



## RESEARCHERS AWARDED MULTIMILLION-DOLLAR CONTRACT TO STUDY ORGAN TRANSPLANTATION IN THE UNITED STATES

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Dr. Kasiske



Dr. Israni

In September 2010, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) awarded researchers in the Department of Medicine, **Dr. Bertram L. Kasiske**, **Dr. Ajay K. Israni**, and **Dr. Jon J. Snyder**, a multimillion-dollar contract to maintain and analyze data on solid-organ transplantation in the United States as part of the federal government's ongoing effort to improve the lives of organ transplant recipients and patients awaiting organ transplants. The analyses will be conducted by researchers and allied investigators to support the development of regional and national policies designed to ensure the fair and efficient distribution of life-sustaining organs such as hearts, lungs, kidneys, pancreata, livers, and intestines.

Under the contract, the researchers will operate the Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients (SRTR) using sophisticated analytical techniques to evaluate current national Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN) policy and project the effects of OPTN policies being considered. They will evaluate patient outcomes and transplant center performance, as well as transplant-related costs. The contract calls for a publicly available annual data report and a biennial report to the United States Congress. In addition to its work with the government, other project objectives include providing more

information to patients, families, and the general public.

The project will be directed by Dr. Kasiske, with key assistance from Dr. Israni and Dr. Snyder. Dr. Kasiske looks forward to his tenure as the SRTR Project Director: "For this project, we've assembled an outstanding team of clinicians and researchers who will build on past progress at a time when further progress is sorely needed in the area of transplantation." As described by Dr. Israni, the state of organ transplantation in the US has become critical: "The number of organ transplant procedures conducted each year has grown steadily as the burden of chronic disease has increased. Currently, there are far more people waiting for organs than there are organs available. Unfortunately, around 7,000 people will die each year while they wait for a viable organ transplant." By conducting extensive analyses of the data in the registry, Dr. Kasiske and his team will contribute to improved allocation of precious organs and better outcomes for patients who receive them.

The transplant registry will be based in the Chronic Disease Research Group (CDRG), which is directed by **Dr. Allan J. Collins**. This group also serves as the coordinating center for the North Central Donor Exchange Cooperative (a collaboration between kidney transplant centers in the Upper Midwest), as well as the coordinating center for the United States Renal Data System, the data coordinating center for the Kidney Early Evaluation Program of the National Kidney Foundation (NKF), and the data coordinating center for the CKD (Chronic Kidney Disease) Health Evaluation Risk Information Sharing project being conducted by the NKF in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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## STAFF UPDATES

### Please welcome to the Department of Medicine:



Dr. Galloway-Gilliam

The General Medicine Division has a number of new faces, **Dr. Iesha Galloway-Gilliam** and **Dr. Anne Pylkas** both joined the General Medicine Division on September 1, 2010.

Dr. Galloway-Gilliam comes to us from Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, as a graduate of their Primary Care Internal Medicine Training Program. She has a strong interest in

outpatient medicine and in working with an underserved patient population. Dr. Pylkas received her training here at HCMC and will be spending half of her professional effort in General Medicine and the other half in Addiction Medicine. She is committing two half days per week to working with our CCDS population. **Dr. Sam Ives** will join HCMC as a staff member on November 1, 2010. His duties will include practicing and staffing in General Medicine and the Hospitalist service, with an emphasis on medical education - heading up our new Friday School. All three serve as clinician-



Dr. Pylkas

educators to housestaff and medical students on the inpatient service. They are passionate about the mission of HCMC and will be doing their part to fill some of the many needs of our community.



Drs. Linzer &amp; Ives

**Dr. Maria Moscandrew** joined the Gastroenterology Division on October 1, 2010. She comes to HCMC from the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, where she completed her fellowship in Gastroenterology & Hepatology. She graduated from Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine in Maywood, Illinois and completed her Internal Medicine Residency at Boston Medical Center. At the Mayo Clinic, she

focused on the care of IBD patients and her research included studying the post-marketing response and adverse outcomes of natalizumab in Crohn's disease patients as well as investigating the incidence of extra intestinal cancers in the IBD cohort.

