Jefferson’s Neonatal Nursing Awarded $650,000 Federal Grant

The Department of Nursing at Jefferson College of Health Professions (JCHP), has been awarded an Advanced Nursing Education Program grant to bring The Neonatal Education Consortium (NEC) to Jefferson. The three-year grant for $650,000 is from the Department of Health and Human Services; Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Division of Nursing.

Principal Investigator for the NEC grant award to Jefferson is Mary Bowen, CRNP, DNS, JD, an advanced practice nurse and Director of Chair of the Department of Nursing.

CNAAG, Associate Professor, Vice Chair of the Department of Nursing at JCHP, and Director of Graduate Nursing Programs.

The purpose of the NEC is to facilitate the education of master’s prepared Neonatal Nurse Practitioners (NNPs) in New Jersey, Delaware and Pennsylvania. The NEC will focus on two national goals defined in Healthy People 2010: improving the health and well-being of women, infants and children and families as well as educate and prepare nurses who are ethnically and culturally diverse.

Tri-State Collaboration

The NEC at Jefferson will offer a NNP program in collaboration with The College of New Jersey and the University of Delaware. This collaboration will recruit and facilitate the education of professional nurses leading to the MSN degree as a Neonatal Nurse Practitioner. In addition, the tri-state educational consortium will plan and operate a NNP program that will prepare advance practice nurses to serve medically underserved populations in rural and urban DE, NJ, and PA.

The coordinator of the NNP graduate program at Jefferson is Ksenia G. Zukowsky, CRNP, PhD, OPT Benefits Fair and Flu Shots October 26

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For more information, contact Jenifer DiCampli, 215-503-8959, jenifer.dicampli@jefferson.edu

Jefferson-GetWellNetwork Lets Patients Email, Watch Movies, Surf Web From Their Beds

A comprehensive entertainment, Internet, education and communications service, geared to make a hospital patient’s stay more pleasant, is now available exclusively in the Philadelphia area to patients at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital.

Known as the Jefferson-GetWellNetwork, patients can access the service through their television screen at one of two levels.

Basic Information/Services provide general health and wellness data as well as personalized health education videos and details about the hospital.

It is also interactive. For example: patients can type in comments to hospital personnel, request a visit from a hospital chaplain, report that their room is too cold, request a change in their food menus and more.

Premium Option includes a library of first-run movies and the ability to log on and use the Internet and email so patients can communicate with friends and loved ones.

Patients express high praise for the service. Hector Rivera, 32, spent three weeks being monitored in the hospital’s Epilepsy Unit. He says, “For someone in my condition, this provides many of the comforts of home. I learned to navigate the Internet. Now I am able to look up information on my condition and also look up things about Latin music, which I love.”

Mr. Rivera said that he also likes the GetWellNetwork email feature. “I email my wife, my family and my friends. They were so amazed that I could do all this from my hospital bed.”

Other patients find that they appreciate the opportunity to watch first-run movies with friends who visit.

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2004 United Way Campaign Has Begun!
University’s Accreditation Extended 10 Years Following Favorable Middle States Report

Thomas Jefferson University’s accreditation by the Commission on Higher Education has been extended for another 10 years. The Commission’s decision essentially confirms “a very favorable assessment of the University’s mission and programs” by the Middle States Evaluation Team, says James B. Erdmann, PhD, Dean, Jefferson College of Health Professions and Coordinator, Middle States Self-Study Steering Committee. In making the announcement, Dr. Erdmann said, in part, “I wish to express my deepest appreciation for the indispensable contributions of the many Jeffersonians who participated in the development of the University’s Self-Study and the planning and conduct of the comprehensive process for the reaffirmation of the University’s accreditation. It was truly a team effort in every sense of the word.”

The Commission on Higher Education next requires a periodic progress report due June 1, 2009, and a report on the revised strategic plan by October 2006.

The full Middle States report is available on Pulse at www.jefferson.edu/pulse/middlesstates

Jefferson Scientists Encouraged by Early Trial Results of Vaccine for Melanoma

A vaccine for advanced melanoma created from a patient’s own tumor cells has shown some early signs of causing immune responses in recipients. The second-generation vaccine was developed by a research team led by David Berd, MD, Professor of Medicine at Jefferson Medical College and at the Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson. While it’s still in the initial stages of testing, Dr. Berd and his co-workers are encouraged by the first results and hopeful they bode well for the vaccine’s future use.

