D. to the Division as our newest Obstetric Medicine faculty member. Dr. Mehta joined the Division in September, 2005 as an obstetric internist.

We are also pleased to announce that:

Karen Rosene-Montella, M.D. received the CoE Outstanding Faculty Mentor Award, Brown University School of Medicine/Women & Infants Hospital, National Center of Excellence in Women’s Health, July 2006.

Karen Rosene-Montella, M.D. was named Editor of the textbook Medical Care of the Pregnant Patient, 2nd Edition, American College of Physicians, 2006.

Karen Rosene-Montella, M.D. & Ghada Bourjeily were named Editors of Humana Press, Inc. for the textbook entitled Pulmonary Problems in Pregnancy: Clinical and Research Aspects, 2006.


Iris Tong, M.D. was named Section Editor for the textbook, Ferri’s Clinical Advisor and Editor of the 5-Minute Consult Clinical Companion to Women’s Health.

Raymond Powrie, M.D. was named President, North American Society of Obstetric Medicine (NASOM), 2004–2007.

Raymond Powrie, M.D. attended the International Society of Obstetric Medicine (ISOM) 3rd Annual Meeting, Lisbon, Portugal, July 2–5, 2006. This biannual meeting is the preeminent one in the field of obstetric medicine. Dr. Raymond Powrie serves on the executive committee for ISOM as member in charge of international training. He was elected to a four year term as ISOM executive member in charge of training.

Lucia Larson, M.D. was appointed Fellowship Director, Fellowship in Obstetric and Consultative Medicine, Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, Women & Infants Hospital of RI, 2005.

Lucia Larson, M.D. was elected Vice President of the North American Society of Obstetric Medicine, 2007.

Iris Tong, M.D. was featured on Channel 10 on a Doctor on Call segment, answering questions about women’s health screenings, May 18, 2006.

Silvia Degli Esposti, M.D. was interviewed by Barbara Morse of Channel 10 regarding Perinatal Hepatitis B&C Virus and Prevention, January 17, 2006.

Silvia Degli Esposti, M.D. was interviewed via telephone by Conceive Magazine about the ways that digestive disorders may impact a woman’s fertility, January 29, 2006.

Margaret Howard, PhD was interviewed by Parents Magazine on “Depression during Pregnancy”, January 20, 2006.
Margaret Howard, PhD was interviewed by ePregnancy Magazine, “Postpartum Psychosis” January 24, 2006.
Margaret Howard, PhD was interviewed by Boston Parents Paper on “Postpartum Depression”, February 2, 2006.
Margaret Howard, PhD was interviewed by USA Today on “Can pregnant women shake off depression”, March 12, 2006.
Margaret Howard, PhD: “Postpartum Depression”, Interview with WPRO Radio, May 16, 2006.
Margaret Howard, PhD: “Postpartum Depression: Who is at Risk?”, Interview with Nicole Palacios, August 4, 2006.
Margaret Howard, PhD: “Postpartum Obsessive compulsive Disorder”, Interview with Lindsey Hadwin for ProfNet, August 8, 2006.
Teri Pearlstein, M.D. appeared as a faculty panelist on “The Premenstrual Continuum: Improving Diagnosis and Treatment”, a continuing medical education program which will premier on the Discovery Health Channel on Sunday, April 29, 2007. The show will air on Sunday’s throughout the two-year accreditation period and can also be accessed in a variety of ways at www.DiscoveryHealthCME.com.
Silvia Degli Esposti, M.D. & Sumona Saha, M.D. submitted a Clinical Research Alliance Affiliate Membership Application to the Crohn’s Colitis Foundation of America, Inc. on April 6, 2007 and were accepted as one of their affiliate sites.
Sandra Tavares, RN, BSN took first place for her poster presentation entitled “Nursing Intuition: Foveus Focuss or Personal Practice” at UMass Dartmouth, at the Sister Madeleine Clemence Vaillot Scholarship Day; “A Celebration of Student Scholarship”, May 1, 2007.
Christy Dibble, DO participated in the Colorectal Cancer Education and Awareness Program in conjunction with the American Cancer Society as an educator, March 2007.
Silvia Degli Esposti, M.D. became a member of the American College of Gastroenterology, June 2007.
G. Thamara Davis, M.D. was a participant of the Early Childhood and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowship Lecture Series, Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, 2006–present., Ob/Gyn Residents Core Lecture Series, Women & Infants Hospital, 2002–2007, Psychiatry Residency Core Curriculum, Women & Infants Hospital, 2005–present and the Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowship Psychotherapy Supervisor, Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, 2002–present.
Margaret Howard, PhD participates in the Monthly Brown Medical School Pediatric Resident Seminar on Postpartum Depression, Providence, RI, 2002–Present.
Margaret Howard, PhD conducted a seminar on “Postpartum Depression” to the Brown University Pediatric Residents, September 26, 2006.
Margaret Howard, PhD conducted a Primary Care Curriculum Seminar on “Depression in the non-pregnant patient” for Brown OB-Gyn residents Auditorium D, WIH, February 9, 2007.
Margaret Howard, PhD conducted a “Master Class” to members of the Maternal Infant Training Institute, Waltham, MA, March 2, 2007.
Neeta Jain, M.D. was invited by the Psychiatry Residency Department to be a mock board examiner for 5 PGY-3s. One examination held on February 16, 2007.
Lucia Larson, M.D. conducted a Rhode Island Hospital Nurse Midwifery Course: teaching topics included: Cardiac Disease in Pregnancy, Thyroid Disease in Pregnancy on October 17, 2006 and Thromboembolic Disease in Pregnancy and Renal Disease in Pregnancy on October 24, 2006 at University of Rhode Island.
Margaret Miller, M.D. was invited as a regular Instructor for Board review course for OB/Gyns in Baltimore: “Masters Board Review”, 2005–2007.

Margaret Miller, M.D. was a teaching for: Bio Med 351 Course at Brown University April 10, 14 & 17, 2006.

Margaret Miller, M.D. was invited as a Faculty Presenter: Primary Care Curriculum, Women’s Primary Care Center, Women & Infants Hospital, 2005–2007.


Teri Pearlstein, M.D. - Psychiatry Residency Seminars Lecturer on “PM.D.D, Menopause, Eating Disorders”, Fall 2005 and 2006.

Teri Pearlstein, M.D. - Psychiatry Residency PG-4 Course “Green Journal Club”, Fall 2006.


Raymond Powrie, M.D. - Teaching: Bio-Med 351 Course at Brown University as follows:

April 5 -Amenorrhea
April 7 - Puberty
April 12 - Seizures
April 19 – Case “Wrap up”


Iris Tong, M.D. was invited as faculty, Master’s Board Review Course in Baltimore, M.D., September 29–30, 2005 & May 12–13, 2006. (This is a Board Review Course for OB/Gyns).


Iris Tong, M.D. - attending Preceptor, Brown University Internal Medicine Residency Medical Clinic, Rhode Island Hospital, 2005–6.

Iris Tong, M.D. - Second-site Preceptor, Brown University Internal Medicine Residency, 2005–present.

Iris Tong, M.D. is a participant of the Ambulatory Didactic Conference/Lecture Series, Brown University General Internal Medicine Residency, 2005–present.

Iris Tong, M.D. is a participant of the Primary Care Journal Club, Brown University General Internal Medicine Residency, 2005–present.

Iris Tong, M.D. is an attending Physician, Internal Medicine Ward Service, Pawtucket Memorial Hospital, Brown University Internal Medicine Residency, 2007.


FULL-TIME FACULTY

Ghada Bourjeily, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine
Lucia Larson, M.D., Associate Professor of Medicine and Obstetrics & Gynecology
Margaret Miller, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine and Obstetrics & Gynecology
Teri Pearlstein, M.D., Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Human Behavior
Raymond Powrie, M.D., Associate Professor of Medicine and Obstetrics & Gynecology
Karen Rosene-Montella, M.D., Professor of Medicine and Obstetrics & Gynecology
Caron Zlotnick, PhD, Associate Professor of Psychiatry & Human Behavior

CLINICAL FACULTY

Sheenagh Bodkin, M.D., General Internal Medicine
G. Thamara Davis, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychiatry & Human Behavior
Silvia Degli Esposti, M.D., Associate Professor of Medicine (Clinical)
Christy Dibble, DO, Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine
Ellen Flynn, M.D., Psychiatry & Human Behavior
Margaret Howard, PhD, Clinical Associate Professor of Psychiatry & Human Behavior
Neeta Jain, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychiatry & Human Behavior
Colleen Kelly, M.D., Gastroenterology
Mara Linscott, M.D., General Internal Medicine
Niharika Mehta, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine (Clinical)
Carmen Monzon, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychiatry & Human Behavior
Rossana Moura, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine
Iris Tong, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine (Clinical)

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL HONORS AND RECOGNITION OF FACULTY

From July 2005 to June 2007, the attending physicians in the Division of Obstetric & Consultative Medicine presented numerous abstracts nationally and internationally.


Abstract topics included: “Recurrence of Supraventricular Tachycardia During Labor and Delivery”, “Myotonic Dystrophy in Pregnancy” and “Practice Habits of Obstetric Care Providers Regarding Sleep Disordered Breathing”.

The attending physicians were also invited to give presentations at national and international conferences.

Silvia Degli-Esposti, M.D.
National Presentations:
Invited presenter, "Integrating Perinatal Hepatitis C Prevention Activities into Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention, the National Viral Hepatitis Prevention Conference, Washington, DC, December 8, 2005.

Margaret Howard, PhD
National Presentations:

Lucia Larson, M.D.
National Presentations:
Attended the American College of Physicians (ACP) Conference on April 4th and April 5th, 2006, “Pre-course Critical Care Medicine”.
Attended the North American Society of Obstetric Medicine (NASOM) Annual Meeting on April 8, 2006 of which she is the Treasurer/Secretary.


Margaret Miller, M.D.
National Presentations:
Invited presenter, Master's Board Review Course, Baltimore, M.D., September 27, 2006.

Teri Pearlstein, M.D.
National Presentations:

International Presentations:
Invited presenter, “Treatment Trials for Perinatal Depression: Which Studies Still Need to be Conducted?”, Symposium member, Marcé Society International Biennial Scientific Meeting, Keele, Staffordshire, United Kingdom, September 14, 2006.
Raymond Powrie, M.D.

National Presentations:

• “Pulmonary Edema in Pregnancy”, Obstetrics and Gynecology Grand Rounds, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA, September 15, 2005.

• “Medical Care of the Pregnant Woman”, Internal Medicine Residency Conference, Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Boston, MA, September 15, 2005.

• “Medical Care of the Pregnant Woman”, General Internal Medicine Faculty Enrichment Conference, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, MA, September 16, 2005.

• “Medical care of the Pregnant Women for the Primary Care Provider”, Primary Care Internal Medicine sponsored by Harvard Medical School and the Department of Continuing Education, Massachusetts General Hospital, Cambridge Center Marriott Hotel, Cambridge, MA, September 27, 2005.

• “Acute Respiratory Failure in Pregnancy”, Clinical Advances in Obstetrics and Gynecology Course sponsored by Harvard Medical School and Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel, Boston, MA, September 28, 2005.

• Co-director, Scientific Forum on Obstetric Medicine at Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine, at the national meeting of the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine in Miami Beach, Florida, February 1, 2006.

• Visiting Guest Professor, University of British Columbia, Department of OB/Anesthesiology, Pharmacology & Therapeutics. Presented Grand rounds at BC Women’s Hospital, Royal Columbian Hospital and Vancouver General Hospital on “Medical Causes of Maternal Death and what to do about them” and “Thirteen Lessons About Critical Care in Pregnancy”, February 15–16, 2006.


• Visiting Guest Professor, Stanford University, Department of Anesthesiology. Presented Grand Rounds at Stanford University, Stanford, California on “Medical Causes of Maternal Death and What to do About Them” and “Update on Thrombosis in Pregnancy”, March 20, 2006.


• Presented Grand Rounds at Saint Peter’s University Hospital – New Brunswick, New Jersey, entitled “Hypertension in Pregnancy”, April 11, 2006.


• “A Woman with Hypertension Desiring a Pregnancy”. Clinical Crossroads, a case based discussion series for the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) - OB/Gyn Grand Rounds, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, MA, May 10, 2006.


• “Festschrift – Celebrate the Career of Michael de Swiet” Symposium at the University College London. Ad-hoc ISOM Obstetric Medicine Training Committee Meeting. Review & Comment upon a draft proposal for a curriculum in obstetric medicine. London – June 30, 2006

• Presented: “Hypertension in Pregnancy” at the Family Medicine Conference; Memorial Hospital, August 3, 2006.

• Invited lecture “Pulmonary Edema in Pregnancy” and a workshop “Respiratory Emergencies in Pregnancy” at the Annual Brigham and Women’s and Harvard University Obstetrics Course at the Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel, Boston, Massachusetts, September 24, 2006.


• Conducted a workshop on “Medical Problems in Pregnancy in Primary Care” at Harvard Medical School’s Annual course on the Principles and Practice of Internal Medicine, Cambridge, MA, October 17, 2006.
2006 Francis M. James III, Honorary lecturer in Obstetric Anesthesia at Wake Forest University School of Medicine, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, October 23, 2006.

Invited lecture on “Ten Things Every Clinician Should Know About Medical Problems in Pregnancy” at the Connors Center for Women’s Health and Gender Biology, Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Massachusetts, December 19, 2006.


Grand Rounds, “Medical Care of the Pregnant Woman for the Primary Care Provider”, Mount Auburn Hospital, Cambridge, MA, March 22, 2007.

Invited presenter, the national meeting of the Society of Hospital Medicine in Dallas Texas on “Ten Things Every Hospitalist Should Know About Pregnancy”, May 24, 2007.

International:


Karen Rosene-Montella, M.D.

National Presentations:


International:

Presented at the “Festschrift - Celebrate the Career of Michael de Swiet”, the Symposium at University College London, June 30, 2006.


Sumona Saha, M.D. (GI Fellow)

National Presentations:


“Safety and Efficacy of Feeding Jejunoostomy in Hyperemesis Gravidarum”. Saha, S, DeCiccio D, Degli-Esposti S, Picolo V., Poster presentation at 2007 Digestive Diseases Week, Washington, D.C., Poster of distinction (Top 10%)
Iris Tong, M.D.

National Presentations:

› Presenter, the Master’s Board Review Course, Baltimore, M.D., September 2005 and May 2006.

Caron Zlotnick, PhD

National Presentations:


RESEARCH AND OTHER SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

The Division’s interest in research is related to pregnancy women and medical complications of pregnancy.

Dr. Rosene’s interests lie in thrombosis in pregnancy, specifically the prevention of pulmonary embolism and deep venous thrombosis in pregnancy, A-gradient in pulmonary embolism in the pregnant patient, the effect of heparin on bone density in pregnancy, platelet activation in normal and hypertensive pregnancy, and curriculum development in medical consultation in pregnancy.

Dr. Powrie’s research interests include pulmonary embolism, medical consultation in pregnancy, and curriculum development in medical consultation and obstetric medicine.

Dr. Larson’s research interests include thrombophilias and recurrent spontaneous abortions, education on medical problems in pregnancy, palpitations in pregnancy, and preeclampsia and tolerance to paternal antigens.

Dr. Bourjeily’s research interests include sleep disordered breathing in pregnancy and diagnosis of pulmonary embolism in pregnancy.

