

Jefferson Designated Live Donor Liver Transplant Center by the United Network for Organ Sharing



Cataldo Doria, MD, PhD

Jefferson Hospital was recently designated a Live Donor Liver Transplant Center (LDLT) by the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS), the organization that administers the nation's policies on organ transplantation and procurement. The designation makes Jefferson one of only three adult-to-adult living donor liver transplantation programs in the Delaware Valley.

Cataldo Doria, MD, PhD, FACS, Director of the Division of Transplantation at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital (TJUH), and Associate Professor of Surgery, Jefferson Medical College (JMC), will lead Jefferson's LDLT team as primary surgeon. The team will also include Stephen P. Dunn, MD, Division Chief of General Surgery and Solid Organ Transplant Surgery at A.I. duPont Hospital for Children, and Professor of Surgery and Pediatrics at JMC; Carlo Ramirez, MD, transplant specialist at TJUH and Assistant

Professor of Surgery at JMC; and Adam Frank, MD, transplant specialist at TJUH and Assistant Professor of Surgery at JMC.

"We are extremely pleased to be able to offer living donor transplantation as another potentially life-saving treatment to our liver patients here at Jefferson," said Dr. Doria. "LDLT does not replace traditional deceased donor transplantation, but it will allow us to transplant more patients from the UNOS waiting list."

Clinton Healthcare Policy Advisor Speaks on Campus

In the days leading up to the debate between senators Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton at the Constitution Center, Jefferson's Department of Health Policy invited healthcare policy advisors from both campaigns to speak about the candidates' plans. Andrea Palm, Senator Clinton's Senior Health Policy Advisor, accepted the invitation, and presented the candidate's proposal for the nation's healthcare system to a crowd of Jefferson students, employees and faculty members at Jefferson Alumni Hall on April 18. Palm addressed questions from the audience and met informally with some students after the event.



Photo: David Lout, Medical Media Services

Jefferson Medical College students Ethan Rand and Nina Haghi helped to coordinate a visit from Hillary Clinton's Senior Health Policy Advisor, Andrea Palm (center). David Nash, MD, MBA, moderated the event.

Dancing, Cooking Demos at Stroke Awareness Health Fair

Jefferson hosted the "Stroke in the City: Get the Real Deal on Stroke" health fair on April 5. A crowd of 250 from the community turned out for the free event's informative presentations by Jefferson physicians in addition to cooking demonstrations,

dance lessons, refreshments, prizes and health screenings. Speakers at the event included Maria Carissa Pineda, MD, Assistant Professor of Neurology at Jefferson Medical College, and Mary T. Bouchard, MSN, CNS, RN, CRRN, Instructor

in the Department of Nursing at Jefferson College of Health Professions. The fair was sponsored by a grant from The Philadelphia Foundation and Jefferson's Acute Stroke Center.



Photos: Robert Neroni



Jefferson's Kimmel Cancer Center Delivers Big Message on Colon Cancer Awareness



Photo: Robert Neroni

Scott Waldman, MD, PhD, spoke on advances in colorectal cancer staging at a symposium for medical professionals.

Jefferson's Kimmel Cancer Center promoted colon cancer awareness with various events in advance of Colon Cancer Awareness Month (March). The Center displayed the "Super Colon" – an 8-foot high and 20-foot long walk-through replica of the human colon – at both Plymouth Meeting Mall and the Loews Philadelphia Hotel on February 28. Also at the Loews, a reception and information/Q&A session offered attendees the opportunity to learn about colon cancer prevention and new treatments from leading multi-disciplinary specialists at Jefferson.

In addition to these events, the Center held a symposium on February 29 for medical professionals, providing the latest reports on both research and clinical advances in the field. Some of the topics covered included new developments in radiation therapy, new techniques for imaging, including PET/CT, studies on the latest drugs against metastatic colorectal cancer and new screening guidelines. Among the speakers from Jefferson, Scott Waldman, MD, PhD, presented his five-year NIH-backed clinical trial of a potential test to gauge the extent of colorectal cancer.

