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Self-Reported News from the School of Medicine Community

Events, Lectures

Kudos to our colleagues who are experts in their fields and give their all to represent the School of Medicine!

▶ Woei-Nan Bair, MS, PhD, Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science, gave a platform presentation entitled "Gait Transition Adaptations Are Impaired In Community-Dwelling Elderly Fallers" at the American Physical Therapy Association's Combined Sections Meeting, held in Las Vegas, NV, in February.



Haney Mallemat, MD and Michael Bond, MD

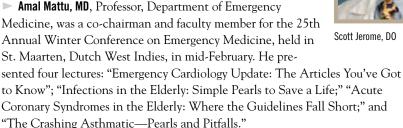
- Michael Bond, MD, Associate Professor; Michael Winters, MD, Associate Professor; Haney Mallemat, MD, Assistant Professor; and Robert Rogers, MD, Associate Professor, all from the Department of Emergency Medicine, were invited faculty members for the Rocky Mountain Winter Conference on Emergency Medicine, held in Copper Mountain, CO, in late February. The conference is presented through the collaboration of eight medical centers from across in the country, including the University of Maryland.
- ► Chris D'Adamo, PhD, Assistant Professor, Family & Community Medicine, and Director of Research, Center for Integrative Medicine, will be leading a symposium entitled "S11-Community-Based Integrative Medicine Research:

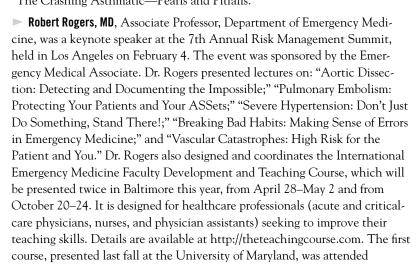
The Challenge of Creating and Evaluating Effective Interventions for Urban Youth" on Wednesday, May 14, at the 2014 International Research Congress on Integrative Medicine and Health in Miami, FL. Brian Berman, MD, Professor, Family & Community Medicine, and Director, Center for Integrative Medicine, will serve on the panel of international experts for this symposium.

Scott Jerome, DO, Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine, presented three abstracts at the annual meeting of the American College of Cardiology in Washington, DC: "How Do Non-Invasive Imaging Facilities Perceive the Accreditation Process? Results of an Intersocietal Accreditation Commis-

& Workshops

sion (IAC) Survey" on March 29; "Accreditation Is Perceived to Improve the Quality of Vascular Testing Facilities: Results of an Intersocietal Accreditation Commission (IAC) Survey" on March 30th; and "Radiation Dosimetry for Myocardial Perfusion Imaging Protocols in Current Practice: Mechanisms to Meet Exposure Limits" on March 31.







EVENTS, LECTURES & WORKSHOPS continued

by emergency medicine practitioners from Australia, Turkey, Chile, Sweden, Slovenia, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, and across the United States. It had an impressive international social media presence through the live streaming of lectures, including 2.2 million "impressions" (number of tweets x number of followers) on Twitter.



Henry Silverman, MD, MA

- Henry Silverman, MD, MA, Professor; Robert Edelman, MD, Clinical Professor; and Myaing Nyunt, MD, PhD, MPH, Assistant Professor, all from the Department of Medicine, presented a two-day workshop on "Research Ethics and IRB Practice and Function" to members of the Myanmar Defense Services Medical Research Centre and the Department of Medical Research, Ministry of Health, in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar on January 26–27. They also held a three-day workshop on "Medical Ethics and Professionalism" for selected medical students and faculty of the Universities of Medicine I and II, in Yangon, Myanmar on January 28–30.
- Mohan Suntharalingam, MD, Professor, Department of Radiation Oncology, reported on "The Initial Report of RTOG 0436: A Phase III Trial Evaluating the Addition of Cetuximab to Paclitaxel, Cisplatin, and Radiation for Patients with Esophageal Cancer Treated Without Surgery" at the 2014 Gastrointestinal Cancers Symposium, held in San Francisco in January.
- Andrea Tenner, MD, Assistant Professor, Department of Emergency Medicine, accompanied UMB Assistant Vice President for Research and Global Health Initiatives, Marjorie Forster, to Nigeria as the representative for the School of Medicine, to meet with the administration of the University of Nigeria, Nsukka (UNN). UMB has an MOU to collaborate with UNN, and they are very interested in developing emergency care and starting an EM residency. Dr. Tenner gave a lecture on "When Seconds Count: Emergency Medicine and Acute Care Systems" to over 200 people and did a training for approximately 50 people on the fundamentals of triage and the emergency medicine primary survey, at their request. Both were very well received and, after the training, Dr. Tenner was asked to help develop a proposal to start an emergency medicine residency at UNN, which they are currently in the process of doing.
- ► Chris Wells, PT, PhD, Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science, gave a platform presentation entitled

