Bubly, Rich, Simon Named ‘Public Health Heroes’

PROVIDENCE – The Association of State and Health Territorial Officials (ASTHO) has designated three Rhode Island physicians as “Public Health Heroes.” The three designees — Gary Bubly, Josiah D. Rich and Peter Simon — were nominated for this distinction by the Rhode Island Department of Health (HEALTH).

“Each of these three doctors brings a high degree of dedication and professionalism to his public health work,” said Michael Fine, MD, director of HEALTH. “They are examples of the great resource that is Rhode Island’s primary care and medical community, as well as examples of how much progress can be made through the partnership of primary care and public health.”

GARY BUBLY, MD, FACEP, is director of the Department of Emergency Medicine at The Miriam Hospital and is a clinical associate professor of emergency medicine and medicine at the Warren Alpert School of Medicine at Brown University. HEALTH nominated Dr. Bubly for his assistance in writing regulatory language regarding emergency dispensing of medications from emergency rooms and for his assistance in developing the state’s legislation on its new Prescription Monitoring Program.

Josiah D. Rich, MD, MPH, is professor of medicine and epidemiology at the Warren Alpert School of Medicine at Brown University and an attending physician at The Miriam Hospital. HEALTH nominated Dr. Rich for his work in advocating for health policy changes to improve the health of people with addiction, including improving legal access to sterile syringes and increasing drug treatment for the incarcerated and formerly incarcerated populations. He has also been instrumental in developing Project Bridge, an outreach and intensive case management program for HIV-positive ex-offenders moving back into the community, and serves as co-director of the Center for Prisoner Health and Human Rights, based at Miriam.

PETE SIMON, MD, MPH, is the medical director of the Division of Community, Family Health, and Equity at HEALTH. HEALTH nominated Dr. Simon for his work as a national leader in the areas of childhood lead poisoning prevention, newborn screening, and environmental health, and for his passion and commitment to public health.

The United Health Foundation (UHF), with the help of ASTHO, has posted a list of public health heroes who serve as examples of the important work public health professionals carry out in our communities and across the United States. These individuals were included in press releases and announcements in coordination with the release of the 2012 edition of UHF’s America’s Health Rankings.

Overall, only 41 physicians and researchers nationwide have been recognized for their public health service.
Recognition

Dennehy receives distinguished service award from Pediatric Infectious Disease Society

Award from the Pediatric Infectious Disease Society (PIDS). The award recognizes a Society member who has made an outstanding contribution to the specialty of pediatric infectious diseases and to the Society. She is past president of PIDS and has been involved in the society for more than 20 years.

“The impact of Dr. Dennehy’s tireless efforts in preventing childhood illness can be seen most evidently in her actions during the H1N1 flu outbreak. Rhode Island had the highest overall H1N1 vaccination rate in the country, as well as leading the nation in vaccinating children six months through 17 years of age,” said Robert Klein, MD, pediatrician-in-chief at Hasbro Children’s Hospital.

Dr. Dennehy founded and directed the clinical virology laboratory at Rhode Island Hospital, where she began her work on rotavirus. Her primary areas of research include the study of viral gastroenteritis and viral respiratory diseases. She is currently a member of the National Institutes of Health’s Collaborative Antiviral Study Group.

Dr. Dennehy has authored numerous peer-reviewed publications, written book chapters, and presented many lectures at national and international venues. She is also the recipient of five Dean’s teaching excellence awards from the Warren Alpert Medical School.

She is a graduate of Tufts University School of Medicine and completed her pediatric residency at Rhode Island Hospital, and then pursued fellowship training in infectious diseases at Children’s Hospital Medical Center–Beth Israel Hospital in Boston.

Fatima honors Testa for excellence in service

The medical staff of St. Joseph Health Services/Fatima Hospital recently honored DR. ANTHONY TESTA for excellence in service. At the ceremony were, from left, Ed Santos, Chairman of the Board, Charter-CARE; Dr. Roberto Ortiz, medical staff president; Dr. Testa and Kenneth H. Belcher, president & CEO.
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W&I’s Frishman leads national council

PROVIDENCE – GARY N. FRISHMAN, MD, a reproductive endocrinologist at Women & Infants Hospital of Rhode Island, recently started a term as president of the national Council of Gynecologic Endoscopy (CGE).

Dr. Frishman, who is affiliated with Women & Infants’ Center for Reproduction & Infertility, is also actively involved with the hospital’s resident and medical student education and research and is a professor of obstetrics and gynecology at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University.

The CGE is part of the American Association of Gynecologic Laparoscopists, established in 1971 to advance minimally invasive gynecology in the United States.

Migliori elected president of American Society of Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery

PROVIDENCE – MICHAEL E. MIGLIORI, MD, FACS, ophthalmologist-in-chief at Rhode Island Hospital and its director of ophthalmic plastic and reconstructive surgery, has been elected the 45th president of the American Society of Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery (ASOPRS).

Dr. Migliori, clinical professor of ophthalmology at the Warren Alpert Medical School at Brown University, is also on the staff of the Providence Veterans Administration Medical Center.

He has written numerous peer-reviewed publications and book chapters, and lectures nationally and internationally on both clinical and advocacy topics. His research interests include anophthalmic socket rehabilitation, cosmetic laser surgery, and orbital oncology.

He has been active in both medical education and advocacy, serving as Rhode Island Delegate to the American Medical Association House of Delegates, on the Board of Directors of the American Medical Association Political Action Committee. He is past president of the Rhode Island Medical Society and the Rhode Island Society of Eye Physicians and Surgeons.

Dr. Migliori lives in Providence with his wife, Marianne, and their four children.

