SPOTLIGHT ON

Saint Louis University Department of Internal Medicine Centennial Special

Throughout 2011 we celebrated together a century of progress in the Department of Internal Medicine. The celebration now is winding down. The March/April 2012 issue of Missouri Medicine features a series of articles and editorials that review past and current activities in the Internal Medicine Department at SLU.

We are confident the Department of Internal Medicine will continue to build on its strong foundations in research, patient care and innovation far into this new century.

RECOGNITION

Distinguished Teaching Awards

This program recognizes outstanding teaching of medical students. Winners of these awards are determined by the students themselves and the program is administered by the Office of Curricular Affairs. The Department of Internal Medicine faculty member honored:

William C. Mootz, MD, General Internal Medicine, for Clinical Teaching

Press Ganey 1st Quarter Report

The quarterly star providers have increased from 23 in 2011 to a current number of 27. This quarter the providers in Internal Medicine with an exceptionally high mean score are:

Paul Hauptman, MD, Division of Cardiology

Alan Maniet, MD, Division of Cardiology

Katherine Temprano, MD, Division of Rheumatology

Alexandra Voinescu, MD, Division of Nephrology

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rosalie Fusz Endowed Chair in Hematology

Friedrich G. Schuening, MD, Division Director of the Department of Hematology and Oncology has been appointed the Rosalie Fusz Endowed Chair in Hematology, effective March 1, 2012.

John C. Edwards, MD, Associate Chairman for Research, Nephrology, will serve as the new Chairman of the Internal Medicine Promotions Committee.

Sharon E. Frey, MD, Infectious Diseases, Allergy and Immunology, will serve as the new Chairman of the Internal Medicine Mentoring Committee.
DIVISION OF CARDIOLOGY

Paul J. Hauptman, MD, has a new blog *The Odyssey* in the *Cardiology News* on Journey of cardiology at eCardiologyNews.com

DIVISION OF GASTROENTEROLOGY AND HEPATOLOGY

The *Inaugural Frank R. Burton Memorial Lecture* was held on February 24, 2012. Darwin L. Conwell, M.D., M.S., Associate Professor of Medicine, Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Harvard Medical School, lectured on Chronic Pancreatitis. He discussed the pathology and natural history of chronic pancreatitis, the neurobiology of pain in chronic pancreatitis as well as targeted enzyme therapy and the future directions of treatment of chronic pancreatitis.

M. Louay Omran, MD, returned to the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology after completing fellowship training in Advanced Endoscopy. He trained at the Medical University of South Carolina, one of the leading centers in ERCP and Endoscopic Ultrasound (EUS) in the US. Dr. Omran will assume the position of Director of Endoscopy at SLUH, and will also be seeing patients at Des Peres Hospital.

Youssef Assioun, MD, has left his liver fellowship position to join the staff of the Phelps Country Regional Medical Center in Rolla, Missouri.

Undy 5000 Fundraiser, on March 31st, 15 people from the division and clinic participated in the Undy 5000, a yearly walk/run fundraiser organized by the Colon Cancer Alliance. This organization is dedicated to increasing colorectal cancer awareness, and increasing access to screening in communities. Several are held across the country, and this year the St. Louis event was the largest one in the country. Dr. Brent Tetri and Dr. Jennifer LaBundy along with several of the GI clinic staff participated under the team name of SLU Polyp Police. Tenet provided matching SLUH shorts for the team to wear. Special congratulations to Dr. Tetri who came in second overall!

DIVISION OF GERIATRIC MEDICINE

John E. Morley, MB, B Ch, achieved an $h$ index of 100, April, 2012. The $h$ index quantifies both the actual scientific productivity and the impact of a scientist in their field. Dr. Morley has 100 papers each of which have been cited 100+ times. He currently has 1,185 publications.
David Thomas, MD, is the Medical Director of Charlevoix Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center of St. Charles, affiliated with National Healthcare Corporation and Saint Louis University, and has been named by U.S. News and World Reports as one of the Best Nursing Homes in Missouri. Charlevoix nursing home is one of 16 selected facilities in the Saint Louis metropolitan area and is one of only 63 nursing homes in Missouri to receive this designation.

