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## Jim Messmer, Sr. Associate Dean for Medical Education, to Retire June 2008



**James Messmer, M.D.**, Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education, plans to retire on June 30, 2008. He will continue to steer the School through the LCME process during the next year with an anticipated outcome of accreditation for an additional seven years. In 1990, Dr. Messmer was appointed Assistant Dean for Admissions in the SOM and in 1992 Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in charge of Admissions and Medical Education. In 1994, he was appointed Associate Dean for Medical Education and in 2001 was appointed Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education. He is currently Professor of Radiology in the Abdominal Imaging Section in the Department of Radiology and Consultant for the Chief Medical Examiners Office for the Commonwealth of Virginia. Jim's leadership of and contributions to medical education have been many and his dedication to the School and University has been stellar.

Joel Silverman, M.D., Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry, has been asked to lead a Search Committee to undertake the task of identifying Dr. Messmer's successor in this critical role for our School. Please join us in thanking Dr. Messmer for his long and outstanding service to our School and Health System.

## Former Surgeon General Dr. Antonia Novello 2007 Convocation Speaker



**Antonia Coello Novello, M.D., M.P.H., Dr.P.H.**, the 14th Surgeon General of the U.S. Public Health Service, will be the guest speaker at our School of Medicine Convocation and Hooding, Friday, May 18, 3 pm, Seigel Center, VCU. In 1990, Dr. Novello became the first woman and the first Hispanic ever to hold the Surgeon General position, and served with President George H.W. Bush 1990 – 1993. As Surgeon General, Dr. Novello advised the public on health matters, such as smoking, AIDS, diet and nutrition, environmental health hazards, and the importance of immunization and disease prevention. After her Surgeon General tenureship, she served as United Nations Children's Fund Special Representative for Health and Nutrition, 1993 – 1996, where she advised the Executive Director on issues pertaining to women, children, and youth. In particular, Dr. Novello provided leadership toward the global efforts to eliminate iodine and vitamin A deficiency disorders, immunizing the world's children, and preventing smoking and substance abuse. From June 1999 – January 2007, Dr. Novello served as Commissioner, New York State Department of Health, Albany, NY, heading one of the largest public health agencies in the nation with responsibility for a \$49.4 billion budget.

Dr. Novello was born in Fajardo, Puerto Rico and graduated from the University of Puerto Rico with a BS degree in 1965 and an MD degree in 1970. Dr. Novello served her pediatric internship and residency at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (1970-1973), where she was selected Intern of the year (1970). She completed her subspecialty training in pediatric nephrology also at the University Michigan (1974) and at Georgetown University (1975). Dr. Novello was awarded a MPH with a concentration in health services administration from the John Hopkins University in 1982. She is a member of Alpha Omega Alpha, has published extensively, has received numerous awards, and holds over 45 honorary doctoral degrees. In May 2000, Dr. Novello was awarded a Doctor of Public Health from Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health, with a concentration in public policy and management. She is a board-certified pediatrician and is Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at the Georgetown University School of Medicine and the Uniformed Services University of the health Sciences.

Please join the Class of 2007 for convocation to support our students and help celebrate their achievements. Faculty who plan to march in the academic procession should arrive at the Seigel Center by 2:15 pm with their regalia. Please report to the Board of Visitors, Room 027 downstairs.

## Department Chair/Administrative Search Update

### *Department of Physiology*

The search committee, chaired by Dr. Gordon Archer (Internal Medicine and Associate Dean for Research) has conducted its first set of interviews with candidates. Three excellent candidates are being invited back for more extensive visits.

### *Department of Biostatistics*

The search committee, chaired by Dr. John Clore (Internal Medicine) is continuing work and interviewing candidates.

### *Senior Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs Position*

The Search Committee, led by Dr. Bela Sood (Psychiatry) has sent a short list of outstanding candidates to the Dean. They will be invited for interviews over the next several months.

### *Chief Operating Officer for MCVH*

The search committee (Dr. David Wilkinson, Chair of Pathology) has selected two finalists who are coming to Richmond over the next two weeks. They will be meeting with Dr. Trani, Dr. Strauss and representatives of the VCUHS Board. Both are excellent leaders with proven track records of success.



## Please Join Us in Welcoming These New Faculty

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

### **Robert Blair, Ph.D. - Neurology**

Dr. Blair is an Assistant Professor who received his undergraduate degree from Lynchburg College in 1986 and his Ph.D. from VCU, Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology in 1998. Dr. Blair has worked in Neurology as a postdoctoral research associate since June 2001. His area of expertise is in basic science mechanisms in epilepsy and status epilepticus. He has worked on various projects in the neurology laboratory including the development of new strategies for the treatment of nerve agent-induced status epilepticus, studying the properties of cannabinoids in the hippocampal neuronal culture models of acquired epilepsy and status epilepticus, and characterizing the NMDA/calcium-dependent changes in neuronal gene expression in epilepsy.

### **Vladimir Vladimirov, Ph.D. - Psychiatry**

Dr. Vladimirov has accepted a position as Assistant Professor at the Virginia Institute of Psychiatric and Behavioral Genetics (VIPBG) in the Department of Psychiatry. Dr. Vladimirov trained in medicine in Bulgaria and genetics in the Czech Republic and has done a post doc fellowship in the molecular genetics lab at VIPBG since 2003. His recruitment will expand the capacities of the molecular genetics laboratory to examine at an mRNA and protein level, the actions of potential candidate genes identified through more traditional genetic methods.

### **Sarah J. Fitch, M.D. - Radiology**

The Department welcomes Dr. Fitch who arrived on March 1. Dr. Fitch specializes in Pediatric Radiology and will join Dr. Lakshmana D. Narla in our Pediatric Section. Dr. Fitch received her MD degree at the University of Mississippi, School of Medicine. Dr. Fitch most recently worked at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and Arkansas Children's Hospital.

### **Lorraine Berman, M.D. - Surgery**

Dr. Lorraine Berman is a graduate of the University of Maryland and received her MD degree from the University of Connecticut. During a two year vascular surgery fellowship at Hartford, she focused on endovascular training.

### **Joel Berman, M.D. - Surgery**

Dr. Joel Berman is a graduate of the University of Chicago and completed his General Surgery training at Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse, NY. He completed a vascular fellowship at Baystate Medical Center and in 1999 assumed the role of chief of vascular surgery at Baystate.

Drs. Berman were hired effective 1/15/07 in the Division of Vascular Surgery. The Bermans are a husband and wife team from Springfield, MA. They will share their time between VCU Medical Center and the VA operating and seeing patients in clinic.

## **Drs. Sood and Spiegel Receive WISDM Professional Achievement Awards**

Two VCU School of Medicine faculty members have received the Women in Science, Dentistry and Medicine (WISDM) Professional Achievement Award for their special contributions, dedication, leadership, mentorship and accomplishments in the School of Medicine.

This year's honorees — Aradhana Bela Sood, M.D., Sarah Spiegel, Ph.D. — were recognized during the 15th Annual Pathways to Leadership Conference at the Kontos Medical Sciences Building and the Egyptian Building, MCV Campus, March 9. Both have served as strong role models and mentors for the professional development of women faculty and have consistently demonstrated qualities that show excellence in areas such as teaching expertise, leadership and scholarly endeavors.



Dr. Aradhana  
Bela Sood

Sood is chair of child and adolescent psychiatry and medical director of the Virginia Treatment Center for Children. She also is a three-year president of WISDM and was honored as one of the YWCA's 2006 Outstanding Women.

Spiegel, professor and chair of the Department of Biochemistry, arrived here as chair in 2001 and, according to colleagues, brought new talent and re-energized existing staff and researchers. Spiegel also was instrumental in securing funding for a complete renovation of the department's aging research space. In fewer than five years, she took a department ranked 103rd in NIH funding and drove it to 32nd.



Dr. Sarah Spiegel

The WISDM Professional Achievement Award for the VCU School of Dentistry went to Carole Pratt, D.D.S., a 1976 graduate of the dental school who is in private practice in rural Southwest Virginia. Pratt has been active on the Virginia Board of Health, the Virginia Rural Health Association, the Economic Development Alliance, the Chamber of Commerce and a variety of other public policy groups.

