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## Welcome Dr. Mark Linzer, Director, Division of General Internal Medicine, Department of Medicine

I am pleased to announce that **Dr. Mark Linzer** has agreed to assume a key leadership role at HCMC as the Director of the Division of General Internal Medicine, effective October 15, 2009. Dr. Linzer is currently a Professor of Medicine at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, and the Chief of General Internal Medicine Scholars Program at the University. He has previously been a Section Chief in General Medicine at Duke University, and since 1993, has had various leadership positions at the University of Wisconsin Medical School.



Dr. Mark Linzer

Dr. Linzer had his undergraduate degree at Oberlin College in Oberlin, Ohio, and his M.D. degree from Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, Baltimore, Maryland. Following his residency at the Montefiore Medical Center, Bronx, New York, he did a fellowship in preventive medicine at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York, and subsequently had teaching positions at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Duke University Medical Center, Tufts University School of Medicine, and the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health.

In addition to Dr. Linzer's leadership positions at Wisconsin and nationally, he is a highly involved, active and effective clinician, teacher and researcher.

Dr. Linzer has had an active continuity of care clinic at the University, is a highly regarded teacher (he has received teaching awards from students and residents at both Duke University and the University of Wisconsin), and has had scholarly interests in a wide range of areas including syncope and more recently, physician work life. He has over 100 scholarly publications in peer reviewed journals. He has

been an invited speaker on various subjects both nationally and internationally.

**Dr. Craig Garrett**, the current Division Director of General Internal Medicine, will continue to work in the Division, retaining some of his current administrative and leadership duties, and maintaining his clinical and educational roles in the Department. The Medicine Department and the Division of General Internal Medicine thank Dr. Garrett for his outstanding and effective leadership over the last 17 years.

We are delighted to welcome Dr. Linzer, who will, we are sure, provide leadership not only within the Division of General Internal Medicine, but to the Department and his influence and insights will be welcomed hospitalwide.

[Dr. Scott Davies, Chief, Department of Medicine]

### *Don't miss this...*

**Dr. Mark Linzer** will be presenting a core curriculum lecture in the Department of Medicine at HCMC on Tuesday, September 22, 2009, entitled: "Syncope".

## STAFF UPDATES

Please welcome the following members to the Department of Medicine:

**Dr. Sarah Kempainen** will join the Division of Endocrinology in late September or early October, 2009.

**Dr. Ruth Szjaner** will be joining the Geriatric Medicine Division on October 1, 2009. She will primarily do nursing home visits.

### Departures:

**Dr. Heidi Coplin** is leaving HCMC on October 16, 2009. She will be joining the Isles Allina Medical Clinic in Minneapolis.

## KUDOS!



### HCMC again on US News list of America's Best Hospitals.

For the 13th consecutive year, Hennepin County Medical Center has been ranked in the U.S. News publication of America's Best Hospitals. Hennepin's expertise in the specialty of kidney disease (ranked 49th) was recognized in this year's publication.

Out of more than 4,800 hospitals across the country evaluated, only 174 are included in the final rankings in 16 specialties. Hennepin County Medical Center has been ranked in various specialties every year since 1997. The data-driven rankings are based factors including reputation among board-certified physicians, mortality rate, technology, patient safety and available specific patient services.

In the area of kidney disease, Hennepin provides diagnostic and treatment services for patients with all types of kidney disease and diabetes and is nationally recognized for renal research. The hospital was home to the first kidney transplant center in the Upper Midwest and has been recognized as one of the top three transplant programs in the nation by the University Health Consortium.

Hennepin County Medical Center is a nationally recognized Level 1 Trauma Center with the largest

emergency department in Minnesota. The comprehensive academic medical center and public teaching hospital includes 469 acute care beds, and primary care and specialty clinics located in downtown Minneapolis and four primary care clinics in Minneapolis and suburban Hennepin County. [Tom Hayes, HCMC PR]

**HFA** had unannounced full Joint Commission surveys of its three clinic systems, Ambulatory Health Care, Behavioral Health Care, and **Addiction Medicine** over the past two weeks. Not unexpectedly, each area had several Requirements for Improvement (RFIs) and will be submitting Evidence of Standards Compliance (ESC) within the next 45-60 days. The areas identified for improvement in many cases have already been addressed. The surveyors were very complimentary of the HFA clinic care system and its staff and encouraged us to share some of our care practices with other organizations. HFA will remain fully accredited by JCAHO.

The excellent results of these surveys validate the hard work of many individuals over the past few years to provide a safe, efficient and customer-focused environment of care within the HFA clinics. HFA leadership appreciates the great work of our employees and members to create an outstanding clinic experience for our patients.