Dr. Berd presented his team’s results in June at the annual meeting of the American Society of Clinical Oncology in New Orleans. Melanoma is the fifth most common cancer in the United States. To read more, visit www.jeffersonhospital.org/news

Six Residents Honored For Humanism and Excellence in Teaching

The first Jefferson Medical College (JMC) Student Clinician’s Ceremony (SCC) honored six residents with the first Humanism and Excellence in Teaching awards. The SCC is a transitional experience implemented to provide guidance and support to medical students beginning their clinical rotations.

The JMC Office of Student Affairs and Career Counseling held the ceremony honoring the residents during JMC Third-Year Orientation for the Class of 2006. The current third-year students chose six residents who have exhibited particularly strong teaching skills and are role models for compassionate, relationship-centered care.

The award program is sponsored by the Arnold P. Gold Foundation which advances humanism in medicine, perpetuating the tradition of the caring doctor, and promotes and affirms more compassionate medical care and caregivers.

Steven K. Herrine, MD, Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Medical Education, JMC, and Associate Director of the Liver Transplant Service, gave the keynote address, “Humanism in Medicine.”

OPT Benefits Fair and Flu Shots Set for October 26

Be sure to attend this year’s OPT Benefits Fair on Tuesday, October 26, from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in McClellan Hall, second floor, College Building.

At this year’s fair, Jefferson employees will be able to get a free flu shot from University Health Services between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. If you have any questions about flu shots, please contact University Health Services at 215-955-6835.

For the answer to your questions regarding Jefferson’s benefits at one time, in one place – from the experts – the Benefits Fair is the place to be. Representatives from these organizations and Jefferson departments will be on hand:

- **Bank:** Commerce, PNC, Hudson United, Citizens, Freedom Credit Union, Wachovia.
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For information about deferred gift annuities and other ways to provide a benefit for yourself, call 215-503-7868. For more information, visit the Jefferson College of Graduate Studies website at www.jefferson.edu/grad-studies or call 215-503-1186.

**JHN Holding Open House November 3**

The newly designed Jefferson Hospital for Neurosciences, 900 Walnut St. at 9th, will hold an Open House on November 3 from 4 to 7 p.m. This will be an opportunity to see firsthand our newly designed suites, at 9th, will hold an Open House on November 3 from 4 to 7 p.m. This will be an opportunity to see firsthand our newly designed suites, which includes the Neuroside Spine Surgery Suite, where Jefferson physicians utilize a highly precise, focused, radiation therapy, manufactured by BrainLAB.

This noninvasive therapy enables our physicians to treat tumors of the brain, head, neck, spine, liver, lung and prostate within one millimeter of accuracy and without harming surrounding healthy tissue. It is the most sophisticated approach to stereotactic radiosurgery and radiotherapy available today and is available in the Delaware Valley exclusively at Jefferson Hospital for Neurosciences. For more information, call 1-800-JEFF-NEWS.

**His Gratitude to Jefferson Pays Off**

Fred Teichman, MD, JMC ’78, enthusiastically describes his life as being ideal. He has a thriving practice in obstetrics and gynecology in Lewisburg, PA – a location he chose specifically for its “middle America” character. Dr. Teichman loves his work and feels great satisfaction that his practice meets the needs of the community.

He says, “I was afforded a very good education that led to a great career. And I have Jefferson to thank for it.” Dr. Teichman has established two 15-year deferred gift annuities with Jefferson – a vehicle he says is “perfect” for him. “You don’t know what will happen next. I wanted to insure my future while, at the same time, provide a donation for Jefferson.” He continues, “Jefferson is providing an important service for our state and community in educating quality physicians.”

“A deferred gift annuity offers considerable tax advantages for me, so I don’t really look at it as being generous,” says Dr. Teichman. “I want to give while I’m alive – you don’t get any enjoyment out of it if you wait until you’re dead!” During his years of active practice he can enjoy substantial tax benefits with the knowledge that, 15 years later, he will begin receiving a high rate of return as he reaches retirement age.