The Women in Science, Dentistry and Medicine Professional Achievement Award was established in 1993. The WISDM faculty organization solicits nominations annually. For more information, visit <http://www.womeninmedicine.vcu.edu/APAA.html>. (Thanks to Malorie Janis, University News Services; photos by Jennifer Watson, VCU Creative Services.)

## **Michelle Whitehurst-Cook, M.D., YWCA's 2007 Outstanding Woman of the Year in Health and Science**



**Dr. Michelle Whitehurst-Cook**, Associate Dean for Admissions and Associate Professor of Family Medicine has been named the YWCA's 2007 Outstanding Woman of the Year in Health and Science. Honorees were formally recognized in at a luncheon on April 20, at the Greater Richmond Convention Center. Also honored will be Rebecca (Becky) Massey as the Outstanding Woman of the Year in Volunteerism. Mrs. Massey serves as Chairwoman of the VCU Massey Cancer Center and helped raise more than \$112M for a new research laboratory and its research teams.

This year's winners were selected from nearly 100 nominees, based on their impact on the community, their leadership skills, a high level of personal and professional achievement, and commitment to equality and racial harmony.

# A Successful 2007 Residency Match Day!

The School did very well in the Match this year. Ninety-four percent of our students matched prior to the scramble compared to the national average of 93%, and 100% of our students who participated in the Match were offered positions after the scramble. Seven students matched in the military. We had eight students who received positions in the early Match including three in urology, two in neurosurgery and three in ophthalmology. In those programs that have proven to be extremely competitive, we had two students matched in orthopedic surgery, three in plastic surgery, three in dermatology, and three in otolaryngology. Forty-five students matched to the VCU Health System. Sixty eight students matched into primary care and the remainder in specialties.



The 2006 residency MATCH for VCUHS was the strongest that it has ever been. All programs matched their PGY-1 positions. They also matched at a much higher level on their rank list than in the past. We believe the reasons for the strong match were that the programs, including the program directors and office staff, along with the Chairs and faculty all worked very hard to recruit this year. The stability of the Senior Leadership with their strong commitment to education made VCUHS a very attractive location to train. The investment in the infrastructure and the physical plant says that we are a place to be a part of. Individual program commitment to education and the 80 hour work week combined with the wide range of pathology offers excellent training. Increased emphasis and opportunities for resident research have opened up a new group of applicants for us. Richmond is a relatively low cost area with great employment and educational opportunities for families. That coupled with the awards that the Health System received from both Working Mother and Best Richmond Employer all contribute to an incredible Match. Congratulations and thank you to all involved in the process.

Following is a list of our students and the residency programs to which they matched.

## **VCU SCHOOL OF MEDICINE MATCH RESULTS - 2007**

### **OBSTETRICS/GYNECOLOGY**

Adawadkar, Swati	Virginia Commonwealth U Hlth Sys-VA	
Draper, Jennie	New York University-NY	Preliminary
Kim, Joy	Baylor Coll Med-Houston-TX	
Lane, Sara	Carolinas Med Ctr-NC	
Laskey, Robin	Duke Univ Med Ctr-NC	
Osire, Josephine	Franklin Square Hospi-MD	
Pierre, Richard	Albany Med Ctr Hosp-NY	
Tong, Candice	Maricopa Med Ctr-AZ	Preliminary
Yurteri, Ladin	UMDNJ-New Jersey Med-Newark-NJ	

### **Outside the Match**

Watson, Erin	Naval Hospital-Portsmouth-VA	
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### **EMERGENCY MEDICINE**

Carter, Robert	Albany Med Ctr Hosp-NY	
Diegelmann, Laura	U Maryland Med Ctr-MD	
Laeger, Timothy	Johns Hopkins Hosp-MD	
Meyer, Angela	Temple Univ Hosp-PA	
Murphy, Christine	Virginia Commonwealth U Hlth Sys-VA	
Oliver, Patrick	St Lukes-Bethlehem-PA	
Roberson, James Roland	Brooklyn Hosp Ctr-NY	
Sauer, Jeremy	Virginia Commonwealth U Hlth Sys-VA	
Schmitt, Anne	UCLA Medical Center-CA	PGY2
Sullivan, Julie	Christiana Care-DE	
Walterscheid, Joshua	Baystate Med Ctr-MA	
Zelensky, Paul	Brooklyn Hosp Ctr- NY	

### **PEDIATRICS**

Dancel, Liz	Greenville Hosp Sys-SC	
Dias, Dennis	Childrens Hosp-LA-CA	
Dzialo, Kelly	St Christophers Hosp-PA	
Eapen, Mareen	Yale-New Haven Hosp-CT	
Jaffe, Sonia	Virginia Commonwealth U Hlth Sys-VA	
Mondello, Melissa	Childrens Hospital-Phila-PA	



**TRANSITIONAL**

Davis, Ivan	Riverside Reg Med Ctr-VA	
Francisco, Carrie	U Tenn Grad SOM-Knoxville-TN	
Jain, Vivek	Lehigh Valley Hosp-PA	
Pandey, Shilpa	Metrowest-Framingham-MA	
Tabatabai, Babak	Georgetown Univ Hosp-DC	

**PLASTIC SURGERY**

Liang, James	U Kansas SOM-Kansas City-KS	
Nimtz, Jared	U Kentucky Med Ctr-KY	
Schleicher, William	Virginia Commonwealth U Hlth Sys-VA	

**ANESTHESIOLOGY**

Bose, Satrajit	Caritas St. Elizabeths Med Ctr-MA	PGY2
Ellis, Robert	UC San Francisco-CA	PGY2
Faulkner, Dawn	U Arkansas-Little Rock-AK	
Fox, Christopher	U Southern California-CA	PGY2
Francisco, Carrie	U Tenn Grad SOM-Knoxville-TN	PGY2
Gupta, Shivani	NYP Hosp-Columbia Univ Med Ctr-NY	PGY2
Monteiro, Gary	Virginia Commonwealth U Hlth Sys-VA	
Ondecko, Kristin	UPMC Medical Education Prog-PA	PGY2
Poppell, Charles	Virginia Commonwealth U Hlth Sys-VA	
Tuck, Susan	Virginia Commonwealth U Hlth Sys-VA	
Ward, Joshua	Wake Forest Baptist Med Ctr-NC	
Wigan, Caroline	Virginia Commonwealth U Hlth Sys-VA	
Tabatabai, Babak	Johns Hopkins Hosp-MD	PGY2

**Outside the Match**

Palank, Brian	Virginia Commonwealth U Hlth Sys-VA	
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**DERMATOLOGY**

Piazza, Mary	Virginia Commonwealth U Hlth Sys-VA	PGY2
Reese, Erin	Mayo School of Grad Med Educ-FL	PGY2
Shea, Sofia	Johns Hopkins Hosp-MD	PGY2

**INTERNAL MEDICINE**

Ahmed, Shareff	Virginia Commonwealth U Hlth Sys-VA	Preliminary
Azadi, Nazanin	U Southern California	
Bakshi, Anita	George Washington Univ-DC	
Bhatia, Priya	Rush University Med Ctr-IL	
Blachman, Daniel	UMDNJ-R W Johnson-Piscataway-NJ	
Blankenship, Cassie	Washington Hosp Ctr-DC	Preliminary
Bose, Satrajit	Johns Hopkins/Sinai-MD	Preliminary
Brar, Vikrant	Virginia Commonwealth U Hlth Sys-VA	
Brown, William	Baylor Coll Med-Houston-TX	
Cockrell, Charlotte	Virginia Commonwealth U Hlth Sys-VA	Preliminary
Danesh, Houman	Long Island Coll Hosp-NY	Preliminary
de la Motte, Grant	St. Marys Medical Ctr-CA	Preliminary
Ellis, Robert	Virginia Commonwealth U Hlth Sys-VA	Preliminary
Esinhart, Courtney	U Maryland Med Ctr-MD	
Flynn, Laura	Rhode Island Hosp/Brown U-RI	
Fox, Christopher	Washington Hosp Ctr-DC	Preliminary
Fua, Francis	George Washington Univ-DC	
Gaspar, Jonathan	U Illinois COM-Chicago-IL	
Gillespie, Amanda	UPMC Medical Education Prog-PA	
Gupta, Shivani	Virginia Commonwealth U Hlth Sys-VA	Preliminary
Ham, Catherine	Virginia Commonwealth U Hlth Sys-VA	Preliminary
Harrison, Melissa	Virginia Commonwealth U Hlth Sys-VA	
Hess, Samantha	Virginia Commonwealth U Hlth Sys-VA	Women's Health
Hlivko, Jonathan	Summa Health/NEOUCOM-OH	
Hoffman, Zachary	Virginia Commonwealth U Hlth Sys-VA	Preliminary
Ivanick, Nathaniel	U Colorado SOM-Denver	
Khianey, Reena	NYP Hosp-Weill Cornell Med Ctr-NY	
Kim, Amy	Duke Univ Med Ctr-NC	
Lawler, Helen	U Colorado SOM-Denver-CO	
Lehrhoff, Stephanie	NYP Hosp-Columbia Univ Med Ctr-NY	
Lien, Susan	U Rochester/Strong Mem-NY	

