PHYSICIAN ACHIEVEMENTS

The New Jersey Shore
Dear Colleagues:

It is with great pride that we share our academic accomplishments in 2008. As with the other missions at Jersey Shore, academics have a proud tradition which, we believe, impacts everything that we do. The spirit of ongoing inquiry drives innovation and advances patient care. An environment of excellent teaching and mentoring is not only consistent with The Meridian Way, but creates a pipeline for the next generation of physicians and dentists to serve patients in our community. Finally, as we are all lifelong learners, continuing education remains an important aspect of academics, and our departments are local, regional, and national leaders in programs that benefit our colleagues.

There were a number of significant accomplishments in 2008:

• Several areas related to academics were reorganized to better meet the needs of our constituents. These included the Institutional Review Board and Continuing Medical Education, which were expanded system-wide. Plans were finalized to reorganize the Office of Clinical Research, renamed the Office of Research Services, to become more efficient and productive.

• Research programs in oncology remain especially strong, and afford our patients access to state-of-the-art protocols close to home. Directed by Henry Sprance, M.D., in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, enrollment of patients in Gynecologic Oncology Group studies surpassed many larger institutions. In addition, Kenneth Nahum, D.O., Department of Medicine, led a number of research protocols in partnership with the Cancer Institute of New Jersey. As a result, our status as a clinical affiliate was increased to that of a Master Clinical Affiliate, one of only three in the CINJ Network, and the only one in central or southern New Jersey.

• Denise Aloisio, M.D., Department of Pediatrics, was awarded a two-year, one million dollar grant from the NJ Department of Health to develop The Early Autism Center at K. Hovnanian Children’s Hospital.

• Our residency training programs continued to perform well, with 100% pass rates in the Departments of Medicine and Obstetrics and Gynecology. The Internal Medicine and Pediatrics residency programs were re-accredited by the Accreditation Council of Graduate Medical Education.

• Under the leadership of Paul Condello, DMD, and Fred Paperth, DMD, our Continuing Dental Education Program remains a national leader, attracting hundreds of dentists, oral surgeons, and others to a series of state-of-the-art educational programs.

• Nasim Ahmed, M.D., and Alex Shifrin, M.D., Department of Surgery, published a number of abstracts and papers related to advances in trauma care and thyroid surgery, respectively.

• Kathleen Casey, M.D., Department of Medicine, was named a Master Educator by the University of Medicine and Dentistry in 2008. This is the highest recognition for physicians in the University for teaching excellence and teaching scholarship, and is awarded to less than 1% of the faculty. Dr. Casey is the first awardee from Robert Wood Johnson Medical School not based at one of their parent campuses.

I congratulate you on your accomplishments, and challenge you to continue questioning the obvious, teaching with passion, and sharing your knowledge. Our patients will be the ultimate beneficiaries of your efforts.

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Senior Vice President, Medical and Academic Affairs
Jersey Shore University Medical Center
Associate Professor and Associate Dean
Member, Stuart D. Cook, M.D. Master Educators’ Guild
Robert Wood Johnson Medical School
Department of Surgery
Jerome Vernick, M.D., Chair
In 2008, the Department of Surgery had a very productive academic year including two book chapters; as well as 19 published articles, abstracts, posters in national meetings, and a presentation on colorectal surgery during Grand Rounds. Throughout the year our department participated in local and regional activities including our quarterly Digestive Disease Conference, three tumor board presentations covering endocrine and hepatobiliary surgery, and local presentations to community groups, emergency squads, and local practice groups. The Department of Surgery also submitted 12 posters for Jersey Shore University Medical Center’s Research Day.

Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
Andrew N. Blechman, M.D., FACOG, Acting Chair
The mission of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology is to promote health and disease prevention in women. Our research is conducted in concert with providing high quality, compassionate clinical care. At the same time, we strive to educate our medical students and residents about research methods. Our program includes projects in various subspecialty areas of women’s health, including perinatology, reproductive endocrinology, gynecologic surgery, and oncology. The studies are independent faculty research, resident research projects, clinical trials, and quality improvement.

