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Jefferson Hospital for Neuroscience: A Star in Stroke Care

Jefferson School of Nursing at Thomas Jefferson University’s College of Health Professions has received approval from the Pennsylvania Board of Nursing for the Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner (WHNP) and post-master’s certificate programs. Both programs will begin in fall 2009, although interested students can begin core and support courses in spring 2009.

Women’s health nurse practitioners care for women throughout their lifespans, in wellness and illness. “The demand for master’s prepared women’s health nurse practitioners exceeds those currently available in rural Pennsylvania,” said Beth Ann Swan, PhD, CRNP, FAAN, Associate Professor and Associate Dean of the Graduate Program of the Jefferson School of Nursing (JSN). “This state has a large rural population, yet its healthcare providers tend to be clustered in the major cities. In the last few years there has been a 15 to 17 percent advanced practice nurse vacancy rate in northern and central Pennsylvania.”

“By providing a women’s health nurse practitioner program, Jefferson will help to increase the number of advanced practice nurses employed in Pennsylvania, and that will promote access to healthcare for rural and urban underserved communities,” said Ksenia Zukowsky, PhD, APRN, NNP-BC, Assistant Professor, Director for Women’s and Children’s Programs and Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Program at JSN. The WHNP Program will be available at the Geisinger Medical Campus in Danville, PA, as well as Jefferson’s Center City Philadelphia campus as a 36-credit master’s program and an 18-credit post-master’s certificate. Both programs are available on a full-time and part-time basis.

Jefferon School of Nursing’s other MSN programs include Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA), Community Systems Administration, Family Nurse Practitioner, Adult Advanced Practice Nurse, Adult Advanced Practice Nurse, Oncology Advanced Practice Nurse, Pediatric Advanced Practice Nurse, Neonatal Nurse Practitioner and Nursing Informatics. Learn more at www.jefferson.edu/jchp/nursing/msn.cfm or call 215-503-5080.

Pancreatic Cancer Specialists Offer News on Surgical Advances, Research and Nutrition

Jefferson’s third annual Pancreatic Cancer & Related Disease Patient Symposium included presentations from Jefferson physicians, researchers and other staff members. Pictured are Hwadya Arafat, MD, PhD, Associate Professor of Surgery, Division of Surgical Research; Ernest Rosato, MD, Associate Professor of Surgery, Division of General Surgery; Thomas Kowalski, MD, Associate Professor of Medicine, Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology; Mary Ellen Fitzpatrick, Clinical Dietitian, Jefferson Hospital; and Ronald Myers, PhD, Professor, Division of Population Science. Find out how Jefferson’s expertise in pancreatic cancer can help you. Call 215-955-6668 to learn more and sign up for the next patient event.

Michael Vergare, MD, Appointed Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs at Thomas Jefferson University

Chair of Psychiatry and Human Behavior, Michael J. Vergare, MD, has been named Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs at Thomas Jefferson University. Most recently, Dr. Vergare served as Interim Dean of Jefferson Medical College.

“While the position of Senior Vice President is not new to our organization, it has been restructured and significantly expanded to provide a center for both the academic administrative and support functions of the University,” noted Robert Barchi, MD, PhD, President, Thomas Jefferson University. As a senior officer reporting to the President, Dr. Vergare will lead the Academic Council, chair the University’s tenure committee, manage the administrative affairs of the Faculty Senate, and coordinate the various faculty affairs offices across the University. Dr. Vergare will oversee Jefferson’s interdisciplinary academic programs, including the activities of the Clinical Skills Center and Jefferson Interprofessional Education Center (JICPE). He will also coordinate academic affiliations with regional institutions. In addition, Dr. Vergare will assume responsibility for the University’s academic support functions such as library services and AISIR, University admissions, financial aid, the registrar’s office and student services.

Dr. Vergare is also the Daniel Lieberman Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior. He is a recognized expert in geriatric and administrative psychiatry and has been the recipient of numerous awards and honors.

Jefferson Names Director of Bariatric Surgical Program

A former fellow in Surgical Oncology at Jefferson Hospital has returned to lead the Bariatric Surgical Program. David S. Tichansky, MD, FACS, who comes to Jefferson from the Department of Surgery at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, has also been named an associate professor of surgery at Jefferson Medical College.

Dr. Tichansky has performed extensive research in the fields of minimally invasive and bariatric (weight-loss) surgery to improve patient safety and care. To find out more about weight-loss surgery, call 215-955-8666.
**PEOPLE**

Roger Daniels, MD, FACP, recently received the Clinical Practice Award by the Pennsylvania chapter of the American College of Physicians in recognition of his exceptional service to his patients, community and profession. Dr. Daniels is Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine at Jefferson Medical College (JMC).

