

Jefferson Celebrates the 25th Anniversary of First Liver Transplant in Region



Photo: Robert Neroni

Jefferson Hospitals held a celebration this spring to commemorate the first liver transplant performed in the region. Michael Donahue, our first transplant patient (third from left), and many other transplant recipients also took part in the festivities. Also pictured are: TJU President Robert Barchi, MD, PhD; Cataldo Doria, MD, PhD; R. Anthony Carabasi, MD; Hospitals President and CEO Tom Lewis, Victor Navarro, MD, and Charles Yeo, MD.

On May 31, 1984, the Delaware Valley's first-ever liver transplant was performed at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital. Twenty-five years later, Michael Donahue, the recipient of that transplant remains healthy and active, as does Jefferson's Liver Transplantation Program.

Today, Jefferson's program is not only the longest continuously active liver transplantation program in the area but also one of the fastest growing, having performed transplants in more than half the patients on our waiting list in the last three years.

TJUH has developed innovative therapies to improve the quality of life for our liver transplant patients, including new anti-rejection protocols. Recently, we completed a study determining that steroids are not primarily responsible for recurrent hepatitis C incidence after transplantation. Currently, we are testing immunosuppressive drugs to prolong patient and graft survival even further without significant side effects.

In addition, Jefferson uses a bloodless technique for performing major liver resection that was co-developed

by Jefferson surgeon Cataldo Doria, MD, PhD, and former colleagues at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center - Italy. This technique is of great benefit to our patients, as blood transfusion is linked to increases in length of hospital stay, infection and death rate.

To learn more about the Liver Transplantation Program and the upcoming liver transplantation symposium, visit www.jeffersonhospital.org/transplant/liver or call 215-955-8900.

Acute Stroke Center Receives Gold Award

The Jefferson Hospital for Neuroscience's Stroke Center has won another high honor for its continuing commitment to patients. The American Stroke Association/American Heart Association have cited the Center for its excellence, granting it the Gold Award.

The criteria for the award is a score of over 90 percent in 14 areas, which the American Heart Association considers a marker for stroke center excellence.

Carissa Pineda, MD, an attending physician at the Stroke Center, accepted the award this spring on behalf of Jefferson in a ceremony in Delaware.

According to the American Stroke Association, each year approximately 700,000 people suffer a stroke – 500,000 are first attacks and 200,000 are recurrent. Of stroke survivors, 21 percent of men and 24 percent of women die within a year, and for those aged 65 and older, the percentage is even higher.

Jefferson Hospital for Neuroscience's Stroke Center has been recognized as a place for the "Best Care in Philadelphia" and as "one of the most advanced centers in the United States for stroke prevention, diagnosis, treatment and research" by *Philadelphia* magazine. The Stroke Center's approach to care is multidisciplinary, incorporating the expertise of Thomas Jefferson University Hospitals' extensive medical staff of leading specialists.



Photo: David Lunt

In June, a portrait of Vijay M. Rao, MD, was presented to the University. Dr. Rao is Professor and Chair of the Department of Radiology. She has been a member of the Jefferson faculty since completing her radiology residency here in 1978. When appointed Chair of the Department in 2002, she was the first woman to chair a clinical department in Jefferson's history.

Komen for the Cure Grants KCC \$6.7 Million for Breast Cancer Research

Researchers from Jefferson's Kimmel Cancer Center have been awarded a Susan G. Komen for the Cure Promise Grant of almost \$6.7 million for five years for continued breast cancer research.

The project represents a multidisciplinary team of scientists from a consortium that also includes Walter Reed Army Medical Center and DecisionQ in Washington, D.C., as well as the Windber Research Institute and Mdr Systems Inc. in Windber, Pa.

The principal investigator, Hallgeir Rui, MD, PhD, is a professor of Cancer Biology and Medical Oncology at Jefferson Medical College. The co-principal investigator and leader of the clinical investigations associated with the project is Edith Mitchell, MD,

a medical oncologist and clinical professor of Medicine and Medical Oncology at Jefferson and Associate Director of Diversity Programs for Jefferson's Kimmel Cancer Center.

The team will use the funds to investigate methods to optimize selection of patients for breast cancer treatment. There are two parts to the translational research: laboratory and clinical.