Independence Blue Cross Grants High Distinction to Jefferson's Kimmel Cancer Center/TJUH

Healthcare insurer Independence Blue Cross selected Thomas Jefferson University Hospital /Kimmel Cancer Center as a Blue Distinction Center for Complex and Rare Cancers. Jefferson received the distinction because it meets the provider's criteria of offering multidisciplinary treatment planning and major surgical treatments, with subspecialty training and distinguished clinical expertise in complex and rare cancers such as esophageal cancer, bladder cancer, liver cancer and thyroid cancer.

Lynne Abraham Speaks at Jefferson



Philadelphia District Attorney Lynne Abraham delivered the Women's History Month keynote lecture "Violence as a Public Health Issue" on March 11 in the Hamilton Building's Connelly Auditorium. District Attorney Abraham has been a strong voice for victims of crime and has worked to improve the Office and criminal justice system in Philadelphia and the state through innovative programs and legislation to help crime victims and law enforcement. She has combated violent crime through aggressive and effective prosecutions of the most dangerous criminals, and created the Family Violence & Sexual Assault Unit to take advantage of high-level specialization necessary to fight child abuse, sexual assault and domestic violence.

VITAL SIGNS: MARCH 2008

TJUH, Methodist,
Geriatric Psychiatry,
Jefferson Hospital for
Neuroscience

	Budget	Actual	Prior Year
Admissions	3,934	4,061	3,949
Length of Stay	5.90	5.84	5.89
Patient Days	23,226	24,114	24,058
Outpatient Visits	41,390	37,593	41,138
Patient Satisfaction Overall Mean Score 83.4			

Jefferson Celebrates National Doctors' Day

A reception in the Hamilton Building on March 31 honored our dedicated physicians.



Vijay Rao, MD, Hospital President and CEO Tom Lewis, William Keane, MD, Marluce Bibbo, MD, ScD, and Zvi Grunwald, MD.



Stephen Schwartz, MD, of the Department of Psychiatry and Barbara Grugan Frieman, MD, of the Rothman Institute at Jefferson.

Patient's Family Thanks Bone Marrow Transplant Team

By special request, we are printing this letter from a family member of John H. Porch.

The family of John H. Porch would like to thank all of the nurses and staff of *Jefferson Hospital's Bone Marrow Transplant Unit* for the exceptional care they provide each and every day. We are truly appreciative for their hard work and dedication to our loved one and every other patient in the unit.

We believe them to be angels on earth.

With Sincere Gratitude,
The Family of John Porch

Farmers Market Grand Opening May 22

Located at the corner of 10th and Chestnut Streets – in front of the 925 Chestnut building – a new Farmers Market comes to Jefferson each Thursday from noon until 5:30 p.m. Open to the public from mid-May through the early fall, the market will feature fruits, vegetables, meat, poultry, and cheese from selected Lancaster farmers.

Spearheaded by the Nutrition and

Dietetics Department, Jefferson's market is just one of the ways the organization is upholding its commitment to sustainable practices, encouraging healthy habits and putting into action its Healthy Food in Health Care Pledge, signed in 2007 by Hospital President and CEO Tom Lewis. The pledge sets forth guidelines to improve the health of the community, as well as

recommendations to adopt a local, sustainable healthy food program.

Says Howard Weitz, MD, Co-Director of the Jefferson Heart Institute, "We have the responsibility to serve the community and promote health. The Farmers Market will be another wonderful program to encourage healthy habits, thus working toward disease prevention."

Jefferson: Leading the Way in Green Efforts

Carbon dioxide reductions tracked from 1996 to 2006 alone were equivalent to planting 14,536,318 trees.

At an April symposium on the efforts to counteract the health effects of climate change, Jefferson's Energy Manager Randy Haines highlighted the measures the University and Hospital have taken to reduce the output of harmful carbon dioxide into the atmosphere.

Energy-saving projects – including a steam condensate return system that reuses hot water, a new chilled water plant, and an award-winning cistern for re-distributing rain water – are reducing electricity consumption by more than 42,000 megawatt hours a year, decreasing pollution and saving Jefferson \$1.77 million annually. In terms of environmental benefits, Randy noted that Jefferson's CO2 reductions tracked from 1996 to 2006 alone were equivalent to planting 14,536,318 trees.