Littlepage, Meagan	Queens Hosp/Mt. Sinai-NY	Preliminary
Malik, Shabbaz	Cleveland Clinic Fdn-OH	
Marar, Devan	UC Irvine Med Ctr-CA	
Martin, Stephanie	Virginia Commonwealth U Hlth Sys-VA	Women's Health
Mukkamala, Sri Krishna	Virginia Commonwealth U Hlth Sys-VA	Preliminary
Myers, Jennifer	Virginia Commonwealth U Hlth Sys-VA	
Nagarajan, Saumya	Virginia Commonwealth U Hlth Sys-VA	Preliminary
Olson, Jamie	UPMC Medical Education Prog-PA	Womens Health
Ondecko, Kristin	Virginia Commonwealth U Hlth Sys-VA	Preliminary
Patel, Reena	Loma Linda University-CA	
Piazza, Mary	Virginia Commonwealth U Hlth Sys-VA	Preliminary
Queen, Brenda	Virginia Commonwealth U Hlth Sys-VA	
Reddi, Rohini	Santa Clara Valley MC-CA	
Redwood, Marcia	Alameda Co Med Ctr-CA	Primary
Reese, Erin	Virginia Commonwealth U Hlth Sys-VA	Preliminary
Regan, Christopher	Yale-New Haven Hosp-CT	
Rose-Jones, Lisa	U North Carolina Hospitals-NC	
Rosenquist, Klara	Yale-New Haven Hosp-CT	
Roy, Sion	Georgetown Univ Hosp-DC	
Salibian, Raffi	Kaiser Permanente-So CA Region-CA	Preliminary
Samaropoulos, Xanthia	Wake Forest Baptist Med Ctr-NC	
Schmitt, Anne	Virginia Commonwealth U Hlth Sys-VA	Preliminary
Shafie, Mohammad	Union Memorial Hosp-MD	Preliminary
Shea, Jennifer	George Washington Univ-DC	
Shea, Sofia	Virginia Commonwealth U Hlth Sys-VA	Preliminary
Sigmon, Carter	U Colorado SOM-Denver-CO	Preliminary
Sinha, Amit	U Maryland Med Ctr-MD	Preliminary
Smith, Marcus	Virginia Commonwealth U Hlth Sys-VA	Preliminary
Sodhi, Ajeet	UC Irvine Med Ctr-CA	Preliminary
Stephenson, Meagan	Virginia Commonwealth U Hlth Sys-VA	Preliminary
Strife, Brian	Virginia Commonwealth U Hlth Sys-VA	Preliminary
Sweet, Kendra	U Arizona Affil Hosps-AZ	
Thomas, Deepak	Yale-New Haven Hosp-CT	
Van Epps, Puja	Case Western/Univ Hosps Cleveland-OH	
Vaughan, Leroy	U Maryland Med Ctr	
Walsworth, Matthew	Virginia Commonwealth U Hlth Sys-VA	Preliminary
Walters, Timothy	UPMC Medical Education Prog-PA	
Wilkes, Martin	Virginia Commonwealth U Hlth Sys-VA	Preliminary

**Outside the Match – Armed Forces**

Shih, Roger Lackland AFB-TX

**PSYCHIATRY**

Malloy, Jessica Virginia Commonwealth U Hlth Sys-VA  
Munson, Suzanne NYP Hosp-Weill Cornell Med Ctr-NY  
Yaghmaie, Farzin UCLA Semel Inst for Neuroscience-CA

**Outside the Match – Armed Forces**

Sarnoski, Elizabeth Lackland AFB-TX

**PHYSICAL MEDICINE AND REHAB**

Danesh, Houman	Mt. Sinai Hospital-NY	PGY2
Littlepage, Meagan	Stanford Univ Progs-CA	PGY2
Sigmon, Carter	U Colorado SOM-Denver-CO	PGY2
Sinha, Amit	Virginia Commonwealth U Hlth Sys-VA	PGY2
Smith, Marcus	Virginia Commonwealth U Hlth Sys-VA	PGY2
Vongvorachoti, Joe	Mt Sinai Hospital-NY	PGY2

**PATHOLOGY**

Devanath, Anindita Emory Univ SOM-GA  
Duong, Angie Medical University of SC-SC

**UROLOGY**

**Outside the Match – Early Match**

Bhavsar, Robin Med Univ of South Carolina-Charleston-SC  
Willis, Daniel Univ of Florida College of Med-Gainesville-FL  
Wilson, Cameron Virginia Commonwealth U Hlth Sys-VA

## NEUROSURGERY

### Outside the Match – Early Match

Grandhi, Ramesh U Pittsburgh-PA  
Ridder, Thomas Virginia Commonwealth U Hlth Sys-VA

## NEUROLOGY

de la Motte, Grant UC San Diego Med Ctr-CA PGY2  
Ham, Catherine Virginia Commonwealth U Hlth Sys-VA PGY2  
Nagarajan, Saumya Baylor Coll Med-Houston-TX PGY2  
Shafie, Mohammad UC Davis Med Ctr-CA PGY2  
Sodhi, Ajeet UC Irvine Med Ctr-CA PGY2

## OPHTHALMOLOGY

### Outside the Match – Early Match

Ahmed, Shareef Henry Ford Hospital-Detroit-MI  
Mukkamala, Krishna New York Eye & Ear Infirmary-NY  
Wilkes, Martin Virginia Commonwealth U Hlth Sys-VA

## OTOLARYNGOLOGY

Dennis, Miranda UCLA Medical Center-CA PGY2  
Shah, Ojas University Hosp-Cincinnati-OH PGY2  
Walsh, Jonathan U Rochester/Strong Mem-NY PGY2

### Overall Residency Match

	<u>2007</u>	<u>% Matched</u>
Number of Positions Available	24,685	
Active U.S. Seniors	15,206	93.4
Positions Per U.S. Senior	1.4	
Active Canadian Students	62	64.5
U.S. Physicians	1,265	45.4
Osteopaths	1,652	68.8
5th Pathway	73	49.3
U.S. Foreign Graduates	2,694	50
Non U.S. Foreign Graduates	6,992	45.5
Total Active Applicants	27,994	
Positions Per Active Participant	0.8	

## Institute for Women's Health Research Announces '07 Award Recipients

The Institute for Women's Health is pleased to announce the recipients of our first seed grant program, fostering excellence in community-based participatory research in women's health. We are very excited about the opportunity to provide over \$85,000 in awards to nine VCU faculty and students. These projects will bridge academia with pressing community needs and contribute to improving the health of women and girls in our community, playing a critical role in the Institute's goal of community engagement. We look forward to fostering new partnerships that promote a participatory, cooperative, and co-learning process for VCU researchers and our community partners.

