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Full-Time Medicine Faculty Promotions for 7/1/2010

We are pleased to announce that the following Department of Medicine full-time faculty members have been approved for promotion effective July 1, 2010.

Dr. Benjamin (Jim) Blatt, Division of General Internal Medicine, has been promoted to Professor of Medicine.

Dr. Katherine Chang Chretien, Hospitalist at the Washington DC Veterans Affairs Medical Center, has been promoted to Associate Professor of Medicine.

Dr. Joshua Cohen, Division of Endocrinology & Metabolism, has been promoted to Professor of Medicine.

Dr. Rodolfo Curiel, Division of Rheumatology has been promoted to Associate Professor of Medicine.

Dr. James Katz, Director, Division of Rheumatology, has been promoted to Professor of Medicine.

Dr. Sharon Maynard, Division of Renal Diseases and Hypertension, has been promoted to Associate Professor of Medicine.

Congratulations to all!

SEE YOU AT THE
END-OF-THE-YEAR
PARTY
ON FRIDAY
JUNE 11th
FOUR SEASONS
WASHINGTON DC HOTEL

From the Chairman

Gary Simon and I have always been competitive; whether academically, athletically, or in any insignificant event you can name, our competitive nature has always kept us intellectually sharp. But this is getting ridiculous. This is one time we both would have been glad not to be in competition. Less than a month after Gary's father died my father also passed away.

I challenge you to find a like relationship. We are each other's biggest critics and biggest supporters. We are the first to call each other out and the first to congratulate. We have worked together for over 20 years, but no two individuals have worked closer than we have over the last 12 years, after taking the reins of the department from the master, Jorge Rios. Whatever we have accomplished, we did together, and there hasn't been an important decision made that we haven't consulted with each other about and agreed on.

So how the hell did he ever go into Infectious Diseases? A less intellectually stimulating discipline does not exist unless you count pure proctology. I can make you an expert in Infectious Diseases before the end of this paragraph. You have gram positive bacteria which stain purple and gram negative bacteria which stain pink. To be real confusing there is Mycoplasma which doesn't accept staining. Add in your viruses, your parasitic diseases, and your fungi and you basically have it, unless you believe in something called prions.

Infectious diseases **were** the leading cause of death worldwide until about 10 years ago when it was surpassed by (of course) **cardiovascular** diseases which now leads by a widening margin; making infectious diseases even more irrelevant. You do have to learn at least five or six antibiotics to be able to treat infections, but in most cases, it really doesn't matter. The biggest hope for ID is the emergence of antibiotic resistance which gives the ID people something to get excited about.

Although it will always bother me that he did not strive to go into a more important field of endeavor, one has to try and overlook character flaws.

And the one thing that has kept us both going over the last month has been the support from an amazing caring department, practice group and hospital and the friends and family who have been there for us. Every hug, card, well wish, etc. made things just a little easier and for that we are both grateful (although I'm probably a little more grateful than he is.)

Alan G. Wasserman, M.D.

Department of Medicine June 2010 Grand Rounds

**Jun 3 "Why it Matters Where You Publish:
An Editor's Perspective: Open Access in
Medical Publishing"**

Larry Peiperl, MD

Senior Research Editor, *PLoS Medicine*,
Public Library of Science
Chief Physician Consultant, Glide Health Services,
San Francisco
Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine, UCSF

**Jun 10 "Improving Hospital Care for Older Adults"
Elizabeth Cobbs, MD**

Associate Professor of Medicine
Division of Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine
Director, Geriatrics and Palliative Care Fellowship
George Washington Medical Faculty Associates
Director, Geriatrics Section, WDCVA

**Jun 17 "Football and Dementia: Lessons for Us and
Our Children?"**

James Cooper, MD

Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine
Division of Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine
George Washington Medical Faculty Associates

Jun 24 "Medicine in Afghanistan"

Fred Lough, MD

Clinical Professor of Surgery
George Washington University Medical Center

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Cardiology Grand Rounds

5:00 PM, GWU Hospital, Conference Room 6-116

June 2 M & M

June 9 **Mark Tatelbaum, JD**
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Cardiology and the Law

