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FACULTY, STAFF, RESIDENT AND STUDENT NOTES . . .

CONGRATULATIONS

M. Rafique Shaikh, MD, PGY 3, on receiving Via Christi's St. Luke Physician Recognition Award which is given to a resident physician who lives out the Core Values of Via Christi. Dr. Shaikh will receive this special award at the celebration of the Feast of St. Luke, Sunday, Oct. 22.

Jason Deselms, PhD, psychology intern 2004, on his promotion to director of the Crisis Intervention Services at COMCARE.

Vadim Izgur, MD, and **Laura Dillinger, MD,** 2006 graduates of KUSM-W, who recently received an award from the Dr. Ronald L. Martin Memorial Student Scholarship.

PUBLICATIONS

Ramadan, M. Ibrahim, Werder, S., Preskorn, SH. Protect against drug-drug interactions with anxiolytics. *Current Psychiatry* 2006; 5(5):16-28.

Preskorn, SH. Clinically relevant pharmacology of neuropsychiatric drugs approved over the last three years: part I. *J Psych Prac* 2006; 12(4):244-249.

Preskorn, SH. Pharmacogenomics, informatics, and individual drug therapy in psychiatry: past present and future. *J Psychopharm* 2006; 20(4) Suppl:85-94.

Preskorn, SH, Borges-Gonzalez, S., Flockhart, D. Clinically relevant pharmacology of neuropsychiatric drugs approved over the last three years: part II. *J Psych Prac* 2006; 12(5):312-316.

PRESENTATIONS

Sheldon H. Preskorn, MD, presented at Collegium Internationale Neuro-Psychopharmacologium 2006 Chicago Congress, Chicago, IL, July 8-9, and July 14-15.

Sheldon H. Preskorn, MD, presented "Advances in drug delivery for the treatment of depression" at the Psychiatry Grand Rounds University of Nevada School of Medicine, July 19.

Mercedes Perales, MD, presented "Suicide Prevention - Adolescents" at KSN television station on their Chat Line, July 24.

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Dear colleagues and distinguished faculty!

Inna D'Empaire, MD

I am pleased to join the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the Kansas University School of Medicine –Wichita (KUSM-W) as a director of Consultation-Liaison Service. Coming back to Wichita, a wonderful family-oriented community, was both exciting and promising. It afforded the opportunity to combine all of my professional interests: research, teaching and psychiatric consultation.

My fascination with the field of Psychosomatic Medicine began while I was a resident here, in Wichita. Through the encouragement and support of talented mentors, who wanted to foster my professional growth, I applied for and was accepted as a Clinical Consultation-Liaison (C-L) Psychiatry Fellow at the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) which is one of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Bethesda, MD.

Young investigator training at the NIH is conducted and supported through the Division of Intramural Research. Fellows have numerous options and opportunities to learn about the principles and practice, ethical and regulatory aspects of clinical research, and work side by side with the leading scientists, doing cutting edge research in every field of medicine, from neonatology to cancer, and dementia to name a few. The proximity to the National Library of Medicine, with its instant on-line access to the leading journals and protected research, and study time afforded by the fellowships, provide a unique and highly stimulating learning environment.

Several courses are offered throughout the year, including competitive combined NIH-Duke Training Program in Clinical Research with a Master of Health Sciences in Clinical Research degree option. This program offers formal courses in research design, study management, statistical analysis and medical genomics. In addition to my NIMH fellowship, I was also selected to participate in this program.

Research and training opportunities at the NIH are enormous and encourage collaborative efforts between different institutes. At NIMH, the C-L psychiatry service is a research oriented, clinical service, located in the Mark O. Hatfield Clinical Research Center under the Office of the Clinical Director (OCD). This service provides primarily inpatient psychiatric consultations to the participants in studies being conducted by all of the various NIH institutes. My specific research interest concerns the risk factors, pathophysiology, treatment and prevention of delirium in the medically ill. Through the fellowship at the Clinical Center, I was able to pursue this research interest by conducting clinical interviews, observation and treatment of participants with serious life threatening illness, undergoing intensive and latest experimental treatments, including stem cell transplantation, interleukin-2 and pegylated interferon. I had a remarkable opportunity to work closely with research and clinical fellows and primary investigators from the National Cancer Institute (NCI), National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI), National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease (NIAID), National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI) and many others, who strived to ensure that participants in the protocols receive the highest standards of clinical care, while at the same time obtaining important information to advance generalizable knowledge.

Providing an outstanding psychiatric consultation required understanding of the particular

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Grand Rounds By Mark Stewart, DO, Chief Resident

One of the privileges of the Chief Resident is to arrange for, and schedule, Grand Rounds speakers. As a junior resident, I recall making my way to Grand Rounds on Tuesdays and finding most lectures enjoyable and informative. What I was not aware of was the process required to secure a speaker for any particular date. Of course, I would hope that all of us find each Grand Rounds lecture stimulating and educational. As I have discovered, retaining a speaker that has educational merit, is available for a set date, affordable, and who does not have marked conflict of interest, is not always an easy task.

Grand Rounds serves as a means of education for medical students, residents and area physicians. It is also a means of obtaining Continuing Medical Education (CME) credit for community physicians. The University CME actually governs this venue and enforces Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) policies. While these policies can be cumbersome when trying to arrange for speakers, they have the intent of preserving medical education integrity. This is an area thats scope likely deserves an article of its own. Nonetheless, I think it is suffice to say that the restrictions imposed by this body, good or bad, present significant obstacles to retaining speakers for our lectures.