Dr. Degli Esposti’s research interests include liver disease in pregnancy, viral hepatitis and nutritional status in pregnancy.

Dr. Dibble’s research interests include colorectal cancer prevention and screening, and the development and implementation of colorectal cancer screening prevention and treatment guidelines statewide.

Dr. Kelly’s research interests include irritable bowel and pelvic floor disorders.

Dr. Moura’s research interests include motility disorder and advanced endoscopic procedure.

› Ghada Bourjeily, M.D. received $43,000 in SEED grant money from Perkins Charitable Foundation, December 2006.


Mehta N, Powrie RO, Larson L. Assessment of significant proteinuria in pregnancy: Measurement of protein: Creatinine ratio using automated dipstick analysis Presentation at: Annual Meeting of the North American Society of Obstetric Medicine. February 7-11, 2005; Reno, Nevada (This abstract presentation was recognized by NASOM for its quality and contribution, being awarded the 2005 Peter Garner Prize for best young investigator project and presentation).


NIMH R01 MH071766-01A2, Co-Investigator: Teri Pearlstein, M.D.. Date of project: 6/01/06–4/30/11. “Depression Prevention for Poor Pregnant Women”. The aim of this project is to compare the efficacy of an intervention based primarily on interpersonal therapy to an enhanced care-as-usual condition in reducing postpartum depression in a sample of pregnant women on public assistance at risk for postpartum depression. Principal Investigator: Caron Zlotnick, Ph.D.

Johnson, J. E., Zlotnick, C. “Interpersonal Psychotherapy (IPT) for Women Prisoners with Comorbid Depression and Substance Use”. Annual conference of the GAINS Center for Justice-Involved People with Mental Illness, Boston, Massachusetts, April, 2006.


Zlotnick, C (Principal Investigator). “Intervention for Poor Pregnant Women with Partner Abuse”. NIMH. 11/01/2005–10/30/2008 Total Costs $526,000 Direct Costs $405,000


Margaret Miller, M.D. received IRB approval at Women & Infants Hospital for “Awareness of Cardiovascular Disease Among Women”. PI: Margaret Miller, M.D.


Bourjeily G, Khalil H. Principal Investigator. Retrospective analysis of multidetector CT in pregnancy.

Christy Dibble, DO

Rhode Island Cancer Council – Colorectal Cancer Task force Member. Drafted Formal Colorectal Cancer Screening/Diagnosis/Treatment Algorithms Objective: Improving colorectal cancer screening rates in Rhode Island and to improve uniform approach across state by developing guidelines for colorectal cancer screening/diagnosis and management.

Chairperson, Multidisciplinary Gastrointestinal Tumor Board, 1999–present.

Lucia Larson, M.D.

Member, Ambulatory Care Committee, Women & Infants Hospital, 1997–2006.

Member, Gyn/General Surgery/Oncology/Medicine Physicians Review Group Committee, Women & Infants Hospital, 1998–present.

Member, Parenting Physician Group, Women & Infants Hospital, 1999–2000.

Chair, Acute Monitoring Service Committee, Women & Infants Hospital, 2002–present.

Member, Gyn/General Surgery/Oncology/Medicine Service Line Evaluation Committee, 2003–present.

Chair, Acute Monitoring Service Review Group, 2005–present,

Chair, Rapid Response Team Task Force, 2005–present.

Manager and Editor, North American Society of Obstetric Medicine Website and online Journal Watch, 2002–present.


Website manager, International Society of Obstetric Medicine, 2003–present.


Reviewer, Brown University/Women & Infants Hospital National Center of Excellence in Women’s Health. Women’s Health Education Seed Grant, 2005.

FACULTY MEMBERS OF STUDY SECTIONS AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Silvia Degli Esposti, M.D.

Chair, Nutrition Support Committee, Women & Infants Hospital since 1997.

Task Force Committee, Women & Infants Hospital since 2000.

Director, Elective and Fellowship track in “Women’s Gastrointestinal Disorders”, Brown Medical School since 2003.

Medical Advisor, Coram Healthcare, 2006.

Chair, Perinatal Hepatitis Prevention Committee, sub-committee of the Viral Hepatitis Advisory Group (VHAG), Rhode Island Department of Health, 2005–2007.

Admission Advisory Board Member and Regular Action Admission Reviewer for Program Liberal Medical Education (PLME), Brown University, 2005–2007.


Member, Society for General Internal Medicine, Working group on Medical Care of the Pregnant and Postpartum Woman, 2006.


Vice President, North American Society of Obstetric Medicine, 2007–present.

Society of Maternal-Fetal Medicine, Affiliate Member, 2007–present.


Margaret Miller, M.D.

Appointed to the Executive Committee of the North American Society of Obstetric Medicine, 2007.

Serves on the Clinical and Academic Program Strategy Group (CAPS), Women & Infants Hospital, October 2006–Present.

Teri Pearlstein, M.D.

Consultant (member, PM.D.D Content Development Faculty Meeting), Dannemiller Memorial Educational Foundation and MedPro Communications, Inc., Los Angeles, CA, May 14, 2005.


Consultant (member, Desvenlafaxine Consultant Meeting), Wyeth, Philadelphia, PA, October 6, 2006.

Consultant (member, 2007 Forum for Women’s Healthcare), Dannemiller Memorial Educational Foundation and Haymarket Medical, Dallas, TX, February 24, 2007.

External Peer Reviewer, Canadian Institutes of Health Research, January 2006.

Mail-in Reviewer, Specialized Centers of Research (SCOR) on Sex and Gender Factors Affecting Women’s Health, Special Emphasis Panel, NIH, March 2007.

Editorial Board, Archives of Women’s Mental Health, Springer-Verlag/Wien, 2002–present

Editorial Board, Women’s Health, Future Medicine Ltd, 2005–present

Editorial Board, Women’s Health in Primary Care, Jobson Publishing, 2005–present

Karen Rosene-Montella, M.D.

Brown University Planning Committee for Center for Research & Education in Women’s Health


Editor, Medical Care of the Pregnant Patient, 2nd Edition, American College of Physicians, 2006–present


Brown University Teaching Scholar Task Force.

Overseas Fellow, Royal Society of Medicine, August 2006 to present.

Patient and Family Advisory Council, Women & Infants Hospital, 9/2006–Present

Appointed as a member of the American College of Physician Executives, March 2006.


Iris Tong, M.D.

Faculty Representative, Postgraduate Referral Committee, Brown University Medical School, January 2006–Present.

Women’s Health Advisory Board, Rhode Island Department of Health, 2006–Present.

Caron Zlotnick, PhD

Chair of task force for The Mental Health Needs of Women Prisoners, 1998–Present.
Margaret Miller, M.D.

Raymond Powrie, M.D.
- Dean's Teaching Excellence Award Outstanding Teaching in Bio 351 HRGD Pathophysiology small group June, 2006
- Full-time Faculty Award – 2006.
- Dean's Teaching Excellence Award for exemplary teaching during the 2005–2007 academic years, Brown Medical School.

Sumona Saha, M.D.
- Centocor Educational Grant – Awarded for advanced Inflammatory Bowel Disease rotation at University of Chicago Hospitals, September 2006.
- Annenberg Center for Health Sciences Scholarship – Awarded to attend Mentoring in Inflammatory Bowel Disease Program, Rancho Mirage, California, May 2007.

Iris Tong, M.D.
- Dean's Teaching Excellence Award, Brown University Medical School, 2005.
- Teaching Recognition Award, Brown University Medical School, 2005.
- Accepted to attend the American Association of Medical College's Early Career Women Faculty Professional Development Seminar, Washington, D.C., July 8–12, 2006.

Caron Zlotnick, PhD

MAJOR TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES

G. Thamara Davis, M.D.
- Psychiatry Residency Day Hospital Supervisor, Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, 2003 –Present.
- Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowship Day Hospital Supervisor, Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, 2006–Present.

Silvia Degli Esposti, M.D.
- Director of the Elective and Fellowship Track in “Women's Gastrointestinal Disorders”, Brown Medical School since 2005.
Ellen Flynn, M.D.
- Psychiatry Residency Consultation–Liaison Supervisor, Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, 2004–Present.
- Psychiatry Residency Psychotherapy Supervisor, Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, 2006–Present.
- Co-Coordinator of the Women’s Primary Care Clinic Psychiatry Curriculum, Women and Infants Hospital, 2007.

Margaret Howard, PhD
- Psychiatry Residency Psychotherapy Supervisor, Brown Medical School, Providence, RI, 2000–Present.
- Clinical Training Site and Primary Clinical Supervisor, elective rotation for clinical-research focus track Child Psychology intern, Brown Medical School, Providence, RI, 2003–Present.

Lucia Larson, M.D.
- Director and Attending Physician, Medical Consultation Clinic, Women’s Primary Care Center, Women & Infants Hospital of RI. Developed and implemented ambulatory curriculum for fellows and medical residents in Obstetric Medicine, 1995–present.
- Coordinator, Primary Care Noon Conference, Women’s Primary Care Center, Women & Infants Hospital of RI, 1997–2005.
- Director, Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University Student Clerkship, Medical Consultation in Obstetrics and Gynecology, Bio-Med 340, 1998 to present.
- Leader, small group session Pathophysiology course, Reproductive Medicine, Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University (BIOMED 282), 2001–2004.
- Fellowship Director, Fellowship in Obstetric and Consultative Medicine, Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, Women & Infants Hospital of RI, 2005–present.
- Leader, BIO MED 351 Human Reproduction Growth and Development, small group session. Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, Providence, RI; April 2005–present.

Karen Rosene-Montella, M.D.
- Co-Director, American College of Physicians Workshops, Medical Problems in Pregnancy since 1991.
- Director, Clinical Programming, Care New England Wellness Center since 1999.

**CLINICAL ACTIVITIES**

During the time of July 2005–June 2007, the Department of Medicine provided 6,067 inpatient consultation encounters at Women & Infants Hospital. The Division’s outpatient practice provided care to 27,858 patients, most of which were consultations for the Ob/Gyn physicians.

Our clinicians see patients for diagnoses such as thrombosis in pregnancy, cardiac disease in pregnancy, headaches, palpitations, hypertension, asthma, gastrointestinal disorders, postpartum depression, mood and anxiety disorders related to pregnancy, infertility, pregnancy loss, PMS and menopause. We often follow patients with chronic medical evaluations for patients anticipating surgery. We also offer pulmonary function

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### OBSTETRIC AND CONSULTATIVE MEDICINE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

#### Departing Fellows

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<td>Elvis Pagan, M.D.</td>
<td>University of North Carolina</td>
<td>Internal Medicine</td>
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#### Current Fellows

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<td>Letitia Acquah, M.D.</td>
<td>Dalhousie University Canada</td>
<td>Internal Medicine</td>
<td>Graduating in June 2007. Currently interviewing with several out-of-state institutions.</td>
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<td>Meghan Hayes, M.D.</td>
<td>State University New York Health Science Center at Syracuse College of Medicine</td>
<td>David Grant USAF Medical Center; Travis Air Force Base, California. In affiliation with University of California at Davis Medical School</td>
<td>Graduating in June 2008</td>
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testing and preconception counseling for women with medical problems who are considering pregnancy.

**PUBLICATIONS**


PULMONARY, CRITICAL CARE & SLEEP MEDICINE

OVERVIEW

The Division of Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine has continued to grow over the last several years, widening its scope of clinical, research and educational activities. Our pulmonary hypertension program has reached national stature under the leadership of Dr. James Klinger, Associate Professor of Medicine. We have increased the number of clinic sessions for patients with this disorder. Patients with primary pulmonary hypertension continue to be seen in this clinic but more recently, also patients with pulmonary hypertension secondary to collagen vascular diseases and chronic obstructive pulmonary disorders. The addition of a nurse practitioner, Jeanne Houtchens, NP has been extremely helpful as she has extensive experience with pulmonary hypertension patients, especially those who require continuous intravenous infusion of antihypertensive agents. The clinical service has been on the cutting edge of new treatment protocols for pulmonary hypertension and has participated in many multi-center trials studying epoprostenol, bosentan, nitric oxide and brain natriuretic peptide. We are also participating in a national registry to evaluate early and long-term pulmonary artery hypertension disease management. The clinical activities in our pulmonary hypertension clinic have been a natural extension of the intense nationally-recognized research activities at the Veterans Administration Hospital pulmonary vascular biology laboratories of several division members. Several have conducted NIH funded research in this area including Dr. Sharon Rounds, Professor of Medicine, Dr. James Klinger, Associate Professor of Medicine, Dr. Elizabeth Harrington, Associate Professor of Medicine, and Dr. Qing Lu, Assistant Professor of Medicine. The laboratory investigates questions regarding endothelial barrier function, apoptosis and lung injury, and the role of natriuretic peptides on pulmonary microvascular function. It has been a great research training ground for several of our pulmonary and critical care fellows. Dr. Harrington had the featured abstract for the Pulmonary Circulation Assembly at the 2007 American Thoracic Society Meeting. It was entitled “Heterogeneous apoptotic signaling response of the microvascular endothelial cells to reactive oxygen species.”

Our sleep program has continued to expand. We have responsibility for the medical direction of several sleep laboratories around the state, including a laboratory in Providence, Newport, West Warwick and East Providence. Drs. Richard Millman, Professor of Medicine, and Alice Bonitati, Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine, our leading consultants in sleep medicine, have been recognized in the community for their clinical excellence and unique expertise in sleep disordered breathing and non-respiratory sleep disorders. We have been fortunate to recruit a nurse practitioner with expertise in sleep medicine. Lauren Cushing, NP had formal sleep training at the Massachusetts General Hospital. She has a busy sleep practice in our Providence and West Warwick offices. We have had a successful collaborative effort with the Department of Pediatrics to expand our expertise in pediatric sleep medicine. Dr. Judy Owens from the Department of Pediatrics has joined our sleep group to expand our capabilities in this discipline. We were pleased to hear in 2007 that our application for a fellowship in sleep medicine was approved by the American Council on Graduate Medical Education. Board certification in Sleep Medicine will now be approved by the American Board of Internal Medicine, Neurology and/or Psychiatry. We anticipate that we will be accepting applications to our sleep training program for eligibility in Sleep Medicine from physicians trained...
in pulmonary medicine, internal medicine, neurology or psychiatry in the near future. Dr. Richard Millman has continued to collaborate in funded research activities relating to: 1) motivating adherence to CPAP in obstructive sleep apnea, 2) the effective weight loss on sleep apnea in patients with Type II diabetes, and 3) insomnia and drug relapse risk.