**CARDIOLOGY GRAND ROUNDS WILL BE BACK
IN SEPTEMBER**

Chairman's Rounds

GWU Hospital Auditorium, 12:00 Noon
All Faculty Invited to Attend

June 4 **Dr. Tina Shah &
Dr. Hawaa Almansouri**

June 11 **Dr. Anila Thomas &
Dr. Morgan Mullaney**

June 18 **Dr. Preethi Sidhu &
Dr. Lena Furmark**

June 25 **Dr. Tanu Chandra &
Dr. Christopher Jones**

Resident Lecture Series June 2010 Noon Conference

Jun 1	"PAH" - Dr. Susan Hasselquist
Jun 2	GME Core Lecture
Jun 3	Medicine Grand Rounds
Jun 4	Chairman's Rounds
Jun 7	Primary Care Lecture
Jun 8	Jeopardy
Jun 9	Mortality & Morbidity
Jun 10	Medicine Grand Rounds
Jun 11	Chairman's Rounds
Jun 14	Primary Care Lecture
Jun 15	"Adrenal Insufficiency" - Dr. Michael Thompson
Jun 16	Topic TBA
Jun 17	Medicine Grand Rounds
Jun 18	Chairman's Rounds
Jun 21	Primary Care Lecture
Jun 22	"Diabetes" - Dr. Joshua Cohen
Jun 23	"CPC"
Jun 24	Medicine Grand Rounds
Jun 25	Chairman's Rounds
Jun 28	Primary Care Lecture
Jun 29	Geriatrics Topic - Dr. Katalin Roth
Jun 30	Jeopardy

Dr. William P. Magee, Jr., AΩA Visiting Professor

Dr. William P. Magee, Jr. DDS, MD, FACS, served as this year's AΩA-sponsored Visiting Professor at GW. Dr. Magee gave the annual address at the AΩA Banquet and Induction Ceremony on May 13th, 2010. He also gave Medicine Grand Rounds earlier in the day.

Dr. Magee is the co-founder and chief executive officer of Operation Smile, a private, not-for-profit, volunteer medical services organization providing reconstructive surgery to indigent children and young adults in developing countries and the United States. Dr. Magee also trains international physicians in craniofacial techniques through Operation Smile's annual Physician Training Program. This program has brought more than 600 doctors to Norfolk, Virginia for advanced training in plastic and craniofacial surgery.

Dr. Magee and Operation Smile have been honored with numerous prestigious national and international awards for humanitarianism.

A New Jersey native, Dr. Magee is a Class of 1972 graduate of the GWU School of Medicine. He did a general surgery residency at the University of Virginia then was awarded the Hays-Fulbright Scholar Grant from the Franco-American Commission where he studied with Dr. Paul Tessier, the father of craniofacial surgery. He did advanced studies in Switzerland, Germany and Scotland and completed his plastic surgery residency at the Eastern Virginia Graduate School of Medicine.

At the AΩA Banquet and Induction Ceremony, Dr. Magee collected an additional honor, the GWU DC Alpha Chapter Alumni AΩA Award.

“Perspectives in Oncology” Program Offered by GWU Hospital Department of Pharmacy

The GWU Hospital Department of Pharmacy will be offering a symposium entitled, “Perspectives in Oncology” on June 19, 2010, to discuss epidemiology, pathophysiology and treatment strategies of ovarian, breast, lung and prostate cancers and management of anemia, neutropenia and medication errors in oncology practice. The program was developed to meet the educational needs of physicians, pharmacists, nurses and other healthcare professionals. The program chair is **Abraar Husain, PhD, RPh** of the GWU Hospital and program faculty include Department of Medicine faculty, **Dr. Robert Siegel**, **Dr. Imad Tabbara** and **Dr. Alexandria Schwarsin**. Also presenting are **Fredric Lombardo, PharmD**, of Howard University and **Mark Prue, RPh** of GWU Hospital. The registration fee is \$20. To register or for information call (202) 715-5017 or email: saundra.moore@gwu-hospital.com.

AΩA and Graduation Honors

Dr. Karen Blackstone, MD, Assistant Professor, Division of Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine and Director of Palliative Care Services at the Washington DC Veterans Affairs Medical Center was inducted into AΩA at the 55th Annual GWU DC Alpha Chapter AΩA Honor Medical Society Banquet and Induction Ceremony held May 13, 2010.

