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School of Medicine Receives Full Accreditation from LCME

Last week the VCU School of Medicine was notified officially by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) that the school had received accreditation for eight years, which is the maximum amount of time awarded. The accreditation followed an 18-month self-study process during which our School evaluated all aspects of the educational program. The School was praised for its leadership, educational support and responsiveness to students. The School's clinical program at the Inova Fairfax Hospital for 48 students was also praised for the richness and diversity of its learning environment and a new education building that opened earlier this year. The next accreditation will occur in 2016.

We are very pleased with the results of the accreditation process and want to thank all of the faculty, students and staff who participated.

Jerry Strauss, MD, PhD

Executive VP for Medical Affairs, VCU Health System
Dean, School of Medicine

James Messmer, MD, MEd

Former Sr. Associate Dean for Medical Education
VCU School of Medicine

VCU Task Force on Corporate Sponsored Research to Hold MCV Campus Town Meeting July 16

The VCU Task Force on Corporate Sponsored Research will hold a Town Meeting on **Wednesday, July 16, 2008, from 4:00 until 6:00 p.m.** in the auditorium of the Kontos Medical Sciences Building, MCV Campus. We'll provide another reminder and further details as July 16th approaches. I hope you will be able to attend and provide your voice to the deliberations of the Task Force. You can follow the activities of the Task Force by visiting: http://www.research.vcu.edu/vpr/corporate_sponsor.htm

Francis L. Macrina, PhD, Edward Myers Professor of Dentistry and Vice President for Research, VCU

Deans and Chair Search Updates

New Associate Dean of Student Affairs Appointed



Christopher Woleben, MD, has been appointed Associate Dean of Student Affairs effective July 1st. Dr. Woleben is a 1993 graduate of William and Mary where he majored in Chemistry. He was awarded the Doctor of Medicine degree from VCU SOM in 1997. After a year in private practice, Dr. Woleben joined the faculty in the Department of Pediatrics, specializing in Emergency Pediatrics. He is currently an Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine. He has been an instructor in the Foundations of Clinical Medicine Course and the Honors Program on the Monroe Park Campus, where he has mentored students in the guaranteed admission to medical school program. He has also been a Project H.E.A.R.T. mentor since its inception and has served as a panel member for the Internal Review Board. Dr. Woleben has served for several years on the Admissions Committee and most recently as the Chair.

Dr. Linda Costanzo, Dr. Alan Dow Appointed New Assistant Deans for Medical Education



Two new Assistant Deans for Medical Education, **Linda Costanzo, PhD**, and **Alan Dow, MD, MHA**, have been appointed. Dr. Costanzo has a long established reputation for excellence in education. She is currently Professor of Physiology and serves as the Course Director for M1 Physiology and oversees the USMLE Step 1 Review Course. Dr. Costanzo has received numerous teaching awards at both a local and national level. Perhaps her most prestigious is the Alpha Omega Alpha Robert J. Glaser Distinguished Teaching Award granted by the Association of American Medical Colleges. She is the author of Physiology, a board review series book used internationally by students preparing for Step 1 of the USMLE.

Dr. Dow was graduated from the University of Virginia in 1996 with a B.A. in Cognitive Science. He attended Washington University School of Medicine where he was selected for membership in Alpha Omega Alpha and was graduated in 2005. He completed his residency in Internal Medicine at the VCU Health System and joined the faculty in 2003 and is currently an Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine. Dr. Dow is Director of the Academic Hospitalist Service for VCU Medical Center and an Associate Program Director for the Internal Medicine Residency Program. He has been a mentor for Project H.E.A.R.T. and has developed a specific curriculum for the hospitalist track. Dr. Dow is well known for his innovative work using theatre techniques to teach medical communication.

Drs. Costanzo and Dow assumed their positions on July 1st. They will play an instrumental role in designing a new curriculum and developing the programming for the new School of Medicine Building.

Please join us in recognizing **Diane Biskobing, MD**, and **Elizabeth Waterhouse, MD**, who have held the positions of Assistant Deans for Curriculum for the past six years. Each has contributed greatly to the excellence of our educational programs and our recent successful LCME reaccreditation. We thank them for their years of dedicated service to the School and our medical student body.

Alan Towne to Step Down as Chair of Neurology



Alan Towne, MD, MPH, has announced that he will step down as Chair of the Department of Neurology, but will remain in the position until his successor is identified. Dr. Towne has given more than 20 years of service to VCU and has chaired the Department of Neurology for eight years. He has achieved national recognition for his studies on status epilepticus, the development of new anti-epileptic drugs, post-traumatic epilepsy, seizures in the elderly, neuro-epidemiology and migraine research. He is a member and has served in leadership positions of numerous professional organizations including the Epilepsy Foundation of Virginia where he is on the Professional Advisory Board and has been included in Best Doctors in Richmond and Who's Who in American Healthcare.

Additionally, Dr. Towne is currently the Division Surgeon for the 29th Infantry Division, where he holds the rank of Colonel. He has been deployed twice in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. During his deployments he was involved in caring for soldiers suffering from traumatic brain injury and he continues to provide care for soldiers at McGuire Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Many thanks to Dr. Towne for his loyalty to the institution and to the Department of Neurology and for his many contributions to the School and the VCU Health System.

Dr. David Cifu (Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation) will chair the Search Committee:

Warren Felton (Neurology)

Larry Morton (Neurology)

Bela Sood (Psychiatry)

Kathryn Holloway (Neurosurgery)

Ray Colello (Anatomy/Neurobiology)

Rich Costanzo (Physiology & Biophysics)

Mike Miles (Pharmacology/Toxicology, Neurology)

Dr. Richard Wenzel Steps Down as Head of MCV Physicians After Five Years of Service



Richard Wenzel, MD, MSc, was unanimously selected by his peers in 2002 to lead the rebirth of MCV Physicians as a revitalized faculty practice group. Working closely with the Hunter Group Consultants during his first year, and then with Mr James Potyraj, he rebuilt the group practice into a dynamic organization which holds a key decision making role in our health system. Under his leadership, MCVP went through a period of financial discovery, accountability, and reconciliation as the clinical departments worked together to address legacy finances, and then to build a solid platform for future success. Always working under the premise of “first, do no harm” he led the MCVP Board through difficult decisions with integrity and wisdom, constantly challenging board members to strive for the highest level of performance. Under his leadership, MCVP has achieved remarkable financial success and stability.

Working closely with Ambulatory Care Administration, he proposed the *Jet Blue* initiative to instill a patient centric approach to care and pride in the delivery of that care, and was the first advocate of the *Leader Greeter* program which has spread throughout our organization. He personally led the efforts to accelerate the use of information technology in the clinics through the use of patient kiosks, the Patient Keeper program, and the push for a truly integrated electronic ambulatory record. His efforts to improve patient care and safety extended beyond the clinics and into the MCV Hospitals, where he championed implementation of prompt consults, appropriate documentation by attendings, and numerous efforts to decrease hospital acquired infections.

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Wenzel on his outstanding term as President of MCV Physicians. His will be a legacy of success, growth, and the pursuit of patient safety.

Dr. John Ward Appointed Interim President of MCV Physicians



On May 14, 2008, the VCUHS Board of Directors approved the appointment of John D. Ward, MD, MSHA, as the Interim President of MCV Physicians, effective May 1, 2008. Dr. Ward also serves as Chief Medical Officer for MCVP and Professor of Neurosurgery and Executive Vice Chair and Chief of Pediatric Neurosurgery.

Thanks to Dr. Ward for accepting the new assignment.

Jean Shipman, Director of TML Library, to move to University of UT



Jean Shipman, MLS, AHIP, Director of Tompkins-McCaw Library for the Health Sciences, has been appointed Director of the Spencer S. Eccles Health Sciences Library at the University of Utah. As Director, she will oversee the comprehensive scope of operations handled by the Eccles Library, including its role as Regional Medical Library for the Midcontinental Region. Jean will leave her position at VCU effective August 31, 2008.