Photo: Lisa Chosed

Rob Simmons, DrPH, MPH, Program Director of the Master of Public Health program; Joseph Otis Minott, Esq, Executive Director, Clean Air Council; Mona Sarfaty, MD; Randy Haines, CEM, and consultant Darlene Messina, MS.

Jefferson's initiative in reducing energy consumption and its robust metering system have also provided the opportunity to sell power in the real-time energy market.

Hosted by the Master of Public Health Program, "The Public Health

Response to Climate Change in Philadelphia" also featured presentations by Jefferson's Mona Sarfaty, MD, in addition to the executive director of the Clean Air Council and a consultant for sustainability and livable communities.

Surgeon Saves Breast Cancer Patients in Mexico



This spring, *The Philadelphia Inquirer* profiled Jefferson breast surgeon Kristin Brill, MD, and her work helping breast cancer patients in Mexico's state of Sinaloa. Dr. Brill volunteers for LIGA International, an organization of medical professionals who donate

their time to meeting medical needs in this remote part of the country.

"There are no mammograms available in the region, so we often see women with advanced disease, when saving the breast is not possible," Dr. Brill told the *Inquirer*. "One of my dreams is to get mammography equipment for the clinic. It would have to come from donations, and it's so important to

bring that to these women."

On a recent trip to Mexico, Dr. Brill brought along supplies donated by Thomas Jefferson University Hospital and other area hospitals. She also welcomes donations from other sources. If you are interested in knowing more, please contact Dr. Brill at **215-955-4909** or **856-488-4224**.

Building a Better Jefferson: 2010 Projects Update

Multiple renovation projects to improve clinical services and enhance infrastructure at Jefferson continue through the year 2010. Developments as of mid-April include the completion of demolition for the expanded Emergency Department (ED); the start of ceiling work for the new Infusion Center; upgrades to the corridor on 6 Northwest; and the continuation

of mechanical/electrical system installations. In addition, contracts have been awarded for construction of the new 16-bed intensive care unit on the 8th floor of Jefferson Hospital for Neuroscience.

Other developments in connection with the projects include a one-month closure of the Walnut Street-end of the ED driveway and a four-month closure of the Tower Elevator

entrance (ED), beginning May 7, to allow for construction of a new connecting corridor and installation of a new lift. Also, a new fire egress will be created for the EP Lab in preparation for the removal of Fire Tower #1. As construction continues, interim life safety measures have been put in place, including more frequent fire drills.

New Center Simplifies Patient Transfers

The Jefferson Transfer Center opened May 1 with the goal of implementing a uniform, simple, efficient and user-friendly method to transfer patients to Jefferson from other hospitals. It

will also fast track all time sensitive/emergency transfers through the system (SAH, STEMI, trauma etc.) and improve the process for non-emergent external transfers.

Contact the Center, open 24/7, at **1-800-JEFF-121 (800-533-3121)**. From a Jefferson phone, call **5-1515**, and, if calling from Methodist, you can reach the Center at **24-2-1515**.

PEOPLE

The American Society for Surgery of the Hand selected **Randall W. Culp, MD**, as their representative at the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons' 2008 Research Capitol Hill Days. He joined more than 115 orthopaedic surgeons, researchers, and their patients from across the country in Washington, D.C., to encourage members of Congress to appropriate \$548 million to the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases in fiscal year (FY) 2009 – a 6.5 percent increase from FY 2008.

Retina specialist **Julia Haller, MD**, was recently appointed Professor and Chair of the Department of Ophthalmology at Jefferson Medical College and Thomas Jefferson University Hospital. She is the first new Ophthalmology chairperson in more than 20 years. Dr. Haller previously practiced for more than 20 years at the Wilmer Eye Institute at Johns Hopkins University.

