

## Department of Medicine Targets Standards of Care

The Department of Medicine has initiated Project CARE – Coordinated Approaches Redesign for Excellence. Its goal is to improve the care provided for patients at Jefferson for four key diagnoses, by reducing variations and achieving “best practice” benchmarks consistent with national treatment guidelines. The four diagnoses are acute coronary syndrome, congestive heart failure, atrial fibrillation and community acquired pneumonia.

Co-chaired by Howard Weitz, MD, Vice Chair for Education, Department of Medicine, and Geno

Merli, MD, Vice Chair for Clinical Affairs, Department of Medicine, Project CARE “represents the most important undertaking of the Department of Medicine for this academic year,” according to Arthur Michael Feldman, MD, PhD, the Magee Professor and Chair of the Department of Medicine.

The Bard Group, a Boston-based healthcare consulting firm, and I-TRAX, a Philadelphia-based disease management company, have been brought in to guide the project.

Project CARE will engage all members of the Jefferson community. Multidisciplinary

clinical and operational teams will make recommendations to a Steering Committee, composed of senior faculty and administrative leaders in a number of areas.

The second meeting of the Steering Committee took place on November 6, and a retreat on December 16 and 17 will advance efforts to identify and examine issues that will be critical to the process of change. Regular updates will appear in a Project CARE newsletter, as well as through medical grand rounds and other medical center forums.

## Farbers Receive 2002 Cornerstone Award At Annual President’s Club Dinner



Robert Neroni Photography

From left, Paul C. Brucker, MD, President of Thomas Jefferson University, Vickie and University Trustee Jack Farber, recipients of the 2002 Cornerstone Award, and Douglas J. MacMaster Jr., Esq., Chairman of the Board of Trustees, at the annual President’s Club Dinner in October.

Vickie and Jack Farber were the recipients of the prestigious Cornerstone Award of the Jefferson President’s Club at the annual President’s Club dinner held at The Crystal Tea Room on October 25.

The festivities, attended by nearly 250 people, were hosted by University President Paul C. Brucker, MD, and his wife Joan, to thank major donors to the University and Hospital for their generous support. In addition to awarding the Cornerstone Award to Mr. and Mrs. Farber, Jefferson named 14 donors Fellows of The President’s Club in recognition of cumulative giving of \$50,000 or more. Another 14 benefactors became members of The Winged Ox Society, having contributed \$10,000 or more to Jefferson during the last fiscal year.

### Speakers Enhance Program

As he thanked the assembled donors for their outstanding generosity, Dr. Brucker emphasized the importance of private philanthropy to Jefferson’s future. “It is particularly essential to Jefferson’s expansion plans, including the construction of a new state-of-the-art research and medical education building,” Dr. Brucker told the dinner guests. “This will be a facility where we will train our students to become the most skilled health professionals as well as conduct the basic clinical research that will translate laboratory discoveries into advanced treatments as quickly as possible.”

Dr. Brucker introduced two speakers to the audience, noting that philanthropy’s impact on lives is best demonstrated by firsthand accounts from its beneficiaries. They were Rosemary Boccia, a Jefferson Hospital employee and patient who is a cancer survivor, and Lori Shippy, JMC ’05, who is enrolled in Jefferson’s special admission Physician Shortage Area Program. Ms. Shippy has received the Henry C. Stofman MD Scholarship for the past two years. The Stofman Scholarship honors the late Dr. Stofman, GS’58, a Jefferson physician and faculty member.

### Cornerstone Award Presented

Mr. and Mrs. Farber were honored for their exceptional \$10 million gift this year to establish the Farber Institute for Neurosciences at Thomas Jefferson University. “This extraordinary gift is one of the largest we have

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## Helping Young Children to ‘Reach Out and Read’

What better chance to encourage young children to read than while they and their parents wait to see their pediatrician?

That’s the concept of “Reach Out and Read” – an innovative clinical literacy program that distributes books to preschoolers and provides parents with information, support and materials to encourage daily shared reading activities.

J. Lindsey Lane, MD, Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Jefferson Medical College (JMC), is Medical Director of the Reach Out and Read (ROR) program at duPont Hospital for Children, Jefferson’s Pediatrics Department. Dr. Lane is also Director, Pediatric Undergraduate Medical Education, JMC.

### Dr. Lane cites ROR’s three simple steps:

- Trained volunteers read to children in the waiting room, thus promoting a love of books while modeling read-aloud techniques for parents. Many volunteers are students from all three of Jefferson’s colleges, working through the student group, SEAL, or Students Educating and Advocating for Literacy. Says Stephanie Miller, Jefferson College of Health Professions ’05, SEAL co-coordinator: “Our job is not only to read to the kids, but also to show the parents how to read to their kids, how to make it fun and how to pick books appropriate for their child’s age and reading level. SEAL spreads the word to as many Jefferson students as we can, and then we organize and schedule

student volunteers.”

Ms. Miller says ROR has also formed partnerships with the Philadelphia Free Library, local adult literacy centers and the Foster Grandparents Program, with the latter program also providing reading volunteers (see photo).

