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Faculty Honors

Raising our school's profile in the region, the nation and the world

Biochemistry

Charles Chalfant, Ph.D., was appointed as a member of the Cancer Molecular Pathobiology Study Section.

Paul Dent, Ph.D., has been appointed to the Editorial Board of *Anti-Cancer Drugs* for a period of 3 years, starting January 1, 2009.

Robert Diegelman, Ph.D., Kevin Ward, M.D., and Gary Bowlin, Ph.D., were recognized by the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command for Combat Casualty Care Research Program Award for Excellence for the development and deployment of *WoundStat*.

Sarah Spiegel, Ph.D., was selected by the Faculty of Goethe University to receive the Ernst and Gerta Scharrer Medal for 2008, which is given to distinguished scientists. Gerta Scharrer was a German scientist who was one of the founders of the field of neuroendocrinology and studied the nervous system of cockroaches. In addition, Dr. Spiegel will receive the ASBMB Avanti Award in Lipids honors outstanding scientists whose research interests are in the lipids field.

Emergency Medicine

Joseph Ornato, M.D., has been elected to membership in the Institute of Medicine.

Epidemiology and Community Health

Kate Lapane, Ph.D., has been appointed to the Charles W. and Evelyn F. Thomas Distinguished Professorship in Epidemiology.

Internal Medicine

Jasmohan Bajaj, M.D., received a Poster Award from the American College of Gastroenterology as well as the American College of Gastroenterology's award for excellence in clinical research.

Lenore Buckley, M.D., has been appointed to the Elam C. Toone, Jr. Distinguished Professorship in Arthritis.

Bruce Hillner, M.D., received the American Society of Clinical Oncology Statesman Award for his service in creating the bisphosphonate guidelines.

Arun Sanyal, M.D., was awarded honorary membership in the Czech Society of

Hepatology for his contributions to education in liver diseases in the Czech Republic.

Mitchell Shiffman, M.D., has been named to the Editorial Board of *Liver International*. He was also named to the American College of Gastroenterology Board of Trustees.

Thomas Smith, M.D., was appointed as chair of the American Association of Hospice and Palliative Medicine Research Committee to coordinate palliative care research among NIH, ACS, AAHPM, NCCPR. He also received the American Society of Clinical Oncology's "Statesman" Award for his work in negotiating national clinical practice guidelines for U.S. practice and has been appointed to the Massey Endowed Chair in Palliative Care Research.

MCV Hospitals Administration

John Duval has been elected to the ACGME Board of Directors for a three-year appointment.

Neurology

John Pellock, M.D., has been elected as Second Vice President (2009) of the American Epilepsy Society. He will serve as Vice President in 2010 and President in 2011.

Neurosurgery

John Reavey-Cantwell, M.D., has been appointed to the Richard Roland Reynolds Endowed Chair in Neurosurgery.

Ophthalmology

William Benson, M.D., has been appointed to the Ragnnit and Walter J. Geeraets Endowed Chair in Ophthalmology.

Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

William Walker, M.D., has been appointed to the Ernst and Helga Prosser Professorship in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

Psychiatry and Women's Health

Susan G. Kornstein, M.D., will be recognized in December by Jewish Women International as one of their 10 Women to Watch.

Surgery

Kelman Cohen, M.D., received the World Union of Wound Healing Societies' lifetime achievement award in June. Widely known as the "father of wound care," Dr. Cohen established the country's first clinical wound healing center at VCU in the late 1970s. In 2001, he founded Tissue Technologies Holding LLC, a research and development company currently housed at the Virginia BioTechnology Research Park. Tissue Technologies has one chronic wound management device that has been approved by the FDA and a second going through the approval process. This marks Dr. Cohen's third lifetime achievement award from major industry groups including the Wound Healing Society and the Society for Advancement of Wound Care.

New Faculty

Expanding our expertise and opportunities for collaboration

Anesthesiology

Cedric Campbell, M.D., joined the Department of Anesthesiology as an Assistant Professor in the General Anesthesia Division in August. Dr. Campbell received his M.D. degree from the University of Illinois College of Medicine, Chicago, Ill., in 1996. After a residency in Family Practice at Chesterfield Family Practice

Residency Program in Richmond from 1998-2001, Dr. Campbell was in private practice until 2005, at which time he entered the Anesthesiology Residency Program at VCU, which he completed in 2008.