Robert L. Russell, MD, a fellow in the Division of Geriatric Medicine presented a poster at the Medical Directors Association Meeting March 8-11, 2012.

Poster: A Case Report: Bullous Pemphigus Associated with Scabies in an 83 y/o Hispanic Female. Russell, Robert L.; Chu, Melinda; Cruz-Oliver, Dulce M. from the Department of Geriatric Medicine and the Department of Dermatology, Saint Louis University.

Dr. Russell was also awarded one of the 2012 AMDA Foundation Futures Program Award which paid for his registration for the AMDA meeting and a yearly membership in the Foundation.

DIVISION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES, ALLERGY AND IMMUNOLOGY

Robert B. Belshe, MD, is the corresponding author of the research article The Immunogenicity and Safety of a Quadrivalent Live Attenuated Influenza Vaccine in Children. Published in the Pediatric Infectious Disease Journal. Block, Stan L.; Falloon, Judith; Hirschfield, Jeffrey A.; Krilov, Leonard R.; Dubovsky, Filip; Yi, Tingting; Belshe, Robert.

Raymond G. Slavin, MD, gave the pre-commencement ceremony (i.e., Medical School Graduation) for Saint Louis University School of Medicine, May 18, 2012.

INTERNAL MEDICINE RESIDENCY PROGRAM

MATCH RESULTS

The results of the annual residents’ match were announced on March 16, 2012. All of our available positions were filled in the match. The names of the incoming residents are listed below.

Categorical
- Christopher Brown, Meharry Medical College
- James Chang, University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine
- Jun Chung, Indiana University School of Medicine
- Courtney Cockerell, Kansas City University of Medicine and biosciences
- Anna Dauer, University of Louisville School of Medicine
- Bruce Doxey, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas
- Chukwuemeka Ezeoke, Medical College of Georgia School of Medicine
- Colin Hirst, Albany Medical College
- Rong Hou, Xian Medical University
- Jemila Joseph, Washington University in St. Louis
- Usman Khalid, Ross University School of Medicine
- Andrew Kichura, University of Missouri-Columbia
- Robert Mango, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- Thomas Martin, Case Western Reserve
- Joshua Mayer, Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences
- Elizabeth Mebrate, University of Vermont College of Medicine
- Mitesh Patel, Saint Louis University School of Medicine
- Anju Prasad, Pushpagiri Institute of Medical Sciences and Research Centre
- Jehan Riar, St. Matthew’s University School of Medicine (Grand Cayman)
- Grace Salame, American University of Beirut
- Akas Siddiqui, The University of Toledo College of Medicine
- Meron Tesfay, Howard University College of Medicine
- Jean Thomas, Saint Louis University School of Medicine
- Keniesha Thompson, University of Kansas School of Medicine-Kansas City
- Sherry Yang, University of Alabama School of Medicine
- Manny Zewdu, University of Louisville School of Medicine

- David Johnson, Saint Louis University School of Medicine
- Kathleen Knapp, Saint Louis University School of Medicine

**Medicine/Pediatrics**
- Monica Evans, A.T. Still University-School of Osteopathic Medicine-Arizona
- Eileen DuFaux, Saint Louis University
- Roula Altisheh, University of Damascus
- Anas Gremida, 7th April University

Zaher Fanari, MD, PGY3, presented two posters at the American College of Cardiology in March 2012. The posters were published in the *Journal of American College of Cardiology*.


*March 2012 – “Resident of the Month”*

**Winner:** Merin Sunny, MD; “For demonstrating enthusiasm in continued academic excellence.”

**Honorable Mention:** Payton McGowen, MD; “For continuing to provide high level care and excellent teaching to medical students.”

**Honorable Mention:** Venkat Kanchustambam, MD; “For professionalism, dedication and patient care.”
April 2012 – “Resident of the Month”

Winner: Dan Kryder, MD; “For exemplary performance under immense pressure and stellar teaching performance with the medical students, interns and residents.”

Honorable Mention: Fazia Bhatti, MD; “For excellence conference attendance and thoughtful participation.”

Honorable Mention: Andrija Vidic, MD; “For filling in where needed with the highest possible standards.”