Department of Medicine
Elliot Frank, M.D., MBA, Chair
Over the past years we have worked to develop and refine the academic milieu in the Department of Medicine and that upward trajectory continued in 2008. The faculty could once again take pride in our residents, all of whom passed the American Board of Internal Medicine certifying examination, and in the accolades of the more than 100 Robert Wood Johnson Medical School students who rotated with us. A robust Continuing Medical Education program provided something for everyone: Grand Rounds, CPCs, Journal Clubs, Tumor Boards and Symposia, the latter attracting nationally and internationally renowned speakers in Transplant Medicine, Nephrology, Oncology, Neurology, Infectious Diseases, Cardiology, and Ethics. Individual members of the department were recognized for their clinical, educational, and research accomplishments. And, over 100 residents, fellows, and members of the full-time and voluntary faculty were actively engaged in clinical research, with scores having their work published or presented regionally and nationally. We believe that the best medical care springs from an environment of education, inquiry, and scholarship and we are committed to nothing less for our patients.
Department of Pediatrics
Steven Kairys, M.D., Chair

The Department of Pediatrics had a very productive academic year in 2008. Twenty original papers were published in peer reviewed journals and there were over 35 regional and national presentations made by faculty. Nine members of the faculty are editors for one or more national pediatric journals and 16 faculty were honored for their academic achievements at the state or national level.

The Department of Pediatrics sponsored weekly Grand Rounds at Jersey Shore University Medical Center and organized four half-day symposiums. The Department also provides regular CME lectures for the pediatric faculties at Ocean Medical Center and Riverview Medical Center.

Departmental faculty and residents were actively involved in 18 IRB-approved, locally developed research projects. In 2008, our pediatric resident earned first prize at the annual Jersey Shore University Medical Center Research Day for his oral presentation.

Department of Psychiatry
Peter Harris, M.D., Ph.D., Chair

There was significant growth in the Department of Psychiatry during 2008. The addition of two recently graduated, board certified child psychiatrists significantly increased our opportunities for collaboration with the Medical School and increased academic opportunities for the child fellow assigned to Jersey Shore University Medical Center. The addition also increased the presence of psychiatry in the pediatric training programs. Dr. Diaz-Martinez continued the growth of the psychology service with enhanced recruitment of highly qualified interns, as well as expanding research activities. The collaboration with the Mailman Research Center at McLean Hospital continued with the completion of one outpatient study and the initiation of an inpatient study. The Department of Psychiatry completed its first full year of psychiatry residents assigned to Riverview Medical Center. Due to success of this initiative, we are exploring possibilities for assigning additional residents and possibly medical students to Riverview.
Steven Kairys, M.D.


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David Kountz, M.D.

Edward Liu, M.D.

Margaret Masterson, M.D.


Suchil Mehandru, M.D.
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Cynthia Meyers-Seifer, M.D.


Stephen Rice, M.D.


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Eric Rosenstock, M.D.

Rajesh Sachdeo, M.D.


Editor, Epilepsy and Behavior, Epilepsy Research and Epilepsia. Editor.

Janet Schairer, M.D.

Paul Schwartzberg, D.O.
Alexander Shifrin, M.D.

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Anita Siu, Pharm. D.


Arthur Topilow, M.D.


Aaron Weiss, D.O.

Presentations

Nasim Ahmed, M.D.

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Deborah Alpert, M.D.
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Sunil Asnani, M.D.

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Nadeem Baig, M.D.

Cathleen Ballance, M.D.

Carlos Benito, M.D.

Andrew Blechman, M.D.

Jonathan Briggs, M.D.

Joseph C. Canterino, M.D.

Michael P. Carson, M.D.

Kathleen K. Casey, M.D.


Angelo Chinnici, M.D.

Paul Condello, M.D.
Frederic Paperth, M.D., Provided Direction for JSUMC Continuing Dental Education World-Class Lecture Series, Featuring International Speakers such as Dr. Joseph Massad, Dr. Paul Belvedere, and Dr. Terry Tanaka.