In the laboratory, Dr. Rui and colleagues will analyze tumor biomarkers that could possibly be used to stratify patients and tailor the best therapy to the individual patient. "There are many subtypes of breast cancer, and we want to identify protein biomarker patterns that can be used to make sure patients are offered the most appropriate therapy," said Dr. Rui.

On the clinical side, Dr. Mitchell is leading a clinical trial of a new drug called motesanib.

"Triple-negative breast cancer, which has an increased frequency in African-American women, is a difficult cancer to treat," Dr. Mitchell said. "It often lacks response to many commonly used treatments; therefore, there is a great need to identify more effective therapies for this patient population."

Understanding molecular pathways may enhance opportunities to develop personalized approaches to the treatment of breast cancer. This is particularly important, since approximately 40,000 patients a year die from the disease in the United States alone.

Nurse Excellence Award Winners

- **Janet C. Hindson Award** - Jane Meredith Cavanaugh, RN
- **Community Service Award** - Sara Osi, BSN, RN
- **Clinical Nurse Excellence Award** - Sue Bursak Canuso, BSN, RN, MED; Suzanne Janczewski, RN; Lisa Madden-Schmidt, BSN, RN; and Marilyn Malinowski, BSN, RNFA, CNOR
- **Career Achievement Award** - John Leshner, BSN, RN
- **Rising Star Award** - Lucy Segal, BSN, RN
- **Excellence in Nurse Preceptorship and Mentorship Award** - Kathleen M. Quinn, RN
- **Eileen Kelly Award for Critical Care Nursing** - Eleanor Fitzpatrick, MSN, RN



VITAL SIGNS: JUNE 2009

TJUH, Methodist,
Geriatric Psychiatry,
Jefferson Hospital for
Neuroscience

	Budget	Actual	Prior Year
Admissions	4,186	3,973	3,969
Length of Stay	5.64	5.34	5.45
Patient Days	23,619	20,298	21,499
Outpatient Visits	43,310	39,700	37,857
Patient Satisfaction Score (combined average): 85.4			

Kimmel Cancer Center Inaugural Ball Raises More Than \$500K for Cancer Research

The elegant fundraiser on June 11 honored cancer survivor Senator Arlen Specter and the American Cancer Society. Guests who attended the first-time event enjoyed a reception, dinner and live entertainment.



Photo: Jeff Fusco
Pictured here are: Joan Specter; co-hosts Sidney and Caroline Kimmel; Comcast-Spectacor Chairman Ed Snider; Francis Barchi and TJU President Robert Barchi, MD, PhD. Other attendees included Jerry Blavat, Matt and Anne Hamilton, and David Binswanger. See more photos on the *Philadelphia* magazine website (www.phillymag.com).

Winner of Miles Mack Community Service Award Named

This spring, Jefferson announced its first winner of the annual *Miles Mack Community Service Award*. Bernard Downing of the Information Systems Department accepted the award at Jefferson's annual volunteer luncheon.

Named for our longtime colleague who was passionate about serving others and helping his community by creating the Xtra-Miles Developmental Basketball League, the *Miles Mack Community Service Award* was developed to recognize a Jefferson employee who consistently demonstrates community leadership and social responsibility. In addition, the individual chosen as the award winner must serve as a role model to others by exhibiting the exceptional character and commitment to service that Miles displayed every day.

"Every Thursday, Bernard tutors elementary school children in his

community," noted Aron Berman, Manager, Patient Transportation and colleague of Miles Mack. "On Fridays, as part of the Outreach Ministry in Chester, he provides counseling to the homeless, the unemployed and others in need. On Saturdays, he teaches life skills to Chester high school students."

Bernard is a selfless individual. When he's not volunteering his time to these initiatives, he serves as a youth pastor at Greater St. Matthews Church, ministers monthly at the Sunday Breakfast Outreach Shelter and serves as the block captain for his Southwest Philadelphia neighborhood. According to the Jefferson employee who nominated Bernard, "he embodies the spirit of the *Miles Mack Community Service Award*." The nomination committee reviewing Bernard's accomplishments whole-



heartedly agreed.

As part of the award, Jefferson donated \$1,000 to Bernard's charity of choice, Chester Eastside Ministries.