### Awardees:

Name	Department	Project Title	Award Amt
Dr. Rosalie Corona	Psychology	Barriers & Supports to Teen Pregnancy Prevention among Latina Adolescents	9,731
Dr. Lori Keyser Marcus	Psychiatry	Motivational Strategies to Help Bridge the Gap from Referral to Treatment for Substance Use and Depression	9,500
Dr. Sarah Kye Price	Social Work	Women, Loss and Depression: Building Knowledge and Capacity for Community-informed Intervention Development	10,000
Anh Bao Nguyen	Psychology	Khoe Man La Tot Hon Dep! (Health is Better than Beauty!)	7,204
Dr. Saba Masho	Epi & Community Health	Access to Perinatal Care for Uninsured and Medicaid Ineligible Women	10,000
Dr. Diane Langhorst	Social Work	Improving Employment Outcomes in Substance Dependent Women	10,000
Dr. Sarah Meshberg- Cohen	Psychology	Expressive Writing as a Therapeutic Process	9,500
Dr. Anika Alvanzo	Internal Medicine	Trauma-informed Addiction Therapy for Women in Outpatient Community-Based Substance Abuse Treatment	10,000
<b>Demonstration Project</b>			
Dr. Judith Bradford	Wilder School	Engaging the Richmond Community to Improve Prenatal Care Access	10,000
<b>Total Awards</b>	<b>\$85,935</b>		



## Join Us for the Next WISDM Book Club, Tues., April 24, 6-8pm Book: *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See

Location: Cafe Gutenberg, 1700 E. Main Street, Shockoe Bottom (accessible to persons with disabilities)



*From a message from Carol M. Crosby, M.S.N., R.N., CNAA, VP for Patient Care Services & Chief Nursing Officer MCVH & Physicians of the VCU Health System and Associate Dean, Clinical Operations, VCU School of Nursing*

We recently passed the **first anniversary of the VCU Health System receiving Magnet designation from the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)**. This prestigious designation has been bestowed on only 223 health care organizations worldwide. It not only recognizes excellence in Nursing, it recognizes the excellence that permeates all of the people who work and volunteer at the VCUHS and who contribute to caring for our patients and improving the health of our community.

Over the past year we have seen increases in patient satisfaction, nurse satisfaction and overall employee satisfaction. Additionally, we have seen improvement in many of our quality of care indicators. These achievements are a testament to our continuing quest for excellence. The road to excellence is not a destination.....it is a journey. Thank you for continuing the journey and committing yourselves everyday to providing excellence in care. I am proud to be a nurse and a member of the VCUHS family. Dr. Sheldon Retchin, Chief Executive Officer, VCU Health System & Vice President for Health Sciences, VCU, and Mr. John Duval, Chief Executive Officer Medical College of Virginia Hospitals VCUHS join me in expressing thanks and congratulations to everyone on all their efforts on behalf of VCUHS.



## A Successful 15th Annual Pathways to Leadership Conference

The 15th Annual Women in Science, Dentistry & Medicine Pathways to Leadership Conference was held on the MCV Campus on March 9, 2007. Over 100 faculty, students, residents and postdocs attended the conference sponsored by the VCU Schools of Medicine and Dentistry. Keynote speaker, Dr. Patricia Cormier, President of Longwood University, energized the participants to take calculated risks in decisions to meet career goals and values. Seven VCU faculty led interactive workshops on the generations and teaching and communication tips; managing emotions; PDAs; teaching portfolios and the P&T process; NIH grants; cultural competency; and skills to enhance your effectiveness as a speaker. Workshop leaders included Drs. Elizabeth Waterhouse, Aradhana Bela Sood, Alistair Erskine, David Gardner, Gordon Archer, Cheryl Al-Mateen, and Ms. Jeanne Schlesinger. Lots of networking went on during breaks and lunch. ***Thanks to the VCU Health System for their support and to all the presenters and participants for helping to celebrate 15 years of WISDM!***

## A.D. Williams Awards for April 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.

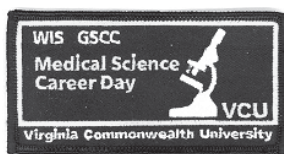
The awards for April 1, 2007 were:

**Dr. Hu Yang**, Assistant Professor of Biomedical Engineering, was awarded \$15,000 in support of his application entitled "Development of a Biphasic Controlled Drug Release Dressing for Chronic Wound Treatment." This support comes from the A. D. Williams Trust Funds.

**Dr. Sarah H. Elsea**, Associate Professor of Pediatrics, was awarded \$15,000 in support of her application entitled "Investigating the Role of TomII2 in Immune Response and Susceptibility to Infection." This support comes from the A. D. Williams Trust Funds.

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

## Women in Science Girl Scout Science Fun Day



This event to promote science was held on Saturday April 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the MSB as the base. Following introductory remarks and a description of the day's schedule, the ~60 14-18 year old scouts were divided into four groups (ensuring that scouts did not remain exclusively with their parent troop) for visits to sites in the MSB, Randolph-Minor and McGuire Hall for demonstrations in a number of different science areas including Pharmacology and Toxicology, Biology, Forensic Science and Clinical Lab Sciences. The groups concluded their tours a little after 1:00 and then had the opportunity to visit several posters related to additional areas of science. Scout interest in participating was stimulated by a "Science Scavenger Hunt" which posed a number of questions for the scouts to answer which could be drawn from the demonstrations, questions to participants or posters. To close the activities the group reconvened in the MSB auditorium for a raffle of a set of the NAS books celebrating the roles of women in the variety of scientific disciplines.

Owing to the outreach by WIS, this event had participation from postdoctorals, graduate students and undergraduate students as well as faculty from a variety of units including the College of Humanities and Sciences, the School of Allied Health Professions, the School of Pharmacy and the School of Medicine. Both the Scouts and absolutely the Scout leadership were enthusiastic in their positive reaction to the day and the Scout leadership pointed to the characterization of the day as "1st Annual" as desired. The Scouts create a special patch for these kinds of activities and, with the approval of the President's office re: design, a copy of the patch is shown above. For questions about this event or WIS, contact Lynn Hull, WIS President (Pharm/Tox Dept.), Jamie Sturgill, Chair, WIS Community Outreach Committee (Micro/Immuno Dept.), or Dr. Jan Chlebowski, Associate Dean for Graduate Education.



## Alumni and Development Office News

In January, the Class of 2009 officers presented Dr. Jerry Strauss with a \$1,600 check to be used to create the **Ben Orr Memorial Scholarship** from the Class of 2009. The scholarship will be presented on Honors Day to a member of the class of 2010 who has a background in oncology research or hopes to choose oncology as a specialty. The class wanted their gesture to comfort those who knew Ben personally, said Vincent Roddy, president of the Class of 2009. "Now there is no doubt that on Honors Day, May 4, our fallen, but not forgotten classmate will have his name called amongst his peers."

### Alumni Receptions

The medical school has stepped up its traveling schedule recently, with Dr. Jerry Strauss hosting alumni receptions on both coasts. Over the past several months, receptions have been held in Roanoke, Lynchburg, Florida and most recently in San Francisco. Drawing up to 50 guests in a single evening, the events allow the Dean to share his vision for the medical school and strengthen ties between the school and its core constituency. Plans are underway for future visits in Philadelphia and Chicago.

### Reunion Weekend Speaker to Discuss 17th Century Medical Practice

Dr. Norman Gevitz, Professor and Chair of the Department of Social Medicine at Ohio University's College of Osteopathic Medicine, will be the keynote speaker at this year's MCV Alumni Association annual meeting, held during Reunion Weekend, Friday, April 27 - Sunday, April 29. His talk *'The Sicknesses of the Countrie': Medicine in Jamestown & Early Virginia* will share interesting stories about early 17th century medical practice, as part of the Alumni Association's celebration of the 400th Anniversary of the founding of Jamestown by English settlers. Medical school faculty, staff and students are welcome to attend Dr. Gevitz's talk at no charge. The presentation will conclude the MCV Association's Annual Meeting, which will be held on April 28 at the Omni Richmond Hotel in the James River Ballroom. The Annual meeting begins at 12:45 p.m. and Dr. Gevitz's presentation is expected to begin around 1:15 p.m.



