

## A New Heart at 26

Two years ago, at age 26, Matt Hoffa of Montgomery County came to Jefferson's Advanced Heart Failure and Cardiac Transplant Center for a heart transplant. Since his successful surgery and recovery, he has been just as active in the community as he was before the procedure – if not more – and the past two years of his life have been what he calls “inspirational.”

“Transplant is not just about taking,” says Matt, who is an Eagle Scout, a volunteer with the Skippack Fire Department and teaches people with Downs Syndrome. “It is also about giving to others. Each person who gets an organ has a responsibility to give back to the community and support people who are still on the organ waiting list.”

Since his transplant, Matt talks to people from all walks of life, reassuring them and helping them remove doubt about the risks of transplants and life beyond the surgery.

“I’m proud of Matt for how he is sharing his gift with others,” says Paul Mather, MD, Director of Jefferson's Advanced Heart Failure and Cardiac Transplant Center.

“And I am proud of our entire staff at the Advanced Heart Failure and Cardiac Transplant Center for all they do every day to help patients like Matt regain the ability to lead rewarding lives.”

Matt was one of many heart transplant recipients and their families attending the recent reception celebrating the third anniversary of Jefferson's Advanced Heart Failure and Cardiac Transplant Center. Since its formation in 2004, the Center has grown an average 18 percent per year, tripling its expected expansion rate. The



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Matt Hoffa received a heart transplant at Jefferson's Advanced Heart Failure and Cardiac Transplant Center in July of 2005. He and wife, Michelle, joined many other heart recipients at the recent celebration marking the Center's third anniversary.



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Pictured with Hospital President and CEO Tom Lewis are Chris, Rose and Tom Washington, the first transplant recipient at Jefferson's Advanced Heart Failure and Cardiac Transplant Center.

Center has completed more than 33 total transplants, and also specializes in artificial heart devices as a bridge to transplant. The Advanced Heart Failure and

Cardiac Transplant Center is the only one in Pennsylvania using the “Jarvik-2000” heart assist system as part of a large national study.

## Patient Testing Center Relocates to 925 Chestnut Street

The Patient Testing Center previously located in the Foerderer Pavilion has moved to 925 Chestnut Street, making way for 21 new Emergency Department bays – part of “Jefferson 2010,” a three-year, \$137 million investment plan to improve and expand services at the hospital.

To help with the transition, Center staff will make their routine calls to patients prior to their

Patient Testing Center appointments, providing them with information about both the new location and the accessible parking at the 10th and Chestnut Street Self-Park Garage.

The completion of the Patient Testing Center is the first in a series of projects, collectively referred to as “Jefferson 2010,” which over the next 36 months will focus on increasing Emergency Department and Critical Care capacity.

**Patient Testing Center**  
4th Floor, 925 Chestnut Street  
Phone: **215-955-4226**  
Fax: **215-955-4395** or **215-923-8617**

**Hours of Operation:**  
7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

## Albert Receives Rothman Chair of Orthopaedic Surgery

Todd J. Albert, MD, PhD, was named the first Richard H. Rothman Chair of Orthopaedic Surgery at an investiture ceremony held in November. The chair, which has been established through the generosity of the Annenberg Foundation and Mrs. Leonore Annenberg, President and Chair of the foundation, honors internationally renowned orthopaedic surgeon and field pioneer, Richard H. Rothman, MD, PhD. Besides endowing the chair in perpetuity, the funds will also support orthopaedic research and research-related purposes.



Pictured at the investiture are (seated, left to right): Brian Harrison, Chair of the Board of Trustees of Thomas Jefferson University, Todd J. Albert, MD, PhD, and Richard H. Rothman, MD, PhD. Standing (left to right) are University President Robert L. Barchi, MD, PhD, and former Anthony F. and Gertrude M. DePalma Dean, Thomas J. Nasca, MD, MACP.

## An Evening with Olivia Newton-John

Singer, actress and breast cancer survivor, Olivia Newton-John, was the main attraction at a November 11 fundraising benefit for Jefferson's Kimmel Cancer Center (KCC). Billed as “An Evening with Olivia,” the event began with a cocktail reception where Newton-John mingled with guests and concluded with a show-stopping concert of her musical hits. Proceeds from the benefit will help fund cancer research and clinical programs at KCC and at the Olivia Newton-John Cancer Centre Appeal in Australia.



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Pictured are (left to right) KCC Director Richard G. Pestell, MD, PhD, Olivia Newton-John and Australian Ambassador, the Honorable Dennis Richardson with his wife, Betty.