- "Association Between Quadriceps Strength and Sit-to-Stand Function In Individuals Receiving Prolonged Mechanical Ventilation" at the American Physical Therapy Association's Combined Sections Meeting, held in Las Vegas, NV, in February. The abstract from her presentation was also published in the Cardiopulmonary Physical Therapy Journal, 2013 Dec;24(4):39-40.
- Ruixin Zhang, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Family & Community Medicine and Center for Integrative Medicine, will present "Transient Receptor Potential Cation Channels and Cytokines Are Involved in Topical Long-Teng-Tong-Luo Gel Inhibition of Bone Cancer Pain" at the 2014 International Research Congress on Integrative Medicine and Health in Miami, FL from May 13–16.
- **David Zimrin, MD**, Associate Professor, Department of Medicine, presented at the annual meeting of the American College of Cardiology in Washington, DC, on March 31, in a Scientific Session entitled "Hybrid Revascularization."



A job well done to all who have kept us in the media spotlight!

- ▶ Michelle Pearce, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Family and Community Medicine and Center for Integrative Medicine, has been chosen as the early career psychologist to be highlighted in the "Member Spotlights" section of an upcoming issue of the newsletter American Psychological Association, Division 38, Early Career Psychologists.
- ▶ **Jill Whitall, PhD**, Professor, Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science, was featured in *The Baltimore Business Journal* on March 5 in an article discussing how video game technology is being used to improve physical therapy techniques.

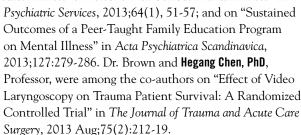


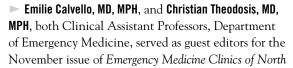
Michelle Pearce, PhD

PUBLICATIONS

Hats off to those who have been published!

- ► Gad Alon, PT, PhD, Associate Professor Emeritus, Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science, was the author of "Functional Electrical Stimulation (FES): Transforming Clinical Trials to Neuro-Rehabilitation Clinical Practice—A Forward Perspective" in the Journal of Novel Physiotherapies, 2013;3(5):1-9. He was also lead author on "Comparing Four Electrical Stimulators With Different Pulse Properties and Their Effect on the Discomfort and Elicited Dorsiflexion" in the International Journal of Physiotherapy and Research, 2013;1(4):122-29.
- Maureen Black, PhD, Professor, Department of Pediatrics, edited a spe-





- cial issue of the Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences entitled "Every Child's Potential: Integrating Nutrition and Early Childhood Development Interventions." The issue was launched at UNICEF in New York City on February 6. It included 20 papers, two on which Dr. Black was an author: "Promoting Equity Through Integrated Early Child Development and Nutrition Interventions" and "Integrating Nutrition and Early Child Development Interventions Among Infants and Preschoolers in Rural India." The issue is available on the web at http://www.nyas.org/publications/annals/ default.aspx.
- ▶ Clayton Brown, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, was among co-authors on "A Model of Internalized Stigma and Its Effects on People with Mental Illness" in Psychiatric Services, 2014 Mar;64(3):264-69; on "Living Well: An Intervention to Improve Self-Management of Medical Illness for Persons with Serious Mental Illness" in



(L-R): Andrea Tenner, MD. Christian Theodosis, MD, MPH and Emilie Calvello, MD, MPH

America. The topic of the issue was dangerous fevers in the emergency department. Chapters were contributed by Jennifer Reifel Saltzberg, MD, Assistant Professor (Fever and Signs of Shock); Andrea Tenner, MD, Assistant Professor (Endocrine Causes of Dangerous Fever); and Bryan Hayes, Pharm D, Clinical Assistant Professor, Joe Martinez, MD, Assistant Professor, and Fermin Barrueto, Jr, MD, Clinical Associate Professor (Drug-Induced Hyperthermic Syndromes). The foreword for the issue was written by **Amal Mattu**, **MD**, Professor, who is senior consulting editor for the journal.