Jefferson welcomes Mary Ellen R. Keene as our Chief Human Resources Officer and Vice President. Mary Ellen joins Jefferson from SUNY Upstate Medical University, where she served for more than 12 years in a variety of senior leadership roles.

The National Institutes of Health has awarded Jefferson’s Scott Mintzer, MD, a Junior Investigator grant to study the adverse metabolic effects of antiepileptic seizure medications. The grant totals $843,000. Dr. Mintzer is an assistant professor in the Department of Neurology at JMC and Director of the Epilepsy Monitoring Unit at the Jefferson Comprehensive Epilepsy Center of Jefferson Hospital for Neuroscience.

Mary Ellen R. Keene

The March of Dimes has recognized Jay Greenspan, MD, with the prestigious Roosevelt Award for Service to Humanity. At a gala event in the fall, Dr. Greenspan received the award at the March of Dimes’ 75th Annual Meeting in New York. Dr. Greenspan has had a significant positive influence in the Philadelphia area.

Jefferson welcomes Jackie Sullivan, PhD, RN, to our staff. Dr. Sullivan will oversee Jefferson’s Infection Control, Performance Improvement and Patient Safety departments.

Dr. Greenspan is Chair of the Department of Pediatrics at Thomas Jefferson University and has the same tumor local control rate as a higher dose of therapy.

Giovanni Pintar, MD, PhD, has received an award from the Elsa U. Pardee Foundation to support his research project entitled “Targeting guanylyl cyclase C signaling to treat colorectal cancer metastasis.” The award provides research funding directed toward discovering new approaches for cancer treatment and a cure. Dr. Pintar is Associate Professor in the Department of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics and Director of the Laboratory of Investigative Medicine at TJU.

**ACHIEVEMENTS**

Researchers at Thomas Jefferson University have found that a lower dose of fractionated stereotactic radiotherapy for acoustic neuromas results in better hearing preservation and has the same tumor local control rate as a higher dose of therapy.

Jefferson’s Kimmel Cancer Center (KCC) has been designated a Center of Excellence by the Fertile Hope organization. The organization gives this designation to cancer centers that actively address reproductive needs of their patients and survivors. KCC is now one of only five Fertile Hope Centers of Excellence in the United States.

Wills Eye was recently ranked second nationwide in two important categories – Best Residency Program and Best Clinical (Patient Care) Program. The survey was conducted by the publication Ophthalmology Times. Wills Eye serves as the Department of Ophthalmology for Jefferson.

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**Nursing’s Magnet Journey Lifts Spirits and Voices**

Jefferson nurses and other staff members brought their talents to a music video project highlighting the excitement over Jefferson Nursing’s quest for Magnet designation. Jefferson will host a team of surveyors February 9 through 12 who will evaluate our nursing program. Magnet status is the highest honor for a hospital’s nursing staff.

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**Pediatrics Chair Honored by March of Dimes**

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He has served on many March of Dimes national and regional committees, has been a valued member of the organization’s local and state-wide boards for more than 13 years and led the Pennsylvania MOD Chapter Program Services efforts with energy, creativity and resourcefulness.

Dr. Greenspan is Chair of the Department of Pediatrics at Thomas Jefferson University Hospitals and A.J. DuPont Hospital for Children.

Cardiologist Howard Weitz, MD, was presented with the Laureate Award by the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American College of Physicians. The award recognizes Dr. Weitz’s exceptional service to his patients, community and his profession. Dr. Weitz is Director, Division of Cardiology in the Department of Medicine at Jefferson Medical College, and Director of the Jefferson Heart Institute.

**Jefferson Researchers Receive Award for Paper on CT Imaging**

Drs. Halpern (middle) and Takakuwa (right) recently received an award from Philips for their paper on evaluating the use of a “triple rule-out” coronary CT angiography protocol. They are shown here with Scott Pohlan of Philips Healthcare.

Kevin Takakuwa, MD, and Ethan Halpern, MD, recently received the 2008 Philips CT NetForum Publication of the Year award. The researchers evaluated the use of a “triple rule-out” coronary CT angiography protocol.

“We are delighted to have been selected to receive this recognition,” said Dr. Halpern, a professor in the Department of Radiology at Jefferson Medical College. “The use of CT for patients who present to the emergency department with chest pain can revolutionize and improve the diagnosis of ACS (acute coronary syndrome).”

According to Dr. Takakuwa, Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine, standard practices for evaluating patients who present with symptoms of ACS tend to be very cautious. They involve a battery of tests and sometimes lengthy hospital stays.

“This traditional approach in diagnosis wastes millions of dollars in unnecessary healthcare spending,” Dr. Takakuwa said. “If we can find a way to rapidly rule out ACS as early as possible and more accurately diagnose patients, we can potentially save millions of dollars and a lot of time.”