- At each checkup, pediatricians, residents and nurse practitioners stress the importance of shared reading activities to enable their children to reach full potential.
- Children between 6 months and 5 years receive new, developmentally appropriate books at each healthy checkup, providing a home library

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### Donate Children’s Books! Give a Child the Gift of Literacy!

The success of the Reach Out and Read program has created a serious need for more children’s books!

SEAL is organizing a year-end book drive. During December, watch for “gift boxes” with SEAL signs at three drop-off points:

- Scott Library lobby
- Jefferson Alumni Hall lobby
- Gibbon Building (site to be determined)

To help with the drive or volunteer as a reader or for other SEAL activities, contact any SEAL co-coordinator – Ms. Miller at [sjm001@jefferson.edu](mailto:sjm001@jefferson.edu) or 570-617-7249, or [Melissa.Moncavage@jefferson.edu](mailto:Melissa.Moncavage@jefferson.edu) or [Lisa.Cole@jefferson.edu](mailto:Lisa.Cole@jefferson.edu)



AstraZeneca Photography

J. Lindsey Lane, MD, Medical Director of Reach Out and Read (ROR) at Jefferson, reads with 3-year-old Alana Moore and ROR volunteer Joanna Schurr of the Foster Grandparents Program. Behind them are Jeffrey L. Brown and Kelly Kress of AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals. AstraZeneca employees have funded the purchase of several thousand new books for the ROR program.

### VITAL SIGNS: OCTOBER 2002

TJUH, Methodist, Geriatric Psychiatry, Jefferson Hospital for Neuroscience

	Budget	Actual	Prior Year
Admissions	3,368	3,521	3,654
Length of Stay	5.85	6.03	5.52
Patient Days	19,713	21,126	19,895
TJUH, Methodist Outpatient Visits	41,229	39,876	43,498

Patient Satisfaction Overall Mean Score (July–Sept) 80.2

## Save the Date Now – Hip Replacement Webcast January 15

Save the date! Thomas Jefferson University Hospital's next live Web broadcast will be at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 15, when Jefferson orthopedic surgeons Richard H. Rothman, MD, PhD, and William J. Hozack, MD, will perform small incision total hip replacement surgery. Visit [www.JeffersonHospital.org/webcast](http://www.JeffersonHospital.org/webcast) today for more information, to download a free copy of RealPlayer and to view replays from our library of prior Webcasts.

## Hospital Intranet Adding Sites, Varied Resources for All Employees

The Jefferson Hospital Intranet – [tjuh.JeffersonHospital.org](http://tjuh.JeffersonHospital.org) – continues to add links to numerous sites, putting a variety of resources just a mouse click away for employees.

The Intranet is an initiative of Thomas Jefferson University Hospital and the Information Systems Department. It facilitates access to information needed by hospital employees and staff, in support of the hospital's mission.

In addition to Hospital and Nursing Policies and Procedures, and the Jefferson Telephone Directory, links most recently added to the site include:

- Jefferson Physician Directory
- Jefferson's United Way Campaign
- Building Jefferson's Future (under the "Admin" tab)
- FirstCALL Healthy Exchange: Employee Assistance Program Newsletter
- HealthStream – Health Education System (HES) (under the "Admin" tab)
- Service Standards
- Jefferson Health System Intranet

Additional links will continue to be added as they become available.

### Holiday Doings

#### Come to University Choir Concert December 6

The Thomas Jefferson University Choir's winter concert will feature seasonal carols and a performance of Joseph Haydn's *Mass in Time of War* with full orchestra. The Thomas Jefferson University Choir consists of students, nurses, physicians, employees, spouses and other members of the Jefferson family.



The free concert Friday, December 6, at 8 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 17th and Sansom Streets, Philadelphia, marks the choir's 33rd season. For more information, call 215-790-5195 or -5194.

#### Women's Board Sponsoring Jewelry Sale December 5 and 6

The Martha Jefferson Department of the Women's Board of Thomas Jefferson University Hospital is sponsoring its annual Jewelry Sale on December 5 and 6 in the West Atrium (11th Street) of the Gibbon Building. Proceeds benefit patient care. Hours each day are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

#### Need a New ID?

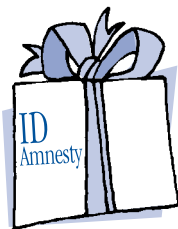
##### In the Holiday Spirit . . . Replace Your ID Free December 9 to 13

The Service Improvement Task Force is sponsoring an ID Amnesty Week when all hospital employees wanting to replace or exchange their ID can have one – free of charge and no questions asked!

Hospital administrators and managers are asked to encourage their staffs to take advantage of this program.

Simply walk into 2210Z of the Gibbon Building between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. from December 9 to 13 – and walk out with a new ID!