Critical Care Medicine has continued to be a major focus of the clinical, research and training activities of our division at all of our hospital sites. Under the leadership of Dr. Mitchell Levy, Professor Medicine, the Rhode Island Hospital program has continued to expand. Dr. Levy has gained international prominence in the field of critical care medicine. He has been elected to the position of the Secretary, executive committee, of the Society of Critical Care Medicine. This is the first step to becoming President of this prestigious medical society. Our division provides direction and clinical support to the medical ICU, respiratory and step-down ICU’s and also the neurosurgical ICU at Rhode Island Hospital and the medical intensive care units of the Veterans Administration Medical Center and Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island. These units have been an outstanding clinical and research training site for pulmonary and critical care fellows as well as internal medicine residents. Areas of research interest include: 1) measuring the quality of end-of-life care in the intensive care unit, 2) early goal directed therapy for sepsis, 3) the evaluation of PEEP titration in acute lung injury, and 4) and vasopressor requirements and hemodynamic responses in patients with septic shock. We are a clinical coordinating center for a phase three multicenter randomized placebo-controlled double-blind trial on the safety of Recombinant Tissue Factor Pathway Inhibitor in severe community-acquired pneumonia. An important direction for the future of critical care medicine is the study of methods to improve outcomes in the medical ICU and insure patient safety. In recent years the medical ICU at Rhode Island Hospital has been cited nationally for excellence in clinical care. In order to expand upon this high level of success in patient care, we have added a new faculty member with expertise in health care improvement in the medical ICU. Dr. Sean Townsend, Assistant Professor of Medicine, is a new member of the Brown community who has been named the Associate Director of Critical Care at Rhode Island Hospital. He is a former fellow in pulmonary and critical care medicine at the Harvard Combined Program in Pulmonary and Critical Care and is completing a master’s degree in public health at the Harvard University School of Public Health. Dr. Townsend brings to the division expertise in the area of health services research with a specific emphasis on healthcare quality improvement initiatives. He has designed the data collection strategy, performance measures and database for the Surviving Sepsis Campaign, a joint effort of the Society of Critical Care Medicine, the European Society of Intensive Care Medicine and the International Sepsis Forum. He is additionally a faculty member at the Institute for Healthcare Improvement in Cambridge, MA where he spent a year of training prior to coming to Brown.

In our last report we announced the formation of a new program in pulmonary medicine, interventional pulmonology. This program has grown considerably since then under the direction of Dr. Muhanned Abu-Hijleh, Assistant Professor of Medicine. With the assistance of Dr. Kevin Dushay, Assistant Professor of Medicine, and Dr. Yaser Abu El-Sameed, one of our former pulmonary/critical care medicine fellows who has joined our faculty in 2007, we anticipate that this program will be an important clinical resource and leading research program in the years to come. Dr. Abu-Hijleh has already secured a position for our division as part of a national multicenter clinical trial to evaluate the safety and effectiveness of an endobronchial valve system for the treatment of severe emphysema. We hope that this noninvasive endoscopic procedure will replace lung volume reduction surgery for patients with severe shortness of breath due to their lung disease. These division members are performing medical thoracoscopy and advanced bronchoscopic techniques for lung cancer. The bronchoscopic ultrasound is another new technique used by the interventional pulmonologist. It allows sampling of lymph nodes surrounding the bronchial tree by a noninvasive technique. In many patients this will avoid diagnostic mediastinoscopy, which requires general anesthesia and invasive surgery. With the growth of the Rhode Island Hospital Cancer Center and the medical school at Brown, we believe these advanced techniques will be important to the patients of Rhode Island and the vicinity.

Our division is proud to announce several other notable events since our last report:

- Dr. F. Dennis McCool, Professor of Medicine and Chief of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine at the Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island has been named the Editor-in-Chief of the journal “Lung”. Dr. James Klinger, Associate Professor of Medicine, has been named the Associate Editor of this journal. Dr. McCool has been co-investigator in a VA merit
review grant studying anabolic therapies in treating the secondary disabilities of spinal cord injury.

Dr. Nicholas Ward, Associate Professor of Medicine, has assumed the position of Program Director for the Fellowship in Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine. Our fellowship recruitment has been highly successful in recruiting four fellows each year for the three-year training program. We participate in the national fellowship match. In the last several years, in addition to recruiting several Brown Internal Medicine graduates, our fellows have been recruited from Tufts, New England Medical Center, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Temple Medical School, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Cleveland Clinic, UM.D.NJ University Hospital, University of Massachusetts, and Medical College of Virginia. Our fellows have three years of training including one full year of research. They are required to present their research at a national meeting. The topics have been quite varied and have included the following abstracts: 1) "isolated low DLCO as a predictor of parenchymal lung disease," 2) "diaphragm thickening during assist control ventilation in healthy volunteers," 3) lung vascular permeability and pulmonary edema. PKC and lung function," and 4) "ultrasound in the evaluation of recovery from diaphragm paralysis." We have sponsored a medical resident in each of the last two years who have also presented their research at the American Thoracic Society meeting.

We have forged a collaboration with the Division of Hematology/Oncology through its new Director, Dr. Peter Quesenberry, Professor of Medicine. He is the Project Leader of a COBRE grant entitled "The New Stem Cell Biology." He has successfully recruited a pulmonologist, Dr. Jason Aliotta, to join the research group and we are fortunate to have Dr. Aliotta join our division. He is a former fellow in pulmonary and critical care medicine at Brown and currently holds the rank of Assistant Professor of Medicine. He will conduct stem cell research in pulmonary related areas. He has found that marrow-derived stem cells produce lung cells during lung injury. The main focus of his research will be to examine the contribution of bone marrow-derived stem cells to the cellular component of the radiation-injured murine lung. He has hypothesized that injured lung cells are capable of inducing phenotypic modifications of marrow cells by the release and subsequent uptake of lung-derived microvesicles, inducing marrow cells to assume a lung cell phenotype.

Dr. Linda Nici, Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine has been named to the Board of Directors of the American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation and is co-chair of a joint American Thoracic Society/European Respiratory Society statement on pulmonary rehabilitation. She has established a highly successful pulmonary rehabilitation program at the Veterans Administration Medical Center. Her research in the area of pulmonary rehabilitation has explored the relationship of pulmonary hypertension and impairment of functional improvement in patients with COPD.

Our division has developed stronger ties with the Critical Care program at the Miriam Hospital. Dr. Gerardo Carino, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Site Director of the Critical Care Medicine Fellowship Program at the Miriam Hospital has been working to integrate the Miriam program with the Pulmonary/Critical Care Medicine Program at the Brown affiliated hospitals. Dr. Mitchell Levy, Professor of Medicine, has provided medical leadership to the Critical Care Program until a new chief can be recruited.

The Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University has created an educational exchange with the Royal Medical Services in Amman, Jordan. Dr. Sidney Braman, Chief of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine and Professor of Medicine, Dr. Ed Wing, Chief of Medicine and Professor of Medicine, and Dr. Muhanned Abu-Hijleh, Chief of Interventional Pulmonology and Assistant Professor of Medicine (Clinical) signed an agreement with the Royal Medical Services to send Jordanian fellows for training at Brown. These fellows would be returning to their medical program after one year of training at Rhode Island Hospital.

Dr. Vera De Palo, Associate Professor of Medicine, has been selected to be the Chairperson of the American College of Chest Physicians, Council of Governors. She has also been the Rhode Island representative on the Council of Chapter Representatives for the American Thoracic Society.

Dr. Eleanor Summerhill, Assistant Professor of Medicine, has devoted recent efforts to physician education regarding disaster response. She is the Project Chair and Primary Investigator of the Disaster Response Network of the American College of Chest Physicians. She is surveying the membership of this professional society to determine the level of competency and
Dr. Kevin Dushay, Assistant Professor of Medicine, was the recipient of the New England Organ Bank Key Strategy Award for advanced practice. He is the Co-course Director with Dr. Nicholas Ward, Associate Professor Medicine, of the pulmonary pathophysiology course for our first and second year medical students.

Dr. Sharon Rounds, Professor of Medicine, finished her tenure as Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs at the medical school. She has been named Chief of the Medical Service at the Providence VA Medical Center. She is the principal investigator in an NIH sponsored grant entitled “Short-term training program to increase diversity in health-related research.” She has been a member of several NIH committees including data safety monitoring boards for clinical research projects, a strategic planning working group on integrative approaches to pathogenetic research and also a special emphasis panel on training grants. She has continued to be very active in the American Thoracic Society since stepping down as President of the organization. She has chaired its membership committee and also been the Vice-chair of the scientific advisory committee.

Dr. Sidney Braman, Division Director and Professor of Medicine, has been awarded the “GlaxoSmithKline Distinguished Scholar in Respiratory Health Award” by The American College of Chest Physicians and The CHEST Foundation, its philanthropic arm. This endowed scholars program provides financial support for clinical educational projects that will improve patient care. As the ACCP Distinguished Scholar, Dr. Braman will represent the College membership and will complete a project that will impact the College’s global membership by offering improved methods of practice and medical education. The goal of the project is to develop a COPD Chronic Care Model. The vision is to have this integrative model of care for COPD patients used by primary care physicians and other health care providers throughout the country. The Model will encourage high quality, evidence-based and guideline driven chronic disease management and the use of ACCP educational resources. The COPD Chronic Care Model will be developed by creating a partnership with the Institute for Health Care Improvement (IHI) in Cambridge, MA.

FACULTY MEMBERS

FULL-TIME FACULTY (Hospital or Foundation Based)

Muhammad Abu-Hijleh, M.D., Assistant Professor (Clinical), Rhode Island Hospital, University Medicine Foundation

Jason Aliotta, M.D., (Appointment Pending), Rhode Island Hospital, University Medicine Foundation

Alice Bonitatii, M.D., Clinical Associate Professor, Rhode Island Hospital, University Medicine Foundation

Sidney Branan, M.D., Director, Professor, Rhode Island Hospital, University Medicine Foundation

Gerardo Carino, M.D., Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Miriam Hospital

**E. Jane Carter, M.D., Assistant Professor, Miriam Hospital

Vera De Palo, M.D., Associate Professor, Memorial Hospital

Kevin Dushay, M.D., Assistant Professor, Rhode Island Hospital, University Medicine Foundation

Allan Erickson, M.D., Associate Professor, VA Medical Center

Elizabeth Harrington, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, VA Medical Center

Brian Kimble, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor, VA Medical Center

James Klinger, M.D., Associate Professor, Rhode Island Hospital, University Medicine Foundation

Mitchell Levy, M.D., Professor, Rhode Island Hospital, University Medicine Foundation

Qing Lu, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, VA Medical Center

F. Dennis McCool, M.D., Professor, Memorial Hospital

Richard Millman, M.D., Professor, Rhode Island Hospital, University Medicine Foundation

Jorge Mora, M.D., Assistant Professor, Memorial Hospital

Linda Nici, M.D., Clinical Associate Professor, VA Medical Center

Annie Lin Parker, M.D., Clinical Associate Professor, Memorial Hospital

Sharon Rounds, M.D., Professor of Medicine and Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, VA Medical Center

Patricia Russo-Magno, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor, Memorial Hospital

Tihomir Stefanec, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor, Memorial Hospital
Eleanor Summerhill, M.D., Assistant Professor, Memorial Hospital
Sean Townsend, M.D., Assistant Professor, University Medicine Foundation
Nicholas Ward, M.D., Associate Professor, Rhode Island Hospital, University Medicine Foundation
Patrick Weyer, M.D. Clinical Assistant Professor, Memorial Hospital
*Joint Appointment with Hematology/Oncology
**Joint Appointment in Infectious Disease

VOLUNTARY FACULTY
William Corrao, M.D., Clinical Professor, Rhode Island Hospital
R. William Corwin, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor, Rhode Island Hospital
Walter Donat, M.D., Clinical Associate Professor, Rhode Island Hospital
David Ettensohn, M.D., Clinical Associate Professor, Memorial Hospital
Ronald Gilman, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor, Miriam Hospital
Peter Karczmar, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor, Miriam Hospital
Naomi Kramer, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor, Rhode Island Hospital
John Ladetto, M.D., Clinical Instructor, Memorial Hospital
Timothy Liesching, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor, Memorial Hospital
James Myers, M.D., Clinical Associate Professor, Miriam Hospital
Mamoun Najjar, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor, Miriam Hospital
Charles Sherman, M.D., MPH, Clinical Associate Professor, Miriam Hospital
Michael Stanchina, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor, Rhode Island Hospital
Joel Weltman, M.D., Ph.D., Clinical Professor Emeritus, Rhode Island Hospital
Zwetchkenbaum, John, M.D., Clinical Instructor, Memorial Hospital

ADJUNCT FACULTY
Nicholas Hill, M.D., Adjunct Professor, Tufts New England Medical Center

Joseph Meharg, M.D., Adjunct Assistant Professor, Roger Williams Medical Center
Michael Passero, M.D., Adjunct Associate Professor, Roger Williams Medical Center

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL HONORS AND RECOGNITION OF FACULTY

Jason Aliotta, M.D.
Invited Presentations:
› COBRE Research Seminar Series at the University of Vermont, November 2005, Burlington, VT: “Lung Injury and the Conversion of Hematopoietic Marrow Cells to Lung Cells”

Sidney Braman, M.D.
› GlaxoSmithKline Distinguished Scholar in Respiratory Health Award presented by The American College of Chest Physicians and The CHEST Foundation, June 2007
Invited Presentations:
› Heart Lung Conference, ACCP West India Chapter, 2006 conference. Mumbai, India: “Goal of asthma therapy”, Treatment of acute severe asthma”, and “COPD - New insights”
› Lung Diseases in the XXI Century, ACCP Polish Chapter/Polish Society of Pneumonology, 2006 conference. Krakow, Poland: “Long-acting beta agonists—are they safe?, “COPD—an inflammatory disease”, and “COPD—the acute exacerbation”

Vera DePalo, M.D.
› Chairperson-Elect, ACCP, Council of Governors
› Chairperson, ATS, Council of Chapter Representatives, RI Representative
Invited Presentations:

Kevin Dushay, M.D.
› New England Organ Bank Key Strategy Award for “Advanced Practice”

Elizabeth Harrington, Ph.D.
› Associate Editor, Lung, 2003–present
Elected Member, Assembly on Pulmonary Circulation, Nomination Committee, American Thoracic Society, 2006–2007

Invited Presentations:

James R. Klinger, M.D.
Associate Editor, Lung

Invited Presentations:

Mitchell Levy, M.D.
SCCM Executive Committee, Secretary
Co-Chair, IHI ICU IMPACT Series
Lead Investigator, Phase 3, Surviving Sepsis Campaign

Qing Lu, Ph.D.
Invited Presentations:

F. Dennis McCool, M.D.
Editor-in-Chief, Lung
Leader, People to People Pulmonary Critical Care Delegation to China and Mongolia, April, 2006


Richard Millman, M.D.
Invited Presentations:
- Visiting Professor, Sleep Symposium, Wellesley College, February 1, 2006
- Co-Chair, 20th Annual Northeast Sleep Society Meeting, Warwick, RI, March 17–18, 2006

Invited Presentation:
- American College of Chest Physicians, 2006 conference. Salt Lake City, UT: “Adolescents are neither small adults or large children”

Linda Nici, M.D.
Board of Directors, American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation; 2005–2006
Editorial Board, Chronic Respiratory Disease; 2005–present

Sharon Rounds, M.D.