- France Carrier, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Radiation Oncology, was among the co-authors on "VorinostatSAHA Promotes Hyper-Radiosensitivity In Wild Type p53 Human Glioblastoma Cells" in JSM Clinical Oncology and Research, 2014 Jan 15 [Epub ahead of print].
- ► Timm Dickfeld, MD, PhD, Associate Professor; Ayman Hussein, MD, Fellow; Vincent See, MD, Assistant Professor; Anastasios Saliaris, MD, Assistant Professor; and Stephen Shorofsky, MD, Professor, all from the Department of Medicine, were among the co-authors on "Safety of Computed Tomography Imaging in Patients with Cardiac Rhythm Management Devices:

Assessment of the FDA Advisory in Real-world Practice" in the Journal of the American College of Cardiology, 2014 Feb 14 [Epub ahead of print].

► Samer El-Kamary, MD, MPH, Associate Professor, Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, was among the co-authors on "Incidence of Hepatitis C Virus Infection Among Egyptian Healthcare Workers at High Risk of infection" in the Journal of Clinical Virology, 2013;57(1):24-28. He was also among the co-authors on "Safety and Immunogenicity of IMVAMUNE® Smallpox Vaccine Using Different Strategies for a Post Event Scenario" in Vaccine, 2013 Jun 24;31(29):3025-3033. He and Clayton Brown, PhD, Associate Professor; Laura Hungerford, DVM, MPH, PhD, Professor; and William Blattner, MD, Professor, all also from the Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, were among co-authors on "Prevalence of Non-Tuberculous Mycobacterial Infections Among Tuberculosis Suspects in



France Carrier, PhD

Samer El-Kamary, MD, MPH

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were among the co-authors on "Mycobacterial Etiology of Pulmonary Tuberculosis and Association with HIV Infection and Multi-Drug Resistance in Northern Nigeria" in *Tuberculosis Research and Treatment*, Volume 2013.

- Larry Forrester, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science, was the lead author on "Modular Ankle Robotics Training in Early Subacute Stroke: A Randomized Controlled Pilot Study" in Neurorehabilitation & Neural Repair, 2014 Feb 10 [Epub ahead of print].
- Professor; and Mariola Sadowska, PhD, Research Associate, all from the Department of Medicine, were among the co-authors on "Down-Regulation of eIF4GII By miR-520c-3p Represses Diffuse Large B Cell Lymphoma Development" in *PLoS Genetics*, 2014 Jan 30;10(1):e1004105. This work is highly innovative in that it is the first demonstration of eIF4GII, a crucial component of the cap-dependent translation regulation complex being implicated in a human malignancy.



Ann Gruber-Baldini, PhD

Ann Gruber-Baldini, PhD, Professor, Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, was among the co-authors on "Comparison of Caregiver Strain in Parkinson's Disease Between Yamagata, Japan, and Maryland, The United States" in *Parkinsonism and Related Disorders*, 2013 Jun;19(6):628-633. She was also among the co-authors on "Quality of Hospice Care for Individuals With Dementia" in the *Journal of American Geriatric Society*, 2013 Jul;61(7):1060-1065; and she and Denise Orwig, PhD, Associate Professor; Jay Magaziner, PhD, MSHyg, Professor and Chair; Michael Terrin, MDCM, MPH, Professor; Jessica Brown, PhD, Assistant Professor; and J. Richard Hebel, PhD, Professor, all also from the Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, were among the co-

authors on "Delirium Outcomes in a Randomized Trial of Blood Transfusion Thresholds in Hospitalized Older Adults With Hip Fracture" in the *Journal of American Geriatric Society*, 2013 Aug;61(8):1286-1295.