Jean has advanced Tompkins-McCaw Library, the VCU Libraries, and VCU in innumerable ways. Her outstanding contributions have accelerated our successes in providing state-of-the-art clinical, researcher, faculty, and student information services throughout VCU. She brought national recognition to VCU through her service as President of the Medical Library Association, 2006-2007. She leaves very large shoes to fill, and she will be greatly missed by all of her Virginia colleagues. Congratulations to the University of Utah in attracting one of the most outstanding health sciences librarians in the country! Please join me in giving Jean our best wishes for ongoing success and our continued friendship, wherever she may be. (*taken from announcement by John E. Ulmschneider, University Librarian, VCU*)

Michael B. Phaup, Director of McGuire VA Hospital, Retires



Michael B. Phaup is retiring as Director of the Hunter Holmes McGuire Veterans Administration Hospital, a position he has held since May 2004. Mr. Phaup is a native of North Carolina and received his undergraduate education from Indiana Wesleyan University and his graduate education from Duke University. Prior to being assigned to the Richmond VA Medical Center, Mr. Phaup served as the Director at the VA Medical Center in Durham, NC; Baltimore, MD; and Wilmington, DE. He has served our Nation's Heroes for thirty nine years. Mr. Phaup has contributed to strengthened programs in polytrauma and rehabilitation medicine as well as our joint programs in cardiovascular disease, urologic oncology and in the future, mental health and emergency medicine. We wish Mr. Phaup well in his retirement and thank him for his strong support of our affiliation.

Remembering Billy Ray Martin, PhD



Billy Martin, PhD, Louis and Ruth Harris Professor and Chair of the VCU Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology, passed away on June 8th after a valiant fight against colon cancer. As an internationally recognized scientist in the field of cannabinoid research, he received numerous honors from his scientific peers. Dr. Martin was posthumously awarded the Nathan B. Eddy Award on June 15, the highest honor bestowed awarded by the College on Problems of Drug Dependence. Dr. Martin was a former recipient of the Outstanding Scientist of Virginia Award, the first recipient of the Outstanding Inventor Award from the VCU Tech Transfer Office in recognition of his multiple patents based on his research, and the VCU Award for Scholarship. He will also receive the VCU Award for Excellence, the highest honor that this University bestows on a faculty member, this fall. These are but a few of his academic honors. This spring, to celebrate his 65th birthday, the VCU Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology organized a special symposium to celebrate accomplishments in cannabinoid research. Billy attended the two-day session and had the pleasure of basking in the appreciation and admiration of his colleagues from near and far, which included his faculty and former students. They were his pride and he never missed an opportunity to promote their accomplishments. In the face of progressing disease, Billy was undaunted. He taught us all how to face the toughest of challenges with grace and dignity. Our hearts go out to his wife, Jean, and children, Zachary and Lindsay, at this sad time. VCU, the School of Medicine and the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology have lost one of their treasures.

Join us for the School of Medicine 14th Annual New Faculty Orientation and 10th Annual Faculty Excellence Awards

Get a “quick start” to leaders, programs, and resources to help support your career development, teaching, research, and clinical service. Location: Kontos Medical Sciences Building (all sessions).

Day 1: ½ day - Wednesday, September 24	8 am – 12 pm
SOM Overview, Career Planning	
Faculty Excellence Awards	12:10 – 1 pm
Followed by a luncheon reception on the plaza	
Day 2: ½ day – Thursday, September 25	8 am – 12:30 pm
The Clinical Enterprise	
Educational Environment & Resources	
Day 3: ½ day – Thursday, October 23	8 am – 12:30 pm
Research: Getting Started at VCU	
Presented with the VCU Office of Research	

All School of Medicine Faculty are welcome to join us for all or part of the program

To register go to www.cmeregistration.som.vcu.edu or contact Carol Hampton, Office of Faculty Affairs, clhampto@vcu.edu, 828-6594, or Carole Hetteema, CPDE, crhetteem@vcu.edu, 828-5416.



VCU School of Medicine Faculty Promotion and Tenure

Effective July 1, 2008

Congratulations and well done!

TENURE REVIEW (PROFESSOR)

Patrick Beardsley, PhD
Kurt Hauser, PhD
Steve Negus, PhD

Pharmacology & Toxicology
Pharmacology & Toxicology
Pharmacology & Toxicology

PROMOTION TO PROFESSOR (ALREADY TENURED)

Shobha Ghosh, PhD
Joyce A. Lloyd, PhD
Mary Ellen Olbrisch, PhD
Jeffrey Siebers, PhD

Internal Medicine
Human Genetics
Psychiatry
Radiation Oncology

PROMOTION TO PROFESSOR (COLLATERAL)

Edward Ishac, PhD
Linda D. Meloy, MD
Lawrence Morton, MD
Mary Ann Peberdy, MD
William Walker, MD
Issac Wood, MD

Pharmacology & Toxicology
Pediatrics
Neurology
Internal Medicine
Physical Medicine and Rehab.
Psychiatry

TENURE REVIEW (ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR)

Ching-Kang Jason Chen, PhD
Tomasz Kordula, PhD
Martin Murphy, PhD

Biochem. & Molecular Biology
Biochem. & Molecular Biology
Radiation Oncology

PROMOTION TO ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR WITH TENURE

Kimberle Jacobs, PhD
Michael C. Kontos, MD
Saba W. Masho, MD, MPH, Dr.PH
Brien Riley, PhD

Anatomy & Neurobiology
Internal Medicine
Epidemiology & Comm. Health
Psychiatry

PROMOTION TO ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR (COLLATERAL)

Michael B. Aboutanos, MD, MPH
Gonzalo M. L. Bearman, MD
Jonathan Bekenstein, MD, PhD
Xiangning (Sam) Chen, PhD
Harold M. Chung, MD
H. Ruth Clemo, PhD
Harinder Singh Dhindsa, MD
Therese M. Duane, MD
Michael S. Gonzalez, MD
Kyle Gunnerson, MD
Jonathan Isaacs, MD
Sultan Lakhani, MD
David Leszczyszyn, MD, PhD
Valeria Mas, PhD
H. Davis Massey, MD, PhD

Surgery
Internal Medicine
Neurology
Psychiatry
Internal Medicine
Anatomy & Neurobiology
Emergency Medicine
Surgery
Emergency Medicine
Anesthesiology
Orthopaedic Surgery
Psychiatry
Neurology
Surgery
Pathology

PROMOTION TO ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

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

Mohamed Abouhasira, MD	Internal Medicine
Dani Choufani, MD	Internal Medicine
Christine Huynh, MD	Internal Medicine
Rebecca Y. Mumpower, MD	Internal Medicine
Laura E. Paletta, MD	Internal Medicine
Syed Raza, MD	Internal Medicine
Penny Reynolds, PhD	Emergency Medicine
Susan Wolver, MD	Internal Medicine
Adly Yacoub, PhD	Radiation Oncology

AFFILIATE AND NON-PAID, VOLUNTEER FACULTY

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

PROMOTION TO CLINICAL PROFESSOR

Bobby Archuleta, MD	Pediatrics
David Arkin, MD	Pediatrics
Jeffrey Hanzel, MD	Pediatrics
Michael Jaffe, MD	Pediatrics
C. Gregg Lockhart, MD	Surgery
James E. Wiley, Jr., MD	Pediatrics

PROMOTION TO ASSOCIATE CLINICAL PROFESSOR

Barbara Allison-Bryan, MD	Pediatrics
J. Thomas Bones, MD	Pediatrics
Judith Grossberg, MD	Pediatrics
Mary Harrison, MD	Pediatrics
James Heywood, MD	Pediatrics
Timothy O'Neil, MD	Pediatrics
Dominick Pastore, MD	Pediatrics
J. Mark Shreve, MD	Pediatrics
Olavo M. de Vascincelos, Jr., MD	Neurology

PROMOTION TO ASSISTANT CLINICAL PROFESSOR

Jason Boyce-Draeger, MSW, LCSW	Psychiatry
Kari Gilliam, MD	Pediatrics
Clifton Lee, MD	Pediatrics
Robert Shayne, MD	Pediatrics



Inova Campus Recognizes Faculty with Teaching Awards

Congratulations to the faculty at the VCU SOM Inova Campus who received the following teaching awards at the Awards Luncheon, May 1, 2008.



Golden Apple Award - Karen Carpenter, MD, Pediatrics

The Golden Apple Award goes to the faculty member who received the most number of votes from the students during the nomination process. This educator represents the ongoing tradition of teaching excellence fostered at the VCU School of Medicine Inova Campus.