### VITAL SIGNS: NOV 2007

TJUH, Methodist,  
Geriatric Psychiatry,  
Jefferson Hospital for  
Neuroscience

	Budget	Actual	Prior Year
Admissions	3,737	3,850	3,693
Length of Stay	5.91	5.82	5.83
Patient Days	22,100	22,172	22,055
Outpatient Visits	39,220	37,737	38,889
<b>Patient Satisfaction Overall Mean Score (Oct-Dec) 84.3</b>			

### Third Annual Simenhoff Lecture Held

In November Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer of the American College of Physicians, John Tooker, MD, MBA, delivered the third annual *Simenhoff Lecture* entitled "Assessing the Quality of Care: The Physician and the System."

Presented by the Hobart Amory Hare Honor Medical Society of the Department of Medicine of Thomas Jefferson University, the lecture is named in honor of beloved Jefferson physician Michael Simenhoff, MD, who passed away in 2004. Dr. Simenhoff joined the staff at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in 1964 and initiated a teaching program in nephrology. He was Co-Director of the Clinical Research Center and was credited with setting up one of the first clinical research units in the region. Dr. Simenhoff is also credited with discovering that certain water treatment methods used in dialysis units actually added a carcinogenic chemical to the dialysate.



Medical Media Photography by David Lunt

The third annual *Simenhoff Lecture* took place on November 29 in honor of beloved Jefferson physician, Michael Simenhoff, MD. Pictured with keynote speaker John Tooker, MD, MBA, of the American College of Physicians are Dr. Simenhoff's daughters, Dara Barr and Suzanne Simenhoff, along with Jefferson's Dr. Gregory Kane, MD.

### JMC Annual Fund Phonathon a Success

This fall, 10 alumni and 17 students volunteered their time during the JMC Annual Fund Phonathon hosted by the Jefferson Foundation. The phonathon resulted in a total of 65 alumni pledging \$34,700. These unrestricted dollars will support student financial aid, technological advancements, facilities enhancements and day-to-day operations.

Jefferson Medical College Alumni Association President Lorraine C. King, MD, OBG'75, REN'77, joined fellow volunteers Craig T. Haytmanek, MD'72, Gregory D. Marhefka, MD'98, Louis M. Giangiulio, MD'99, M. Dean Kinsey, MD'69, Steven R. Peikin, MD'74, Jerome M. Cotler, MD'52, Max M. Koppel, MD'57, Shivkumar S. Hatti, MD, PSY'80, and John H. Moore Jr., MD, PGS'84.

Special thanks to the many generous community groups and businesses that provided refreshments and prizes for the volunteers. The Foundation also hosts a phonathon in the spring.



Cameron Bass, class of 2010, who was among the volunteers at the fall phonathon.

### Nutrition and Dietetics Staff Members Win Award from EPA

Two members of the Nutrition and Dietetics Department recently won an award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for their efforts to improve Jefferson's Dining Services. Shelley Chamberlain, RD, Assistant Director for Dining Services, and Mary Grant, Assistant Director for Production Services, received the *Trailblazer Award* for helping Jefferson Hospital achieve "regional leadership in commitment and implementation of sustainable food practices."

Howard Weitz, MD, Professor of Cardiology at Jefferson Medical College, and Hospital President and CEO, Tom Lewis, have played a key role in supporting the department's efforts to adopt sustainable practices at Jefferson.

"Dr. Weitz came to us at the beginning of the year and said he'd like to send his cardiology patients over to the Atrium knowing that they'd find healthy choices," said Shelley.

This served as further motivation for she and Mary, who had already started making positive changes including developing seasonal menus for the Atrium cafeteria that incorporate locally grown foods, networking with local farmers and altering recipes to add healthier ingredients.

Shelley and Mary's efforts came to the attention of the EPA after they signed a pledge designed by the *Health Care Without Harm*



Photography by Valerie DuPont

Mary Grant and Shelley Chamberlain, RD, of Nutrition and Dietetics won the *Trailblazer Award* from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for efforts to improve Jefferson's Dining Services.

organization. The Healthy Food in Health Care pledge is a framework that outlines steps to improve the health of patients, communities, and the environment and lists recommendations to adopt a sustainable food program. These include, but are not limited to, hormone-free products, locally produced food, environmentally responsible food production, fair trade coffee, composting, and minimizing packaging and waste.

"We have to be Jefferson's advocates" noted Mary. "We're here to satisfy people's tastes, but we're also here to educate and influence eating habits, and to encourage people to try local, nutritious and sustainable foods they may not be familiar with."

Look for more news soon on other changes Jefferson is making to become more sustainable in its food practices and procedures.