## Departmental News

### *Massey Cancer Center*

**Patrick Coyne**, MSN, APRN, FAAN, Clinical Director, Thomas Palliative Care Program and **Dr. Thomas J. Smith**, Medical Director, Thomas Palliative Care Program were clinical advisors to the new video/study guide continuing education course on end-of-life care, *To Care Always, Quality Care at End of Life*, produced by the American Association of Critical Care Nurses and Envision, Inc. (Thanks to Andrea Butler for this information)

## *School of Medicine Dean's Office*

**The Office of Continuing Professional Development and Evaluation Studies** has received formal notification of the ACCME's Accreditation Review Committee and Board review of their reaccreditation self-study and application. They have received a full 6-yr reaccreditation decision with four exemplary commendations: Element 1.1 (Mission); Element 2.2 (Needs Assessment); Element 2.4 (Activity Evaluation); and Element 2.5 (Program Evaluation). Congratulations on this outstanding achievement!

After a wide-ranging search of candidates, **Ms. Carole Hetteema** has been named Assistant Director of Continuing Medical Education, Office of Continuing Professional Development and Evaluation Studies, SOM. Ms. Hetteema has nearly fifteen years of experience in continuing medical education and her continued leadership in this new role is appreciated.



In January 2007, **Paul Mazmanian, Ph.D.**, Associate Dean for Continuing Professional Development and Evaluation Studies received the Frances M. Maitland Award for outstanding vision, leadership, and contributions to continuing medical education. The award is presented by the Alliance for Continuing Medical Education and it is endowed by the Pharmaceutical Alliance for CME.

**Kathryn Starkweather, M3**, received the 2007 Carolyn L. Kucken Student Research Fellowship from Alpha Omega Alpha. She will use the funds from the fellowship to study "Multidetector CT of splenic injury: An improved CT staging system for splenic injuries."

At the AAMC Southern Group on Student Affairs meeting in Little Rock, Arkansas, **Isaac K. "Ike" Wood, M.D., F.A.A.C.A.P.**, Associate Dean of Student Affairs and Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Pediatrics, was the plenary speaker, addressing "Professionalism: The Bridge from College Student to Healthcare Provider."

Also at the meeting:

**Donna Jackson, M.A.**, and **Cheryl Al-Mateen, M.D.**, presented a workshop on "Diversity and Cultural Competence Education: Helping Students Build Bridges to Diverse Communities."

**Cynthia Messmer, Ph.D.**, Donna Jackson, and Dr. Wood presented a workshop on "Project H.E.A.R.T.--A Mentoring/Advising Bridge to Humanism in Medical Students."

Dr. Wood also had an article published in *Academic Physician and Scientist*, April 2007, on "The Challenging Student or Resident: Strategies to Recognize and Effectively Address Disruptive Behavior."

## *Department of Internal Medicine*



**Dr. Lenore Buckley**, Professor of Internal Medicine, has been awarded MCVP's 2006 Clinician of the Year and the Robert Irby Volunteer Award – Arthritis Foundation, January 2007.



**Dr. Steven Grant**, Professor of Internal Medicine, has been awarded an "Outstanding Virginia Scientist 2007" by the General Assembly. He received his award at the Governor's black-tie banquet on April 19, 2007.

The Office of the Vice President for Research is pleased to announce the selection of **Dr. Robin Matsuyama** and **Dr. Daniel Riddle** (Physical Therapy) as the VCU participants in Oxford's Harris Manchester College 2007 Summer Research Institute. Dr. Matsuyama is an instructor in Internal Medicine whose general area of research is health literacy and providing cancer care information to African-American patients. While a Visiting Fellow at Harris Manchester College this summer, she will study health literacy in relation to the informed consent process in human subject's research. Dr. Matsuyama is a member of Institution Review Board (IRB) Panel D.

The Harris Manchester College Summer Research Institute draws scholars with diverse interests from many U.S. universities, to study and write while in residence at the week-long institute at Oxford. Details about this opportunity are available on the Office of Research website at: <http://www.research.vcu.edu/vpr/harris.htm>

## Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation



A special issue of the Journal of Head Trauma Rehabilitation, highlighting cultural issues and brain injury rehabilitation, has just been published (March/April 2007; Vol 22, No. 2). The issue editors, **Dr. Juan Carlos Arango and Dr. Janet Niemeier**, are from VCU's Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. The issue is a landmark publication, being the first to focus on a myriad of cultural topics relating to health care disparities, rehabilitation services, mental health, employment, caregivers' well-being, and motivation to participate in treatment.

## Department of Physiology



**Dr. Clive Baumgarten**, Professor, presented the Mary Huling Edens Memorial Lecture at the University of Texas Medical Branch Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Galveston, TX, March 22, 2007. He addressed the regulation of ionic channels in the heart by reactive oxygen

## Department of Surgery



**Dr. Valeria Mas**, Assistant Professor, has been named one of the six prize winners in the ILTS 13th Annual International Congress to be held June 20-23, 2007, at the Sheraton Rio Hotel and Towers, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, at the Rising Star Symposium. The ILTS has placed a high priority on supporting the work of young investigators. There were six prize winners chosen out of 100 applicants.



## New and Competing Grant Awards – October 1, 2006 - March 31, 2007

Please join us in recognizing the following researchers who received grant awards during October 1 2006 - March 31, 2007. These are listed by faculty member name, department, awarding agency/institution titles, and amount. Data source: InfoEd utilized by the VCU Office of Research. Snapshot date 4/17/07. (Note: Grant titles are as available from InfoEd.)

### Anatomy And Neurobiology

#### National Institutes of Health

Fuss, Babette	National Institutes of Health	Guidance of Oligodendrocyte Processes The Role of Local Protein Synthesis	Initial	195,563
Fuss, Babette	National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke/NIH/DHHS	Mechanisms in CNS Myelination: Role of PD-lalpha/ATX	Supplement	46,338
Guido, William	National Eye Institute/NIH/DHHS	Functional State of Developing Retinogeniculate Synapse	Initial	242,267
Medina, Alexandre	National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism/NIH/DHHS	Alcohol in Neocortex Development and Plasticity	Supplement	11,025
Meredith, M Alex	National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke/NIH/DHHS	Cross Modal Integration and Plasticity in SIV Cortex	Supplement	68,894
Phillips, Linda L	National Institutes of Health	Extracellular Matrix Mediates Axonal Integrity Following Brain Trauma	Initial	325,938
Povlishock, John T	National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke/NIH/DHHS	The Axonal Response to Traumatic Brain Injury	Initial	362,171
Simpson, David G.	National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering/NIH/DHHS	Nanofabrication of a Dermal Equivalent by Electrospinning	Supplement	50,119

#### Non-Profit

Dupree, Jeffrey L.	Jeffress	The Role of Sulfatide in Regulating Oligodendrocyte Population and Maturation	Initial	29,092
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### Behavioral Sciences & Health Promotion

#### Other Federal

Siminoff, Laura A.	Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality/DHHS	Understanding Consent to Tissue Donation	Initial	686,268
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#### Sub-awards

Siminoff, Laura A.	Case Western Reserve University	Social and Behavioral Interventions to Increase Organ and Tissue Donation	Initial	278,094
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## Biochemistry

### Industry

Barton, William	Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center	Structure Study of Angiopoietins and Tie2 Receptor	Initial	70,000
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### National Institutes of Health

Chalfant, Charles E.	National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute/NIH/DHHS	South Eastern Region Lipid Conference 2006	Initial	10,000
Kordula, Tomasz K.	National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke/NIH/DHHS	Astrocyte-specific Expression of Serpin Genes	Supplement	32,594

### Other Federal

Diegelmann, Robert F	Office of Naval Research	Novel Acute Rescue Strategies Using Nonpulmonary Oxegenation Subproject for Institution# PT101554	Initial	22,612
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## Biostatistics

### Industry

Mcclish, Donna K	Information Management Services, Inc.	Feasablity Study to Assess Automated Capture of Chemotherapy Treatment From Community Oncology Practices Subproject for Institution # PT101577	Initial	20,887
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### Non-Profit

Gennings, Chris	American Institute for Cancer Research	EB1089/Vitamin D3 and Radiation in the Breast Tumor Cell; Subproject for Institution # PT100225	Initial	8,607
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## Emergency Medicine

