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Special Summer Catch-Up Issue!

Departmental News will resume in the Sept/Oct issue – please send your faculty/department achievements to kkreutzer@vcu.edu by September 3.

Dean Search Update

Sheldon M. Retchin, MD, MSPH, has announced the membership of the Search Committee for the Dean of the School of Medicine. It is comprised of broad representation of individuals from clinical and basic sciences, MCV Hospitals, both campuses of VCU, the VA Hospital, the MCV Alumni Association, Boards of VCU and the VCUHS, and the Office of the VP for Research. The position announcement is being placed in national journals and is posted on the VCU website (among SOM Faculty Vacancies)

<http://www.pubinfo.vcu.edu/facjobs/facjob.asp?Item=1585>

The process is underway to engage a professional search firm with expertise and experience in this type of national search.

Interested applicants should send a letter of intent and curriculum vitae. Those seeking to nominate potential candidates should send a letter of nomination. Submit to: Search Committee for School of Medicine Dean, VCU, PO Box 980549, Richmond, VA 23298-0549.

Search Committee, Dean, School of Medicine

Chair: **Gordon Ginder, MD**, Director, Massey Cancer Center

Co-Chair: **David Sarrett, DMD**, Associate VP for Academic Affairs (Health Sciences)

Dr. Tilahun Adera, Chair, Preventive Medicine & Community Health & Associate Dean, School of Public Health

Dr. George Burke, Pulmonary Associates, Richmond

Dr. Linda S. Costanzo, Professor, Department of Physiology

Mr. John Duval, CEO MCV Hospitals, VCUHS

Dr. Ann Fulcher, Chairman and Professor, Department of Radiology & Member, VCU Health System Board of Directors

Dr. Thomas Huff, Vice Provost for Life Sciences

Dr. Betty Anne Johnson, Professor and Chair, Division of General Medicine and Primary Care, Department of Internal Medicine & Member, VCU Health System Board of Directors

Dr. Susan Kornstein, Professor of Psychiatry and OB/GYN, Executive Director, VCU IWH/National Center on Excellence, Department of Psychiatry (Mood Disorder Clinic)

Dr. Joe Laver, Professor and Chair, Department of Pediatrics

Dr. Billy Martin, Professor and Chair, Pharmacology and Toxicology

Dr. Jim Neifeld, Stuart McGuire Professor and Chairman, Department of Surgery

Dr. John Nestler, Professor, Division Chair of Endocrinology and Metabolism, Department of Internal Medicine

Dr. John Povlishock, Professor and Chair, Anatomy and Neurobiology

Dr. Michele Romano, Member, VCU Board of Visitors and VCU Health System Board of Directors, Fairfax

Dr. Karen Sanders, Professor of Internal Medicine and Associate Chief of Staff for Education, VAMC

Dr. Sarah Spiegel, Professor and Chair, Department of Biochemistry

Dr. Marsha Torr, Vice President for Research

Dr. John Ward, Professor, Co-Director and Executive Vice-Chair of Neurosurgery, Department of Neurosurgery and Member, VCU Health System Board of Directors

Dr. Michelle Whitehurst-Cook, Associate Professor, Department of Family Practice

Two medical students - one M-IV and one M-III - TBA

Department Chair Search Update



Dr. Will Benson has been selected as the Chair of Ophthalmology after a national search. Dr. Benson, Professor, had been serving as Interim Chair. Many thanks to the hard-working **Ophthalmology Search Committee, chaired by Dr. David Wilkinson (Pathology)** and congratulations to Dr. Benson!

People on the Move

Believe it or not, things DO happen here in the summer...

Betty Anne Johnson, MD, PhD, Professor of Internal Medicine, has been named Division Head for General Internal Medicine.

Lenore Buckley MD, MPH, Professor of Internal Medicine (Rheumatology/Immunology), has been selected as the **Medical Director at Stony Point** medical facility. Dr. Buckley succeeds Mary Nettleman, MD, MS, and John Cardea, MD, in her new role. She will be on-site 4 half days a week with oversight of overall operations.

Elizabeth Waterhouse, MD, Associate Professor of Neurology, has been named **Assistant Dean for Medical Education**. Dr. Waterhouse also directs the M3 Clerkship year of the curriculum. Her new role will encompass this responsibility as well as coordination of the M3 curriculum at the new Inova Campus.