Special thanks go to the "River Rats," a team from the Emergency Department that competed in the Philadelphia International Dragon Boat Festival last fall and raised a portion of the funding for the award and donation.

NIH Stimulus Grant Awarded to Jefferson for Pancreatic Cancer Research

The U.S. government has recognized the importance of pancreatic research at Thomas Jefferson University by awarding a National Institutes of Health (NIH) grant to Arthur M. Buchberg, PhD. Dr. Buchberg, who is Associate Professor in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology at TJU, will receive nearly \$204,000 for his project, entitled: "Sensitized screen to identify cooperating genes involved in pancreatic cancer."

Jefferson was one of 10 institutions in Pennsylvania to receive the recently awarded stimulus grants.

Dr. Buchberg's project will involve developing screening methods to detect novel oncogenes and tumor-suppressor genes associated with pancreatic cancer to identify new biomarkers and molecular pathways as therapeutic targets.

With the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA),

signed into law on February 17, various sectors of the American economy have been granted funding. According to the NIH website, the nation's medical research agency has received an unprecedented level of funding (\$8.2 billion in extramural funding) in order to help stimulate the U.S. economy through the support and advancement of scientific research.



As part of an effort to use cleaner energy, Jefferson will use wind power to meet up to 35 percent of its energy needs starting in January 2011. Jefferson has previously received recognition for its green efforts: the Philadelphia Water Department presented Jefferson with an award for our innovative system of using water from the Hamilton Building roof drains and air conditioning units to irrigate the adjoining Lubert Plaza. Recently, *The Philadelphia Inquirer* cited the fact that energy upgrades Jefferson has made are currently saving the organization \$1.7 million annually.

Dash for Organ Donor Awareness Generates More than \$400,000



Gift of Life welcomed a record-breaking number of teams and participants to the recent Dash for Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness in Philadelphia, co-sponsored by Jefferson Hospitals. More than 200 teams of runners, joined by more than 5,000 total participants, raised more than \$400,000. Pictured are members of Team Jefferson. Funds raised will be used to support public education and awareness programs, the Gift of Life Family House and Team Philadelphia's entry into the U.S. Transplant Games. Thanks to all who participated and supported the cause. Read about the 25th anniversary of the region's first liver transplant (which was performed at Jefferson) on page 1 of this issue. Learn more about organ and tissue donation at www.donors1.org.

American Cancer Society Launches Patient Navigator Program at Jefferson

Jefferson is the first site for the program in Pennsylvania. Launched with support from AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals LP, the patient navigator at Jefferson's Kimmel Cancer Center will serve as a personal guide to patients and caregivers as they face the psychosocial, emotional and financial challenges that cancer can bring.



Pictured at the launch event are: Richard Wender, MD; Garry Pincock, CEO, American Cancer Society, Pennsylvania; and Jennifer Mignault, patient navigator. Funding from AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals LP helped to make the program possible.

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Wolfgang Bergmeier, PhD, received the *Kenneth M. Brinkhous Young Investigator Award* at the Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology Annual Conference in Washington D.C. He is on the staff of the Division of Hematology at Jefferson and is a crucial part of the research program at Jefferson's Cardeza Foundation Hemophilia Center.

Janice Burke, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA, accepted the *Eleanor Clarke Slagle Lectureship Award* at a ceremony at the American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference and Expo. She is Dean of the Jefferson School of Health Professions.

Jefferson Family Center Nurse Coordinator, **Jeneane Burke, MSN**, was selected by the Mayor's Drug and Alcohol Executive Commission to attend the "Making a Difference" Recognition Dinner in June. Jeneane was recognized at the event for her efforts to assist women with substance abuse issues in living better lives.

Maurits Boon, MD, has received the *Dean's Citation for Significant Contributions to the Advancement of Education*. He is a surgeon in the Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery and Assistant Professor at Jefferson Medical College.

The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society recently honored oncologist/hematologist **Joanne Flicko-O'Hara, MD**, with its *Service to Mankind Award*, recognizing her contributions to the care of patients with blood cancers and those undergoing stem cell transplants at Jefferson's Kimmel Cancer Center. She is an assistant professor at Jefferson Medical College.