Invited Presentations:
- Japanese Respiratory Society, 2006 conference. Tokyo, Japan: “Pulmonary hypertension, new insights and new hopes” and “Stem cells and lung diseases”, English-Speaking Symposium Chair


Eleanor Summerhill, M.D.
Member, Critical Care Network Steering Committee Education and Simulation Working Groups. American College of Chest Physicians

**Invited Presentation:**

**Sean Townsend, M.D.**

**Invited Presentations:**
- International Sepsis Symposium, 2007 conference, Sao Paulo, Brazil: “Preliminary analysis of the SSC global data”
- Critical Care Congress, Society of Critical Care Medicine, Orlando, FL: “Data Collection and Measurement for Sepsis Quality Improvement”

**Nicholas S. Ward, M.D.**

- 2006 Presidential Citation for outstanding contributions to the Society of Critical Care Medicine
- Society of Critical Care Medicine International Program Committee 2006–2009

**Invited Presentations:**

**RESEARCH AND OTHER SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES**

**Jason Aliotta, M.D.**


**Sidney Braman, M.D.**

- United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Medical Technical Options Committee (MTOC) (Appointed 4/1/05–present)

**Vera DePalo, M.D.**

- Medical Curriculum Committee and Chairperson, Preclinical Curriculum Committee, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University
- Editorial Board, Chest Physician, American College of Chest Physicians
- Workforce Committee, Congressional Action Committee, American Thoracic Society

**Elizabeth Harrington, Ph.D.**

- Reviewer, COBRE Center for Cancer Research Development Internal Competitive Renewal, Rhode Island Hospital, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, November 2005
- Panel Member, American Heart Association, National Research Program, Peer Review Committee, Lung, Resuscitation and Respiration, 4/2006 and 10/2006
- Ad hoc Member, Merit Review Subcommittee for Respiration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 6/2006 and 6/2007
- Ad hoc Reviewer, Research Career Development Subcommittee for Respiration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 2/2007
- Ad hoc Reviewer, Heart, Lung, and Blood Program Project Review Committee, NIH, NHLBI, 5/2007

**James Klinger, M.D.**

- Study Sections
  - Cardiovascular Medical Research and Education Fund Peer Review Meeting, Chicago, IL, October 12–13, 2005
  - National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, Special Emphasis Panel, (RFP-NIH-NHLBI-HB-06-06. “Phase II/III trial of Sildenafil for Sickle Cell Disease–Associated Pulmonary Hypertension–Clinical Sites “ ZHL1-CCT-D-C2, March 7–8, 2006
  - Program Committees Assembly on Pulmonary Circulation (2005–2007)

**Mitchell Levy, M.D.**

- Senior Editor, Journal of Critical Care

**Qing Lu, Ph.D.**

- American Heart Association Northeast Consortium 1B Peer Review Committee, April 2007
Research & Development Committee, Providence VAMC, 2005–present
Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC), Providence VAMC, 2005–present
Graduate student, Zhi-Zhan Gu’s Ph.D. Thesis Committee, 2005–present

F. Dennis McCool, M.D.
Member, Promotions Committee, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University
Board of Directors, RI Lung Association

Linda Nici, M.D.
Co-chair, Pulmonary Rehabilitation Section of the American Thoracic Society; 2006–2008
International Advisory Board, CIRO (Centre for Rehabilitation for Patients with Chronic Organ Failure); 2006–present

Sharon Rounds, M.D.
NIH Member, Data Safety Monitoring Board of Pulmonary Fibrosis Network, NHLBI, 2005–present
Member, NHLBI Strategic Planning Working Group on Integrative Approaches to Pathogenetic Research, June, 2006
Member, Special Emphasis Panel on Training Grants (T32), NHLBI, November, 2006
Member, NHLBI Institutional Training Mechanism Review Committee, January, 2007
Member, Data Safety Monitoring Board of Specialized Centers for Clinically Oriented Research (SCCOR), NHLBI, 2007–present
Ad Hoc Reviewer T35 grants, NHLBI, 2007
Other
Ad hoc reviewer, Scientific Advisory Board for Parker B. Francis Foundation Fellowships, 2007
Site Visit Team, Liaison Committee on Medical Education, Michigan State University College of Human Medicine, October 15–19, 2006
Ad Hoc Reviewer, Tobacco-Related Disease Research Program, University of California, 2007

Eleanor Summerhill, M.D.
Steering Committee, American Thoracic Assembly of Occupational and Environmental Health, Section on Terrorism and Inhalation Disasters
Critical Care Network Steering Committee Simulation Working Group, American College of Chest Physicians
Disaster Response Network, American College of Chest Physicians

Sean Townsend, M.D.
Innovation Community: Institute for Healthcare Improvement, Improving Outcomes for High-Risk and Critically Ill Patients
Medical Advisor/Faculty Lead: Institute for Healthcare Improvement, 5 Million Live’s Campaign Decreasing Central Line and Ventilator Associated Pneumonia
Executive Committee, Surviving Sepsis Campaign (joint with the Society of Critical Care Medicine, European Society for Intensive Care Medicine, International Sepsis Forum and the Institute for Healthcare Improvement)

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Education Honors and Awards

Muhammed Abu-Hijleh, M.D.
Teacher of the Year Award, Presented by the Brown Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine Fellows, 2006

Jason Aliotta, M.D.
Dean’s Teaching Excellence Award, Pulmonary Pathophysiology Small Group, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, Fall 2007

Alice Bonitati, M.D.
Dean’s Teaching Excellence Award, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, 2005

Vera DePalo, M.D.
Dean’s Teaching Excellence Award, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, 2005

Kevin Dushay, M.D.
Dean’s Teaching Excellence Award, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, 2006 & 2007

James Klinger, M.D.
Beckwith Family Award for Outstanding Teaching -2006

Sharon Rounds, M.D.
Outstanding Mentor Award, Brown University/ Women and Infants Hospital, Center of Excellence in Women’s Health, February 2006
Dean’s Teaching Excellence Award, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, 2005 & 2006

Eleanor Summerhill, M.D.
The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University Family Residency Program and the American Academy of Family Physicians Teaching Recognition Award
MAJOR TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES

Alice Bonitati, M.D.
- Course Director, Rhode Island Thoracic Society Annual Clinical Forum, Providence, RI, April 7, 2006

Sidney Braman, M.D.
- Program Director, Pulmonary & Critical Care Medicine Fellowship

Gerardo Carino, M.D., Ph.D.
- Site Director, Critical Care Medicine Fellowship Program, Miriam Hospital

Vera DePalo, M.D.
- Course Director, Biomed 350: Integrated Pathophysiology/Pharmacology, Section 1, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

Nicholas Ward, M.D.
- Dean’s Teaching Excellence Award, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, Biomed 281: Pulmonary Pathophysiology
- 2007 - 350 Pulmonary Pathophysiology small group and 390 Clerkship in Medicine
- 2006 - 350 Pulmonary Pathophysiology small group and 390 Clerkship in Medicine

KEVIN DUSHAY, M.D.
- Co-course director, Biomed 350 Pulmonary Pathophysiology, 2005–present

RICHARD MILLMAN, M.D.
- Program Director, Sleep Medicine Fellowship. Approved May, 2007 by the ACGME

SHARON ROUNDS, M.D.
- Site Director, VA Medical Center for the Brown Pulmonary & Critical Care Medicine Fellowship Program

ELEANOR SUMMERHILL, M.D.
- Director, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University Internal Medicine Residency Program, Memorial Hospital of RI

NICOLAS WARD, M.D.
- Program Director, Pulmonary & Critical Care Medicine Fellowship (Appointed 6/07)
- Co-course director, Biomed 350 Pulmonary Pathophysiology, 2005–present

GRADUATE PULMONARY/CRI TICAL CARE MEDICINE FELLOWS

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<td>Chee Chan, M.D.</td>
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<td>UM.D.NJ University Hospital</td>
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<td>Melissa Lee, M.D.</td>
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<td>Kevin Martin, M.D.</td>
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<td>Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center</td>
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<td>Michael Polsky, M.D.</td>
<td>University of Florida</td>
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<td>Andrew Stone, M.D., M.P.H.</td>
<td>University of Vermont</td>
<td>Brown Medical School, Internal Medicine (RIH)</td>
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SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Muhammed Abu-Hijleh, M.D.


Jason Aliotta, M.D.


Sidney Braman, M.D.


▷ Braman SS. Chronic cough due to acute bronchitis: ACCP evidence-based clinical practice guidelines. *Chest* 2006; 129(1 Suppl):95S–103S.

▷ Braman SS. The global burden of asthma. *Chest* 2006; 130(1 Suppl):4S–12S.
Gerardo Carino, M.D., Ph.D.

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Sean Townsend, M.D.

Nicholas Ward, M.D.
 › Signaling Mechanisms Regulating Hypoxic Pulmonary Microvascular Endothelium - Project 0005. Department of Veterans Affairs - Merit Review

James Klinger, M.D.
 › Natriuretic Peptides in Pulmonary Endothelial Barrier Function. NIH/National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute

Qing Lu, PhD
 › The Mechanism of Transforming Growth Factor for Regulation of Endothelial Monolayer Permeability. ALA
 › Transforming Growth Factor-β1 and Endothelial Monolayer Permeability. Francis Family Foundation
 › Transcriptional Regulation of TGF-Beta 1-Induced Endothelial Barrier Dysfunction

Sharon Rounds, M.D.
 › Rho and Ras GTPase and Lung Endothelial Apoptosis. NHLB
 › Small GTPases and Lung Endothelial Apoptosis VA Merit Review
 › Short Term Training Program to Increase Diversity in Health-Related Research (R25). NHLB

CLINICAL RESEARCH

Muhanned Abu-Hijleh, M.D.
 › A Prospective, Randomized, Controlled Multicenter Clinical Trial to Evaluate the Safety and Effectiveness of the IBVtm Valve System for the Treatment of severe Emphysema. Spiration, Incorporated

Sidney Braman, M.D.
 › A Multicenter 3 Year Longitudinal Prospective Study to Identify Novel Endpoints and Compare These with Forced Expiratory Volume in 1 second (f ev1) For Their Ability to measure and Predict COPD Severity and its Progression Over Time. GlaxosmithKline
 › A Randomized Double Blind Placebo Controlled Parallel Group Trial Assessing Rate of Decline of Lung Function with Tiotropium 18 Mcg Capsule Once Daily in Patients with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD). Boehringer Ingelheim

Allan Erickson, M.D.
 › Isolated Low DLCO as an Early Indicator of Parenchymal Lung Disease

James Klinger, M.D.
 › The Role of Natriuretic Peptide in Right Ventricular Hypertrophy AHA
 › Effects of Combination of Bosentan and Sildenafil Versus Sildenafil Monotherapy on Morbidity and Mortality in Symptomatic Patients with pulmonary Arterial Hypertension - A Multicenter, Double-blind, randomized, Placebo-controlled, parallel group, prospective, event driven Phase IV. Actelion, Incorporated
 › Registry to Evaluate Early and Long-term PAH Disease Management (REVEAL REGISTRY). Cotherix
 › An International, Multicenter, randomized, Double-blind, double-dummy, parallel group, a study of 3 month or 6 month treatment with SSR126517E (3.0mg s.c. once weekly) versus oral INR-adjusted warfarin in the treatment of patients with symptomatic pulmonary embolism, with or without symptomatic deep venous thrombosis. Gilead Colorado, Incorporated
 › A Randomized, Double-blind, Placebo-Controlled Study to Evaluate the Safety and Efficacy of the Addition of Inhaled Iloprost in Patients with Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension Receiving Oral Sildenafil. Gilead Colorado, Incorporated
 › A Phase 2, Open-label, Multicenter Study evaluating Ambrisentan Subjects with Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension Who Have Previously Discontinued Endothelin Receptor Antagonist Therapy Due to Serum Aminotransferase Abnormalities. Gilead Colorado, Incorporated
 › A Multi-Center, Multinational, Long-Term, Open-Label Extension Study, to Assess the Safety of Subject Optimised Treatment Regimens of Oral Sildenafil when Used in Combination with Intravenous Prostacyclin (epoprostrenol), for Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension in Subjects who have Completed StudyA1481141. Pfizer, Incorporated
 › Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension Quality Enhancement research Initiative (QuERI). Actelion, Incorporated
 › A Randomized, Double-blind, Placebo-Controlled Phase 3 Study of the Phosphodiesterase Type5 (PDE5) Inhibitor Tadalafil in the treatment of Patients with Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension (LVGY); and An Opel-Label Extension study (LVGX). Lilly ICOS LLC
 › Prospective Study of the Transition from Intravenous Epoprostrenol to Subcutaneous Treprostinil. New England Medical Center/United Therapeutic
A Long-term Study of Ambrisentan in Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension Subjects having completed AMB-320 or AMB-321. Myogen, Inc.

Acute pulmonary hemodynamic effects of sildenafil and nesiritide versus sildenafil alone in adult patients with pulmonary arterial hypertension. Scios Nova, Inc.

Pulmonary Hemodynamic Effects of B-Type Natriuretic Peptide Infusion in Patients with Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension. Scios Nova, Inc.

Development of a Hospital-Based Program for the use of Nitric Oxide for Inhalation in the Chronic Management of Severe Caripulmonary Diseases. INO Therapeutics, Inc.

A Phase III, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled, Multicenter, Efficacy Study of Ambrisentan in Subjects with Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension. Myogen, Inc.

A Multi-Center, Open Label, 8 Week Evaluation of Topical/Systemic Anti-Inflammatory Pre-Treated or Catheter Pre-Placement on the Infusion Site Reaction Associated with Subcutaneous Remodulin Administration. United Therapeutics

Mitchell Levy, M.D.

An Evaluation of Vasopressor Requirement, Hemodynamic Response and Measures of Tissue Perfusion with the Administration of Drotrecogin Alfa (activated) as Part of Physician-Directed therapy in Patients with Septic Shock. Eli Lilly and Company

ProBac- Use of Procalcitonin level as part of a decision tree to discontinue antibiotics when started empirically in the ICU in hemodynamically stable patients with no site of infection identified. Brahms Aktiengesellschaft

A Phase 3, Multicenter, Randomized, Placebo-Controlled, Double-Blind, Three-Arm Study to Evaluate the Safety and Efficacy of Tifacogin (Recombinant Tissue Factor Pathway Inhibitor) Administration in Subjects with Severe Community Acquired Pneumonia. Chiron Corporation

Michael Stanchina, M.D.

A Multicenter Study to Evaluate the Utility of Pedometer Activity Measurement for Pulmonary Rehabilitation. Boehringer Ingelheim

A Randomized, Double-Blind, Double-Dummy, Parallel Group Trial Comparing 12 Weeks Treatment with Tiotropium Once Daily to Combivent QID in COPD Patients Currently Prescribed Combivent

Nicholas Ward, M.D.

The Role of Activated Protein C in the Compensatory Anti-inflammatory Response. Eli Lilly and Company
In March 2005, Dr. Edward Lally was appointed as the Director of the Division of Rheumatology at Rhode Island Hospital, the Miriam Hospital, and The Warren Alpert School of Medicine at Brown University. Since assuming the role as Division Director, Dr. Lally has focused on Division growth and the implementation of new programs. The primary goals of the Division of Rheumatology are to provide excellent comprehensive patient care as well as to advance an academic mission. The Division has been committed to providing Fellowship Training in Rheumatology, teaching of medical students and residents as well as involvement in clinical research. Furthermore, with the full support of Dr. Edward Wing, the Division is embarking on a program of basic science research, the groundwork for which has been laid over the past two years.

In June 2006, the Division of Rheumatology occupied new space in suite 370 of the Medical Office Center at 2 Dudley Street. The space encompasses patient care and other clinical activities as well as providing facilities for teaching and instruction. Included in the new Division space, are administrative offices for the Administrative Assistant and Fellowship Program Coordinator, Kathy Poland, as well as a conference room, a Fellows office and a Division of Rheumatology Library. There are currently plans to expand the clinical activities to include an Infusion Center for the provision of high quality, contemporary rheumatologic care as well as to lay the ground work for a possible clinical trials center. The new Rheumatology space is located contiguous to new clinical and administrative office space of the Department of Orthopedic Surgery. This arrangement in Suite 370 will allow for closer collaboration between the Division of Rheumatology and the Department of Orthopedic Surgery, both in terms of clinical care as well as teaching and research.

