

Boston Medical Center/ Boston University School of Medicine

Department of Medicine Newsletter

Message from the Chairman

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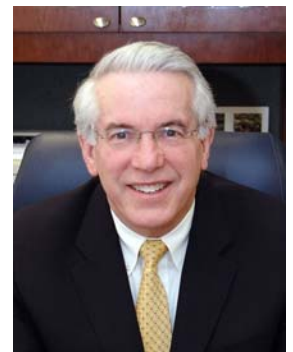
The tragic and surreal aftermath of the Boston Marathon bombing cast a spotlight on the character and resilience of the Boston community. Through these horrible events, we saw the best and the worst of the human spirit. I am so proud to be a part of a community and a medical center that responded to the needs of the victims and their families with such expertise, compassion, and generosity. Although the impact of this experience serves to put our daily activities in a different perspective, the critical work of our department moves forward with great energy and enthusiasm.

Several key recruitments have been completed and an important review of our administrative operations has been completed. Recently, Alice Jacobs, M.D., Professor of Cardiology accepted the position of Vice Chair for Clinical Affairs. Dr. Jacobs is a widely respected leader in cardiology and will bring great energy and skill to her new role. Eva Greenwood, M.B.A. has been appointed to the role of Vice Chair for Finance and Administration. Ms. Greenwood has been serving in the role on a part-time, interim basis since November 2012. She will bring great insight and experience to this position. The selection process for filling each of these positions benefitted enormously from the participation and thoughtful input from a wide array of faculty and staff.

More recently, the administrative operations of the department were reviewed by a group of three chief administrative officers from three different departments of medicine. The review was an attempt to garner outside input on how we might improve our department's administrative operations to best meet the needs of faculty and staff, and also fulfill the missions of the department. They met over a three day period with section chiefs, administrators, and leadership from BUSM and BMC. The recommendations from the review are extremely helpful and thoughtful. We will be reviewing the recommendations with faculty and staff over the next several weeks to help prioritize our next steps.

Finally, I should also acknowledge the very hard work of section chiefs, section administrators, and department finance staff in successfully formulating the AY 14 budget. I am very excited about working with the new departmental leadership and look forward to further discussions about how we can improve our administrative support functions in the department.

David Coleman, M.D.



CONGRATULATIONS!



John Meyers, PhD., Assistant Professor of Medicine and Director of IT for EMF, was selected as the Sustainability winner for the 8th Annual 2013 Ventana Research Leadership Awards. In analysis and review of his submission they found that the work he is doing to sustain IT operations more efficiently through using technology and helping the medicine and research is significant and worthy of our Leadership Award. They will be presenting the awards this year at the Ventana Research Business Technology Leadership Summit on May 29th and 30th, at the Hyatt Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco, CA. He will speak on one of our industry panels during the Leadership Summit to contribute your thoughts on technology and leadership. He will be presented you with the award at the summit and celebrate with us at the official Summit Leadership Celebration at the Hard Rock Café on Fisherman's Wharf following the ceremony.



Congratulations to Richard D. Wainford, Ph.D., FAHA, on being selected to receive the American Physiological Society Central Nervous System Section's 2013 New Investigator Award. This award is given to an outstanding investigator in the early stages of his/her career who has made meritorious contributions to the field of the study represented by the Central Nervous System Section. The award will be presented to him in April at the APS Central Nervous System Section's reception at the 2013 Experimental Biology meeting in Boston.



Allan J. Walkey, MD was awarded a K award from the NHLBI for his project titled "Atrial Fibrillation in Sepsis: Patient Outcomes and Provider Practice Patterns."



Dr. Richard Saitz had a book published that includes chapters written by four other BU faculty (Dan Alford, Tim Naimi, and from the School of Social Work, Maryann Amodeo and Luz Lopez). It is called *Addressing Unhealthy Alcohol Use in Primary Care*, an e-book and a print book, with details at <http://www.springer.com/medicine/book/978-1-4614-4778-8>

More Congratulations



Tom Perls, MD will be travelling to Seoul, Korea to accept the Busse Research Award. In recognition of significant contributions to aging research one award will recognize a scientist from the social/behavioral sciences; the other, a scientist from the biomedical sciences. These awards are supported from an endowment made by Gerontology International in honor of Ewald W. Busse, M.D., past president of the International Association of Gerontology and founding director of the Duke Aging Center.

