SPOTLIGHT ON: MATCH RESULTS

Categorical

- Adeimy, Camille, MD, American University of Beirut
- Ansstas, Michael, MD, University of Tichreen
- Brown, Leigh, DO, Des Moines University – Osteopathic Medical Center
- El Hayek, Mireille, MD, St. Joseph’s University, Beirut
- El-Aneed, Wasseem, MD, University of Tichreen
- Fanari, Zaher, MD, University of Aleppo
- Gaskari, Seyed Ali, MD, Tehran University of Medical Sciences
- Harris, Yelena, MD, University of Louisville School of Medicine
- Hobeika, Liliane, MD, Universite Libanaise
- Jackson, Gayla, MD, University of Kansas School of Medicine
- Khoukaz, Maya, MD, American University of Beirut
- Krishna, Naveen Kumar MBBS, Adichunchanagiri Institute of Medical Sciences
- Kuruvilla, Merin, MBBS, Kasturba Medical College
- Lipka, Angela, MD, University of Missouri-Columbia School of Medicine
- Mangalasseril, Robbie, MBBS, Medical College Thiruvananthapuram
- Mohsen, Ghassan, MD, Saint Louis University School of Medicine
- Moran, Kathryn, MD, Ross University
- Nallapaneni, Nega Neelima, MBBS., Sri Devaraj Urs Medical College
- Pittman, Arica, MD, Southern Illinois University School of Medicine
- Reichardt, Brian, MD, Ross University
- Sanley, Michael, MD, Creighton University School of Medicine
- Soomro, Irfana, MBBS, Dow Medical College
- Vo, Thanh-Mai, MD, Saint George’s University, Grenada
- Vuong, Giao, MD, Saint George’s University, Grenada

Preliminary

- Abdullah, Karshif, MD, Saint Louis University School of Medicine
- Chu, Melinda, MD, Saint Louis University School of Medicine
- Dyk, Pawel, MD, Saint Louis University School of Medicine
- Finkenkeller, Robin, MD, Baylor College of Medicine
- Kumar, Nishant, MD, Saint Louis University School of Medicine
- Lieberman, Robert, MD, Saint Louis University School of Medicine
- Schleeper, Melissa, MD, Southern Illinois University School of Medicine
- Sodhi, Rupinder, MD, Saint Louis University School of Medicine
- Steer, Steven, MD, Saint Louis University School of Medicine

Medicine/Pediatrics

- Casey, Willimann, MD, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine
- Faiza, Bhatti, MBBS, Dow Medical College
- Mohamed, Halane, MD, Ross University
- Tuttle, Paul, DO, Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine
RESIDENCY PROGRAM UPDATE

Residents’ Excellence Program –

January Winners (Sponsor – Leo Warren, MD)

Top Intern: Tim J. Brinker, MD
Top Resident: Scott M. Dembiec, MD
Quiz Master: Mohamed A. Salkeni, MD

February Winners (Sponsor – Mona Bahl, MD)

Top Intern: Elie J. Chahla, MD
Top Resident Bernadette A. Hiltner, MD
Quiz Master: Elie J. Chala, MD

The overall winner every month receives a monetary award of $100 donated by a faculty member. July was sponsored by Dr. Omran, August by Dr. Maxwell, September by Dr. Castillo, October by Dr. Di Bisceglie, November by Dr. Gammack, December by Dr. Fitch, January by Dr. Warren, February by Dr. Bahl. More faculty sponsors are needed and their contributions are greatly appreciated. Runners-up are awarded an extra day off in the following service month.

Sourin Banerji, MD, Chief Resident, has been invited by the American College of Physicians to present his abstract titled, “A Diagnosis Within Arms Reach: Paget-Schroetter Syndrome” at ACP Internal Medicine 2009 in Philadelphia. The Clinical Vignette Poster Competition will take place on Friday, April 24, 2009 in the Pennsylvania Convention Center.

COUNCIL FOR AFFORDABLE QUALITY HEALTHCARE (CAQH)

The Council for Affordable Quality Healthcare is a not-for-profit organization focused on achievable, concrete initiatives designed to strengthen the nation’s healthcare system and make life simpler and easier for patients and their providers. To simplify the credentialing process, CAQH uses a standard application, which is submitted to a single source. In short, one doctor, one application, to one secure database. CAQH represents a move away from paperwork to more efficient online information gathering.