The Philips award includes a research grant of $10,000.

**Long-term gene therapy resulted in improved cardiac function and reversed deterioration of the heart in rats with heart failure, according to a recent study conducted by researchers at Thomas Jefferson University’s Center for Translational Medicine.**

Want to learn more about news developments at Jefferson? Visit us at www.jeffersonhospital.org/news.
In November, scholarship donors and students had the opportunity to meet and mingle at a special event in the Dorrance H. Hamilton Building. Pictured are University President Robert Barchi, MD, PhD, and Mrs. Amy Liss, whose late husband Henry graduated from Jefferson Medical College in 1940. The Dr. and Mrs. Henry Liss Scholarship Fund is among the largest scholarship funds at Jefferson and has helped nearly 50 people afford their education.

More than a hundred people attended “Life After a Cancer Diagnosis,” a cancer survivorship conference hosted by Jefferson’s Kimmel Cancer Center in November. Pictured are Drs. Bazzan and Monte of the Jefferson-Myrna Brind Center of Integrative Medicine who provided information on natural therapies. The Center offers mindfulness-based stress reduction, acupuncture, herbal medicine and other services. Visit jeffersonhospital.org to learn more.

More Info

SEMINARS
Tuesday, February 7  • Radiotherapy, Philip Lam, MD, Abington Memorial Hospital, “Practical Applications of Cardiac MRI: See What You’ve Been Missing,” 12:15 to 1:15 p.m., 780-L Main.
Wednesday, February 15  • Radiology, Speaker and topic t/b/a, 12:15 to 1:15 p.m., 780-L Main.
Wednesday, March 8  • Radiology, Speaker and topic t/b/a, 12:15 to 1:15 p.m., 780-L Main.
Wednesday, March 25  • Radiology, Remminger, PhD, Professor of Radiology, TJUH, “Journal Club,” 12:15 to 1:15 p.m., 780-L Main.

FORUMS
Monday, February 11  • Health Policy, Timothy Gardner, MD, President, American Heart Association, Medical Director, The Center for Heart and Vascular Health, Christiana Care Health System, “Public Policy and Cardiovascular Disease: Making the Connection,” 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., 218 Curtis. Call 215-955-6909.

GRAND ROUNDS
Wednesday, February 4  • Family and Community Medicine, Geoffrey Mills, MD, PhD, PGY3, topic and location t/b/a, 8 to 9 a.m.
• Methodist Hospital, Medical Grand Rounds, Hope Rago, MD, Clinical Professor of Medicine, University of California, “Emerging Role of New Taxane Alternatives in Combination Therapy for Treatment of Breast Cancer,” noon, Morgan Conference Center, Methodist Hospital.

Thursday, February 5  • Medicine, Janine Sylvius, MD, Director, Preventive Healthcare Program, Division of Internal Medicine, David Tichayan, MD, Associate Professor of Surgery, Director, Minimally Invasive and Bariatric Surgery Program, TJUH, “Surgical Approaches to Weight Loss,” noon, DePalma.
Wednesday, February 11  • Family and Community Medicine, Jeffery Haug, MD, PGY3, topic t/b/a, 8 to 9 a.m., 105/107 BL SB.

Thursday, February 12  • Medicine, “Meeting the Challenge: The Jefferson Response to ACC/ACR/BRCM Program Requirements for 2009,” presenter t/b/a, noon, DePalma.
Wednesday, February 18  • Family and Community Medicine, Alan T. Frorster, MD, Clinical Assistant Professor and Vice Chair, Clinical Affairs, Department of Emergency Medicine, TJUH, “Discharge Education Program, topic t/b/a, 8 to 9 a.m., 105/107 BL SB.

Thursday, February 19  • Medicine, Howard Weitz, MD, FACP, FACCC, Director, Division of Cardiology, TJUH, “The Patient with Cardiac Disease Who Requires Non-cardiac Surgery,” noon, DePalma.
Wednesday, February 25  • Medicine, Nora Sandorfi, MD, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Division of Rheumatology, TJUH, topic t/b/a, noon, DePalma.

Wednesday, March 11  • Family, Alan Emory Medicine, Renata Burigatto, MD, PGY3, Leah Swans, MD, PGY2, “Morbidity and Mortality,” 8 to 9 a.m., 105/107 BL SB.

Thursday, March 12  • Medicine, Donna Williams, MD, Clinical Instructor of Medicine, Assistant Program Director, Internal Medicine Residency, TJUH, “Communication on End-of-Life Care,” noon, DePalma.
Wednesday, March 18  • Family and Community Medicine, Richard Haug, MD, PGY3, topic t/b/a, 8 to 9 a.m., 105/107 BL SB.