Eric Constanzo, M.D.


John M. Davis, M.D.


Roopal Karia, M.D.
Panel discussion, The Creation of a National Epilepsy Registry, NICHQ (National Initiative for Children’s Healthcare Quality), February 2008, Boston, MA
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David S. Kountz, M.D.

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Eileen Masterson, M.D.

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Shifrin A, Xenachis C, Fay A, Vernick J, “107 members of the family with RET V804M Proto-oncogene Mutation with Simultaneous Medullary and Papillary Thyroid Carcinomas, Rare Primary Hyperparathyroidism and No Pheochromocytomas. Is This a New Syndrome – MEN2C?” Abstract Submitted, American Association of Endocrine Surgeons

Sushil Mehandru, M.D.

Peter Mencel, M.D.

Richard Neibart, M.D.

Mayurkumar Patel, M.D.

Nishant Patel, M.D.
Paresh Patel, M.D.
Priyanka Patel, M.D.
Angelo Pulgiano, M.D.
Elena Regalman, M.D.
Stephen G. Rice, M.D.
“Pre-participation Sports Exam,” Pediatric Grand Rounds, Doylestown Hospital, October 28, 2008, Doylestown, PA
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Sonia Rijhsinghani, M.D.
Rawal D, Policarpio V, Ahoubim D, Zheng M, Alpert D, “Primary Cns Angiitis in a 33 Year Old Diabetic Female,” NJ ACP, February 2008

Thomas Rizzo, M.D.
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Saad Saad, M.D.
Bialowas, C, M.D., “Delayed Versus Immediate Appendectomy in Children with Acute Appendicitis: Experience with 516 Patients at a Community Hospital,” American College of Surgeons, December 2008
Rajesh Sachdeo, M.D.
“All-day symposia on epilepsy, Pan Asian Neurology Symposium, March 28-29, 2008
Visiting professor, March 31-April 2, 2008, Seoul, South Korea
Epilepsy, Grand Rounds, New York Beth Israel Hospital, September 12, 2008, Newark, NJ
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Alexander Shifrin, M.D.
Xenachis C, Vernick J, “Incidence of Papillary Thyroid Carcinoma Increased in Patients with Graves’ Disease,” New York Thyroid Club, October 2008
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Anita Siu, Pharm. D.
“Neonatal Apnea of Prematurity,” Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Neonatology Fellowship Program, Robert Wood Johnson University Medical Center, April 11, 2008, New Brunswick, NJ
“Pharmacy-Based Immunization Delivery,” American Pharmacists Association, July 19, 2008, Bridgewater, NJ
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Investigational Studies

Ziad Abbud, M.D., Principal Investigator
Boehringer Ingelheim
RELY-ABLE Long Term Multi-Center Extension of Dabigatran Treatment in Patients with Atrial Fibrillation Who Completed the RE-LY Trial and a Cluster Randomized Trial to Assess the Effect of a Knowledge Translation Intervention on Patient Outcomes

Randomized Evaluation of Long Term Anticoagulant Therapy (RE-LY)
Comparing the Efficacy and Safety of Two Blinded Doses of Dabigatran Etxeitate with Open-Label Warfarin for the Prevention of Stroke and Systematic Embolism in Patients with Non-Valvular Atrial Fibrillation: Prospective, Multi-Center, Parallel-Group, Non-Inferiority Trial (RE-LY Study)

Matt Bach, M.D., Principal Investigator
Abbot Cardiovascular Systems

XIENCE V Everolimus Eluting Coronary Stent System (EECSS) USA Post-Approval Study: 06-374

Lance Berger, M.D., Principal Investigator
Scios, Inc.
WIRB: Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled, Multi-Center Acute Study of Clinical Effectiveness of Nesiritide in Subjects with Decompensated Heart Failure (ASCEND-HF) A093

