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Happy New Year!

Next Issue, March 2007!

Departmental News deadline is February 23, 2007. Please send your faculty/department achievements to kkreutzer@vcu.edu.

Bill Gleason to Retire Spring 2008



Bill Gleason, Senior Associate Dean for Finance and Administration in the School of Medicine, Medical College of Virginia Campus of Virginia Commonwealth University, has expressed his desire to retire in the spring of 2008. My immediate response was “this is not allowed”!!! However, after reflecting on his numerous contributions to the School of Medicine and the University, I realized that retirement is well-deserved. Many of you have worked closely with Bill over the years and appreciate his objectivity, sense of fairness, encyclopedic knowledge of the School of Medicine, the University and State Government. These are skills and a fund of knowledge that can only be obtained through dedication to one’s professional activities and a deep commitment to an institution.

Bill joined the School of Medicine in 1991 when he was appointed as Associate Dean for Administration, a position he held until he became the Senior Associate Dean for Finance and Administration for the School in 2000. From May 2002 until September 2005, Bill also served as Associate Vice President for Health Sciences (Finance) while he continued his responsibilities in the Dean’s Office. In his present role, he is responsible for finance, administration, personnel, information technology and facilities for the Dean’s Office and the twenty-nine clinical and basic science departments in the School of Medicine. He played a major role in developing the Strategic Research Plan for the School of Medicine and currently in its implementation.

Bill first came to VCU in 1979 as a planning consultant to the University’s Vice President for Planning and Budget. In 1980 he was named the University’s Director of Resource Planning in the Planning and Budget Division, a post he held until 1988 when he was appointed Executive Director of University Planning. He has worked in higher education in various capacities for 37 years at both university and state level. His experience includes institutional research, budgeting and financial management, strategic planning, administration and information technology. He has a B.A. in Economics from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, where he was a Morehead Scholar, and an M.B.A. from Indiana University – Bloomington.

Please join me in thanking Bill profoundly for his extraordinary service to the School of Medicine and the University. The VCU School of Medicine is a better place at which to learn, discover and heal because of his efforts.

A Search Committee has been formed with Dr. Anton Kuzel serving as chair to take on the difficult task of identifying Bill’s successor. The firm of Witt-Keiffer will be assisting the Search Committee.

Department Chair Search Update

Department of Physiology

The search committee, chaired by Dr. Gordon Archer, has conducted its first set of interviews with candidates.

Department of Biostatistics

The search committee, chaired by Dr. John Clore, is continuing work and reviewing candidates.

Senior Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs Position

Applications are being accepted for review by the search committee, led by Dr. Bela Sood (Psychiatry).

Chief Operating Officer for MCVH

The search committee is comprised of co-chairs Dr. David Wilkinson, Chair of Pathology, and Maria Curran, Vice President of Human Resources, Dr. Lenore Buckley (Internal Medicine, Stony Point Medical Director and VCUHS Board member), Debbie Bolling (Director of Nursing, Peri-operative Services), Ann Craft (Pastoral Care and VCUHS Employee of the Year), Paul Dalby (Director of Respiratory Therapy) and Linda Pearson (Chief Financial Officer, MCV Hospitals) and has been working with the search firm Korn\Ferry.

Korn\Ferry honed their list of potential applicants to about 12 top candidates. After extensive committee review, a group of 8 candidates was identified. Five were invited to interview on site with the search committee and John Duval, Chief Executive Officer, MCV Hospitals. The search committee conducted one telephone interview. Three candidates will be invited to interview for 2 days in early January and will meet key stakeholders including representatives of the Board, managers and directors, and employees. The three final candidates are very well qualified and have impressive credentials. The goal is to identify a candidate in early 2007 so that after adequate notice is given the COO will be on site for the FY07-08 budget cycle.

Call for Nominations: VCU Distinguished Faculty Awards

Dear Colleagues:

It is my pleasure to request nominations for Virginia Commonwealth University's Distinguished Faculty Awards Program.

Since 1982, Virginia Commonwealth University has paid formal tribute at Convocation to members of the faculty who conduct our mission with distinction and exemplify what is best about the University. Each year, four professors receive Distinguished Faculty Awards in the areas of teaching, scholarship, service and overall excellence.

Criteria and instructions for preparing your nominations can be obtained by clicking on:

<http://www.vcu.edu/president/pdf/distinguished-faculty.pdf>

Please pay particular attention to the Submission Requirements outlined in Section IV (D), as the guidelines have been modified to facilitate more uniform submissions. In order to ensure that faculty from all schools are considered for the awards, each school or college is encouraged to submit at least (2) nominations per year. **Nominations should be sent to the faculty member's department chair by no later than March 9, 2007. This deadline is crucial in order for the deans to meet their April 13, 2007, deadline to my office.**

Nomination packages may be submitted electronically to my office (klhonsharuk@vcu.edu) or by hand delivery to 910 West Franklin Street.

Please feel free to contact Ms. Kathy Honsharuk of my staff at 828-8418 if you have any questions or need additional information. Thank you for taking time to nominate your colleagues for these honors.

Best regards,

Sincerely,

Eugene P. Trani
President, Virginia Commonwealth University
and President and Chair, VCU Health System

**For the SOM, the department chairs should submit nominations to the Dean's Office no later than
Wednesday, March 14, 2007.**



Faculty Honors and Awards

Jerome F. Strauss, III, M.D., Ph.D., Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Dean of the School of Medicine was named Cheungkong Scholar and Lecturing Professor at Heilongjiang University of Chinese Medicine by China's Ministry of Education. The Cheungkong Scholars program recognizes exceptional contributions to research and education. Strauss is one of only a few individuals of non-Chinese ancestry to be awarded this national honor from the Chinese government.

Samuel M. Jones, M.D., Residency Director, Fairfax Family Practice Center, is the new President of the Board of Directors of the Association of Family Medicine Residency Directors.

Szabolcs Szentpetery, M.D., has been appointed as the first Richard R. Lower Professor of Surgery, Department of Surgery, VCU.

Kenneth Kendler, M.D., was awarded the American Psychiatric Association 2006 Judd Marmor Award for Advancing Biopsychosocial Model which honors an individual who is contributing significantly to the broadest possible understanding of human personality and development.

Robert Stroube, M.D., M.P.A., affiliate faculty in the Department of Epidemiology and Community Health and State Health Commissioner, VDH, will assume the Presidency of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO). The Association, whose roots go back to the fight against cholera epidemics in the 1800s, is the leading voice for state and territorial public health initiatives across the nation.

Dr. Suzanne Lavoie appointed Chair, Division of Infectious Diseases in Pediatrics



Suzanne Lavoie, M.D., Professor of Pediatrics and Medicine, was appointed Chair of the Division of Infectious Diseases, Department of Pediatrics, effective July 1, 2006. Dr. Lavoie received her M.D. from the University of Massachusetts, completed her residency in Combined Internal Medicine and Pediatrics in Albany, NY, and her fellowship in combined adult and pediatric infectious diseases at VCUHS. She joined our faculty in 1992.



Please Join Us in Welcoming These New Faculty

(New faculty appointments are announced monthly at the SOM Executive Committee Meeting.)

Michael Czakajlo, M.D. - Anesthesiology

Dr. Czakajlo joined the department in August. He obtained his MS in Biology from Fairleigh Dickinson University, his M.D. from Poznan University of Medical Sciences, Poznan, Poland, and a PhD in Emergency & Disaster Medicine in Poznan, Poland. He completed a residency in Internal Medicine at the Capital Health System, Trenton, NJ, and a Critical Care Fellowship at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. Dr. Czakajlo is part of the Division of Critical Care and will continue research work in resuscitation and health care systems. He is a Director of the CPR for Polish Schools Project and AHA-ITO Poland for EMS Global.