If you work in one of the HFA clinic service areas, please remember to share your thanks with all of the staff for a job well done.

[Dr. Don Jacobs, HFA CEO and Chairman of the Board]

## IN THE NEWS

**Dr. Scott Davies** was quoted on August 15, 2009, in the [Business and Commerce Business News](#) article, "DFL legislators push to replace funds for medical care program." Dr. Davies was in attendance with hospital lobbyists and health care advocates meeting with State Senator Patricia Torres Ray, DFL-Minneapolis, and Senate Health and Human Services Budget Division Chair Linda Berglin, DFL-Minneapolis. Dr. Davies stated, "Many of the 2,500 GAMC (General Assistance Medical Care) cases that were admitted to HCMC last year weren't for people with chronic illness - some 1,300 cases were for one-time incidents like trauma." More uninsured people who need GAMC are showing up at HCMC, according to Dr. Davies. "It's growing as we have a recession," he said. For the complete article go to

<http://www.finance-commerce.com/article.cfm/2009/08/15/DFL-legislators-push-to-replace-funds-for-medical-care-program>

## CONGRATULATIONS!

### Recent MMRF Grant Awardees:



**Dr. Jeffrey Albrecht**, Cyclin D1/CDK4 Complex in Hepatocyte Proliferation - Non-competing Continuation. Funding Source: NIH



**Mark LeSage, PhD**, Modeling Behavioral Treatments for Stimulant Abuse - Non-competing Continuation. Funding Source: NIH/NIDA



**Dr. Jason Baker**, Pre-emptive Treatment for CVD in HIV-infected Patients: A Pilot Study. Funding source: AHA - Midwest Affiliate



**Dr. Paul Pentel**, Immunization to Block the Effects of Nicotine - Non-competing Continuation. Funding Source: NIH/NIDA



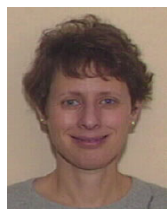
**Dr. Bradley Bart**, A Study to Assess the Effects of Conivaptan in Symptomatic Acute Decompensated Heart Failure (ADHF). Funding Source: Astellas Pharma US, Inc.



**Dr. Ron Schut**, HIV Counseling, Testing, and Referral (CTR) Program - Non-competing Continuation. Funding Source: MDH



**Dr. Steven Goldsmith**, The Minnesota Heart Failure Consortium: A Regional Clinical Center - Non-competing Continuation. Funding Source: NIH/NHLBI



**Dr. Barbara Segal**, Work Disability, Lost Productivity and Associated Risk Factors in Patients Diagnosed with Lupus. Funding Source: Harris/Genentech

## 2009 UNIVERSITY PROMOTION VOTE: NEW ELECTRONIC PROCESS

### *To Associate Professors and Professors of the Department of Medicine:*

The promotion process and vote will be conducted electronically in August/September 2009, using the web-based "Moodle" program. Each faculty will be able to view the promotion dossiers and vote at any time (24/7) during the two-week voting period (**August 25-September 8, 2009**).

**THIS IS IMPORTANT.** In order for you to use Moodle for the promotion vote, you must register by logging on the Moodle webpage with your University x.500 username and password.

IF YOU HAVE NOT USED MOODLE BEFORE, you should register now. You automatically register when you log on to Moodle (using your University x.500 and password) at [www.moodle.umn.edu](http://www.moodle.umn.edu). Following this, please contact Michon Peterson ([peter109@umn.edu](mailto:peter109@umn.edu)) in the Department of Medicine at the University and she will give you access to the promotion dossiers and ballots. The promotion and voting process goes from **August 25-September 8, 2009**.

Please call Michon Peterson at 626-0483 if you have any questions. Thank you.

Dr. Wesley J. Miller,  
Interim Chair, Department of Medicine  
University of Minnesota School of Medicine

## Dr. Craig Garrett Steps Down as Division Director in General Internal Medicine

**Dr. Craig Garrett** is stepping down as Division Director of General Internal Medicine after 19 years at the end of September 2009. He will continue in the Division as a staff physician and educator. The following are a few tributes from current and former members of the Division of General Internal Medicine.

**Thank you, Dr. Craig Garrett,** for your leadership and dedication both to General Internal Medicine and to HCMC. When you first came, a friend warned me that you weren't 'flashy' but like good wine, you 'kept getting better with age' both have turned out to be true. You are truly irreplaceable. We will miss your leadership, but glad that your force will still be with us. All the best.