I am in the process of arranging for speakers for this academic year and have filled over half the dates. In coming weeks, I should have the remaining dates filled or close to filled. I have attempted to maximize the participation of local speakers for a significant portion of this year's schedule. The reason is that, we are fortunate to have many talented local speakers who are able to provide substantial educational value to this lecture series.

I have also been able to schedule national speakers in Wichita and will continue those efforts. Nationally known speakers can bring new ideas and approaches, along with cutting edge research. They are important in addressing possible educational "gaps" that can occur with only local speakers. In selecting speakers, efforts are being made to address requests from residents, faculty or community psychiatrists. An additional goal of mine is to actually complete scheduling through the fall of 2007. This should allow the following Chief Resident to have more time for their selection process and in effect, help them retain high quality speakers.

If you have suggestions for possible speakers, please forward them to me at: mstewart2@kumc.edu

PSYCHIATRY GRAND ROUNDS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2006 - "Employment, Work Relationships, and Family Support Among Gynecologic Cancer Survivors," presented by Linda M. Frazier, MD, MPH, associate professor, Preventive Medicine and Public Health, KUSM-W.

Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2006 - "Mental Health Aspects of Terrorism," presented by Suzanne Hawley, PhD, MPH, assistant professor, Preventive Medicine and Public Health, KUSM-W.

Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2006 - "The Impaired Physician," presented by John H. Shale, MD, JD, Department of Psychiatry, University of San Diego, San Diego, CA

Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2006 - "Chiral Drugs: Why and How Should They Be Developed?" presented by Ahsan Khan, MD, Department of Psychiatry, KUSM-W.

Psychiatry Interest Group Elects Board, Makes Plans for New Year

The Psychiatry Interest Group had its first meetings of the new school year in August. To handle activities, the group has elected a board consisting of third-year students Francisco Chacon, Casey Cordts, Allen Davied, Kari Hamlin, Danika Little, Warner Peng, Jessica Veeh, and Seth Vernon. In addition to continuing its involvement in Suicide Prevention Week, National Depression Screening Day, and the Link for Life Run, the Psychiatry Interest Group would like to bring in speakers, have a film festival, and start a journal club. The group also plans to continue its "Third Thursday" social gatherings, which psychiatry faculty and residents are encouraged to attend.

Psychology Interns

The department has said goodbye to our psychology interns, Molly Burns, PsyD and Barbara Bisio, PsyD. Dr. Burns relocated to Nebraska and has entered private practice. Dr. Bisio relocated to California and has accepted a fellowship in Neuropsychology at UC San Diego.

The department welcomes this year's intern, Robin Heinrichs Matson, M.A. Robin has been with the department for two years as our psychometrician.

Update on the Dr. Martin and Dr. Dyck Funds By Mary Spachek

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Dr. Ronald L. Martin Student Scholarship and the George Dyck Visiting Professorship in Geropsychiatry.

Ronald L. Martin, MD

George Dyck, MD

The Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences established the Dr. Ronald L. Martin Student Scholarship to recognize the many years of dedicated service of a distinguished physician and educator. Dr. Martin was professor and chair, of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences from 1990 to the time of his death in 1998. Prior to his death, he specified that any memorials established in his name be dedicated to fostering interest in psychiatry. As a result, the department established a scholarship fund which started with original gifts of $5,000, and have reached the $35,000 mark. This fund makes three awards available to University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita third and fourth year students who have successfully completed their required psychiatry clerkship.

Donations continue to be accepted. Checks can be made payable to: KUSM-W, Department of Psychiatry, Attention: Dr. Martin Scholarship, 1010 N. Kansas, Wichita, KS 67214. All donations are tax deductible. For more information regarding the Dr. Martin Scholarship Fund, visit our Web site at http://wichita.kumc.edu/psych/martin

The Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences also established the George Dyck Visiting Professorship in Geropsychiatry. The visiting professorship is to honor and commemorate the extensive contributions of George Dyck, MD, to the department, the Wichita community, as well as his state and national leadership roles. Dr. Dyck has had a 25 year association with KUSM-Wichita, and in 2002 was named the first professor emeritus in psychiatry on the Wichita campus.

The endowment began with a generous gift of $25,000 from Organon Pharmaceuticals with additional money being raised by the department. This endowment now has a total of $97,000. This endowed fund will annually bring to Wichita a noted visiting lecturer on a topic in geriatric psychiatry.

Contributions continue to be accepted to this endowed lectureship for Dr. George Dyck. Make checks payable to: KUSM-W Department of Psychiatry, Attention: George Dyck Visiting Professorship in Geropsychiatry, 1010 N. Kansas, Wichita, Kansas 67214. All donations are tax deductible. For more information regarding the Dr. George Dyck Fund, visit our Web site at http://wichita.kumc.edu/psych/dyck.html

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disease process, psychiatric implications, treatment environment and ethical aspects of clinical care in research setting. I frequently searched the literature, turned to my mentors for guidance, and spent time interviewing participants, their friends, and their families. With every new consultation, I learned something new about diagnostic or treatment advances in the various fields of medicine being studied at NIH, including HIV/AIDS, neurosurgery, infectious disease, endocrinology, hematology, genetics…and humanity.

By joining the faculty and pursuing the academic career, my goal is to contribute to the medical student and resident education, establish and strengthen collaborative efforts aimed at improving clinical care, and expanding research with colleagues throughout Wichita, the state, and the country as circumstances permit. My ability to accomplish this goal will be enhanced by the fact that 50 percent of my time is being spent at the Clinical Research Institute (CRI), an affiliate of KUSM-W. I have been impressed with the infrastructure and great resources available through CRI, especially in terms of facilitating research activity.

I look forward to working with all the students, residents, and physicians in this community in improving optimal care for the patients and developing new research avenues. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
I. D'Empaire