**Dr. Kim Quadling** joined the faculty in the Geriatric Medicine Division on October 1, 2010. Dr. Quadling is no stranger to the Department of Medicine as she completed her Internal Medicine Residency here in 2006, as well as a Geriatric Medicine Fellowship in 2007. Dr. Quadling graduated from the University of the Witwatersrand Medical

School in Johannesburg, South Africa. She did a Residency in Internal Medicine at the Johannesburg Hospital in Johannesburg, South Africa in 1999; and a Fellowship in Rheumatology at the same hospital in 2001. She came to the United States to continue her studies in medicine. Upon completing her Geriatric Medicine Fellowship, she practiced as a geriatrician at HealthPartners in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Her current responsibilities will include geriatric patients at HCMC Brooklyn Center, Augustana Senior Care, and nursing home rounds through Extended Care. She is a welcome addition to the geriatric medicine staff here at HCMC.



Joni Loomer

Also in the Division of General Medicine, **Ms. Joni Loomer** joined the General Medicine service office as an administrative assistant on October 20, 2010. Joni has had over 15 years of experience in office management and human resource administration, including an administrative assistant position for two family practice medical groups.

### Transitioning:

**Dr. Timothy Kinney** will be leaving his full-time position in the Division of Gastroenterology on November 14, 2010 to join the Ridgeview Specialty Clinic in Waconia, Minnesota. He will, however, be working here two half-days per week for a few months.

**Dr. Sidney Jones** will also be leaving his full-time position in the Division of Endocrinology, Metabolism, and Diabetes on November 30, 2010 to join the Ridgeview Specialty Clinic in Waconia, Minnesota. He will continue to work here one day per week.

**Dr. Peter Weissmann** will be leaving the Division of General Internal Medicine and the Medicine Education Program (Associate Program Director) on December 16, 2010 to take a position at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Retirements in the Nephrology Division that will occur on December 31, 2010 include: **Dr. Charles Smith** after 33 years also serving as the Division's Associate Director for 8 years; **Dr. Robert Berkseth** after 34 years also serving 13 years as the Associate Director of Performance Measurement and Improvement; and **Ms. Vicki Bowler** who has provide administrative support in the division for 37 years.



### **Newest addition to the Administrative staff, Ms. Pumpkin!**

The Department of Medicine Administrative Staff took part in the annual HCMC Pumpkin Carving Contest held on October 28-29, 2010. This contest was a kickoff to the Hospital's Together We Care Pledge Drive. Our staff did an excellent job utilizing their creativity and teamwork creating this special lady with many multitasking hands representing our administrative staff. Ms. Pumpkin took 4<sup>th</sup> place in the contest just missing 3<sup>rd</sup> place by only 67 cents. We appreciate all who visited Ms. Pumpkin and contributed!



## COORDINATED CARE DELIVERY SYSTEM (CCDS) AT HCMC

On June 1, 2010, the General Assistance Medical Care (GAMC) ceased to exist. In place of this program, up to 19,000 poor, single adults were given the opportunity to enroll in a Coordinated Care Delivery System (CCDS). Only HCMC, Regions Hospital, North Memorial, and Fairview University agreed to proceed with the CCDS model. At present, HCMC is the only one taking new CCDS patients.

Currently, there are close to 7,000 active enrollees in our CCDS. It is anticipated that the HCMC CCDS will reach the State defined enrollment cap by mid November.

The cost of care is covered, in part, by a \$32 million "block grant" from the State. This provides approximately 30 cents on the dollar of estimated expenses. Thus, we must carefully and actively oversee the care management of our vulnerable, safety net patients.

In 2008, the billing from inpatient activity represented about 80% of total HCMC charges to the GAMC program. Consequently, our principal care system initiatives are targeted at reducing avoidable inpatient activity.

### Tiered Care Initiatives in CCDS:

**Tier 1:** Enhanced access to primary care is the cornerstone intervention for the entire CCDS population. Although primary care is available at "off site" clinics as well as Medicine Clinic, our CCDS patients tend to opt for downtown care. It is expected that up to 4,000 patients will need new primary care providers. Primary care providers are working overtime staffing a CCDS intake clinic to accommodate the new volume; medical residents are also stepping up with a strong commitment and many CCDS patients seen.

It is anticipated that additional resources will soon be available to support primary care. Care navigators are hired and care management is planned for the future.

**Dr. Aaron Rutzick** leads a disease management initiative; a registry of all CCDS patients is being built by **Dr. Kevin Larsen's** IT team. Population management of critical disease states that diabetes, CHF, asthma, and depression, will hopefully improve population health and drive down costly Emergency Department (ED) visits and hospital stays. For Tier 1 questions, please contact **Dr. Mark Linzer** at [mark.linzer@hcmcd.org](mailto:mark.linzer@hcmcd.org).