Founded in 1969, ASOPRS’ mission is to advance training, research, and patient care in the fields of aesthetic, plastic, and reconstructive surgery specializing in the face, orbits, eyelids, and lacrimal system.

Obstetrics journal names Rouse associate editor

PROVIDENCE – DWIGHT J. ROUSE, MD, a specialist in the Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine at Women & Infants Hospital, has been named an associate editor for obstetrics of Obstetrics & Gynecology, the official journal of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Dr. Rouse, a professor of obstetrics and gynecology at The Warren Alpert Medical School, is the Brown/Women & Infants principal investigator for the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Maternal-Fetal Medicine Units (MFMU) Research Network.
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St. Anne’s names Katz orthopedics chief

FALL RIVER – JERALD W. KATZ, MD, has been appointed chief of orthopedics at St. Anne’s Hospital.

A resident of Barrington, RI, Dr. Katz is certified to perform MAKOplasty® knee and hip procedures. His clinical interests include general and pediatric orthopedic surgery, including surgical treatment of scoliosis and other spinal conditions.

A member of Saint Anne’s Hospital’s medical staff since 1990, he is a fellow of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons and a diplomate of the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery.

He has served as a clinical instructor in the Department of Orthopedics at Brown University’s Alpert Medical School and the Department of Pediatrics at Tufts University School of Medicine. He maintains his office practice with Coastal Orthopaedics in Fall River.

Southcoast appoints Pricolo chief of general surgery

NEW BEDFORD, MASS. – Barrington resident VICTOR PRICOLO, MD, has been appointed chief of general surgery at Southcoast Health System. He is a surgeon with Southcoast General Surgery, a practice of Southcoast Physicians Group.

In his new role, Dr. Pricolo will lead the development of a system-wide program for general surgery and the creation of a system-wide colorectal center of excellence, working with surgeons in the community to provide full service, integrated colorectal care.

Dr. Pricolo has been a pioneer of minimally invasive surgery and continent-preserving procedures in colon and rectal surgery for decades.

He received his medical degree from the University of Milan, Italy, and completed a surgical residency at Rhode Island Hospital. He had additional training in surgical research and metabolism, gastrointestinal endoscopy and colon and rectal surgery. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Surgery.

Kozel joins Wood River Health

HOPE VALLEY – Pediatrician MAGGIE KOZEL, MD, has joined the staff at Wood River Health Services.

Dr. Kozel, formerly of Narragansett Bay Pediatrics, served as a Navy physician for eight years before entering private practice in Washington, D.C., and Rhode Island. She also teaches and writes about health care reform, has written a memoir, The Color of Atmosphere: A Doctor’s Journey In and Out of Medicine, and blogs for the Huffington Post and the New York Times’ Well blog.

She holds a medical degree from Georgetown University School of Medicine and lives in Jamestown with her family.

Pulicken joins staff at Memorial Hospital

PAWTUCKET – Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island recently appointed MATHEW PULICKEN, MD, an assistant professor of neurology at the Warren Alpert Medical School, to its medical staff in the Department of Neurology.

Dr. Pulicken completed his neurology residency at Tufts University and a fellowship in electroencephalography and epilepsy from the Massachusetts General Hospital. He holds a master’s in health sciences from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in Baltimore.
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LAURA KIBUUKA, 26, a student at the Alpert Medical School of Brown University, died on January 2, 2013 after being struck by an Amtrak Acela Express train on the train track at the South Attleboro, Mass., station. The MBTA Transit Police and the Bristol County District Attorney’s office are investigating the incident.

She was a 2009 graduate of the University of Massachusetts, Boston, with a degree in biology. According to a report in the Brown Daily Herald, Kibuuka entered the medical school with the class of 2015, but took a year off and was not on campus this fall. During her time at Brown, Kibuuka served as a representative for her class on the Student Health Council.

She is survived by her parents, Diana and Samuel Kibuuka, and six siblings. A native of Uganda, she lived with her family in Watertown, Mass. Students and administrators at the medical school organized remembrances in her honor and helped collect money to return Kibuuka’s remains to Uganda.

ERNEST P. MENNILLO, MD, 90, died on January 22, 2013. Dr. Mennillo is survived by his loving wife of 60 years Joanne [Macomber] Mennillo.

Dr. Mennillo was a WWII veteran having piloted a B-17 with the 490th bomb group of the 8th Air Force, US Army Air Corps in England. Upon returning from the war, Dr. Mennillo earned his medical degree from the University of Rochester and came to Rhode Island to do his pediatric residency at Rhode Island Hospital.

Dr. “Ernie” practiced pediatrics in Cranston for over 50 years, including many years as the pediatrician for the Cranston school system, and later served as chief of pediatrics at Kent County Memorial Hospital where he had also served 13 years in the emergency room.

He leaves four sons: Ernest P. [Paul] Mennillo Jr. of Warwick, Dr. Roger Mennillo of Barrington, Dana Mennillo of Warwick, Todd Mennillo of Newport, a daughter Melissa Day of Cranston, as well as 11 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

JOHN A. ROQUE, MD, 96, of Naples, Florida, and formerly of Plum Beach, North Kingstown, died on January 17, 2013 at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. He was the husband of the late Elizabeth [Bolton] Roque. Born in Providence, he lived in Plum Beach for many years before moving to Naples 10 years ago.

A graduate of Providence College and Tufts University Medical School, Dr. Roque served his internship at Philadelphia General Hospital and his residency at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. Following his naval service, he established his medical practice in Cranston, where he maintained his office until his retirement 30 years ago.

He was affiliated with Rhode Island Hospital and St. Joseph Hospital, and was president of the medical staff at St. Joseph Hospital in 1975 and 1976. He was a member of the American Medical Association, the Rhode Island Medical Association, and the Catholic Physicians Guild.