What this means is that all physician credentialing information previously collected and stored in paper files will now be stored electronically and personally re-attested to every 120 days.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Terry Zenser, PhD, has been appointed Professor Emeritus of Internal Medicine, Division of Geriatric Medicine, effective February 7, 2009.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Division of Cardiology –

Jeffrey Ciaramita, MD, passed the Boards in Cardiovascular Medicine and is currently in private practice in St. Louis.

Kevin Fitzgerald, MD, passed the Boards in Interventional Cardiology and is currently in private practice in Cincinnati.
Daniel E. Friedman, MD, who joined the Cardiology faculty as an Assistant Professor on August 1, 2008, passed the Boards in Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology. Dr. Friedman specializes in complex arrhythmias and ablation and is working full time at JCVA.

Stephen Kuehn, MD, passed the Boards in Cardiovascular Medicine and is currently doing an interventional cardiology fellowship at St. Vincent's in Indiana.

Jennifer A. Lash, MD, who joined the Cardiology faculty as an Assistant Professor on July 1, 2008, passed the Boards in Cardiovascular Medicine. Her main focus of interest is cardiac imaging.

Deryk McDowell, MD, passed the Boards in Cardiovascular Medicine and is currently doing a clinical cardiac electrophysiology fellowship at Saint Louis University School of Medicine.

Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology –

Samer Alkaade, MD, who joined the Division of GI and Hepatology faculty as an Assistant Professor on July 1, 2008, passed the Gastroenterology Board Examination. Dr. Alkaade is pursuing his interests in pancreatobiliary disorders.

Christine Y. Hachem, MD, who joined the GI and Hepatology faculty as an Assistant Professor on July 1, 2008, passed the Gastroenterology Board Examination. She will be focusing on luminal and motility disorders.

Murali Nalluri, MD, Naishadh Raghuvanshi, MD, and Gaa Richardson, MD, 2008 graduates of the subspecialty residency program have also passed the Gastroenterology Board Examination. Drs. Nalluri, Raghuvanshi and Richardson are in private practice in Tucson, Az, Murietta, CA, and Hickory, NC, respectively.

Division of Geriatric Medicine –

Miguel A. Paniagua, MD, who joined the faculty as an Assistant Professor on July 1, 2007, passed the first administration of the Hospice and Palliative Medicine Boards. This certification program was developed by the ABIM and nine other sponsoring specialty boards.

Dulce Cruz, MD, subspecialty resident, passed the American Board of Internal Medicine Noard examination in August 2008. Samir Baroudi, MD, and Srivalli Vegi, MD, subspecialty residents, passed the Geriatric Medicine Boards in November, 2008.
Division of Hematology and Oncology –

Rajesh Nair, MD, a 2008 graduate of the Hematology & Oncology subspecialty residency program, passed both his Hematology Boards and Medical Oncology Boards. Dr. Nair is in private practice with St. John’s Clinic in Springfield, Missouri.

Allison P. Wall, MD, a 2008 graduate of the Hematology & Oncology subspecialty residency program, passed her Medical Oncology Boards. Dr. Wall is in private practice with the Medical Oncology Group in Gulfport, Mississippi.

Division of Infectious Diseases –

Rajashree Gottimukkula, MD, a 2008 graduate of the Infectious Diseases subspecialty residency program, passed her Infectious Disease Board exam in October 2008. Dr. Gottimukkula is working with a private practice group in St. Louis County.

Division of Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine –

Ashutosh Sachdeva, MD, who joined the faculty as an Assistant Professor on July 1, 2008, passed the Pulmonary Disease Boards in November 2008. Dr. Sachdeva’s main area of interest is scleroderma associated lung disease and pulmonary arterial hypertension.

David A. Stoeckel, MD, who joined the faculty as an Assistant Professor on February 1, 2009, passed the Pulmonary Disease Boards in November 2008. Dr. Stoeckel will be pursuing interests in interventional pulmonology and lung cancer.

Matthew A. Paparo, MD, subspecialty resident, passed the Pulmonary Medicine Boards and will be entering private practice upon graduation in June 2009.

