

Family and Community Medicine Receives Exceptional Rating from National Center for Quality Assurance

The Department of Family and Community Medicine recently received word that its practice, Jefferson Family Medicine Associates, has achieved the highest recognition (Level 3) for Physician Practice Connections – Patient-Centered Medical Home (PPC-PCMH) from the National Center for Quality Assurance (NCQA). The NCQA is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of healthcare nationwide.

This NCQA recognition is widely accepted as an indicator that an organization is well-managed and delivers high-quality patient care and service. Fewer than 50 practices nationwide have received this NCQA designation, with approximately just

half of those achieving a rating equivalent to Jefferson's.

"This is a very significant accomplishment for our group that has required a lot of effort and dedication from staff," says Richard Wender, MD, Chair of the Department of Family and Community Medicine. "We believe that Jefferson is one of the first practices to receive a Level 3 rating that has a residency and student program embedded within it. We're also the largest single site practice in the nation to achieve this status for its Patient-Centered Medical Home model."

A Patient-Centered Medical Home model is designed to improve quality and lower medical costs by providing patients with a comprehensive,

coordinated approach to primary care. For a practice to receive NCQA recognition it must facilitate care through registries, information technology, health information exchanges and other means to assure that patients receive care when and where they need it in a culturally and linguistically appropriate manner.

With a major commitment from Family and Community Medicine staff, its leaders George Valko, MD, and Tony Amoroso, and support from Mona Sarfaty, MD, Assistant Professor, School of Population Health, Jefferson Family Medicine Associates is becoming a Patient-Centered Medical Home model nationwide.

Nursing Excellence Acclaimed with MAGNET® Recognition



Photo: Robert Neroni

Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, Center City Campus, has been granted MAGNET® recognition for nursing excellence from the American Nurses Credentialing Center. Regarded as the "gold" standard, the recognition assures consumers and patients that they can expect to receive a superior level of care. Less than five percent of hospitals in the nation have achieved this status. Pictured reacting to the great news are Tom Lewis, President and CEO, Jefferson Hospitals; David McQuaid, Executive VP and COO; Mary Ann McGinley PhD, RN, Sr. VP of Patient Care Services and Chief Nursing Officer; and Bob Adelson, Esq., Chairman of the Board.

Physician Performs CPR, Saving Pilot on Center City Street

On February 24, David B. Nash, MD, PhD, was walking with his wife on 19th Street and saw a man sitting on a bench, somewhat slumped to the side. He asked the man if he needed help.

"No sooner after my offer of assistance, the man on the bench essentially collapsed, turned cyanotic [blue] and pulseless," said Dr. Nash.

Dr. Nash and his wife placed the man on the ground and started CPR.

At that time, a nurse from Blue Cross who happened to pass by stopped to help, as well, and a passerby called 911.

"Thank goodness, the man did actually regain consciousness and we passed him off to the EMT crew. He was later admitted to Jefferson where our cardiologists now believe he had a near fatal witnessed arrhythmia. I am so grateful that my wife, this nurse and I were able to help this man."

The Delta Air Lines pilot, who underwent quadruple bypass surgery at Jefferson, is back at work thanks to the awareness and quick action taken by Dr. Nash and his wife.

Find out how you could save a life. The JeffSTAT EMS Training Center offers CPR and other courses. To learn more, visit www.jefferson.edu/tjuh/jeffstat/training/courses.cfm.

JAMA Features Jefferson Team's Cancer Research

The Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) recently published a Thomas Jefferson University study reporting that an intestinal tumor-suppressing receptor in the lymph nodes may better reveal the chance of metastatic colorectal cancer.

The Jefferson researchers studied 257 people with pN0 colorectal cancer and found that GUCY2C (the receptor also known as guanylyl cyclase C)

"appeared to be an independent prognostic marker of risk."

As a result of the *JAMA* article, many news outlets across the country, including *US News & World Report*, Reuters, as well as the Yahoo News, MSNBC and ABC news sites, published news stories about the research. In addition, *The Philadelphia Inquirer* featured Scott Waldman, MD, PhD,

lead author of the study, on the front page.

Along with Dr. Waldman, study authors included: Terry Hyslop, PhD; Stephanie Schulz, PhD; Alan Barkun, MD (McGill University); Karl Nielsen, BS; Janis Haaf, RN; Christine Bonaccorso, RN; Yanyan Li, BS; and David S. Weinberg, MD, MSc (Fox Chase Cancer Center).