Renowned cell biologist **Michael P. Lisanti, MD, PhD**, will begin a term as editor-in-chief at *The American Journal of Pathology* in July. He is the Margaret Q. Landenberger Professor in Breast Cancer Research at Jefferson Medical College and Jefferson's Kimmel Cancer Center. Dr. Lisanti also serves as director of the newly established Jefferson Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine Center.

Philip G. Mazzara was appointed Senior Vice President for Development for Thomas Jefferson University and Thomas Jefferson University Hospitals. Philip joins Jefferson with more than 30 years of fundraising experience in both the academic and healthcare arenas. Most recently he was Vice President at CARE USA, where he managed a 66-person fundraising team across four regional offices, raising over \$69M per year.

The National Foundation for Celiac Awareness honored **Emily Rubin, RD**, as "Awareness Advocate of the Month." Emily, who works in the Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, volunteers for the NFCA in addition to her work at Jefferson which includes celiac disease patient consultation and research.

Brian Swift, PharmD, MBA, was named to the new position of Vice President for Quality and Performance Excellence. Brian will work with the CMO and COO to implement, direct and coordinate Thomas Jefferson University Hospitals' Performance Excellence Program.

Daniel Walmsley, DO, current 3rd-year Pediatrics resident with the Thomas Jefferson University Residency Program at the duPont Hospital for Children, and **Esther K. Chung, MD, MPH**, Associate Professor of Pediatrics, were one of six resident-faculty pairs selected nationally for a Community Pediatrics Training Initiative Advocacy Training Grant by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). In collaboration with Dr. Chung and the Pennsylvania Chapter of the AAP, Dr. Wamsley, also a future Chief Resident, will conduct advocacy activities on gun violence prevention with other residents. This program, funded by the Dyson Foundation, also supported attendance at the recent AAP Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C., where Drs. Walmsley and Chung made visits to Capitol Hill to discuss important child health issues with their legislators.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Researchers at Jefferson's Kimmel Cancer Center have found that blocking a growth protein kills prostate cancer cells and inhibits tumor growth. The work proves that the signaling protein, Stat5, is both vital to prostate cancer cell maintenance and that it is a viable target for drug therapy.

Neurological surgeons at Jefferson Hospital for Neuroscience found that cigarette smoking is directly correlated with an increased risk of intracranial aneurysm formation and growth. The quantity of cigarettes smoked was also found to have an impact on the increased risk of developing an aneurysm.

Thomas Jefferson University has established a new center to study the biology, behavior and the potential medical uses of adult stem cells in a variety of diseases, including neurological disease and cancer. The Jefferson Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine Center will be directed by renowned cell biologist Michael P. Lisanti, MD, PhD, Professor of Cancer Biology at Jefferson Medical College and Jefferson's Kimmel Cancer Center.

Scientists at the Center for Translational Medicine at Thomas Jefferson University have shown that a specific signaling protein – Gi – is crucial to protecting the heart and helping it to adapt during a heart attack. Gi is important in intracellular signaling, akin to a molecular switch, notes principal investigator Dr. Koch. "It's not a new drug target, he explains, but the activation of some receptors (such as beta-2 adrenergic receptors) that also turn on Gi could be targets."

ACHIEVEMENTS

A discovery by researchers at Jefferson's Kimmel Cancer Center may help explain why cigarette smokers are at higher risk for developing pancreatic cancer. The scientists found that nicotine in cigarettes increases the production of a protein that is known to promote cancer cell survival, invasion and spread. Jefferson's Hwya Arafat, MD, PhD, believes that the protein (osteopontin) could be a drug target.

The United Way of Southeastern Pennsylvania recognized Jefferson employee generosity with the 2007 Campaign Performance Award on May 2. Jefferson – including the main Hospital, Jefferson Hospital for Neuroscience, the University and Methodist Hospital Division – boosted its contributions by over 26% last year, for a total of more than \$196,000.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Jefferson Medical College and the Foundation for Advancement of International Medical Education and Research (FAIMER) signed an agreement to develop an academic partnership. Under the agreement, the two entities will engage in projects in resource-limited countries, focusing on faculty development, undergraduate, graduate and continuing medical education of physicians and other health professionals, as well as research in medical education. Most of FAIMER's activity is concentrated in South Asia, Africa and Latin America.