Susie Hong-Zohlman, MD, Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine, was among the co-authors on "Atherosclerotic Biomarkers and Aortic Atherosclerosis by Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance Imaging in the

Framingham Heart Study" in the *Journal of the American Heart Association*, 2013 Nov 15;2(6):e000307. She was also among the co-authors on "Compressed Sensing Reconstruction for Undersampled Breath-Hold Radial Cine Imaging with Auxiliary Free-Breathing Data" in the *Journal of Magnetic Resonance Imaging*, 2014 Jan;39(1):179-88.

- ➤ **Scott Jerome, D0**, Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine, was among the co-authors on "Patient-Centered Imaging: Shared Decision Making for Cardiac Imaging Procedures With Exposure to Ionizing Radiation" in the *Journal of the American College of Cardiology*, 2014 Jan 31 [Epub ahead of print].
- Judy LaKind, PhD, Adjunct Associate Professor, Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, was a co-author on "Bisphenol A and Indicators of Obesity, Glucose Metabolism/Type 2 Diabetes and Cardiovascular Disease: A Systematic Review of Epidemiologic Research" in *Critical Reviews in Toxicology*, 2014 Feb;44(2):121-150; on "Do Phthalates Act as Obesogens in Humans? A Systematic Review of the Epidemiological Literature" in *Critical Reviews in Toxicology*, 2014, Feb;44(2):151-175; on "Cancer Cluster Investigations: Review of the Past and Proposals for the Future" in the *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 2014 Jan 28;11(2):1479-1499; and on "Environmental Chemicals in Breast Milk" in the *Earth Systems and Environmental Sciences Reference Module*, an online reference database from Elsevier.



Linda Lewin, MD

Linda Lewin, MD, Associate Professor, and Carol Carraccio, MD, Adjunct Professor, both from the Department of Pediatrics, along with Sandy Dolan, MA, PhD, Director of Academic Development in the Office of Medical Education, authored "The

Patient Presentation Rating Tool for Oral Case Presentations" on the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) website's MedEd Portal on January 10.

► Erik Lillehoj, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of

Pediatrics, was among the co-authors on "Relative Disease Susceptibility and Clostridial Toxin Antibody Responses in Three Commercial Broiler Lines Co-Infected with Clostridium



Erik Lillehoj, PhD

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Perfringens and Eimeria Maxima Using an Experimental Model of Necrotic Enteritis" in Avian Diseases, 2013 Sept;57(3):684-687.

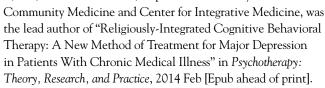
- ► Thomas Macvittie, PhD, Professor, and Wanchang Cui, PhD, Research Associate, both from the Department of Radiation Oncology, were among the co-authors on "NRF2-Mediated Notch Pathway Activation Enhances Hematopoietic Reconstitution Following Myelosuppressive Radiation" in the Journal of Clinical Investigation, 2014 Feb 3;124(2):730-741.
- ▶ Minesh Mehta, MB, ChB, Professor, Department of Radiation Oncology, was among the co-authors on "Dose-Limiting Toxicity After Hypofractionated Dose-Escalated Radiotherapy in Non-Small Cell Lung



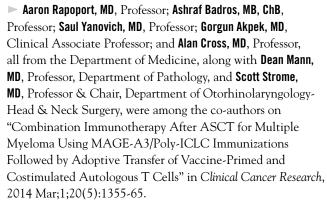
Thomas Macvittie, PhD

Cancer" in the Journal of Clinical Oncology, 2013;31:4343-48; "Reirradiation for Locoregionally Recurrent Lung Cancer: Outcomes in Small Cell and Non-Small Cell Lung Carcinoma" in the American Journal of Clinical Oncology, 2014 Feb;37(1):70-76; "Effect of the Addition of Chemotherapy to Radiotherapy on Cognitive Function in Patients with Low-Grade Glioma: Secondary Analysis of RTOG 98-02" in the Journal of Clinical Oncology, 2014 Feb 20;32(6):535-41; and of "Phase I/II Study of Erlotinib and Temsirolimus for Patients With Recurrent Malignant Gliomas: North American Brain Tumor Consortium trial 04-02" in Neuro-Oncology, 2014 Jan 26 [Epub ahead of print].

