JMC Ranked a Top Medical School

U.S. News & World Report has ranked Jefferson Medical College (JMC) as one of the top 50 medical schools in the country. Jefferson was ranked one of the top 50 medical schools in the United States for 2002 in two specialty areas — primary care and research. Each year, U.S. News & World Report re-evaluates graduate programs in medicine, business, education, engineering, and law. The rankings are based on two broad types of data — expert opinion about program quality and statistical indicators that describe the strength of a school’s faculty, its research, and the performance of students both as they enter and leave.

The magazine gathered the data by surveying more than 1,000 programs and 12,000 academics and professionals in the fall of 2000. U.S. News has ranked many of Thomas Jefferson University Hospital’s services as among the best in the nation.

Hospital Radiation Oncologists Targeting Tumor Blood Supply

By dramatically altering the size and frequency of chemotherapy doses for cancer treatment, radiation oncologists at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital hope to attack the blood supply feeding the cancer. This is a novel approach, targeting the tumor’s blood supply. It’s a totally new way of thinking,” says Adam P. Dicker, M.D., PhD, Assistant Professor of Radiation Oncology at Jefferson Medical College (JMC) and at Jefferson’s Kimmel Cancer Center.

Conventional chemotherapy is usually given in large doses, every three weeks or so. Its purpose is to attack the tumor directly, but uncomfortable side effects often accompany this strategy.

In the new approach, doses are made much smaller and given more frequently, maybe twice a week. The purpose is to target angiogenesis, the process which creates a new blood supply that feeds tumor growth, and to diminish side effects.

Traditionally, most cancer therapies are used in the highest possible doses,” says Dr. Dicker. The hospital’s Lydia T. Komarnicky, M.D., Radiation Oncology, will be honored.

H-IT Announces 5-Part Restructuring Effort

Jeff-IT has announced restructuring efforts designed to improve efficiency and better serve the needs of patients and staff. The changes are necessary to ensure the continued success of the hospital.

Free skin cancer screening offered at various area sites during May, co-sponsored by Jefferson’s Top-Sachs Prevention Program. Call 215-955-8320 or 215-807-0977. Free speech and hearing screenings during Better Hearing and Speech Month. For hearing screenings, call the Department of Otalaryngology Hearing Center, 215-955-6760. For speech screenings, call Speech Therapy Services, Department of Rehabilitation Medicine, 215-955-2554.

Nurses Week, May 7 to 11

The American Nurses Association and the Pennsylvania Nurses Association have designated May as Nurses Week to honor dedicated nurses. The theme for this year is “Nursing: Core to the Health Care Team.”

College of Health Professions Holding Commencement May 25

The University will award an honorary degree to Jules M. Rothstein, PhD, PT, FAPTA, a world-renowned scientist in the field of rehabilitation sciences, at the College of Health Professions (CHP) Commencement Exercises on Friday, May 25, at 10:30 a.m. at the Academy of Music.

The Class of 2001 totals 324 graduates, including 312 bachelor of science degree recipients, 7 post-baccalaureate certificate recipients in the laboratory sciences and 5 associate degree graduates from General Studies.

Roger M. Nelson, PhD, PT, FAPTA, Chairman of the Department of Physical Therapy, will present Dr. Rothstein for the Honorary Doctor of Science Degree. Dr. Rothstein is an internationally recognized scholar in Physical Therapy who has served as researcher, practitioner, educator, consultant, speaker and author. A fellow of the American Physical Therapy Association, he will serve as the Grand Marshal.

CHP is one of the nation’s largest private supports and sponsors health education programs in the state.

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Be the First Choice

The "first choice" is the one that is most appropriate for your health care needs. When choosing a medical professional, it is important to consider factors such as location, expertise, and availability.

Take 'Strides for Stroke' June 3

 noise and happy smiles dominated Jefferson Medical College’s annual Match Day as seniors received news of their matches to residency programs around the country, with many receiving their first choices. Above, 4-month-old Noah holds the good news received by Dr. Dicker.