Steven Daniels, M.D., Principal Investigator
Investigator – Initiated

Pedro Escandon, M.D., Principal Investigator
National Institute of Health
Cardiovascular Outcomes in Renal Atherosclerotic Lesions Randomized and Multi-Center Two-Group Clinical Trial to Assess the Best treatment for Patients with High Blood Pressure and Renal Artery Stenosis: Stenting Anti-Hypertensive Medical Therapy compared to Medical Therapy Alone (CORAL)

Charles Francis, M.D., Principal Investigator
National Institute of Health
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Nelson LaMarche, M.D., Principal Investigator
JOMED
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The Medicines Company
CANGRELOR: A Clinical Trial Comparing Treatment with Cangrelor (in Combination with Usual Care) to Usual Care, in Subjects Who Require Percutaneous Coronary Intervention

SAPPHIRE
SAPPHIRE Stenting and Angioplasty with Protection in Patients at High-Risk For Endarterectomy
Marcia Liu, M.D., Principal Investigator  
**Yale University School of Medicine**  
HIC# 0507000374 Variation in Recovery: Role of Gender on Outcomes of Young Acute Myocardial (AMI) Infarction Patients (VIRGO)

**Endocrinology**

Sunil Asnani, M.D., Principal Investigator  
**Investigator – Initiated**  
Evaluation of Glycemic Control in Patients Undergoing Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting  
Identification of the Etiology of Inpatient Hypoglycemia  

**Tolerx, Inc.**  
DEFEND-1: Durable-Response Therapy Evaluation for Early or New-Onset Type 1 Diabetes

**Melissa Young, M.D., Principal Investigator**  
**Investigator – Initiated**  
Correlation Between HBA1C and CAD in Normoglycemic Patients Who Underwent Coronary Bypass Surgery

**Infectious Diseases**

Nasir Ahmad, M.D., Principal Investigator  
**Investigator – Initiated**  
Prevalence and Risk Factors for Community-Acquired Methicillin-Resistant (MRSA) Infections in Adults

Kathleen Casey, M.D., Principal Investigator  
**Boehringer Ingelheim**  
A Phase IV, Open-Label, Randomized Clinical Trial to Compare the Virologic Efficacy and Safety of Nevirapine versus Atazanavir Boosted with Ritonavir on a Background of Truvada (Tenofovir and Emtricitabine), in HIV-1-Infected Patients Who Have Received No Prior Rx

Bristol-Meyers Squibb  
AI424128—A Phase IV, Multi-Center, Cross-Sectional Study to Evaluate the 150L Substitution Among Subjects Experiencing Virologic Failure on a HAART Regimen Containing Atazanavir

**Cangene Inc.**  
Safety and Efficacy of Varicella Zoster Immune Globulin (Human) (VariZIG) in Patients At-Risk of Varicella Infection

**ESPRIT**  
ESPRIT 001—A Randomized, Open-Label, Phase III, International Study of Subcutaneous Recombinant IFN-2 in Patients with HIV-I Infections and CD4 + Cell Counts>300/mm3 Evaluation of Subcutaneous Proleukin in a Randomized International Trial, Version 3.0

**Hoffmann-La Roche Inc.**  
NV17751—Observational Cohort Study of Pneumonia in Fuzeon-Exposed and Non-Exposed Patients

**Hollister, Incorporated**  
Assessment of the Economic Impact on Fecal Containment in Bedridden Patients Comparing ZASSI Bowel Management System (BMS) with Flexi-Seal Fecal Management System (FMS)

**Investigator – Initiated**  
Living with HIV/AIDS After 55: An Exploratory Study

**Investigator – Initiated**  
Positively Female: A Research Project about Women’s Experiences Living with HIV

**Massachusetts General Hospital**  
HIV Elite Controllers Study  

**National Institute of Health (NIH)**  
Patient Response to Antiretroviral Therapy Based on Gender Differences

**Optimer Pharmaceuticals, INC.**  
A Multi-National, Multi-Center, Double-Blind, Randomized, Parallel Group Study to Compare the Safety and Efficacy of 200 mg PAR-101 taken q12h with 125 mg Vancomycin taken q6h for Ten Days in Subjects with Clostridium Difficile-Associated Diarrhea