Theresa Murray, M.D. – Pediatrics, NICU

Dr. Murray has joined the Division of Neonatology as Assistant Professor. She has recently completed a fellowship and her Masters in Public Health at the University of Rochester, NY. Her research interests include international newborn health, newborn nutrition and NICU outcomes. She can be reached at: 401 North 12th St. Room 6-506, 804-628-1222, 804-828-9964 (messages), 804-373-0158 (pager).

Ron Williams, M.D. – Pediatrics, Pulmonology

Dr. Williams completed his General Pediatrics residency in Savannah, GA and his Pulmonary Fellowship at Tulane University in New Orleans. Clinical interests include cystic fibrosis, asthma, and chronic lung disease in children. His current research interest is inflammatory mediators of lung disease.

Juan Villalona, M.D. – Pediatrics, Gastroenterology

Dr. Villalona completed his General Pediatric residency in Bronx, NY and his Gastroenterology Fellowship at the University of Rochester Medical Center. Clinical and research interests include ERCP, food allergies, and eosinophilic esophagitis in children.

Gregory Domson, M.D. - Orthopaedic Surgery

Dr. Domson joined Orthopaedic Surgery in August 2006. His specialty is Orthopaedic Oncology. Dr. Domson received his M.D. from EVMS, completed his residency training at VCU and a Musculoskeletal Tumor Fellowship at the University of Florida.

Maria Angela Catolico, M.D. – Psychiatry, Division of Ambulatory Care

Dr. Catolico is an Assistant Professor with experience in community mental health dealing with the chronic and persistently mentally ill with a wide variety of diagnoses, inpatient and outpatient settings in treatment of the mentally ill, and working with dually diagnosed individuals, both substance abuse and those with mental retardation along with their mental illness.

Tanja Kees, M.D. – Psychiatry, Division of Ambulatory Care Psychiatry (MCVP)

Dr. Kees is an Assistant Clinical Professor who completed a 2004-2006 Fellowship in Child & Adolescent Psychiatry at the Virginia Treatment Center for Children, VCUHS, after her Psychiatry Residency Training at VCUHS. She earned her Doctor of Medicine at the University of Regensburg Medical School, Regensburg, Germany.

Ahmed Sherif Abdel Meguid, MBChB, FRCPC - Psychiatry, Division of Consultation/Liaison Psychiatry

Dr. Meguid, Assistant Professor, completed a fellowship in **Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry** at Georgetown University Medical Center & Inova Fairfax Hospital and his residency at Fletcher Allen Health Care, University of Vermont. He was previously on the Faculty of Medicine, Alexandria University, Egypt.

Brion Maher, PhD - Virginia Institute for Psychiatric and Behavioral Genetics

Dr. Maher, Assistant Professor, earned his Ph.D. and M.S. degrees in human genetics at the University of Pittsburgh.

Good News: SOM Faculty Salaries Go Up Again This Year



Effective November 25, 2006, the salaries for teaching/research and administrative/professional faculty are up an average of 5.06% for 2006-2007. These new increases were approved by the VCU Board of Visitors at their November 16 meeting. This follows a 2005-2006 average percent increase of 5.88%. The majority of faculty in these categories are based in the basic science departments plus administrative faculty across all departments.

For clinical faculty, salaries increased an average of 4.83%, effective July 1, 2006. In 2005-06, the average percent increase was 4.60%. Clinical faculty raises run in tandem with the academic year (July 1 – June 30).

These actions help move the School of Medicine toward a goal of having faculty salaries at least at the 50 percentile nationally, as posted by the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC).

Thanks to our faculty members for their productivity on so many fronts, which contributes to these increases. Our faculty members are our greatest asset!

Correction! Endowed Professorship

In September we published a list of endowed professorships and chairs in the School of Medicine and Massey Cancer Center – a correction has been brought to our attention:

Dr. Robert A. Fisher was listed incorrectly as the H.M. Lee Distinguished Professor of Vascular Surgery -- he is actually the **H.M. Lee Distinguished Professor of Transplantation Surgery**. (Thanks to Dr. Posner for this information)

Open House February 24, 2007, for Premed Students and Advisors



The School of Medicine Admissions Office is hosting two events on Saturday, February 24, 2007. The events are the School of Medicine Open House for premedical students and the Virginia Commonwealth University Pre-Health Advisor's Conference. The advisor's conference will be co-hosted by School of Dentistry, School of Pharmacy, Department of Health Administration, and School of Public Health.

We have received registrations from over 250 premedical students and over 60 pre-health advisors. The premed students are coming from universities in Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina, Washington D.C. and Atlanta. These events will provide opportunities for networking and sharing advice among these targeted groups. We also hope to develop relationships and to open lines of communication. This event will also highlight the innovations here at VCU and show the spirit of our university.

Graduate Faculty - Please respond to NAS/NRC Survey

In January essentially all School of Medicine faculty members who hold a **Graduate Faculty appointment** will be receiving an electronic message from the National Academy of Sciences / National Research Council requesting your completion of a questionnaire. This is related to the periodic national assessment of Research Doctoral programs. The questionnaire is somewhat detailed but much of the information can be provided by uploading a copy of a current *curriculum vita*. The information provided will not be viewed by the School or indeed any entity other than the NRC.

It is important to respond and to complete the questionnaire to the degree it is possible. The information you provide will, in aggregate, define our graduate programs for a national audience. A high level of participation is important in defining the success and productivity of our Ph.D. programs. Individuals responding by **February 15** can be considered for participation as a rater of other graduate programs. **The deadline for responding is April 1, 2007.**

Again, we ask your participation as your responses are important in the way in which our programs are viewed by colleagues and prospective students and post-doctorals. Please look for the message in January and respond at your convenience. Thank you for your assistance. (*Thanks to Jan Chlebowski, Ph.D., Associate Dean for Graduate Education, for this information.*)

Did You Read Science, November 3, 2006?



VCU post-doc, **Dr. Kathryn Shows**, is featured in *Science*, "U.S. Life Scientists Report Rising Salaries and High Job Satisfaction," Volume 314, November 3, 2006, with a photo on page 845 and quotes on page 847. Shows, who studies the genetic disorder Treacher Collins syndrome, credits her postdoctoral adviser and mentor for helping her return to science after leaving to start a family, and praises the training she's getting to develop into an independent academic scientist.

Great going for Dr. Shows, Dr. Rita Shiang (the faculty mentor), the School of Medicine, and VCU!

(*Thanks to Dr. Jan Chlebowski for spotting this testimonial.*)

Call for Community Based Women's Health Research Proposals

The **VCU Institute for Women's Health** is seeking faculty/student proposals for its new seed grant program that fosters excellence in community based participatory research on women's health. The proposal deadline is **February 15, 2007**. Up to six awards will be given up to \$10,000 each for research that bridges academia with pressing community needs and contributes to improving the health of women and girls in our communities

For more information, contact Janett Forte, at jforte@vcu.edu or visit www.womenshealth.vcu.edu for guidelines and proposal application. For questions about Community-Based Participatory Research contact: Judith Bradford, Ph.D., Director of Community-Based Research, Institute for Women's Health at jbradfor@vcu.edu

CME Conferences

The VCU Department of Pediatrics and the VCU Office of Continuing Professional Development and Evaluation Studies will present the **29th Annual Pediatric Primary Care Conference – Pediatrics at the Beach that will take place July 20-22, 2007, at the Hilton Oceanfront Hotel in Virginia Beach, Virginia.** Three half-day sessions include important topics in the areas of Emergency Medicine, Primary Care and Developmental & Behavioral Pediatrics. This CME course is designed for physicians and other health care professionals who deliver primary care to children and adolescents. For registration information please contact Natasha Williams at 828-3640. **A brochure and on-line registration will be available February 1st at www.cmeregistration.som.vcu.edu**