### Jefferson Sends Medicine to Clinic in Kenya

After years of anticipation, Jefferson Women's Board member Lisa Brownstein finally got the birthday present of her dreams – a trip to Africa with her husband, P. Kenneth Brownstein, MD, Clinical Assistant Professor of Urology at Thomas Jefferson University. But three months later, little did she know she would give back almost as much as she had received.

While they were on safari, the couple visited local schools and took part in traditional ceremonies in the northern part of Kenya through *Lewa*, a non-profit wildlife conservancy and community development program. When they learned about the high rate of lung and eye problems experienced by villagers, and saw firsthand the need for even the most standard antibiotics at the area clinic, the Brownsteins returned home determined to make a difference.

The pair quickly enlisted the help of Janine Tabas, MD, Associate Surgeon, Cataract and Primary Eye Care Service at Wills Eye Institute, Mary Stefanyszyn, MD, specialist in Oculoplastic Surgery at Wills Eye Institute, and William Balas, RPh, Assistant Director, Department of Pharmacy,



P. Kenneth Brownstein, MD, Clinical Assistant Professor of Urology, TJU, Lisa Brownstein, member, Jefferson Women's Board, and Lorraine McCaney, Manager, Jefferson Apothecary, present *Lewa* conservancy Trustee Richard Buthe (center right) with donated medicines to take back to the *Lewa* Clinic in Kenya.

Outpatient Services. Together, the group collected thousands of dollars worth of antibiotics that can be used to treat ocular infections and common illnesses. In December, Jefferson's donation was officially presented to *Lewa* trustee Richard Buthe, who has since returned to Kenya with the welcomed gift.

Visited by over 500 patients a week, the *Lewa Clinic* cares for individuals on the premises while maintaining an outreach program that conducts annual physicals, dental exams and twice-yearly eye missions throughout the community.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

**Tears in the aorta which affect thousands of people** each year may soon be treated with a much less invasive technique. Vascular surgeon Joseph V. Lombardi, MD, Director of the Jefferson Aortic Center, is the National Principal Investigator in the U.S. Food and Drug Administration-approved clinical study assessing the safety and effectiveness of an endovascular stent-graft to treat aortic dissection, a condition that led to the sudden death of actor John Ritter.

**Researchers at Jefferson Medical College and Jefferson's Kimmel Cancer Center have used PET imaging** to see hyperactive cancer genes inside breast tumors in laboratory animals, marking the first time such gene activity has been observed from outside the body. This technology might help physicians detect and classify cancer, enabling them to find cancerous breast tumors as early as possible, and determine the appropriate treatment. The findings of Eric Wickstrom, PhD, and Mathew Thakur, PhD, were reported in the *Journal of Nuclear Medicine*.

**An immune system messenger molecule that normally helps quiet inflammation could be an effective tool against multiple sclerosis (MS).** Neurology researchers led by Abdolmohamad Rostami, MD, PhD, Professor and Chair of the Department of Neurology at Jefferson Medical College and the Jefferson Hospital for Neuroscience, have found that the protein interleukin-27 (IL-27) helped block the onset or reverse symptoms in animals with an MS-like disease. The results suggest that IL-27 may someday be part of a therapy to temper over-active immune responses, which are thought to be at the heart of MS. Findings were reported in the November 11 issue of *Nature Immunology*.

## 44th Annual Martin Rehfuss Lecture Held



Jefferson hosted the 44th Annual Martin Rehfuss Lecture on December 6. Pictured are James H. Keen, PhD, Dean, Jefferson College of Graduate Studies, Rehfuss lecturer Howard A. Rockman, MD, of Duke University Medical Center and Jefferson's Arthur Feldman, MD, PhD, Magee Professor of Medicine and Chairman of the Department. Dr. Rockman holds the medal given to Rehfuss awardees.

## Rothman Initiates Exchange with Colleagues in China

In November, Richard H. Rothman, MD, PhD, the James Edwards Professor of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at Jefferson Medical College, traveled to China to kick off an exchange program between the Rothman Institute at Jefferson and the orthopaedics department of Shanghai Municipal Hospital #6. The research and educational relationship will consist of week-long visiting professorships in Shanghai for Jefferson faculty and a year-long learning opportunity at Jefferson for selected Chinese surgeons. Joint and spine will be the primary areas of focus, but all sub-specialties of orthopaedics will be covered.

## Jefferson Nursing Website Wins Awards for Design and Recruitment

Thomas Jefferson University Hospital's Nursing website was selected from more than 1,100 entries to receive two eHealthcare Leadership Awards. The site won the Gold Award for Best Site Design and the Silver Award for Best Employee Recruitment Site.