Shannon Fogh, MD, has been accepted to the 2009 ASCO/AACR Workshop in Clinical Cancer Research. She is also a resident in the Department of Radiation Oncology at Thomas Jefferson University Hospitals.

Marc B. Goldberg, MD, JD, received the *Sue Tiger Memorial Award*, which is conferred upon an individual who has shown outstanding volunteer support for Healing the Children® Midlantic and its Medical Teams Abroad program. Dr. Goldberg is a member of the anesthesia services group contracted by Jefferson Hospital for Neuroscience and a Jefferson Medical College graduate.

Jan Hoek, PhD, received the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) *Mark Keller Award*. She is a professor of Pathology, Anatomy and Cell Biology at Jefferson.

Jennifer Johnson, MD, a resident in the Department of Internal Medicine, was the recipient of the Philadelphia County Medical Society *Humaneness in Medicine Award*.

Christine Laine, MD, MPH, FACP, was named Editor of *Annals of Internal Medicine* by The American College of Physicians. She is Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine in the Division of Internal Medicine at Jefferson Medical College and is a nationally-renowned academic general internist.

PEOPLE

John Kark, MD, has been appointed Director of the Jefferson Sickle Cell Center.

Yaacov (Richard) Lawrence, MD, MRCP, has been accepted to the 2009 AACR Molecular Biology in Clinical Oncology prestigious course workshop. He is an assistant professor and an attending physician in the Department of Radiation Oncology at Jefferson Hospital for Neuroscience.

Shant Manoushagian was awarded the *2009 AOA Carolyn L. Kuckein Student Research Fellowship*. The fellowship, valued at \$5K, will support Shant's research project entitled "DE-MRI for Tissue Specific Detection of Left Atrial Appendage Thrombus."

David McQuaid, RpH, FACHE, has been appointed by the Commerce Department's National Institute of Standards and Technology to the 2009 Board of Examiners for the *Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award*. The Award, created by public law in 1987, is the highest level of national recognition for performance excellence that a U.S. organization can receive. David McQuaid is Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Jefferson Hospitals.

Geno Merli, MD, will be inducted into the Society of Hospital Medicine's inaugural class of Fellows. He is Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer.

Daniel Merton, BS, RDMS, FSDMS, FAIUM, was selected to receive the *Alumni Special Achievement Award* from Jefferson College of Health Professions. He is Technical Coordinator of Research at Jefferson Ultrasound Research and Education.

Christine Muldoon, BSN, RN, has been nominated as a regional finalist in the category of management in the prestigious *2009 Nursing Spectrum Excellence Awards*. Nominated for her exceptional leadership and commitment to both her patients and staff, she is an oncology charge nurse on 3 West.

Piera Pasinelli, PhD, was recently awarded a Margaret Q. Landenberger Research Foundation grant for ALS research. The grant totals \$300,000 and will be issued in \$100,000 disbursements over three years. He is Co-director of the Frances and Joseph Weinberg Unit for ALS Research at the Farber Institute for Neurosciences at Thomas Jefferson University.

Marc R. Rosen, MD, received the *American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery Honor Award*. He is a surgeon in the Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery and Assistant Professor at Jefferson Medical College.

Joy Soleiman, MPA, has been appointed president-elect of the Association of Cancer Executives. She is Clinical Administrator for the Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson.

Joseph Spiegel, MD, has received the *Dean's Citation for Faculty Mentoring*. He is a surgeon in the Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery and Associate Professor at Jefferson Medical College.

Jouni Uitto, MD, PhD, Professor and Chair of Jefferson's Department of Dermatology and Cutaneous Biology, and Director of Jefferson Institute of Molecular Medicine, was the recipient of an honorary doctorate degree in Medicine from the University of Turku, Finland.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Researchers of Jefferson Kimmel Cancer Center found a new universal breast cancer marker that predicts recurrence and clinical outcome. The marker appears to be widely applicable to all breast cancer patients, regardless of other established prognostic indicators.

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JeffSTAT received the three-year full re-accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Medical Transport systems. The re-accreditation is based on Jefferson's documentation, a site survey in January and a review by the Board of Directors of Jefferson's program, quality, service, education and safety.