Employees having questions should contact Marge Newkirk at 215-955-1621 or [Marge.Newkirk@mail.tju.edu](mailto:Marge.Newkirk@mail.tju.edu)



#### Holiday Stocking Drive to Bring Toys for Kids

Fill a stocking with toys and help the Salvation Army bring a brighter holiday season to hundreds of disadvantaged children through the "Toys for Kids" program. Last year, generous Jeffersonians filled more than 1,000 stockings plus several cartons with toys for local children. The goal this year is 1,500! Pick up stockings at Volunteer Services, 2180 Gibbon Building, 215-955-6222. They must be returned by December 11.

## Weather Emergencies – Know Your Status, Call 1-800-858-8806

It's time again for all of us to get ready for winter cold, snow and ice.

"Although the last few winters have been relatively mild, we must be prepared for whatever may develop," says Brian P. Bowie, Associate Vice President for Human Resources.

- Department Heads will advise all faculty and employees of their status as either "designated" or "nondesignated" personnel.
- Designated personnel are required to report in the event of a declared weather emergency. Absences of designated personnel

during a weather emergency are without pay, but are not charged to an employee's lost-time rate under the attendance policy.

- Nondesignated personnel, while expected to make every effort to report as scheduled, may use a vacation or personal day if transportation or other weather-related problems result in lost time during a weather emergency.
- A toll-free Jefferson hotline, 1-800-858-8806, will provide complete weather-emergency information.
- Students can also obtain weather-

emergency information from the hotline. The dean of each academic division will decide about class cancellation. Scheduled classes for MD and PhD students will take place regardless of weather conditions. All third- and fourth-year medical students are expected to report for their scheduled clinical assignments.

Anyone with questions about the policy may contact the Office of Employee Relations at 215-503-7758.

## Mary Ann McGinley, PhD, RN, Honored with PSNA 2002 Administration-Management Award



Mary Ann McGinley, PhD, RN, Senior Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer, Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, is the

recipient of the Pennsylvania State Nurses Association (PSNA) 2002 Administration-Management Award. Dr. McGinley was presented with the award at the PSNA Awards Banquet, part of the PSNA 99th

Annual Summit, in Harrisburg.

The PSNA award recipients have "rendered distinguished service to the nursing profession and have improved the quality of patient care for Commonwealth citizens."

Dr. McGinley's award citation read, in part:

"A member of the hospital's executive team, Dr. McGinley participates in the formulation of hospital-wide goals and objectives and recently served as a member of the steering committee for a state of the art information system.

As a result, she was able to extend the boundaries in nursing documentation by successfully introducing an online documentation system."

For more information, visit [www.pсна.org](http://www.pсна.org)

### The Jefferson Child Care Center has availability now for children in:

Room	Openings
Older Toddlers	4
Preschoolers	6

Call 215-955-6556 or email [jeffer@brighthorizons.com](mailto:jeffer@brighthorizons.com)

## Transplant Surgeon Joins Jefferson's Program



one of the first women surgeons to

Transplant surgeon Liise Kayler, MD, has joined Thomas Jefferson University Hospital's Department of Surgery. She is

join Jefferson's transplant faculty. Dr. Kayler was also named Assistant Professor of Surgery, Jefferson Medical College.

Dr. Kayler most recently completed a transplant surgery fellowship at the University of Michigan, and before that, a general surgery residency at Maricopa Medical Center in Phoenix, AZ.

Her research interests include gender disparities in renal transplantation, strategies to improve vascular access and outcome studies in liver and pancreas transplantation. She has received awards for her research, and is a member of several transplantation and research societies.

## President's Club Dinner

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ever received. It launches a major research initiative that will lead us to greater success in the treatment of devastating neurodegenerative diseases such as Alzheimer's and ALS," Dr. Brucker said as he introduced the Farbers. "It gives us the resources to make our vision a reality."

Dr. Brucker thanked the Farbers for their philanthropy as well as their longtime service to Jefferson. Mr. Farber is a University trustee and former Board Chairman; Mrs. Farber is a member of the Women's Board of Thomas Jefferson University Hospital.

Douglas J. MacMaster Jr., Esq., Chairman of the University's Board of Trustees, added that the gift "expresses tremendous faith in Jefferson and a confidence in our future that is inspiring." He presented Mr. and Mrs. Farber with the Cornerstone Award Resolution and the traditional silver replica of

Lloyd Lilly's sculpture of Thomas Jefferson.

Mr. MacMaster also acknowledged past Cornerstone Award recipients who were present, including members of the Women's Board of Thomas Jefferson University Hospital (1980); James Stratton, a director of the Percival E. and Ethel Brown Foerderer Foundation (1981 and 1994); Mrs. Gustave G. Amsterdam, widow of Gustave G. Amsterdam, Esq., a Trustee of the University Board, who received the award in 1985; and JMC Alumni Association members (1997).

### Special Donors Recognized

University Trustee James Stratton announced the names of the new Fellows, who received gold-headed physicians' canes symbolizing healing. The new Fellows are: Mrs. Gustave G. Amsterdam; Leonard Apt, MD, JMC '45; Abol H. Fotouhi, MD, JMC '41; Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Frankel; Herbert

Kean, MD; Mrs. Miriam Klein and Mr. Stephen B. Klein; Mr. Leonard I. Korman; Daniel Lieberman, MD; Douglas J. MacMaster Jr., Esq.; Mrs. Katharina T. Paperone; Antonio J. L. Simoes, MD; John E. Stambaugh Jr., MD, JMC '66, PhD, CGS '68; Janet C. Weis; and George G. Willis, MD, JMC '43.