National Healthcare Debate Comes to Jefferson

Congressman John Conyers, Jr., recently visited Jefferson to speak about his bill calling for national healthcare. Pictured are Congressman Conyers (third from right) along with Jefferson Medical College students, Bridget Peterson, Anthony Pozzessere, Chad Vogeler, Irmina Haq, Samantha Siegel and Samuel Siegel.



More Than 50 Jefferson Physicians Make 'Top Doctors' List

The annual "Top Doctors" issue of *Philadelphia* magazine hit newsstands in April, listing more than 50 Jefferson physicians with this high distinction. In addition to the magazine's list of recommended doctors in a wide variety of specialties, the issue also includes Jefferson physicians on its new "Best Physicians Age 40 and Under" list.

Physicians who made the Top Doctors list include those in the following specialty areas:

Addiction Psychiatry, Adolescent Medicine, Allergy and Immunology, Cardiovascular Disease, Colon and Rectal Surgery, Dermatology, Diagnostic Radiology, Family Medicine, Gastroenterology, Geriatric Medicine, Geriatric Psychiatry, Gynecologic Oncology, Hand Surgery, Internal Medicine, Maternal and Fetal Medicine, Medical Oncology, Neurological Surgery, Neurology, Neuroradiology, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Ophthalmology, Orthopedic Surgery, Otolaryngology, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Plastic Surgery, Psychiatry, Radiation Oncology, Surgery, Thoracic Surgery, Urology, Vascular, and Interventional Radiology.

Jefferson "Best Physicians Age 40 and Under" are from the areas of Family Medicine, Orthopedic Surgery, Neurological Surgery, and Ophthalmology.

Learn more about how the list was determined and see the complete Top Doctors and "rising stars" lists. Visit the *Philadelphia* magazine website at www.phillymag.com.

VITAL SIGNS: MARCH 2009

TJUH, Methodist, Geriatric Psychiatry, Jefferson Hospital for Neuroscience

	Budget	Actual	Prior Year
Admissions	4,145	4,022	4,061
Length of Stay	5.66	5.63	5.84
Patient Days	23,480	21,929	24,114
Outpatient Visits	39,005	39,387	38,114
Patient Satisfaction Score (combined average): 84.3			



On March 24, University President Robert Barchi, MD, PhD (right), participated in a conference/webcast ("Stronger Health-Based Partnerships") at the University of Delaware. Also pictured are Patrick Harker, President, University of Delaware and Robert Laskowski, President and CEO, Christiana Care Health System. See the story on this page to learn more about Jefferson's partnership with institutions in the state of Delaware and its new campus to be built there.



In February, staff members joined in a pep rally to support the Nursing Department as it prepared for the Magnet designation site visit. Special thanks to Shelley Chamberlain, Chuck Mullin and the staff of the Department of Nutrition and Dietetics for arranging a festive offering of refreshments. Pictured leading a cheer with Eagles mascot SWOOP are Matt Costello, Terri Schwartz, RN, Rachel Slutsky, RN, Barbara Joyce, RN, Jim Armstrong, RN, and Julie Bucci, RN. For more information, visit www.JeffersonNursing.org/Magnet.

Jefferson and the Eagles Help the Philadelphia Area "Kick Heart Disease Together"



Photo: Robert Neroni

Chef Jim Coleman (right), host of WHYY's "A Chef's Table," demonstrated heart-healthy recipes at Jefferson's heart-health event on February 28 at the King of Prussia Mall. Paul Mather, MD, (left) and Philadelphia Eagles kicker David Akers joined in to teach the audience about being heart healthy. Look for healthy recipes on the Jefferson Hospital website. Visit <http://cooking.jeffersonhospital.org>.



The 2009 March of Dimes National Ambassador, Katelyn Marie Hall (third from left), visited Jefferson's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit in March. Also pictured are her parents, Michael and Ashley Hall, along with Jay Greenspan, MD, Chair of Pediatrics, Kevin Dysart, MD, Neonatologist, and Suzanne Lagner, RN, MSN, Nursing Care Coordinator, Intensive Care and Transitional Nurseries. Now five years old, Katelyn was born 15 weeks early at 15.5 ounces and measured the length of a ballpoint pen.

Jefferson Forms Alliance with Delaware Institutions and Plans New Campus

Jefferson University President Robert L. Barchi, MD, PhD, and three other institution presidents have announced the creation of the **Delaware Health Sciences Alliance**. The announcement was made at the "Stronger Health-Based Partnerships" conference held at the University of Delaware on March 24.