Family Medicine

Top Clinical Educator
Top Resident Teacher
Certificate of Recognition, Clinical Educator
Certificate of Recognition, Resident Teacher

Lee Blecher, MD
Emily Jones, MD
Craig Clark, MD
Denise Wallis, MD

Internal Medicine

Top Clinical Educator
Top Community Preceptor
Top Resident Teacher
Certificate of Recognition, Clinical Educator
Certificate of Recognition, Community Preceptor
Certificate of Recognition, Resident Teacher

Shirley Kalwaney, MD
David Wheeler, MD
Angelique Tjen-a-looi, MD
Kelly Hoyle, M.D.
Joseph Kiernan, MD
Ryenne Wu, MD

Neurology

Top Clinical Educator
Certificate of Recognition, Clinical Educator

Craig Chang, MD
Eric Sklar, MD

Obstetrics and Gynecology

Top Clinical Educator
Top Community Preceptor
Top Resident Teacher
Certificate of Recognition, Clinical Educator
Certificate of Recognition, Community Preceptor
Certificate of Recognition, Resident Teacher

Rasha Ebeid, MD
Christine Tran, MD
Shvetha Zarek, MD
Glen Silas, MD
Gregory Koons, MD
Danielle Dempsey, MD

Pediatrics

Top Clinical Educator
Top Resident Teacher
Certificate of Recognition, Clinical Educator
Certificate of Recognition, Resident Teacher

Karen Carpenter, MD
Sang "Nick" Park, MD
Komal Bajaj, MD
Ana Krishnan, MD

Psychiatry

Top Clinical Educator
Top Resident/Fellow
Certificate of Recognition, Clinical Educator
Certificate of Recognition, Resident/Fellow

Minh-Chau Nguyen, MD
Jeanne Lackamp, MD
Van Nguyen, MD
Jeremy Carpenter, MD

Surgery

Top Clinical Educator
Top Specialty Preceptor
Top Resident Teacher
Certificate of Recognition, Clinical Educator
Certificate of Recognition, Specialty Preceptor
Certificate of Recognition, Resident Teacher

H. David Reines, MD
Mark Theiss, MD
Joseph Sakran, MD
Anne Rizzo, MD
Josef Gurian, MD
Stanley Okosun, MD

Emergency Medicine

Top Clinical Educator
Certificate of Recognition, Clinical Educator

Sharon Day, MD
Anne Marie Lagoc, MD

Dr. Joann Bodurtha Selected as ELAM Fellow



Dr. Joann Bodurtha, Professor of Human and Molecular Genetics, Pediatrics, Obstetrics/Gynecology, and Epidemiology and Community Health, VCU School of Medicine, has been selected as a 2008-2009 Fellow in the national **Hedwig van Ameringen Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine (ELAM) Program for Women**. She is one of 48 senior women faculty selected from across the US and Canada, representing 46 medical, dental, and public health schools. Dr. Bodurtha is the 11th faculty member in 12 years sponsored by the VCU School of Medicine for the program. VCU is among the top 10% of medical schools with women faculty selected as ELAM Fellows.

ELAM was established in 1995 and is the only in-depth national program dedicated to preparing senior women faculty for

leadership at academic medicine health centers. Since its inception, some 520 women faculty have participated in ELAM and serve in numerous leadership positions in academic medicine. Previous VCU SOM ELAM Fellows are:

- Dr. Andrea Pozez , Surgery, 2007-08
- Dr. Suzanne Barbour, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, 2006-07
- Dr. Susan Kornstein, Institute of Women’s Health and Psychiatry, 2005-06
- Dr. Michelle Whitehurst-Cook, Family Medicine and SOM Admissions, 2004-05
- Dr. Betty Ann Johnson, Internal Medicine, 2004-03
- Dr. Bela Sood, Psychiatry, 2002-03
- Dr. Karen Sanders, Internal Medicine, 2001-02
- Dr. Mary Nettleman, Internal Medicine, 2000-01
- Dr. Lisa Kaplowitz, Internal Medicine, 1999-00
- Dr. Roberta Sonnino, Surgery, 1997-98

Three additional ELAM Fellows have joined the VCU SOM faculty:

- Dr. PonJola Coney, SOM Faculty Affairs and Obstetrics-Gynecology
- Dr. Laura Siminoff, Social and Behavioral Health
- Dr. Shumei Sun, Biostatistics

Currently, 11 of the 14 ELAM Fellows are on the SOM faculty. Congratulations to Dr. Bodurtha for continuing this tradition of excellence in leadership among our faculty.

UME Curriculum Redesign Process Beginning this Summer

The desire to make our medical student curriculum more interactive and designed according to evidence-based teaching principles, as well as requirements from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME), are motivating our Curriculum Redesign process, which is starting this summer with focus/discussion groups of faculty and students. This process will continue for the next several years. This fall we are featuring special faculty development sessions offered on topics related to interactive teaching models and tools. We welcome everyone to get involved in this initiative and participate in these activities. Stay tuned for more information through email announcements and this newsletter.

Best Doctors VCU Medical Center FACULTY Recognized as “Best Docs”

BEST DOCS IN AMERICA

The following full-time VCU Medical Center faculty and their specialties were included in the Best Doctors in America listing for 2007-2008. For more information visit www.bestdoctors.com.

Allergy and Immunology	Anne-Marie Irani, Lawrence B. Schwartz
Anesthesiology	Bruce D. Spiess
Cardiovascular Disease	Michael J. Cowley, Kenneth A. Ellenbogen, Evelyne Goudreau, Michael L. Hess, Robert L. Jesse, George W. Vetrovec
Dermatology	Algin B. Garrett
Endocrinology and Metabolism	Diane M. Biskobing., John Newton Clore, Robert W. Downs, David F. Gardner, John Edwin Nestler
Family Medicine	Anton J. Kuzel, Daniel C. Lawrence, Michelle Y. Whitehurst-Cook
Gastroenterology	Mitchell L. Shiffman
Geriatric Medicine	Peter A. Boling
Hand Surgery	Robert S. Adelaar
Infectious Disease	Gordon L. Archer, Sara G. Monroe
Internal Medicine (General)	Peter A. Boling, Ron Clark, Elizabeth C. Huber, Wally R. Smith, John M. Witherspoon
Nephrology	Domenic A. Sica
Neurological Surgery	John David Ward
Neurology, Child	Lawrence D. Morton, John M. Pellock
Nuclear Medicine	Melvin J. Fratkin, Paul R. Jolles

Obstetrics and Gynecology	Joseph F. Borzelleca, Jr., Ellen L. Brock, Stephen A. Cohen, William Fitzhugh, Edward John Gill, Catherine Matthews, Thomas C. Peng, John G. Pierce, Jr., Amanda M. Richards-Bullock, Fidelma Burke Rigby, John Seeds
Ophthalmology	Daniel J. McGrath
Orthopaedic Surgery	Robert S. Adelaar, Thomas P. Loughran
Otolaryngology	Laurence DiNardo
Pathology	Celeste Noelle Powers
Pediatric Specialist	Stuart P. Adler, Richard R. Brookman, Lenore Buckley, Gregory R. Elliott, Martin Graham, Joseph H. Laver, Gita Vasers Massey, Edward Clifton Russell
Pediatrics (General)	Theresa Bartholomew, Linda Meloy
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	David X. Cifu
Psychiatry	Kenneth S. Kendler, Susan Kornstein, James L. Levenson, Anand K. Pandurangi, Joel J. Silverman, Aradhana A. "Bela" Sood, John Urbach
Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine	Lisa Brath, R. Paul Fairman, Alpha A. Fowler III, Norbert F. Voelkel
Radiation Oncology	Mitchell S. Anscher, Douglas Arthur
Radiology	Ann S. Fulcher, Robert Halvorsen, Curtis W. Hayes, Daniel Anthony Henry, Mark Steven Parker, Anthony V. Proto
Rheumatology	Lenore Buckley, W. Neal Roberts, Christopher M. Wise
Surgery	Charles Bagwell, Joel Berman, Jeffrey "Jeff" H. Haynes, Ronald C. Merrell, Claudio Oiticica
Surgical Oncology	Harry D. Bear
Thoracic Surgery	Joel Berman

RICHMOND MAGAZINE'S "TOP DOCS" APRIL 2008

99 full-time VCU Medical Center physicians – the most of any hospital or medical faculty in the region - were named "Top Docs." The survey asked 4,188 doctors, chiropractors, and podiatrists which specialists in 60 areas of practice they would choose if they or their family needed medical treatment. The magazine received 484 completed surveys for a return rate of nearly 12%.

