Medical Staff Bylaws were recently amended to require hospitals to be 100 percent compliant. The State Department of Health mandated that all members of the medical community recognize nationally as an educator, innovator and leader. Past recipients’ contributions have influenced areas of undergraduate and graduate medical education and the development of training programs in internal medicine, APDIM or other organizations that are educationally focused. APDIM is a preeminent professional organization in graduate medical education noted for its promotion of excellence and innovation in leadership and educational methodologies. Dr. Nasca is a past president.

The Reverend Clarence E. Shaffrey, S.J. Award. The Saint Joseph’s University Alumni Association, Medical Alumni Chapter, annually presents The Reverend Clarence E. Shaffrey, S.J. Award to a distinguished member of the medical profession for service and outstanding achievement.

Attention ALL Hospital Employees: You MUST Get Your PPD Tuberculosis Screening by June 30

Are you aware that an annual PPD is required for all hospital employees whether you have patient contact or not? That’s right. All 6,000 hospital employees must undergo this annual tuberculosis screening.

Problem is more than half have not. The State Department of Health requires hospitals to be 100 percent compliant. Jefferson’s compliance is only 47 percent.

That’s why the hospital has launched a massive educational and compliance campaign to make sure every hospital employee has been screened by June 30.

Thomas J. Lewis, hospital President and CEO, released the following statement:

“Annual tuberculosis screening is a vital health issue that ultimately threatens the health and safety of our patients as well as all hospital employees, including those employees who do not have direct patient contact.”

Jefferson regards this issue very seriously, so much so that the Medical Staff Bylaws were amended in 2005 to specifically mandate that all members of the Medical Staff report their annual tuberculosis screening to University Health Services. The Bylaws were further amended to state that failure to provide evidence of the annual testing requirements will result in an automatic suspension.

“I am confident that every hospital employee will recognize the gravity of this issue and will help us meet 100 percent compliance by June 30.”

Many Employees Not Aware

Ellen M. O’Connor, MD, Medical Director, University Health Services (UHS), explains further:

“We realize that many employees may not be aware that we have such a policy of required screening and that the screening be annual.

“Many employees are probably also not aware that PPD screening is a two-step process, what we call placement and reading,” Dr. O’Connor adds:

First, a PPD is placed through the skin injection. Second, the PPD must be read two days later, preferably by the same nurse who placed it. If not read by UHS, it can be read by another healthcare worker and the reading forwarded to UHS. Otherwise it’s as if they never took the first step,” Dr. O’Connor says.

To help meet the compliance need, Dr. O’Connor explains that nurses experienced or trained in administering PPDs are now fanning out through the hospital to screen employees. She further explains that “PPD” stands for “Purified Protein Derivative,” the solution used for tuberculosis skin testing. While the acronym does not refer to the process, most people know that “PPD” means tuberculosis skin testing, even if they may not know it’s required annually and needs two steps.

University Health Services, at 6230 Gibbon, is open Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. to place and read PPDs. Call 8-6835.

A PPD Not Read Is Not Done

“We like to say - ‘A PPD not read is a PPD not done.’ And we think many employees don’t realize that, that they must have their PPD read also. If not read by UHS, it can be read by another healthcare worker and the reading forwarded to UHS. Otherwise it’s as if they never took the first step,” Dr. O’Connor says.

PPD Placement and Reading – Placement

All employees are required to have their PPD placed by the same nurse who placed it. The PPD must be read two days later, preferably by the same nurse who placed it.

UHS employees must undergo this annual evaluation by June 30. Visit UHS, at 6230 Gibbon, to have your PPD placed.

Jefferson College of Health Professions Holds 182nd Commencement on May 22

Jefferson College of Health Professions (JCHP), Thomas Jefferson University, will hold commencement exercises on Monday, May 22, 10:30 a.m., at the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. Marsha J. Evans will receive an honorary doctoral degree.

The Class of 2006 totals 581 graduates, including 352 bachelor of science degree recipients and 87 master of science degree recipients in the disciplines of nursing, occupational therapy, radiologic sciences and bioscience technology; 3 post-baccalaureate certificate recipients in bioscience technology; 3 post-master’s certificate recipients in nursing; and 82 associate degree recipients. Also included in the totals are 41 physical therapy students and 13 occupational therapy students who will complete their combined BS-MS degree programs this summer.