The panel of 101 judges assessed the websites "based on a standard of Internet excellence and how they compared with others in their group classification. Jefferson's award was recognized in an issue of *eHealthcare Strategy & Trends* as well as on its web site.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

**Only 44 percent of primary care physicians surveyed gave the correct answer to a question on monitoring a Hodgkin's disease survivor**, according to Richard Wender, MD, Professor and Chair of Family and Community Medicine at Jefferson Medical College and Jefferson's Kimmel Cancer Center. While the survey results may serve as a wake-up call for more education and training, they also point out the need for primary care physicians to be aware of a growing trend: cancer patients are becoming long-term survivors who are at risk to develop second cancers years or decades later.

**Thomas Jefferson University and Jefferson's Kimmel Cancer Center have received an Institutional Research Grant from the American Cancer Society** for \$210,000 over three years. Kimmel Cancer Center Director Richard Pestell, MD, PhD, Professor and Chair of Cancer Biology at Jefferson Medical College, is the principal investigator on the grant. Marja Nevalainen, MD, PhD, Associate Professor of Cancer Biology, is the co-principal investigator. The award enables Jefferson to give small grants of \$30,000 each to beginning investigators.

**Orthopedic researchers at Jefferson Medical College have for the first time found stem cells in the intervertebral discs of the human spine**, suggesting that such cells might someday be used to help repair degenerating discs and remedy lower back and neck pain. Reporting November 1, 2007 in the journal *Spine*, a team led by Makarand Risbud, PhD, and Irving Shapiro, PhD, at Jefferson Medical College have found stem cells in both degenerated adult human discs and in discs of animals.

**Molecular biologists at Jefferson's Kimmel Cancer Center have detailed the cascade of cellular events behind some potentially dangerous autoinflammatory diseases.** In doing so, they have identified new potential drug targets for diseases ranging from arthritis to cancer. Reporting in the journal *Molecular Cell*, Emad Alnemri, PhD, Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, and his co-workers described how two proteins called PSTPIP1 and pyrin interact to cause autoinflammatory diseases

**Jefferson has opened The Pancreatic, Biliary and Related Cancers Center** which will provide patients with a focused approach to pancreatic cancer and other diseases of the pancreas, bile ducts, liver, stomach and other related upper abdominal organs. With the creation of the Center, Jefferson is now the leading institution in the Delaware Valley for both clinical care and related research on these tumors.

## PEOPLE

**Ira S. Cohen, MD**, has been named Director of the Electrocardiography Laboratory at Jefferson Hospital. He was also appointed Clinical Professor of Medicine in the Division of Cardiology at Jefferson Medical College, joining the faculty after six years as a staff echocardiographer and attending cardiologist at Lankenau Hospital in Wynnewood.

**Marinos C. Dalakas, MD**, has joined Jefferson as Director of the Neuromuscular Division in the Department of Neurology and Professor of Neurology at Jefferson Medical College. He is also currently Professor of Clinical Neurology and Pediatrics at Children's National Medical Center of the George Washington University School of Medicine.

**Erik S. Knudsen, PhD**, former Scientific Director of the University of Cincinnati Barrett Cancer Center, has been named Deputy Director, Research at Jefferson's Kimmel Cancer Center.

## PEOPLE

**Eduardo Adonias De Sousa, MD**, has been named Director of the Neuromuscular Electrodiagnostic (EMG) Lab at Jefferson Hospital for Neuroscience and Assistant Professor of Neurology for the Neuromuscular Division at Jefferson Medical College.

Bone marrow transplant expert **Neal Flomenberg, MD**, Interim Chair and Professor of Medical Oncology at Jefferson Medical College, has been named Deputy Director, Clinical Science, at Jefferson's Kimmel Cancer Center.

**Jay Herman, MD**, Director, Transfusion Medicine at Jefferson Hospital, has been asked to serve on the editorial board of the journal, *Transfusion*. The position has a four-year term. Dr. Herman is also Professor of Medicine and Anatomy, Pathology, and Laboratory Medicine; Division of Hematology, Cardeza Foundation for Hematologic Research, Jefferson Medical College.

Jefferson cell biologist **Michael P. Lisanti, MD, PhD**, has been awarded the *Margaret Q. Landenberger Professorship* in Breast Cancer Research. The professorship was established by the Margaret Q. Landenberger Research Foundation of Palm Beach, Florida, and Philadelphia. Currently Professor of Cancer Biology at Jefferson Medical College, Dr. Lisanti is an expert in the field of caveolae and caveolin proteins. These proteins, which play important roles in cell communication, are also involved in the development of a number of diseases and conditions, such as cancer, atherosclerosis, diabetes, Alzheimer's disease and muscular dystrophy.