**Pfizer**  
An International, Multi-Center, Prospective Observational Study of the Safety of Maraviroc Used with Optimized Background Therapy in Treatment-Experienced HIV-1 Infected Patients

**Tibotec**  
GRACE-TMC114 – An Open-Label Multi-Center Trial to Compare the Efficacy, Safety, and Tolerability of PREZISTA/r by Gender, and Race, when Administered in Combination with an Individually Optimized Background Regimen Over a 48-Hour Treatment Period

**Saira Choudry, Pharm.D., Principal Investigator**  
**Investigator – Initiated**  
The Evaluation of Doripenem’s In-Vitro Activity against Klebsiella Pneumoniae Carbapenemases (KPC)

**Daniel Hart, M.D., Principal Investigator**  
**Investigator – Initiated**  
The HAART of an Elderly HIV Population

**Internal Medicine**

Richard Abramowitz, M.D., Principal Investigator  
**Investigator – Initiated**  
Effect of Residency on Health Fitness, As Measured By Cholesterol Profile and Blood Pressure: A Prospective Study at an Academic Tertiary Care Center

Michael Carson, M.D., Principal Investigator  
**Investigator – Initiated**  
Analysis of CRP Use at Meridian Health

Elliot Frank, M.D., Principal Investigator  
**Investigator – Initiated**  
Sunwatch: A Survey of Monmouth County Beachgoers

**Eileen Masterson, M.D., Principal Investigator**  
**Investigator – Initiated**  
Chart Review Comparison of An Anti-Hypertensive-Statin Combination in a Single Medication versus Multiple Medications in Achieving Blood Pressure and LDL-Cholesterol Goals in an Underinsured Population
Oncology
Kenneth Nahum, D.O., Principal Investigator

Breast International Group and North Central Cancer Treatment Group

**LTTO: Adjuvant Lapatinib and/or Trastuzumab Treatment Optimisation Study—A Randomized, Multi-Center, Open-Label, Phase III Study of Adjuvant Lapatinib, Trastuzumab, Their Sequence and Their Combination in Patients with HER2/ErbB2 Positive Primary Breast Cancer**

**Bristol Myers Squibb**

**IXTEND: A Randomized Phase 2 Study to Evaluate the Combinations of Ixabepilone Plus Capcitabine or Capcitabine Plus Docetaxel in the Treatment of Metastatic Breast Cancer**

**CALBG**

**CALGB 40101 – Cyclophosphamide and Doxorubicin (CA 4 vs 6 Cycles) versus Paclitaxel (4 vs 6 Cycles) as Adjuvant Therapy for Women with Node-Negative Breast Cancer: A 2x2 Factorial Phase III Randomized Study**

**Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group-ECOG**

**S9313 – Phase III Comparison of Adjuvant Chemotherapy with High-Dose Cyclophosphamide Plus Doxorubicin (AC) versus Sequential Doxorubicin Followed by Cyclophosphamide (A>C) in High-Risk Breast Cancer Patients with 0-3 Positive Nodes (Intergroup)**

**CALGB 9294 – Phase III Study of Radiation Therapy, Levamisole and 5-FU versus 5-FU and Levamisole in Selected Patients with Completely Resected Colon Cancer**

**CALGB 9344 – Doxorubicin Dose Escalation with or without Taxol, as Part of the CA Adjuvant Chemotherapy Regimen for Node Positive Breast Cancer**

**CALGB 9741 – Randomized Phase III Trial of Sequential Chemotherapy Using Doxorubicin, Paclitaxel and Cyclophosphamide or Concurrent Doxorubicin and Cyclophosphamide Followed by Paclitaxel at 14 or 21 Day Intervals in Women w/ Node-Positive Stag II/III A**

**E2197 – Phase III Study of Adriamycin/Taxotere vs. Adriamycin/Cytotoxan for the Adjuvant Treatment of Node Positive or High Risk Node Negative Breast Cancer**