Brian G. Harrison, Chair, Board of Trustees, will present an honorary Doctor of Science degree to Ms. Evans. During her nearly 30-year career with the United States Navy, Ms. Evans distinguished herself as one of only a handful of women to reach the honored rank of Rear Admiral, and gained a reputation for forging new ground for women in the military. After retiring in 1998 she assumed leadership of Girl Scouts of the USA. From August 2002 through December 2005, Ms. Evans was the 15th President and Chief Executive Officer of the American Red Cross.

University President Robert L. Barchi, MD, PhD, will confer all student degrees, with JCHP Dean James B. Erdmann, PhD, and Jefferson College of Graduate Studies Dean James H. Keen, PhD, presenting all undergraduate and graduate degrees. Janice Burke, PhD, OTRL/L, Chair and Professor, Department of Occupational Therapy, will serve as the Grand Marshal.

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Employee Benefits Hosting Retirement Planning Fair May 17

The Benefits section of the Department of Human Resources will host The Retirement Planning Fair May 17 in 101 Bluemle Life Sciences Building (BLSB) from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Open to all employees, the event will provide an opportunity to start or continue planning for the important life event of retirement. Employees may stop by at any time during the Fair's hours.

Representatives from AARP, Aetna, Carebridge, Fidelity Investments, Independence Blue Cross, Jefferson’s Activities Office, Medicare, MetLife, Social Security Administration, TIAA-CREF, and The Vanguard Group will be available to speak with employees.

In addition, the following presentations will be held in 105 BLSB:

- “Long Term Care Insurance,” 9 a.m.
- “Medicare Overview Including Part D Drug Benefits,” 10:30 a.m.
- “Making the Most of Your Retirement” (call 3-8700 for information), noon
- “Long Term Care Insurance,” 9 a.m.

In addition, the following presentations will be held in 105 BLSB:

- “Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Social Security,” 2 p.m.

For more information, contact Maria Reilly at 503-8922, Joanna Nasso at 503-2743 or Barbara Warren at 503-8866.

Hospital Honored for Environmental Leadership

The hospital’s Support Services, managed by Ed Barr, received the “2006 H2E Partner for Change and the Making Medicine Mercury Free Awards” from Hospitals for a Healthy Environment. The awards recognize Jefferson’s success in environmental leadership and in becoming a mercury-free facility. The American Hospital Association also recognized Jefferson’s achievement at its annual meeting in Washington, DC.

Commuter Services Office Called a ‘Great Perk’ by Philadelphia Magazine

Jefferson’s Office of Commuter Services (CSO) was highlighted as a “Great Perk” for employees in the April issue of Philadelphia magazine. CSO was featured among 21 area companies, universities, medical centers and nonprofit organizations offering “Great Perks” to their employees. CSO was singled out for offering such “One-of-a-Kind Perks” as discount parking at 12 nearby garages and running the free shuttle to remote parking, in addition to other commuter services.

Urology Hosts 6th Grade Science Students

The Department of Urology, Jefferson Medical College, led by its Chair, Leonard G. Comella, MD, hosted 60 sixth-grade science students from Tower Hill School, Wilmington, DE.

The students and their teachers were treated to tours of the Thompson Building Operating Room, the daVinci robot, surgical lasers and a cancer research laboratory.

The day ended with lunch in Eakins Gallery and the opportunity to learn about being a nurse, nurse practitioner, physician and research scientist.

Jefferson Celebrating Nurses’ Week May 9-12

Jefferson joins the national theme for Nurses’ Week this year: “Nurses: Strength, Commitment, and Compassion.”

Wednesday, May 10
- Nursing Excellence Awards Sponsored by Cancer Development Council
- DePalma Auditorium, 1 p.m.

Thursday, May 11
- Certification Awareness Breakfast Sponsored by Clinical Nurse Specialist Council
- Atrium, 11th St., 6:30 a.m. to 8 a.m.