Allergy and Immunology	Anne-Marie Irani, Lawrence B. Schwartz
Cardiology	Kenneth A. Ellenbogen, • George W. Vetovec
Cardiac Surgery	• Vigneshwar Kasirajan
Critical Care Surgery	• Rao Ivatury
Dermatology	Algin B. Garrett, • Julia R. Nunley
Emergency Medicine	• Joseph P. Ornato
Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism	John N. Clore, Robert Downs, • David F. Gardner
Family Medicine/General Practice	• Anton J. Kuzel
Gastroenterology	Donald F. Kirby
Genetics	• Joann N. Bodurtha
Geriatric Medicine	• Peter A. Boling
Gynecologic Oncology	• Cecelia Boardman, Weldon Chafe
Gynecology/Obstetrics (General)	Ellen L. Brock, Christine Issacs, John Pierce, John Seeds
Hematology	Christian Barrett, Laurel Lyckholm, Thomas J. Smith
Infectious Disease	Michael B. Edmond, Bill Koch, Sara Monroe, Richard P. Wenzel
Internal Medicine	Ron Clark, Betty Ann Johnson, Susan Wolver
Maternal-Fetal Medicine/High-Risk Pregnancy	Susan Lanni, • Thomas C. Peng
Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine	Gary R. Gutcher, Teresa Murray, Henry J. Rozycki
Nephrology	Todd W. B. Gehr, Domenic Sica
Neurology	Jonathan W. Bekenstein, Alan R. Towne
Neurosurgery	John D. Ward, Harold F. Young
Oncology	Mary Helen Hackney, • Thomas J. Smith
Oncologic Surgery	Harry D. Bear, Amelia Grover, • Brian J. Kaplan
Ophthalmology	• William H. Benson
Ophthalmologic Surgery	• William H. Benson
Orthopaedic Hand Surgery	Robert S. Adelaar, Jonathan E. Issacs

Orthopaedic Surgery	William C. “Chris” Foster, William A. Jiranek, Thomas P. Loughran, • Wilhelm A. Zuelzer
Otolaryngologic Surgery	• Laurence J. DiNardo, Evan R. Reiter, Aristides Sismanis
Otolaryngology	Laurence J. DiNardo, • Evan R. Reiter, Aristides Sismanis
Pain Management	Michael J. DePalma, Michael Weaver,
Pathology	Margaret M. Grimes, Celeste N. Powers, David S. Wilkinson
Pediatrics (General)	Sean McKenna, Linda Meloy
Pediatric Specialists	Gary Francis, Martin Graham, William B. Moskowitz, • Ted A. Williams
Pediatric Surgery (General)	Charles Bagwell, • Jeffrey Haynes, David Lanning, Claudio Oiticica
Pediatric Surgical Specialists	• Jeffrey Haynes, Harry P. Koo, John D. Ward
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	• David X. Cifu, William McKinley, Karen Steidle*
Plastic/Reconstructive Surgery	Stephen Chen, • Andrea Pozez,
Podiatry	• Simon Mest
Psychiatry, Adult	• James L. Levenson, Robert K. Schneider, Joel J. Silverman
Psychiatry, Child and Adolescent	• Aradhana A. “Bela” Sood
Pulmonary Disease	Lisa Brath, R. Paul Fairman, • Alpha A. Fowler III
Radiation Oncology	Mitchell S. Anscher, • Douglas W. Arthur, Laurie W. Cuttino
Radiology Specialists	Gilda Cardenosa, • Ann S. Fulcher
Rheumatology	• Lenore M. Buckley, Christopher M. Wise,
Sports Medicine	• Thomas P. Loughran, Wilhelm A. Zuelzer
Surgery (General)	James W. Maher
Thoracic Surgery	Anthony Cassano
Urogynecology	Edward Gill, • Catherine M. Matthews
Urology	B. Mayer Grob, Harry P. Koo
Urological Surgery	Harry P. Koo
Vascular Surgery (General)	• Mark M. Levy

• denotes top voter-getter in specialty

*adjunct faculty



WISDM Book Club, Wednesday, September 10, 6-8 pm

Book: *Hammond's Choice: A Marty Fenton Mystery Novel* by Bob Cohen (VCU SOM's own Bob Cohen, PhD, Professor of Psychiatry, Division of Child/Adolescent Psychiatry)

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

Bring a friend and join us for a casual evening with great discussion and camaraderie. All are welcome! Questions? Contact Carol Hampton, clhampto@vcu.edu, 828-6594.



Did You Know?

Medical Schools Plan to Enroll 21% More Students by 2012

Getting into medical school could get easier in the coming years, as schools in the US expect to welcome 21 percent more first-year students by 2012, the Association of American Medical Colleges reported today. The projection, drawn from an annual survey of medical-school expansion, is good news for medical educators who worry that an aging population with chronic health problems won't have enough doctors to turn to.

By 2012, medical schools expect to enroll 19,900 first-year students — 3,400 more than in 2002-3. The survey found that more than 86 percent of existing medical schools have expanded their first-year classes or plan to do so in the next five years. At least nine new medical schools are under development or in discussion.

Graduating more physicians is one step, but finding spots for them to train as medical residents remains a hurdle. The federal government has capped the number of residency training positions that Medicare pays for, and until that cap is lifted, the supply of new doctors will still be constrained. (*Katherine Mangan, Chronicle of Higher Education, May 1, 2008*)

VCU School of Medicine will accept 192 students into the first-year class August 2008. This is up from 184 in the previous eight years. Further increase in class size will be considered as plans for the new Medical School Building evolve.

SOM Admissions Committee Update

The Admissions Committee has selected the rising M4 committee members for the 2008-09 school year: **Leslie Brown, Max Dewitt, Branden Engorn, Kenny Ewane, Alison Game, Kunle Idowu, Sara Ivey, Lucas Payor, Richard (Lee) Stowell, and Dante Schiavo.** These students have agreed to put in the extra work it will take to help the Committee in reviewing over 2800 files and completing over 700 interviews. We are very grateful to them and appreciative of their service to the school.

Currently the matriculating medical school class, which is to begin in August, 2008, is full. The waitlist has been formalized and many are anxiously hoping a seat will open. The average MCAT score this year is 30.0 and the average undergraduate GPA is 3.6. In total this past year, there were 6200 applications. Of those, 2800 were invited to submit supplemental applications and 836 interviewed. We continue to attract many outstanding candidates from both in and out-of-state. Class size will be 192 this year.



Inova Campus Opens New Education and Research Facilities

On April 21, 2008, Inova Fairfax Hospital opened the doors of the new Claude Moore Health Education and Research Center. The state-of-the-art, four-story, \$25 million building, to be completed by the end of the year, is space dedicated for medical education, clinical training and research. The Claude Moore Charitable Foundation provided a \$5 million grant, the largest in Inova's history, to develop the 68,590-square-foot center.

The ground floor consists of the main lobby, as well as a physician's lounge, complete with a cafeteria and multiple sitting areas. The first floor houses the VCU School of Medicine Inova Campus, outfitted with extensive teleconferencing capabilities, administrative offices, a self-directed learning center and classrooms. The second floor, designed to be a high-tech environment, will include equipment for simulation-based clinical skills training. Through the use of highly sophisticated computer-controlled mannequins, students will master and hone their skills in a safe environment equipped with cameras, microphones and two-way mirrors to allow instructors and students to watch and critique the trainings sessions.

The third floor will house the Inova Research Center, a uniquely designed and integrated research center that is the first of its kind in the Washington, D.C., area. The IRC will include a proteomics lab, a specimen banking area, exam rooms for clinical trials, and a functional assessment lab — the second one in this area aside from the National Institutes of Health. The main areas of focus include studies in heart disease, liver disease, women's health, cancer, neurosciences and obesity.



Did You Know?

The Department of Internal Medicine is offering a course this summer aimed at the young investigator, **“Introduction to Clinical Research,”** with one hour, noon sessions, (12 - 1 pm) scheduled from July 3 through September 4th. Topics include research, study design, data analysis, and quantitative and qualitative research techniques and a textbook, **Designing Clinical Research** (Hulley et al) will be used in the course. Sessions are offered in the MSB Auditorium and will be televised to the VAMC. A certificate of completion will be awarded to those attending eight of the ten presentations and completing all assignments. For more information please contact Stephanie Call, Residency Program Director, Department of Internal Medicine, at scall@mcvh-vcu.edu.