**Javad Parvizi, MD**, joint specialist at the Rothman Institute at Jefferson, is the sole orthopaedic surgeon in the Philadelphia region and one of only about a dozen in the United States performing two new innovative procedures that preserve a patient's native hip joint, rather than replace or resurface it.

**Goran Rakocevic, MD**, has joined the Neuromuscular Division of Jefferson's Department of Neurology as Assistant Professor of Neurology. From 2002-2007, Dr. Rakocevic served as a Senior Clinical Fellow and Associate and Principal Investigator in the Neuromuscular Diseases Section at the National Institutes of Health.

Cerebrovascular surgeon **Robert H. Rosenwasser, MD, FACS, FAHA**, Professor and Chairman of Neurological Surgery at Jefferson Medical College, received the *Hugo Rizzoli Lecturer Award* from Walter Reed Army Medical Center's Department of Neurosurgery in Washington, D.C. Dr. Rosenwasser is recognized for his surgical expertise in the prevention and treatment of life-threatening neurovascular diseases.

**Mathew Thakur, PhD**, Professor of Radiology and Radiation Oncology at Jefferson Medical College, recently traveled to Vienna, Austria, to serve as chairman of the committee evaluating the International Atomic Energy Agency's (IAEA) radioisotope and radiation technology program. Dr. Thakur interviewed the deputy director of the agency and a retired secretary general to the defense ministry of India. He was joined on the committee by colleagues from Brazil, India and Hungary.

**Carol Shields, MD, and Howard Krein, MD, PhD**, donated their services to save the life of a three-year-old Uruguayan boy suffering from retinoblastoma, a form of eye cancer. Dr. Shields of Wills Eye and Dr. Krein of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery performed surgeries in October at the Jefferson Hospital for Neuroscience.

**Blood Donor Center hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please call 5-7791 to schedule an appointment if you are eligible and willing to give blood.**

**Month**

**January 1 – 31: Cervical Cancer Screening, Cervical Health Awareness, National Glaucoma Awareness, March of Dimes Birth Defects Prevention and National Blood Donor month.**

**Week**

**January 20 – 26: Healthy Weight and National Nurse Anesthetists Days**

**January 24: Women's Healthy Weight**

**January 25: National Intravenous Nurses**

**Month:**

**February 1 – 29: Age-Related Macular Degeneration/Low Vision Awareness, American Heart, National Children's Dental Health and Kids ENT Awareness and Wise Health Care Consumer month.**

**Weeks:**

**February 1 – 7: National Patient Recognition**

**February 3 – 9: National Burn Awareness**

**February 4 – 8: Pride in Food Service**

**February 7 – 14: Congenital Heart Defect Awareness**

**February 10 – 16: National Cardiac Rehabilitation and Cardiovascular Professionals week**

**Day:**

**February 15: National Women's Heart Day**

**SEMINARS**

**Tuesday, January 15**

- Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson, Abcam: Nuclear Receptors, Co-Activators and Co-Repressors Conference, Kenneth J. Soprano, PhD, Richard G. Pestell, PhD, Bruce M. Spiegelman, PhD, Mitchell A. Lazar, PhD, Xue-Min Zhang, PhD, Marja T. Nevalainen, PhD, 9 a.m., National Constitution Center, Philadelphia.

**Wednesday, January 16**

- Radiology, Ethan Halpern, MD, Professor, Radiology and Urology, TJUH, "Intro to Research-Part I," 12:15 to 1:15 p.m., 780-L Main.

**Thursday, January 17**

- Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson, Surinder K. Batra, PhD, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, University of Nebraska Medical Center, College of Medicine, Eppley Cancer Institute, "Emerging Roles of MUC4 in the Diagnosis and Progression of Pancreatic Cancer," noon, 105 BLSB.

**Wednesday, January 23**

- Radiology, Ethan Halpern, MD, Professor, Radiology and Urology, TJUH, "Intro to Research-Part 2," 12:15 to 1:15 p.m., 780-L Main.

**Thursday, January 24**

- Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson, Michael Edidin, PhD, Department of Biology, Johns Hopkins University, topic t/b/a, noon, 105 BLSB.

**Wednesday, January 30**

- Radiology, Journal Club, Levon Nazarian, MD, Professor, Radiology, TJUH, 12:15 to 1:15 p.m., 780-L Main.

**Thursday, January 31**

- Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson, Alexander Tarakhovskiy, PhD, The Rockefeller University, "Non-histone protein Lysine Methylation in Immune Cell Function," noon, 105 BLSB.

**FORUM**

**Wednesday, February 13**

- Health Policy, James Peters, Chief Executive Officer, MedMining, "MedMining and Electronic Health Record Data," 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., 218 Curtis. Call 215-955-6969.