When Dr. Lally began his tenure as the Division Director, he submitted an application for a new accredited Rheumatology Fellowship Training Program based at Rhode Island Hospital and affiliated with the Brown Medical School. This application was submitted in 2006. In January 2007, the Division received notification that the application for Rheumatology Fellowship Training was approved as an accredited program through the ACGME. Dr. Lally is pleased to announce that the first Brown Fellow in this new program will begin on July 1, 2007. The program will ultimately have two Fellows, one in each year.

The Division of Rheumatology has also identified space in the CORO Building to initiate a Rheumatology Research Laboratory. This space will be adjacent to the existing Orthopedic Research Laboratory located on the fourth floor of CORO West. As this project is developed, Dr. Lally will be recruiting basic scientists to work in this laboratory space and to potentially collaborate with other investigators including those in the Department of Orthopedic Surgery. It is the expectation of Dr. Lally that the Division of Rheumatology will blossom into a mature academic division with expertise in patient care, Fellowship Training, medical student and resident teaching, clinical research and basic science research. It is also anticipated that the Rheumatology framework will encompass collaborations with other Divisions within the Department of Medicine as well as other Departments including the Department of Orthopedic Surgery.

**FACULTY MEMBERS**

**FULL TIME FACULTY (Hospital or Foundation Based)**

Edward V. Lally, M.D., Director, Division of Rheumatology, Associate Professor of Medicine, Brown Medical School, University Medicine Foundation

Stuart Schwartz, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor, Rhode Island Hospital, University Medicine Foundation.

**VOLUNTEER FACULTY**

Yousaf Ali, M.D., Clinical Instructor, Rhode Island Hospital

John Conte, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor, Rhode Island Hospital

Harold Horwitz, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor, Miriam Hospital

Iulia Grillo, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine, Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island
ADJUNCT FACULTY

Bernard Zimmermann, M.D., Adjunct Associate Professor, Roger Williams Medical Center
Nuha Said, M.D., Roger Williams Medical Center
Harold A. Hall, M.D., Roger Williams Medical Center
Ali Yalcindag, M.D., Director, Pediatric Rheumatology, Hasbro Children’s Hospital
Clinton O. Chichester, Ph.D., Professor and Chairman, Department of Biomedical & Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Rhode Island

RESEARCH AND OTHER SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

The Division of Rheumatology is an active participant in the Scleroderma Clinical Trials Consortium, a multi-center international therapeutics group, investigating newer treatments for scleroderma. Dr. Lally is currently the Chairman of the Publication/Web Sub-Committee of the SCTC. The Division is actively collaborating with Dr. James Klinger in the Division of Pulmonary Medicine to study pulmonary hypertension in the connective tissue diseases especially in scleroderma. It is anticipated that the Division of Rheumatology will be actively involved in future trials that are administered through the Scleroderma Clinical Trials Consortium of which Rhode Island Hospital and Brown University is a charter member.

Dr. Lally, in addition, has ongoing clinical trials with Dr. Vincent Falanga from the Department of Dermatology at Roger Williams Medical Center investigating the role of topical stem cell administration to treat severe digital ulcers.

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

The Division of Rheumatology is directly involved in teaching the Supporting Structures course at Brown Medical School. This is a second year pathophysiology course consisting of Rheumatology, Orthopedic Surgery and Dermatology. Dr. Schwartz has been the course director for this course and has received outstanding evaluations by the students in the second year of medical school. In addition, Dr. Schwartz has received the Brown Medical School Dean’s Teaching Excellence Award in recognition of exemplary teaching in BioMed 351 Pathophysiology/Supporting Structures for both 2005–2006 and 2006–2007. In addition to medical student teaching, Dr. Schwartz and Dr. Lally both have provided mentoring opportunities for medical students and residents. Dr. Schwartz has maintained a second site office-based rotation for a medical resident for the past several years. Dr. Lally will embark on a similar second site experience for a medical resident beginning July 1, 2007. Dr. Lally and Dr. Schwartz provide teaching of house staff in the setting of the noon conference series throughout the year.

At The Miriam Hospital, housestaff teaching is provided by Drs. Horwitz, Conte and Ali, who also provide teaching to the Rheumatology Fellows in the context of Rheumatology Grand Rounds. Dr. Iulia Grillo has recently joined the Division of Rheumatology and is based at The Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island. She provides teaching opportunities for the medical residents at the Memorial Hospital both in the clinic setting and as well as providing house staff conferences.

The Faculty of the Division of Rheumatology not only attend on the medical service but provide teaching at board review courses, Morbidity & Mortality conferences and Medical Grand Rounds across the entire Brown system.

CLINICAL RESEARCH

Stuart Schwartz, M.D.
- Rheumatoid Arthritis DMARD Intervention and Utilization Study. Sponsor: Immunex Corporation

Edward Lally, M.D.
- Autologous stem-cell application for digital ulcers in scleroderma patients.
- Evaluation of therapeutic protocols for pulmonary hypertension and intestinal pulmonary fibrosis in the setting of scleroderma

RHEUMATOLOGY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Departing Fellows

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PROVIDENCE VA MEDICAL CENTER

OVERVIEW

The Department of Medicine of The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University has two components at the Providence VA Medical Center—the Medical Service and the Primary Care Service. Sharon Rounds, M.D., is Chief of the Medical Service, Thomas O'Toole, M.D., is Chief of the Primary Care Service Line, and Satish Sharma, M.D., is Chief of the Medical Subspecialty and Acute Care Service Line for both the Providence VAMC and for the New England region (VISN 1).

The Medical Service and Primary Care faculty in Internal Medicine include physicians with both full-time and part-time VA staff appointments. Some services also use volunteer and contract physician staff with Brown faculty appointments in the Department of Medicine. VA-based faculty are highly integrated within all divisions of the Brown Department of Medicine. The Department of Medicine at the VA includes 12 faculty with academic (“full-time”) faculty appointments and 21 clinical voluntary faculty, plus 2 adjunct faculty. At the VA, the Medical Service is also responsible for Neurology and Dermatology services, with physician staff with Brown faculty appointments in Clinical Neuroscience and Dermatology.

The Medical Service at the PVAMC is responsible for all inpatient care and for medical subspecialty clinics. There are 4 Teaching Teams, manned by house-staff from the Rhode Island/Miriam/VA program and by house-staff from the Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island. Each teaching team works with a hospitalist attending. The non-teaching team consists of a physician, a nurse practitioner and a physician’s assistant. In 2007–08 there were 2028 admissions to the Medical Service and 31,982 visits to medical subspecialty clinics (plus Dermatology and Neurology).

The Medical Service at the Providence VAMC is also responsible for all medical subspecialty, dermatology, and neurology outpatient clinics. An important initiative recently has been “Advanced Clinic Access”, a management tool whereby clinics meet the VA goal of New Patient and Established Patient appointments within 30 days of the requested date. Great strides have been made in achieving these goals in most medical subspecialty and in all primary care clinics.

The Primary Care service at the Providence VA Medical Center provides primary care to 30,000 veterans at the Providence VA site and in three community-based clinics in Middleton, RI, New Bedford, MA and Hyannis, MA. Each site incorporates multidisciplinary care teams that include physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses, social workers, pharmacists, dietitians and health techs that address chronic disease management, tele-health and remote health care needs, along with case and care coordination. In Providence there are 18 general internists of whom 16 have faculty appointments at Brown. Primary care serves as a clerkship training site for MSIII students doing their medicine ambulatory care rotation and is also a site for several ongoing clinical studies, including the ATHENA hypertension study and the returning veterans re-integration study. New initiatives in primary care at PVAMC include development of a comprehensive homeless clinic for veterans which opened in November, 2006.

In 2006–07 the Medical and Primary Care Services at the VA instituted a very popular Continuing Medical Education program entitled “Update in Internal Medicine”. This conference series has featured outstanding speakers from both within and outside the Department of Medicine who have provided clinical updates on a variety of topics important to internists.
Another educational innovation the 2006–07 academic year has been “Health Policy Rounds”, a weekly seminar for house-staff, students, and attendings on health policy issues, led by Dr. Amal Trivedi, Assistant Professor of Community Health and Medicine at Brown. This seminar series has been very highly rated by all attendees.

In the area of research, the VA Department of Medicine faculty members excel in basic science research with an outstanding Vascular Research Laboratory with about $1 million per year in direct costs for research from a variety of sources, including NHLBI, VA, and private foundations. The Vascular Research Laboratory investigators are Sharon Rounds, Beth Harrington, Jim Klinger, Qing Lu, and Guarav Choudhary. Another important area of research excellence is health services research, led by the VA Targeted Research Enhancement Program (TREP) grant investigators. Peter Friedmann, Wen-Chih (“Hank”) Wu, Paul Pirraglia, and colleagues in Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine and Community Health have done an outstanding job building a health services research program. Another key area of research is Gastroenterology, in conjunction with Lifespan colleagues. Clinical trials research is outstanding with Dermatology and Pulmonary Rehabilitation research leading the way. We anticipate further enhancements of clinical research at the PVAMC as we welcome outstanding neurologists who are funded experts in neurology rehabilitation research.

FACULTY MEMBER LISTING

Gaurav Choudhary, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine
Melissa Gaitanis, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine
Harald Hall, M.D., Adjunct Assistant Professor of Medicine
Elizabeth O. Harrington, PhD, Associate Professor of Medicine
Matthew Jankowich, M.D., Instructor in Medicine
Qing Lu, PhD, Assistant Professor of Medicine
Thomas P. O’Toole, M.D., Associate Professor of Medicine
Paul A. Pirraglia, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine
Kittichai Promrat, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine
Sharon Rounds, M.D., Professor of Medicine and of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine
Satish Sharma, M.D., Professor of Medicine
Victor Shin, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine
Amal Trivedi, M.D., Assistant Professor of Community Health and Medicine
Martin A. Weinstock, M.D., Professor of Dermatology
Wen-Chih (“Hank”) Wu, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine
Bernard Zimmermann, M.D., Adjunct Associate Professor of Medicine

VOLUNTEER FACULTY

Khaja Ahmed, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine
Tanya Ali, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine
Jeffrey Austerlitz, M.D., Clinical assistant professor
Dawna Blake, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine
Nancy Burnside, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor of Dermatology
Amos Charles, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine
Patricia Cristofaro, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine
David Fortunato, M.D., Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine
Nancy Freeman, M.D., Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine
Peter Friedmann, M.D., MPH - Associate professor of medicine
Thomas Jamieson, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine
Thomas Jean, M.D., Clinical instructor
Guang Hu, M.D., Clinical assistant professor
Brian Kimble, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine
Thomas Long, M.D., Clinical Associate Professor of Dermatology
Steven Mernoff, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor of Clinical Neuroscience
Paul Murphy, M.D., Clinical assistant professor
Linda Nici, M.D., Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine
Jessica Outwater, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine
Lorna Russell, M.D., Clinical instructor
Parviz Shavandy, M.D., Clinical instructor
Barbara Weil, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine
Karen Woolfall-Quinn, M.D., Clinical instructor

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL HONORS AND RECOGNITION OF FACULTY

Elizabeth O. Harrington, PhD
› Elected member, Nominations Committee, Pulmonary Circulation Section, American Thoracic Society
› Featured Abstract, Pulmonary Circulation Section, American Thoracic Society International Conference

Thomas Long, M.D.
› Member, Editorial Board, Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology

Linda, Nici, M.D.
› Board of Directors, American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation
› Editorial Board, Chronic Respiratory Disease
› Co-Chair, Joint American Thoracic Society/European Respiratory Society Statement on Pulmonary Rehabilitation

Thomas P. O’Toole, M.D.
› Gold Humanism Honor Society, Biennial meeting, Workshop presentation: “Developing leaders as advocates for change”
› AOA Visiting Professorship, University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine

Sharon Rounds, M.D.
› Invited Speaker, Japanese Respiratory Society
› Visiting Professor, Department of Medicine, University of Hawai‘i John Burns School of Medicine
› Dr. Thomas A. Neff Lecturer, University of Colorado School of Medicine

Amal Trivedi, M.D.
› Pfizer Health Policy Scholar
› Milton Hamolsky Faculty Award, Awarded for highest rated scientific abstract by junior faculty at the 2007 Society of General Internal Medicine Annual Meeting
› Nominee, AcademyHealth Article of the Year Award
› Most Outstanding Abstract, Academy Health Annual Research Meeting

Barbara Weil, M.D.
› Providence Veterans of Foreign Wars Healthcare Employee Award
› Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Physician’s Award

Martin A. Weinstock, M.D.
› President-elect, Medical Dermatology Society
› American Academy of Dermatology Astellas Award (for contributions to public health in dermatology through scientific research)

RESEARCH AND OTHER SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

Gaurav Choudhary, M.D.
› Assistant Professor of Medicine
› Member, American Heart Association New England Affiliate Peer Review Committee

Elizabeth O. Harrington, PhD
› Panel Member, American Heart Association, National Research Program, Peer Review Committee, Lung, Resuscitation and Respiration
› Member, Merit Review Subcommittee for Respiration, Department of Veterans Affairs
› Ad hoc Reviewer, The U.S. Civilian Research & Development Foundation (CRDF)
› Ad hoc Reviewer, Research Career Development Subcommittee for Respiration, Department of Veterans Affairs
› Ad hoc Reviewer, Heart, Lung, and Blood Program Project Review Committee, NIH, NHLBI

Qing Lu, PhD
› Member, American Heart Association Northeast Consortium 1B Peer Review Committee

Linda, Nici, M.D.
› Co-chair, Pulmonary Rehabilitation Section of the American Thoracic Society
Paul A. Pirraglia, M.D.
- Member, International Advisory Board, Centre for Rehabilitation for Patients with Chronic Organ Failure
- Co-Chair, Scientific Abstract Review Committee, SGIM NE Regional Meeting
- Moderator, Scientific Abstract Oral Presentations, SGIM NE Regional Meeting
- Abstract Reviewer, SGIM National and NE Regional Meetings

Kittichai Promrat, M.D.
- Member, Review Panel Committee: The Dr. George A. Bray Research Scholars Award Fund
- Member, NIDDK Safety Monitoring Committee, 1-R01-DK-068598-01A1
- GI clinical champion, National VA Colorectal Cancer Care Collaborative

Sharon Rounds, M.D.
- Member, Data Safety Monitoring Board of Pulmonary Fibrosis Network, NHLBI
- Member, NHLBI Institutional Training Mechanism Review Committee
- Member, Data Safety Monitoring Board of Specialized Centers for Clinically Oriented Research (SCCOR), NHLBI
- Ad Hoc Reviewer T35 grants, NHLBI
- Ad hoc reviewer, Scientific Advisory Board for Parker B. Francis Foundation Fellowships
- Site Visit Team, Liaison Committee on Medical Education, Michigan State University College of Human Medicine
- Reviewer, Tobacco-Related Disease Research Program, University of California

Martin A. Weinstock, M.D.
- Chairman, Dermatology Field Advisory Committee, Department of Veterans Affairs, Washington, DC
- Ad hoc reviewer, Health Services Organization and Delivery (HSOD) study section
- Reviewer, Arthritis, Connective Tissue and Skin (ACTS) study section

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

EDUCATION HONORS/TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES
- The Providence VA Medical and Primary Care Services train residents in internal medicine and dermatology (The Rhode Island Hospital/Miriam/VA program and The Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island program) and fellows in cardiology, gastroenterology, infectious diseases, nephrology, pulmonary/critical care, and rheumatology.