CME Opportunities

The Department of Pediatrics at the VCU School of Medicine and the Office of Continuing Professional Development and Evaluation Studies are proud to present **30th Annual Pediatric Primary Care Conference – Pediatrics at the Beach.** The conference dates are **July 18-20, 2008 at the Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront Hotel** located at 57th Street and Atlantic Avenue.

Three half-day sessions include important topics in the areas of Emergency Medicine, Primary Care and Developmental & Behavioral Pediatrics. This course is designed for physicians and other health care professionals who deliver primary care to children and adolescents. For registration information please call (804) 828-3640. **A brochure and on-line registration are available at www.cmeregistration.som.vcu.edu**

The VCU Massey Cancer Center and the Office of Continuing Professional Development and Evaluation Studies present the **2nd Annual Controversies and Updates in the Management of Prostate Cancer to be held September 13, 2008 at the Jefferson Hotel in Richmond, Virginia.** This course is designed for physicians and other health care professionals who deliver care to patients with prostate cancer. The conference will cover the latest issues and updates in the management of prostate cancer in the areas of early diagnosis, unconventional treatment approaches, and quality of life. Plenary sessions and case discussions will enhance the opportunity to learn more about this condition. The course registration fee is \$150.00 for physicians and \$100.00 for physicians-in-training and VCU Employees, Patients and Survivors. For more information call 828-3640 or to register on-line go to www.emeregistration.som.vcu.edu



Alumni and Development Office News

The initiative to establish the **Parkinson's Disease & Movement Disorders Center** in the medical school recently celebrated a new \$1 million anonymous gift. The Center that will address movement disorders on both the research and treatment fronts has raised \$2.7 million, which Dean Strauss has matched dollar-for-dollar with institutional funds.

This spring, **receptions** in Raleigh, NC, and Philadelphia, PA, hosted by Dean Jerry Strauss drew alumni and friends. Photo galleries are online at <http://www.medschool.vcu.edu/alumni/GalleryResearchTriangle2008.html> and <http://www.medschool.vcu.edu/alumni/GalleryPhiladelphia2008.html>

Alumni from all MCV Campus schools returned to Richmond in April to celebrate **Reunion** milestones. More than 300 medical alumni participated in campus tours, class dinners and a host of other activities. In addition, classes participating in the newly instituted tradition of Reunion Class Giving raised \$173,451 in gifts and pledges. Dean Strauss, in turn, matched those funds for a new total of about \$330,000! See pictures from Reunion Weekend at <http://www.medschool.vcu.edu/alumni/GalleryReunion2008.html>.



During Graduation Weekend, VCU celebrated its outstanding alumni by awarding its **Alumni Star Awards.** The School of Medicine's Alumni Stars, Dr. Jonathan B. Perlin, for Medicine, and Dr. Steven Offenbacher, for the Basic Health Sciences, participated in a number of events, including a reception hosted by Dean Strauss at the Virginia Historical Society. At the reception, which followed the medical school's convocation ceremony, Dr. Jim Messmer was also recognized for his service to the school and for serving as this year's Convocation speaker.

News on Alumni



Dr. Colleen A. Kraft, M'86, adjunct faculty in the Department of Pediatrics, is in the running to become the president of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). As a candidate for the AAP president-elect, a news profile of Dr. Kraft is posted at <http://aapnews.aapublications.org/>. In addition, Dr. Kraft was among 10 area women who received the YWCA's 2008 Outstanding Women Awards.



VCUHS/Departmental News

School of Medicine Dean's Office



Dennis Hoban, EdD, was recently named to Emeritus Status in the Society of Directors of Research in Medical Education (SDRME) for his longstanding commitment to the organization. This is offered to those who have distinguished themselves through meritorious service and must be approved by a majority vote of the members of SDRME.

Department of Biochemistry

Keith Baker, PhD, has been recruited in the Department of Biochemistry. He received his PhD from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center under the mentorship of David Mangelsdorf, then as a postdoctoral fellow in the lab of Orla Conneely at Baylor College of Medicine and then as a postdoc working with Carl Thummel at the University of Utah School of Medicine. His research interests are in using *Drosophila melanogaster* as a model organism to investigate the highly conserved mechanisms that govern developmental and homeostatic roles of individual receptors.

Department of Family Medicine



Stephen H. Woolf, MD, MPH, housestaff alumni and Professor of Family Medicine, had a commentary featured in JAMA in May entitled, “The Power of Prevention and What It Requires” (JAMA. 2008;299(20):2437-2439.)

Department of Human and Molecular Genetics



Congratulations to **Joann N. Bodurtha, MD, MPH**, Professor, Dept. of Human and Molecular Genetics, Pediatrics, Obstetrics-Gynecology, Epidemiology and Community Health. She will be awarded the Art of Listening Award on July 12, 2008 at the Genetic Alliance Awards Dinner. http://www.geneticalliance.org/ws_display.asp?filter=conf08.bio.bodurtha. Nominated by Elaine Shurie Ogburn, Family Mentorship Specialist, at the V-LEND Program, she receives this honor for her openness to the ideas of professionals and families alike, for her care and compassion and for her incredible support to families in crisis and beyond.

Department of Internal Medicine

Beata Holkova, MD, joining the Hematologic Malignancy Program this summer as myeloma, B cell malignancy expert. Dr. Holkova comes to VCU from Medical Oncology Clinical Research Unit, NCI She was a Resident in Internal Medicine at The State University of New York, Buffalo, NY, Resident, Internal Medicine, Ruzinov Hospital, Bratislava, Slovakia and received her Doctor in Medicine, Universitatis Comenianae Bratislavensis Facultas Medica Martinensis, Martin, Slovakia. Her research focus is early drug development in myeloma and hematologic B cell malignancies. She is the Chair or co chair on 7 trials at NCI.

Lawrence B. Schwartz, MD, PhD, and a team of Virginia Commonwealth University researchers have received a **National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases grant totaling nearly \$7.3 million** for a Cooperative Research Center to study various aspects of asthma and allergic disease.

Allergic disease is the sixth leading cause of chronic disease in the United States, and while various treatments have been developed to control allergy, no cure has been found. The five-year, Cooperative Research Center project brings together four departments at VCU to study different aspects of asthma and allergic diseases.

“The collaborative nature of this center aims to create synergy between the various investigators and departments involved, and thereby facilitate a greater understanding of asthma and allergic diseases than could be achieved by each investigator working independently,” said principal investigator Dr. Schwartz, the Charles and Evelyn Thomas professor of medicine and chair of the Division of Rheumatology, Allergy & Immunology in the VCU Department of Internal Medicine.

“Four centers were funded from more than 20 applicants, making this a highly competitive process. This is an example of how the cooperative environment at VCU can make us competitive with the best research universities in the United States,” Schwartz said.

Schwartz will be collaborating with VCU researchers, **John Ryan, PhD, associate professor in the Department of Biology; Dan Conrad, PhD, professor from the Department of Microbiology and Immunology; and Sarah Spiegel, PhD, professor and chair of the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.** (*Thanks to VCU Communications and Public Relations for this information*)

Department of Legal Medicine



Fay Rozovsky, JD, MPH, ‘73, a member of the Dept of Legal Medicine, will receive an honorary degree from Providence College in recognition of her work in health law and risk management. Dr. Rozovsky, is president of The Rozovsky Group, Inc. and an authority in patient safety, consent, and healthcare risk management. As an attorney, she has written more than 600 articles and has written, co-written, or edited more than 20 books. In 1990, the U.S. Supreme Court cited her book, *Consent to Treatment: A Practical Guide*, as legal authority in a critical patients’s rights case. A faculty member at Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine, Rozovsky is one of the first women to attend Providence College and graduated summa cum laude.



Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

Eugenio Monasterio, MD, has been appointed to serve as Medical Director, effective May 1, 2008, by the Board of Trustees, Children's Hospital of Richmond.



William McKinley, MD, received the **2008 Walter C. Wilson Award** honoring Spinal Cord Injury leadership and service in the Commonwealth of Virginia, presented at the 16th annual VCU SCI Symposium, Virginia Beach on April 8, 2008.