The Delaware Health Sciences Alliance – a new partnership of Christiana Care Health System (Christiana Care), Nemours, Thomas Jefferson University (TJU) and the University of Delaware (UD) – combines the priorities and assets of these member institutions to provide leadership in the improvement of health and health services to all Delawareans, while also nurturing research and

advanced technology development that will be key to Delaware's economic future.

Building on years of cooperative efforts among the four institutions, the Delaware Health Sciences Alliance is dedicated to: providing the finest healthcare education for all health professionals; conducting interdisciplinary clinical and translational research that generates new knowledge to address today's most pressing health concerns; and improving state and regional health and healthcare services.

Healthcare education is one of the Alliance's top priorities, and a key component of this initiative will be the development of the Campus for Healthcare Education in Delaware. The campus will house classrooms,

study halls and a new residential facility for up to 150 medical, pharmacy, nursing, occupational and physical therapy students. The new campus will expand offerings in family and community medicine, surgery and its subspecialties, obstetrics and gynecology, internal medicine and pediatrics. It will allow Jefferson to provide clinical rotations and professional experience to its students in the many healthcare delivery sites within the state of Delaware.

In the area of research, the partners will expand on their individual successes by establishing an infrastructure for enhanced cooperation that will stimulate more rapid and comprehensive growth of research.

Centers for Voice and Swallowing and Facial Aesthetics Now Open in 925 Chestnut Building

The Jefferson Center for Voice and Swallowing and the Herbert Kean Center for Facial Aesthetics, now open on the renovated 7th Floor of 925 Chestnut, demonstrate Jefferson's dedication to a team-based approach for a patient's complete needs – from treating disease to restoring full function to enhancing appearance.

About the Jefferson Center for Voice and Swallowing

The Center was created in order to organize and promote Jefferson's state-of-the-art, innovative care for patients with voice and swallowing problems. Here, Jefferson provides patients with a team approach to their care that includes physicians, nurses and speech-language pathologists – all dedicated specialists in voice and swallowing problems. The new facility offers on-site voice laboratory evaluation and voice therapy, as well as state-of-the-art endoscopy with

digital imaging that allows the staff to provide a wide range of office-based procedures for patients, even some with very serious voice and/or swallowing problems.

About the Herbert Kean Center for Facial Aesthetics

As part of the Division of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, the Center provides a comprehensive approach to facial rejuvenation. Physicians offer the latest in laser and minimally invasive technology, aesthetic services and physician-grade skin care products. In addition to traditional facelift techniques, the Center also offers "liquid" facelifts and DOT Therapy with the SmartXide DOT CO2 laser.

Other divisions of Otolaryngology available on the 6th Floor of 925 Chestnut include Head and Neck Oncology Surgery, Sinus and Skull Base Surgery, Hearing and Balance,

Thyroid Surgery and General Otolaryngology.

"Both the new Facial Aesthetics and Voice and Swallowing centers demonstrate Jefferson's dedication to the "whole" patient, addressing their quality of life concerns during and after other possibly difficult treatment regimens," says William Keane, MD, Chair of Otolaryngology.

"We pride ourselves in our work with patients who have suffered cancer or trauma of the head and neck, helping to return them to a normal, fulfilling life," adds Dr. Keane. "Whether it's because of aging, accident, cancer or other serious illness, we offer our services to help our patients speak with confidence, sing with joy, eat what they want and always look their best."

To make an appointment, call **955-6760** or **1-800-JEFF-NOW**.

Patient Families Give High Scores for Top-Notch Care to the Intensive Care Nursery

During 2008, Jefferson's Intensive Care Nursery (ICN) patient satisfaction scores went from a modest level to one of the best in the country. "This spectacular rise is due in large part to significant operational and safety measures put into force in the Intensive Care Nursery," says Jay Greenspan, MD, Robert Brent Professor and Chairman of Pediatrics, Thomas Jefferson University Hospitals and Nemours.

Under the new leadership of Jan Larson, MD, Chief of Neonatology and Director of the ICN, attending neonatologists are now in-house 24 hours a day, giving parents around-the-clock access to the medical team

caring for their infants. "Late night rounds allow our physicians to foster ongoing communication with parents," explains Dr. Larson. "The entire multi-disciplinary team of doctors, nurses, respiratory therapists and other specialists focus on family-centered care and overall quality improvement."