Khaja Ahmed, M.D.
- Dean’s Teaching Excellence Award, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, 2005

Amos Charles, M.D.
- Internal Medicine Residency Attending Teaching Award (2005, 2006), 2005–06
- Profiles in Competence Award (Medical Student Graduating Class), 2005, 2007
- Multiculturalism Award, 2007
- Outstanding Faculty Award, 2006
- Hooder for the M.D. Class of 2007, 2007
- Teaching Leadership:
  - Site Director, Clerkship in Internal Medicine, 2005–07
  - Site Director, Internal Medicine Residency, 2007

Gaurav Choudhary, M.D.
- Dean’s Teaching Excellence Award, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, 2006

Brian Kimble, M.D.
- Teaching Recognition Award, 2007
- Dean’s Teaching Excellence Awards, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, 2005–07

Thomas Long, M.D.
- Teaching Leadership:
  - Residency Program Director, Dermatology

Kittichai Promrat, M.D.
- Excellence in Teaching Award, Gastroenterology Fellowship Program, Brown Medical School, 2005

Sharon Rounds, M.D.
- Outstanding Mentor Award. Brown University/ Women and Infants Hospital, Center of Excellence in Women’s Health, 2006
- Dean’s Teaching Excellence Award, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, 2005–06, 2006–07

Barbara Weil, M.D.
- Teaching Recognition Award, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, 2006
Wen-Chih Wu, M.D.
- Dean’s Teaching Excellence Award, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, 2001–2003
- Teacher of Year Award, Combined Program in Cardiovascular Diseases, Brown Medical School, 2002–2005
- Teaching Leadership:
  - Course Co-leader Cardiac Pathophysiology, 2002–

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Gyorgy Baffy, M.D.

Gaurav Choudhary, M.D.

Elizabeth O. Harrington, PhD

Qing Lu, DVM, PhD

Linda Nici, M.D.

Thomas P. O’Toole, M.D.
- O’Toole TP, Conde-Martel A, Young H, Cohen J, Bigelow G, Ford DE. Managing acutely ill substance

O’Toole TP, Pollini RA, Ford D, Bigelow G. Physical health as a motivator for substance abuse treatment: is it enough to keep them in treatment? J Subst Abuse Treat. 2006 Sep;31(2):143-50

Paul A. Pirraglia, M.D.


Kittichai Promrat, M.D.


Sharon Rounds, M.D.


Amal N. Trivedi, M.D., MPH


Wen-Chih Wu, M.D.


Martin A. Weinstock, M.D., PhD


RESEARCH

Gyorgy Baffy, M.D.

2001–2006 NIH, NIDDK, DK-61890
“Uncoupling protein-2 in the pathogenesis of steatohepatitis”
PI: $110,091/year (direct)

2002–2006 NIH, NCRR RR-17695
“Uncoupling protein-2 and colon carcinogenesis”
PI: $83,790/year (direct)

Gaurav Choudhary, M.D.

BASIC:

VA Career Development Award (VHA) 2007–10
Project: Role of C-type Natriuretic Peptide in Pulmonary Vascular Function.
$150,000 Role: Principal Investigator

RI-INBRE Pilot Award (NIH) 2006–07
Project: Role of C-type Natriuretic peptide in microvascular endothelial cell proliferation and apoptosis
$10,000 Role: Principal Investigator

Rhode Island Foundation: Medical Research Award, 2005–06
Project: Role of C-type Natriuretic Peptide in Pulmonary Vascular Function
$10,000 Role: Principal Investigator

Elizabeth O. Harrington, Ph.D

BASIC:

HL67795 (Harrington)
“Endothelial Barrier Function Modulation by PKCd”
NIH/ NHLBI
Period of Support: 8/2001–1/2012
Principal Investigator
Total costs: $2,955,750

Merit Review (Harrington)
“Signaling in Hypoxic Pulmonary vs. Systemic Endothelium”
Department of Veterans Affairs
Principal Investigator
Total costs: $450,000

HL64936 (Rounds)
“Small GTPases and Lung Endothelial Apoptosis”
NIH/ NHLBI
Co-Investigator
Total costs: $3,048,000

Merit Review (Rounds)
“RhoA GTPase Methylation and Vascular Permeability”
Department of Veterans Affairs
Co-Investigator
Total costs: $408,300

Predoctoral Award (Owusu-Sarfo)
“p190RhoGAP and PKCdelta: Investigation of their role in endothelial barrier function”
American Heart Association, Northeast Affiliate
Mentor
Total costs: $42,000

Linda Nici, M.D.

CLINICAL:

“A Randomized, Double-Blind, Double-Dummy, Parallel Group Trial Comparing 12 Weeks Treatment with Tiotropium Inhalation Capsules 18 mcg via the HandiHaler® Once Daily to Combivent® Inhalation Aerosol CFC M.D.I 2 Actuations Q.I.D. in COPD Patients Currently Prescribed Combivent® Inhalation Aerosol CFC M.D.I”
Boeringher-Ingehelm, initiated 10-06.

Paul A. Pirraglia, M.D.

BASIC:

PI: VA Health Services Research & Development
Career Development Award, $462,206, 2005–2008
PI: RI Foundation Grant, $5,110, 2006

Kittichai Promrat, M.D.
BASIC:
- Weight management in Nonalcoholic Steatohepatitis (principal investigator), NIH/NIDDK
- Preventing Depression in MMT Patients on Interferon (co-investigator), NIH/NIDA

CLINICAL
- Randomized, multi-center, Double-Blinded, Phase IV study evaluating the efficacy (as measured by sustained virological response) and safety of 360ug induction dosing of Pegasys in combination with Higher Copegus doses in treatment – naïve patients with chronic Hepatitis C Genotype 1 virus infection of high viral titer and baseline body weight greater than or equal to 85kg (site principal investigator), Hoffman-La Roche.

Sharon Rounds, M.D.
BASIC:
- NHLBI RO1 64936-06
  “Small GTPases and Lung Endothelial Apoptosis”
  Principal Investigator: Sharon Rounds
  Effort: 20% of Brown University Effort
  Annual Direct Costs: $200,000 per year
  Period of Support: 4/1/06–3/31/10
- NHLBI R25
  “Short-Term Training Program to Increase Diversity in Health-Related Research”
  Principal Investigator: Sharon Rounds
  Effort: 5% of Brown University Effort
  Annual Direct Costs: $90,000 per year
  Period of Support: 4/1/07–3/31/12
- VA Merit Review
  “RhoA GTPase Methylation and Endothelial Cell Function”
  Principal Investigator: Sharon Rounds
  Effort: 20% VA effort
  Annual Direct Costs: $140,000 per year
  Period of Support: 10/1/04–3/31/08

Amal N. Trivedi, M.D.
BASIC:
- Principal Investigator, Pfizer Health Policy Scholars Award, “Effect of Cost-Sharing on Preventive Care and Health Outcomes in Medicare Managed Care”, $135,000. 2007–09

Martin A. Weinstock, M.D.
BASIC:
- V A Topical Tretinoin Chemoprevention (VATTC) Trial. Department of Veterans Affairs Cooperative Studies Program CSP # 402, 5/2/97–5/31/07, $3,766,555 direct (investigators’ salary and fringe and most coordinating center costs were not included in V A direct costs), principal investigator.
- The Framingham School Nevus Study. National Institute of Arthritis, Musculoskeletal and Skin Disease R01AR49342, 9/1/03–8/31/08, $92,497 for subcontract, principal investigator of subcontract.
- Efficacy of Web-based Training on Skin Cancer Triage. National Cancer Institute R01CA106592, 6/16/04–5/31/08, $1,620,044 direct, principal investigator.
- Indoor Tanning Use, DNA Repair and Risk of Melanoma. National Cancer Institute R01CA106807, 9/30/04–8/31/09, $62,013 direct for subcontract, principal investigator of subcontract.
- Planning Grant: V A Keratinocyte Carcinoma Chemoprevention Trial. Department of Veterans Affairs Cooperative Studies Program CSP # 562, 3/14/05–6/13/07 (end date approximate), this award provides resources but no direct budget, principal investigator.

Wen-Chih Wu, M.D.
BASIC:
- 2005–2007  VA HSR&D
  “Variability in Surgical Blood Transfusion Practices and Cardiovascular Outcome” Merit Review: W. Wu, PI. $ 171,850 (25%)
- CLINICAL:
    Effectiveness of different strategies in maintaining target of cardiovascular risk factors in patients discharged from cardiovascular risk reduction clinic. W. Wu, PI. $35,000 (10% effort)
  - 2005–2006  RI Foundation
    Multidisciplinary Behavioral and Pharmacological Intervention for Cardiac Risk Reduction in Diabetes. W. Wu, PI. $9,952. (10% effort)
  - 2006–2008  Daugherty Foundation
    “Multi-Targeted Cardiac Risk Intervention in Type 2 Diabetes” W. Wu, PI. $ 50,000 (10%).
International Health is an integral part of the Department of Medicine at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, and its affiliated hospitals. Collaborative programs in Kenya, India, the Dominican Republic, Cambodia, Ghana, the Philippines, Viet Nam, and Indonesia have dedicated faculty members who travel back and forth to each site and work closely with partner faculty from the host institution. The majority of these collaborations are bilateral. Residents, students, and junior faculty, particularly from Kenya and the Dominican Republic, visit and receive training at Brown and likewise medical students, residents, fellows, and faculty from Brown travel to these sites and teach and participate in collaborative clinical projects. These projects are supported both by the Department of Medicine and by the Medical School and through targeted NIH funded grants through the Fogarty AIDS International Training and Research Program and the Center for AIDS Research. Rotations at each of these sites are available to residents, medical students, and fellows but require considerable planning both in terms of effort and time. The first step is to learn more about these programs and to meet with the lead faculty members who have developed these collaborations. For individuals who have completed their residency and wish to focus two years in international clinical research there is an NIH funded training program which is available to provide support.

Eldoret, Kenya

Faculty at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University began collaborating with faculty from Moi University School of Medicine (Eldoret, Kenya) over ten years ago as a medical exchange program to emphasize service and teaching in medicine. Out of this initial exchange program, in recognition of the devastating HIV epidemic sweeping across Africa, the Brown, Moi and Indiana University developed AMPATH (Academic Model for the Prevention and Treatment of HIV). AMPATH has spread across western Kenya and now involves 19 treatment sites, with a present enrollment of 50,000 PLWAs, and enrolling 2000 new patients per month. A model prevention strategy was initiated in August 2007 of door to door home based HIV testing and TB screening. This program is a model of comprehensive care (clinical care coupled with food equity and economic empowerment programs), has been sited by the WHO and UNAIDS, and was nominated for the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize. Funding for the project comes from both philanthropic donations, PEPFAR and USAID... Brown residents and medical students provide clinical care on the inpatient wards and may rotate through AMPATH services. In addition, residents are expected to act as junior attendings in terms of teaching roles with morning report and lectures... Brown faculty staff also rotates on the wards at MUSOM, extending the attending staff of MUSOM... International funding has been awarded to Brown faculty in the areas of TB diagnostics, improved community based HIV and TB care, evaluation of HIV resistance, and HIV related malignancy research (Kaposi’s sarcoma and lymphoma, cervical cancer screening with visual inspection with acetic acid versus Pap smear). Brown medical students have participated in over twenty different projects working with Brown, Moi, and Indiana faculty in studies as diverse as the utility of dried blood spot analysis in HIV testing sites, Student awareness in HIV, a videotape to address HIV stigma, and Tb infection surveillance in medical students. The program is led by Dr. E. Jane Carter.

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Chennai, India

Brown faculty, under the leadership of Dr. Ken Mayer, Chuck Carpenter, Susan Cu-Uvin, and Tim Flanigan have collaborated with YRG Care in Chennai, India. YRG Care is a community based HIV organization which is the largest provider of HIV care in Southern India. They have piloted and evaluated a low cost antiretroviral (ART) programs for men, women, and families. They have been funded for HIV prevention projects within the slums of Chennai as well as projects which have specifically targeted infected drug users in Southern India. They have also been funded to assess the effects of various antiretroviral medications in babies exposed in utero. Opportunities to rotate on the inpatient HIV service, outpatient HIV clinics, and participate in clinical research projects are available.

This collaboration in Southern India also extends to the Christian Medical College (CMC). CMC is a premier academic medical center in Southern India which has great expertise in a myriad of infectious diseases from tetanus to leprosy to TB to HIV and AIDS. They are widely recognized as a leader in HIV medical education in Southeast Asia. Opportunities to rotate on the inpatient and outpatient at CMC are available.

Another excellent opportunity is at the Indian Council of Medical Research’s TB Research Center in Chennai. Opportunities there include working with clinical researchers studying the optimal management of HIV and TB co-infection and HIV vaccine trials, as well as lab work in pharmacology, virology and immunology.

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Ghana

Dr. Awe Kwara has received NIH funding to pursue projects in HIV and TB care at Korlebu Hospital in Accra, Ghana. This collaboration has examined the pharmacokinetics of HIV therapy and combined TB therapy. New projects are being developed to examine long term suppression of HIV viral load, pharmacokinetics of HIV and TB therapy in children, the development of M.D.R and, XDR tuberculosis, and optimal treatment regimens. Medical students, residents, and fellows have rotated at Korlebu Hospital which is the major teaching hospital in Accra.

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Cambodia

Brown medical school faculty have collaborated with the Center of Hope in Phnom Pen and the Angkor Hospital for Children in Siem Reap as well as other hospitals in Cambodia for more than seven years. The NIH Fogarty program has helped support this collaboration and brought over faculty from Cambodia to develop advanced expertise in HIV medicine. Collaborative projects are then developed with these faculty members at different sites in Cambodia. These projects include an HIV women’s clinic, HIV/TB care, follow-up and management of HIV-exposed and infected children and nutritional complications related to HIV and AIDS in Cambodia.

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Philippines

Collaborations in the Philippines are focused both on parasitology (schistosomiasis, poly-parasitism) as well as HIV prevention and HIV therapy. Susan Cu-Uvin, Steve Opal, Jennifer Friedman and Jake Kurtis have all collaborated in the Philippines for over ten years. Collaborative projects exist “in the field” as well in Manila, in collaboration with the University of Philippines and with the Research Institute of Tropical Medicine (RITM) and the Department of Health. These collaborations largely focus on specific projects developed by faculty. Opportunities to rotate at the inpatient wards and outpatient clinics in the Philippine General Hospital (University of the Philippines) are available.

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Jennifer Friedman (Jennifer_friedman@brown.edu)

Indonesia

The Fogarty AIDS program has supported faculty members from Indonesia where the HIV epidemic is still quite new and has not exploded as it has in many countries in Africa. Collaborative projects have been developed in Bali, in Yogyakarta and in Jakarta. Opportunities exist to participate in focused research projects with faculty at those institutions, ranging from prevention interventions for sex workers and IDUs in Bali, to training doctors in AIDS care in Jakarta.

Interested individuals should contact:
Ken Mayer (Kenneth_Mayer@brown.edu)

A number of faculty have developed internationally recognized expertise in international health and are happy to mentor medical students, residents, and fellows in this arena. These faculty welcome inquiries and are happy to provide support. They include:
Ed Wing (e_wing@lifespan.org)
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The international health collaborations through the Department of Medicine provide an ideal opportunity to expand clinical skills as well as participate in international collaborative projects.
Department of Medicine Exchange Program in the Dominican Republic

During the academic year 2006–2007, the Brown Department of Medicine Program in the Dominican Republic continued its activities in the areas of education, patient care and research.