Lynne Gehr, M.D., will rejoin the Department of Anesthesiology as an Assistant Professor in December. She was a member of the department from 1987 through 2002. Dr. Gehr obtained her medical degree from West Virginia University, completed an internship and residency in Anesthesiology at SUNY Upstate Medical Center, Syracuse, N.Y., and a fellowship in Critical Care Medicine at the University of Virginia. Recently, she completed a residency in Pediatrics at VCUHS and a fellowship in Pediatric Anesthesia at UPMC, Children's Hospital, Pittsburgh, Pa. Dr. Gehr is a diplomat of the American Board of Anesthesiologists, holds a Special Qualification in Critical Care Medicine (Anesthesiology), and is a diplomat of the American Board of Pediatrics.

John Hague, M.D., returned to the Department of Anesthesiology as an Associate Professor in September. He received his M.D. degree from the University of Tennessee in December of 1975. He completed a Pediatric residency in the Air Force and later an Anesthesia residency in Bethesda, Md. He is board certified in Pediatrics and in Anesthesiology. He served in the U.S. Navy until May 2003, when he joined the department. In September 2007, Dr. Hague began a year's tenure at Virginia Anesthesia & Perioperative Care Specialists at Sentara Williamsburg Regional Medical Center in Newport News.

Francisco Herrera, M.D., joined the Department of Anesthesiology as an Assistant Professor in July. Dr. Herrera received his M.D. degree from Universidad Centro-occidental "Lisandro Alvarado," Barquisimeto, Venezuela in 1997. He completed a residency in Anesthesiology (1998-2001), was in private practice (2002-2004), and was a Research Fellow in the Department of Anesthesia, Toronto Western Hospital, Toronto, Canada (2004-2006). Recently, he did a year of Critical Care Medicine followed by a year as a Fellow in Anesthesia for Solid Organ Transplant at the University of Miami.

Paras Shah, D.O., joined the Department of Anesthesiology as an Assistant Professor in the General Anesthesia Division in August. Dr. Shah received his D.O. degree from Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine, East Lansing, Mich., in 2004. Dr. Shah comes to VCU more recently from Henry Ford Hospital Department of Anesthesiology, Detroit, Mich., where he completed his Anesthesiology residency in June of 2008.

Emergency Medicine

Shawna J. Perry, M.D., has joined the Department of Emergency Medicine as an Associate Professor. Dr. Perry obtained her medical degree from Case Western Reserve University in 1990. At the University of Florida Health Science Center, she completed an internship in Internal Medicine in 1991 and an Emergency Medicine residency in 1994 and was Chief Resident. She completed a fellowship Emergency Medicine Administration at Emergency Physicians, Inc. in 1995 and the Emergency Medicine Foundation and American College of Emergency Physicians Teaching Fellowship Program in Dallas, Texas in 1996. She was an Assistant and Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine at the University of Florida Health Science Center before joining VCU. Dr. Perry will also serve as the hospital's Medical Safety Director.

Internal Medicine

Rumki 'Roma' Banerjee, M.D., earned her degree in Medicine and Surgery from Burdwan Medical College in India in 1995, and practiced General Medicine in India before relocating to the U.S. She completed her Family Practice internship and residency training at Texas Tech University Health Science in Amarilla, Texas before moving to Virginia. Her interest is in Preventative Medicine, Health Education, Geriatrics and Women's Health. Dr. Banerjee is a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians and is board-certified in Family Practice.

Harm Jan Bogaard, M.D., Ph.D., earned his degree in medicine and Ph.D. from VU University Medical Center, Amsterdam, the Netherlands with honors. Since 2006 Dr. Bogaard received a stipend from the Netherlands Heart Foundation which allowed him to take a leave from VU University Medical Center and work with Dr. Norbert Voelkel here at VCU on a research project involving right heart failure in pulmonary hypertension. Dr. Bogaard hopes to explore new animal models and to determine cellular and molecular mechanisms involved in the transition from right heart hypertrophy to dilatation and failure. Some other clinical and research skills include exercise testing in humans, arterial lines, right heart catheterization, bronchoscopy (rigid and flexible), thoracoscopy, pulmonary function testing, clinical trial design and coordination. In rodents, he is investigating application of pulmonary hypertension models, right heart catheterization, cardiac ultrasound, various routes of drug administration, microcirculation visualization using confocal microscopy, and various laboratory techniques, such as immunohistochemistry, western blotting, quantitative PCR.