Thursday, March 19  • Medicine, Hallie Rag, MD, PhD, Professor, Department of Cancer Biology, KCC, “Biomarkers for Therapy-Relevant Stratification of Breast Cancer Patients,” noon, DePalma.
Wednesday, March 25  • Family and Community Medicine, Richard Wender, MD, Chairman, Department of Family Medicine, “Town Meeting,” 8 to 9 a.m., 105/107 BL SB.

Thursday, March 26  • Medicine, David Siegel, MD, MPH, Chief of Medicine, Veterans Administration Northern California Health Care System, Professor and Vice Chair of Medicine, University of California Davis School of Medicine, “Status and Omega-3 Fatty Acids and their Effects on Inflammation,” noon, DePalma.

UPCOMING GRAND ROUNDS
Thursday, April 2  • Medicine, 4th Annual James L.A. Roth Visiting Professor in Gastroenterology, Edward Lofus, MD, Professor of Medicine, Mayo Clinic at Rochester, noon, DePalma.

Thursday, April 16  • Medicine, “Hematology Apheresis MPC,” noon, DePalma.

Friday, April 23  • Medical, “Inspirational video presentation/Bible study,” 3 separate sessions: noon, 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m., 139 JAH. All welcome. Call Lael at 610-717-2824, Esat at 215-955-9591. Also on Friday, April 24.

SPECIAL EVENTS
Wednesday, February 4  • WPXN Musicians On Call plays for Jefferson patients. Also, Wed, Feb. 11, 18 and 25, 4 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m., W. Atrium Conference Room, 2135 Girard. Call 215-955-8370 to register.

Thursday, February 5  • TJU Choir rehearsal, The choir is open to all members of the Jefferson community. No audition required. Rehearsals: 7 to 8:30 p.m., Eakins Lounge, JAH. Also, Wed, Feb. 11, 18 and 25, March 4, 11, 18 and 25.

Saturday, February 7  • Jefferson School of Population Health and the College of Health Professions, Graduate Open House, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., 101 BL SB. Register at www.jefferson.edu/de/grad/ admissions/events.cfm or call 877-JEFF-CHP or 215-503-5305.

Monday, February 23  • The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) will visit Thomas Jefferson University School of Nursing to conduct the initial accreditation review of our new Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Program (continues through Wed., February 25).

Wednesday, March 11  • Jefferson School of Population Health, “Meeting the Challenge: The Jefferson Response to ACC/ACR/BRCM Program Requirements for 2009” presentations t/b/a, noon, DePalma.

Wednesday, March 18  • Health Care for Homeless, topic t/b/a, 8 to 9 a.m., 105/107 BL SB.

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RELIGIOUS
Tuesday, February 3  • Come join our Tuesday Prayer and Bible Study Class, noon, JAH. All welcome. Please contact Annette Chesson at 215-955-8991 for more information or email annette@prayerminists.com. Also, Tuesdays, February 10, 17 and 24.

Thursday, February 5  • Christian Bible Study, Prayer and Fellowship Group, 10-2:30 p.m. Also, Thursday, Feb. 12, 19 and 26. Call Doretha at 267-231-7463 or email DJohn91@yahoo.com.

Friday, March 27  • Inspirational video presentation/Bible study, 3 separate sessions: noon, 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m., 139 JAH. All welcome. Call Lael at 610-717-2824, Esat at 215-955-9591. Also on Friday, April 24.

SUPPORT GROUPS/EDUCATION
Thursday, February 5  • Kimmel Cancer Center, Radiation Therapy Information Session, 10 to 11 a.m., G312 Bodine. Also, on Thurs., Mar. 12, 19 and 26.

Thursday, March 5  • Kimmel Cancer Center, Cancer Support, Joanne Ficko-O’Flahara, MD, Director Hematology/Medical Oncology Fellowship Training, TJU, “Current Topics in Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma,” noon to 1:30 p.m., G-312 Bodine. Lunch will be provided. This program will highlight diagnostic techniques, current treatments, and follow-up for Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma. SEPTA tokens or parking provided. Parking at Interpark Garage, 10th & Chestnut Sts. (entrance on 10th St. and Sansom St.) Call 215-955-8370 to register.

Thursday, March 19  • Kimmel Cancer Center, Current Topics, Joanne Ficko-O’Flahara, MD, Director Hematology/Medical Oncology Fellowship Training, TJU, “Current Topics in Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma,” noon to 1:30 p.m., G-312 Bodine. Lunch will be provided. This program will address prevention and screening methods, the latest treatment options for people who have already been diagnosed, and survivorship rates have improved over recent years. Call 215-955-8370 to register.

Blood Donors Needed
Please stop by the Jefferson Blood Donor Center at 8230 Gibbon or call 955-7791. Center hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Monday blood donors receive a $5 Abun Cafea meal voucher.