Department of Psychology

Susan G. Kornstein, MD, Departments of Psychiatry and Obstetrics and Gynecology, Executive Director, VCU Institute for Women's Health and Executive Director, VCU Mood Disorders Institute has been named president of the International Association for Women's Mental Health. Kornstein was inaugurated as president at the 3rd International Congress on Women's Mental Health, held in March in Melbourne, Australia. Kornstein will serve in her new position for three years.

Kornstein recently served as vice president of the International Association of Women's Mental Health and a keynote speaker for the Congress. The International Congress on Women's Mental Health is sponsored by the International Association for Women's Mental Health, along with many supporting organizations, including the World Psychiatric Association, the World Federation of Mental Health, the World Health Organization, the International Menopause Society, and the International Marce Society. The Congress convenes every three years and focuses on issues in women's mental health from a variety of biological, psychosocial and global perspectives.

Department of Radiology



Tony Proto, MD, Professor and former department chair, will be one of the recipients of the Radiological Society of North America (RSNA) Gold Medal which will be presented at this year's meeting of the RSNA in early December 2008 in Chicago. The Gold Medal is the highest award given by the RSNA and is reserved only for the most highly regarded radiologists. Dr. Proto is editor emeritus of *Radiology*, an authoritative reference for the most current clinically relevant and highest quality research in the field of radiology with circulation of more than 36,000 – the largest readership of any radiology journal.



New and Competing Grant Awards: April 1 - June 30, 2008

Please join us in recognizing the following researchers who received grant awards during April 1 - June 30, 2008. 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: July 1, 2008. (*Note: Grant titles are as available from InfoEd.*)

Anatomy & Neurobiology

National Institutes of Health

Povlishock, John T	National Institutes of Health	VCU Neuroscience Center Core Grant	Initial	415,069
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Non-Profit

Block, Michelle L.	Alzheimer's Drug Discovery	NADPH Oxidase as a Therapeutic Target in Alzheimer's Disease	Initial	163,036
Dupree, Jeffrey L.	Ethel Louise Armstrong Foundation	Determoning the Neural Population with the Greatest Capacity for Myelin Repair	Initial	44,750

Anesthesiology

Industry

Nelson, Mark T.	Daxor Corporation	Conservation of Red Cell Mass, Oxygen Supply and Demand in Cardiac Surgery	Initial	51,000
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Other Federal

Spiess, Bruce D.	Office of Naval Research	Programmatic Multidisciplinary Studies into the Mechanisms and Efficacy of Treatment of Traumatic Brain Injury with Perflourocarbon Oxygen Therapeutic Emulsions	Initial	10,712
Spiess, Bruce D.	Office of Naval Research	Programmatic Multidisciplinary Studies into the Mechanisms and Efficacy of Treatment of Traumatic Brain Injury with Perflourocarbon Oxygen Therapeutic Emulsions - Subproject for PT102980	Initial	149,167

Biochemistry & Molecular Biology***National Institutes of Health***

Barton, William A.	National Institutes of Health	Biochemical and Biophysical Analysis of Angiopoietin Signaling	Initial	278,258
Kordula, Tomasz K.	National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke/NIH/DHHS	The Role of Sphingosine Kinases in the Growth and Invasion of Glioma Cells	Initial	33,694
Larner, Andrew C.	National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases/NIH/DHHS	Signalling in Cells Chronically Exposed to Interferons	Supplement	219,581
Spiegel, Sarah	National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases/NIH/DHHS	Targeting Sphingosine Kinases in FcεRI-Mediated Allergic Responses	Initial	260,750

Other Federal

Chalfant, Charles E.	Hunter Holmes McGuire VA Medical Center	VAMC IPA to Examine the Mechanism of the Pre-mRNA Processing of Bcl-x	Initial	23,100
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Biostatistics***National Institutes of Health***

Sun, Shumei S.	National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases/NIH/DHHS	Childhood Precursors for Adult Metabolic Syndrome	Initial	404,828
Sun, Shumei S.	National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute/NIH/DHHS	Longitudinal Cardiac Outcomes and Body Composition.	Initial	574,880

Sub-Awards

Johnson, Robert E	George Washington University	Creating and Managing the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation on Helath in America.....Subproject for PT1	Initial	10,000
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Emergency Medicine***Other Federal***

Ward, Kevin R.	Department of Defense	Characterization of Global and Microvascular Oxygen Transport in a Lower Body Negative Pressure Model of Human Hemorrhagic Shock	Supplement	49,798
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Epidemiology And Community Health***National Institutes of Health***

Liu, Hongjie	National Institute on Drug Abuse/NIH/DHHS	Mediation Effect of Network Function on Transition to Injection Drug Use	Initial	215,840
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Non-Profit

Liu, Hongjie	amfAR, The Foundation for AIDS Research	Mediation Effect of Network Function on HIV Risk Behavior Among Chinese MSM	Initial	15,374
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Family Medicine**Non-Profit**

Woolf, Steven	Kellogg (W. K.) Foundation	The Status of Societal Distress in the United States	Initial	150,000
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Other Federal

Rothemich, Stephen F.	Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality/DHHS	Task Order 1	Supplement	1,000
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Sub-Awards

Woolf, Steven	George Washington University	Creating and Managing the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation on Health in America.	Initial	45,000
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Human and Molecular Genetics**National Institutes of Health**

Fisher, Paul B.	National Cancer Institute/NIH/DHHS	Novel Approaches for Pancreatic Cancer Therapy	Initial	83,574
Maes, Hermine H.m.j.l.	National Institute of Mental Health/NIH/DHHS	Statistical Genetics Methods Workshop	Initial	75,031

Internal Medicine**Industry**

Baker, Sherman Jr.	Tragara Pharmaceuticals	A Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled, Multicenter, Phase 2 Study of the Efficacy and Safety of Apricoxib in Combination with Erlotinib In Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer Patients	Initial	93,189
Gehr, Todd W.b.	University Health Network	Fish Oil Inhibition of Stenosis of Hemodialysis Grafts (FISH) Study.....Subproject for Institutio	Initial	5,955
Grinnan, Daniel	InterMune, Inc.	An Open-Label Study of the Long-Term Safety of Pirfenidone in Patients with Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF) Who Complete the CAPACITY Studies	Initial	127,878
McCarty, John M.	Amgen, Inc.	A Randomized, Double Blind, Placebo Controlled Study Evaluating the Efficacy and Safety of AMG 531 Treatment of Subjects with Low or Intermediate Risk Myelodysplastic Syndrome (MDS) Receiving Hypomethylating Agents	Initial	312,500
Peberdy, Mary Ann	CardioKine Inc.	The BALANCE Study (Treatment of HyponatrEmia BAsed onLixivAptan in NYHA Class III-IV Cardiac Patient Evaluation)	Initial	68,160
Rosato, Adriana E.	Inova Health System	Examination of MRSA contamination sources of IFHC	Initial	3,039
Schwartz, Lawrence B	Ception Therapeutics Inc.	An Efficacy and Safety Study of Reslizumab (CTX55700) in the Treatment of Poorly Controlled Asthma in Subjects with Eosinophilic Airway Inflammation	Initial	104,725