Richard H. Cooke, M.D., joined the VCU Pauley Heart Center as Associate Professor, specializing in heart failure. A native of Chesterton, England, he earned his medical degree from Victoria University in Manchester, England, in 1980. Dr. Cooke completed an internship and residency in England, followed by an internship and residency in Internal Medicine at Georgetown University Hospital and the Veterans Administration Hospital in Washington, D.C. He completed a fellowship in hypertension and cardiology research at the Veterans Administration Hospital, a Cardiology fellowship at Georgetown University Hospital, and an Interventional Cardiology fellowship at Georgetown. Prior to joining the Pauley Heart Center, Dr. Cooke was a Clinical Cardiologist for the Washington Regional Cardiac Surgery PC, specializing in management of patients with severe Congestive Heart Failure. He also was the Medical Director for Cardiac Transplantation at the Washington Hospital Center, as well as Chair of the Heart Transplant Core Committee. Dr. Cooke has extensive research experience in drug and device treatment of congestive heart failure. Currently, he is principal investigator or co-investigator on clinical trials of medications to treat both systolic and diastolic heart failure. He has been involved in studies evaluating the treatment of concurrent anemia in heart failure and also in medications that enhance fluid removal when compared with traditional diuretics. Dr. Cooke also has been a co-investigator of HeartMate II, a second-generation laminar flow pump that is being used to “bridge” patients to transplant.

Beata Holkova, M.D., Ph.D., was recruited out of fellowship training at the National Cancer Institute. Her focus will be on hematological malignancies. She will work with Drs. Steven Grant and John Roberts of the department and the Massey Cancer Center to translate promising laboratory findings into novel therapies for hematological malignancies. She joins the department in the Division of Hematology/Oncology & Palliative Care.

Jordana Kron, M.D., joined the electrophysiology group of VCU Pauley Heart Center as an Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine (Cardiology). She is a magna cum laude graduate of Princeton University and earned her M.D. from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, where she also did her internship and residency in Internal Medicine. She received her Cardiology and Electrophysiology training at the University of Florida in Gainesville, Fla. Dr. Kron was awarded 1st Place in the Florida Chapter, ACC Young Investigator Awards in 2007; a Fellow Scholarship for the 11th Annual Mayo Cardiovascular Review Course, 2006; and the Women in Cardiology Trainee Award of Excellence from the American Heart Association in 2005. Her research interests include cardiac resynchronization therapy for treatment of heart failure in elderly patients and management of arrhythmias in pregnant patients. Her research has been published in the *Journal of Interventional Cardiac Electrophysiology*, *Clinics in Geriatric Medicine Journal* and *Heart Failure Clinics Journal*. She has made poster presentations at the Heart Rhythm Society meeting, the Heart Failure Society of America Meeting and others.

Neurosurgery

John Reavey-Cantwell, M.D., joined the Department of Neurosurgery as an Assistant Professor in August. In conjunction with this appointment, he was also named Director of the Neuro-Interventional/Neurovascular Program. Prior to becoming a member of the Neurosurgery team, Dr. Reavey-Cantwell completed a Masters in cell and molecular biology at the University of Pennsylvania and subsequently moved on to complete medical school at Johns Hopkins University. His surgical internship, neurosurgery residency and interventional/endovascular fellowship were all completed at the University of Florida School of Medicine. Dr. Reavey-Cantwell's clinical specialties include aneurysms, arteriovenous malformations, carotid stenosis, intracranial stenosis, moyamoya disease, neurovascular and endovascular surgery, and neuro-Interventional procedures as well as stroke and subarachnoid hemorrhage. His research interest include both neurovascular anomalies and strokes.

Otolaryngology

Nadir Ahmad, M.D., graduated from McGill University in Montreal, Canada and received his medical degree with distinction from St. George's University School of Medicine in Grenada, West Indies. Following his residency in Otolaryngology-Head & Neck surgery at the Henry Ford Health System in Detroit, Mich., he completed an accredited fellowship in Head and Neck Oncologic Surgery, Cranial Base Surgery, and Microvascular Reconstructive Surgery at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tenn. Dr. Ahmad joined the faculty in September as an Assistant Professor. His clinical and research areas of interest include head and neck tumors, microvascular surgery of the head and neck and general otolaryngology.