### Industry

Ward, Kevin R.	TraumaCure	The Safety and Efficacy of Using TC-100 for Treating Vascular Injuries in Swine Using the Nvy Trauma Model	Initial	27,700
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### Other Federal

Ward, Kevin R.	Office of Naval Research	Novel Acute Rescue Strategies Using Nonpulmonary Oxegenation	Initial	825,000
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## Epidemiology And Community Health

### State/Local

Chapman, Derek A.	Virginia Department of Health	MCH Epidemiologist Collaboration	Initial	94,807
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## Family Medicine

### Other

Longo, Daniel R.	American Academy of Family Physicians Foundation	Grant Generating Project	Initial	58,190
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### Other Federal

Rothemich, Stephen F.	Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality/DHHS	Task Order 1	Initial	1,000
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### State/Local

Krist, Alexander H.	Virginia Department of Health	A Comprehensive Practice-Friendly Model for Promoting Healthy Behaviors	Initial	44,991
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## Human Genetics

### Sub-awards

Pandya, Arti	Gallaudet University	Distance Learning in Genetics for EHDI Professionals	Initial	11,000
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## Internal Medicine

### Industry

Barrett, John C	Novo Nordisk Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	Subproject for Institution # PT101921 Evaluation of multiple hemostatic parameters following dosing of rFVIIa in hemophiliacs	Initial	2,751
Biskobing, Diane	Hoffmann-La Roche Inc.	Randomized, open-label, multi-center study to investigate patient preference on dosing in women with postmenopausal osteoporosis treated w/once-monthly ibandronate	Initial	30,000

Ellenbogen, Kenneth A	CryoCath Technologies Inc.	A Randomized, Controlled Clinical Trial of Catheter Cryoablation in the Treatment of Paroxysmal Atrial Fibrillation	Initial	74,916
Ellenbogen, Kenneth A	Biosense Webster, Inc.	Evaluation of the Catheter with the Stockert 70 audiofrequency Generator for Endocardial Ablation in Patients with Typical Atrial Flutter	Initial	33,062
Ellenbogen, Kenneth A	Atritech, Inc.	WATHCMAN Left Atrial Appendage System for Embolic PROTECTIon in Patients with Typical Atrial Fibrillation	Initial	229,125
Gehr, Todd W.b.	Amgen, Inc.	EVOLVE - Evaluation of Cinacalcet HCl Therapy to Lower Cardiovascular Events	Supplement	3,500
Grant, Steven	Merck & Co., Inc.	In vivo studies of Vorinostat	Initial	11,765
Kontos, Michael C	Biosite, Inc.	Comparison of Doppler and Two Dimensional Echocardiography with BNP in Patients with Non-ST elevation Acute Coronary Syndromes	Initial	10,000
Kontos, Michael C	Bracco Diagnostics, Inc.	Utility of 64-slice Multidetector CT Coronary Angiography in the Evaluation of Low and Intermediate Risk ED Patients	Initial	15,000
McCarty, John M.	Osiris Therapeutics, Inc.	A Phase III, Randomized, Double Blind, Placebo-Controlled Study to Evaluate the Efficacy and Safety of Prochymal (ex-vivo Cultured Adult Human Mesenchymal Stem Cells) Infusion for the Treatment of Steriod Refractory Acute GVHD Patients	Initial	70,211
McCarty, John M.	ViroPharma, Inc.	A Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-controlled Study To Assess The Efficacy and Safety Of Prophylactice Use of Maribavir For The Prevention Of Cytomegalovirus Disease In Recipients Of Allogeneic Stem Cell Transplants	Initial	90,117
McCarty, John M.	AnorMED	Long Term Observational Follow-up study of A Multicenter, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled, Comparative Trial of AMD3100 plus G-CSF versus G-CSF Plus Placebo to Mobilize and Collect $\geq 5/10^6$ CD34+ Cells/kg in Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma Patient	Initial	8,287
McCarty, John M.	AnorMED	Long Term Observational Follow-up study of A Multicenter, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled, Comparative Trial of AMD3100 plus G-CSF versus G-CSF Plus Placebo to Mobilize and Collect $\geq 6/10^6$ CD34+ Cells/kg in Multiple Myeloma Patients for A	Initial	8,287
Nixon, Daniel E.	Matthews Media Group	Patient Preferences for Risk and Uncertainty in HIV Treatments	Initial	2,891
Nixon, Daniel E.	Social & Scientific Systems, Inc.	Richmond Aquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome Consortium	Supplement	192,502
Peberdy, Mary Ann	Bristol-Myers Squibb Company	A Phase 2, Placebo-Controlled, Randomized, Double-Blind, Parallel Arm, Dose Ranging Study to Evaluate Safety and Efficacy of Apixaban in Patients with a Recent Acute Coronary Syndrome.	Initial	42,700
Peberdy, Mary Ann	Biosite, Inc.	Myeloperoxidase In the Diagnosis of Acute Coronary Syndrome	Initial	168,904
Rosato, Adriana E.	Cubist Pharmaceuticals, Inc	A Study of Passage-Related Daptomycin and Vancomycin Resestance	Initial	107,582
Sanyal, Arun J	Sanofi-Aventis	Satavaptan cirrhotic ascites treatment study: A double-blind, randomized, parallel-group comparison of treatment with satavaptan at 5 to 10 mg daily versus placebo on top of conventional treatment in patients with ascites due to cirrhosis of the liver	Initial	59,148

Schumacher-penberthy, Lynne T.	Information Management Services, Inc.	Feasability Study to Assess Automated Capture of Chemotherapy Treatment From Community Oncology Practices	Initial	146,297
Shepard, Richard K.	Stereotaxis	HEmodynamic Assessment for Optimal Left heart Lead Placement for Heart Failure Enabled by Magnetic Navigation	Initial	47,500
Shiffman, Mitchell L	Oridion BreathID Ltd.	Use of the BreathID to assess Hepatic Metabolic Reserve and to Predict Hepatic Decompensation in Patients with Cirrhosis in Need of Liver Transplantation	Initial	22,750
Sica, Domenic A	Genentech, Inc.	A Phase III, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled, Multicenter Study to Evaluate the Efficacy and Safety of Rituximab in Subjects with ISN/RPS Clas III or IV Lupus Nephritis	Supplement	18,780
Smith, Wally R	Actelion	Mechanism of Action Research Project in Association with Studies Of R Long Term, Open-Label, multicenter extension study of bosentan in patients with pulmonary hypertension associated with sickle cell disease completing a double blind ASSET study (AC-052-368 or AC-052-369)	Initial	132,660
Wood, Mark Allen	CV Therapeutics	A Double-Blind, Randomized, Placebo-Controlled, Sequential-Group, Dose Escalation Study of Ranolazine in Patients Undergoing Electrophysiologic Study	Initial	69,300
Wood, Mark Allen	St. Jude Medical	A Frequent Optimization Study using the QuickOpt Method	Initial	21,875
Wood, Mark Allen	CryoCath Technologies Inc.	PCP-146: Effects of catheter size, orientation and convective warming on tissue temperatures	Initial	3,440
<b><u>National Institutes of Health</u></b>				
Fowler, Alpha A Iii	National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute/NIH/DHHS	Role of Hypoxia Inducible Factor-1 in Inflammation	Supplement	62,200
Kukreja, Rakesh C	National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute/NIH/DHHS	Cardioprotective Effects of PDE-5 Inhibitors	Supplement	79,336
Kukreja, Rakesh C	National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute/NIH/DHHS	Protection Against Doxorubicin Induced Cardiomyopathy	Supplement	63,698
Nestler, John E.	National Institutes of Health	Insulin and the Polycystic Ovary Syndrome	Initial	336,229
Nestler, John E.	National Institutes of Health	Polycystic Ovary Syndrome: Role of Insulin Resistance	Initial	174,764
Sterling, Richard K.	National Institutes of Health	Relationship of Metabolic Abnormalities to Hepatic Steatosis in HIV: Impact of HAART	Initial	73,765
<b><u>Non-Profit</u></b>				
Kontos, Michael C	Saint Luke's Health System	Translational Research Investigating Underlying Disparities in Acute Myocardial Infarction Patients Health Status	Initial	32,000
Kontos, Michael C	Saint Luke's Health System	Translational Research Investigating Underlying Disparities in Acute Myocardial Infarction Patients Health Status	Supplement	30,000
Luketic, Velimir A.c.	Mayo Clinic	Multicentered Randomized Trial of High Dose Urso in Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis	Initial	62,472
Matsuyama, Robin	Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center	Enhancing Doctor-Patient Communication	Initial	7,291
<b><u>Other</u></b>				
Roberts, William N Jr.	American College of Rheumatology	Research and Education Foundation RFT Award	Initial	25,000
Sanyal, Arun J	Sponsor To Be Created	Prediction of nonalcoholic steatosis by the octonate BreathID test	Initial	22,750
<b><u>Other Federal</u></b>				
Klein, Wendy S	Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality/DHHS	VCU Women's Health Dissemination Conference	Initial	19,098