A HELPING HAND IN HONDURAS

Julie K. Gammack, MD, Associate Professor, Division of Geriatric Medicine, and 50 students, five faculty members and residents, and three parent volunteers who are health professionals recently returned from the 2009 medical mission trip to Honduras. This was the second trip for Dr. Gammack. While the group was in Honduras, they treated about 1,000 patients.

MENTORING PROGRAM NEWS

The 4th rollout of the Mentoring Program has begun. Six teams of mentors and protégés have been formed and are meeting. On June 12, 2009, The Department of Internal Medicine Grand Rounds will be devoted to the mentoring program with three protégés making formal presentations of their work which emanated from the Mentoring Program.
HONORING A FORMER DEAN

Faculty members gathered on Monday, February 23, 2009 at the Learning Resource Center to unveil a portrait of Patricia L. Monteleone, MD, who retired last year as the School’s 11th dean.

Dr. Monteleone, one of the first women to lead an American medical school, was part of the School of Medicine family for more than 40 years. She had been a student, faculty member, physician, educator and researcher.

The portrait was commissioned from Patricia Watwood with contributions by faculty members in the School of Medicine. The portrait now hangs in the gallery outside the Dean’s Office.

HEMATOLOGY AND MEDICAL ONCOLOGY EVENT

On March 7, 2009, the Division of Hematology and Medical Oncology hosted a social event at a Billiken’s game. Several medical oncologists from the surrounding community were invited along with their wives. During this event, Dr. Paul J. Petruska, Division Director, and the Hem/Onc faculty discussed with the physicians the unique dynamics of the Transplant Program here at Saint Louis University, and the excellent care that our physicians provide treating various cancers.

The event was successful, enjoyable, and exciting. Saint Louis University and the Division of Hematology and Medical Oncology would like to thank everyone for their continuous support of referrals as they continue to strive for excellence in patient care.

NEW RESEARCH GRANTS AWARDED

Anupma Dixit, PhD, Immunobiology, $500,000 from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for “Long-Term Fungicidal Efficacies of Most Favored Antimicrobial Products in Mold Remediation.”

Sharon Frey, MD, Infectious Diseases, $122,841 from the Institute for Medical Education and Research for “Gunshot: Life at Both Ends of the Barrel.”
**Jianguo Liu, MD, PhD**, Immunobiology, $50,000 from the Vasculitis Foundation for “PARP-1 in CSS-associated IL-10 Promoter Polymorphisms.”

**Fran Newman**, Infectious Diseases, $17,640 from The University of Kentucky Research Foundation / NIA for “Repetitive Thought, Stress and Immunity in Older Adults.”

**Hans-Joachim Reimers, MD, PhD**, Hematology/Oncology, $39,000 from The Children’s Mercy Hospital / CDC for “Region VII Hemophilia Program.”

**Marcia Sokol-Anderson, MD**, Infectious Diseases, $37,949 from Washington University / HRSA for “Grants for Coordinated Services and Access to Research for Women, Infants, Children & Youth.”

**DATES OF NOTE**

**June 2-3, 2009** – 20th Annual Saint Louis University Summer Geriatric Institute “A Celebration of 20 Years of Geriatric Education with Friends, Partners and Affiliates.” Saint Louis University School of Medicine Learning Resources Center. Contact Nina Tumosa, PhD, 894-6560.

**June 6, 2008** – 26th Annual Department of Internal Medicine Graduation Celebration, 6:30-10 pm, Busch Student Center Ballroom. This celebration is open to all faculty, residents and subspecialty residents who are completing their training this year.

**June 19, 2009** – Department of Internal Medicine Semi-Annual Faculty Meeting, 7:30-8:30 am, LRC Auditorium. The annual faculty photograph will be taken immediately following this meeting.

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**WEBSITE**

Access the Department of Internal Medicine website at [http://internalmed.slu.edu](http://internalmed.slu.edu).

**INFORMATION FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER**

If you have any news, grants, notices, achievements that you would like to be included in the next newsletter or if you think something important was missed, please let Camille Goff know at [goffcj@slu.edu](mailto:goffcj@slu.edu).

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