Mr. Stratton also welcomed the following new members of The Winged Ox Society, who received pins in recognition of their generosity: Martha R. Coyne; Dr. and Mrs. Jack W. Fink, JMC '54; William M. and Nadine Gibson; Ben Burke Howell, Esq.; Dale E. Johnston, MD, JMC '79; Henry R. Liss, MD, JMC '48; Edward A. Ricketts, MD, JMC '41; Herbert A. Saltzman, MD, JMC '52; Adele K. Schaeffer; Matthew Vegari, MD, N'87; Mrs. Harold Warshaw (widow of Harold Warshaw, MD, JMC '42); Mr. and Mrs. Harry Weiss; and James J. White IV.



## Medical Liability Insurance Crisis Continuing

Pennsylvania's hospitals continue to struggle with the medical professional liability insurance crisis, according to a member survey conducted by The Hospital & Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania (HAP).

The new HAP survey has found that insurance costs are continuing to rise, critical services are being closed, medical residents are fleeing Pennsylvania and hospitals are having increasing difficulty filling physician openings.

"Pennsylvanians' access to the world's best health care remains very much at risk," says Carolyn F.

Scanlan, HAP President and CEO. "This survey is a snapshot of the crisis as it existed in October. The headlines over the past month tell us that the situation continues to deteriorate."

"The findings of this new survey underscore the gravity of this critical issue," says Thomas J. Lewis, hospital President and CEO.

The HAP survey collected data from 150 hospitals and health systems in Pennsylvania. Among the survey's findings:

- Nearly two-thirds of hospitals report that some physicians are retiring early, curtailing practices or relocating as a result of increasing liability costs.
- One-third of hospitals report closing, temporarily closing, or otherwise limiting the volume of services available due to physicians leaving or because of rising liability insurance costs.
- More than 75 hospital services have been closed over the past 12 months. The most severely impacted specialty services are obstetrics, orthopedics, general surgery and neurosurgery.
- More than half of hospitals report having difficulty recruiting physicians to fill vacant positions because of rising liability insurance costs.
- Nearly two-thirds of medical

teaching programs report that their medical residents are choosing to continue their practices outside Pennsylvania.

- Half of hospitals report that members of their active medical staffs were denied coverage by commercial insurers and were forced to find alternative coverage in the past 12 months.
- The total cost of medical liability insurance coverage for Pennsylvania's hospitals has increased 215 percent over the past 12 months, and 25 percent of hospitals reported premium increases exceeding 300 percent.

"We have made significant progress this year with the enactment of three laws that provide structural changes to the state's insurance and tort systems," Ms. Scanlan said.

"But the job is not finished. Our hospitals and physicians still need short-term financial relief, and we will continue to advocate for reforms that fully protect injured patients' rights to be fully compensated for their economic losses while placing reasonable limits on the excessive noneconomic damage awards that threaten to cripple our healthcare delivery system."

For more information, visit [www.haponline.org](http://www.haponline.org)

### Rendell Names Task Force

Governor-elect Ed Rendell has named a 28-member task force to craft consensus policies to address Pennsylvania's malpractice insurance crisis. He asked the task force to develop ways to meet short-term goals by mid-January and to find long-lasting solutions by mid-May. The task force is made up of doctors, lawyers, hospital administrators and insurance executives, and includes two physicians affiliated with Jefferson Health System member hospitals.

### Reach Out and Read

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of at least 10 new books before they start school.

Adds Ms. Miller: "Through book drives run by SEAL, we obtain many donated, gently-used books for our waiting room volunteers to read and for older children, siblings and children seeing the doctor for a sick visit to take home."

Dr. Lane sums up: "This clinical project establishes a commitment to the importance of family literacy in fostering a child's healthy cognitive development, especially within lower-income urban families.

"By giving out books and concrete advice to parents, we give them the tools to help them spark their child's emerging literacy and better prepare them for school. At the same time, we're involving future healthcare professionals in this important partnership."

For more information about ROR, contact Dr. Lane at [jllane@nemours.org](mailto:jllane@nemours.org) or 215-955-7800.

### To help give the gift of literacy and 'sponsor a child' . . .

A \$30 tax deductible contribution will purchase a library of 10 new, developmentally appropriate books. Contributions should be sent to Reach Out and Read, 833 Chestnut East, 3rd floor.