[Dr. Nicki Lurie, Washington, DC]

I have known **Dr. Craig Garrett** for almost 16 years, during which time I have served under his leadership in the General Medicine Division. Single-handedly, he founded a series of international clinics to serve our large immigrant population - primarily Somali, Russian, and Spanish.

He supervises our large teaching practice, including approximately 21 faculty internists and 60 internal medicine residents. Craig helped our clinic, hospital, and department in developing a highly functional Firm System in which we deliver high-quality, patient-centered care. Most recently within that practice, Craig has shepherded my division partners into developing a structured, case-based curriculum for our residents.

I have worked for more warm and fuzzy division directors in the past, but no one who commands my respect as does Craig. He leads by example, perhaps something he learned in his 20-year military career, from which he retired as a full colonel. When I explain to others why I like working for



Craig, I tell them that whenever there is a mess to clean up, he's the first to reach for a shovel.  
[Dr. Peter Weissmann]

**Dr. Craig Garrett** took over as acting director at HCMC in 1990 and never stopped acting like a leader for the next 19 years. The more than 21 FTEs of the General Medicine faculty now make up over 25% of the Medicine Department; with his excellent leadership, he has fostered a healthy and stable workplace. Craig has grown the General Medicine Division from a small group into the largest program in the department (and the largest general medicine program in the Twin Cities), with central roles in every aspect of care and teaching.

Through Craig's promotion of faculty development, his faculty have presented educational and practice innovation workshops and research at many regional and national meetings. His staff has won clinical and teaching awards, has developed medical outreach projects in the community, and has held a host of key positions in HFA, HCMC, SGIM, ACP, and MSIM.

I will offer a few adjectives that describe Craig: patient, supportive, persistent, loyal, perceptive, consistent, discreet, equitable, just, reasonable, humorous, and most importantly, possessive of an absolute, inviolate integrity. These attributes have led his faculty to trust him, be willing to work hard for him, and to follow his leadership through some remarkably tumultuous times.

I give you **Craig Garrett, currently the longest serving Division Director in the Medicine Department.** And that occasional wail in the stairwell...it just marks how much we will miss his leadership.

Best wishes, Craig.  
[Dr. Steven Hillson]

## Meandering Down the Mighty Mississippi!!!

General Medicine folks boarded the Magnolia Cruise for a lovely July 26, 2009, Sunday afternoon Mighty Mississippi tour!!! The crew warmly welcomed us aboard the quaint Magnolia Cruise. The beautiful sheltered areas along the St. Paul side of the Mississippi included Pike Island past the mouth of the Minnesota River, Mendota Heights with its beautiful homes on the bluff; Crosby Park and Nature Center are on the left, then Lilydale and sandstone bluffs with caves, Third World Marina, barge fleeting area, the High Bridge; former head of navigation at Farmers Union #1 Grain Terminal and downtown St. Paul. *The only problem observed on the cruise was that ya' all weren't there with us!*  
[Dr. Craig Garrett]





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# 2009 Minnesota Chapter American College of Physicians (ACP) Scientific Meeting October 30, 2009 Kahler Grand Hotel Rochester, Minnesota

Dear Colleague,

I invite you to join me and your colleagues in internal medicine at the next scientific meeting of the Minnesota Chapter of the American College of Physicians, being held Friday, October 30, 2009, at the Kahler Grand Hotel in Rochester.

*This meeting is not just for ACP members.* I particularly want to invite nonmembers to join us for this important clinical update and to learn about the benefits of membership at the same time. In addition to earning 7 CME credits by attending this meeting, you will:

- Gain insight into recent medical advances.
- Discuss local and national issues affecting the practice and teaching of internal medicine.
- Greet old friends, meet new friends, and develop a network of colleagues in your area.
- Take some time for yourself or with your family to relax and enjoy the sights around Rochester.

To ensure your place at this invaluable meeting, complete the registration form and send it in today. The opportunities available at this meeting will help you meet not only your needs as a physician but also the needs of the patients you serve.

Go to: <http://www.acponline.org/meetings/chapter/mn-2009.pdf>. Questions, please call Cathy Liberty at 507-284-2675.

I look forward to seeing you in Rochester.

Sincerely,

**Dr. Robert H. Lohr**  
ACP Governor, Minnesota Chapter

This educational activity has been designated for 7 CME credits.

Master, Fellow, Member .....	\$150
Nonmember Physician.....	\$185
Associate Resident Members and Nonmembers.....	No Fee
Medical Student Member and Nonmember.....	No Fee
Affiliate Member (Allied Health Professional) .....	\$65
Nonmember Allied Health Professional .....	\$100
Other (Guest/Spouse).....	\$100

## Call for Abstracts Associate & Medical Student Research and Clinical Vignette Competition

We invite ACP Medical Student members and Associate (resident and fellow) members to submit an abstract for the Associate & Medical Student Research and Clinical Vignette Competition at the Minnesota Chapter of the American College of Physicians at the Annual Scientific Meeting on **October 30, 2009** at the Kahler Grand Hotel in Rochester, Minnesota. Please note that all abstracts must be submitted electronically, and that the person submitting the abstract must be the primary author.