Diane Biskobing, MD, Associate Professor of Internal Medicine (Endocrinology) has been named **MI - M2 Curriculum Director**. Dr. Biskobing will oversee the first two years of the curriculum and continues to direct the M2 Endocrinology Course. She also serves as chair of the SOM Curriculum Council. Thanks to **Philippe Girerd, MD**, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and **Deborah Lebman, PhD**, Department of Microbiology and Immunology, who served as MI and M2 Coordinators for three years, for their contributions to the education of our students.

Stephanie Call MD, MSPH, is the new Director of the **Internal Medicine Housestaff Program** and will arrive in October. Dr. Call is a graduate of the University of Maryland School of Medicine. She completed a residency, chief residency and a fellowship in General Internal Medicine at the University of Alabama. In addition, she completed the Faculty Development Clinical Teaching Course at Stanford University. She is board certified in Internal Medicine and Palliative Care. She has previously served as Assistant Director of the Internal Medicine Residency Program at the University of Alabama, and for the last four years has been Associate Program Director at the University of Louisville. Her husband, Christian Barrett, MD, will join the faculty in the Division of Hematology/Oncology.

MCVP News

Provided by Dr. Richard Wenzel, President, MCVP

Elections of New Board Members



I am pleased to announce the two new Board members of MCV Physicians: The Clinical Department Chairs elected **David S. Wilkinson MD**, chairman of the Department of Pathology, who will replace John Seeds, MD. The faculty elected **Wilhelm A. Zuelzer, MD**, a faculty member of the Department of Orthopaedics who will replace George Vetrovec, MD. Please join the Board and congratulate these two members of the faculty for their new assignments.

MCVP Clinician of the Year: Lisa Brath, MD, Associate Professor of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine in the Department of Internal Medicine, was recognized by a popular vote of the clinical faculty as the 2004



Distinguished Clinician of the Year. Dr. Brath received her residency and fellowship training here at VCUHS. Dr. Brath will be recognized formally at an Open Forum of the MCV Physicians in the next few months. Please congratulate Dr. Brath for her recognition by the faculty.

We are planning an open forum for the faculty in the coming months. Date, time and location will be announced when finalized. We plan to serve lunch to the first 100 faculty that attend. At least

half of the meeting time will be open for the faculty to make comments and suggestions to the Board members. More to follow at a later date.



Did you Know?

In Fiscal years 2001 and 2002, **MCV Physicians** had losses totaling roughly \$9 million dollars. Under new leadership, in fiscal 2003, there was a positive bottom line of \$1 million. In fiscal year 2004, MCVP had a positive bottom line of \$6 million dollars. Congratulations to the leadership of MCVP, Dr. Richard Wenzel, Marie Ann North, and Jim Potyraj, and everyone who has contributed to this success!

VCU to Have Virginia's Only School of Public Health

The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) has approved a new School of Public Health at Virginia Commonwealth University. The new school, the only School of Public Health in Virginia, will help fill a large and growing need for public health professionals, VCU officials said.

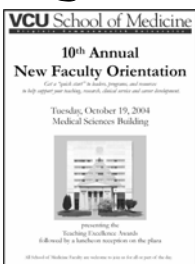
In particular, the VCU School of Public Health will address emerging public health issues such as bioterrorism and the risks of biological and chemical weapons, as well as new infectious diseases such as SARS. It also will help meet the need for interventions and public education for Virginia's problems, such as obesity, substance abuse, cancer prevention and interpersonal violence.

The core areas of the VCU School of Public Health will include biostatistics, epidemiology and community health, environmental and occupational health, behavioral and nutritional sciences and health policy and management. The school will collaborate with other VCU programs, including the Center for Public Policy, environmental studies, community health education, nursing, dentistry, pharmacy, psychiatry, psychology and social work.

The VCU School of Public Health initially will be established within the VCU School of Medicine and enrollment will be effective for the spring 2005 semester. Dr. Tilahun Adera will head the new school as Associate Dean for Public Health, in the School of Medicine until it eventually separates.

There are 34 accredited schools of public health in the United States. Prior to the approval of the VCU School of Public Health, Virginia was the only state with a population greater than seven million that did not have at least one school of public health. (*thanks to University News Service*)

Register Now for New Faculty Orientation!



By now you should have received the brochure for the 10th Annual New Faculty Orientation, which will take place Tuesday, October 19, in the Medical Sciences Building. Please attend and/or encourage newer faculty in your area to attend so that they can get a “quick start” on how the School of Medicine works and those who make it work!

If you need a brochure or more information, contact Carole Hetteema, Office of Continuing Professional Development and Evaluation Studies, carole.hetteema@vcu.edu, 828-5416 or Carol Hampton, Associate Dean, Office of Faculty and Instructional Development, 8-6594.