The 35th Annual Hans Berger Symposium 2007 will be held May 21-22, 2007, at the Medical Sciences Building on the Medical College of Virginia Campus of Virginia Commonwealth University. Distinguished faculty from epilepsy centers and neurophysiology laboratories across the country have been invited to the 35th annual commemoration of Hans Berger's birthday. This symposium offers physicians, technologists and medical professionals practical information in applying state-of-the-art electrodiagnostic testing in the clinical management of patients with epilepsy and related disorders. **For more information, visit www.cmeregistration.som.vcu.edu or call VCU Office of Continuing Professional Development and Evaluation Studies at 804/828-2640**

Clinical Education Innovators Assist in M3 Teaching

Beginning this fall, the School of Medicine has initiated a new project, the Clinical Education Innovators (CEI) Project. Faculty from each of the seven M-3 clerkship departments have been identified to serve as a CEI. These faculty members have made the commitment to spend approximately four hours per week working with M-3 students rotating through the clerkship in their department. The CEI's are considered a supplement to the teaching that already occurs in the clerkships, and they have made a further commitment to address such issues as: **formative evaluation, the student clinical passport (a web-based mechanism whereby the students keep track of the types of patients they have seen), cultural competence, and patient simulation.** By working collaboratively with the clerkship directors and attending physicians, the CEI's will help us improve our medical education effort and also ensure compliance with LCME standards. The current CEIs are:

Family Medicine	Dr. Melissa Bradner
Internal Medicine	Dr. Nedumkellel (Thomas) George (VAMC), Dr. Bennett Lee, Dr. Leanne Gianni
Pediatrics	Dr. Barry Kirkpatrick, Dr. Sean McKenna
Psychiatry	Dr. (Ahmed) Sherif Meguid, Dr. Yaacov Pushkin
Neurology	Dr. Evren Burakgazi
OB/GYN	Dr. Christine Isaacs, Dr. Nicole Karjane, Dr. John Pierce
Surgery	Ms. Doris Farquhar (Administration), Dr. Heber "Dickie" Newsome, Dr. Jeannie Savas (VAMC), Dr. Huan Vu

(Thanks to Dr. James Messmer, Dr. Associate Dean for Medical Education, for this information)



Join us to Celebrate 15 Years of WISDM on March 9!

The 15th annual WISDM **Pathways to Leadership** conference will be held on the MCV Campus on March 9, 2007 from 7:30 am – 12:45 pm. Sessions will take place in the Medical Sciences Building with workshops in the FCM rooms in the Egyptian Building, 2nd floor. We are honored to have as our keynote speaker **Pat Cormier, Ph.D.**, President of Longwood University, and a co-founder of ELAM (Executive Leadership for Academic Medicine Program for Women). Workshop topics will include sessions on presentation skills, using PDAs, cultural competency, managing emotions, teaching portfolios, NIH grant preparation, and a boomer's guide to the generations. Registration is \$45 for faculty and \$25 for students, housestaff, and postdocs. Scholarships are available for students, housestaff, and postdocs. Contact Debbie Stewart, dstewart@vcu.edu, 828-6591. For full brochure and online registration, go to <https://www.apps.som.vcu.edu/cme/calendar/>.

Congratulations on JCAHO Accreditation!



VCUHS recently submitted Measure of Success (MOS) data to the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) in follow-up to the April accreditation survey. As you recall, JCAHO required us to achieve compliance with each cited Requirement for Improvement (RFI) issued during our April accreditation survey, and, for certain standards, to demonstrate compliance through measurement. Through hard work and perseverance, the VCUHS met or exceeded our 90% goal for all six of the required MOS. JCAHO responded, accepting this MOS and acknowledging our accreditation decision as “Accredited.” Congratulations to everyone who worked so hard to accomplish this goal!

Although we do not owe additional data or action plans to JCAHO, please note they can conduct an unannounced survey at any time. Re-accreditation surveys are now scheduled between 18-39 months following the accreditation effective date, rather than every 3 years, and five percent of organizations receive random unannounced validation surveys. If you have questions or need additional information, contact Donna Edwards at 8-9342 or Dale Harvey at 8-1504.

Have you used CYRACOM?



VCUHS secured CyraCom as the vendor of telephonic interpreter services in July of 2003. CyraCom uses a ClearLink™ system with dual handsets to provide 24-hour a day support for more than 150 languages. Currently at VCUHS there are 174 double-handset blue phones throughout the facilities, including all satellite offices and clinics. Any staff member, healthcare provider, social worker, including housestaff and medical student, who needs to communicate with a limited English proficient patient and/or family member has access to these phones.

During 2006, the top 5 languages for which the phones were used at VCUHS were Spanish (91.4%), Arabic (1.9%), Vietnamese (1.3%), Mixteco (0.8), Portuguese (0.5%). The average cost of usage is \$28,000 per month.

At the present time, this is the primary method to be compliant with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and four of the 14 national CLAS (Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services) set by the Office of Minority Health and Department of Health and Human Services.

According to CyraCom, a Tucson company that provides the patented phone and language services to more than 900 hospitals and health-care facilities across the nation, Spanish is the top language requiring interpreters at hospitals in Virginia and nationwide.

If you have questions or concerns pertaining to CyraCom, contact Vilma Seymour, Program Coordinator, Language Services, VCUHS Communication Center, 628-1116, FAX: 827-0469, Pager: 905-2389 (2974), vseymour@mcvh-vcu.edu. *(Thanks to Vilma Seymour for updating information excerpted from the Richmond Times-Dispatch, 10/25/06 article by Robin Farmer)*

VCUCard Office Moves to Better Service MCV Campus Staff



Effective January 8, 2007, the VCUCard (i.e., Identification Card) office relocated from Tompkins McCaw Library to Sanger Hall, room B1-018 to better accommodate the MCV community. The phone number will remain the same: 628-CARD (2273), but office hours have been extended. VCUCard Office will now be open Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4:30 pm. Please visit the VCUCard office in their new location in Sanger Hall for all of your carding and RamBuck needs.

STUDENT WELLNESS PROGRAM

OVERSIGHT: *CMG Buttery, M.B.B.S.; John Clore, M.D.; Ike Wood, M.D.*



In preparation for the School of Medicine’s 2008 Liaison Committee on Medical Education site visit, it was noted that each school is required to have a wellness program for its students. Dr. Ike Wood, the Dean of Student Affairs, contacted his colleagues at all LCME accredited medical school and found that only about 20% have a wellness program, and most of them are cursory with no evidence base to determine their

effectiveness. Subsequently, in February 2006, the Office of Student Affairs had the students complete a survey of their health and behavior habits that assesses general health; nutrition and weight control; exercise and conditioning; sleep; smoking and tobacco use; alcohol use; prescription medication use; recreational drug use; preventive health; adherence and doctor/patient relations; and stress and coping. From there the decision was made to develop a comprehensive, state-of-the-art program, using evidence based practices to address student health and well being in six domains: social, physical, intellectual, cultural, emotional and spiritual. The overall program will be managed through the Office of Student Affairs with a chair and co-chair for each domain. The chair/co-chair pairs consist of a member of the faculty and a medical student.