**State/Local**

Nixon, Daniel E.	Virginia Department of Health	Anonymous HIV Counseling and Test Site	Initial	20,000
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**Sub-awards**

Barrett, John C	University of Pennsylvania	Hemophilia Regional Diagnostic Center (CDC)	Initial	78,887
Hart, Alton	Harvard School of Public Health	SIP21-04 Worksite Study to Promote IDM for Prostate Cancer Screening	Initial	14,623
Lee, Ruey-min	Ohio State University	NCI-6696: Efficacy and Tolerability of GW572016 in Patients with Advanced Hepatocellular and Biliary Carcinoma	Initial	4,185
Schuman, Paula C.	Vanderbilt University	Mozambique President's Emergency Fund for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) 1.0 Supplemental Proposal from the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation (EGPAF)	Initial	102,825
Smith, Thomas J	Mount Sinai School of Medicine	Palliative Care for Hospitalized Cancer Patients	Initial	125,194

**Microbiology & Immunology****National Institutes of Health**

Jefferson, Kimberly K	National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases/NIH/DHHS	Post Transcriptional Regulation of Biofilm Formation in S. Aureus	Initial	268,355
Manjili, Masoud	National Cancer Institute/NIH/DHHS	Enhancement of HER-2/Neu-based Therapy using HSP110	Supplement	39,311
Ohman, Dennis E.	National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases/NIH/DHHS	Activation of Alginate Genes in Pseudomonas Aeruginosa	Initial	192,418

**Non-Profit**

Hylemon, Phillip B	McGuire Research Institutes	Regulation of Cholesterol Metabolism (Consortium Agreement for VCU)	Initial	193,294
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**Neurology****Industry**

Burakgazi-dalkilic, Evren	Marinus Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	A Double-Blind, Randomized Placebo-controlled Study to Evaluate the Safety, Tolerability and Efficacy of Ganaxolone as Add-On Therapy In Adult Subjects With Epilepsy Consisting Of Uncontrolled Partial-Onset Seizures	Initial	44,688
Delorenzo, Robert John	Johnson & Johnson	Effects of RWJ-333369 on Epileptogenesis and Calcium Homeostasis in Chronic Epileptic Neurons	Initial	100,000
Felton, Warren L Iii	Biogen Idec, Inc.	Closed - An Open-Label, Multicenter Study to Determine Subject Satisfaction in Using the Single-Use Autoinjector With a Pre-Filled AVONEX Syringe in Multiple Sclerosis Subjects (C-872)	Supplement	2,300
Leszczyszyn, David J.	Eisai, Inc.	A Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled, Parallel-Group Study of Rufinamide Given as Adjunctive Therapy in Patients with refractory Partial Seizures	Initial	121,460
Pellock, John M	Marinus Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	A Double-Blind, Place-Controlled, Dose-Ranging Clinical Study To Evaluate The Safety, Tolerability, and Antiepileptic Activity Of Ganaxolone In Treatment of Patients With Infantile Spasms	Initial	94,512
Pellock, John M	Valeant Pharmaceuticals International, Inc.	Seizure Termination Outpatient Protocol for Emergency Medical Services Treatment	Initial	154,366
Towne, Alan R	Valeant Pharmaceuticals International, Inc.	A Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled, Multicenter, Parallel-Group Phase 3 Study To Determine The Efficacy And Safety Of Retigabine (1200 MG/Day) Used As Adjunctive Therapy In Refractory Epilepsy Patients With Partial-Onset Seizures	Supplement	80,093
Towne, Alan R	Johnson & Johnson	A Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled, Parallel-Group, Multicenter	Initial	569,406

		Study to Evaluate the Efficacy, Safety and Tolerability of RWJ-333369 as Adjunctive Therapy in Subjects with Partial Onset Seizures Followed by an Open-Label Extension Study		
Vota, Scott	Neurogesx, Inc.	A Multicenter Randomized, Double-Blind, Controlled Study Of NGX-4010 For The Treatment Of Postherpetic Neuralgia	Supplement	31,416
<b><u>National Institutes of Health</u></b>				
Delorenzo, Robert John	National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke/NIH/DHHS	Status Epileptus Reorganizes Cannabinoid Receptors	Initial	343,584
<b><u>Neurosurgery</u></b>				
<b><u>Industry</u></b>				
Marmarou, Anthony	UCB Pharma, Inc.	LIKE Registry Web Development	Initial	31,912
Marmarou, Anthony	Valeant Pharmaceuticals International, Inc.	Seizure Termination Outpatient Protocol for Emergency Medical Services Treatment: Subproject for Institution: PT100189	Initial	37,681
Mathern, Bruce E	Integra LifeSciences Corporation	Randomized Controlled Trial of Duragen Plus Adhesion Barrier Matrix to Minimize Adhesions Following Lumbar Discectomy	Initial	181,050
<b><u>Non-Profit</u></b>				
Vanmeter, Timothy E.	Musella Foundation	A Molecular Signature for Progression of Pediatric Optic Glioma	Initial	45,481
<b><u>Obstetrics And Gynecology</u></b>				
<b><u>Industry</u></b>				
Boardman, Cecelia H.	Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation	A Randomized, parallel group, open-label, active controlled, multi-center phase III trial of Patupilone (EPO906) versus pegylated liposomal doxorubicin (Doxil/Caelyx) in taxane/platinum Refractory/resistant patients with recurrent epithelial ovarian, pri	Initial	125,590
<b><u>National Institutes of Health</u></b>				
Walsh, Scott W	National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute/NIH/DHHS	Oxidant Stress Mechanisms in Preeclampsia	Supplement	43,150
<b><u>Pathology</u></b>				
<b><u>Industry</u></b>				
Ferreira-gonzalez, Andrea	Gentris Corporation	Analytical Validity of Gentris Rapid Genotyping Assay - CYP2C9 & VKORC1	Initial	18,428
Ferreira-gonzalez, Andrea	Nanogen, Inc.	NGEN Cystic Fibrosis Kit	Initial	11,631
Roseff-dickerson, Susan D	ImmucorGamma, Inc.	Monoclonal ABO and Rh-Hr Blood Grouping Reagents	Initial	5,457
Wilkinson, David S.	Philip Morris Management Corp.	Anatomic Pathology Research Services	Initial	7,055
<b><u>Non-Profit</u></b>				
Dumur, Catherine I.	Musella Foundation	A Molecular Signature for Progression of Pediatric Optic Glioma Subproject for Institution # PT101608	Initial	4,519
<b><u>Other Federal</u></b>				
Oh, Youngman	Department of Defense	Novel NF-kB Inhibitory Action of IGF Binding Protein-3 (IGFBP-3) in Prostate Cancer: New Paradigm for Suppression of Angiogenesis and Chemoresistance	Initial	558,750
<b><u>Pediatrics</u></b>				
<b><u>Industry</u></b>				
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	Supplement	125,957
Godder, Kamar	Anthera Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	DOSE ESCALATION STUDY: VARESPLADIB INFUSION (A-001) FOR	Initial	32,788