▶ Michelle Pearce, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Family and



► Charlene Quinn, PhD, Professor, Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, was among the co-authors on "Mobile Health Technology Evaluation: The mHealth Evidence Workshop" in The American Journal of Preventive Medicine, 2013 Aug;45(2):228-36.





Aaron Rapoport, MD

- ► Jacques Ravel, PhD, Professor, Department of Microbiology & Immunology, and Associate Director of Genomics: Rebecca Brotman, PhD, MPH, Assistant Professor, Department of Epidemiology & Public Health; and Pawel Gaier, PhD. Research Associate; Bing MA, PhD, Postdoctoral Fellow; Melissa Nandy, RN, CCRC, CPM, Clinical Research Specialist; and Li Fu, Lab Research Assistant, all from the Institute for Genome Sciences, were among the co-authors on "Daily Temporal Dynamics of Vaginal Microbiota Before, During and After Episodes of Bacterial Vaginosis" in Microbiome, 2013 Dec, 1(1):29.
- Mary-Claire Roghmann, MD, MS, Professor, and O. Colin Stine, **PhD**, Professor, both of the Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, were among the co-authors on "Molecular Epidemiology of Staphyloccocus aureus Colonization in the Old Order of Amish of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, USA" in Epidemiological Infection, 2013 Nov 11:1-5 [Epub ahead of print]. Dr. Stine was also among the co-authors on "Differential Abundance Analysis for Microbial Marker-Gene Surveys" in Nature Methods, 2013 Sep 29, and on "Vibrio cholerae O1 El Tor and O139 Bengal Strains Carrying ctxB(ET), Bangladesh" in Emerging Infectious Diseases, 2013 Oct;19(10):1713-5. He and Larry Magder, PhD, Professor, were among the co-authors on "Survey of Culture, Goldengate



Mary-Claire Roghmann, MD. MS

Assay, Universal Biosensor Assay, and 16S rRNA Gene Sequencing as Alternative Methods of Bacterial Pathogen Detection" in the Journal of Clinical Microbiology, 2013 Oct;51(10):3263-9.

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- Ann Rositch, PhD, MSPH, Assistant Professor, Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, was among the co-authors on "Risk of HIV Acquisition Among Circumcised and Uncircumcised Young Men with Penile HPV Infection" in AIDS, 2013 Oct 19 [Epub ahead of print], and on "Individual and Partner Risk Factors Associated with Abnormal Cervical Cytology Among Women in HIV-Discordant Relationships" in the International Journal of STD and AIDS, 2013 Oct 7 [Epub ahead of print].
- ▶ Terez Shea-Donoghue, PhD, Professor, and Aiping Zhao, PhD, Associate Professor, both from the Department of Radiation Oncology, were among the co-authors on "Role of Macrophages in the Altered Epithelial Function During a Type 2 Immune Response Induced by Enteric Nematode Infection" in *PLoS One*, 2014 Jan 23;9(1):e84763.



Mohan Suntharalingam, MD



Zeljko Vujaskovic, MD, PhD

- Mohan Suntharalingam, MD, Professor, Department of Radiation Oncology, was among the co-authors on "The Benefit of Chemotherapy in Esophageal Cancer Patients With Residual Disease After Trimodality Therapy" in the American Journal of Clinical Oncology, 2014 Jan 30 [Epub ahead of print].
- PhD, Administrative Director; Lisa Sadzewicz Deshong, PhD, Administrative Director; and Garry Myers, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology & Immunology, all from the Institute for Genome Sciences, and Claire Fraser, PhD, Professor, Departments of Medicine, Microbiology & Immunology, and Director, Institute for Genome Sciences, were among the co-authors on "Genetic Variation in vitro and in vivo of an Attenuated Lassa Vaccine Candidate" in the Journal of Virology, 2014 Mar;88(6):3058-66.
- ► Zeljko Vujaskovic, MD, PhD, Professor, Department of Radiation Oncology, was among the co-authors on "A Pilot Clinical Trial of Intravesical Mitomycin-C and External Deep Pelvic Hyperthermia for Non-Muscle Invasive Bladder Cancer" in the *International Journal of Hyperthermia*, 2014 Feb 3 [Epub ahead of print]. He was also among the co-authors on "Components of a Hyperthermia Clinic: Recommendations for Staffing, Equipment, and Treatment Monitoring" in the *International Journal of Hyperthermia*, 2014 Feb;30(1):1-5.