Schwartz, Lawrence B	Mersana Therapeutics, Inc.	Effect of XMT-1001 CTM and Related Products on In Vitro Degranulation of Human Mast Cells	Initial	29,800
Shiffman, Mitchell L	Roche Laboratories, Inc.	Prospective Observational Study on the Predictors of Early-On Treatment Response and Sustained Virological Response in a Cohort of Treatment Naive HCV-Infected Patients Treated with Pegylated Interferons, Protocol MV21542	Initial	59,300
Shiffman, Mitchell L	GlaxoSmithKline	TPL104054 Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled, Multi-Centre Study to Evaluate the Safety and Efficacy of Eltrombopag to Reduce the Need for Platelet Transfusion in Thrombocytopenic Subjects with Chronic Liver Disease Undergoing Elective Invasive	Initial	225,046
Vetrovec, George W	Schering	"A Multi-center, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo- Controlled Study to Evaluate the Safety and Efficacy of SCH 530348 in Addition to Standard of Care in Subjects With Acute Coronary Syndrome: Thrombin Receptor Antagonist for Clinical Event Reduction in A	Initial	159,200
<i>National Institutes of Health</i>				
Essah, Paulina A.	National Institute of Child Health and Human Development/NIH/DHHS	Translational Research in Polycystic Ovary Syndrome - Subproject for PT102322	Initial	44,461
Ghosh, Shobha	National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute/NIH/DHHS	Cholesterol Ester Hydrolysis and Cholesterol Efflux	Supplement	37,250
Kukreja, Rakesh C	National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute/NIH/DHHS	Health Educational Research Opportunities (HERO)	Initial	93,118
Nestler, John E.	National Institute of Child Health and Human Development/NIH/DHHS	Translational Research in Polycystic Ovary Syndrome	Initial	189,595
Nestler, John E.	National Institute of Child Health and Human Development/NIH/DHHS	Translational Research in Polycystic Ovary Syndrome - Subproject for PT102322	Initial	408,183
Retchin, Sheldon	National Center for Research Resources/NIH/DHHS	General Clinical Research Center	Supplement	446,093
Sanyal, Arun J	National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases/NIH/DHHS	Training Grant in Digestive Diseases and Liver Diseases	Initial	297,968
<i>Non-Profit</i>				
Abbate, Antonio	American Heart Association (Mid-Atlantic Affiliate)	Preventing Post-Infarction remodeling by inhibiting interleukin-1 With Anakinra.	Initial	132,000
Fuchs, Michael	Jeffress	The Role of Liver Fatty Acid Binding Protein 1 and Sterol Carrier Protein 2 in Cholesterol Homeostasis	Initial	147,163

Hart, Alton	Mid-Atlantic Cancer Information Service	Cutting Tobacco Use among African American Males through Urban Barbershops.	Initial	11,259
Sweeney, Lori	Jeffress	The Female Factor in Primary Pulmonary Hypertension	Initial	25,000
State/Local				
Nixon, Daniel E.	Commonwealth Health Research Board	The Effects of Recombinant Interleukin-2 on gut Mucosal Immune Integrity in Patients Infected with HIV	Initial	133,000
Sub-Awards				
Shiffman, Mitchell L	University of Michigan	The A2ALL LADR Protocol: PreTransplant Treatment to Prevent Recurrence of Hepatitis C After Living Donor Liver Transplantation	Supplement	9,778
Smith, Thomas J	Mount Sinai School of Medicine	Palliative Care for Hospitalized Cancer Patients	Initial	252,836
Medicine - Deans Office				
Non-Profit				
Mazmanian, Paul E	Journal for Continuing Education in the Health	Editorial Services for the Journal of Continuing Education in the Health Professions	Supplement	4,000
Other				
Seago, Brenda L.	Southern Group on Educational Affairs (AAMC)	Pelvic Examination Skills Taught with a Pelvic Exam Simulator and with Genital Teaching Associates	Initial	3,000
Microbiology & Immunology				
Industry				
Marconi, Richard T.	Pfizer Inc., U.S. Pharmaceuticals Group	Global Lyme Disease Vaccine Project	Initial	258,100
Non-Profit				
Conrad, Daniel H.	American Heart Association	CD23 cleavage: regulating IgE synthesis and airway inflammation in asthma.	Initial	40,000
Zhou, Huiping	Jeffress	Mechanisms of the anti-inflammatory effects of glycyrrhizin on inflammatory bowel disease.	Initial	26,695
Neurology				
Industry				
Burakgazi-Dalkilic, Evren	Schwarz BioSciences, Inc.	A Historical-Controlled, Multicenter Double-Blind, Randomized Trial to Assess the Efficacy and Safety of Conversion to Lacosamide 400mg/day Monotherapy in Subjects with Partial-Onset Seizures	Initial	57,281
Burakgazi-Dalkilic, Evren	Schwarz BioSciences, Inc.	SP-904 A Multicenter, Open-Label Extension Trial to Assess the Long-term Use of Lacosamide Monotherapy and Safety of Lacosamide Monotherapy and Adjunctive Therapy in Subjects with	Initial	41,912

		Partial-onset Seizures		
Kernitsky, Lydia	Ovation Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	Safety and Efficacy of Clobazam in Subjects with Lennox-Gastaut Syndrome	Supplement	3,618
Morton, Lawrence	UCB Pharma, Inc.	Open Label, Single-Arm, Multi-Center, Pharmacokinetic, Safety and Tolerability Study of Levetiracetam Intravenous Infusion in Children 1 mo-4 yr with Epilepsy	Initial	23,788
Pellock, John M	Montefiore Medical Center	Consequences of Prolonged Febrile Seizures in Childhood	Initial	140,743
Waterhouse, Elizabeth J.	GlaxoSmithKline	Lamotrigine Extended-Release in Elderly Patients with Epilepsy	Initial	53,638
Non-Profit				
Delorenzo, Robert John	American Heart Association	Prevention of Stroke-induced Acquired Epilepsy Through Modulation of Ryanodine Receptor-mediated Calcium Release.	Initial	40,000
Rice, Ann C	Jeffress	Developmental dependence of bilirubin neurotoxicity	Initial	40,196
Neurosurgery				
Industry				
Marmarou, Anthony	Montefiore Medical Center	Consequences of Prolonged Febrile Seizures in Childhood	Initial	360,923
National Institutes of Health				
Marmarou, Anthony	National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke/NIH/DHHS	Biomechanics of Brain Edema and Intracranial Pressure	Initial	369,398
Sun, Dong	National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke/NIH/DHHS	Behavior and plasticity of grafted adult human neural stem cells in injured CNS	Initial	195,563
Non-Profit				
Marmarou, Anthony	University of Kentucky Research Foundation	CASTBI Trial Planning Grant: Cyclosporine in Traumatic Brain Injury	Initial	37,866
Other				
Broaddus, William C	American Association of Neurological Surgeons	Volume Distribution of Amido-Black-Labeled Albumin Following Convection-Enhanced Delivery Within Vasogenic Edema.	Initial	2,500
Other Federal				
Sun, Dong	Office of Naval Research	Programmatic Multidisciplinary Studies into the Mechanisms and Efficacy of Treatment of Traumatic Brain Injury with Perfluorocarbon Oxygen Therapeutic Emulsions - Subproject for PT102980	Initial	52,284
Obstetrics And Gynecology				
National Institutes of Health				
Strauss, Jerome F III	National Institute of Child Health and Human Development/NIH/DHHS	Translational Research in Polycystic Ovary Syndrome - Subproject for PT102322	Initial	535,285

Sub-Awards

Strauss, Jerome F III	University of Pennsylvania	A Coordinated Program in Reproductive Biology	Supplement	151,563
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Pathology**Industry**

Ferreira-Gonzalez, Andrea	Cepheid	Evaluations of the Cepheid HemosIL Xpert Factor II & V Assay according to the Alpha protocol, "Alpha Evaluation of the HemosIL Xpert Factor II & V Assay" and according to the Beta protocol, "Beta Evaluation of the HemosIL Xpert Factor II & V Assay".	Initial	7,429
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Non-Profit

Miller, Greg	Pacific Biometrics Research Foundation	Evaluation of Homogeneous Methods for Measuring HDL and LDL Cholesterol	Initial	30,936
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Other

Williams, David C.	American Society of Hematology	Developing a Methyl Cytosine-binding Protein Complex as a Molecular Therapeutic Target	Initial	171,913
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Pediatrics**Industry**