SOCIAL	PHYSICAL	INTELLECTUAL
Joann Bodurtha, M.D. Jennifer Buckley, M2 *Steven Danish, Ph.D. Bella Gabice, M3 Sean Pustilnik, M3 Jennifer Nguyen, M3 Margaret Roberson, M.D. *Jim Wilson, M2	*Stuart Bertsch, M2 Branden Engorn, M2 Deanna Faulk, M1 Marie Gurka, M2 Hsiu-Sheng Hsu, Ph.D. Joe Laver, M.D. Beth Pecora, M1 *Chris Woleben, M.D. Jane Yoo, M2	*Linda Costanzo, Ph.D. Vladimiar Daoud, M1 Alan Dow, M.D. Charles Klink, Ph.D. Asad Qasim, M1 *Mary Piazza, M4 Tjason Tjoa, M1
CULTURAL	EMOTIONAL	SPIRITUAL
Kamar Godder, M.D. Shakun Gupta, M3 Mohammed Hanif, M2 Kumapley Lartevi, M2 Anna Halse-Stumberg, M1 *Kathy Kreutzer, M.Ed. Asha Mishra, M.D. *James Pellerin, M1 Usha Sundaram, M.D.	*Jihad Aziz, Ph.D. *Kimberly Ball, M2 Jessica Bowers, M1 Brett Frykberg, M3 Alison Lynch, M.D. Glenda Palmer, Ph.D. Elizabeth Parsons Joel Silverman, M.D.	Sandra Barker, Ph.D. Lachelle Campbell, M3= Imad Damaj, Ph.D. Asha Mishra, M.D. *Richard Lee Stowell, M2 John Pierce, M.D. Ryan Swapp, M3 *Michelle Whitehurst-Cooke, M.D. *Co-Chair of Area

INOVA CAMPUS: Craig Cheifetz, M.D., Krista Day, M3; Zeina Saliba, M3

- Student Wellness Committee--PURPOSE: Create a comprehensive program for wellness which is student driven.
- Social Health--PURPOSE: To provide and make students aware of opportunities for healthy social engagement.
- Physical Health--PURPOSE: Nutrition, fitness, personal safety, sexual health, preventative health, body composition, rest and sleep.
- Intellectual Health--PURPOSE: To provide students with the skills to be as academically successful as possible including performance enhancement; study skills; board preparation.
- Cultural Health--PURPOSE: To enhance student awareness of various cultures, ethnic and gender opportunities.
- Emotional Health--PURPOSE: Alcohol and other drugs; anger management; anxiety and panic; crisis/suicide; depression; eating disorders; stress management; relationships and family; violence; men's issues; women's issues.
- Spiritual Health--PURPOSE: To enhance the existential elements that provide meaning to work, service and life.

A.D. Williams Awards for October 2006/January 2007 Award Cycle Announced

The A.D. Williams family left a generous bequest to support medical scholarship and research at the Medical College of Virginia. Today these funds are administered by a committee including the Vice President of the Health Sciences Division of VCU and the Deans of the five schools on the MCV campus. The Committee annually allots a portion of these funds to foster and support research and faculty development. It also sponsors outstanding researcher awards, the recipients of which are chosen by the individual schools. In addition, the MCV Foundation contributes funds from endowments specifically designated for medical research or research into specific diseases or conditions. Monies from these disease-related funds are used to support appropriate A. D. Williams research applications and are not available for direct solicitation.

The awards for October 1, 2006 were:

Dr. Cynthia K. Kirkwood, Associate Professor of Pharmacy, was awarded \$11,855 in support of her application entitled "A Pilot Study to Determine the Effect of Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors on Platelet function and Thrombin Generation Time." Support for this comes from the A. D. Williams Trust Funds.

Dr. Huiping Zhou, Assistant Professor of Microbiology and Immunology, was awarded \$15,000 in support of her application entitled "Prevent HIV Protease Inhibitor-Induced Atherosclerosis by Berberine." Support for this comes as \$10,000 from A. D. Williams Trust Funds and \$5,000 from the Medical Research Endowment Trust Funds.

The awards for January 1, 2007 were:

A.D. WILLIAMS MULTI-SCHOOL AWARDS

The application entitled "Periodontitis, Placental Insufficiency and Infant Outcome," with **Dr. Elsie Mainali**, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics as the Principal Investigator, was awarded \$75,000 from the A. D. Williams Trust Funds.

The application entitled "Streptococcus Sanguinis Vaccine Discovery," with **Dr. Ping Xu**, Associate Professor in the Philips Institute for Oral and Craniofacial Molecular Biology as the Principal Investigator, was awarded \$75,000 from the A. D. Williams Trust Funds.

A. D. WILLIAMS RESEARCH GRANTS

Dr. Kellie J. Archer, Assistant Professor of Biostatistics, was awarded \$10,342 in support of her application entitled "Extending the Random Forest Methodology for Predicting an Ordinal Response." This support comes from the A. D. Williams Trust Funds.

Dr. Jennifer F. Brown, Assistant Professor of Integrative Systems, was awarded \$11,100 in support of her application entitled "An Examination of Emergency Department Pediatric Psychiatric Services: A Pilot Study." This support comes as \$3,262 from the Bayliss Foundation Trust Funds and \$7,838 from the Baruch Foundation Trust Funds.

Dr. John C. Hackett, Assistant Professor of Medicinal Chemistry, was awarded \$14,974 in support of his application entitled "Identification of Novel Scaffolds for Lanosterol 14 α -Demethylase (CYP51) Inhibitor Design." This support comes from the A. D. Williams Trust Funds.

Dr. Anthony V. Nicola, Associate Professor of Microbiology and Immunology, was awarded \$13,000 in support of his application entitled "Herpes Virus Membrane Fusion Activity." This support comes as \$10,000 from the Medical Research Foundation Trust Funds and \$3,000 from the A. D. Williams Trust Funds.

Dr. Lori A. Michener, Assistant Professor of Physical Therapy, was awarded \$14,920 in support of her application entitled "Reliability and Discriminate Validity of Ultrasonography in Measuring Acromiohumeral Distance in Patients with Rotator Cuff Disease." This support comes from the A. D. Williams Trust Funds.

Dr. Kathleen L. McCoy, Professor of Microbiology and Immunology, was awarded \$25,000 in support of her application entitled "Gallium Arsenide Decreases Thiol Cathepsin Activity." This support comes from the A. D. Williams Trust Funds.

PLEASE NOTE: Multi-school applications will not be accepted for April, 2007; the next available deadline for these awards will be October 1. For more information, including applications: <http://views.vcu.edu/adw/>



Did You Know?

Each Friday at 1:15 pm there are prayer services for members of the **Muslim faith in the MCVH Chapel**. These were arranged to support our diverse VCUHS community with the strong support of the VCU Chaplains. Faculty, staff and students, as well as patients and families, are welcome to attend.



WISDM Book Club

Join us for another delightful evening. Friends are welcome! Tuesday, February 27, 2007, 6-8 p.m., Book: *The Memory Keeper's Daughter* by Kim Edwards, Café Gutenberg, 1700 E. Main St., Shockoe Bottom (accessible to persons with disabilities). Facilitators: Dr. Gail Christie, Microbiology/Immunology, and Amy Hostetler, Science Writer.



Hunton Student Center Grand Re-Opening

The Hunton Student Center was officially opened on Wednesday, Jan. 24, with a formal dedication ceremony at noon and a wine-and-cheese reception in honor of MCV Campus students that evening. The beautifully renovated facility will be a gathering place for students across the MCV Campus, and is managed by the VCU Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Services. The \$5M renovation was generously supported by the MCV Foundation, MCV Alumni Association of VCU, Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Services, MCV Health Science Administration, Facilities Management Division, and the MCV Campus Student Government Association. Go by and visit. It is a fabulous facility. For more information, so to: <http://www.usca.vcu.edu/hunton/>. (*excerpted from the VCU TelegRAM, 1-18-07*)

Alumni and Development Office News

This past year, the School has benefited from gifts and pledges totaling \$31.6 million. That represents more than a two-fold increase over last year's total and shows the School of Medicine to be responsible for raising just under half of the \$65.4 million received university wide in the last fiscal year.

Joy Sanders has recently joined the Development Office as a Senior Development Officer. Before coming to the SOM, Joy was a regional gift officer at the University of Kentucky where she had responsibility for managing alumni in the Northeast region of the country. With over 10 years of experience in development, she has also worked for the United Way in Lexington, KY and Charleston, SC. Joy holds a degree in Communication from the University of Kentucky.