Wednesday, May 10
- Gifts distributed to nursing staff

Jefferson College of Graduate Studies Hosting First Annual Jefferson Postdoctoral Research Symposium May 15

The Jefferson Postdoctoral Association and the Jefferson College of Graduate Studies (JCGS) Office of Postdoctoral Affairs will host the first annual Jefferson Postdoctoral Research Symposium May 15.

Showcasing the research of Jefferson postdocs in a variety of diverse fields, selected abstracts will be delivered orally, with all others presented as posters. A panel of Jefferson faculty will judge all. Keynote speaker will be Christopher Austin, MD, Senior Advisor to the Director for Translational Research at the National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI) and Director of the NIH Chemical Genomics Center.

Jefferson Researcher Solo Recipient of PA Income Tax Check-Off Grant

Julie Becker, PhD, MPH, Research Assistant Professor, Department of Family and Community Medicine, was the sole recipient of the Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Coalition’s (PBCC) 2005 Income Tax Check-Off for Breast and Cervical Cancer research grant.

The PBCC and the Pennsylvania Department of Health awarded a $33,000 check to Dr. Becker in a ceremony at Jefferson Alumni Hall. Dr. Becker’s research project, “Health Information Seeking Behaviors of Long-Term Breast Cancer Survivors (LTBCS) Using a Self-Management Model,” focuses on understanding the attitudes of LTBCS towards their health and illness, and determining if a public health intervention can help create a prevention model to mitigate additional cancers or other chronic diseases.

Community Medicine, said, “Dr. Becker’s type of community-based research is essential to enhancing approaches to care.”

New Move4Health Program Helping Patients with Diabetes

Move4Health is a program created by Jefferson medical, physical therapy and public health students to improve the care of female type-2 diabetic individuals who reside in Philadelphia.

In collaboration with the Jefferson Family and Community Medicine Department, this free, student-led, 13-week class incorporates diabetes education with low-intensity yoga, aerobics, and circuit-training to supplement routine medical care.

Jefferson family physicians recognize the importance of educating patients with diabetes about the benefits of exercise. Move4Health brings medical treatment outside of the examination room and into the community, extending the doctor’s visit into a weekly fitness and education class.

One patient commented, “This is the best thing that I’ve done since I was diagnosed.”

The program strives to improve patients’ understandings of their diagnosis while providing students with opportunities to contribute to patient care, learn how to manage a complicated chronic disease, and become an integral part of Move4Health’s IRB-approved research study. The results of this study will serve to encourage a broader collaborative effort among the other four medical schools within the Philadelphia community.

Patient recruitment for the next 13-week class is currently underway at the Jefferson Family and Community Medicine Department office.

To learn more, call 215-503-2101.

Kimmel Cancer Center Holding 7th Annual Survivors Day ‘Celebration of Life’ May 24

The Kimmel Cancer Center at Thomas Jefferson University will celebrate Cancer Survivors Day on May 24 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Bluemle Life Sciences Building.

The 7th annual “Celebration of Life” will feature exhibits of art and writing by cancer survivors, keynote address by Richard G. Pestell, MD, PhD, Jefferson’s Cancer Center Director and talks by other physicians and cancer survivors.

Cancer survivors, families, friends and all members of the Jefferson community are invited to attend this special event.

To RSVP or for more information, call 215-955-1715 or visit www.kimmelcancercenter.org/celebration/
See the Newest Approach to Remove Pituitary Tumors – Live on Your Computer May 23

From the convenience of home, office or laptop computer, physicians and consumers can view the newest approach for the removal of pituitary tumors – endoscopic pituitary surgery – on Tuesday, May 23.

Patients and physicians will have a chance to see this minimally invasive procedure first-hand and live Tuesday, May 23, at 4:30 p.m. at www.jeffersonhospital.org/webcast.

A replay version will be available beginning May 24.

The procedure, conducted in collaboration with Jefferson experts in Neurosurgery and Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery, is performed through the nasal passages and sinus cavities and requires no external incisions. New state-of-the-art technology has allowed for improved visualization and access to these difficult tumors. This has resulted in pituitary surgery with a shorter hospital stay, a faster recovery and improved outcomes.

The procedure will be performed by neurosurgeon James J. Evans, MD, and otolaryngologist Marc R. Rosen, MD, with narration by neurosurgeon David W. Andrews, MD. Viewers will have the opportunity to ask questions online during the webcast.