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	17,586
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Elliott, Greg R.	Inspire Pharmaceuticals	A Phase 3, International, Multi-Center, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled, Parallel-Group, Efficacy and Safety Study of Denufosol Tetrasodium Inhalation Solution in Patients with Cystic Fibrosis Lung Disease and FEV1 Greater than or Equal to 75	Initial	54,324
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Elliott, Greg R.	Gilead Sciences, Inc.	Expanded Access Program for Aztreonam Lysine for Inhalation in Patients with Cystic Fibrosis and Pseudomonas aeruginosa Airway Infection Who Have Limited Treatment Options and are at Risk for Disease Progression	Initial	2,626
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Irani, Anne-Marie	Ception Therapeutics Inc.	An Open-Label Safety and Efficacy Study of Reslizumab (CTx55700) for the Treatment of Pediatric Subjects with Eosinophilic Esophagitis Who Completed Study Res-5-0002 (Protocol Res-5-0004)	Initial	79,773
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Irani, Anne-Marie	Talecris Biotherapeutics, Inc.	An Open-Label Single-Sequence, Crossover Trial to Evaluate the Pharmacokinetics, Safety, and	Supplement	32,997
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			Tolerability, of Subcutaneous Gamunex 10% in subjects with Primary Immunodeficiency		
Kum-Nji, Phillip	Wyeth Pharmaceutical		A Multi-center, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, treatment-withdrawal study of the efficacy and safety of pantoprazole sodium enteric-coated granules in infants (1 through 11 Months) with Symptomatic GERD.	Supplement	45,033
Meloy, Linda D	Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation		A Phase 3, Open-Label, Randomized, Multi-Center Study to Evaluate the Safety and Immunogenicity of ProQuad Vaccine when Administered Concomitantly with Novartis Meningococcal ACWY Conjugate Vaccine to Healthy Toddlers	Initial	114,912
Meloy, Linda D	UCB Pharma, Inc.		Safety of Levocetirizine Oral Drops in Children Aged 2 to 6 years in Children suffering from allergic Rhinitis or Chronic Idiopathic Urticaria Protocol A00426	Initial	46,504
Meloy, Linda D	UCB Pharma, Inc.		Safety of Levocetirizine Oral Drops in Children Aged 6 Months to 11 months - Protocol 423	Initial	46,504
Schmidt, Howard Joel	Altus Pharmaceuticals		A Phase III, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Clinical Study Evaluating the Efficacy and Safety of ALTU-135 Treatment in Patients with Cystic Fibrosis-Related Exocrine Pancreatic Insufficiency	Initial	125,326
<i>National Institutes of Health</i>					
McVoy, Michael	National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases/NIH/DHHS		Inhibition of HCMV Genome Maturation by the Halogenated Benzimidazole, BDCRB	Initial	32,321
<i>Sub-Awards</i>					
Francis, Gary L	George Washington University		Type 1 Diabetes TrialNet: Coordinating Center	Supplement	33,709
Francis, Gary L	George Washington University		Type 1 Diabetes TrialNet: Coordinating Center	Initial	168,547
<u>Pharmacology & Toxicology</u>					
<i>Industry</i>					
Damaj, M. Imad	Abbott Laboratories		Effects of two Abbott Compounds on the Expression of Nicotine CPP in Mice	Initial	25,000
Damaj, M. Imad	Targacept, Inc.		Investigating Nicotinic Ligands in Dependence and Pain Models	Initial	100,000
Lichtman, Aron H	Ironwood Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (formerly Microbia, Inc.)		Evaluation of FAAH Inhibitors in the LPS Model of Inflammatory Pain: Study #2 Subproject for Inst	Supplement	22,013
Nicholson, Katherine	Purdue Pharma		Pharmacokinetics of a Mixture of Oxycodone:Naloxone in Male & Female	Initial	24,294

Rhesus Monkeys Following Single Oral Administration at Two Different Doses

National Institutes of Health

Martin, Billy R	National Institute on Drug Abuse/NIH/DHHS	Investigation of THC Receptors	Initial	378,809
Miles, Michael F.	National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism/NIH/DHHS	Genomics Analysis of Social Stress and Individual Variation in Ethanol Drinking	Supplement	46,041
Miles, Michael F.	National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism/NIH/DHHS	INIA-Stress: Informatics and Analysis Core	Supplement	67,122

Non-Profit

Lichtman, Aron H	Scripps Research Institute	In Vivo Consequences of Inhibiting FAAH	Initial	178,001
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Sub-Awards

Beardsley, Patrick M.	University of Arkansas	Evaluating Antibodies on Methamphetamine-Initiated Relapse.	Initial	59,975
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Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation

Industry

Depalma, Michael	Stryker Biotech	A Phase 1 Study to Evaluate OP-1 (SB0405) Injected into One or Two Lumbar Intervertebral Disc(s) in Patients with Symptomatic Degenerative Disc Disease	Initial	257,025
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Physiology and Biophysics

Industry

Lyll, Vijay	Senomyx, Inc.	Chorda Tympani Taste Nerve Responses in a Mouse Model Lacking an Amiloride-Insensitive Salt Taste Receptor Project #1 Subproject for Institution # PT103456	Initial	9,281
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National Institutes of Health

Pittman, Roland N	National Institutes of Health	Vasodilation and Microvascular Oxygen Delivery	Initial	510,821
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Non-Profit

Baumgarten, Clive M	American Heart Association (Mid-Atlantic Affiliate)	Regulation of Volume-Sensitive Chloride Current by Reactive Oxygen Species in Ventricular Myocytes.	Initial	132,000
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Psychiatry

Industry

Kornstein, Susan G	Forest Research Institute	A Double-Blind, Fixed-Dose Study of Escitalopram MR in Adult Patients with Major Depressive Disorder	Initial	199,199
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National Institutes of Health

Dick, Danielle M.	National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism/NIH/DHHS	Gene- Environment Interplay in Adolescent Alcohol use.	Initial	195,848
Gillespie, Nathan	National Institute of Mental Health/NIH/DHHS	Genetic and Environmental Pathways to Cannabis Use Disorders	Initial	131,428
Roberson-Nay, Roxann	National Institute of Mental Health/NIH/DHHS	Genetic and Pathophysiologic	Initial	157,958

Health/NIH/DHHS Investigation of Panic Disorder Typologies

Non-Profit

Chen, Qi	National Alliance for Research on Schizophrenia and Depression	Study of Copy Number Variation in Schizophrenia Candidate Genes from Linkage Regions	Initial	60,000
Zhao, Zhongming	Jeffress	Investigation of Non-coding RNA Genes in Schizophrenia	Initial	41,398
Zhao, Zhongming	National Alliance for Research on Schizophrenia and Depression	The Features of Gene Networks in Schizophrenia	Initial	30,000

Other

Vladimirov, Vladimir	The Stanley Medical Research Institute	MicroRNAs in schizophrenia: assessment of differential expression, interaction with candidate genes and effects of target genetic variation in the SMRI post-mortem brain tissue panel	Initial	149,478
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Radiation Oncology

Industry

Arthur, Douglas W.	SenoRx	A multi-Site Prospective Non Randomized Study Utilizing the Contura Multi-Lumen Balloon (MLB) Breast Brachytherapy Applicator to Deliver Accelerated Partial Breast Irradiation: Analysis of Dosimetric Success, Local tumor Control, Cosmetic Outcome, Acute a	Initial	195,000
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National Institutes of Health

Mikkelsen, Ross	National Cancer Institute/NIH/DHHS	Radiation-induced Nitric Oxide & Cellular Radiosensitivity	Initial	273,561
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Non-Profit

Graves, Paul R.	American Heart Association (Mid-Atlantic Affiliate)	Regulation of the Argonaute Family of Proteins	Initial	77,000
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Radiology

Industry

Kettenmann, Birgit	McGuire VA Medical Center	Biophysicist Assignment at H.H. McGuire VA Medical Center	Initial	15,199
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Other Federal

Fatouros, Panos P	Office of Naval Research	Programmatic Multidisciplinary Studies into the Mechanisms and Efficacy of Treatment of Traumatic Brain Injury with Perfluorocarbon Oxygen Therapeutic Emulsions - Subproject for PT102980	Initial	175,144
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Sub-Awards

Fatouros, Panos P	Virginia Polytechnic Institute	A Radiolabelled Carbonaceous	Initial	370,560
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and State University Nanomaterials Center

Social & Behavioral Health

Non-Profit

Matsuyama, Robin	American Cancer Society, Inc.	Health Literacy, Race, and Information needs in Colorectal Cancer	Initial	728,000
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Surgery

Industry

Fisher, Robert A	ViroPharma, Inc.	A Randomized, Double-Blind Study to Assess the Efficacy and Safety of Prophylactic Use of Meribavir Versus Oral Ganciclovir for the Prevention of Cytomegalovirus Disease in Recipients of Orthotopic Liver Transplants	Initial	106,305
Kasirajan, Vigneshwar	Jarvik Heart, Inc.	Clinical Evaluations of the Jarvik 2000 Heart Assist System	Initial	99,844
Yager, Dorne	IASIS Molecular Sciences	A Novel & Tailorable Drug Delivery Device for the Treatment of Diabetic Wounds	Initial	49,425

National Institutes of Health

Fisher, Robert A	National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases/NIH/DHHS	Adult to Adult Living Donor Liver Transplantation	Supplement	55,253
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