New Basic Teaching Skills Workshop, Friday December 3

A new workshop for new faculty and faculty new to teaching will be offered on Friday, December 3, 2004, from 8:30 am - 1:00 pm, on the MCV Campus. Master teachers from the School of Medicine will offer instruction on objective writing and evaluation planning, syllabus preparation, lecture skills, and giving feedback to students. Save the date and watch for the program announcement and registration information. The workshop is presented by the SOM Curriculum Office and the Office of Faculty and Instructional Development. Contact: Kathy Kreutzer, MEd, 828-9789, kkreutze@vcu.edu

Inova Campus to Host a Limited Accreditation Site Visit in January 2005

On January 24-26, 2005, the LCME will be performing a limited site visit to assess the SOM's progress in creating a geographically separated clinical education program at Inova Fairfax Hospital. The two visitors will spend the majority of their time on the Inova Campus. Key elements of a successful visit will be demonstration that the

design, management and evaluation of the curriculum will be adequately integrated with the MCV Campus program. Fairfax Hospital and SOM leadership will develop a "mini-database" assessing the number and qualifications of the Fairfax Hospital faculty, the educational resources available at Fairfax Hospital, and comparability of the educational programs and student support services. The first class of 24 M3 students will begin attending the new program in August 2005. *(Thanks to Dr. James Messmer for this information)*

Fall GME Core Curriculum Lecture Series Announced

Location: GBJ Auditorium

- August 18 (noon) **Keeping Current with Health Information Resources:**
August 19 (7 am) **Reliable Resources for You and Your Patients**
Cate Canevari, MLS, and Shannon Jones, MLS, MIS, VCU Libraries
- September 29 (noon) **The 80 hour work week 1 year later**
30 (7 am) **The Increased role of the Faculty in the 80 Hour Work Week**
Doris Stoll, PhD
Executive Director, RRC
Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education
- October 20 (noon) **DNR**
Laurel Lyckholm, MD
Associate Professor, Internal Medicine Hematology/Oncology
Michael Goodman, Esq., Goodman, Allen & Filetti
There is no GME Thursday session this month.
- November 17 (noon) **Prescription Issues and Regulations for JACHO and Board of**
November 18 (7 am) **Health Professions**
Laurel Loyd, PharmD., Assistant Director, Pharmacy Services VCUHS
- December 15 (noon) **Cultural Competencies**
16 (7am) Cheryl Al-Mateen, MD, Associate Professor, Department of Psychiatry

Wednesday conferences are at 12 noon with light lunch served and Thursday conferences are at 7 am with light breakfast served. All members of the University community are welcome to attend these presentations.

SOM Teaching Excellence Awards Celebration!



Tuesday, **October 19, 2004**, 12:10 – 1:10pm, Medical Science Building Auditorium. Lunch to follow on the plaza. *Plan to attend!*

Outstanding Researchers Honored on Research Recognition Day

Each year the June SOM Faculty Meeting is devoted to recognizing faculty researchers who have made exceptional contributions in advancing the SOM research mission. On June 17, twelve faculty were recognized for their research achievements in 2003-2004:

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| Ary Ramoa, PhD | Department of Anatomy & Neurobiology |
| Zendra Zehner, PhD | Department of Biochemistry |
| Ramesh Ramakrishnan, PhD | Department of Biostatistics |
| Gordon Archer, MD | Department of Internal Medicine |
| John Tew, PhD | Department of Microbiology & Immunology |
| M. Ross Bullock, PhD | Department of Neurosurgery |
| Anthony Marmarou, PhD | Department of Neurosurgery |
| Jennifer Wayne, PhD | Department of Orthopaedic Surgery |
| Les Satin, PhD | Department of Pharmacology & Toxicology |
| Clive Baumgarten, PhD | Department of Physiology |
| Karen Kurdziel, MD | Department of Radiology |

The Outstanding Research Achievement Award was presented to **Steven Woolf, MD**. Dr. Woolf is Professor and Director of Research in the **Department of Family Medicine**. Dr. Woolf is one of the faculty members guiding the Virginia Ambulatory Care Outcomes Research Network (ACORN), a statewide, practice-based research network. Dr. Woolf's research activities are in the areas of evidence-based medicine, systematic reviews, medical technology assessment and practice guideline development.

The A. D. Williams Fund provided support for this annual event. Congratulations to all of these faculty who are making important contributions and who represent our School so well!