In addition to higher levels of patient satisfaction, safety scores in the ICN have improved as well, reaching 100 percent for hand washing – a key activity in reducing cross-contamination. Both safety and patient satisfaction scores were measured by Press Ganey Associates, the health industry's most widely used resource for collecting patient,

employee and physician perspectives in regard to performance and patient satisfaction.

Building on the ICN's success, Dr. Larson has also initiated and supported several new improvement goals such as upgrading oral nutrition and decreasing incidences of various medical conditions.

Jefferson's Level III 40-bed, state-of-the-art nursery is regionally recognized for its expertise in treating neonatal brain injury, eye disease and abstinence syndrome (withdrawal from exposure to narcotics) as well as pioneering innovative respiratory and neurological therapies.

PEOPLE

Several staff members have been designated to lead five service lines at Jefferson:

Cardiovascular Service Line

Medical Director: Howard Weitz, MD, Chief, Division of Cardiology
Administrator: Rebecca O'Shea, Sr. VP, Clinical Services

Neuroscience Service Line

Medical Director: James Harrop, MD, Department of Neurosurgery
Administrator: Pamela Kolb, VP, Clinical & Support Services

Musculoskeletal Service Line

Medical Director: Matthew Ramsey, MD, Department of Orthopedics
Administrator: Richard Webster, RN, VP, Clinical & Support Services

Cancer Service Line

Medical Director: Matthew Carabasi, MD, CPA, MBA,
Department of Medical Oncology
Administrator: Richard Haldeman, CPA, MBA; CFO, Kimmel Cancer Center

GI/Transplant Service Line:

Medical Director: Mitchell Conn, MD, Division of Gastroenterology
Administrator: Brian Sweeney, RN, VP, Clinical & Support Services

David J. Axelrod, MD, and **Susan M. Parks, MD**, were recently certified in Hospice and Palliative Medicine by the American Board of Medical Specialties. Palliative Medicine is the medical discipline focused on the relief of suffering and the promotion of quality of life. Dr. Axelrod, from the Department of Internal Medicine and Dr. Parks, from the Division of Geriatric Medicine in the Department of Family and Community Medicine, are co-medical directors of Jefferson's Palliative Care Service. Visit www.jeffersonhospital.org/palliative for more information.

University President, Robert Barchi, MD, PhD, served as Honorary Chairman of the 49th Annual Louis Braille Awards Ceremony in January, hosted by the Associated Services for the Blind & Visually Impaired (ASB). The ASB is the largest nonprofit organization in the Delaware Valley that serves persons who are blind and visually impaired.

Internationally renowned hand and wrist surgeon **Pedro Beredjikian, MD**, has joined the Rothman Institute at Jefferson where he will lead the hand and wrist team. Previously, he was an associate professor of orthopedic surgery at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine.

Kim Evans has been appointed to the position of Vice President for Human Resources for Thomas Jefferson University Hospitals.

Neurocritical care specialist, **Monisha Kumar, MD**, recently joined the Department of Neurology at Jefferson Medical College as an assistant professor. Dr. Kumar was most recently an assistant professor of neurology and neurological sciences at Stanford University Medical Center.

Michael J. Marmura, MD, has been named an assistant professor at Jefferson Medical College. His areas of interest include cluster headache, hemicrania continua, metabolic syndrome and biomarkers in migraine.

Christine Muldoon, BSN, RN, oncology charge nurse on 3 West, has been named a regional finalist in the category of management in the prestigious 2009 *Nursing Spectrum* Excellence Awards.

David B. Nash, MD, MBA, Dean, Jefferson School of Population Health, recently accepted the Alumni Achievement Award from the Wharton Health Care Management Alumni Association.

Jefferson Cancer Researcher to Receive \$50,000 PA Income Tax Check-Off Grant



Hallgeir Rui, MD, PhD, a professor of cancer biology at Jefferson Medical College and Jefferson's Kimmel Cancer Center, will use the award to conduct research to understand what causes the inactivation of STAT5, which is a protein that plays a role in breast cancer. According to Dr. Rui, women with inactive STAT5 protein have a seven times higher risk of death from breast cancer.

The Income Tax Check-Off for Breast & Cervical Cancer Research is a program created by the Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Coalition that enables Pennsylvania residents to donate their state tax refunds to breast or cervical cancer research.

PEOPLE

Brian Sweeney, RN, has been appointed Vice President, Clinical and Support Services.