▶ Jill Whitall, PhD, Professor, Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science, was among the co-authors on "Auditory-Motor Integration of Subliminal Phase Shifts in Tapping: Better Than Auditory Discrimination Would Predict" in Experimental Brain Research, 2014 Jan 22 [Epub ahead of print].



Congratulations to the following who have received honors!

- ▶ Mordecai Blaustein, MD, Professor, Department of Physiology, will receive the American Physiological Society's (APS) 2014 Annual Reviews Award for Scientific Reviews at the Experimental Biology Meeting on April 29 in San Diego, CA.
- ► Michelle Pearce, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Family and Community Medicine and Center for Integrative Medicine, recently became Board Certified in Coaching, with a specialty distinction in Health and Wellness.
- Mikulas Popovic, MD, PhD, Adjunct Professor, Institute of Human Virology and Department of Medicine, received the Czech Republic's most prestigious scientific award from a private, non-profit organization, "Ceska Hlava," in close collaboration with the government of the Czech Republic, during a ceremony on November 17, 2013 in Prague. The Ceska Hlava honor is given to scientists who are, or were, a citizen of the former Czechoslovakia, or Czech Republic, and have made a significant contribution to science abroad. Dr. Popovic was honored with the Ceska Hlava Award for his major contributions to the field of human retrovirology and his contributions to the development of the HIV blood test.



Mikulas Popovic, MD, PhD

▶ Mohammad Sajadi, MD, Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine, has received a 2014 Passano Foundation Clinician-Investigator Award. Dr. Sajadi was one of three researchers selected for this award, which promotes research career development.

GRANTS &

Congratulations to our very productive faculty on their recent grants and contracts!



Robert Bloch, PhD

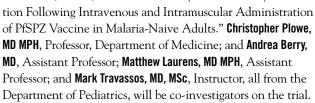
- **Robert Bloch, PhD**, Professor, Department of Physiology, received a one-year \$250,000 contract from the Jain Foundation for "Analyzing the Role of Dysferlin in Skeletal Muscle in Vitro and in Vivo."
- ► Anthony Harris, MD, MPH, Professor, Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, received a five-year, \$880,563 competitive renewal of a K24 grant from NIH for "Clinical Research in Antimicrobial Resistance and Hospital Epidemiology."
- ► **Suma Hoffman, MD**, Assistant Professor, and her mentor Rose Viscardi, MD, Professor, both from the Department of Pediatrics, received a twoyear, \$154,000 Mentored Clinical & Population

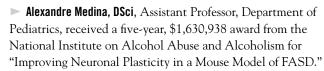


Anthony Harris, MD, MPH

Research Award from the American Heart Association for "Evaluating Hemodynamic Status In the Critically Ill Neonate Using Near-Infrared Spectroscopy."

► Kirsten Lyke, MD, Associate Professor, Department of Medicine and Center for Vaccine Development, received a 15-month, \$998,220 award from the EMMES Corporation for a collaborative study with the Vaccine Research Center of the NIH for "A Phase 1, Open-Label Clinical Trial With Experimental Controlled Human Malaria Infection (CHMI) To Evaluate Safety and Durability of Protec-







Alexandre Medina, DSci

CONTRACTS

- Daniel Morgan, MD, Assistant Professor, Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, received a four-year, \$933,590 Merit award from the VA for "Comparative Safety and Effectiveness of Isolation in VHA Community Living Centers."
- ▶ Denise Orwig, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, received a \$24,105 subcontract from Washington University for "Combining Testosterone Therapy and Exercise to Improve Function Post Hip Fracture."
- ► Glenn Ostir, PhD, Professor, Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, received a one-year, \$282,051 R01 grant from NIH for "Psychological Well Being and Recovery Among Older Hospitalized Adults."