Daniel Coelho, M.D., graduated from the University of Pennsylvania and received his medical degree with distinction from the State University of New York at Stony Brook. Following his residency in Otolaryngology-Head & Neck surgery at Yale University, he completed a two-year accredited fellowship in Otology & Neurotology at New York University. Dr. Coelho joined the faculty in August as an Assistant Professor. His clinical and research areas of interest include tumors of the skull base (acoustic neuromas, glomus tumors), surgery of the facial nerve, surgery of the middle ear and mastoid, cholesteatoma, and cochlear implantation. He also evaluates and treats patients with vestibular problems such as Menière's disease and positional vertigo, as well as patients with hearing loss and tinnitus.

Pathology

Christine Fuller, M.D., joined the Department of Pathology as Professor and Director of Neuropathology in October. Dr. Fuller comes to VCU from SUNY Upstate Medical University in Syracuse, NY where she received her M.D. degree and completed residency training. She also completed a fellowship at Washington University, St. Louis, Mo.

Radiation Oncology

Jeremy Horn, M.S., earned his Masters of Science in Medical Physics from VCU in 2008. He joins the department as a medical physicist.

Drew Moghanaki, M.D., received his M.D. from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, and completed a residency at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. He joins the department as a staff radiation oncologist.

Radiology

Fernanda A. Kraemer, M.D., joined the Department of Radiology in September in the Breast Imaging Section after completing a one year fellowship. Dr. Kraemer received her medical degree from Fundação Faculdade Federal de Ciências Médicas de Porto Alegre in 1998. Upon graduation Dr. Kraemer completed her Post Graduation in Work Medicine at the Universidade Federal do Rio Grande

do Sul and then her Radiology Residency at Complexo Hospitalar Santa Casa and Irion Radiologia. Dr. Kraemer practiced Radiology in Brazil from 2001 until 2004 where she worked at Complexo Hospitalar Santa Casa - Hospital Santa Rita.

Surgery

Georgi Guruli, M.D., received his M.D. degree from Tbilisi State Medical Institute, Tbilisi, Georgia (former USSR) in 1983. Internships and residencies were done in Tbilisi, Georgia and Pittsburgh, Pa. Dr. Guruli was a Research Fellow at the National Oncological Research Center, Moscow, USSR from 1987-1990. His Ph.D. degree was awarded in 1990. He was also a Research Fellow at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine in Pennsylvania from 2001-2003. He was an Assistant Professor at the New Jersey Medical School from 2003-2008. He joined the Department of Surgery, Division of Urology as an Associate Professor in August.

Lance J. Hampton, M.D., received his M.D. degree from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Lubbock, Texas in 1997. He did his general surgical internship and residency, as well as Urology residency at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine, Albuquerque. He was a fellow in urologic oncology, laparoscopy and robotic surgery at the City of Hope National Medical Center, Duarte, Calif. He joined the Department of Surgery in the Division of Urology as an Assistant Professor in August.

Jennifer L. Rhodes, M.D., received her M.D. degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine in 2000. Her residency was done at both St. Vincent's Hospital and Medical Center in New York City and Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx. She did a fellowship in craniofacial surgery at Medical City Dallas Hospital, Dallas, Texas, 2007-2008. She joined the VCU Department of Surgery in the Division of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Division as an Assistant Professor in July.

Kazuaki Takabe, M.D., Ph.D., received his M.D. degree from Niigata University, School of Medicine, Niigata, Japan in 1992. He did a clinical externship in Paris, France in 1992, and Pittsburgh, Pa. in 1993. His surgical residency was done at Niigata University Hospital in Niigata, Japan from 1993-1995. From 1995-1999, he was a surgical fellow at Yokohama City Hospital, Yokohama, Japan. He also received his Ph.D. degree in Gastroenterology and Endocrinology from Yokohama City University, Graduate School of Medicine in 1999. In 2001-2002, he did a surgical internship at University of California, San Diego followed by a surgical residency. He was named Chief Resident in 2005-2006. He joined the VCU Medical Center in July 2006 as a surgical oncology clinical fellow. He joined the Department of Surgery in the Division of Surgical Oncology as an Assistant Professor of Surgery and Assistant Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology in July.

James F. Whelan, Jr., M.D., received his M.D. degree from The Royal College of Surgeons in Dublin, Ireland in 2000. His residency training was done at Huron Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio. Dr. Whelan did a fellowship here at the VCU Medical Center in the Division of Trauma/Critical Care Surgery and joined the division as an Assistant Professor in July.