**UPCOMING FORUM**

**Wednesday, March 12**

- Health Policy, Schweitzer Fellows, "Philadelphia Area Schweitzer Community Service Program," 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., 218 Curtis. Call 215-955-6969.

**GRAND ROUNDS**

**Wednesday, January 16**

- Family and Community Medicine, "Obesity Update," 8 a.m., 105/107 BLSB.

- Psychiatry and Human Behavior, Barry Rovner, MD, Professor, Department of Psychiatry and Neurology; Director, Clinical Alzheimer's Disease Research, Jefferson Hospital for Neurosciences, "Preventing Depression in Age-Related Macular Degeneration," 11 a.m. to noon, DePalma Aud.

- Methodist Hospital, Medical Grand Rounds, Maurits S. Boon, MD, Otolaryngology, TJU, "Sleep Apnea," noon, Morgan Conference Center, Methodist Hospital.

**Friday, January 18**

- Neurosurgery, L. Dade Lunsford, MD, Visiting Professor, "AVM Radiosurgery: A 20-Year Saga," 7 a.m., DePalma Aud.

**Wednesday, January 23**

- Family and Community Medicine, Lydia Komarnicky-Kocker, MD, Professor, Radiation Oncology, TJU, "Innovations in Radiation Oncology," 8 to 9 a.m., 105/107 BLSB.

- Psychiatry and Human Behavior, Kyle M. Kampman, MD, Associate Professor of Psychiatry, Medical Director, Treatment Research Center, Charles O'Brien Center for Addiction Treatment, University of Penn Health System, "New Treatment for Cocaine Dependence," 11 a.m. to noon, DePalma Aud.

- Methodist Hospital, Medical Grand Rounds, Harold I. Palevsky, MD, Professor of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, "Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension: Diagnosis and Treatment," noon, Morgan Conference Center, Methodist Hospital.

**Thursday, January 24**

- Surgery, Lydia Komarnicky, Professor, Radiation Oncology, TJUH, "Partial Breast Radiation?" 8 a.m., 605 College.

**Friday, January 25**

- Neurosurgery, Journal Club (Harrop/Amenta/Hanna), "Spine," 7 a.m., DePalma Aud.

**Wednesday, January 30**

- Family and Community Medicine, Salman Akhtar, MD, Director, Psychiatry and Human Behavior, TJU, "The Psychological Impact of Geographical Dislocation," 8 to 9 a.m., 105/107 BLSB.

- Psychiatry and Human Behavior, Susan Parks, MD, Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Family Medicine, TJUH, "End of Life Decisions: Differences in Patient and Proxy Treatment Preferences," 11 a.m. to noon, DePalma Aud.

- Methodist Hospital, Medical Grand Rounds, Vincent Andriole, MD, Professor of Medicine, Yale University School of Medicine, "MRSA," noon, Morgan Conference Center, Methodist Hospital.

**Friday, February 1**

- Neurosurgery, Jeffrey Campbell, MD, topic t/b/a, 7 a.m., DePalma Aud.

**Wednesday, February 6**

- Family and Community Medicine, Elizabeth Levinson, MD, PGY-3 and Jeremy Close, MD, "Morbidity and Mortality," 8 to 9 a.m., 105/107 BLSB.

- Psychiatry and Human Behavior, Steven Pashko, PhD, "Psychological Awakening," 11 a.m. to noon, DePalma Aud.

**Friday, February 8**

- Neurosurgery, Michael Teixido, MD, "3-D Surgical Anatomy," 7 a.m., DePalma Aud.

**Wednesday, February 13**

- Family and Community Medicine, Randa Sifri, MD, Associate Professor and Dorothy Fojtik, MD, Instructor, t/b/a, 8 to 9 a.m., 105/107 BLSB.

- Psychiatry and Human Behavior, Rajnish Mago, MD, Director, Mood Disorders Program, TJUH, topic t/b/a, 11 a.m. to noon, DePalma Aud.

**Friday, February 15**

- Neurosurgery, Daniel K. Resnick, MD, Visiting Professor, topic t/b/a, 7 a.m., DePalma Aud.

**Wednesday, February 20**

- Family and Community Medicine, Kynett Lecture Series, Adewale Troutman, MD, MPH, Associate Professor Term, School of Public Health and Information Sciences, Louisville, Kentucky, "Health Disparities and Cardiovascular Disease," 8 to 9 a.m., 105/107 BLSB.

- Psychiatry and Human Behavior, Jacob Widroff, MD, topic t/b/a, 11 a.m. to noon, DePalma Aud.