Physicians may sign up at www.jeffersonhospital.org/webcast to receive CME credits for viewing this webcast.

Physicians who wish to discuss a case or refer a patient to a Jefferson physician please call 215-955-0215.

Walking to Fight Cancer

Walking is a great exercise, especially when every step helps fight breast cancer! Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, the Philadelphia Eagles, WPVI - Channel 6 and Dewey Home Builders teamed with the ABC show, “Extreme Makeover: Home Edition” to raise more than $35,000 for the new Jefferson Breast Care Center. The Dewey Family Foundation donated $25,000.

Dewey and “Extreme Makeover” are completing work on a home for three Philadelphia children who lost their mother, Sandra Rosario, to breast cancer.

Center for Translational Medicine Remembers a Lost Colleague

Matthew Kuhn’s time as a Research Assistant with Jefferson’s Center for Translational Medicine may have been relatively brief – he died suddenly last October at age 29.

But those who knew him also know this: the positive impact of his professionalism and personality will be lasting.

To underscore the permanence of Matthew Kuhn’s legacy, Walter J. Koch, PhD, W. W. Smith Professor of Medicine and Director, Center for Translational Medicine, and Head of the George Zallie and Family Laboratory for Cardiovascular Gene Therapy, Jefferson Medical College, decided to place a plaque in his memory.

“We think of Matt every day,” Dr. Koch told more than 50 colleagues and 20 members of Matt’s family gathered for a dedication ceremony.

“Now we’ll have something tangible to remember him as we walk by this plaque outside our conference room and library.”

The plaque reads “Center for Translational Medicine Library, dedicated in memory of Matthew C. Kuhn, 2005.”

Stephen Sollys, Research Assistant, who worked closely with Matt, spoke of his co-worker’s sociability, humor and positive impact on the work setting.

“Matt fulfilled his role on earth because he made us all better people. We always said, You might be able to take Matt out of New Jersey, but you can’t take New Jersey out of Matt. Now we know we can never take Matt out of our hearts.”

Margaret E. O’Kane, Quality Assurance Expert, To Deliver 15th Annual Grandon Lecture May 4

Margaret E. O’Kane, President and Founder, National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA), will deliver the 15th Annual Dr. Raymond C. Grandon Lecture, May 4, noon to 2 p.m. at DePalma Auditorium.

She will speak on “Managing the Quality of Ambulatory Care.”

As an example of the impact of Ms. O’Kane’s leadership in the employer and health plan communities, most Fortune 500 companies will do business only with NCQA-accredited health plans.

For the first time, the five-member faculty panel of reactors to the lecture will be all female.

The Grandon Lecture is coordinated every year by the Department of Health Policy, led by David B. Nash, MD, MBA, Associate Dean, Jefferson Medical College (JMC), and the Raymond C. and Doris N. Grandon Chair of Health Policy. It is free and open to the public. For more information, call 215-955-0696.
Bloody Donor Center hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please call 5-7778 to schedule ahead of time if you are eligible and willing to give blood.

**NEWS**

**BROWN BAG LUNCHES**

Lebanon and gay lunch group for staff, students, volunteers, and other members of the Jefferson community. The meetings will be held every third Wednesday of each month, noon to 1 p.m., 1501 Pavilion. Contact Alix at ally@jefferson.edu for more information.

**CONFERENCE, WORKSHOPS, CLASSES, COURSES, DINNER PARTIES**

**Thursday, May 4**
- **Women’s Health Source**, J. E. Edman, DSC, FACN, Jefferson-Mycin-Brin Center of Integrative Medicine, “Diet and Menopause,” noon to 1 p.m., 910 Gilmore. Call 1-800-JEFF-NOW.
- **Radiology**, Leonard Freeman, MD, Professor, Radiology, and Nuclear Medicine, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Director, Nuclear Medicine, “Imaging Techniques in Nuclear Medicine,” 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 202 BLSB.
- **Nurse Practitioner**, (inpatient), Trevor McDonald, RN, FNP, AHN, ACNP, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., 401 BLSB.

**Friday, May 5**
- **Health Policy**, Gus Geraci, MD, FAAFP, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., 7th fl., Jimmy Brent Conference Room at JMC.