NEW RESEARCH GRANTS AWARDED

Bruce Bacon, MD, Gastroenterology and Hepatology, $23,500 from the Chronic Live Disease Foundation for “OPTIMAL Boceprevir in Community Practice: Assessing Safety, Efficacy, Compliance, and Quality of Life.”

Robert Belshe, MD, Infectious Diseases, Allergy and Immunology, $304,994 from NIH/EMMES, for “A Double-Blind randomized Phase 1b Study of the Safety and Immunogenicity of a Prime-Boost Schedule of the 2011/12 DNA Trivalent Influenza Vaccine, VRD-FLUDNA61-00-VP and Diluent VRC-DILUENT013-DIL-VP, followed by the 2012/13 Seasonal Influenza Trivalent Inactivated Vaccine.”

Bernard Chaitman, MD, Cardiology, $25,502 from NIH/Duke for “Ischemia Trial – SDCC.”

Bernard Chaitman, MD, Cardiology, $87,150 from NIH/CRM for “DMID 10-0008 Core Electrocardiographic (ECG) Laboratory Work – Task Order 2.”

Joseph Flaherty, MD, Geriatrics, $36,752 from NIH/Mount Sinai for “Perioperative Cognitive Protection – Dexomedetomidine and Cognitive Reserve”

Sarah George, MD, Infectious Diseases, Allergy and Immunology, $118,878 from NIH/Mayo Clinic for “Identification of early innate, B cell, and CD4+ T follicular helper cell responses after dengue vaccination which predict a high titer cross-neutralizing antibody response (HIPC).”

Paul Hauptman, MD, Cardiology, NHLBI/Duke, $49,088 for “Xanthine Oxidase Inhibition for Hyperuricemic Heart Failure Patients.”

Paul Hauptman, MD, Cardiology, $37,184 from NIH/Washington University, for “SALsalate to Improve Exercise Tolerance and LVDD in T2dm-DHF (SALIENT-DHF trial).”

Daniel Hoft, MD, Infectious Diseases, Allergy and Immunology, $20,466 from AERAS/FDA for “A Novel Approach for Identifying Biological Immunological Biomarkers for TB Vaccines.”

Daniel Hoft, MD, Infectious Diseases, Allergy and Immunology, $225,000 from NIH/NIAID for “Development of Novel Chagas Vaccines.”

Terry Moore, MD, Rheumatology, NIH/NIAID, $375,000 for “T cell Activation by Immune Complexes and Complement in Autoimmunity.”

Charlene Prather, MD, Gastroenterology and Hepatology, $20,053 from NIDDK/Mayo Clinic for “Antidepressant Therapy for Functional Dyspepsia.”
Marcia Sokol-Anderson, MD, Infectious Diseases, Allergy and Immunology, $37,949 from HRSA/Washington University for “Grants for Coordinated Services and Access Research for Women, Infants, Children and Youth.”

CONGRATULATIONS

To Falguny Bhavan, M.D. a fellow in Gastroenterology and Hepatology, has accepted the marriage proposal of Nabil Choueiri, M.D. (a former fellow in Gastroenterology and Hepatology here at Saint Louis University). A September wedding is planned.

To Alexa M. Fider-Whyte, PA, Gastroenterology and Hepatology, and her husband, Mark, on the birth of their daughter, Alyssa Marie Whyte. She arrived May 17, 2012 and weighed 6 lbs 14 oz.

To Stephen Schmidt, Finance/Research Manager, in the Department of Internal Medicine ran in the Go St. Louis half marathon on Sunday, April 22, 2012 – with a time of 1 hour, 52 minutes, 42 seconds.

Chairman’s Blog

For faculty, staff and residents of Internal Medicine, their Google Apps Sites include the "IM Chairman's Site". Clicking on the "IM Chairman's Site" opens to the Chairman's Blog. The posts are visible on the site. To the left there is a navigation panel with links to each of the posts and a link to the Anonymous Feedback. Clicking on the Anonymous Feedback opens a window which has a text field for entering feedback with a submit button below the field. Further down the page is the feedback received so far.

DATES OF NOTE/INFORMATION


Health Resource Center (HRC) Since 1994, the students and physicians of the School of Medicine have been committed to providing free primary health care services in an academic environment. For more information or to volunteer, please email:

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INFORMATION FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER
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