**E1199 – Phase III Study of Doxorubicin-Cyclophosphamide Therapy followed by Paclitaxel or Docetaxel Given Weekly or Every 3 Weeks in Patients with Axillary Node-Positive Breast Cancer**

**NCI CIRB – A Double-Blind Phase III Trial of Doxorubicin and Cyclophosphamide Followed by Paclitaxel with Bevacizumab or Placebo in Patients with Lymph Node Positive and High Risk Lymph Node Negative Breast Cancer**

**NCI CIRB – Program for the Assessment of Clinical Cancer Tests (PACCT-1): Trial Assigning Individualized Options for Treatment: The Tailor Rx Trial Quality of Life in Younger Breast Cancer Survivors**

**Genentech, Inc.**

**N9831 – Phase III Trial of Doxorubicin and Cyclophosphamide (AC) Followed by Weekly Paclitaxel with or without Trastuzumab as Adjuvant Treatment for Women with HER-2 Overexpressing Node Positive Breast Cancer (an Intergroup Study)**

**ATLAS – A Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled, Phase IIIb Trial Comparing Bevacizumab Therapy with or without Erlotinib After Completion of Chemotherapy with Bevacizumab for the First-Line Treatment of Locally Advanced, Recurrent, or Metastatic Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer**

**AVF3991n – An Observational Study of Avastinâ (Bevacizumab) in Combination with Chemotherapy for Treatment of Metastatic or Locally Advanced and Unresectable Colorectal Cancer, or Locally Advanced or Metastatic Non-Small Cell Lung (Excluding Predominant Squamous Cell Histology) Cancer**

**NSABP**

**NCI CIRB: NSABP C-08 – A Phase III Clinical Trial Comparing Infusional 5-Fluorouracil (5-FU), Leucovorin and Oxaiplatin (m-FOLFOX6) Every Two Weeks with Bevacizumab to the Same Regimen without Bevacizumab for the Treatment of Patients with Resected Stages**

**NCI CIRB – A Phase III Adjuvant Trial Comparing Three Chemotherapy Regimens in Women with Node-Positive Breast Cancer: Docetaxel/Doxorubicin/Cyclophosphamide (TAC); Dose-Dense (DD) Doxorubicin/Cyclophosphamide Followed By DD Paclitaxel (DD AC – >P); DD Doxo**

**Southwest Oncology Group**

**S9304 – Postoperative Evaluation of 5-FU by Bolus Injection vs 5-FU by Prolonged Venous Infusion Prior to and following Combined Prolonged Venous Infusion plus Pelvic XRT versus Bolus 5-FU plus Leucovorine plus Levamisole Prior to and Following Combined**

**NCI CIRB: S0124 – Randomized Phase III Trial of Cisplatin (NSC-119875) and Irinotecan (NSC-616348) versus Cisplatin and Etoposide (NSC-141540) in Patients with Extensive Stage Small Cell Lung Cancer (E-SCLC)**

**NCI CIRB: SWOG S0421 – Phase III Study of Docetaxel and Atrasentan versus Docetaxel and Placebo for Patients with Advanced Hormone Refractory Prostate Cancer**

**Roche**

**An Open-Label Single Arm Study of Capecitabine in Combination with Bevacizumab as First Line Treatment of HER2-Negative Metastatic Breast Cancer Followed by Chemotherapy in Combination with Bevacizumab at Time of Progression**

**Protocol ML21567 – A Randomized Phase 2 Study of 7 on/ 7 off Capecitabine in Combination with Bevacizumab and Either Short-Course Irinotecan or Short-Course Oxaiplatin as First-Line Treatment for Patients with Metastatic Colorectal Cancer, aka The “X-Bio”**

**Tragara Pharmaceuticals**

**APRICOT-L: Apricoxib in Combination Oncology Treatment-Lung: A Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Multi-Center Phase 2 Study of the Efficacy and Safety of Apricoxib in Combination with Erlotinib in Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer Patients**
Henry Sprance M.D., Principal Investigator
Nicholas Taylor M.D., Sub-Investigator