## Employee Appreciation Day 2002



In recognition of Latin Heritage Month, the Office of Diversity and Minority Affairs (ODAMA) of Jefferson Medical College (JMC), presented the first Latin Heritage Month Celebration for the Jefferson community. Presenting the second in the Distinguished Lecture Series was, second from left, Iris Reyes, MD, Assistant Professor, Department of Emergency Medicine, University of Pennsylvania Medical Center, speaking on "Cultural Competency in Healthcare: The Latino Patient." Joining her for the event were, at left, Edward B. Christian, PhD, Associate Dean for Diversity and Minority Affairs, JMC; Luz Ortiz, MA, Assistant Dean for Diversity and Minority Affairs, JMC; and Aileen Edwards, MS, Assistant Dean for Diversity and Minority Affairs, JMC. ODAMA also sponsored a Latin Heritage Month Cultural Dinner Dance. All Latin Heritage Month events were open to students, faculty, staff and friends.



### Great Ideas at Work

at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital

Cost-savings involve much more than gathering dollars. At Jefferson Hospital, they come from ideas reflecting more efficient ways to do things, teaming up with colleagues to streamline a process and, in some cases, by contributing "your two cents' worth" when you are asked for your expert opinion.

David Reiter, MD, Professor of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, and Associate Medical Director for the hospital, says:

"I'm pleased to share some very impressive success stories about Jefferson Hospital physicians who have identified ways to help the hospital better curb costs. At the same time these 'fiscal heroes' deliver the outstanding care for which Jefferson Hospital is so widely recognized."



**Spotlighting:** Kenneth R. Epstein, MD, MBA, Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine, Jefferson Medical College, and Clinical Director of the hospital's Sickle Cell Program.

Dr. Epstein has effected several changes in the way we provide sickle cell care that have quickly reaped many benefits for both the patients and the hospital. Working with colleagues, he created a Same Day Unit at Jefferson to treat patients in the sickle cell disease program who require treatment for acute painful episodes. These patients would previously have had to either go to the Emergency Department (ED) or stay home untreated. In the Same Day Unit, the patient is evaluated by a nurse practitioner and a hematologist. Patients receive rapid treatment of their pain, allowing a patient to usually go home within several hours.

By providing an outpatient setting for less complicated cases, the hospital has reduced both hospital bed days, thus freeing inpatient beds, and the volume of patients with sickle cell disease coming to our ED.

Not only are patients now receiving direct attention and much more rapid, focused care, they are happier and better served because they don't have to go through ED triage, and they get to know their caregivers.

Originally, we sought an average daily census of 2 in from 9 to 12 months. We achieved that after three months.

Now, the projected benefits to clinical outcomes, medical education, research in sickle cell care and hospital finance are all being realized.

"This unit is a roaring success!" says Dr. Reiter.

Says Dr. Epstein in crediting colleagues: "Our accomplishments are due to a true team effort, involving Steven McKenzie, MD, PhD, Cardeza Director; Sharon Millinghausen, RN, MSN, Hospital Vice President, Medical-Surgery, Psychiatry and Women and Children; Samir Ballas, MD, Sickle Cell Center Director; and Gaye Riddick, MSN, CRNP, BC, Sickle Cell Nurse Practitioner, who have been instrumental in making the unit a positive experience for patients. At JeffCARE, Jay Sial, Chief Operating Officer, and Ellen Reuben, Director of Managed Care Operations, helped us achieve the payer contracts for sickle cell care."

Watch *JeffNEWS* for more **Great Ideas at Work**.

"Holidays are not fun anymore. I exhaust myself in trying to meet everyone's expectations. I get irritable and hard to live with."

Find some way to get perspective and manage your time and priorities. Contact **FirstCALL**, Your Employee Assistance Program - 1-800-382-2377.





## JEFFCALENDAR

**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.**  
**Weeks and Days:**  
**December 1: World AIDS day.**  
**December 25: Christmas Day (Official University Holiday).**  
**December 26 - 31: Kwanzaa is celebrated.**  
**January 1: New Year's Day (Official University Holiday).**

**BROWN BAG LUNCHES**

• Lesbian and gay lunch group for staff, students and other members of the Jefferson community. The meetings will be held every third Wednesday of each month, noon to 1 p.m., 1508 Pavilion. Contact John at JeffGala@aol.com for more information.

**CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS**

**Monday, December 2**  
 • Kimmel Cancer Center, Renato Baserga, MD, PhD, topic to be announced, noon, 101 BLSB.

**Tuesday, December 3**  
 • Clinical Pharmacology, Raman Gopalakrishnan, MD, Einstein Hospital, "Platelet Serotonin Transporter Binding and Their Relationship to Treatment Outcome in Tobacco Smokers," noon, 203 College.

**Wednesday, December 4**  
 • Family Medicine, Edna G. Kynett series, Richard Donner, MD, Associate Professor, Division of Cardiology, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, "Care of the Adult Patient With Congenital Heart Disease," 8 to 9 a.m., light breakfast at 7:30 a.m., 101 BLSB.

**Friday, December 6**  
 • Kimmel Cancer Center, Research in Progress, noon, 107 LSB.

**Monday, December 9**  
 • Kimmel Cancer Center, Bruce Boman, MD, PhD, topic to be announced, noon, 101 BLSB.

**Tuesday, December 10**  
 • Clinical Pharmacology, Neville Ford, MD, PhD, President, Woodfield Clinical Consulting, Clinical Associate Professor, UMDNJ, "Drug Transport and Development," noon, 218 Curtis.