THE PREVENTION OF ACUTE CHEST SYNDROME IN AT-RISK PATIENTS WITH SICKLE CELL DISEASE AND VASO-OCCLUSIVE CRISIS

Irani, Anne-marie	Genentech, Inc.	A Phase IIB, Open Label Study of Xolair (Omalizumab) in Peanut Allergic Subjects Who Have Completed Study Q2788g (TOPS)	Initial	75,454
Irani, Anne-marie	Sanofi-Aventis	A Randomized, multi-centered, double-blind, placebo-controlled, parallel group study of the 12 month effect of treatment with once daily triamcinolone acetonide (NASACORT AQ Nasal Spray 110mg) on the growth velocity of children, 3 to 9 years of age, with	Initial	65,901
Irani, Anne-marie	Talecris Biotherapeutics, Inc.	An Open-Label Single-Sequence, Crossover Trial to Evaluate the Pharmacokinetics, Safety, and Tolerability, of Subcutaneous Gamunex 10% in subjects with Primary Immunodeficiency	Initial	37,294
Lavoie, Suzanne.	Social & Scientific Systems, Inc.	Study P219C Chart Abstractions	Initial	8,940
Meloy, Linda D	MedImmune, Inc.	A Prospective, Non-Interventional Study to Evaluate the Incidence of Hospitalizations and medically-Attended Lower Respiratory Tract Infection (MALRI) in Premature Infants 32 to 35 weeks gestational age who are not Recommended to Receive Prophylaxis for R	Initial	43,014

**Non-Profit**

Elsa, Sarah H.	Jerome Lejeune Foundation	Identification of Causative Loci for Smith-Magenis Syndrome-like Mental Retardation Disorders	Initial	34,402
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**State/Local**

Miller-hobbs, Corri	Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles	Safe Kids Traveling Virginia Highways	Initial	19,550
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**Pharmacology & Toxicology**

**Industry**

Beardsley, Patrick M.	Bioprojet SCR	Abuse liability profiling of BPI.3656B	Initial	62,569
Beardsley, Patrick M.	Bioprojet SCR	Effects of BP897 on the Conditional Stimulus Effects of Cocaine	Initial	14,900
Damaj, M. Imad	Abbott Laboratories	Effects of two Abbott compounds on the expression of nicotine CPP in mice	Initial	13,500
Guo, Tai Liang	Immunotox	Evaluation of the Effects of IIT Test Articles To Modulate the Immune System	Initial	44,894
Lichtman, Aron H	Pfizer Inc., U.S. Pharmaceuticals Group	Evaluation of Potential Cognitive Enhancers	Initial	100,000
Wiley, Jenny L.	Organix, Inc.	Pharmacological Evaluation of Cannabinoid Antagonists	Initial	83,479

**National Institutes of Health**

Harris, Louis S	National Institute on Drug Abuse/NIH/DHHS	Preclinical Medications Discovery and Abuse Liability Testing for NIDA	Initial	798,052
Miles, Michael F.	National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism/NIH/DHHS	Genomics Analysis of Social Stress and Individual Variation in Ethanol Drinking	Initial	223,500
Miles, Michael F.	National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism/NIH/DHHS	INIA-Stress: Informatics and Analysis Core	Initial	398,321
Satin, Leslie S	National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke/NIH/DHHS	Altered Excitatory Neurotransmission After Brain Trauma	Initial	319,871
Satin, Leslie S	National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases/NIH/DHHS	Metabolically Coupled Ion Channel Interactions in Islets	Initial	305,450
Shelton, Keith L.	National Institute of Diabetes	Characterization of AWOL Alcohol Vapor	Initial	90,832

and Digestive and Kidney  
Diseases/NIH/DHHS

Delivery Device

**Non-Profit**

Bettinger, Jill C	Jeffress	The Role of Altering Synaptic Transmission in the Development of Acute Tolerance of Ethanol	Initial	20,948
Gewirtz, David A	American Institute for Cancer Research	EB1089/Vitamin D3 and Radiation in the Breast Tumor Cell	Initial	71,701
Gewirtz, David A	American Cancer Society, Inc.	Institutional Research Grant	Initial	92,914

**Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation**

**Industry**

Mckinley, William O	Pfizer Inc., U.S. Pharmaceuticals Group	A 15-Week Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled, Parallel-Group Multi-Center Study of Pregabalin For Treatment of Chronic Central Neuropathic Pain After Spinal Cord Injury	Initial	82,790
Mckinley, William O	Allergan, Inc.	Scholarship to Advance Research in Spasticity Program	Initial	5,000
Monasterio, Eugenio	Allergan, Inc.	Scholarship to Advance Research in Spasticity Programs	Initial	6,000

**Other Federal**

Kreutzer, Jeffrey S	Department of Education	Traumatic Brain Injury Model System	Supplement	50,984
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**Sub-awards**

Meade, Michelle A.	University of Alabama at Birmingham	National Spinal Cord Injury Statistaical Center - VCU Data Collection	Initial	25,470
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**Physiology**

**National Institutes of Health**

Hu, Wenhui	National Institutes of Health	Regulation of Smooth Muscle Contraction and Relaxation by Cytokines	Initial	244,360
Pittman, Roland N	National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute/NIH/DHHS	Microvascular Responses to Hemorrhage and Resuscitation	Supplement	79,065

**Psychiatry**

**Industry**

Kornstein, Susan G	Wyeth Pharmaceutical	A Multicenter, randomized, 8-week, double-blind, placebo-controlled study follow by a 6-month open-label extension to evaluate the efficacy and safety of DVS SR	Initial	83,275
Kornstein, Susan G	Eli Lilly	A Randomized, Double-Blind Comparison of LY686017, Paroxetine and Placebo in the Treatment of SAD	Supplement	2,800
Kornstein, Susan G	Forest Laboratories	Fixed Dose Comparison of Escitalopram To an Active Comparator In Severely Depressed Patients	Initial	46,280
Kornstein, Susan G	Forest Laboratories	Fixed Dose Comparison of Escitalopram To an Active Comparator In Severely Depressed Patients	Supplement	2,400

**National Institutes of Health**

Hettema, John M.	National Institute of Mental Health/NIH/DHHS	Identification of Susceptibility Genes for the Anxiety Disorders	Initial	198,433
Kornstein, Susan G	National Institutes of Health	Symptom Onset Antidepressent Treatment for Premenstrual Dysphoric Disorder	Initial	134,959

**State/Local**

Conners, Wayne	Virginia Department of Mental Health, MR & SAS	State Adolescent Coordinator	Supplement	10,200
Conners, Wayne R.	Virginia Department of Mental Health, MR & SAS	Alcohol Substance Abuse Prevention (ASAP) Training	Initial	9,592
Horvatich, Paula K	Virginia Department of Mental Health, MR & SAS	Virginia Institute for Professional Addictions Counselor Training Program VIPACT	Supplement	66,660

**Sub-awards**

Maher, Brion	University of Pittsburgh	Genetic Factors to Oral Health Disparities in Appalachia	Initial	15,012
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**Radiation Oncology****Industry**

Siebers, Jeffrey V.	Varian Medical Systems	Intensity Modulated and Image Guided Adaptive Radiation Therapy Dosimetry with Amorphous Silicon Electronic Portal Imaging Devices	Initial	130,000
Williamson, Jeffrey F.	Varian Medical Systems	Applications of Quantitative cone-beam CT imaging in cancer radiotherapy	Initial	120,000

**Radiology****Industry**

Grizzard, John D.	Bracco Diagnostics, Inc.	Utility of 64-slice Multidetector CT Coronary Angiography in the Evaluation of Low and Intermediate Risk ED Patients	Initial	162,625
Wilson, John D	Eastern Isotopes, Inc.	Phase I: Cardiac PET Imaging of 124I-MIBG in a Hamster Model of Dilated Cardiomyopathy	Supplement	1,618

**National Institutes of Health**

Kurdziel, Karen Ann	National Cancer Institute/NIH/DHHS	Cancer Imaging Program: Division of Cancer Treatment and Diagnosis Assignment Agreement	Initial	106,800
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**Surgery****Industry**

Kasirajan, Vigneshwar	SynCardia Systems, Inc.	The SynCardia CardioWest temporary Total Artificial Heart (TAH-t) Postmarket Surveillance Study	Initial	29,667
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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	8,000
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