Robert Rosenwasser, MD, served as part of a special writing group – made up of 10 of the leading neurosurgeons and vascular neurologists in the country – to establish new guidelines for the management of aneurysmal subarachnoid hemorrhage (aSAH). He is Professor and Chair, Department of Neurological Surgery at Jefferson Medical College.

Abdolmohamad Rostami, MD, PhD, has been elected the 126th President of the Philadelphia Neurological Society. Dr. Rostami is Professor and Chair of the Department of Neurology at Jefferson Medical College and Director of the Multiple Sclerosis and Neuroimmunology Research Laboratory at Jefferson Hospital for Neuroscience.

Internationally renowned researcher, **Jouni Uitto, MD, PhD**, has been awarded the 2009 *Astellas Award* for outstanding research on inheritable skin diseases. Dr. Uitto is Professor and Chair, Department of Dermatology and Cutaneous Biology, and Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at Jefferson Medical College.

“The Unbearable Unhappiness of the Ob/Gyn: A Crisis Looms” by **Louis Weinstein, MD**, appears on The Medical Board of California website. In the article, Dr. Weinstein offers specific recommendations to avoid burnout. He is the Paul A. and Eloise B. Bowers Professor and Chair, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Jefferson Pharmacy student **Michael Larosa** was selected to attend the 2009 Government Relations Advocacy for Student Pharmacists program in Harrisburg. The program provides students with a broader outlook on the legislative side of pharmacy practice and encourages them to remain politically active throughout their pharmacy careers.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Two physicians at the Jefferson-Myrna Brind Center of Integrative Medicine have collaborated on a book that combines their expertise. The *Great Life Makeover: A Couple's Guide to Weight, Mood and Sex, for the Best Years of Your Life — and Your Relationship*, written by Drs. Daniel Monti and Anthony Bazzan, was inspired by the Center's Great Life Program. For more information about the program, visit www.jeffersonhospital.org/cim/article17134.html or call 1-800-JEFF-NOW.

Jefferson is the first hospital in the city to offer robotic assisted minimally invasive esophagectomy. This procedure, performed using the da Vinci® Robotic System, allows for quicker recovery time.

The Jefferson School of Population Health (JSPH) has received a \$10,000 gift from an anonymous donor to help establish a scholarship fund. JSPH offers masters programs in Public Health, Health Policy, and Healthcare Quality and Safety.

New Jefferson research suggests common anti-seizure medications – phenytoin (Dilantin®) and carbamazepine (Tegretol®, Carbatrol®) – may increase risk of cardiovascular problems.

Many Jefferson staff members contributed chapters or served on the editorial advisory committee for the new edition of a major geriatric medicine book – *Reichel's Care of the Elderly: Clinical Aspects of Aging, 6th Edition*. Christine Arenson, MD, served as lead editor.

A team of Jefferson staff members raised nearly \$8,500 through participation in the Bike MS City to Shore event in the fall. To inquire about the 2009 team, contact Gary Lindenbaum, MD, at 955-2165.



Photo: David Lunt

Jefferson staff and students proudly donated over a ton of food during February's Jefferson-United Way Food Drive. “Jefferson's participation will assure that members of our community will be able to get the assistance they need during this economic slow-down,” said E. Jane Hix, Esq., Associate Counsel (pictured second from left), who headed the drive here at Jefferson. Also pictured: Rae Conley, RN, Joseph Casciato, Joyce Stout, RN and Marie O'Connor.

ACHIEVEMENTS

African-American patients with colorectal cancer were more likely to present with worse pathological features at diagnosis and to have a worse five-year survival rate compared to Caucasian patients, according to a study conducted by researchers at Thomas Jefferson University.

In a clinical study of cardiac patients who suffered an allergic reaction to the widely-prescribed drug clopidogrel, also known as Plavix®, Jefferson physicians found that treatment with a combination of steroids and antihistamines can alleviate the allergic reaction symptoms, thereby allowing patients to remain on the drug.

Staff members of Nursing and other departments competed in the 2008 Philadelphia International Dragon Boat Festival this past fall and raised \$5,000 to support women treated with breast cancer at Jefferson. The team (Jeff Crew) received the *Kimmel Cancer Center Pink Ribbon Award for Outstanding Service, Commitment and Dedication to Breast Cancer Patients*.

JeffSTAT recently placed five new critical care transport ambulances into service. These ambulances are state of the art, including the latest in both technology and safety.