**Friday, December 13**  
 • Kimmel Cancer Center, Research in Progress, noon, 107 BLSB.

**Thursday, December 26**  
 • Surgery, Multidisciplinary Trauma, 7 to 9 a.m., 101 BLSB.

**LECTURE**

**Monday, December 9**  
 • Radiation Oncology, 16th Annual Simon Kramer Lectureship and Memorial Service, Mohammed Mohiuddin, MD, FACP, Professor and Chairman, Radiation Medicine, University of Kentucky, "The Contributions of Simon Kramer and Jefferson to the Evolution of the Management of Rectal Carcinoma," 5:30 p.m., 101 BLSB. For more information, call Stephanie Weekes at 215-955-7876.

**Tuesday, December 10**  
 • Kimmel Cancer Center, Tadaatsu Goto Memorial Lecture, Philip Beachy, PhD, Howard Hughes Medical Institute, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, "Hedgehog Signaling in Development and Disease," 4 p.m., Connelly Conference Hall, 101 BLSB.

**SYMPOSIUM**

**Tuesday, December 3**  
 • Pastoral Care, Spiritual Life and Health Care symposium, Keynote Speaker, Harold G. Koenig, MD, registration 8:30 a.m., McClellan Hall, JMC. For more information, call Connie Baker at 5-6336.

**GRAND ROUNDS**

**Monday, December 2**  
 • Psychiatry and Human Behavior, Edward Kim, MD, Associate Professor, Robert Wood Johnson Medical Center, "Neuropsychiatric Aspects of Traumatic Brain Injury," 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., DePalma.

**Wednesday, December 4**  
 • Kimmel Cancer Center, Hak Choy, MD, Vanderbilt University, "Combined Modality Therapy for NSCLC: Current Options and Future," 8 a.m., G-312, Bodine.

• Pediatrics, Thomas Shaffer, PhD, Professor Emeritus, Physiology and Pediatrics, Temple University School of Medicine; Director, Nemours Research Lung Center, duPont Hospital for Children, "Lung Growth 101 With Perspective on Disease Expression," 8 to 9 a.m., duPont Hospital for Children. (Video teleconference from duPont Hospital for Children to AtlantiCare).

**Thursday, December 5**  
 • Medicine, Jamie Siegel, MD, Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine, Medical Director of the Cardeza Foundation, Director of Hemophilia and Thrombosis Center, JMC, "Hematology Update," 8 to 9 a.m., DePalma.

**Monday, December 9**  
 • Psychiatry and Human Behavior, Susan S. Levine, LCSW, Psychoanalyst, Institute of the Psychoanalytic Center of Philadelphia, "Beauty Treatment: The Aesthetics of the Psychoanalytic Process," 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., DePalma.

**Wednesday, December 11**  
 • Kimmel Cancer Center, Edward Stadtmayer, MD, Hematology/Oncology, University of Pennsylvania, topic to be announced, 8 a.m., G-312 Bodine.

• Pediatrics, N. Carolyn Schanen, MD, PhD, Head, Human Genetics Research Laboratory, Dept. of Research, duPont Hospital for Children, "Advances in Medical Genetics - Rett Syndrome," 8 to 9 a.m., duPont Hospital for Children (Video teleconference from TJU to duPont Hospital for Children).

• Family Medicine, Hospital Service Review, Drs. Perkel/Rosenthal/Chambers/Buchanan/Yeh/Miedel, 8 a.m., 101 BLSB.

**Thursday, December 12**  
 • Medicine, Roger Pomerantz, MD, Professor of Medicine, Biochemistry and Molecular Pharmacology, Chief, Division of Infectious Diseases, Director of the Interdepartmental Center for Human Virology, JMC, "From Bench to Bedside: HIV," 8 to 9 a.m., DePalma.

**Monday, December 16**  
 • Psychiatry and Human Behavior, Clinical Presentation, Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., DePalma.

**Wednesday, December 18**  
 • Kimmel Cancer Center, Mark Kris, MD, Memorial Sloan-Kettering, "Preventing Emesis After Chemotherapy: We Can Do Better," 8 a.m., G-312, Bodine.

• Family Medicine, Michelle Eisenhower, MD, Third-Year Resident, "Implications of Physician Work Hours on Patient Care," 8 a.m., 101 BLSB.

• Pediatrics, Steven Selbst, MD, Director, Pediatric Residency Program; Kathleen Bradford, MD, Associate Director, Pediatric Residency Program, TJU/duPont Hospital for Children, "Holiday Bowl - Medical Jeopardy," 8 to 9 a.m., duPont Hospital for Children.

**Thursday, December 19**  
 • Medicine, Medical Staff Meeting, 8 to 9 a.m., DePalma.

**MEETINGS**

**Monday, December 2**  
 • Full Board of Trustees, noon, 636 Scott.

**Wednesday, December 4**  
 • Kimmel Cancer Center, faculty meeting, 4 p.m., 105 BLSB.

**Wednesday, December 18**  
 • TJUH General Medical Staff, 4 p.m., Mezzanine, McClellan Hall.

**Thursday, December 19**  
 • Thomas Jefferson University Hospitals, Inc. Board, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., 101 BLSB.