Posters and research papers prepared by Associates and posters prepared by Medical Students will be presented at the meeting. Winners will receive cash and recognition, and be eligible for entrance into the national competition held during Internal Medicine 2010. The winner of the Associate competition will also win travel expenses to Internal Medicine 2010. Contact **Dr. Charles Reznikoff** at 612.802.5518 for more information.

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE:**  
**Friday, September 18, 2009 at 11:59 p.m.**

For more details and to access the online submission form go to: [http://www.acponline.org/about\\_acp/chapters/mn/abstract.htm](http://www.acponline.org/about_acp/chapters/mn/abstract.htm). E-mail **Dr. Charles Reznikoff** at [cpreznik@yahoo.com](mailto:cpreznik@yahoo.com) with any questions.

## ACP 2010 National Abstract Program

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE:**  
**Friday, December 4, 2009 at 11:59 p.m.**

The finalists will compete in a poster competition, held during the **Internal Medicine 2010 Meeting, April 22-24, 2010, in Toronto, Canada.** Contact Tracey Henry at [abstracts@acponline.org](mailto:abstracts@acponline.org).

### Faculty Poster Judging Opportunity

The Minnesota Chapter ACP Scientific Committee would very much appreciate your help judging resident and medical student posters at the Annual Meeting in Rochester, on October 30, 2009. The poster judging process will take one hour on the day of the event, and no more than one hour in preparation. Judges will be sent the abstracts and judging criteria in advance. Judging posters affords you the opportunity to meet trainees from other institutions and promote the ACP among future physicians. Participants uniformly give positive evaluations to the experience. If you are interested in being a poster judge at the annual meeting, contact **Dr. Charles Reznikoff** at [cpreznik@yahoo.com](mailto:cpreznik@yahoo.com).

## MEETINGS & PRESENTATIONS

A poster titled, "Polycystic Kidney Disease, Diabetes Mellitus, and Melanoma: A Monogenetic Syndrome in a 21 Year-Old Woman?" was presented at the **ENDO 2009** (National Endocrine Conference) Meeting in Washington, DC, in June 2009, by **Drs. Nolawit Tesfaye, Sidney Jones,** and Martha Spencer. Endocrine News also published the abstract in August 2009.

## IM RESIDENT APPLICANT INTERVIEWERS NEEDED!

Dear Department of Medicine Faculty,

We are quickly approaching the 2009-2010 interview season for internal medicine intern applicants, and are in need of interviewers. I encourage all faculty members to consider participating in what is one of the most important pieces of the recruitment process. As you know, the interviews will lead to the selection of our new resident class, and will determine who we will be leading, mentoring, and working with in the years ahead.

The Medicine Education Office will provide interview guidelines for your convenience and will promptly deliver candidates to your office area. If this is your first year of interviewing, I would be happy to meet with you briefly to discuss the process.

I would especially like to thank those of you who have made time in your busy schedules to take part in this process in past years. Your positive Hennepin influence has been invaluable.

Please contact **Michelle Herbers** at 612-873-4733 or [michelle.herbers@hcmcd.org](mailto:michelle.herbers@hcmcd.org) at your earliest convenience if you are able to do a 1:15 PM interview on any of the following dates:

Mondays:            November 16, 23, 30, 2009  
                               December 7, 14, 21, 2009  
                               January 4, 11, 2010

Tuesdays:        November 17, 24, 2009  
                               December 1, 8, 15, 22, 2009  
                               January 5, 12, 19, 2010.

We look forward to hearing from you.  
 [Dr. Anne Pereira ]

## GASTROENTEROLOGY ADVANCED ENDOSCOPY FELLOWS FOR 2009-2010

The Gastroenterology Division has two Advanced Endoscopy Fellows who will rotate monthly between the University of Minnesota and HCMC through June 2010.

**Dr. Mustafa Arain** and **Dr. Arthi Sanjeevi** were chosen from a large qualified group of worldwide applicants for this advanced fourth year ERCP / EUS training program.

Goals of this program:

- To provide excellent training and experience in the performance of ERCP (endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography) and EUS (endoscopic ultrasound)
- To continue to train specialists who will meet manpower needs of academic and clinical gastroenterology (ERCP and EUS) in both the United States and abroad.