Office of CME has a New Name Recognizing Research Activities

Effective July 1, 2004, the Office of Continuing Medical Education became the **Office of Continuing Professional Development and Evaluation Studies (CPDE)**. Under the leadership of **Associate Dean Paul Mazmanian**, the new evaluation studies program supports faculty research studying physician learning and change across the continuum of medical education, including undergraduate, graduate, and continuing medical education. The Office has received a small grant from the Society for Academic Continuing Medical Education to study physicians' use of PDAs in their personal learning and health care. **Sonya Lawson, PhD**, is the Principal Investigator. The Virginia Board of Medicine and the Medical Society of Virginia are also collaborators on the project. Other initiatives include responsibility for evaluation studies supported by the HRSA funded grant for Disaster Preparedness in Virginia; **John Boothby, MSW, Director, Mediated Instruction and Business Affairs** is leading development of the on-line activities for CPDE. The Office is also collaborating with the Department of Family Medicine to work on evaluation for the Foundations of Clinical Medical Course.

Did You Know?

A new study suggests that neckties that many physicians wear to look professional may harbor bacteria that can cause diseases. A medical student named Steven Nurkin, at New York Hospital Medical Center of Queens, noticed ties were coughed upon and touch patients and their bedding. Here is what the researchers discovered:



- One in four neckties carried *Staphylococcus aureus*.
- One in eight harbored hospital-acquired bacteria, such as *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *Acinetobacter baumannii*.
- 47.6% harbored potential pathogens.

While a direct link between bacteria on neckties and subsequent patient infection was not made, the study suggests that the use of tie clips, or dry cleaning ties and white coats regularly, may decrease the chance of contamination. Source: "Is the Clinician's Necktie a Potential Fomite for Hospital Acquired Infections," a study presented at the American Society for Microbiology meeting, May 24, 2004, New Orleans.

VCU Institute for Women's Health Awarded \$100,000 for Health Resource Center

The VCU Institute for Women's Health, a National Center of Excellence in Women's Health, has received a \$100,000 grant from the Theresa A. Thomas Memorial Foundation to establish a comprehensive resource center for health information. The resource center will be located at the VCU Women's Health Center at Stony Point and will serve as a clearinghouse for women's health-related information. The grant will provide funds for resource materials and support a medical librarian who will be available to meet with patients before or after physician appointments to help them locate resources that address their individual health needs. Information will be available in a variety of formats including hard copy printed materials, on-line resources, video and audio sources and CD-ROMs. Access to this health information will be free.

"We want this to be the premier resource for the community when it comes to information about women's health," said Dr. Susan G. Kornstein, executive director of the VCU Institute for Women's Health. "Patients who visit our women's health center will benefit greatly from this resource center. We are extremely grateful to the Theresa Thomas Foundation for their generous gift."

The Stony Point Women's Health Resource Center will be developed in partnership with VCU Libraries, Tompkins-McCaw Library and the MCV Hospitals Auxiliary's Community Health Education Center. Long-term goals call for providing a mobile resource kiosk at the newly developed Women's Surgical Care Wing and at the Nelson Women's Health Clinic at VCU Medical Center. The resource center is expected to open in the fall of 2004.

For more information see: <http://www.vcu.edu/uns/Releases/2004/june/062904.html> (thanks to University News Service)



Did You Know?

Faculty can now use **wireless microphones** in Medical Sciences Building and Baruch Auditoriums. The microphones are available for checkout in Media Support Services (MSS) in B1 Sanger Hall. You will need to provide a charge code to check out the microphones. Call x83400 for more information, or you may fill out an equipment request form at: http://www.at.vcu.edu/media/equipment/eq-req_mcv.html If you would like to purchase your own microphone, please contact MSS for model information, so that the microphone you buy matches the frequency in the room. The microphones and body packs run about \$360.00.

Take the Stairs! Elevator Replacement Project to last 18 months



The elevators in Main and North Hospitals, A. D. Williams, and the Nelson Clinic will be replaced over the next 18 months, resulting in fewer elevators being available for service. One public elevator in each building will be out of service for approximately 45 days. This is an opportunity for all of us to increase our activity level by taking the stairs when traveling UP two or DOWN three or fewer flights of stairs, while making elevator space more available to patients and visitors. Look for the informational signs in the stairwells and kindly allow patients and families to enter elevators first.

AD Williams Awards for July, 2004 Award Cycle Announced

Dr. Tegwyn L. Hughes, Assistant Professor of Pediatric Dentistry, was awarded \$15,000; \$2,500 from the Feamster Trust Funds, \$2,500 from the Bayliss Trust Funds, and \$10,000 from the A. D. Williams Trust Funds; in support of her application entitled "Oral Health Care in the Medical Setting."