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Tuesday, December 3**  
 • JMC Office of Diversity and Minority Affairs (ODAMA), Kwanzaa Celebration, noon to 1:30 p.m., Cafeteria, JAH.

**Thursday, December 5**  
 • Jewelry Sale, sponsored by the Martha Jefferson Dept. of the TJUH Women's Board, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Gibbon Building (11th Street side of Atrium). Also on Friday, Dec. 6.

**Friday, December 6**  
 • TJU Choir and Orchestra 35th Annual Holiday Concert, featuring Joseph Haydn's *Mass in Time of War*, 8 p.m., First Baptist Church, 17th and Sansom Streets. The concert is free and open to the public.

**Tuesday, December 10**  
 • JMC Office of Diversity and Minority Affairs (ODAMA), Chanukah Celebration, noon to 1:30 p.m., Cafeteria, JAH.

**RELIGIOUS SERVICES**

**Wednesday, December 4**  
 • Hospital Christian Fellowship, brown bag, Bible study, 1 to 2 p.m., 302 MOB. Call Hyacinth Williams at 215-474-0864. Also Wednesdays, December 11 and 18.

**Thursday, December 5**  
 • Interfaith Prayer and Meditation Service, noon, Chapel, 9 Gibbon. Anyone from any faith is welcome. During brief service silent prayer is offered from requests written in books placed in the Chapel, Bodine Cancer Center and several other hospital areas. Also Thursdays, December 12, 19 and 26.

**Friday, December 6**  
 • Christian prayer meeting, praise, prayer and Bible reading, non-denominational, noon to 1 p.m., 202 College. Also Fridays, December 13, 20 and 27. Call Theresa at 215-955-4710.

**SUPPORT GROUPS**

• Caregiver support/education, one-time phone consultation with a Jefferson Geriatric Psychiatry Program staff member. For consultation appointment, caregivers of older adults may call 215-928-5084.

**Tuesday, December 3**  
 • Kimmel Cancer Center, "Look Good, Feel Better," a program to help women cope with the appearance-related side effects of cancer treatment, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., 1990 Gibbon. Call 215-955-8370 to register.

**Tuesday, December 10**  
 • The Jefferson Comprehensive Epilepsy Center support group, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., 4130 Gibbon, David S. Glosser, ScD, Clinical Assistant Professor, Director, Neurobehavioral Psychology and James Loughhead, Neuropsychology Intern. Call Eleanor at 5-1111.

**Wednesday, December 11**  
 • Kimmel Cancer Center, Current Topics, a program for people facing cancer, before, during and after treatment, Linda Sailor, PharmD, Investigational Drug Service Pharmacist, TJUH, "How Cancer-Fighting Drugs Are Developed and Approved for Use," noon to 1:30 p.m., 107 BLSB. Registration is required. Call 215-955-8370.

**Thursday, December 12**  
 • Kimmel Cancer Center, Facing Breast Cancer with Information and Support, Joseph Tropea, DO, Medical Oncologist, Clinical Instructor, JMC, "Adjuvant Therapy: What Is It and When Is It Used?" noon to 1:30 p.m., 107 BLSB. Call 215-955-8370 to register.

**Wednesday, December 18**  
 • Kimmel Cancer Center, Man-to-Man, an educational program for men facing prostate cancer, 5:30 to 7 p.m., 139 JAH. For information, call 215-955-8370.

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**For more information on any property listing,** call 5-6479. Telephone numbers do not appear in JeffNEWS real estate ads.

December 1 Apartment for rent: Port Richmond, efficiency, loft apartment with exposed brick wall, new kitchen, bath, hardwood floors, central air/heat, close to Center City and transportation, 1-month security and first month's rent, \$450 a month plus electric.

December 2 House for sale: Fishtown, close to Center City and transportation, 3-story Colonial, brick front, wrought iron gates leading to 2-car driveway, 1-car garage, wood oak flooring in living room, dining room and master bedroom, carpeted family room with French doors, skylight, and vaulted ceiling, large eat-in kitchen with custom Cherrywood cabinets, island, breakfast nook, dishwasher, disposal, bay window with copper pent, ceramic floor, 1 1/2 baths, 1 master, 1 guest bedroom on 2nd floor, dormer bedroom on 3rd floor with view of Center City skyline, security alarm system, newer shingled roofs, central air, gas hot air heater, gel burning fireplace in living room, potential for conversion to gas, basement, washer/dryer, asking \$169,900.

December 3 House for rent: Pennsport area, large, newly renovated, 4 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, new kitchen, full bath, washer/dryer and dishwasher; fresh paint throughout, front porch, backyard, patio, park across street, \$1,200 a month plus utilities.

December 4 Condominium for sale: 12th and Pine Streets, 2-bedrooms, full dining room, full living room, large master bedroom and large second bedroom, perfect for home office and guest room, new bathroom, parquet floors and spiral staircase, sunny with lots of windows, community roof deck, basement storage, beautiful and safe block with many restaurants and galleries, \$205,000. For sale by owner.