Advanced Fellows participate in clinical research to include both a prospective research project and case studies under the guidance of one of the faculty proctors.

his research interests. He developed a keen interest in advanced endoscopic procedures and patient-oriented research on outcomes of these procedures.

After completing this fellowship, he plans to continue his career at a tertiary referral academic center where he can utilize his clinical and endoscopic skills to treat patients with challenging medical problems, continue to develop new skills, and continue to participate in clinical research to further understand and improve patient outcomes.



**Dr. Arthi Sanjeevi** of Wisconsin completed her fellowship training at the Medical College which included in-depth training in all aspects of GI with a special focus on GI Motility. In addition, she simultaneously trained in epidemiology, biostatistics and trial planning in a Masters Program at Medical College of Virginia.



**Dr. Mustafa Arain** completed his medical internship in England. He moved to California in 2001 and completed a Research Fellowship in Esophageal Disorders at the University of Southern California. He then joined residency at the University of Minnesota to continue

She also spent a month externship in Hyderabad, India. In order to participate in our Advanced Fellowship Program, she has taken a year of sabbatical from her academic position at the Virginia Commonwealth University Hospital System, in Richmond, Virginia. After acquiring her advanced therapeutic procedural skills in endoscopy training, she intends to pursue a career well balanced between teaching, patient care and clinical research.

## NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations to **Dr. Anushree Bora** (G2), and her husband Gopal Punjabi on the birth of their 2nd son, Abhay Punjabi, born on August 10, 2009, weighing 6 pounds and 11 oz. Mom, baby, dad, and big brother Avi are all doing well.



## ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF RECOGNITION

Congratulations to the following Administrative Staff on recognition of their years of service in the Department of Medicine and the hospital:

**Beverly Deen**, Cardiology Division, 3 Years of Service, May 1, 2009

**Belinda Rogers**, Department Coordinator, 28 Years of Service, July 1, 2009

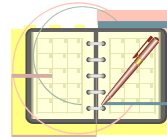
**Fran Mattson**, Positive Care Center, 1 Year of Service, July 7, 2009

**Joy Christiansen**, General Medicine Division, 5 Years of Service, August 9, 2009

**Leigh Hamersten**, Addiction Medicine, Endocrinology, and Infectious Diseases Divisions, 2 Years of Service and 20 Years of Service at Hennepin County Medical Center.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS.....



*Don't miss these important dates!*

**Thursday, September 10, 2009, The Annual Department of Medicine Fall Faculty Recognition Reception**, in honor of our faculty who have been promoted, recently become members of distinguished national societies or received prestigious departmental, national or international awards in the last year. Reception 5:00 pm, Program 6:00 pm. Coffman Memorial Union, Campus Club, West Wing, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis, MN 55455. Please RSVP to Cindy West at 612-626-8904 or [westx177@umn](mailto:westx177@umn).

**Wednesday and Thursday, October 7-8, 2009, Visiting Professor: Dr. Jeffrey G. Wiese**, Associate Professor and the Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education at the Tulane University Health Sciences Center, Vice-Chairman of Medicine, the Chief of the Charity Medical Service, and the Director of the Tulane Internal Medicine Program. He is the course director for Clinical Diagnosis, Biostatistics, Advanced Internal Medicine, and Medical Education courses, devoting his time to teaching and educational research, some of which incorporates evolving technologies in clinical reasoning and patient safety.

- **Wednesday, October 7, 2009**, Dr. Wiese will be the guest speaker at the **Minneapolis Society of Internal Medicine (MSIM) Fall Dinner Meeting** at the Minikahda Club, Minneapolis. For more information, contact Linda Vukelich at 651.407.1873 or [www.msionline.org](http://www.msionline.org).
- **Thursday, October 8, 2009**, Dr. Wiese will be the **21st Alvin L. Schultz Visiting Professor at HCMC in the Department of Medicine**. Besides presenting a noon Grand Rounds, he will be available to meet with faculty, residents and students during the day.



Dr. Jeffrey G. Wiese

**Tuesday, October 20, 2009, Dr. Gavin B. Bart**, "Addiction: The Number One Preventable Cause of Death." **Downtown Dinner Health Series**, at Palamino Restaurant, \$25 per session. All sessions include dinner and one drink. Contact Jane Lieberman for more information: 612 347 4582, [jlieberman@mmerf.org](mailto:jlieberman@mmerf.org). Registration/Mixer 5:30pm-6:15pm; Speaker 6:15pm-7:15pm; Network with the Doctor 7:15pm-7:45pm. Register at [www.MinnesotaMonthly.com](http://www.MinnesotaMonthly.com)

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