A common blood pressure medication might help prevent the spread of pancreatic cancer, according to researchers at Jefferson's Kimmel Cancer Center. They found that a pressure-lowering drug called an angiotensin receptor blocker inhibits pancreatic cancer cell growth and causes cell death.

Jefferson Medical College Celebrates Parents' Day

On March 7, sophomore students and their parents celebrated JMC Parents' Day in Jefferson Alumni Hall. The annual event, which began in 1964, is sponsored by the JMC Alumni Association and welcomes second-year students and their parents to a luncheon reception, which features faculty, staff and student presentations.



Pictured with Interim Dean Michael Vergare, MD, (back row, fifth from left), are legacy students with their alumni parents.

Clinical Anesthesia Conference Hosted by Jefferson

In April, professionals from 35 states in various specialty areas including anesthesiologists, certified registered nurse anesthetists, anesthesia assistants and perioperative nurses attended the 16th Annual Spring CME Conference, "Gulf Shorts: Topics in Clinical Anesthesia," in Fort Myers, Florida. Zvi Grunwald, MD,

Professor and Chairman, James W. Heitz, MD, CME Program Director, David Gratch, DO, Jane Huffnagle, DO, Coleen Vernick, DO, and Eugene Viscusi, MD, all from the Jefferson Department of Anesthesiology, were among the speakers.

Attendees learned about pharmacological advances in anesthesia and

pain management and the latest advances in the treatment of acute pain and emerging pain management technologies. They also had the opportunity to participate in a hands-on workshop and a review of lessons learned from the terrorist bombings in Madrid, London and Istanbul and the 2004 tsunami in Indonesia.

June Events: SAVE THE DATE

See more events on page 4.

June 1: Strides for Stroke

Jefferson is a sponsor of the 5K run/walk that benefits the Delaware Valley Stroke Council, an organization that works to improve services for and treatments of stroke survivors and their families. Call 215-772-9040 or visit <http://www.phillystroke.org/stridesforstroke.asp> to register.

June 11: Celebration of Life

Jefferson's Kimmel Cancer Center honors the lives and accomplishments of all cancer survivors with music, an art exhibit, health fair and inspirational talks. Keynote speaker: Scott Burton, stand-up comedian, 16-year cancer survivor and author of the memoir, "A Life in the Balance." For information, call 215-955-8370.

Nursing Awards Presented

In May, the following Jefferson staff members received awards:

Janet C. Hindson Award: Clinical Nurse Specialist Patricia Horner, RN, BS, MSN, APRN.

Nursing Excellence Awards: Deborah Reuss, RN (Excellence in Nurse Preceptorship/Mentorship); Cara Staley, RN (Excellence in Nurse Preceptorship/Mentorship & Clinical Nurse Excellence Award); Lesley Stevens, RN, BSN (Excellence in Nurse Preceptorship/Mentorship); Cheryl MacDonald, RN, BSN (Community Service Award); Janette Wheeler, RN, BSN, CCRN (Eileen Kelly Award); Annie Caum, RN, BSN (Clinical Nurse Excellence Award); Lauren Boucher, RN, BSN, CEN (Clinical Nurse Excellence Award); Denise Sutor, RN (Clinical Nurse Excellence Award); Heidi Purvis, RN, MSN (Career Achievement); Carrie Preston, RN, BSN (Rising Star Award); Thomas Sullivan, RN (Rising Star Award).

Thank you to our entire staff of dedicated nursing professionals and congratulations to this year's winners.

Months:

May 1 - 31: Allergy and Asthma Awareness, American Stroke, National Arthritis, Better Hearing and Speech, Better Sleep, Lupus Awareness, National Critical Care Awareness and Recognition, Healthy Vision, Hepatitis Awareness, National High Blood Pressure Education, Huntington's Disease Awareness, Lupus Awareness, National Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention, National Mental Health, World Neurofibromatosis Awareness, Older Americans, Oncology Nursing, National Osteoporosis Awareness and Prevention, National Stroke Awareness, National Trauma Awareness, and Tuberous Sclerosis Awareness month.