NCI-CIRB GOG 0210 – A Molecular Staging of Endometrial Carcinoma

NCI-CIRB GOG 0218 – A Phase III Trial of Carboplatin and Paclitaxel Plus Placebo versus Carboplatin and Paclitaxel Plus Concurrent Bevacizumab (NSC #704866, IND #7921) Followed by Placebo, versus Carboplatin and Paclitaxel Plus Concurrent and Extended Bevacizumab, in Women with Newly Diagnosed, Previously Untreated, Suboptimal Advanced Stage Epithelial Ovarian and Primary Peritoneal Cancer

NCI CIRB GOG 0219 – A Phase III, Randomized Trial of Weekly Cisplatin and Radiation versus Cisplatin and Tirapazamine (IND#46525) and Radiation in Stage IB2, IIA IIB, IIIB, and IVA Cervical Carcinoma Limited to the Pelvis

NCI CIRB GOG 0212 – A Phase III, Randomized Trial of Maintenance Chemotherapy Comparing 12 monthly Cycles of Single Agent Paclitaxel or CT-2103 (IND#70177) versus No Treatment Until Documented Relapse in Women with Advanced Ovarian or Primary Peritoneal Cancer

NCI CIRB GOG0213 – A Phase II, Randomized Controlled Clinical Trial of Carboplatin and Paclitaxel Alone or in Combination with Bevacizumab (NSC #704865, IND #7921) Followed by Bevacizumab and Secondary Cytoreductive Surgery in Platinum-Sensitive, Recurrence

GOG 0249 – A Phase III Trial of Pelvic Radiation Therapy versus Vaginal Cuff Brachytherapy Followed By Paclitaxel/Carboplatin Chemotherapy in Patients with High Risk, Early Stage Endometrial Carcinoma

Nicholas Taylor M.D., Principal Investigator
Henry Sprance M.D., Sub-Investigator

ChemoFx Observational Study Protocol for the Collection and Use of Existing Tumor Tissue Samples for Research at Improving In Vitro Chemotherapy Response Testing

Arthur Topilow, M.D., Principal Investigator

Bayer

Randomized, Open-Label, Phase II Trial Comparing Rituximab Plus Sagramostim to Rituximab Monotherapy for the Treatment of Relapsed Follicular B-Cell Lymphoma

Investigator – Initiated

Retrospective Study of the Expression of TTF1, CK-7 and CK-20 Markers in Patients with Lung Carcinoma

MGI Pharma

DACO-016 Randomized Phase 3 Trial of Decitabine versus Patient’s Choice with Physician’s Advice of Either Supportive Care or Low-Dose Cytarabine for the Treatment of Older Patients with Newly Diagnosed Acute Myeloid Leukemia

National Institute of Health

COG: AALL0331 Standard Risk B-Precurso Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia

Rheumatology

Deborah Alpert, M.D., Principal Investigator

Consortium of Rheumatology Researchers of North America, Inc. (CORRONA)

NEIRB-CORRONA Data Collection Program

Psychology

Peter Harris, M.D., Ph.D., Principal Investigator
Chunilal Kansagra, M.D., Sub-Investigator

Combination of Cytidine and Omega-3 Fatty Acids in Bipolar Disorder: Are There Additive or Synergistic Mood Stabilizing Effects?

Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled clinical trial to assess the safety and efficacy of oral Cytidine and Omega-3 fatty acids (O3FA) as an addition to standard treatment in outpatients with bipolar disorder. An investigator-initiated, funded, collaborative study with McLean Hospital in Belmont, MA.