Faculty Philanthropy: During his first year as Dean, Dr. Strauss became impressed with the faculty's dedication to the School, including their outstanding contributions in support of the School's missions. Over the last two years, alone, SOM faculty members have made more than \$485,000 in gifts to the VCU Medical Center. In October, Dr. Strauss and his wife Cathy gathered with more than 70 of the school's faculty at the Scott House on the Monroe Park Campus to celebrate that generosity.

VCUHS/Departmental News

Virginia Commonwealth University Health System

Mrs. Leah Wacksman has been named Director of Professional Practice, Patient Care Services. Mrs. Wacksman joined the VCUHS on December 4 and will be located in the Nursing Administration Suite in the Main Hospital - 2nd Floor.

Mrs. Wacksman brings over 30 years of clinical and administrative experience to this position. She earned her Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Nursing/Nursing Administration from Florida State University and was a participant in the Darden Graduate School of Business Education, UVA HealthSystem Executive Leadership Program. Mrs. Wacksman joins us from UVA, where she was the current Director, Nursing Governance Programs and the Clinical Liaison, Information Systems.

Dr. Rodney Stiltner has been named Director of Pharmacy Services for the VCUHS. Dr Stiltner was selected to this position after a rigorous national search after serving for the past 14 months as Interim Director of Pharmacy Services. Rodney holds a Doctor of Pharmacy Degree from Mercer University Southern School of Pharmacy, Atlanta GA. He came to VCU in 1997 and served as the Assistant Director, Pharmacy Services until his appointment as Interim Director. Please join us in congratulating Rodney on his selection and welcoming him to his new position as Director of Pharmacy Services.

(Thanks to Darrell Johnson, VP, Professional Services, VCU Medical Center for this information)

School of Medicine

At the November AMA Interim Meeting in Las Vegas, several of our students and residents won awards in the research poster symposium. First-year student **Anshu Shukla** took the award in his category Neurobiology/Neuroscience for "A Model for Studying Vasogenic Brain Edema Using Intra-arterial Mannitol Infusion." In the resident section, **Dr. Candice McDaniel** (orthopaedic surgery) won the overall grand prize. In addition, **Ivan Davis** (MS-4) was named one of the AMA Foundation Physicians of Tomorrow \$10,000 Scholarship Awardees. (*Thanks to Zeina Saliba for this information*)

Department of Anatomy and Neurobiology

Dr. Alex Meredith was Keynote Speaker at the 7th Annual Meeting of the International Multisensory Research Forum hosted by the University of Dublin, Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland, June 18-21, 2006.

Department of Emergency Medicine

Dr. Joseph Ornato, Chair, was recognized as the “Outstanding EMS Physician” by the Old Dominion EMS Alliance (ODEMSA), the regional EMS council in Central Virginia as part of the Governor’s Annual EMS awards. He was recognized for his expertise and leadership in EMS, as well as his significant contributions to improving the EMS system in Virginia in an awards ceremony sponsored by ODEMSA and the Virginia State Office of EMS.

Department of Family Medicine



The Department is pleased to announce that **Dr. Cynthia (Heldberg) Messmer**, formerly Associate Dean for Admissions, has joined family medicine as the part-time Coordinator of Graduate Programs. Dr. Messmer will be working closely with the five family medicine residency programs on innovations in curriculum, including clinical service redesign and related faculty development. Dr. Messmer served in the VCU SOM for 20 years. Prior to coming to VCU in 1986 she was affiliated with the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine. She received her Ph.D. in Public Administration from VCU in 1997 and her M.A. in Higher Education Administration in 1982. Dr. Messmer has an exceptional understanding of medical education and the importance of primary care, and also has experience in building endowment funding. We feel very fortunate to have her as a member of our team.

Daniel C. Lawrence, M.D., board certified family physician, joined the Department in Nelson Clinic Practice in October 2006. Dr. Lawrence is a 1980 graduate of VCU SOM and completed his residency training in 1983 at the VCU Fairfax Family Medicine Residency program. From 1983 until August, 2006 Dr. Lawrence was in private practice at Brook Run Family Physicians in Glen Allen. Dr. Lawrence has been affiliated with the Department’s educational programs since 1984 working with first, second and third year students.

Department of Human Genetics

Rachel Baughman Gannaway, MS, CGC has been appointed director of the Master’s in Genetic Counseling Program. She replaces Lauren Vanner Nicely, who served as director for the last 10 years. Gannaway plans to continue the excellence of training students and medical professionals in the program and help to expand the professional roles available to genetic counselors. Gannaway is a charter member of the American Board of Genetic Counseling. Prior to coming to VCU, Gannaway was the coordinator of the Prenatal Diagnosis Program at the University of North Carolina for 10 years.

Department of Internal Medicine

The Medical Society of Virginia Foundation has presented Salute to Service Awards to a 1962 graduate of the Medical College of Virginia and a current VCU School of Medicine student. **Clarence “Clancy” A. Holland, M.D.**, and **David C. Buxton** recently were honored during the organization’s fifth annual Presidents’ Gala at Kingsmill in Williamsburg.

Holland was honored for his exemplary service on behalf of all Virginians and Buxton was recognized for his exemplary service as a medical student.

Holland, a 1962 MCV graduate, has served his patients and his community at large in a variety of roles, including family physician, Virginia Beach city council member, mayor of Virginia Beach and state senator. As a physician and local official, Holland served the needs of the residents of Hampton Roads. As a senator, he advanced the health of all Virginians through his service on the Joint Commission on Health Care, as well as his service as a member of the Education and Health, Finance, Privileges and Elections, Rehabilitation, and Social Services committees.

Buxton, a student in the VCU SOM, spent his first year in medical school serving as the director of the Honduras Outreach Medical Brigade Relief Effort. His responsibilities included fundraising, physician and student recruitment, and the international coordination that allowed his group to treat more than 7,800 Honduran patients in a two-week period. Buxton and his team treated nearly 25 percent more patients than the previous year. He also has volunteered in Belize and India and worked as an international mental health intern at the Carter Center and at the International Hospital for Children.

The Salute to Service Awards are given to physicians, medical students and alliance members who are dedicated to creating and nurturing a caring health and disease-prevention environment by providing service on behalf of all Virginians, service to the uninsured and underserved, service to the international community and service to the profession.

(excerpted from a press release by Malorie Janis, University News Services)

Department of Pathology



Margaret M. Grimes, M.D., Professor of Pathology and vice chair for graduate medical education, has been elected trustee to the American Board of Pathology. Grimes was nominated by the Association of Directors of Anatomic and Surgical Pathology in 2006. Grimes' leadership extends to an array of national-level committees, several of which she has chaired, including the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education Residency Review Committee for Pathology. She also has received numerous teaching awards and was listed among Richmond Magazine's Top Doctors in the April 2006 issue. She will begin her term of service in January 2007. The mission of ABP is to promote the health of the public by advancing the practice and science of pathology.

The Department is pleased to announce the opening of a **second Patient Service Center** off Midlothian Turnpike in Midlothian Center Mall. The new location started accepting patients for phlebotomy and specimen collections in October. The hours of operation are M-F from 8:30 AM - 5:00PM. The new location is conveniently located between the two CJW campuses at 105 Wadsworth Drive just east of the Powhite Pkwy exits. Should you need additional information, please contact the Pathology Client Service Helpline at 828-7284.