Scientists at Jefferson's Kimmel Cancer Center discovered a key protein component involved in inflammation. The protein, AIM2 (absent in melanoma 2), is involved in the detection and reaction to dangerous cytoplasmic DNA that is produced by infection with viral or microbial pathogens, or by tissue damage. AIM2 also appears to be a tumor suppressor, and its inactivation may play a role in the development of cancer.

Researchers from Department of Radiology suggest sonohysterography (SHG) improves the diagnostic capability of transvaginal ultrasound in detecting adenomyosis (a common benign condition of the uterus). SHG reveals a safe alternative to immediate biopsy for women who present with this condition.

Jefferson researchers have identified a protein that appears to play a significant role in the growth and migration of prostate cancer cells, especially androgen-independent prostate cancer cells.

**Jefferson Celebrates Nurses Week
May 4 - 8**

**Free Hearing Screenings at Jefferson May 6 and 20
Call (215) 955-6760 to make an appointment.**

**Want to learn more about news developments at Jefferson?
Visit us at www.jeffersonhospital.org/news.**

Watch the newsstands for the Summer issue of *JeffNEWS*. Approved copy and calendar items are due by Monday, June 15. Please submit calendar items dated August 1 through October 31.

JEFFCALENDAR



Photo: David Lunt

More than 265 fourth-year Jefferson Medical College students gathered at the Hamilton Building's Connelly Auditorium on March 19 to experience National Match Day. On this day across the country, graduating medical students open envelopes to discover which hospital they have been placed with to begin their careers. Pictured is Nancy King, sharing the happiness of the moment.



Photo: Patrick Monaghan

The Jefferson College of Health Professions hosted an open house on campus in February. Pictured are prospective students Brooke Rothman and Laura Conroy who met with JoAnne Reifsnnyder, PhD, ACPHP, Program Director of Jefferson's Master of Science in Health Policy Program. Jefferson offers a variety of health profession programs such as Nursing, Pharmacy, Couple and Family Therapy, Bioscience Technologies and more. Learn more at www.jefferson.edu/jchp.

SEMINAR

Wednesday, May 27

• Surgery, Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery, David S. Tichansky, MD, Director of Minimally Invasive Surgery, TJUH. Information will be provided on Laparoscopic Gastric Bypass and Laparoscopic Adjustable Gastric Banding, 6 to 7:30 p.m., 505 Hamilton. Call (215) 503-7325 for more information.

FORUM

Wednesday, May 13

• Health Policy, Mike Doering, Executive Director, Patient Safety Authority of PA, "Progress in Patient Safety Initiatives." Also Wed., June 10, Michael Brennan, Chief Financial Officer, Geisinger Health System, "Patient Friendly Billing-Increasing Transparency," 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., 101 BLSB. Call (215) 955-6969.

LECTURE

Thursday, May 7

• Radiation Oncology, 12th Annual Suntharalingam Lecture, Thomas Bortfeld, PhD, Professor, Harvard Medical School, and Chief, Physics Division, Department of Radiation Oncology, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, "Proton Therapy – Physical Potential and Clinical Reality," 5:30 p.m., 105-107 BLSB. Reception to follow at Eakins Lounge, JAH. RSVP: ester.sandiego@jeffersonhospital.org or call (215) 955-5951.

GRAND ROUNDS

Wednesday, May 6

• Family and Community Medicine, Kedron Horvath, MD, PGY2, Douglas Bishop, MD, PGY2, "Morbidity & Mortality," 8 to 9 a.m., 105/108 BLSB.

Thursday, May 7

• Medicine, The 18th Annual Grandon Lecture, Thomas Nasca, MD, MACP, Executive Director, and Chief Executive Officer, ACGME, noon, DePalma.

Wednesday, May 13

• Family and Community Medicine, CQI, 8 to 9 a.m., 105/108 BLSB.

Thursday, May 14

• Medicine, Salvatore Mangione, MD, Associate Professor of Medicine, Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine, "More Famous Physicals," noon, DePalma.

Wednesday, May 20

• Family and Community Medicine, Compliance – Annual Meeting, 8 to 9 a.m., 105/108 BLSB.

Thursday, May 21

• Medicine, The Sixth Annual Charles Gruber Lecture, David A. Flockhard, MD, PhD, Harry and Edith Gladstein, Chair in Cancer Genomics, Director, Division of Clinical Pharmacology, Professor of Medicine, Medical Genetics and Pharmacology, Indiana University School of Medicine, "Pharmacogenetics," noon, DePalma.

Wednesday, May 27

• Family and Community Medicine, Richard C. Wender, MD, Chairman, "Town Meeting," 8 to 9 a.m., 105/108 BLSB.