The team next plans to take this approach, using low-dose docetaxel and radiation therapy, in a lung cancer study together with colleague Maria Werner-Waisk, M.D., Assistant Professor of Radiation Oncology, JMC.

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Special Projects - Will provide leadership for projects involving coordinating staff from multiple groups, and be responsible for research and planning for new technologies, and for training efforts.

Mr. Thompson adds, “The good news is that as a customer, there is no need to remember which group does what. We will continue to work with the hospital’s Information Systems (IS) unit so that the Technical Assistance Center (TAC) remains the primary point of contact to report problems, and so that issues are directed to appropriate support staff. We expect also to receive web-based requests for service soon.”

Mr. Thompson announced a central telephone number for Jeff-IT – 215-955-6400, for any non-support related issues and to reach TAC – as well as the launch of a new web site at Jeff-IT.com on May 1.

“We hope to develop this site as a central place to find out what is happening in the IT world at Jefferson, to request services, make a general inquiry or to give us feedback. And we ask that you bear with us as the necessary changes take place, and that you will continue to provide us your feedback regarding IT services at Jefferson,” Mr. Thompson concluded.

Jefferson Conducts Employee Survey

As Jefferson continues to address the ongoing challenges of the healthcare environment, it is important to learn more about the views of our staff on working here. Therefore, an employee survey is being conducted. Survey forms were mailed A pril 30, and must be returned no later than Friday, May 18.

“This is an opportunity for employees to express their opinions and provide us with input on ways to improve Jefferson – both as an employer and as an academic medical center,” said Brian P. Bowie, associate vice president for human resources, who is chair of the Committee coordinating the survey.

The survey is a follow-up to the one conducted in 1998. It has been mailed to a random sample of employees and faculty in the University, Hospital and Jefferson University Physicians. A similar survey is being conducted at all Jefferson Health System member hospitals.

To make it as convenient as possible, the survey is being administered electronically. Those receiving the survey are asked to respond to a brief questionnaire and then to use the self-addressed, stamped envelope to mail it directly to Survey Concepts, the consulting firm assisting Jefferson with the process. Respondents can be assured of complete confidentiality since only the consultant will open and read the completed survey.

Jefferson will only receive summaries of responses from Survey Concepts, not individual responses.

Important to Participate

For the survey to be effective, it is important to have a high level of participation. If you are one of the employees receiving the survey, we hope you will take a few minutes to complete it and drop it in the mail. At the same time, you will be eligible for three prize drawings to be conducted during the survey period. All you need do is complete the coupon in the survey packet and deposit it in one of the collection boxes throughout the campus. Lucky winners will receive valuable gifts, including a computer.

Jefferson Information Technologies (Jeff-IT – pronounced “Jeff eye-tee”) has completed the final part of its restructuring effort, announces Wayne W. Thompson, Chief Information Officer, Thomas Jefferson University.

“Our goal was to establish a focal point for the University community with respect to Information Technology needs, and to create a structure enabling us to better respond to those growing needs.”

Accordingly, Mr. Thompson explains, the Jeff-IT organization will comprise five groups, each with a specific primary focus:

Core Technologies - Will include work on system integration, network domain management, security, lab support, etc., - likely the most visible arm of the organization.

Physician Systems Support - Will support IDK and other physician support systems.

Web Services - Will oversee the University web presence and offer web development services and coordinate various web-based education and research initiatives.

Enterprise Systems - Will oversee developing, managing and modifying administrative systems including SGT Banner, Peoplesoft, Millenium and others.

Kimmel Cancer Center to Hold Survivors “Celebration of Life” June 4

Thomas Jefferson University’s Kimmel Cancer Center will celebrate Cancer Survivors Day on June 4 from 4 to 7 p.m., in the Bluemle Life Sciences Building, Sunday, June 3, marks National Cancer Survivors Day. Following the success of last year’s Survivors Day, this will be the second annual event.