Eleven faculty members in the Department have contributed to the 21st edition of "Henry's Clinical Diagnosis and Management by Laboratory Methods." This comprehensive textbook includes new sections on hemostasis, thrombosis and the clinical pathology of cancer, and a new chapter on the microbiologic aspects of bioterrorism. **Richard A. McPherson, M.D.**, chair of the Division of Clinical Pathology, is one of two editors of the text. McPherson is joined by associate editor **H. Davis Massey, M.D., Ph.D.**, assistant professor of pathology, and nine other contributing experts from the Department of Pathology. McPherson has been a contributing expert for more than 20 years. He served as assistant editor for the 17th and 20th editions and has contributed to every edition since. Also contributing were **Jonathan Ben-Ezra, M.D., Andrea Ferreira-Gonzalez, Ph.D., Carleton T. Garrett, M.D., Ph.D., W. Greg Miller, Ph.D., Roger S. Riley, M.D., Ph.D., Susan D. Roseff, M.D., Kimberly W. Sanford, M.D., David S. Wilkinson, M.D., Ph.D., and Shourong Zhao, M.D.**

Department of Surgery



Dr. Ron Merrell was featured in a November article in the *Lancet* about his work with the Cinterandes Foundation bringing surgical services to patients in rural Ecuador (*The Lancet* 2006; **368**:1563-1564). The Foundation's seven-member surgical team visits the countryside in a truck outfitted with preparation and operating rooms. The truck is equipped with air conditioning, its own water supply, and a hydraulic lift to transfer patients to and from the operating table. The surgical team works with a network of community physicians, also created by the Foundation, called the Integral Family Health program. The program's 22 doctors, located in 10 communities, are charged with proactively visiting local families to evaluate their health and advise them on good health practices.

Dr. Merrell has worked with Cinterandes since 1979, volunteering as a surgeon, assisting with fundraising and helping Cinterandes set up its telemedicine technology. The team's telemedicine system uses a laptop computer, a digital video camera, and a videoconferencing system and is able to work over a telephone line with a baud rate of only 12 kb per second. In most developed countries the standard telephone dial-up baud rate is 56 kb, and even that is slow for transmitting high-quality images. Merrell said the key is transmitting the information under high compression, with freeze-frames of key images. Using the technology, more experienced surgeons located as far away as Yale University have helped evaluate the patients in Ecuador and monitored the administration of anesthesia, as well as both laparoscopic and open surgery procedures. After disasters, such as the 2005 Pakistani earthquake, Merrell has employed similar techniques using a faster 64 kb per second satellite phone connection. According to Cinterandes' data, the program has dramatically reduced child malnutrition and increased the number of women who have prenatal and postnatal checkups and give birth in hospitals rather than at home. (*Thanks to Dr. Carlos U. Arancibia for this information*)



Dr. Katherine Gianola named McGuire VAMC Acting Associate Chief of Staff for Education

Effective December 11, 2006, **Katherine Gianola, M.D.**, was designated Acting Associate Chief of Staff for Education. **Karen Sanders, M.D.** has assumed the role of Deputy Chief, Office of Academic Affiliations for the Department of Veterans Affairs. Effective immediately, Dr. Gianola will also assume the role of Chief of Health Informatics. This office will be responsible for CPRS, BCMA, and Telehealth. Health Informatics will be organizationally aligned under the Chief of Staff.

According to Dr. Gianola, the vacancy for the ACOS for Education is posted through February 9, 2007. For the position description and application information go to: <http://www.vacareers.va.gov/jobdetails.cfm?JobID=VHA652PHYS91572&link1=%3Ca%20href%3D%27state%2Ecfm%27%3ESearch%20by%20State%3C%2Fa%3E&link2=searchtype%3Dstate%26searchvar%3DVA&link3=%26searchtype%3Dstate%26searchvar%3DVA%26OccupationalTitle%3DPhysician%26ShwOS%3DYes%26OccupationalSpecialty%3DAdministration>.

Inova Campus Update



On August 1, 2006, the VCU School of Medicine Inova Campus welcomed its second class of third year medical students.

On September 18, 2006, the Inova Campus hosted an M3 Clinical Skills Workshop Day. Students learned and practiced techniques for Foley catheters, venipuncture, IVs, ABGs, suturing, C-spine fracture immobilization, and nasogastric



tube placement. Instructors included Inova Fairfax Hospital physicians, nurses, and clinical staff.



New and Competing Grant Awards – July 1 - September 30, 2006

Please join us in recognizing the following researchers who received grant awards during July 1 - September 30, 2006. These are listed by faculty member name, department, awarding agency/institution titles, and amount. Data source: InfoEd utilized by the VCU Office of Research. This data is as of 10/31/06. (Note: Grant titles are as available from InfoEd.)

Anatomy and Neurobiology

National Institutes of Health

Merchant, Randall E	National Cancer Institute/NIH/DHHS	T Cell Suppression by Immature Myeloid Cells in Gliomas	Initial	20,316
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Non-Profit

Fuss, Babette	National Multiple Sclerosis Society	PD-1 Alpha/ATX Functional Domains and Protein Interactions	Initial	108,290
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State/Local

Dupree, Jeffrey L.	Virginia Center on Aging	Understanding the Role of Sulfatide in Maintaining Viable Neurons in Alzheimer's Disease	Initial	30,000
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Anesthesiology

Industry

Green, Jeffrey A	Novo Nordisk Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	A Multi-Centre, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, dose escalation trial on safety and efficacy of activated recombinant factor VII (rFVIIa/NovoSeven) in the	Initial	66,741
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Biochemistry

National Institutes of Health

Chalfant, Charles E.	National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute/NIH/DHHS	Role of Ceramide Phosphate in Prostaglandin Synthesis	Supplement	37,500
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Chalfant, Charles E.	National Institutes of Health	Sphingolipid Regulation of Caspase 9 Alternative Splicing	Initial	248,820
Spiegel, Sarah	National Institute of General Medical Sciences/NIH/DHHS	Role of Sphingosine-1 Phosphate Phosphohydrolase	Supplement	31,111
<i>Non-Profit</i>				
Chalfant, Charles E.	McGuire Research Institutes	VAMC IPA Agreement to Examine Mechanisms of the Pre-mRNA Processing of BCL-X	Initial	21,100
<i>State/Local</i>				
Zehner, Zendra E	Commonwealth Health Research Board	The Role of the Oncogene Stat3 and Tumor Suppressor ZBP-89 in Tumor Metastasis	Initial	133,000
<u>Biostatistics</u>				
<i>Non-Profit</i>				
McClish, Donna K	Virginia Tobacco Settlement Foundation	Subproject for Institution #PT100213	Initial	6,056
<u>Emergency Medicine</u>				
<i>Industry</i>				
New, Mary B	Cholestech, Corp.	Assessment of Chest Pain in the Emergency Department Using Endo-PAT	Initial	41,300
Ward, Kevin R.	CW Optics, Inc.	Optical Detection of Intravascular Infiltration	Initial	25,067
<i>Other Federal</i>				
Ward, Kevin R.	Department of Defense	Preceptor Support Services at VCU for Joint Special Operations Combat Medic/Special Forces Course	Initial	302,597
<u>Epidemiology And Community Health</u>				
<i>Industry</i>				
Masho, Saba W.	Virginia Premier Health Plan, Inc.	Virginia Premier Health Plan Assistantship	Initial	42,098
<i>Non-Profit</i>				
Jones, Resa M.	Virginia Tobacco Settlement Foundation	Subproject for Institution #PT100213	Initial	15,098
<i>State/Local</i>				
Vance, R Leonard	City of Richmond	Mold Monitoring in Richmond Schools	Initial	20,000
<u>Family Medicine</u>				
<i>Industry</i>				
Kuzel, Anton John	Chippenham and Johnston Willis Hospital, Inc.	Clinical Education for VCU Family Medicine Residents	Initial	783,475
<i>Other Federal</i>				
Kuzel, Anton John	Health Resources and Services Administration/DHHS	Training in Primary Care Medicine and Dentistry	Supplement	9,461
<u>Internal Medicine</u>				
<i>Industry</i>				
Baker, Sherman Jr.	Eli Lilly	A Randomized Phase 3 Trial of Pemetrexed and Carboplatin versus Etoposide and Carboplatin in Extensive - Stage Small Cell Lung Cancer	Initial	40,471
Bearman, Gonzalo M. L.	Pfizer Inc., U.S. Pharmaceuticals Group	Risk factors and prevalence of CA MRSA nasal colonization and secondary transmission to household members in a cohort of screened patients from an ambulatory setting	Initial	198,375
Fairman, R Paul Md	InterMune, Inc.	A Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled, Phase 3 Study of the Safety and Efficacy of Pirfenidone in Patients with Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis	Initial	43,200