Teams of Brown medical students, internal medicine residents and Department of Medicine faculty traveled to Cabral y Baez Hospital in Santiago, DR during the months of October and February. A total of 9 medical students, 3 residents and 6 internal medicine faculty participated in the elective during these 2 months. While in Santiago, the teams participate in the teaching activities of the Department of Medicine at Cabral y Baez Hospital, including morning report, ward rounds, noon conference, outpatient clinics including HIV clinic, and emergency room rounds. The teams also work in a community-based primary care clinic outside of Santiago, run by a non-profit organization called A Mother’s Wish. The clinical work at A Mother’s Wish includes seeing scheduled adult primary care patients, conducting group patient education sessions and making home visits to elderly patients unable to get to the clinic.

Three Cabral y Baez internal medicine residents traveled to Brown to participate in the activities of our internal medicine residency program. They participated in our morning report, presenting cases from their hospital as “unknowns” for our residents. They went on ICU rounds, attended primary care, HIV and subspecialty clinics, and rounded with subspecialty consult teams. The residents from the Cabral program who have rotated through the Brown hospitals have been a tremendously helpful resource for our visitors working at Cabral.

In the spring of 2007, the director of the internal medicine training program at Cabral y Baez, Dr. Francisco Mejía Ortiz visited the Brown internal medicine program to learn about the structure and educational methods of our program. In addition, the director of the Cabral HIV treatment program, Dra. Claudia Rodriguez, visited Brown’s HIV programs.

With support from the Department of Medicine, the HIV treatment program at Cabral y Baez, Clinica De Inermadades De Danos Inmunologico (CEDI) has grown steadily, and currently 915 patients are being followed by CEDI. In April, 2007, CEDI expanded into newly renovated space in the hospital. With the assistance of Brown medical students Sophia Califano, Josh Spaete and Jocelyn Burke, CEDI has maintained an electronic database of all of its patients.

The plan for 2007–2008 is to continue sending Brown teams to Cabral for 2 months/year. Additional internal medicine faculty are being recruited and Dr. Joe Rabatin is planning to join the February 2008 group. Seven Cabral y Baez residents have been interviewed as candidates for traveling to Brown in the spring of 2008.
GRAND ROUNDS

“The Expanding Curricular Opportunities in Medical Education”
Presented at the Sixth Annual Beckwith Family Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, May 1, 2007 by the Beckwith Visiting Professor, Kelly M. Skeff, M.D., PhD, FACP, George DeForest Barnett Professor of Medicine from Stanford University.


July 12, 2005  Morbidity & Mortality Conference – Case 1: “A 57-year-old woman with anterior mediastinal mass and progressive shortness of breath”, Kevin Dushay, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; William Feng, M.D., Clinical Associate Professor of Surgery, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; Philip Stockwell, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine (Clinical), The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University
Case 2: “A 58-year-old man with chest pain radiating to his back and new onset lower extremity weakness”, Benjamin Sapers, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine (Clinical), The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; Steven LaRosa, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

July 19, 2005  Geriatrics Update – “What the Practicing Internist Needs to Know About Alzheimer’s Disease”, Richard W. Besdine, M.D., Professor of Medicine (primary) and of Medical Sciences (secondary, Community Health), David S. Greer Professor of Geriatric Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

July 26, 2005  “Ten Things Every Clinician Should Know About Pregnancy”, Raymond O. Powrie, M.D., Associate Professor of Medicine and Obstetrics and Gynecology, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

September 13, 2005  Morbidity & Mortality Conference – Case 1: “A 24-year-old man with back pain and progressive lower extremity weakness”, James Butera, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; Mark Palumbo, M.D., Associate Professor of Orthopedics, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University
Case 2: "A 48-year-old man with chronic abdominal pain and anemia", Michael Maher, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine (Clinical), The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; Mary Anne Fenton, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

September 20, 2005

"Tuberculosis in the 21st Century: Challenges and Opportunities", Jeffrey Glassroth, M.D., Vice Dean and Professor of Medicine, Tufts University School of Medicine

September 27, 2005

The Galkin Lecture – "HIV Prevention in Botswana: A Randomized, Controlled Clinical Trial of Daily Oral Tenofovir Chemoprophylaxis of HIV Infection in Healthy HIV-Negative Young Adults", Peter H. Kilmarx, M.D., FACP, FIDSA, Commander, Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service

October 4, 2005

"The Impact of New Guidelines for Hypertension Prevention Management for Patients in Special Populations", Kenneth A. Jamerson, M.D., Professor of Internal Medicine, Division of Cardiovascular Medicine, University of Michigan Health System

October 18, 2005

The Kameny Lecture – "Mobility in the Older Adult: Clinical Value to Medical Generalists and Specialists", Stephanie A. Studenski, M.D., MPH, Professor of Medicine, Division of Geriatrics, Professor, Schools of Allied Health and Nursing (secondary appointments), University of Pittsburgh

October 25, 2005

The Morbidity & Mortality Conference – Case 1: "A 40-year-old woman with syncope and respiratory distress form sudden cardiogenic shock", Kevin Dushay, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; Leonard Mermel, D.O., Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; Philip Stockwell, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine (Clinical), The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

Case 2: "A 27-year-old male with fevers, right upper quadrant pain and fulminant hepatic failure", James Butera, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; Kitticahi Promrat, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

November 1, 2005

"Academia, Primary Care, and the Chronically Ill", Edward H. Wagner, M.D., MPH, FACP, Professor, University of Washington, School of Public Health and Community Medicine, Department of Health Services

November 8, 2005

Endocrine Update – "Challenges in Osteoporosis Prevention and Management", Geetha Gopalakrishnan, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

“Lizard Spit and Other Cool New Stuff for Diabetes”, Marc J. Laufgraben, M.D., FACE, FACP, Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

November 15, 2005

The Morbidity & Mortality Conference – Case 1: "A 27-year-old male with testicular cancer treated with Bleomycin, Cisplatin, and etoposide with hypoxic respiratory failure", Mitchell McClure, M.D., House Staff Officer, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; Nicholas Ward, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; James Butera, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

Case 2: "A 90-year-old man with a history of an aortic valve replacement presents with mental status change and an unexpected cause of death", Richard Turner, M.D.; Staci Fischer, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; Frederic Christian, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; Ronald DeLellis, M.D., Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University
November 22, 2005  Nephrology Update – “The Controversial Treatment of Atherosclerotic Renovascular Disease”, Lance D. Dworkin, M.D., FACP, FAHA, FASN, Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

November 29, 2005  Health Policy Update and Ethical Issues Conference – “Medicare Prescription Drug Plan: What Doctors Need to Know”, John B. Murphy, M.D., Professor of Medicine and Family Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

“Managing the dying process after massive intracranial hemorrhage: Natural processes, moral agency and professional ethics”, Thomas Bledsoe, M.D., Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

December 6, 2005  Morbidity & Mortality Conference – Case 1: “A 68-year-old man with recently diagnosed pauci-immune vasculitis presents with fevers and lethargy”, Walter Donat, M.D., Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; Melissa Gaitanis, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; Christopher Cosgrove, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

Case 2: “A 23-year-old woman with persistent fevers and cervical lymphadenopathy”, Bismruta Misra, M.D.; Melissa Gaitanis, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; Edward Lally, M.D., Associate Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

December 13, 2005  The 2nd Annual Paul Calabresi Memorial Lecture – “Cancer Drug Discovery: What have we accomplished with targeted therapy?”, Bruce A. Chabner, M.D., Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School

December 20, 2005  Gastroenterology Update – “Endoscopic Ultrasound (EUS): State of the art …and the science”, Sripathi R. Kethu, M.B.B.S., M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

“Photodynamic Therapy in the Treatment of Esophageal Diseases and Cholangiocarcinoma”, Fadlallah Habr, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

January 10, 2006  “Wegener’s Granulomatosis and Microscopic Polyangiitis”, Peter A. Merkel, M.D., MPH, Associate Professor of Medicine, Boston University School of Medicine

January 17, 2006  Morbidity & Mortality Conference – Case 1: “A 20-year-old male admitted with rapidly progressive renal failure and proteinuria”, Meghan Eckstein, M.D., House Staff Officer, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; Susie Hu, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

Case 2: “A 40-year-old female with history of glomerulonephritis now presenting with progressive blurry vision”, Catherine Smitas, M.D., Clinical Instructor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; Marjorie Murphy, M.D., Clinical Associate Professor of Surgery, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; J. Donald Easton, M.D., Professor of Clinical Neuroscience, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

January 24, 2006  Cardiology Update – “RISDI: The Rhode Island Sudden Death Initiative – Towards Reducing the Problem of Sudden Cardiac Death in our State”, Alfred E. Buxton, M.D., Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

January 31, 2006  “Bariatric Surgery”, Moderator: David T. Harrington, M.D., FACS, Associate Professor of Surgery, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

“History and Outcomes” – Harry C. Sax, M.D., Professor of Surgery, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University
February 7, 2006  Morbidity & Mortality Conference – Case 1: "An 88-year-old man with CMML who presents with progressive weakness and fatigue", James Butera, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; J. Gary Abuelo, M.D., Associate Professor Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

Case 2: "A 54-year-old man presenting with malaise and cough", Herman Ayvazyan, M.D.; Leonard Mermel, D.O., Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; Muhanned Abu-Hijleh, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

February 14, 2006  Hematology/Oncology Update – “Coagulation Update”, Anita S. Kestin, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

“Molecular Targeting in Pancreatic Cancer”, Howard Safran, M.D., Associate Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

February 28, 2006  "Lipid Management in 2006: Update on Intensive LDL-Lowering, HDL-Raising, and Approaches to Closing the Lipid Treatment Gap", Karen E. Aspry, M.S., M.D., FACC, Assistant Professor of Medicine (Clinical), The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

March 7, 2006  Morbidity & Mortality Conference – Case 1: "A 44-year-old man presenting with dyspnea, weakness, fatigue, and dark urine for 1 week", Nicholas Ward, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; Chanika Phornphutkul, M.D., Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; Ali Nayer, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

Case 2: "A 57-year-old woman presenting with dyspnea and a recurrent pleural effusion", Michael Johnson, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; Muhanned Abu-Hijleh, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

March 14, 2006  General Internal Medicine Update – “Buprenorphine: An Office-Based Pharmacological Option for Opioid Dependence”, Background/Pharmacology – Peter D. Friedman, M.D., MPH, Associate Professor of Medicine and Community Health, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

Our Local Experience – Michael D. Stein, M.D., Professor of Medicine and Community Health, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

March 21, 2006  Cardiology Update II – “Aspects of NHLBI-Sponsored Women’s Ischemia Syndrome Evaluation (WISE)”, Barry L. Sharaf, M.D., Associate Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

“The Role of Biventricular Pacing Today”, Kristin E. Ellison, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

March 28, 2006  “Asthma and the Environment”, Joan Reibman, M.D., Associate Professor of Medicine and Environmental Medicine, New York University Medical Center

April 4, 2006  “Acute Coronary Syndromes 2006”, George R. McKendall, M.D., Associate Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

April 11, 2006  Morbidity & Mortality Conference – Case 1: "A 23-year-old woman 6 weeks pregnant with fevers, rash and arthritis", Michael Johnson, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; John Lonks, M.D., Associate Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University
Case 2: “A 34-year-old man with shortness of breath and cough”, Jack Schwartzwald, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine (Clinical), The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; Leonard Mermel, D.O., Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

April 18, 2006


April 25, 2006

Infectious Diseases Update – “An Old World Arenavirus in 21st Century Rhode Island: Lymphocytic Choriomeningitis Virus Transmitted via Solid Organ Transplantation, 2005”, Staci A. Fischer, M.D., FACP, Assistant Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

May 2, 2006

The Bedwith Visiting Professorship Lecture – “Work Hours, Sleep and Safety: Ethical Implications”, Charles A. Czeisler, Ph.D., M.D., Professor of Medicine, Baldino Professor of Sleep Medicine, Harvard Medical School

May 9, 2006

“Aldosterone as a determinant of cardiovascular and renal injury: Implications for Pathogenesis and Clinical Management”, Murray Epstein, M.D., Professor of Medicine, University of Miami School of Medicine

May 16, 2006

Morbidity & Mortality Conference – Case 1: “An 80-year-old male presenting with hemoptysis and syncope”, Daniel Selo, M.D., Assistant Instructor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; Charles Lee, M.D., Teaching Fellow, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

Case 2: “A 51-year-old with painless jaundice”, Benjamin Sapers, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine (Clinical), The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; James Butera, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

May 23, 2006

“Osteoarthritis: Pathophysiology and Management”, Marc C. Hochberg, M.D., MPH, Professor of Medicine, and Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine, University of Maryland School of Medicine

June 6, 2006

Morbidity & Mortality Conference – Case 1: “A 32-year-old with hyperthermia and multi-system organ failure”, Nicholas Ward, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

Case 2: “A 29-year-old woman with fever, right upper quadrant pain, and headache”, Mark Schleinitz, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

June 13, 2006

Pulmonary Update – “Uses and abuses of bilevel pressure therapy in acute respiratory failure”, Richard P. Millman, M.D., Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

“Reducing Mortality in Sepsis: The Surviving Sepsis Campaign”, Mitchell Levy, M.D., Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

June 20, 2006

Rheumatology Update – “Inherited Disorders of Connective Tissue”, Edward V. Lally, M.D., Associate Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

“Musculoskeletal Manifestations of Sarcoidosis”, Stuart T. Schwartz, M.D., Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

June 27, 2006

The Grace McLeod Rego Memorial Lecture – “Decisions Near the End of Life: Problems with the Ethical Consensus”, Mr. Bruce Jennings, Lecturer, Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, Yale University School of Medicine
July 11, 2006  Morbidity & Mortality Conference – Case 1: “A 57-year-old male with fever and jaundice following radiofrequency ablation”, Howard Safran, M.D., Associate Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; Staci Fischer, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; Richard Haas, M.D., Associate Professor of Diagnostic Imaging (Clinical), The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; Jack Wands, M.D., Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

Case 2: “A 40-year-old male presenting with three weeks of hematemesis”, Douglas Martin, M.D., House Staff Officer, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; Howard Safran, M.D., Associate Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; Joseph Sweeney, M.D., Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

July 18, 2006  Geriatrics Update – “Dementia as a Terminal Diagnosis”, Joan M. Teno, M.D., M.S., Professor of Community Health and Medicine in Research Scholar Track, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

July 25, 2006  “Lessons Learned from Listeria: What Listeria can tell us about bacterial pathogenesis, cell motility and clinical disease”, Frederick S. Southwick, M.D., Professor and Chief, Division of Infectious Disease, University of Florida College of Medicine

September 12, 2006  Morbidity & Mortality Conference – Case 1: “A 21-year-old male with sore throat”, Mitchell Levy, M.D., Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; James Butera, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; Leonard Mermel, D.O., Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

Case 2: “A 53-year-old female with right wrist pain”, Susie Hu, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; Joseph Sweeney, M.D., Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; Bernard Zimmermann III, M.D., Adjunct Associate Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

September 19, 2006  “Alcoholic Liver Disease”, David A. Brenner, M.D., Samuel Bard Professor and Chairman, Department of Medicine, Columbia University Medical Center, College of Physicians and Surgeons