Thomas Jefferson University has held a celebration in conjunction with this nation-wide event. The “Celebration of Life” will honor the lives and accomplishments of all cancer survivors with music, food, an exhibit of art and writing by cancer survivors, and inspirational talks by cancer survivors.

Cancer survivors, families, friends and all members of the Jefferson community are invited to attend this special event sponsored by the Kimmel Cancer Center. The Women’s Board of Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, Amgen, Inc., Ortho Biotech and Berlex.

To RSVP or for more information, call 215-955-1160 or email Lou.Kirkwood@jefferson.edu

South Jersey Pines Council visited the Kimmel Cancer Center on May 1.

A group of 35 Girl Scouts from South Jersey Pines Council visited the College of Health Professions (CHP) to explore career opportunities in medicine and allied health sciences. The troop met with faculty and students from Diagnostic Imaging, Laboratory Sciences, Nursing, Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy.

The girls were extremely engaged throughout the presentation and each girl presented a written report. The scouts came from Burlington, Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland, Atlantic and Cape May counties.

Continuing Support for Lupus Study Center

The Peter Liliker Medical Research Foundation, based in Delanco, N.J., renewed its annual grant of $5,000 to the Lupus Study Center in support of the work of Richard J. DeHoratius, M.D., Dr. DeHoratius, a associate director of the Division of Rheumatology and Director of the Lupus Center, conducts research aimed at developing new diagnostic tests and treatment options for children with lupus. Because pediatric lupus patients have the least favorable long-term outcomes, this research is vitally important. The Liliker Foundation has contributed a total of $25,000 to Thomas Jefferson University to advance Dr. DeHoratius’ studies.

NIH’s Henry McFarland, MD

To Deliver Alpers Lecture May 31

Henry McFarland, M.D., Chief, Neuroimmunology and National Institutes of Health (NIH), will deliver the annual Alpers Lecture, sponsored by the Department of Neurology, at 5 p.m., May 31 in the Kimmel Conference Center.

It’s Never Too Early to Look

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Wear Your Jefferson ID. It Shows You Belong.
Smiles All Around at Match Day 2001

Jefferson University Hospitals' residents were all smiles at their Match Day 2001 event. The annual event is held on Match Day, the day when third-year medical students in the United States learn where they will complete their residency training.

The Jefferson Heart Institute was one of the winners at this year's event, as was the Department of Medicine. Other winners included the Department of Surgery and the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Students were also able to meet with their future colleagues and mentors at the event, which included a luncheon, a raffle, and a video tribute to Jefferson nurses.

What the Hospital Is Doing

Thomas Jefferson University Hospital is taking the crisis seriously and has instituted some strategies to recruit nurses and retain the valuable nursing staff currently employed. These include offering grants to nursing schools, focusing on high school students to entice them to the nursing profession, and providing resources to help nurses manage their work life.

As part of these efforts, Nurse Managers and Clinical Nurse Specialists have been meeting as a committee to develop initiatives to improve retention of our experienced nursing staff. M ost of these strategies are still in the development process.

We acknowledge our nurses for all of their hard work and commitment to Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, and support their professional growth and networking with peers throughout the Jefferson Health System.

We believe that our hospital is the “Best of Philly” . . . and that our nurses are its backbone.

Jefferson University Wide Drive G oes O ver Top for 2000

Thanks to the generosity of Jeffersonians and the dedicated efforts of cabinet members and campus leaders, Jefferson's 2000 United Way Campaign was a great success.

More than 2,600 Jeffersonians contributed to the campaign, which surpassed its $20,000 goal.

I am pleased to report that this was our most successful United Way drive since 1994,” said Patricia Wallace, 2000 cabinet chair and Manager of Volunteer Services for Jefferson University Hospital.