June 1 - 30: National Aphasia Awareness, Hernia Awareness and Scleroderma Awareness month.

Weeks:

May 18 - 24: National Emergency Medical Services

June 1 - 7: Dystonia Awareness and National Headache Awareness

June 9 - 13: National Vascular Nursing

June 9 - 15: National Men's Health

June 12 - 19: National Nursing Assistants

June 16 - 20: National Healthcare Risk Management

Days:

May 21: National Employee Health and Fitness
May 28: National Senior Health and Fitness

June 1: National Cancer Survivors

June 27: HIV Testing Day

CONFERENCES/SEMINARS

Tuesday, May 20

• Surgery, GI Conference, Ernest Rosato, MD, 7 a.m., 605 College.

• Women's Health Source, Mary Vergara, RN, MSN, Nursing, "Osteoporosis," noon to 1 p.m., 925 Chestnut, 2nd fl. conference room area. Call 1-800-JEFF-NOW.

Thursday, May 22

• Surgery, Department of Surgery, M & M Conference, 7 a.m., Journal Club, Moderator t/b/a, 8 a.m., and Kris Kaulback, MD, "Trauma Conference," 9 a.m., 605 College.

Tuesday, May 27

• Surgery, Department of Surgery, GI Conference, Gary Rosato, MD, 7 a.m., 605 College.

Wednesday, May 28

• Surgery, Department of Surgery, Surgical Research Seminar - Resident Research Day, noon to 1 p.m., 605 College.

Monday, June 2

• Jefferson Institute of Molecular Medicine, Departments of Dermatology and Cutaneous Biology, and Orthopaedic Surgery, Judy Savige, MD, University of Melbourne at Northern Health, "The Genetics of Inherited Diseases of Renal Basement Membranes," noon, 105/107 BLSB.

LECTURE

Wednesday, June 18

• Orthopaedic Surgery, Robert Sackstein, MD, PhD, Associate Professor of Dermatology and Medicine, Harvard Medical School, Harvard Institutes of Medicine, "Molecular Regulation of Stem Cell Homing: Cure is in Motion," noon to 2 p.m., 101 BLSB. Call Michele at 215-955-5479 to register.

FORUM

Wednesday, June 11

• Health Policy, Barbara J. Connors, DO, MPH, Chief Medical Officer, Region III, The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, "Physician Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI) Update," 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., 218 Curtis. Call 215-955-6969.

GRAND ROUNDS

Wednesday, May 21

• Family and Community Medicine, Adaliz Rivera, MD, PGY3, TJU, "Update on Vulvovaginitis," 8 a.m., 105/107 BLSB.

• Pediatrics, Udayan K. Shah, MD, FAAP, FACS, Medical Director, Nemours/Main Line Health Bryn Mawr, Co-Director, Fellowship in Pediatric Otolaryngology, Attending Surgeon in Otolaryngology, Nemours Children's Clinic, duPont Hospital for Children; Gina Maisto Smith, Esq., Ballard Spahr Andres & Ingersoll, LLP, "Walking the Line: Physician Compliance in Corporate Relationships," 8 a.m., Jimmy Brent Conference Room, 7th fl.

• Methodist Hospital, Medical Grand Rounds, Thomas O. Wilcox, MD, Associate Professor of Otolaryngology, JMC, "Evaluation and Management of Hearing Loss," noon, Morgan Conference Center, Methodist Hospital.

Thursday, May 22

• Medicine, Resident CPC, noon, DePalma.

Friday, May 23

• Neurosurgery, Alan Crookard, MD, topic t/b/a, 7 a.m., DePalma Aud.

Wednesday, May 28

• Family and Community Medicine, Jeremy Close, MD, PGY2, Kevin Scott, MD, PGY2, and Daila Pravs, MD, PGY3, TJU, "Morbidity and Mortality," 8 to 9 a.m., 105/107 BLSB.

• Pediatrics, Departmental Meeting, 8 a.m., Schotland Conference Room, 700 College.