December 5 Room for rent: Graduate Hospital area, 1 furnished bedroom, private bath, sitting room and TV, use of laundry facilities, use of new kitchen, \$575 a month, includes all utilities.

Property wanted: House in any condition, Bucks County, PA, or Burlington County, NJ area, will pay \$\$\$ or terms to satisfy. Call Louis or Terry at 856-424-8255.

Office rental: Office space available, Jefferson Building, 1015 Chestnut Street, full-time or part-time, newly renovated office, 2 large exam rooms. Call Pam at 3-2700.

Office rental: Office space available in New Jersey, newly renovated, 3 miles from Ben Franklin Bridge. Call Dr. Arena at 856-665-3111.

**To place an ad to buy or sell personal items,** send written copy and a photocopy of your Jefferson ID to Editor, 125 S. 9th Street, Suite 505. Please include your Jefferson extension and area code for home number. (Please do not abbreviate copy.)

For sale: 1998 Chrysler Cirrus, gold, 4-door sedan with power windows, locks, steering and power driver's seat, V6, 59,000 miles, AC, leather, 6-disc CD changer, tape deck, ABS, new brake pads and rotors, alarm system, \$8,400 or best offer. Call Jen at 215-922-2079.

For sale: 1995 Ford Winstar, white, 7 passenger, extended length minivan, cruise, tilt wheel, front and back air, front and back stereo sound, cassette player, tinted windshield glass, \$3,000; 1994 Mercury Sable, 4-door, white, cruise, tilt wheel, cassette, air, clean and comfortable, new brakes, \$2,000. Call Stephanie at 215-625-2626 to schedule time to see items in Center City or email stephaniecostello@yahoo.com

For sale: 1989 Crown Victoria station wagon, low mileage, great condition, asking for book value, \$1,600 or best offer. Call Ms. Hairston at 267-625-5511.

For sale: 2 white chaise lounges with reclining backrest, \$12 each or \$20 for both; refrigerator, used 1 1/2 years, almond, frost free, ice maker, perfect condition, \$800 new, price negotiable; washer, used 1 1/2 years, white, lots of cycles/options, \$400 new, price negotiable; electric dryer, white, good condition, \$75; spinet piano with bench, mahogany, been in the family since the '50s, bench needs refinishing, good sound, \$500 or best offer; 2 saddles and riding gear, English for riding or jumping, brown leather with suede knee patch, leather girth included, \$100, Western, hand tolled, custom-made in Texas, light brown leather, suede seat, very comfortable to sit, girths with sheeps wool lining included, straps, new \$1,200, asking \$600; leather chest straps, reins, bits, nylon halter, prices negotiable. Call Stephanie at 215-625-2626 to schedule time to see items in Center City or email stephaniecostello@yahoo.com

For sale: Complete oak wood child's bedroom set, includes bunk beds, bookcase, bureau, desk, desk chair, hutch, all bedspreads and assorted sheets, purchased at Karl's for \$3,000, asking \$1,000. Call Tracy at 215-567-8492.

Wanted: Ride needed to Jefferson from Swarthmore, January 27 through February 27, Monday to Friday, arrive at Jefferson, 8:30 a.m. Will share expenses. Call Louise at 215-955-0856.

**Hospital Launching Web-based Purchasing System**

Thomas Jefferson University Hospital will implement a web-based system enabling departments to purchase supplies and services electronically. OmniBuyer will be easily accessed through the web browser of any PC and will completely automate the Request To Purchase (RTP) process, says Ellis Reeder, Director, Supply Chain Optimization, 1890 Gibbon. For more information, contact Mr. Reeder at **215-955-2460**.

**Tips for Safe Winter Driving**

Winter is here! Safely prepare for winter driving by making sure your car battery is in good working order. Gas up frequently, keep a shovel, a traction mat and a bag of sand or kitty litter in the car along with a flashlight, flares, a warm blanket and snacks. And, of course, be sure to buckle-up and remind your passengers to do so as well.

**Hospital Provides Wigs for Hair Loss**

Thomas Jefferson University Hospital provides wigs for individuals who have hair loss because of cancer treatment, and for financial reasons are unable to purchase one on their own.

For more information, call **215-955-8370** or **1-800-JEFF-NOW**.

*Wednesday, December 25, Christmas Day, and January 1, New Year's Day, are Official University Holidays.*

**Happy Holidays!**

**Progesterone Therapy Study for Women with Seizures**

Jefferson Comprehensive Epilepsy Center at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital is conducting a six-month NIH-sponsored research study to determine if natural progesterone supplementation will improve seizure control.

The Center is looking for women, ages 13 to 45, who are not pregnant and who have not taken antidepressant medications, major tranquilizers or reproductive hormones during the past three months.

If you have two or more seizures a month for the past three months and a regular menstrual cycle, please call Sevie Shuman, Research Coordinator at **215-955-4668**, or **1-800-JEFF-NOW**.

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