Several Department Physicians Featured in Local Television Spots

A brand new installment of the UM Miller School of Medicine Marketing Team produced series “Breakthrough Medicine” debuted Friday, June 18th on local ABC affiliate Channel 10. *Stem Cell Therapy: Healing Force of the Future*, featured the groundbreaking work of Dr. Joshua Hare and his team at the Interdisciplinary Stem Cell Institute. View this and past episodes at [http://www.uhealthsystem.com/breakthrough/](http://www.uhealthsystem.com/breakthrough/)

Dr. Ray Hershberger, professor of medicine in the Cardiovascular Division, was featured in a report on WSVN (Channel 7), regarding peripartum cardiomyopathy. [http://www.wsvn.com/features/articles/medicalreports/MI89239/](http://www.wsvn.com/features/articles/medicalreports/MI89239/)

Dr. Robert Myerburg, professor of medicine in the Cardiovascular Division, was featured in a story on NBC6 about his efforts to save a fellow traveler having a heart attack in the customs area of Miami International Airport. Dr. Myerburg has been a national leader in the effort to get portable defibrillators installed in public places such as airports. At the time of the incident in May, there was no defibrillator in the customs area. However, this incident has prompted officials to install defibrillators in that section. [http://www.nbcmiami.com/news/health/Passengers-Cardiac-Arrest--prompts-a-change-at-MIA-97526794.html](http://www.nbcmiami.com/news/health/Passengers-Cardiac-Arrest--prompts-a-change-at-MIA-97526794.html)

Dr. Edgardo Santos, assistant professor of clinical medicine in the Division of Hematology/Oncology and Dr. Joseph Rosenblatt, Interim Director, Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center were featured in an in depth story on NBC 6 about patient participation in clinical trials [http://www.nbcmiami.com/news/health/Putting-Cancer-Treatments-to-the-Test-96086254.html](http://www.nbcmiami.com/news/health/Putting-Cancer-Treatments-to-the-Test-96086254.html)

We are always looking for stories that will communicate the great work being done in the Department of Medicine. If you have a story that features a patient testimonial, and describes a new technique, technology or trial, then we want to hear it. Please call either Terri Hnatyszyn (305) 243-2139 or Lisa Worley (305) 243-5184.

DOM In the News….

Dr. Lippman is proud to announce that Mario Stevenson, M.D., Ph.D. will be joining the Department of Medicine as our Chief of the Division of Infectious Diseases.

Dean Goldschmidt recently said of Dr. Stevenson, that “[he] is an extraordinary individual whose scientific accomplishments rank him within the top 1% of his peers, and whose contribution to our academic reputation will be substantial. Furthermore, he will provide invaluable help in accessing an NIH award, center for AIDS research, CFAR-P30 grant, and establish UM as a top tier AIDS research center in the US/world.”

Dr. Stevenson will be joining us later this summer. Please join in welcoming him to the Department.

For more information go to: www.med.miami.edu/medicine
Do you know – Susan Martin?

This month Susan Martin, Sr. Division Administrator for the Division of Hematology/Oncology, is celebrating her thirty-first anniversary with the University of Miami! She began her career on campus as a clerk in the lab at UMHC – filling out paperwork and routing blood samples. One of her memories of that time was seeing Dr. William Harrington, Sr. running around (lab coat flapping) ensuring that everything in the lab was moving along.

These days Susan oversees administration of one of the biggest Divisions of the University of Miami, Miller School of Medicine. When asked, what is the most rewarding thing about her job, Susan answered “Feeling as though I can have a positive impact on the professional lives of the faculty and nurses which, in turn, has a positive impact on patient care”.

In her free time you probably didn’t know that you might catch her working in her yard or out on her boat. And if she was Dean for a day, and could do anything she wanted, she would install a Starbucks for Dr. Pegram here on campus!

In each edition of The Pulse this column will be a place to learn more about someone in the Department of Medicine, working to support our faculty and our academic healthcare mission.

The Department of Medicine Responds on the Ground in Haiti

This excerpt is taken from an article appearing in the Aug 17th issue of the Annals of Internal Medicine.

An Academic Center’s Delivery of Care After the Haitian Earthquake

Amir K. Jaffer, MD; Rafael E. Campo, MD; Greg Gaski, MD; Mario Reyes, MD; Ralf Gebhard, MD; Enrique Ginzburg, MD; Michael A. Kolber, PhD, MD; John Macdonald, MD; Steven Falcone, MD, MBA; Barth A. Green, MD; Lazara Barreras-Pagan, RN, BHSA; and William W. O’Neill, MD

The Miller School of Medicine of the University of Miami and Project Medishare, an affiliated not-for-profit organization, provided a large-scale relief effort in Haiti after the earthquake of 12 January 2010. Their experience demonstrates that academic medical centers in close geographic proximity to natural disasters can help deliver effective medical care through a coordinated process involving mobilization of their own resources, establishment of focused management teams at home and on the ground with formal organizational oversight, and partnership with governmental and nongovernmental relief agencies. Geographic proximity to the disaster area allows for prompt arrival of medical personnel and equipment. The recruitment and organized deployment of large numbers of local and national volunteers are indispensable parts of this effort. Multidisciplinary teams on short rotations can form the core of the medical response.