Lewis Braverman, MD, FACE, Endocrinology, Diabetes and Nutrition, recently received the Master of the American College of Endocrinology (MACE) Award at the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists (AACE) 22nd Annual Scientific and Clinical Congress. The MACE Award is given to an AACE member who has received the Fellow of the American College of Endocrinology (FACE) distinction, is recognized as a distinguished practicing endocrinologist as well as a role model for developing endocrinologists, and is a contributor to AACE and to the art and science of endocrinology.



More Awards for Richard Wainford, PhD. FAHA

- 2012 Best Poster Presentation Award at the 2012 New Investigators Symposium, International Society of Hypertension Meeting, Sydney, Australia
- 2012 International Society of Hypertension New Investigator of the Month (December)
- 2013 The American Physiological Society Shih-Chun Wang Young Investigator Award
- 2013 International Union of Physiological Sciences Travel Award
- 2013 Endocrine Society Early Investigator Award

Faculty Development and Diversity Seminars

MONDAY MAY 20

“Mentoring in Academic Medicine: Giving and Getting”
Sharon Levine, MD

MONDAY JUNE 10

“CV BOOT CAMP”

With Members of the Appointment and Promotions Committee
Please send CV’s in advance to Robina Bhasin (rbhasin@bu.edu)

ALL OF THESE SEMINARS ARE 12-1 IN WILKINS BOARD ROOM

Investigators Networking Dinner

June 12th, 2013

6:30-8:30

at Emelia Benjamin's home
112 Lancaster Terrace in Brookline.

For more information or to RSVP, please contact Robina Bhasin,

PROMOTIONS JANUARY—APRIL 2013

Adam Rose, MD promotion to Associate Professor
in the Section of General Internal Medicine.

Deborah Siwik, PhD promotion to Research Associate Professor
in the Section of Cardiology.

Jingbo Niu, PhD. promotion to Research Associate Professor
in the Section of Clinical Epidemiology.

Yasau Ido, Md, PhD, promotion to Research Associate Professor
in the Section of Endocrinology.

In The News

Flora Sam, MD had her article posted on the JAHA home page(<http://jaha.ahajournals.org/>), and promoted on their Facebook page (the direct link is <https://www.facebook.com/pages/JAHA/283706528412303>) and Twitter (www.twitter.com/jaha_aha). She was also featured in the Boston Globe and People Magazine when responding to the need for help after the Boston Marathon bombings tragedies.



Be Exceptional Awards, are a new set of awards that recognize outstanding BMC staff and physicians who demonstrate exceptional performance and dedication to fulfilling BMC's mission and four QUEST goals: Quality, Efficiency, Satisfaction and Total Revenue.

Chosen by a committee made up of people from around the hospital, they were selected for their exceptional performance, initiative and teamwork, and for embodying our RESPECT behavioral attributes. These staffers reflect BMC on its best day, every day.

Congratulations to the following individuals in the Department of Medicine:

2013 Be Exceptional Award Recipients:

Diane Gauthier, RN/NP (Cardiovascular Clinic)

Manas Kaushik, PGY2/ Jr Assistant resident (Medicine Residency)

Deborah Whalen, Clinical Services Manager (Nursing Education)