Our total of $253,536 will go a long way in helping United Way to address some of our community's most essential human services needs. On behalf of my fellow cabinet members, I want to salute the campaign’s hard work and acknowledge the charitable spirit demonstrated by so many of our employees.,”

University President Paul C. Brucker, MD, also recognized the generous spirit of Jefferson's employees. "I am proud of the way the Jefferson family joined together to support this campaign," Dr. Brucker said. "Once again, our employees ranked first in United Way participation among local academic/healthcare organizations. We can all take satisfaction in knowing that our gifts will make a real difference for people in need.”

Employees who chose to direct their United Way gifts to Jefferson contributed a total of $20,439 to the Jefferson Heart Institute, a regional and national leader in the prevention and treatment of heart disease and in cardiovascular research. These gifts averaged $121.66 per employee, which represents a significant increase over previous years’ giving. We express appreciation for this support.

Thomas Jefferson University Hospital President and CEO Thomas J. Lewis said, “The Jefferson Heart Institute is one of our most important and promising new programs. We are very grateful to our University and Hospital employees who are helping to advance the program through their generous gifts to United Way.”

Visit the Jefferson Development Office website at www.tju.edu/jeffgiving/
Thursday, May 2:

**Kimmel Cancer Center, Bruce Roberts, MD, Assistant Professor, Department of Oncology:** "Understanding the Numbers." Each month a different author will present a research paper relevant to the field of oncology. Today, our speaker is Bruce Roberts, MD, Assistant Professor, Department of Oncology. The topic is "Understanding the Numbers." The presentation will cover the latest research in the field of oncology. 

Thursday, May 4:

**Kimmel Cancer Center, Ruth Lehmann, HHMI Investigator, Assistant Professor, Department of Genetics:** "Guide Migrating Germ Cells in Drosophila," noon, JAH. 

Saturday, May 5:

**Kimmel Cancer Center, Karen Ali, MD, Assistant Professor, Department of Physiology:** "Thick Filament Structure and Site Specific Effects on myofibrillar Function," 4 p.m., 215-955-5622.

Sunday, May 6:

**Jefferson Medical College, Center for Cancer Survivorship:** "Cancer Survivors Day Celebration," 4 to 7 p.m., DePalma.

Monday, May 7:

**Kimmel Cancer Center, Comprehensive ASCO CME Program:** "Update on the Use of Monoclonal Antibodies in the Treatment of Breast Cancer," 8 a.m., JAH. 

Tuesday, May 8:

**Kimmel Cancer Center, Michel Tremblay, PhD, Professor, Department of Microbiology and Immunology:** "Mechanisms of Endothelial Dysfunction in Diabetes," noon, 427 JAH.

Tuesday, May 9:

**Kimmel Cancer Center, K. Christopher Garcia, MD, Associate Professor, Department of Microbiology and Immunology:** "Immunology," noon, 427 JAH.

Wednesday, May 10:

**Kimmel Cancer Center, Jeff Newsom-Davis, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology and Immunology:** "Comparative Pathological Significance of Growth Factors," 8 a.m., JAH.

Thursday, May 11:

**Kimmel Cancer Center, Carmen Coarfa, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Microbiology and Immunology:** "Genetics of Zebrafish Skeletogenesis," 4 p.m., 215-928-3084.

Thursday, May 17:

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Thursday, May 24:

**Kimmel Cancer Center, Mark Geiger, MD, Professor of Medicine and Pediatrics, Director, Division of Hematology for Children:** "Tirilixadencel in the Treatment of Chronic Myeloid Leukemia," noon, 427 JAH.

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Tuesday, May 29:

**Kimmel Cancer Center, Jennifer M. Drazen, MD, Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine:** "Compartmentalization of Signaling Pathways in the Lung," noon, 427 JAH.

Wednesday, May 30:

**Kimmel Cancer Center, Robert A. Levine, MD, Professor and Chairman, Department of Pediatrics:** "Pediatrics," noon, 427 JAH.

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