An herb recently found to kill pancreatic cancer cells also appears to inhibit development of pancreatic cancer as a result of its anti-inflammatory properties, according to researchers from the Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson.

AARP published a story in its May/June issue ("The Right Hospital for You") that included a link to "Top Hospitals in Major Metropolitan Areas," a list compiled by nonprofit consumer information and service resource, Consumers' Checkbook. Jefferson is listed as one of only three top hospitals in the Delaware Valley.

Research by Jefferson's Kimmel Cancer Center found that the effects of imatinib may be enhanced when given along with chloroquine, a drug that inhibits autophagy, a cell process that helps leukemia cells evade cell death.

Project ABLE, conducted by Jefferson Center for Applied Research on Aging and Health (CARAH) found that occupational therapy and physical therapy intervention can extend the length and quality of life for older adults by up to 3.5 years.

According to researchers from the Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson, hypofractionated stereotactic radiotherapy was well-tolerated and improved symptoms in patients at Jefferson who had recurrent low-grade glioma.

A combination of sorafenib and vitamin K had an effect in vitro on both human pancreas cancer and hepatocellular carcinoma, according to researchers from the Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson.

Scientists at Jefferson Medical College have received a five-year, \$1.7 million National Institutes of Health grant funded by the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases to study mechanisms regulating stem cell self-renewal and differentiation, with the aim of regenerating diseased and painful intervertebral discs.

Thomas Jefferson University researchers have found that a protein related to aggressive cancers can actually improve the efficacy of the drug, gemcitabine, at treating pancreatic cancer. The researchers published their finding in a Priority Report in *Cancer Research*.

The Department of Pathology, Anatomy and Cell Biology has signed an agreement with Roche to become a Roche Molecular Center of Excellence, which affords new opportunities for translational research and clinical trials at Jefferson. **Stephen Peiper, MD**, Chair, Department of Pathology, Anatomy and Cell Biology will serve as the Director of the Roche Molecular Center of Excellence at Jefferson. **Donald Jungkind, MD**, Director of the Clinical Microbiology Lab at Jefferson and **Zoe Wang, PhD**, Assistant Director of the Lab, will serve as co-directors.

The Marketing Department of Jefferson won several awards in the Annual Healthcare Awards national competition. Winning entries included the MAGNET® video, Nursing annual report and advertising campaigns.

The International Interprofessional Education Conference in Halifax, Nova Scotia will feature Thomas Jefferson University staff members who will present eight sessions at *Collaborating Across Borders II: Building Bridges Between Interprofessional Education and Practice*.



Representing Jefferson Hospital for Neuroscience, the Aneurysm and AVM Support Group registered more than 50 patients and their families to take part in an event in Cherry Hill, NJ, on May 31. The one-mile fun walk/5K race was held in memory of a 13-year-old who died of a ruptured brain aneurysm. Jefferson's support group meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. See more information in the Support/Education section of the calendar listings on this page.



Over the past four years, the Ladies of Port Richmond have donated \$150,000 for breast cancer research at Jefferson's Kimmel Cancer Center. Pictured is the Kimmel Cancer Center team at the Ladies' 5th Annual Port Richmond Breast Cancer Walk on Sunday, May 17.

Departments on the Move

Jefferson Discharge Unit

New Location: 1950 Gibbon Building (first floor)
(215) 955-5538

University Health Services

New Location: 833 Chestnut Street, Suite 205
(215) 955-6835

Jefferson Myrna-Brind Center of Integrative Medicine

New Location: 925 Chestnut Street, Suite 120
(215) 955-2221



SEMINAR

Tuesday, October 8

JCIPE, InterProfessional Education and Scholarship Seminar Series for all Jefferson Faculty, Staff and Interested Stakeholders, Molly Rose, PhD, CRNP, RN, Kevin Lyons, PhD, Jon Veloski, MS, "Health Mentors Evaluation," 4 to 5:30 p.m., 101 BLSB. (Wine & Cheese Reception.)

FORUM

Wednesday, September 9

Health Policy, M. Brownell Anderson, MEd, Senior Director, Education Affairs Association of American Medical Colleges, "Innovative Approaches to Medical Education," 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., 101 BLSB.