• Methodist Hospital, Medical Grand Rounds, Arthur P. Wheeler, MD, Associate Professor of Medicine, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, "VTE/PE Prophylaxis and Treatment: An Urgent Call to Action for a Common But Preventable Disease," noon, Morgan Conference Center, Methodist Hospital.

Thursday, May 29

• Surgery, Department of Surgery, Templeton Grand Rounds, Andrew Wechsler, MD, Stanley K. Brockman Professor and Chairman, Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery, Drexel University College of Medicine, 7 a.m.; M & M Conference, 8 a.m.; Residents Case Presentations, 9 a.m., 605 College.

• Medicine, "Mortality and Morbidity" Conference, noon, DePalma.

Friday, May 30

• Neurosurgery, Journal Club (Rosenwasser/Pandey/Campbell), "Vascular," 7 a.m., DePalma Aud.

Wednesday, June 4

• Family and Community Medicine, Robert Perkel, MD, Professor, Family and Community Medicine, TJU, "Jeopardy," 8 a.m., Foerderer Aud.

• Methodist Hospital, Medical Grand Rounds, William R. Short, MD, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases, JMC, "Management of HIV/AIDS 2008: State of the Art Treatment," noon, Morgan Conference Center, Methodist Hospital.

Thursday, June 5

• Medicine, Chief Residents, Joanna Kipnes, MD, Mary Kate McCullen, MD and Andrew Rose, MD, noon, DePalma.

Friday, June 6

• Neurosurgery, Jack Jallo, MD, "Fluid Management and Head Injury," 7 a.m., DePalma Aud.

Wednesday, June 11

• Family and Community Medicine, Richard C. Wender, MD, Chairman, Family and Community Medicine, TJU, "Town Meeting," 8 a.m., Foerderer Aud.

Friday, June 13

• Neurosurgery, Sanjay Yadla, MD, "Pathologic Fractures of the Spine," 7 a.m., DePalma Aud.

Wednesday, June 18

• Family and Community Medicine, Richard C. Wender, MD, Chairman, Family and Community Medicine, TJU, "Town Meeting," 8 a.m., Foerderer Aud.

Thursday, June 19

• Orthopaedic Surgery, Robert Sackstein, MD, PhD, Associate Professor of Dermatology and Medicine, Harvard Medical School, Harvard Institutes of Medicine, "GPS

for Human Mesenchymal Stem Cells: The Roadmap for Skeletal Regeneration," 7:15 a.m., 101 BLSB.

Wednesday, June 25

• Family and Community Medicine, Geoffrey Mills, MD, PhD, PGY3 and Kristine Swartz, MD, PGY2, Family and Community Medicine, TJU, "Morbidity and Mortality," 8 to 9 a.m., 105/107 BLSB.

• Methodist Hospital, Medical Grand Rounds, "Asthma," speaker, t/b/a, noon, Morgan Conference Center, Methodist Hospital.

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

Wednesday, May 21

• Pediatrics, Glenn Stryjewski, MD, Associate Pediatric Residency Program Director, JMC/duPont Hospital for Children; Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, JMC, "Pediatric Residency Research," 8 a.m., (from duPont Hospital for Children to Jefferson, AtlantiCare, Christiana Care Health System, AtlantiCare, Bryn Mawr and Lankenau).

Wednesday, May 28

• Pediatrics, Daniel R. Taylor, DO, FAAP, Pediatrician, Director of Community Pediatrics and Child Advocacy, St. Christopher's Hospital for Children; Assistant Professor, Drexel College of Medicine, Drexel University, "Pediatric Advocacy for the New Millennium," 8 a.m., (from duPont Hospital for Children to Jefferson, AtlantiCare, Christiana Care Health System, AtlantiCare, Bryn Mawr and Lankenau).

EDUCATION

Saturday, June 21

• Office of Continuing Medical Education, 28th Annual Advances in Gastroenterology. Speakers: William Brugge, MD and Charles Lightdale, MD, 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Sheraton Atlantic City Convention Center Hotel. Registration is available on-line at <http://jeffline.jefferson.edu/jeffcme>. For more information, contact the Office of CME by May 30, 2008 at 1-888-JEFFCME.