Thursday, May 28

• Medicine, Resident CPC, noon, DePalma.

Wednesday, June 3

• Family and Community Medicine, Kathryn Gloyer, MD, PGY2, Anne Hackman, MD, PGY2, "Morbidity & Mortality," 8 to 9 a.m., 105/108 BLSB.

Thursday, June 4

• Medicine, "Chief Residents," David Assis, MD, Tamara Fisicaro, MD, Stephanie Moleski, MD, noon, DePalma.

Wednesday, June 10

• Family and Community Medicine, Robert Perkel, MD, "Jeopardy," 8 to 9 a.m., 105/108 BLSB.

Wednesday, June 24

• Family and Community Medicine, Matthew Adler, MD, PGY2, Laura Korin, MD, PGY2, "Morbidity & Mortality," 8 to 9 a.m., 105/108 BLSB.

EDUCATION/CLASS

Tuesday, May 19

Jefferson Branding Educational Session, 11 a.m., 925 Chestnut St., Room 463. If you are interested in attending, call 1-800-JEFF-NOW to register. Also Wed., June 24.

MEETINGS

Monday, May 11

• Executive Committee of the Medical Staff, TJUH, 5 p.m., 636 Scott.

Tuesday, May 12

• JCIPE, InterProfessional Education Evaluation and Research Interest Group Meeting, open to faculty, healthcare educators and interested stakeholders, noon to 1 p.m., Room 218 Curtis Building (1015 Walnut). Also Tues., June 9.

Thursday, May 21

• Thomas Jefferson University Hospitals, Inc. Board, 8 a.m., 101 BLSB. Also, Thurs., June 18 and July 23.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Tuesday, May 5

• Stroke Network Development, Stroke Alert Day in the Greater Delaware Valley. Free "Stroke Screenings and Risk Reduction Education," 10th St. Lobby, Gibbon, and lobby, JHN, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. No registration necessary. Also, free screenings and stroke prevention education will be set up at the Reading Terminal, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Wednesday, May 6

• WXPN Musicians On Call plays for Jefferson patients. Also on Wed., May 13, 20 and 27.

Saturday, May 9

• Jefferson-Myrna Brind Center of Integrative Medicine, Bernie Siegel, MD, "Hope, Humor and the Art of Healing," 1 to 5 p.m., (registration, noon to 1 p.m.) Student Cafeteria, JAH. Fee: \$75. (Continuing Education Credits through APA.) To register, call 1-800-JEFF-NOW. For more information, please call Donna Smith at (215) 955-3014.

Friday, May 15

• Join the TJU Choir and Orchestra as they present their annual spring program, 8 p.m., The Church of St. Luke and the Epiphany, 330 South 13th St., Philadelphia. The featured work will be G. F. Handel's "Messiah" (Part II). The choir and orchestra are conducted by its founder, Robert T. Sataloff, MD, DMA, and the concerts are free and open to the public. For more information, please call (215) 790-5195 or 790-5194.

Wednesday, May 20

• The Department of Human Resources is hosting a Retirement Planning Fair for all Jefferson employees, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., JAH (center cafeteria area). Additionally, the following presentations will be held in Room 139 JAH during the Fair, "Staying Calm During a Bear Market" (presented by Vanguard) 10 a.m., "Retirement Planning in Today's Economy" (presented by retireewise) noon, "Staying on Track in a Volatile Market" (presented by TIAA-CREF) 2 p.m. For more information, contact Maria Reilly at (215) 503-8922 or Joanna Naso at 503-2743.

Wednesday, June 3

• WXPN Musicians On Call plays for Jefferson patients. Also on Wed., June 10, 17 and 24.

• Kimmel Cancer Center, "Celebration of Life" honors the lives and accomplishments of all cancer survivors with music, an art exhibit,

health fair and inspirational talks, along with many other exciting events to commemorate the 10-year anniversary. All artists, poets, and creative spirits are invited to display their works. Time: 4 to 7 p.m. Location: BLSB. For information, please call (215) 955-8370.

• 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 on Wed., June 10, 17, and 24.

Sunday, June 14

• Delaware Valley Stroke Council/ TJUH, Dr. Howard Mazer Memorial Strides for Stroke 5k walk/run to benefit stroke survivors and caregivers as well as region-wide stroke prevention educational events and screenings, West River Drive, starting at the Art Museum Circle. Registration: 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Dr. Mazer was a Jefferson alumnus and a faculty member in Jefferson's Department of Urology. He suffered a ruptured brain stem aneurysm and achieved a great recovery thanks to the Jefferson acute stroke care team and Jefferson's Department of Rehabilitation Medicine.