The housestaff inductees included **Dr. Ashte' Collins**, Chief Medical Resident, and soon to be GWU Renal and Hypertension fellow, **Dr. Nihar Patel**, rising Chief Medical Resident, and **Dr. Palak Shah**, GWU Cardiology fellow.

We are pleased to report that two of the student inductees, **Anjali Shah** and **Ajay Wadgaonkar** will be staying at GW for their preliminary internship in Internal Medicine.

The AΩA Voluntary Faculty Award went to **Dr. Paul Schlein**, Clinical Professor Emeritus of Medicine, a long-time contributor to and supporter of the department and the medical center.

Dr. Matthew Mintz, Associate Professor of Medicine was honored at the Graduation Diploma Ceremony by being chosen by the senior class as a Class Hooper.

GWU Residents Compete at Annual ACP Associates Meeting

Dr. Amr Mohsen, PGY2, won 2nd prize in the Podium Presentation Competition at the Regional ACP Meeting on May 8, 2010 for his presentation on “Spontaneous Regression of Hodgkin's Lymphoma: A Case Report and a Review of the Literature.”

In addition he won the following prizes for poster presentations:

1. Overall Winning Poster: “The Spectrum of Amiodarone Induced Hepatotoxicity: A Case Report and Review of the Literature”
2. First Session Winner: “Giant Intra-Thoracic Meningocele Mimicking Pleural Effusion Associated with Neurofibromatosis Type 1”
3. Second Session Winner: “Cardiac Invasion in Hepatocellular Carcinoma in Correlation with AFP Levels: A Case Report and Review of the Literature”

Also attending were **Drs. Preethi Sidhu**, **Shari Maletsky-Smith**, **Megan Terek** and **Shervin Shafa**, all PGY3s, and **Dr. Gupreet Sodhyi**, PGY1.

At medical school graduation, **Dr. Kenneth Goldstein**, was bestowed with the title of Clinical Professor Emeritus of Medicine. Dr. Goldstein joined the full-time GWU faculty in 1974 in the Division of Hematology & Oncology. After five years he left to start a career in private practice but remained for over 30 years on the voluntary faculty as an active member of the department, both in terms of teaching and administrative commitments. Dr. Goldstein has continued to play an active role in teaching students, housestaff and fellows the art and science of Hematology & Oncology. He has been a didactic teacher on the wards, a clinical instructor, a small group leader for students, and a mentor for housestaff and fellows. Dr. Goldstein has earned Emeritus designation through his dedication to clinical excellence in the community and his dedication to the teaching mission of the department and the medical center.

Congratulations to the Students who Received Medicine Awards at Graduation

Philip S. Birnbaum Award in Primary Care
Megan Morales

Jorge C. Rios Award in Internal Medicine
Nisha Nathan

Allie S. Freed Award in Preventive Medicine
Arash Nafesi

Mark Millen Memorial Award (for Rheumatology)
Sarah Doaty

Kudos and Congratulations

Kudos ... to Dr. Frances Fua, PGY3, who was recognized for her generosity and commitment to patient care when she and her team volunteered to discharge a very complicated patient (whose medical team had already left for the evening) in order to expedite his transfer for liver transplant. In response Dr. Fua gives credit to her team, including interns **Dr. Michael Lucke** and **Dr. Rachel Seay**.

More Kudos ... to Dr. Shervin Shafa, PGY2 who won third place in the resident essay contest sponsored by the GME Office. The winners were announced at Resident Appreciation Day on May 26th.

Even more kudos ... to Dr. Frank Pandolfe, PGY1. While caring for a dying hospital patient with a challenging family, the family expressed to his attending how wonderfully supportive he had been to the patient both medically and emotionally.

Kudos also ... to Dr. Anita Bakshi, PGY3 and soon to be GWU Gastroenterology fellow, was honored with the VCU School of Medicine Inova Campus Award for Top Resident Teacher (Internal Medicine) on May 5, 2010. **Dr. Megan Terek**, PGY3 and soon to be GWU Chief Medical Resident received the Certificate of Recognition, Resident Teacher (Internal Medicine) at the same ceremony.

See you next month! The Editor



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