In fact, Dr. Teichman has chosen to support several other organizations with deferred gift annuities – his undergraduate school, Cornell University, among them. He laughs, “I get to be a good guy for all of them and still get a benefit for myself.”

For information about deferred gift annuities and other ways to support Jefferson, contact Paul Hurd, Director of Planned Giving, at 215-955-8818.

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families. The NNP diagnoses and treats in collaboration with neonatologists and/or pediatric physicians. The NNP makes independent and interdependent decisions to assess, diagnose, manage and evaluate the healthcare needs of neonates and infants. The NNP also selects and performs clinically indicated advanced diagnostic and therapeutic invasive procedures.
New Cardiac Center Growing to Meet Care Demand for Patients with Advanced Heart Failure

The newly opened Advanced Heart Failure and Cardiac Transplant Center at the Jefferson Heart Institute continues to grow to meet the demands and challenges of end-stage heart failure, its Director, Paul J. Mather, MD, says in announcing two new staff appointments.

The comprehensive facility at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital offers innovative, evidence-based medical care for patients with heart failure. Although patients may have a common diagnosis of heart failure (cardiomyopathy), the causes and treatments of their disease may vary greatly. Some patients have newly diagnosed heart failure while others may have been successfully managed for years but now are seeking new treatment options due to a deterioration in their condition. Using a method of "tailored therapy," treatment plans are based on each patient’s individual needs.

The two new staff appointments are: Sharon Rubin, MD, who comes from Temple University Hospital's Heart Failure and Cardiac Transplant Center, and David Whellan, MD, from Duke University Hospital’s Heart Failure Program.

The conference is to give people who have received a diagnosis of cancer before Age 40, cancer some of the tools needed to fight against cancer.

"Beauty Found in Unlikely Places," an award-winning composer and pianist Misha Segal. His concert, "Life After a Cancer Diagnosis" – October 12 at the Loews Hotel from 3:30 to 7 p.m. The purpose of the conference is to give people who have received a diagnosis of cancer some of the tools needed to live the healthiest life possible.

This year’s conference will feature a performance by Emmy award-winning composer and pianist Misha Segal. His concert, "Beauty Found in Unlikely Places," has been performed at cancer centers across the country to raise spirits, funds and awareness in the fight against cancer. The conference will feature breakout sessions presented by experts on topics such as Vitamins and Herbal Therapies, Exercise, New Advances in Cancer Treatment, Identifying and Treating Late Effects of Cancer Treatment, Strategies for Caregiving and Navigating the New Normal – Coping with Cancer before Age 40.

You may register online at www.kimmelcancercenter.org/SurvivorConference or by calling 215-955-8370.

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Each year we ask that our employees contribute to the United Way of Southeastern Pennsylvania to assist their long tradition of helping citizens in our community. Contributing to this cause is a great way to give something back to the community, which in turn supports our institutional development. Perhaps you even know someone who benefited from a United Way recipient agency.

The Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, the Jefferson University Physicians have always been staunch supporters of the United Way.

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October 1 - 31: World Blindness Awareness, National Breast Cancer Awareness, Health Literacy, National Dental Hygiene, National Physical Therapy Awareness, Domestic Violence Awareness, Lupus Awareness, Medical Ultrasound Awareness, Healthy Lung and National Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Awareness months.

BROWN BAG LUNCHES
Leuchtenberg and gym bands for staff, students and other members of the Jefferson community. The meetings will be held every third Thursday of each month, noon to 1 p.m., 1508 Pavilion. Contact John at JeffGal@alumni.com for more information.

CONFERENCE SESSIONS AND FRIDAYS
• Friday, October 1
  Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson, Research in Progress, noon, 107 JAH.

Monday, October 4
• Jefferson Institute of Molecular Medicine, Dept. of Dermatology and Cutaneous Biology Medicine/Rheumatology, and Orthopedic Surgery, Reed Pyeritz, MD, University of Pennsylvania, “Reducing Pain and Diagnosing 3 Meniscal Conditions Affecting the Skin,” noon, 105/107 BLSB.

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