Gehr, Todd W.b.	Amgen, Inc.	EVOLVE - Evaluation of Cinaclet HCl Therapy to Lower Cardiovascular Events	Initial	61,830
Khatcheressian, James L	Abraxis BioSciences, Inc.	A Randomized Phase II Trial of Weekly versus Every 2-Week versus Every 3-Week Administration of ABI-007 in Combination with Bevcizumab in Women with Metastatic Breast Cancer.	Initial	24,183
Kirby, Donald F	Alba Therapeutics Corporation	A Phase 2a, Randomized, double-blind, placebo controlled dose ranging multicenter study to determine the safety tolerance and efficacy of AT - 1001 in celiac disease subjects	Initial	23,233
Kontos, Michael C	General Electric Healthcare	A Phase 3, Open-label, Multi-center Study to Determine Efficacy and Safety of Visipaque (iodixanol) Injection for Use in Intravenous Contrast-Enhanced CT Angiography of Coronary Arteries	Initial	7,327
Lyckholm, Laurel J.	Medtronic	Palliative Care and Pain Management Fellowship	Initial	25,000
McCarty, John M.	Amgen, Inc.	A Randomized, Double-Blind, PlaceboControlled Trial to Evaluate Palifermin (rHuKGF) in the Reduction of Acute Graft Versus Host Disease in Subjects with Hematologic Malignancies Undergoing Allogeneic Marrow/PBPC Transplantation	Supplement	8,557
McCarty, John M.	Wyeth Pharmaceutical	Phase 1/2 Study of SKI-606 in Philadelphia Chromosome Positive Leukemias	Initial	106,186
Sanyal, Arun J	Salix Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	A multicenter, randomized, double-blind, placebo controlled trial to evaluate the efficacy Safety and tolerability of Rifaximin 550 mg Bid for 6 months in preventing Hepatic Encephalopathy	Initial	52,200
Sanyal, Arun J	Debiovision Inc.	The Early Use of Sanvar with Endoscopic Treatment for the Control of Acute Variceal Bleeding Due to Portal Hypertension (Phase III Study)	Initial	48,850
Shiffman, Mitchell L	Celera Diagnostics	Identifying Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms in Genes Associated with Fibrosis Progression and Response to Interferon Therapy in Patients with Hepatitis C Virus infection	Supplement	90,000
Smith, Wally R	ICAGEN, Inc.	An Open-Label ExtensionStudy Evaluating the Long Term Safety of ICA-17043-12 with or without Hydroxyurea Therapy in Subjects with Sickle Cell Disease	Initial	165,000
Vetrovec, George W	deCODE Genetics, Inc.	A Multicenter prospective, randomized, double blind, placebo controlled Phase II Clinical outcome study to examine the long term safety & Veliflapon (DG-031) in reducing the risk of acute cardiovascular events by its effect on leukotrien gene markers	Initial	36,000
Vetrovec, George W	Schering	A Multi-center, Randomized, Double Blind, Placebo controlled study to evaluate the safety of SCH 530348 in subjects undergoing Non urgent Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (Thrombin Receptor AntagoNiSt for Clinical EveNt reDuction over stanDard Concomita	Initial	66,000
Wise, Christopher M.	Immunex	Open-Label Extension Treatment with TNFR: Fc for Participating Patients in TNFR: Fc Clinical Trial 016.0012	Supplement	11,700

National Institutes of Health

Clore, John N	National Institutes of Health	Planning Grants for Institutional Clinical and Translational Science Awards	Initial	216,956
Nixon, Daniel E.	National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases/NIH/DHHS	Richmond AIDS Consortium	Supplement	630,857
Roberts, John D.	National Cancer Institute/NIH/DHHS	VCU Minority Based CCOP	Supplement	40,000
Shiffman, Mitchell L	National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases/NIH/DHHS	Hepatitis C Clinical Trial - Clinical Centers	Supplement	66,625
Smith, Wally R	National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute/NIH/DHHS	Virginia Commonwealth University Sickle Cell Disease Research Network	Initial	304,461
Stravitz, Richard T	National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases/NIH/DHHS	Adult to Adult Living Donor Liver Transplantation.	Initial	21,479

Non-Profit

McCarty, John M.	National Marrow Donor Program	Phase III Randomized, Multicenter Trial Comparing Sirolimus/Tacrolimus/Methotrexate as GVHD Prophylaxis after HLA-Matched, Related, Peripheral Blood Stem Cell Transplantation	Initial	52,973
Roberts, John D.	NSABP Foundation	Addendum to the Master Purchased Services Agreement TIND-415	Supplement	49,000
Wilson, Diane B.	Virginia Tobacco Settlement Foundation	Subproject for Institution #PT100213	Initial	12,669

Other

Gibney, Eric M.	Sponsor To Be Created	The Long-Term Medical and Psychosocial Implications of Becoming a Living Kidney Donor: A Prospective Pilot Study	Initial	2,666
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State/Local

Masilamani, Shyama	Commonwealth Health Research Board	Sex Hormone Mediated Regulation of Kidney Transporters and Blood Pressure Control	Initial	130,482
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Sub-Awards

Barrett, John C	University of Pennsylvania	Hemophilia Regional Diagnostic Center (MCHB Portion)	Initial	19,077
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Medicine - Deans Office

Industry

Strauss, Jerome F III	McGuire VA Medical Center	McGuire VA Medical Center Research Funding	Initial	6,644,295
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National Institutes of Health

Strauss, Jerome F III	National Institutes of Health	Research Training in Reproductive Biology for Latin American Scientists	Initial	142,614
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Microbiology & Immunology

National Institutes of Health

Ohman, Dennis E.	National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases/NIH/DHHS	Activation of Alginate Genes in Pseudomonas Aeruginosa	Initial	335,250
Ohman, Dennis E.	National Institutes of Health	Training in Molecular Pathogenesis of Microbial Diseases	Initial	201,340