Dr. Paul Johnson and the CCDS Team

**Tier 2:** All hospitalized CCDS patients are entered into "Tier 2." To minimize the risk of readmission, patients receive medical follow-up within a week of discharge, and home assessments from Minnesota Valley Nursing Association (MVNA) as needed. To date, there has been a marked reduction in the time between discharge and follow-up appointment (21 days to 5 days).

**Tier 3:** A new multidisciplinary team in a Tier 3 "Coordinated Care Clinic" (CCC) cares for those patients most at risk of recurrent admission.

The clinic is located on the first floor of the Shapiro (Blue) Building. This novel initiative is designed for patients with 3 or more admissions per year. Currently, about 70 complex patients are managed through this clinic. Most have serious medical problems complicated by mental health, chemical use, and chronic pain. The team includes a physician, nurse practitioner, care manager, social worker, and chemical dependency (CD) counselor. Mental Health care will be added soon. Call **Dr. Paul Johnson** with referrals or questions at 612.873.3363.

### Current Challenges:

Our care system is currently struggling to meet the needs of this population in a number of areas:

**Primary care** – Due to the complexity of the population, there is a need for 3–4 new primary care providers.

**Mental health services** – Severe mental health problems are common. A psychiatric nurse practitioner sees a small number of patients in the Medicine Clinic, and Acute Psychiatric Services (APS), near the ED, sees up to 6 patients per week. A contract is in place for mental health care (with referral) at the Hennepin County Mental Health Clinic. Contract discussions are underway for service at

Northpoint and CUHCC. It is anticipated that new mental health providers will soon be added to Medicine Clinic. This issue remains one of our most challenging.

**Chemical dependency** – Prior to CCDS, there was a single CD counselor for inpatient care. Through CCDS, a second CD counselor and Rule 25 assessor has been added. The initial focus is on care of the Tier 3 patients.

**Chronic pain management** – Chronic pain is a key driver of ED and inpatient utilization. At present, the system resources to address this issue are quite limited. It is likely that new resources will be allocated to hire a medical pain management expert, and build a standardized pain management process and oversight team.

[Dr. Paul Johnson]



## CONGRATULATIONS!



**Dr. Tseganesh Selameab** received the Advocacy and Community Service Award at the Midwest Society of General Internal Medicine (SGIM) meeting on September 23, 2010 held in Minneapolis, Minnesota.



**Dr. David Hilden** received the "Physician Communicator" Award for 2010 from the Minnesota Medical Association (MMA), presented at the MMA Annual Meeting at Breezy Point Resort in Brainerd, Minnesota, on September 16, 2010, for contributing to a better public understanding of medicine and health in the State of Minnesota through his weekly radio program, "Healthy Matters" on WCCO-AM and WLTE-FM in Minneapolis. He was nominated by the Minnesota Chapter of the American College of Physicians.

### Recent MMRF Grant Awardees:

**Dr. Scott Davies**, Oral Microbial Load in Intubated Patients Pilot Study. 3M.

**Dr. Richard Grimm**, Aspirin in Reducing Events in the Elderly (ASPREE) - Non Competing Continuation National Institutes of Health, University of Arkansas / National Institutes of Health.

**Dr. Keith Henry**, Influenza Viral Shedding among HIV-Infected Persons, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

**Dr. Bertram Kasiske**, Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients (SRTR), Health Research Services Administration.

**Mark LeSage, PhD**, Active Immunization for Treating Methamphetamine Abuse - Non Competing Continuation, University of Arkansas / National Institutes of Health.

**Dr. Mark Linzer**, Creating Healthy Workplaces: Improving Outcomes for Providers and Patients - Non Competing Continuation, AHRQ.

**Dr. Anne Murray**, Decline in Physical Function and Independence in the Transition Zone Satellite Healthcare.

**Dr. Paul Pentel**, Laser Adjuvants for Nicotine Vaccines - Non Competing Continuation, Massachusetts General Hospital / National Institutes of Health.

**Dr. Dean Tsukayama**, Strategies to Address Infection Prevention and Treatment in the Reduced Milieu of Irrigated Open Wound, Department of the Army.

## MEETINGS AND PRESENTATIONS

**Dr. Matthew Prekker** and **Dr. Nathaniel Scott** (EM/IM residents) along with **Dr. James Leatherman**, presented a poster titled: *Noninvasive estimation of central venous pressure in critically ill patients: a comparison of internal jugular vein versus inferior vena caval ultrasound*, at the American Thoracic Society International Conference, held in New Orleans, Louisiana, in May 2010.