**Saturday, May 6**
- **Activities Office**, Hip Hop Dance, 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- **Executive Committee of the Medical Staff**, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., 139 JAH. All welcome. Call Luel at 215-955-6336.

**Sunday, May 7**
- **Bible study**, 1 to 2 p.m., 302 MOB. Call 215-955-6336.

**Monday, May 8**
- **Health Policy**, Gus Geraci, MD, FAAFP, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., 7th fl., Jimmy Brent Conference Room at JMC.

**Tuesday, May 9**
- **Radiology**, Charles Intenzo, MD, Professor, Radiology, Director, Nuclear Medicine, TBH, “The Truth About Fat,” 5 to 7 p.m., 780-L Main.

**Wednesday, May 10**
- **Health Policy**, Gus Geraci, MD, FAAFP, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., 7th fl., Jimmy Brent Conference Room at JMC.

**Thursday, May 11**
- **Molecular Targeted Therapies for Renal Cell and Rectal Cancer**, Dr. William Bubley, MD, Cleveland Clinic Taussig Cancer Center, 5:30 p.m., 626 JMC.
- **Organ Donor Awareness**, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., 307 JAH.

**Friday, May 12**
- **Pediatric Neurology**, John Blank, MD, Pediatric Neurologist, University of Pennsylvania McKesson Health Solutions, “Pediatric Neurology,” 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., 214 Oldward House.
- **REACH (Read, Educate, Assist, Consult, Help)**, 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., 139 JAH. All welcome. Call Luel at 215-955-6336.

**Saturday, May 13**
- **Activities Office**, Hip Hop Dance, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

**Sunday, May 14**
- **Bible study**, 1 to 2 p.m., 302 MOB. Call 215-955-6336.

**Monday, May 15**
- **Health Policy**, Gus Geraci, MD, FAAFP, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., 7th fl., Jimmy Brent Conference Room at JMC.

**Tuesday, May 16**
- **Health Policy**, Gus Geraci, MD, FAAFP, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., 7th fl., Jimmy Brent Conference Room at JMC.

**Wednesday, May 17**
- **Health Policy**, Gus Geraci, MD, FAAFP, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., 7th fl., Jimmy Brent Conference Room at JMC.

**Thursday, May 18**
- **Molecular Targeted Therapies for Renal Cell and Rectal Cancer**, Dr. William Bubley, MD, Cleveland Clinic Taussig Cancer Center, 5:30 p.m., 626 JMC.
- **Organ Donor Awareness**, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., 307 JAH.

**Friday, May 19**
- **Pediatric Neurology**, John Blank, MD, Pediatric Neurologist, University of Pennsylvania McKesson Health Solutions, “Pediatric Neurology,” 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., 214 Oldward House.
- **REACH (Read, Educate, Assist, Consult, Help)**, 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., 139 JAH. All welcome. Call Luel at 215-955-6336.

**Saturday, May 20**
- **Activities Office**, Hip Hop Dance, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

**Sunday, May 21**
- **Bible study**, 1 to 2 p.m., 302 MOB. Call 215-955-6336.

**Monday, May 22**
- **Health Policy**, Gus Geraci, MD, FAAFP, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., 7th fl., Jimmy Brent Conference Room at JMC.

**Tuesday, May 23**
- **Health Policy**, Gus Geraci, MD, FAAFP, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., 7th fl., Jimmy Brent Conference Room at JMC.

**Wednesday, May 24**
- **Health Policy**, Gus Geraci, MD, FAAFP, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., 7th fl., Jimmy Brent Conference Room at JMC.

**Thursday, May 25**
- **Health Policy**, Gus Geraci, MD, FAAFP, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., 7th fl., Jimmy Brent Conference Room at JMC.

**Friday, May 26**
- **Pediatric Neurology**, John Blank, MD, Pediatric Neurologist, University of Pennsylvania McKesson Health Solutions, “Pediatric Neurology,” 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., 214 Oldward House.
- **REACH (Read, Educate, Assist, Consult, Help)**, 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., 139 JAH. All welcome. Call Luel at 215-955-6336.

**Saturday, May 27**
- **Activities Office**, Hip Hop Dance, 6:30 to 8 p.m.