September 26, 2006  Dermatology Update – “Dermatology for the Practicing Internist”, Thomas Long, M.D., Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Dermatology, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

October 3, 2006  Morbidity & Mortality Conference – Case 1: “An 18-year-old female with new seizure”, Kevin Dushay, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; Edward Lally, M.D., Associate Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; John O’Bell, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

Case 2: “A 41-year-old man with shortness of breath”, Walter Donat, M.D., Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

October 17, 2006  The Kameny Lecture – “Falls Prevention: The Essentials for the General Internist”, Mary E. Tinetti, M.D., Professor of Medicine and Epidemiology, and Public Health, Yale University School of Medicine

October 24, 2006  Endocrine Update – “Thyroid Nodule Management Guidelines Update 2006”, James V. Hennessey, M.D., Associate Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University
“When Oral Agents Fail: Advanced Therapeutic Decision-Making in Type 2 Diabetes”, Marc J. Laufgraben, M.D., FACE, FACP, Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

October 31, 2006

“Changes in Clinical Practice for Internists in the Genomic Era”, Mark W. Babaytsky, M.D., Drs. Richard and Mortimer Bader Professor of Medicine, Mt. Sinai School of Medicine

November 7, 2006

Emergency Medicine Update – “2006 Update in the Management of TIA and Acute Ischemic Stroke”, Peter D. Panagos, M.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Emergency Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

November 14, 2006

“Clinical Utility of Physical Performance Measures in Older Adults: An Update for Internists”, Matteo Cesari, M.D., Ph.D., Clinical Staff Fellow, Geriatric Acute Care Unit, Department of Gerontology, Geriatrics and Psychiatry, Catholic University of Sacred Heart, Rome, Italy

November 21, 2006

Morbidity & Mortality Conference – Case 1: “A 75-year-old man with rapid cognitive decline”, Jerome Larkin, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine (Clinical), The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; Chuang Kuo Wu, M.D., Assistant Professor of Clinical Neuroscience, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; Ravitharan Krishnadasan, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine (pending), The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

Case 2: “A 77-year-old man with NSTEMI and abdominal pain”, J. Dawn Abbott, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; Beth Ryder, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor of Surgery, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; Harlan Rich, M.D., Associate Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

November 28, 2006

Nephrology Update – “2 Million Dialysis Patients by 2030? GFR Estimates and the Epidemic of Chronic Kidney Disease”, John W. O’Bell, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

“Cardiovascular Disease (CVD) Risk in Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD): What Role for the Management of Dyslipidemia?”, Andrew G. Bostom, M.D., M.S., Associate Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

December 5, 2006

Morbidity & Mortality Conference – Case 1: “A 38-year-old 25 pound adult with chest pain”, Walter Donat, M.D., Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; Brian Abbott, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine (Clinical), The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; Lawrence Kaplan, M.D.; Shamlal Mangray, M.D., Assistant Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; Linda Snelling, M.D., Associate Professor of Pediatrics (Clinical), The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

Case 2: “A 40-year-old male with abdominal pain and distension”, Benjamin Sapers, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine (Clinical), The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; J. Donald Easton, M.D., Professor of Clinical Neuroscience, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; Staci Fischer, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; Harlan Rich, M.D., Associate Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

December 12, 2006

“Developments in antifungal therapy: More choices, new challenges”, Eleftherios E. Mylonakis, M.D., Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School

December 19, 2006

Gastroenterology Update – “Effects of Alcohol on the Liver and Brain”, Liver segment – Jack R. Wands, M.D., Jeffrey and Kimberly Greenberg-Artemis and Martha Joukowsky Professor in Gastroenterology and Professor of Medical Science, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University
Brain segment – Suzanne M. de la Monte, M.D., M.P.H., Professor (Res) Pathology and Laboratory Medicine and Clinical Neuroscience, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

January 9, 2007  The Galkin Lecture – “Altering International Pediatric HIV Epidemic: Work in Progress”, Catherine M. Wilfert, M.D., Professor Emerita of Pediatrics and Microbiology, Duke University Medical Center

January 16, 2007  Cardiology Imaging Update – “Update in Cardiac Imaging: The Utility of Standard Imaging Techniques and the Promise of Newer Technologies”, James A. Arrighi, M.D., FACC, FASNC, Associate Professor of Medicine and Diagnostic Imaging, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; Brian G. Abbott, M.D., FACC, FASNC, Assistant Professor of Medicine (Clinical), The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; Michael K. Atalay, M.D., Assistant Professor of Diagnostic Imaging and Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

January 23, 2007  Morbidity & Mortality Conference – Case 1: “A 30-year-old woman with acute renal failure and transaminitis”, Michael Maher, M.D., Associate Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; Staci Fischer, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

January 30, 2007  Case 2: “A 56-year-old man with fever and recent travel”, Dominick Tammaro, M.D., Associate Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; Erna M. Kojic, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; Steven LaRosa, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

February 6, 2007  “Amyloidosis: Shifting Impressions to Hopeful”, Martha Skinner, M.D., Professor of Medicine, Boston University School of Medicine

February 13, 2007  Morbidity & Mortality Conference – Case 1: “A 22-year-old female with SLE presenting with fever and hematuria”, Kevin Dushay, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; Stuart Schwartz, M.D., Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; James Klinger, M.D., Associate Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

February 27, 2007  Case 2: “A 22-year-old female with SLE and recent hospitalization with acute mental status change”, Kevin Dushay, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; Joseph Sweeney, M.D., Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; J. Donald Easton, M.D., Professor of Clinical Neuroscience, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

March 6, 2007  Hematology/Oncology Update – “Myeloproliferative Disorders”, Peter J. Quesenberry, M.D., Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University and Boston University School of Medicine

“Novel Advances in Stem Cell Transplant”, Eric S. Winer, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine (pending), The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

“New Treatment Paradigms for Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia”, Gerald A. Colvin, D.O., Associate Professor of Medicine (pending), The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

“Antiphospholipid Syndrome: Update on Diagnosis and Therapy”, Lisa R. Sammaritano, M.D., Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine, Division of Rheumatology, Medical College of Cornell University / Hospital for Special Surgery
March 13, 2007  Morbidity & Mortality Conference – “A 73-year-old with hemoptysis”, Mark Schleinitz, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; Alice Bonitati, M.D., Associate Professor of Medicine (Clinical), The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; Ravitharan Krishnadasan, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine (pending), The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

Case 2: “A 66-year-old man with six weeks of increasing abdominal girth”, Mark Fagan, M.D., Associate Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; Steven LaRosa, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; Sripathi Kethu, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

March 20, 2007  “Prostate Cancer: Choosing a Treatment and Documenting the Consequences”, James A. Talcott, M.D., S.M., Associate Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School

March 27, 2007  General Internal Medicine Update – “Perioperative Prevention of Venous Thromboembolism”, Dominick Tammaro, M.D., Associate Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

“The Evolving Role of Medical Prophylaxis in Perioperative Cardiac Risk Assessment”, Benjamin L. Sapers, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine (Clinical), The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

April 3, 2007  “Are All Diseases Infectious?”, Bennett Lorber, M.D., DSc (Hon.), Thomas M. Durant Professor of Medicine, Professor of Microbiology and Immunology, Temple University School of Medicine

April 10, 2007  Morbidity & Mortality Conference – Case 1: “A 43-year-old man with left groin pain”, Edward Wu, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine (Clinical), The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; Leonard Mermel, D.O., Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

Case 2: “A 52-year-old man with fevers and chills”, Adam Niedelman, M.D., Teaching Fellow, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; Steven LaRosa, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

April 17, 2007  Cardiology Update – “Post-Genomic Approaches to Decipher the Mechanisms of Cardiac Arrhythmias”, Alfred E. Buxton, M.D., Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; Gideon Koren, M.D., Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

“Implications and Management of Stent Thrombosis”, David O. Williams, M.D., Professor of Medicine, Division of Biological and Medical Sciences, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

April 24, 2007  Infectious Diseases Update – “Clostridium difficile: Another Emerging Public Health Threat”, L. Clifford McDonald, M.D., Acting Chief, Prevention and Response Branch (Proposed), Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

May 1, 2007  The Beckwith Visiting Professorship Lecture – “The Expanding Curricular Opportunities in Medical Education”, Kelley M. Skeff, M.D., Ph.D., FACP, George DeForest Barnett Professor of Medicine, Stanford University Medical Center

May 8, 2007  Morbidity & Mortality Conference – Case 1: “A 49-year-old woman with altered mental status”, Dominick Tammaro, M.D., Associate Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; Peter Quesenberry, M.D., Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

Case 2: “A 46-year-old woman with chest pain”, Michael Maher, M.D., Assistant Professor of
May 15, 2007

Fifteenth Annual Senior Residents Research Day - “Successful Mitral Valve Repair is Associated with Preoperative Left Ventricular Function and Immediate Post Repair Anterior Leaflet Mobility”, Sarah Tsiaras, M.D., House Staff Officer, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

“Rising Severity Scores in Severely Ill Patients: Predicting Futility”, Eric J. Gartman, M.D., House Staff Officer, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

“Accuracy of Door-to-Balloon Time as a Measure of Door-to-Reperfusion Time in ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction”, Lori L. Vales, M.D., House Staff Officer, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

May 22, 2007

Rheumatology Update – “Scleroderma (Systemic Sclerosis): Is There Reason for Optimism in 2007?”, Edward V. Lally, M.D., Associate Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

June 5, 2007

Morbidity & Mortality Conference – Case 1: “An 88-year-old woman with malaise, weakness and hip pain”, Eric Berger, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; Andrew Bostom, M.D., Associate Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; Kristin E. Ellison, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

Case 2: “A 38-year-old man with arm swelling”, Todd Wood, M.D., House Staff Officer, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; Ravi Krishnadasan, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine (pending), The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

June 12, 2007

The Grace McLeod Rego Memorial Lecture – “It’s Not Your Grandma’s Residency Anymore: The Past, Present, and Future of Internal Medicine Residency Education”, Donald R. Bordley, M.D., William L. Morgan Professor of Medicine, University of Rochester Medical School

June 19, 2007

Pulmonary Update – “Should We Ration Critical Care Services?”, Nicholas S. Ward, M.D., FCCP, Assistant Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

“Update on Smoking Cessation and Nicotine Addiction”, Kevin Dushay, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

June 26, 2007

“Hepatocellular Carcinoma 2007: An evidence based approach to management”, Kevin P. Charpentier, M.D., Assistant Professor of Surgery, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

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Brown University has long been regarded as a leader in all aspects of health care and teaching, including research. In 1998, the recruitment of Dr. Edward Wing as the Chief of Medicine signaled an acceleration of an already growing and expansive commitment to basic and clinical research within the Brown University Academic Medical Center Department of Medicine. Research funding within the Department of Medicine at Rhode Island Hospital, Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island, Veterans Administration-Providence and The Miriam Hospital grew from $9.9 million in 1997 to over $37 million in 2006—greater than a 300% increase over that period. Over 75% of current funding comes from federal programs such as NIH, HRSA, CDC, and HHS.

The major research laboratories, animal facilities and centers at Brown are located among all the affiliates with Rhode Island Hospital accounting for the majority (65% of overall Department of Medicine funding). These laboratories are highlighted by the Galletti Research Building, a 60,000+ square foot research facility, which houses the Liver Research Center, Diabetes Research Center, and Infectious Disease laboratories as well as the Coro research facility which houses the Hallet Center for Diabetes, Genomics and Proteomics Center, and Cardiovascular Research Center. Future plans for research in the Coro facility include a new 10,000 square foot Medical Oncology research laboratory and new Rheumatology research program.

Both basic and clinical research are well represented in the Department. For basic research, major strengths include the Liver Research Center (directed by Dr. Jack Wands), Diabetes and Endocrinology Research Center (directed by Dr. Robert Smith), and Medical Oncology and Stem Cell Research (directed by Dr. Peter Quesenberry), which among other research grants received a multi-million dollar COBRE grant from the National Institutes of Health that established a Genomics and Proteomics Core laboratory.

Clinical Research strengths include the Infectious Disease program under Dr. Timothy Flanigan, which has a major program in both domestic and international HIV/AIDS (including an NIH funded Center for AIDS Research program and T-32 Training grant from NIH, and Fogarty International program), General Internal Medicine Substance Abuse Research Unit, under Dr. Michael Stein, and the Cardiology research groups under Dr. David Williams (Interventional Cardiology) and Dr. Alfred Buxton (Electrophysiology).

With ongoing recruitments for both senior and junior faculty, increasing successes of our existing faculty, research for the Department of Medicine should continue to grow and become even stronger in the future.

**RESEARCH GROWTH FY96–FY06**
When it comes to clinical experience, Alpert Medical School of Brown University offers an enviable experience. It is Rhode Island’s only school of medicine and home to a community of scholars and physicians dedicated to the highest standards in education, research, and health care.

Since 1975, when it conferred its first medical degrees, the School has had two major goals for its graduates: that they be broadly and liberally educated men and women, and that they view medicine as a socially responsible human service profession.

Rhode Island Hospital

Rhode Island Hospital, with 719 beds, is the state’s largest hospital and the third largest hospital in New England. It is designated as the Level 1 Trauma Center for southeastern New England, providing expert staff and equipment in emergency situations 24 hours a day. Rhode Island Hospital is home to a Comprehensive Cancer Center. Its pediatric division, Hasbro Children’s Hospital, opened in 1994 and cares for some 7,000 inpatients and 60,000 outpatients annually.

The Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island

The Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island is a 294-bed hospital that serves a community of more than 180,000 people in Pawtucket and the Blackstone Valley region of Rhode Island. Memorial’s rehabilitation center focuses on services to patients afflicted by stroke, amputation, or neurological disability and includes comprehensive inpatient and outpatient services. The hospital offers cutting-edge cancer care and is the practice base for the Brown residency program in family medicine.
The Miriam Hospital

The Miriam Hospital is a 247-bed facility that provides a broad range of primary, secondary and tertiary medical and surgical services to adolescents and adults in 31 medical and surgical specialties and sub-specialties. Miriam Hospital is noted for its specialty services in AIDS at the Samuel and Esther Chester Immunology Center and in cardiac care. The Women's Cardiac Center at The Miriam Hospital offers complete diagnostic and clinical cardiology services, cardiovascular surgery and cardiac rehabilitation to women.

Women & Infants Hospital of Rhode Island

Women & Infants’ Hospital of Rhode Island, which houses 137 single patient rooms and 120 infant bassinets, is one of the nation’s leading specialty hospitals for women and newborns. The primary teaching affiliate of Brown Medical School for obstetrics, gynecology and newborn pediatrics, Women & Infants is the tenth largest obstetrical service in the country with more than 9,700 deliveries per year. In 2003, Brown University and Women & Infants were named a National Center of Excellence in Women’s Health by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The hospital offers specialty gynecological services as well, for treatment of infertility and cancer, including the Breast Health Center, a specialized center offering education, support, diagnosis and contemporary treatment for all breast health problems.

The VA Medical Center

The VA Medical Center is a 230-bed facility providing acute inpatient and ambulatory care in medicine, surgery, psychiatry and neurology. The hospital admits approximately 5,000 veterans annually and provides over 150,000 outpatient visits in 41 clinics. It is a regional center for treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder. The hospital also provides special medical services in the areas of dialysis, substance abuse treatment, rehabilitative medicine, and prosthetics.

Alpert Medical School of Brown University is also affiliated with The Emma Pendelton Bradley Hospital and Butler Hospital, its associated psychiatric facilities.