Read the complete article published at www.annals.org.

A = operating room, B = wound center, C = triage, D pediatric patients, E is the tent where staff and health care workers were housed.
¡Bienvenidos!

Please join in welcoming the following faculty to the DOM.

Dr. Stephen Bekanich, Department of Family Medicine with a joint appointment in the Division of Hospital Medicine - Associate Professor. Dr. Bekanich joins us from the University of Utah Medical Center in Salt Lake City, UT where he served as the Medical Director of Palliative Care Services. Dr. Bekanich is an authority in Palliative Care and currently an Associate Editor, of the PC-FACS, an electronic publication of the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative. He is board certified in both Internal Medicine and Hospice and Palliative Medicine.

Dr. Gregory Holt, Division of Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep - Assistant Professor. Dr. Holt moves to Miami all the way from the Pacific Northwest where he has completed a fellowship at University of Washington where he worked to find novel vaccine approaches to treatment of small cell lung cancers. He is a physician scientist mentoring under Dr. Matthias Salathe assigned to an NIH grant for COPD.

Dr. Tamara Isakova, Division of Nephrology - Assistant Professor. Dr. Isakova comes to us from Harvard Medical School where her most recent clinical research fellowship focused on the early signs of chronic kidney disease.

VA Physicians gaining UM Faculty Appointments

Devora Kahn, M.D. - Assistant Professor. Dr. Kahn is a mentor at the VA to medical school students studying such topics as case presentation, history taking and taking physical exams. Brian Hagenlocker, M.D. - Assistant Professor. Dr. Hagenlocker is the Chief, Clinical Informatics, at the VA and his interests include the impact of electronic health records on the quality of care in chronic disease management.

Peer Review Process

We are approaching the 2010 peer review period that is slated to begin in September 2010. As in past years all departmental faculty will be required to complete a Peer Review form that captures their research, educational, and administrative activities for the period 2009-2010. This year’s peer review committee will be co-chaired by Marilyn Glassberg and Ronald Goldberg. Several modifications in the process are being contemplated, including a short summary statement that each faculty member may write capturing their major accomplishments. Watch for more detailed communication in the near future in from Drs. Glassberg and Goldberg in partnership with the Office of Academic Affairs.

Did You Hear?

U.S. News & World Report’s 2010-11 Best Hospitals was released earlier this month. The Division of Nephrology and Hypertension, headed by internationally recognized kidney expert Dr. Jochen Reiser, was ranked No. 49 in the specialty of kidney disorders.

Dr. Angelique Grant has been selected as one of the 2010 Fulbright scholars. As a result, she is invited to participate in the 2010 Fulbright Seminar for US Administrators in International Education being held in Berlin, Germany in October.

Congratulations!

Send your feedback and story ideas to thnatyszyn@med.miami.edu
Department of Medicine Grand Rounds Schedule for August

August 4th
Shirin Shafazand, M.D., Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine, Division of Pulmonary / Sleep Medicine
Sleep Disorders in Specialized Populations

August 11th
Hermes Florez, M.D., Ph.D., Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine, Division of Endocrinology presents From Diabetes Prevention and Management to Healthier Aging: Opportunities and Challenges

August 18th
Joshua Lenchus, D.O., Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine, Division of Hospital Medicine presents The Procedure Service: Three Years Later

August 25th
Lilian Abbo, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases presents “Bad Bugs NO Drugs” Get SMART about Antimicrobial Stewardship

Department of Medicine Grand Rounds are held each Wednesday at noon in the 3rd Floor Auditorium of the Rosenstiel Medical Science Building.

Website Update
You may have noticed the new look of the Miller School of Medicine site, and the updated functionality of sylverster.org. Now, it is the Department of Medicine and our 17 division and program sites’ turn to get a well deserved overhaul. Marketing has been reaching out to each Division Chief/program head for strategic direction. The goal of this project is to deliver cohesive, efficient and impactful websites that speak to the varied audiences we serve. We are currently in the development phase, and site testing will begin by the end of August. That puts us on target to have the new sites functioning by this Fall.

Call for Stories
The Pulse is a quarterly electronic newsletter dedicated to news, events, and announcements for the Department of Medicine. If you have information that you want everyone in the Department to know about, please forward it to Terri Hnatyszyn at thnatyszyn@med.miami.edu or (305) 243-2139.

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