**Dr. Jason Baker** gave a talk, "TV, Inflammation and Coagulation," at the INSIGHT (International Network for Strategic Initiatives in Global HIV Trials) Strategic Scientific Retreat in Bethesda, Maryland, on Oct 11, 2010.

**Dr. Douglas Pryce** had the privilege of speaking at the "African Refugee Health: Best Practices" in Lewiston, Maine, on October 15-17, 2010. As an invited speaker, he shared pertinent information on "Advice on the Hajj" and "Malnutrition and Vitamin D Deficiency." He also presented four HCMC posters on Somali health problems: "Tobacco," authored by Dr. Pryce and Minnesota International Health Volunteers (MIHV); "Violence in Somali women," authored by Deb Boehm, Dr. Heidi Coplin, and S. Leaf; "PTSD in Somali elders," authored by **Dr. Lawrence Kerzner** and Geriatric Medicine Fellow, **Dr. Sowmya Kurtakoti**; "Cervical cancer awareness," authored by MIHV.

**Dr. Pia Franco** and **Dr. Ramona Kyrillos**, G3 Medicine residents presented posters at the Infectious Disease Society of America (IDSA) meeting that was held in Vancouver, BC, Canada, on October 21, 2010. Dr. Franco's poster, *Screening for Anal Dysplasia in HIV-Infected Patients: Cytology Compared to Histology From High Resolution Anoscopy*, was also authored by **Dr. Cristina Baker** and

**Dr. Jason Baker**. Dr. Kyrillos' poster, *Herpes Simplex Virus (HSV) Central Nervous System(CNS) Infections: The Role of Acyclovir(ACV) Therapy*, was also authored by **Dr. David Williams**, Dr. Glen Hansen, and Diane Hirigoyen.

### Recent Guest speakers, on "Healthy Matters" (WCCO-AM and WLTE-FM radio).

September 12, 2010, **Patricia Culliton**: "Integrative & Alternative Health Care."

September 19, 2010, **Dr. Laxmana Godishala**: "Heart Healthy."

October 10, 2010, **Dr. Melody Mendiola**: "Women's Reproductive Health."

October 24, 2010, **Dr. Keith Henry**: "HIV & AIDs Care."



Dr. Godishala

## THE 22ND ANNUAL ALVIN L. SCHULTZ VISITING PROFESSOR IN 2010

Our 22nd Annual Alvin L. Schultz Visiting Professor in the Department of Medicine was Dr. Faith T. Fitzgerald on Thursday, September 16, 2010. Dr. Fitzgerald is a Professor of Medicine and Associate Dean of Humanities and Bioethics at the University of California, Davis, School of Medicine in Sacramento, California. She is a graduate of the University of California San Francisco School of Medicine, San Francisco, California, where she did her internship and residency. Dr. Fitzgerald is also a Master and Regent, American College of Physicians.

Her visit to HCMC's Department of Medicine included participation in the case presentation at Morning Report

with the medicine residents and medical students, meeting with small groups of residents and faculty, and presenting a very entertaining and educational Grand Rounds at noon entitled, "*Curiosity*." Her presentation touched on how curiosity informs and advances medicine, its use as an instrument of medicine, and argues for increased time for contemplation as an integral part of reimbursed practice in any discipline.

Following her full day of activities at HCMC as the visiting professor, there was a small dinner attended by select faculty and residents in Dr. Fitzgerald's honor at the University Club in St. Paul Minnesota.

## RECENT GUEST SPEAKERS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE

**Thursday, September 16, 2010 Alvin L Schultz Visiting Professorship**, Dr. Faith Fitzgerald, Professor of Medicine and Associate Dean of Humanities and Bioethics at the University of California, Davis, School of Medicine in Sacramento, California. "*Curiosity*."

**Thursday, October 21, 2010 Medicine Grand Rounds**. Dr. Maren Hilton, Rheumatologist, Veteran's Administration Medical Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota. "*Current Treatment of Osteoarthritis with a Focus on Total Knee Arthroplasty*".

**Tuesday, October 26, 2010 International Medicine**, Daniel Wordsworth, President and CEO, American Refugee Committee. "*Responding to humanitarian crisis: delivering aid in chaos and confusion*."

**Thursday, October 28, 2010 Medicine Grand Rounds**. Dr. Heather Muster, Davita Clinical Research Minneapolis, Minnesota. "*Acute Kidney Injury: New concepts in diagnosis and therapy*."

## THE ALVIN L SCHULTZ EDUCATION AND RESEARCH FUND

Consider a donation to the Alvin L. Schultz Education and Research Fund (MMRF #4987) for the upcoming year.