**Friday, February 22**

- Neurosurgery, Joseph DeSimone, MD, "Update on Staph Aureus Infections," 7 a.m., DePalma Aud.

**Wednesday, February 27**

- Family and Community Medicine, Michelle Folsom, MD, PGY-3, topic t/b/a, 8 to 9 a.m., 105/107 BLSB.

- Psychiatry and Human Behavior, Speaker and topic t/b/a, 11 a.m. to noon, DePalma Aud.

**Friday, February 29**

- Neurosurgery, Journal Club (Evans/Moulding), "Neuro-Oncology," 7 a.m., DePalma Aud.

**GRAND ROUNDS – VIDEO TELECONFERENCES WILL BROADCAST FROM LECTURE HALL, duPONT HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN**

**Wednesday, January 16**

- Pediatrics, Scott Andrew Lorch, MD, MSCE, Division of Neonatology, CHOP; Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, University of Penn School of Medicine, "Assessing the Quality of Pediatric Care – A New Frontier," 8 a.m., (from duPont Hospital for Children to Jefferson, AtlantiCare, Christiana Care Health System, Bryn Mawr and Lankenau).

**Wednesday, January 23**

- Pediatrics, Lance A. Liotta, MD, PhD, Professor of Life Sciences and Co-Director, Center for Applied Proteomics and Molecular Medicine, Department of Molecular and Microbiology, George Mason University, Manassas, VA, "Proteomics: Signal Pathway Mapping for Individualized Cancer Therapy," 8 a.m., (from duPont Hospital for Children to Jefferson, AtlantiCare, Christiana Care Health System, AtlantiCare, Bryn Mawr and Lankenau).

**Wednesday, January 30**

- Pediatrics, Katherine A. King, MD, Pediatric Pulmonologist, Division of Pulmonology, duPont Hospital for Children, "Is There a Role for Pepsin in the Diagnostic Evaluation of Recurrent Otitis Media and Chronic Silent Aspiration?" 8 a.m., (from duPont Hospital for Children to Jefferson, AtlantiCare, Christiana Care Health System, AtlantiCare, Bryn Mawr and Lankenau).

**UPCOMING EDUCATION**

**Wednesday, March 12**

- Jefferson Breast Care Center, Community Education Session, "Learn about Breast Cancer Risk Factors." Speaker: Sue Miller-Samuel, RN, MSN, APNG, Advanced Practice Nurse in Genetics, Jefferson Breast Care Center, noon to 1 p.m., 925 Chestnut St., 2nd fl. Free to the Community. Registration required. To register, call 1-800-JEFF-NOW.

**MEETINGS**

**Monday, February 11**

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

**Thursday, February 21**

- Thomas Jefferson University Hospitals, Inc. Board, 8 a.m., 101 BLSB.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**Monday, March 3**

- Full Board of Trustees, 3:30 p.m., 636 Scott. (Reception and dinner for Trustees, their spouses/guest, and senior staff will follow the meeting.)

**Monday, March 10**

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

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

- (Martin Luther King Day Celebration, January, t/b/a; Philadelphia Auto Show tickets, January-February, pricing t/b/a; Black Heritage Month Celebration, February, t/b/a; Flower Show Tickets, February-March, pricing t/b/a)

**Tuesday, January 15**

- Jeff-IBC Wellness Center, Adult Swim Lessons, Beginner; Intermediate: Wed., January 16; Overcome Fear of Water, Fri., January 18, 6 to 7 p.m., JAH. (6 weeks)

**Wednesday, January 16**

- WXPN Musicians On Call play for Jefferson patients. Also, Wed., Jan. 23 and 30.

- TJU Choir rehearsal, 7 to 8:30 p.m., 139 JAH. Also, Wed., Jan. 23 and 30.

**Thursday, January 17**

- Jeff-IBC Wellness Center, SCUBA Certification, 5:30 to 9 p.m.; Salsa Dance Lessons, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., JAH. (Thursdays)

**Friday, January 18**

- Jeff-IBC Wellness Center, Modern Dance, 4:45 to 5:45 p.m., JAH. (Fridays)

**Saturday, January 19**

- Jeff-IBC Wellness Center, Children's Swim Lessons, Beginner and Intermediate, JAH. (Continues through Mar. 1.)

**Wednesday, February 6**

- WXPN Musicians On Call play for Jefferson patients. Also, Wed., Feb. 13, 20 and 27.

- TJU Choir rehearsal, 7 to 8:30 p.m., 139 JAH. Also, Wed., Feb. 13, 20 and 27.

**UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Wednesday, March 5**

- WXPN Musicians On Call play for Jefferson patients. Also, Wed., Mar. 12.