Wednesday, October 14

Health Policy, Donald Schwarz, MD, MPH, Deputy Mayor, Health and Opportunity, Philadelphia Department of Public Health, "Philadelphia's Public Health Priorities and Initiatives: Implications for Improving the Health of Vulnerable Populations," 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., 101 BLSB.

JEFFCALENDAR

MEETING

Thursday, September 17

• Thomas Jefferson University Hospitals, Inc. Board, 8 a.m., 101 BLSB. Also, Thurs., October 15.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Wednesday, August 5

• WXPN Musicians On Call plays for Jefferson patients. Also on Weds., Aug. 12, 19 and 26; Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Oct. 7, 14, 21 and 28.

Thursday, August 6

• Jefferson Farmers Market, 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., sidewalk in front of the 925 Chestnut Building. Shop the changing, seasonal selection of locally grown produce, grass-fed meats, honey and jams, plants, perennials, baked goods and other items. FastPass and cash are accepted. Note: Market open every Thursday through the early fall.

Friday, October 22

• Jefferson Foundation, Awards Gala, Philadelphia Downtown Marriott Hotel. Herbert E. Cohn, MD will receive the Achievement Award in Medicine, and Joseph and Marie Field will receive the Award of Merit. Call (215) 955-1635 for more information.

Thursday, October 29

• TJUH Women's Board, Jefferson Hospital is one of the many participants in "The Shopping Benefit" to be held at Bloomingdale's (King of Prussia and Willow Grove). Tickets are \$10 and entitle the bearer to storewide discounts, fashion features and entertainment on the day of the sale (100 percent of the ticket price and a percentage of all sales will benefit TJUH). Tickets can be purchased at 2210 Gibbon or Jefferson Foundation Office, 925 Chestnut Street.

Friday, October 30

• Hospital Administration, Continuous Service Readiness (CSR) Webinar Series, "National Patient Safety Goals: Implementation Strategies," 12:30 to 2 p.m., DePalma Aud.

RELIGIOUS

Friday, August 28

• Inspirational video presentation/Bible study, 3 separate sessions: noon, 12:30 p.m. and 1 p.m., 139 JAH. All welcome. Call Luel at 610-717-2824, Ester at 215-955-5951.

Tuesday, September 1

• 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, Tues., Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29; Oct. 6, 13, 20 and 27.

Thursday, September 3

• Christian Bible Study, Prayer and Fellowship group, 1 to 2 p.m., 302 MOB. Call Doretha at 267-231-7463 or email DJohn91@yahoo.com. Also Thurs., Sept. 10, 17, 24; Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29.

SUPPORT/EDUCATION

Tuesday, August 4

• 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 every Tuesday in Sept. and Oct.

Wednesday, August 5

• 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, Weds., Sept. 2 and Oct. 7.

Thursday, August 6

• Kimmel Cancer Center, Radiation Therapy Information Session, 10 to 11 a.m., G312 Bodine. Also, Thursdays in Sept. and Oct.

Monday, August 10

• 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, Sept. 14 and Oct. 12.

Wednesday, August 12

• Parent Education Nursing, Maternity Hospital Tour, 6 p.m. (promptly), Lobby, Pavilion. Also, Weds., Aug. 26, Sept. 9, Sept. 23, Oct. 14 and Oct. 28. (Tour: 2nd and 4th Wed. of every month). For more information, call 1-800-JEFF NOW.

Thursday, August 13

• Parent Education Nursing, Breastfeeding Class, 6 to 8 p.m., 1840 Gibbon. Also, Mon., Aug. 17, Wed., Sept. 2, Tue., Sept. 29, Thurs., Oct. 15 and Tue., Oct. 20.

Wednesday, August 19

• 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., 909 Walnut, 3rd Floor conference room. (Meets the third Wednesday of the month.) If you have any questions, please call Jill Galvao at (215)503-1714. Also Weds., Sept. 16 and Oct. 21.

Monday, September 14

• Parent Education Nursing, Car Seat Safety, 7 to 9 p.m., 1840 Gibbon. Free program for the community. Call 1-800-JEFF NOW to RSVP.

Thursday, September 17

Rehabilitation Medicine, Nu-Voice Club of Center City, a support group for laryngectomy 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., Oct. 15.

Tuesday, September 22

• 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.

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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