In the Department of Medicine at HCMC the Alvin L. Schultz Education and Research Fund is the only departmental resource for funding a variety of activities including visiting professorships, support for residents' scholarly activities (abstracts, posters, and oral presentations at state and national meetings), funding for selected residents to have an international experience (three grants per year), and grants for board review (coordinated via the Department of Medicine's Medical Education Program).

Several years ago the hospital made a decision not to accept pharmaceutical company support for educational events, so all revenues for this fund come from faculty and alumni. Fortunately, many of you have been generous over the years.

Because of concerns that the fund balance had eroded between 2003 and 2007, we decided to limit visiting professorships to two a year, namely the Alvin L. Schultz Visiting Professorship in the fall, and the HCMC Alumnus of the Year in the spring. Unfortunately, we no longer have the



Dr. Alvin L. Schultz, Chairman  
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resources to host visiting professorships in the Humanities or Innovations.

Over the last three years, total expenses for our visiting professor program and support of our residents' scholarly activities have outweighed our revenues, which are almost exclusively gifts from faculty and alumni.

We thank all of you who have donated over the years, and hope that you will continue your contributions into the future. For colleagues who have not participated in this fund in the past, we would encourage you to help sustain the important education and research activities of our residents.

For those of you with surplus funds in your HFA BEA at the end of 2010, this is a great opportunity to transfer those unused and otherwise forfeited dollars to the Schultz Fund.

The Alvin L. Schultz Education and Research Fund is an enormous resource for all our residents, students, fellows, faculty, and department. We can assure you that our residents and the educational office would be very grateful for your support.

[Dr. David Williams, Assistant Chief of Medicine]



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## ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF RECOGNITION

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

**Megan Pollard**, 2 years of Administrative Support in the General Internal Medicine Division and the Medicine Education Program in the Department of Medicine on September 2, 2010.

**Sherli Wafer**, 3 years of Administrative Support in the Gastroenterology Division in the Department of Medicine on September 3, 2010.

**Michelle Herbers**, 21 years of Administrative Support at HCMC in the hospital, General Internal Medicine Division and in the Medicine Education Program in the Department of Medicine on September 11, 2010.

**Mary Schuefftan**, 3 years of Administrative Support in the Division of Geriatrics in the Department of Medicine on October 1, 2010.



## CITY WIDE PRIMARY CARE RESEARCH CONSORTIUM

The Third City Wide Primary Care Research Consortium meeting was held on September 29, 2010. Dr. Tracie Collins from the University of Minnesota, and Dr. Mark Linzer from HCMC organize the meeting and the informal structure with a focus on building relationships, sharing research and learning from each other. The City Wide Primary Care Research Consortium provides an ideal environment for young researchers to network and meet mentors, and also ideal for more seasoned researchers to mentor the future. Speakers are sought to present their research on the topic

for each quarterly meetings, focusing on a different theme such as, women's health, health disparities, or obesity.

This meeting was a great evening with presentations, discussions and connections. The theme for the evening was Women's Health and Women in Health, with presentations by Dr. Roberta E. Sonnino from the University of Minnesota, Dr. Susan Diem from the Veterans Medical Center, and **Dr. Mark Linzer** from HCMC, presenting his research on women physicians and burnout.

[Sara Paplau]

## LE BAL MASQUÉ



Scott & Pat Davies

On Saturday, October 23, 2010, HCMC held the first Le Bal Masqué (at the Minneapolis Convention Center) to benefit the Hennepin Health Foundation. It was a great evening of pageantry, revelry and enchantment. Community members, physicians, hospital staff and leadership participated in the evening's entertainment

by hiding their identities and assuming roles in the Mystick Krewe des Lacs. Persons rumored to be members of the Mystick Krewe des Lacs included member of the Department of Medicine faculty, including **Drs. Brad Bart, Michael Belzer, Scott Davies, David Hilden, John Hitt, Kevin Larsen, Paul Pentel, Natarajan Raman, Marty Stillman, and Dean Tsukayama.**



Flora & Dean Tsukayama

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS.....

April 21, 2011, The Department of Medicine Distinguished Alumnus of the Year, Dr. Robert H. Lohr, Assistant Professor of Medicine, College of Medicine, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota.

September 8, 2011, The 23rd Annual Alvin L. Schultz Visiting Professor, Dr. William T. Branch, Jr., Head of General Medicine and Professor of Medicine, Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, Georgia.

October 20-22, 2011 The Best of Hennepin, Meeting *details early in 2011.*

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