- TJU Choir rehearsal, 7 to 8:30 p.m., 139 JAH. Also, Wed., Mar. 12.

**RELIGIOUS SERVICES**

**Wednesday, January 16**

- Christian Bible Study and Prayer Fellowship, 1 to 2 p.m., 302 MOB. Email Annette.Chesson@yahoo.com. Also, Wednesdays, Jan. 23, and 30.

**Thursday, January 17**

- Christian Women Bible Study, Prayer and Fellowship group, 1 to 2 p.m., 302 MOB. Also Thursdays, Jan. 24 and 31. Call Doretha at 267-231-7465 or email DJohn91@yahoo.com

**Wednesday, February 6**

- Christian Bible Study and Prayer Fellowship, 1 to 2 p.m., 302 MOB. Email Annette.Chesson@yahoo.com. Also, Wednesdays, Feb. 13, 20 and 27.

**Thursday, February 7**

- Christian Women Bible Study, Prayer and Fellowship group, 1 to 2 p.m., 302 MOB. Also Thursdays, Feb. 14, 21 and 28. Call Doretha at 267-231-7465 or email DJohn91@yahoo.com

**UPCOMING RELIGIOUS SERVICES**

**Wednesday, March 5**

- Christian Bible Study and Prayer Fellowship, 1 to 2 p.m., 302 MOB. Email Annette.Chesson@yahoo.com. Also, Wed., Mar. 12.

**Thursday, March 6**

- Christian Women Bible Study, Prayer and Fellowship group, 1 to 2 p.m., 302 MOB. Also, Thurs., Mar. 13. Call Doretha at 267-231-7465 or email DJohn91@yahoo.com

**SUPPORT GROUPS**

**Tuesday, January 22**

- Spasmodic Dysphonia, 4 to 5 p.m., Outpatient Rehab Medicine Offices, 25 S. 9th St. Contact Addy Schultz, Speech-Language Pathologist, OP Rehab Conference Room, 25 S. 9th St., Philadelphia. Call 215-955-0122 or adeline.schultz@mail.tju.edu

**Wednesday, January 23**

- Kimmel Cancer Center, The Delaware Valley Brain Tumor Support group for individuals diagnosed with a brain tumor and their families, 7 to 8:30 p.m., 105 BLSB. Call 215-955-4429 to register.

**Thursday, January 24**

- Kimmel Cancer Center, Man-to-Man, an educational program for men facing prostate cancer, Patrick Shermot, MD, Assistant Professor, Urology, TJU, "Managing Incontinence," noon to 1:30 p.m., G-312 Bodine. Call 215-955-4429 to register.

**Thursday, February 7**

- Kimmel Cancer Center, Current Topics, Jamie C. Ray, Esq., Law Firm of Pennington and Ray, "Health Insurance Law," noon to 1:30 p.m., G-312 Bodine. Call 215-955-4429 to register.

**Monday, February 11**

- Kimmel Cancer Center, Look Good Feel Better, Cosmetologist speaker, "For Women Undergoing Cancer Treatment," 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., G-312 Bodine. Call 215-955-4429 to register.

**Tuesday, February 16**

- Spasmodic Dysphonia, 4 to 5 p.m., Outpatient Rehab Medicine Offices, 25 S. 9th St. Contact Addy Schultz, Speech-Language Pathologist, OP Rehab Conference Room, 25 S. 9th St., Philadelphia. Call 215-955-0122 or adeline.schultz@mail.tju.edu

**Wednesday, February 27**

- Kimmel Cancer Center, The Delaware Valley Brain Tumor Support group for individuals diagnosed with a brain tumor and their families, 7 to 8:30 p.m., 105 BLSB. Call 215-955-4429 to register.

**UPCOMING SUPPORT GROUP**

**Thursday, March 6**

- Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson, Facing Breast Cancer with Information and Support, Kristin L. Brill, MD, FACS, Clinical Professor, Surgery, TJU, "Estrogen and Breast Cancer," noon to 1:30 p.m., G-312 Bodine. Call 215-955-4429 to register.

**Monday, March 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, noon to 1 p.m., OP Rehab Conference Room, 25 S. 9th St., Philadelphia. Call 215-955-0122 or adeline.schultz@mail.tju.edu

**Thursday, March 13**

- Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson, Current Topics, Gerald A. Isenberg, MD, Associate Professor, Surgery, JMC, and Edith P. Mitchell, MD, FACP, Clinical Professor, Medical Oncology, TJU, "New Treatment Advances and Improved Survivorship," noon to 1:30 p.m., G-312 Bodine. Call 215-955-4429 to register.

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