RELIGIOUS

Tuesday, May 5

• Come join our Tuesday Prayer and Bible Study Class, noon, JAH. All are welcome. Please contact Annette Chesson at 215-955-8991 for more information or email annette@praymowministry.com. Also on Tuesdays, May 12, 19 and 26.

Thursday, May 7

• Christian Bible Study, Prayer and Fellowship group, 1 to 2 p.m., 302 MOB. Also Thursdays, May 14, 21 and 28. Call Doretha at (267) 231-7463 or email DJohn91@yahoo.com.

SUPPORT/EDUCATION

Tuesday, May 5

• Parent Education Nursing, Breastfeeding Mothers support group meets every Tuesday, noon to 1 p.m., 833 Chestnut St., 3rd fl., Family Medicine Conference Room, All breastfeeding moms and babies, patients and employees are invited. Walk-ins and brown bags are welcome! Call Parent Education at (215) 955-6713 for more information. Also Tues., June 2 and July 7.

Wednesday, May 6

• Comprehensive Acute Rehabilitation Unit, Stroke Support Group, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., Patient Lounge, 363 Main Bldg. (Group meets the 1st Wed. of every month.)

Thursday, May 7

• Kimmel Cancer Center, Radiation Therapy Information Session, 10 to 11 a.m., G312 Bodine. Also on Thurs., May 14, 21 and 28.

Monday, May 11

• Rehabilitation Medicine, Swallowing Disorders Support Group for any person or family member, who has a swallowing problem or is unable to eat by mouth because of the swallowing problem, meets the second Monday of the month, noon to 1 p.m., OP Rehab Conference Room, 25 S. 9th St., Philadelphia. Contact Addy Schultz, CCC-SLP/L at (215) 955-0122 or email: Adeline.Schultz@jeffersonhospital.org Also Mondays, June 8 and July 13.

Wednesday, May 20

• Neurosurgery, Aneurysm and AVM support group for individuals, family members, and friends who have been affected by a cerebral aneurysm, subarachnoid hemorrhage, or AVM, 6:30 p.m., 900 Walnut, 3rd fl. conference room. If you have any questions, please call Jill Galvao at (215) 503-1714. Also Weds., June 17 and July 15.

Thursday, May 21

• Rehabilitation Medicine, Nu-Voice Club of Center City, a support group for laryngectomee patients, family members and friends, meets the third Thursday of every month except July and August, noon to 1:30 p.m., 9490 Gibbon. Contact Barbara Baskin, MS, at (215) 955-2554, email: Barbara.Baskin@jeffersonhospital.org or Nancy Travers, MA, at (215) 955-2554, email: Nancy.Travers@jeffersonhospital.org Also, Thurs., June 18.

Tuesday, May 26

• Rehabilitation Medicine, Spasmodic Dysphonia, meets the fourth Tuesday every other month, 4 to 5 p.m., Outpatient Rehab Medicine Offices, 25 S. 9th St. Contact Addy Schultz, CCC-SLP/L at 215-955-0122 or email: Adeline.Schultz@jeffersonhospital.org. Also, Tue., July 28.

Wednesday, June 3

• Comprehensive Acute Rehabilitation Unit, Stroke Support Group, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., Patient Lounge, 363 Main Bldg. (Group meets the 1st Wed. of every month.) Also, Wed., July 1.

Thursday, June 4

• Kimmel Cancer Center, Radiation Therapy Information Session, 10 to 11 a.m., G312 Bodine. Also on Thurs., June 11, 18 and 25.

Monday, June 22

• Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson, Jefferson Journaling: A Program for Women Facing Cancer, noon to 1 p.m., G312 Bodine.

Celebration for Cancer Survivors on June 3

Works of art created by survivors, friends or family members are sought for special exhibit

See event details in the Special Events section on this page.



Free Spring Concert May 15

Join the Thomas Jefferson University Choir and Orchestra for an evening featuring part II of Handel's "Messiah." See more information in the Special Events section on this page.



Blood Donors Needed

Please stop by the Jefferson Blood Donor Center at 8230 Gibbon or call (215) 955-7791. Center hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. *Monday blood donors receive a \$5 meal voucher for the Jefferson Atrium Cafeteria.*

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