MEETINGS

Thursday, May 22

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

Monday, June 2

• Full Board of Trustees, noon, 636 Scott.

Thursday, June 19

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

Wednesday, May 21

• WXPN Musicians On Call plays for Jefferson patients. Also, Wed., May 28.

Sunday, June 1

• Strides for Stroke, 7:30 a.m. registration, 8:30 a.m. opening ceremony, 9 a.m. 5K run/walk starts, Art Museum Circle and Martin Luther King Drive (aka West River Drive). Register by May 20, fee is \$20; after May 20, fee is \$25. Call 215-772-9040 or visit <http://www.phillystroke.org/stridesforstroke>. asp to register.

Wednesday, June 4

• WXPN Musicians On Call plays for Jefferson patients. Also, Wed., June 11, 18 and 25.

Wednesday, June 11

• Kimmel Cancer Center, 9th Annual "Celebration of Life" event, keynote speaker: Scott Burton, stand-up comedian, 16-year cancer survivor and author of the memoir, "A Life in the Balance," 4 to 7 p.m., BLSB. For information, call 215-955-8370.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Wednesday, May 21

• Christian Bible Study and Prayer Fellowship, 1 to 2 p.m., 302 MOB. Email Annette. Chesson@yahoo.com. Also, Wed., May 28.

Thursday, May 22

• Christian Women Bible Study, Prayer and Fellowship group, 1 to 2 p.m., 302 MOB. Also Thurs., May 29. Call Doretha at 267-231-7463 or email DJohn91@yahoo.com

EVENT RECAPS

Pancreatic Cancer Patients Get Resources

On April 5, Jefferson hosted the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network's Philadelphia symposium in the Dorrance H. Hamilton Building. More than 230 patients, caregivers, family members and friends from the United States and Canada attended the event, which addressed new and experimental treatments, diet and nutrition, innovations in surgery, caregiving and novel approaches to the investigation of pancreatic cancer - the fourth leading cause of cancer death in the United States.

Included among the prestigious speakers from leading institutions were Jefferson's Charles J. Yeo, MD, Samuel D. Gross Professor and Chair of Surgery; Richard G. Pestell, MD, PhD, Professor and Chair, Department of Cancer Biology, Director, Jefferson's Kimmel Cancer Center; Jonathan Brody, PhD, Assistant Professor of Surgery, Division of Surgical Research; and Patricia Sauter, RN, Nurse Practitioner for GI Surgery and Surgical Oncology.

Jefferson Celebrates Black Heritage Month



Dave Super, Medical Media Services

A dance company from Philadelphia High School for Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) performed at Jefferson in February in celebration of Black Heritage Month. Pictured are Damita Williams of Hospital Administration, CAPA Dance Department Director LaDeva Davis and Damita's daughter Kendal, who performed at the event.

Wednesday, June 4

• Christian Bible Study and Prayer Fellowship, 1 to 2 p.m., 302 MOB. Email Annette. Chesson@yahoo.com. Also, Wednesdays, June 11, 18 and 25.

Thursday, June 5

• Christian Women Bible Study, Prayer and Fellowship group, 1 to 2 p.m., 302 MOB. Also Thursdays, June 12, 19 and 26. Call Doretha at 267-231-7463 or email DJohn91@yahoo.com

Friday, June 20

• 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.

SUPPORT GROUP

Monday, May 19

• Kimmel Cancer Center, Jefferson Journaling: A Program for Women Facing Cancer," noon to 1 p.m., G-312 Bodine. Call 215-955-4429 to register.

Tuesday, May 27

• 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

Monday, June 9

• 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, June 19

• Rehabilitation Medicine, Nu-Voice Club of Center City is a Laryngectomy Support Group for laryngectomee patients, family members

and friends, noon to 1:30 p.m., 9490 Gibbon, next to the 9th fl. Chapel. (Group meets the 3rd Thursday of every month except July and Aug.) Call 215-955-2554.

Tuesday, June 24

• 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

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