Mohammad Sajadi, MD

► Mohammad Sajadi, MD, Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine,

Denise Orwig, PhD

- received a four-year, \$649,893 VA Merit Review Award for "Discovery of Acidic Epitopes for HIV-1 Broadly Neutralizing Seroantibodies"
- ► **Kerri Thom, MD**, Assistant Professor, Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, was awarded a \$996,839 grant from the CDC for "Post-Antibiotic Prescription Review By Day 3 (PAR-3): A Multi-Site Study to Evaluate Impact on Antibiotic Use and Resistance."
- ► The Department of Pediatrics received a Year One Grant Award for \$195,000 from the State of Maryland Community Health Resources Commission (CHRC) for their proposal to reduce rates of childhood obesity by engaging three public schools in the Promise Heights neighborhood of West Baltimore. Grant funding will be utilized to support efforts to promote adoption of healthy lifestyle choices and increase physical activity, including the development of home and school environments that support those healthy choices. A secondary goal of the program is to develop an interprofessional pediatric obesity prevention training program for future leaders in medicine, nursing, and social work. CHRC grant funding will support the salary costs for a full-time program manager, partial clinical coordinator, research assistant, and minimal funding for Community School Coordinators.

APPOINTMENTS



We applaud our colleagues on their recent appointments!

- ▶ Vasken Dilsizian, MD, Professor, Department of Diagnostic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine, has been selected to serve as the Nuclear Cardiologist for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Advisory Committee on the Medical Uses of Isotopes (ACMUI) for a four-year term, starting March 1. The Committee provides advice, as requested by the Director, Division of Materials Safety and State Agreements (MSSA), Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs (FSME), on policy and technical issues that arise in regulating the medical use of byproduct material for diagnosis and therapy.
- Pichard Eckert, PhD, the John F. B. Weaver Distinguished Professor and Chair, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, has been elected as President of the Association for Medical and Graduate Biochemistry Departments (AMGDB) for 2014–2015. This organization represents more than 210 Departments of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at graduate and medical schools in North America, Central America and the Caribbean. The AMGDB focuses on issues related to fundamental and biomedical science, health research, science policy and education. Dr. Eckert was also appointed to chair the Council of Faculty and Academic Societies Advocacy Task Force Committee of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC). This group is tasked with formulating and helping guide AAMC policies on a host of medical school-relevant issues.
- Professor, Department of Medicine, was elected as a Fellow of the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) Academy Class of 2014. The AACR Academy serves to recognize and honor distinguished scientists whose major scientific contributions have propelled significant innovation and progress against cancer. The Academy represents a separate entity within the American Association for Cancer Research and does not constitute an additional membership category. All members of the Academy are designated as Fellows of the AACR Academy and are nominated and elected through a rigorous peer-review process involving current Fellows, which evaluates individuals on the basis of their stellar scientific achievements in cancer research. Only individuals who have made exceptional contributions to cancer and/or cancer-related biomedical sciences are eligible for election as Fellow of the AACR Academy.
- Robert Rogers, MD, Associate Professor, and Emilie J.B. Calvello, MD, MPH, Assistant Professor, both from the Department of Emergency Medicine, have been appointed as Extraordinary Associate Professor and Extraordinary Senior Lecturer, respectively, in the Division of Emergency Medicine at Stellenbosch University in Cape Town, South Africa. These appointments recognize the contributions that Dr. Rogers and Dr. Calvello have made, and will continue to make, toward the education of emergency physicians in South Africa and the development of the specialty in that country.

Research Communications Network

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Medicine: Brigitte Pocta

Emergency Medicine: Linda Kesselring Epidemiology & Preventive Medicine: Yimei Wu

Family & Community Medicine: Karen Webster

Medical & Research Technology Cynthia Stambach

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