New Grants January—March 2013

SECTION	PI LAST NAME	PI FIRST NAME	PROJECT TITLE	PROJECT TOTAL COSTS	FUNDING AGENCY
Gastroenterology	Mostoslavsky	Gustavo	iPSC-derived Repair Fibroblasts to Heal Refractory Venous Ulcers	33,800.14	Tufts University
General Internal Medicine	Paasche-Orlow	Michael	Optimizing Hospital Workflow and Quality Through Patient Engagement	42,943.00	Northeastern University
Hematology and Medical Oncology	Ward	Jennifer	Tetracycline Analogs for Treatment of AL Amyloidosis (Junior Research Award)	50,000.00	Amyloidosis Foundation
Infectious Diseases	Genco	Caroline	P.Gingavalis Lipid A Phosphate: Contribution to Virulence	125,043.00	UNIV OF WASHING
Hematology and Medical Oncology	Blanchard	Rita	ACRIN 6691 : Monitoring and Predicting Breast Cancer Neoadjuvant Chemotherapy Response Using Diffuse	30,000.00	Amer College of Radiology
Infectious Diseases	Jones-Lopez	Edward	Evaluation of the Small Membrane Filter Microscopy Method for the diagnosis of pulmonary tuberculosis	77,478.00	Epicentre/Médecins Sans Frontières
Gastroenterology	Farraye	Francis	Host Immune Response to Clostridium Difficile Infection in Inflammatory Bowel Disease	67,769.60	Optimer Pharmaceuticals Inc.
Cardiovascular Medicine	Monahan	Kevin	Catheter Ablation Versus Anti-arrhythmic Drug Therapy for Atrial Fibrillation Trial (4772 CABANA)	3,700.00	Duke Clinical Research Inst
Gastroenterology	Rameh-Plant	Lucia	The Role of Ptdins-5-P in Cell Function	161,902.00	NIH-NIDDK
Gastroenterology	Shirihai	Orian	Joint Reasearch Plan for Evaluation of Metabolic Derangements Underlying Human Islet Dysfunction	500,000.00	Pfizer, Inc
Gastroenterology	Shirihai	Orian	Testing Mitochondrial Bioenergetics	48,000.00	BioEnergetics, LLC
General Internal Medicine	Friedman	Robert	NERSCIC: Improving the Lives of People Living with Spinal Cord Injury Through Innovative Science a	118,247.00	Trustees of Boston University
General Internal	Paasche-	Michael	Advancing Research in Health Liter-	25,000.00	Lilly, USA
Infectious Diseases	Linan	Benjamin	Intensive Models of HCV Care for Injection Drug Users	91,816.00	AlbertEinsteinClIgeOf-Med of Yeshiva U.
Infectious Diseases	Henderson	Andrew	Transcription mechanisms that contribute to HIV-1 Latency	1,557,123.00	NIH-NIAID
Infectious Diseases	Jacobson	Karen	ASTMH Fellowship in Tropical Infectious Diseases	75,000.00	American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

Alice Jacobs, M.D. has accepted the position of **Vice Chair for Clinical Affairs in the Department of Medicine starting July 1, 2013.** Dr. Jacobs is Professor of Medicine in the Section of Cardiology and directed the Interventional Cardiology Program in our department up until 2011.

In 2004-05, Dr. Jacobs was president of the American Heart Association (AHA). She has been a member of numerous committees and Task Forces within the national, regional and local AHA and president of the AHA Northeast Affiliate in 2002-03. Dr. Jacobs is the immediate-past chair of the American College of Cardiology (ACC)/AHA Task Force on Practice Guidelines and a member of several ACC committees. In 2011, she was president of the Association of University Cardiologists and currently serves as chair of the American Board of Internal Medicine Interventional Cardiology Self-Assessment Test Committee and as a member of the New York State Cardiac Advisory Committee and CMS MEDCAC. She has also been a member of several ACC and AHA writing groups including establishing training criteria in interventional cardiology; assessing and maintaining competence in interventional cardiology; incorporating cost and value into guidelines and performance measures; and evaluating the impact of state legislation on registry participation and systems of care implementation. Dr. Jacobs has led the AHA's Mission: Lifeline, a community-based, national initiative to develop systems of care for ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI) patients and to increase the number of patients with timely access to primary percutaneous coronary intervention. Her major research interest is in coronary revascularization strategies. Dr. Jacobs is the principal investigator of the MASS COMM trial which is evaluating the safety and effectiveness of coronary angioplasty performed in community hospitals without on-site cardiac surgery in Massachusetts. She is also interested in cardiovascular disease in women and the sex-based differences in the epidemiology, diagnosis, treatment and prognosis of ischemic heart disease.

Dr. Jacobs is known throughout our department as a "go to" clinician and as a thoughtful and generous colleague. As Vice Chair for Clinical Affairs, she will have oversight of all aspects of our department's inpatient and outpatient clinical programs.

We are very fortunate to have Dr. Jacobs remarkable leadership of our clinical programs as we work collectively to further increase the value of our clinical services



Eva Greenwood, M.B.A. has accepted our offer to become Vice Chair, Finance and Administration, Department of Medicine effective immediately. Ms. Greenwood has extensive experience in finance and operations in local health care institutions and insurance companies. She served as Director of Finance for the Faculty Practice Foundation at BMC/BUSM from 2009-12. She has been generously serving part-time in the interim role of Chief Administrative Officer for our department since November, 2012. During this period, she has made a number of improvements in our administrative operations and established highly professional and productive working relationships with members of the department, BMC, and BUSM. She is a remarkably diligent, thoughtful leader who has a very strong commitment to the department's success in all of our missions.

I hope you will join with me in congratulating Ms. Greenwood on this appointment and welcome her to this exciting new role.