Peter Harris, M.D., Ph.D., Principal Investigator
Adriana Fitzsimmons, M.D., Non-Study Evaluator

Effects of Pentazocine versus Placebo on Manic Symptoms

A double-blind, placebo controlled add-on clinical trial to compare the acute effects of Pentazocine (a non-selective kappa-opiate agonist) versus a placebo on manic symptoms in hospitalized bipolar and schizoaffective patients. A collaborative study with McLean Hospital in Belmont, MA.
Honors and Recognitions

Denise Aloisio, M.D.
Grant Recipient, NJ Department of Health to develop the Monmouth County Early Autism program

Cathleen Balance, M.D.
Recipient, Pediatric Oral Health Assessment Preceptorship Award, American Academy of Pediatrics

Jonathan Baum, M.D.
Recipient, National Faculty Award, Council on Resident Education in Obstetrics and Gynecology

Gordon Boak, M.D.
Recipient, Department of Medicine Lifetime Achievement Award, Louis F. Albright, M.D., Cardiology Symposium

Michael Carson, M.D.
Elected, Executive Committee of the North American Society of Obstetric Medicine
Recipient, Peter Garner Investigator Award, 2008 North American Society of Obstetric Medicine Meeting, Washington, DC

Kathleen Casey, M.D.
Inducted, Stuart D. Cook, M.D., Master Educators’ Guild of UMDNJ
Recipient, Top Doctor in New Jersey Monthly magazine

Michael Graff, M.D.
Recipient, “Chapter Champion” for the Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHTI) program

Debra Gussman, M.D.
Recipient, Excellence in Teaching Award, University of Medicine and Dentistry-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School
Recipient, Excellence in Teaching Award, Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics

Elliot Frank, M.D.
Elected, Executive Council of the Infectious Diseases Society of New Jersey

Steven W. Kairys, M.D.
Appointed, Chair of the Quality Committee of the New Jersey Council of Teaching Hospitals
Finalist, Healthcare Hero Awards – Education Hero, NJBIZ
Recipient, Achievement Award for Quality Improvement, American Academy of Pediatrics
Recipient, funding by the Doris Duke Foundation, American Academy of Pediatrics as the P.I. of the Practicing Safety
Recipient, new contract to support the Child Protection Center from NJ Department of Children and Families

Roopal Karia, M.D.
Recognized for participation, NICHQ Epilepsy Registry Pilot Project, Boston, MA

David S. Kountz, M.D.
Frances Black Humanitarian Award, Friends Health Connection Administrator of the Year, New Jersey Health Sciences Library Association

Robert Kreutz, M.D.
Recognized for Outstanding Contribution to Dental Graduates, Georgetown University Alumni Association

Cari Marchetti, M.D.
Recipient, 2008 New Jersey Hospital Association Healthcare Professional of the Year
Medical Resident Home Visitation Program
Grant recipient, Arnold P. Gold Foundation

Cynthia Meyers-Seifer, M.D.
Recipient, America’s Top Pediatricians, Guide to America’s Top Pediatricians, Consumers’ Research Council of America, Fifth Edition
Recipient, Top Doctors: New York Metro Area by Castle Connolly Medical Ltd.

Park Place Adult Partial Hospitalization Program
Recipient, 2008 SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) Science and Service Award

Pediatric Department
Recipient, ongoing state support for the Child Development Center, the Fetal Alcohol Program, and the HIV program

Anna Petrova, M.D., Ph.D.
Appointed, Scientific Review Committee, Behavioral and Social Consequences of HIV/AIDS, Center for Scientific Review/NIH
External Reviewer, The Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), Randomized Controlled Trials Committee

James Petrucci, M.D.
Recipient, First Prize, “Pre-Discharge Transcutaneous Bilirubin (TCB) in the Prediction of Neonatal Re-Admission Due to Neonatal Hyperbilirubinemia.”

Saad Saad, M.D.
Recipient, First Place Award for “Delayed Versus Immediate Appendectomy in Children with Acute Appendicitis: Experience with 516 Patients at a Community Hospital,” American College of Surgeons

Rajesh Sachdeo, M.D.
Recipient, Pierskalla Best Paper Award, Fall INFORM.D.S Conference.

Paul Schwartzberg, D.O.
Recipient, Mentor of the Year 2008

Jay Sher, M.D.
Appointed, Editorial Board, UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School Web site Metabolicpulse.com

Azam Soroush, M.D.
Recipient, Top Pediatrician and Top Pediatric Gastroenterologist, Consumers’ Research Council of America
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