People in the news...

Donna Futterman, MD, Director, Adolescent AIDS Program, was featured in an article on the Time Magazine’s website about the new HIV testing initiative in the Bronx. Available at: http://www.time.com/time/printout/0,8816,1822013,00.html

Dr. Futterman was also quoted in the Wall Street Journal in an article on the government’s failure to release up-to-date AIDS numbers. http://images.burrellesluce.com/image/3308AX/3308AX_802

Steven M. Safyer, MD, President and CEO, interviewed by the New York Sun on August 4 to discuss Montefiore’s plans for expanding oncology services. http://www.nysun.com/health-fitness/new-york-hospitals-are-maneuvering-in-war/83119/

Personal Happenings...

Congratulations! To Dr. Felise Milan on her promotion to Professor of Clinical Medicine

Congratulations! To Dr. Hal Strelnick on his recent wedding to Ms. Deborah Ellis on July 26, 2008 (pictured below). The announcement of their wedding was featured in the July 27 edition of the New York Times which is available at: http://www.nytimes.com/2008/07/27/fashion/weddings/27ellis.html?_r=1&scp=1&sq=Strelnick&st=cse&oref=slogin

Farewell! To Jennifer Rhodes-Kropf who has moved to Boston with her family following her husband’s new appointment as a Professor at Harvard Business School. Jennifer is looking forward to taking on an academic geriatrics/palliative care position at one of the Harvard hospitals. We wish her much success in her new endeavors.

Farewell! To Dr. Darwin Deen, who in July, took on a new role as a faculty member at the Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Education, while retaining his faculty appointment in our Department. We also expect and hope that Dr. Deen will continue to be involved with several grant-funded projects that are underway or planned; in addition, we are hoping to take this opportunity to strengthen our relationship with the Sophie Davis program in the area of pipeline programs for undergraduate and graduate medical education. While we are happy that Dr. Deen has found this new and exciting challenge at Sophie Davis, and sad that he will be leaving the Department as a full-time faculty member, we would like to thank Dr. Deen for all of his dedicated work over all of these years, to acknowledge all that he has accomplished both personally and on behalf of our Department, and to wish him the very best in this new role, in the hope that, as suggested above, there will continue to be ample opportunities to continue a close and productive relationship with us and the Department in the future. On June 24, 2008 a surprise farewell gathering was held at Frankie and Johnnies Pine Restaurant (see photos above).

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GRANTS

Congratulations! To Drs. Anna Flattau and Diane McKee on receiving a Joint AAFP/F-AAFP Grant Award for their project ‘Psychosocial Barriers to Care in Patients with Diabetic Foot Ulcers.’ Purpose: Early presentation and adherence to care are important determinants of outcomes for patients with diabetic foot ulcers (DFUs). Psychosocial barriers to care may interfere with these processes. Aims: 1. to identify psychosocial barriers to early presentation and treatment adherence in patients with DFUs, and 2. to explore the perceived roles that health providers, including primary care physicians, play in addressing these barriers. We will conduct interviews with approximately 15 adult patients with DFUs who are enrolled in primary care at Montefiore Medical Center, as well as approximately 10 patients admitted emergently to the hospital for this disease. Qualitative analysis will be applied.

Congratulations! To the Family Medicine and Internal Medicine tracks of RPSM whom have been awarded 3-year HRSA Residency Training in Primary Care Grants. The focus on the Family Medicine grant is to continue to further redesign the curriculum to incorporate the six major elements of the Chronic Care Model. For the Internal Medicine grant, the focus is to redesign the curriculum to more effectively address the pressing health needs that continue to underlie many of our nation’s health disparities: HIV; substance abuse; obesity, diabetes & physical inactivity; and arthritis and pain. Both grants will have didactic, clinical, and team- and community-based components and both will evaluate learners’ achievement of ACGME competencies.

PUBLICATIONS

Bonuck K, Freeman K, Henderson J. Growth and growth biomarker changes after adenotonsillectomy: systematic review and meta-analysis. Arch Dis Child, published online August 2008. Available at online at www.adc.bmj.com


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PRESENTATIONS


DFSM STAFF

A few of our DFSM staff wearing our newly designed departmental shirts. Pictured from left: Elba Carpio, Tami Rivera, Shannon Lanier, Kim Eady, Carol Whittaker, Wilma Burgos, and Michelle Perez.

BABY FRIENDLY HOSPITAL

The Baby Friendly Hospital initiative, developed by the World Health Organization and UNICEF, provides 10 steps to a Baby Friendly Hospital:

1. Maintain a written breastfeeding policy that is routinely communicated to all health care staff.

2. Train all health care staff in skills necessary to implement this policy.

3. Inform all pregnant women about the benefits and management of breastfeeding.

4. Help mothers initiate breastfeeding within one hour of birth.

5. Show mothers how to breastfeed and how to maintain lactation, even if they are separated from their infants.

6. Give infants no food or drink other than breastmilk, unless medically indicated.

7. Practice “rooming in”-- allow mothers and infants to remain together 24 hours a day.

8. Encourage unrestricted breastfeeding.

9. Give no pacifiers or artificial nipples to breastfeeding infants.

10. Foster the establishment of breastfeeding support groups and refer mothers to them on discharge from the hospital or clinic.

If you would like to join Dr. Rebecca Williams in working toward baby friendly, please e-mail her at rewillia@montefiore.org.

For more information please visit: http://www.babyfriendlyusa.org/