Dr. W. Michael Holmes, Professor of Microbiology and Immunology, was awarded \$14,885 from the A. D. Williams Trust Funds in support of his application entitled "Structural Proteomics and Intracellular Localization of the Human TRM5 Protein."

Dr. Shulin Ren, Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine (Division of Gastroenterology), was awarded \$15,000 from the A. D. Williams Trust Funds in support of his application entitled "Role of Cholesterol Transporter in Macrophages."

Dr. Edwin van den Oord, Associate Professor of Psychiatry, was awarded \$14,991 from the A. D. Williams Trust Funds in support of his application entitled "Behavioral and Genetic Markers of Drug Addiction in an Adolescent Murine Model".

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

For more information, including applications: <http://views.vcu.edu/adw/>

Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine
Faculty Promotion and Tenure
Effective July 1, 2004

TENURE REVIEW (PROFESSOR)

John D. Roberts, MD
Bruce D. Spiess, MD

Internal Medicine
Anesthesiology

PROMOTION TO PROFESSOR WITH TENURE

Harry P. Koo, MD

Surgery

PROMOTION TO PROFESSOR (ALREADY TENURED)

Laurence J. Dinardo, MD
Michael F. Miles, MD, PhD
Anthony J. Minisi, MD
Mark A. Wood, MD

Otolaryngology
Pharmacology & Toxicology
Internal Medicine
Internal Medicine

PROMOTION TO PROFESSOR (COLLATERAL)

Michael Edmond, MD
Michael P. Hagan, MD, PhD
Anne L. King, MD
Donald Oswald, PhD
Jay Shapiro, MD

Internal Medicine
Radiation Oncology
Internal Medicine
Psychiatry
Anesthesiology

TENURE REVIEW (ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR)

M. Imad Damaj, PhD
Gregorio Gil, PhD
Paul J. Keall, PhD

Pharmacology & Toxicology
Biochemistry
Radiation Oncology

PROMOTION TO ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR WITH TENURE

Abelardo DeAnda, Jr., MD
Babette Fuss, PhD
Shoba Ghosh, MD
Shelley A. Harris, PhD
Arti Pandya, MD, MBA
Lynne T. Penberthy, MD
Evan R. Reiter, MD
Dana Selley, PhD
Rita Shiang, PhD
Laura Sim-Selley, PhD

Surgery
Anatomy & Neurobiology
Internal Medicine
Prev. Med. & Community Health
Human Genetics
Internal Medicine
Otolaryngology
Pharmacology & Toxicology
Human Genetics
Pharmacology & Toxicology

PROMOTION TO ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR (COLLATERAL)

Susan DiGiovanni, MD
Antony Fernandez, MD
Ranjodh S. Gill, MD
Brian J. Kaplan, MD
Monica R. Morris, MD
Janet P. Niemeier, PhD
Mary Ann Peberdy, MD
Thomas M. Reeves, PhD
Susan D. Roseff, MD
Jeannie F. Savas, MD

Internal Medicine
Psychiatry
Internal Medicine
Surgery
Radiation Oncology
Physical Med. & Rehab.
Internal Medicine
Anatomy & Neurobiology
Pathology
Surgery

PROMOTION TO ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

(no peer review required; recommendation letter and curriculum vitae required)

Stanley J. Feuer, MSW

Psychiatry

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AFFILIATE AND NON-PAID, VOLUNTEER FACULTY
(no peer review required; recommendation letter and curriculum vitae required)

PROMOTION TO CLINICAL PROFESSOR

Robert B. Stroube, MD, MPH
George A. Zitnay, PhD

Preventive Med. & Comm. Health
Physical Med. & Rehabilitation

PROMOTION TO AFFILIATE ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

Judith B. Bradford, PhD

Preventive Med. & Comm. Health

PROMOTION TO ASSOCIATE CLINICAL PROFESSOR

George Eapen, MD
Albert M. Jones, Jr., MD
Ronald T. Seel, PhD

Internal Medicine
Physical Med. & Rehabilitation
Physical Med. & Rehabilitation



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Newsline is designed to better inform the faculty about activities and plans affecting the School of Medicine and to encourage open communication. So much that happens is a moving target, so we'll do our best. Send comments and questions and we'll try to find the folks who know the answers (if they'll tell us...) You can submit items for the newsletter to Kathy Kreutzer, Box 980565 or e-mail kkreutzer@vcu.edu.

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