Neurology

Industry

Felton, Warren L III	Biogen Idec, Inc.	A Multi-Center Randomized, Blinded, Parallel-Group Study of AVONEX Compared with AVONEX in Combination with Oral Methotrexate, Intravenous Methylprednisolone or Both in Subjects with Relapsing-Remitting Multiple Sclerosis Who have Breakthrough Disease on	Supplement	25,300
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Vota, Scott	Neurogesx, Inc.	A Multicenter Randomized, Double-Blind, Controlled Study Of NGX-4010 For The Treatment Of Postherpetic Neuralgia	Initial	27,084
<i>National Institutes of Health</i>				
Delorenzo, Robert John	National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke/NIH/DHHS	Countermeasures Against Acetylcholine Receptor Activated Status Epilepticus	Initial	442,934
<u>Neurosurgery</u>				
<i>Industry</i>				
Graham, Robert Scott	Confluent Surgical, Inc.	A Prospective, Multi-Center, Randomized Controlled Study to Compare the Spinal Sealant System as an Adjunct to Sutured Dural Repair with Standard of Care Methods during Spinal Surgery	Initial	63,358
Mathern, Bruce E	Lifenet	Comparison of Preservon Treated Allograft Bone Dowels vs. Traditional Freeze-Dried Allograft Bone Dowels for Fusion of Degenerated Cervical Intervertebral Discs in the Treatment of Cervical Radiculopathy and Myelopathy	Initial	160,960
<i>National Institutes of Health</i>				
Graf, Martin	National Cancer Institute/NIH/DHHS	T Cell Suppression by Immature Myeloid Cells in Gliomas	Initial	248,532
<u>Obstetrics and Gynecology</u>				
<i>Industry</i>				
Stovall, Dale W.	Wyeth-Ayerst Research	Double-Blind Randomized, Placebo-Controlled Dose Ranging Study of the Effects of ERB-041 in the Reduction of Symptoms Associated With Endometriosis in Reproductive Aged Women.	Supplement	29,200
<i>Non-Profit</i>				
Bodamer, Cheryl Nunnally	CJ Foundation for SIDS	An Outreach Education Program to Reduce the Risk of SIDS and Other Sudden Unexpected Infant Deaths	Initial	14,775
<u>Pediatrics</u>				
<i>Industry</i>				
Elliott, Greg R.	Inspire Pharmaceuticals	A Multi-Center, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Randomized, Efficacy and Safety Study of Denufosol Tetrasodium(INS37217) Inhalation Solution in Patients with Mild Cystic Fibrosis Lung Disease	Initial	65,148
Elliott, Greg R.	Genentech, Inc.	A Phase IIIb Multicenter, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-controlled study of Xolair in subjects with moderate to severe persistent asthma who are inadequately controlled with High Dose Inhaled Corticosteroids and Long-Acting Beta-Agonists	Initial	139,792
Godder, Kamar	Actelion	Assessment in Patients with Sickle Cell Disease of the Efficacy and Safety of Bosentan Therapy on Pulmonary Hypertension	Initial	110,343
Irani, Anne-Marie	Merck & Co., Inc.	A Multicenter, Randomized, Double-blind, Placebo-controlled Parallel Group 8-Week Study to Evaluate the Efficacy and Safety of Chewable Montelukast When Initiated at the Start of the School year in Pediatric Patients with Chronic Asthma	Initial	33,009
Kum-Nji, Phillip	Wyeth Pharmaceutical	A Multi-center, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, treatment-withdrawal study of the efficacy and safety of	Initial	66,617

Meloy, Linda D	Wyeth Pharmaceutical	pantoprazole sodiun enteric-coated granules in infants (1 through 11 Months) with Symptomatic gerd. A Phase 3, Randomized, Active-control, Double-blind Trial Evaluating the Safety, Tolerability and Immunogenicity of a 13-valent Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine in Healthy Infants Given with Routine Pediatric Immunizations in the United States	Initial	58,125
Rozycki, Henry J.	Wyeth Pharmaceutical	A multicenter, open-label, pharmacokinetic, pharmacodynamic, clinical symptoms, and safety study of Pantoprazole delayed-release granules administered as a suspension in neonates and preterm infants with a clinical diagnosis of gastro esophageal reflux di	Initial	96,573

National Institutes of Health

Evans, Melissa C.	National Institutes of Health	Arterial Cell Signaling in Vasodilatory Shock	Initial	166,932
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Non-Profit

Elliott, Greg R.	Cystic Fibrosis Foundation	Participation in the Cystic Fibrosis Registry	Initial	50,614
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Pharmacology & Toxicology

National Institutes of Health

Damaj, M. Imad	National Institute on Drug Abuse/NIH/DHHS	The Role of Calcuim-Dependent Mechanisms in Nicotine's Tolerance and Effects	Initial	186,250
Dewey, William L	National Institute on Drug Abuse/NIH/DHHS	The Role of Protein Kinase C in Opioid Tolerance	Initial	260,348
Martin, Billy R	National Institute on Drug Abuse/NIH/DHHS	Center for Drug Abuse Research	Supplement	367,985
Welch, S P	National Institute on Drug Abuse/NIH/DHHS	Modulation of Opioid Antinociception and Tolerance by Sphingosine-1-Phosphate	Initial	74,500

Non-Profit

Balster, Robert L	Virginia Tobacco Settlement Foundation	Virginia Youth Tobacco Project Research Coalition Core	Initial	186,651
Martin, Billy R	Virginia Tobacco Settlement Foundation	Research into Youth Tobacco Use Prevention	Initial	232,584
Miles, Michael F.	Scripps Research Institute	Microarray Analysis of Cocaine Plasticity	Initial	22,000

Sub-Awards

Satin, Leslie S	Boston University	Lipid Modulation of B-Cell Calcium Channels	Initial	75,000
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Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation

Other Federal

Wehman, Paul H	Department of Labor	Self-Employment for Adults and Youth with Disabilities Research and Technical Assistance	Initial	1,499,767
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State/Local

Cifu, David X	Virginia Department of Rehabilitative Services	Research and Program Development Resource and Partnership for Enhanced Disability Services in the Commonwealth	Initial	75,000
Niemeier, Janet P.	Virginia Department of Rehabilitative Services	Virginia Clubhouse Vocational Transitions Program	Initial	135,670

Physiology

Industry

Lyll, Vijay	Linguagen Corp.	Evaluation of TRPM5 modualtors Discovered by Linguagen Corp and the Commercially available PLC beta 2 modualtors on sweet, bitter, and unami taste by rat chorda tympani nerve record	Initial	43,393
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Psychiatry

Industry

Pandurangi, Ananda K	Eli Lilly	Predicting Response to Risperidone Treatment	Initial	159,505
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National Institutes of Health

Chen, Xiangning	National Institute on Drug Abuse/NIH/DHHS	Genetics of Nicotine and other abused substances	Initial	169,070
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McCance-Katz, Elinore F.	National Institute on Drug Abuse/NIH/DHHS	Opioids and HIV Medications-Interactions in Drug Abusers	Supplement	127,940
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Non-Profit

Kuo, Po-Hsiu	National Alliance for Research on Schizophrenia and Depression	Genetics in the Comorbidity of Major Depression and Alcohol Dependence	Initial	14,700
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Other Federal

Horvatic, Paula K	Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration	Cooperative Agreements Addiction Technology Transfer Center	Supplement	535,534
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State/Local

Linker, Julie A	Henrico County	Evaluation of Henrico Court Services Unit Services and Programs	Initial	24,849
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Sub-Awards

McCance-Katz, Elinore F.	Johns Hopkins University	Clinical Trials Network Mid-Atlantic Collaborative Group	Supplement	218,473
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Radiation Oncology

National Institutes of Health

Murphy, Martin J.	National Cancer Institute/NIH/DHHS	Deformable Image Registration and Reconstruction for Radiotherapy Applications	Initial	245,444
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Radiology

Industry

Fulcher, Ann S.	Repligen Corporation	A Phase II Study to Assess the Safety and Methods for Determining the Efficacy of RG1068 (Synthetic Human Secretin)	Initial	53,840
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Grizzard, John D.	General Electric Healthcare	DXV301 A Phase 3, Open-label, Multi-center Study to Determine Efficacy and Safety of Visipaque (iodixanol) Injection for Use in Intravenous Contrast-Enhanced CT Angiography of Coronary Arteries	Initial	174,521
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Surgery

Industry

Maher, James W.	United States Surgical Corporation	Fellowship Agreement	Initial	65,000
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Maluf, Daniel G.	Roche Laboratories, Inc.	New Strategies for Non-Invasive Detection of Chronic Allograft Nephropathy	Initial	82,700
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Other Federal

Merrell, Ronald C.	National Aeronautics & Space Administration	Imaging Informatics Management System for Mission Based Vehicle and Human Health System	Supplement	459,438
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Total SOM New and Competitive Renewals: \$19,110,344

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