Lifespan honors Hasbro’s Friedman with Selya Award

PROVIDENCE – Lifespan has recognized JENNIFER FRIEDMAN, MD, PhD, a researcher at Hasbro Children’s Hospital, with the 2012 Bruce M. Selya Award for Excellence in Research. Judge Bruce M. Selya presents the award annually from the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit.

Friedman, a pediatrician, is also director of clinical studies for the Center for International Health Research at Rhode Island Hospital, where investigators use both laboratory and field studies to solve urgent global health issues. Since co-founding the center in 2005, Friedman has led population-based studies in Brazil, western Kenya and the Philippines. Some of those include designing and implementing a study of how worm infections increase the risk for anemia, malnutrition, and cognitive impairment among children.

Friedman’s research is run collaboratively with the work of Jonathan Kurtis, MD, PhD, director of the center, and the 2011 recipient of the Selya Award.

Fulbright in Kenya

As a postdoctoral Fulbright fellow in western Kenya, Friedman led a study of the impact of insecticide-treated bed nets on malnutrition and body composition in school-age children. She also helped design and implement a study that evaluated the impact of bed nets on malaria among pregnant women and children younger than five years old.

Friedman’s most recent project is an innovative global health and development research project that will investigate the role of fetal inflammation in response to parasitic diseases as a cause of low birth weight. This work will form a basis for further studies to identify biomarkers for fetal inflammation in expectant mothers, which will help identify pregnancies at risk. Doctors may then be able to either correct issues in at-risk babies while they are still in-utero, or be better prepared to treat them after birth.

Robert Klein, MD, pediatrician-in-chief of Hasbro Children’s Hospital, spoke highly of Friedman in his letter nominating her for the award. “Dr. Friedman is a highly productive and successful clinician and researcher whose innovative work is focused on understanding the prevalence and effects of malaria and parasitic infections during pregnancy and childhood,” said Klein. “She is currently leading one of the largest clinical trials at Lifespan, which can have tremendous public health impact as, if proven effective, 40 million pregnant women worldwide with parasitic infections will be targeted for life-saving treatments.”
Recognition

HEALTH recognizes Miriam, Hasbro as breastfeeding friendly workplaces

PROVIDENCE – Lifespan’s The Miriam Hospital and Hasbro Children’s Hospital were each awarded the Gold level of the Rhode Island Department of Health’s Breastfeeding Friendly Workplace Award, the highest honor an organization can receive.

Recognition as a breastfeeding-friendly workplace is based on the successful establishment of supportive policies, facilities, and resources for breastfeeding employees and clients. Gold level awards are given to organizations that have at least 11 strategies in place for supporting breastfeeding.

“We commend The Miriam Hospital and Hasbro Children’s Hospital for recognizing the proven health benefits of breastfeeding for infants, which include obesity prevention, as well as improved immune function and brain development,” said Michael Fine, MD, director of the Rhode Island Department of Health.

“We also recognize and applaud the work of Dr. Lynn Taylor in advocating for policies that support and encourage employees who wish to continue to breastfeed once they have returned to work.”

MomDocFamily
The Miriam Hospital credits the MomDocFamily group for their advocacy in creating three new mother’s rooms, open to both employees and visitors, located in the emergency room, the operating rooms and in the RISE building. Co-founded by Lynn E. Taylor, MD, an HIV/AIDS specialist at Miriam, the group provides mentorship and support for women physicians facing the challenges and rewards of combining a medical career with motherhood.

Since Hasbro Children’s Hospital was named to the Silver level in 2007, it has continued to increase support for breastfeeding employees. The hospital implemented a hospital-wide lactation policy that provides flexibility in nursing employees’ schedules. In addition, a designated lactation room was established on the fourth floor of the hospital, with hospital-grade breast pumps available for use. “Breastfeeding Welcome Here” decals and signage are displayed throughout the building to make hospital visitors aware of their options to breastfeed publicly or privately.

For additional information about the benefits of breastfeeding to mothers and children and employer breastfeeding support, visit www.health.ri.gov/breastfeeding/index.php
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Nestor receives Hamolsky Outstanding Physician Award

PROVIDENCE – Rhode Island Hospital emergency medicine physician ELIZABETH “LIBBY” NESTOR, MD, has received the 2012 Annual Milton Hamolsky Outstanding Physician Award from the Rhode Island Hospital medical staff. Nestor was honored for her dedication to ethical practice, outstanding clinical skills and her commitment to medical education. The award is the highest honor the medical staff bestows on one of its own.

A Wakefield resident, she is also a clinical professor of emergency medicine at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University. She earned her medical degree at Northwestern University Medical School, and completed her residency in emergency medicine at the Medical Center of Delaware.

She serves on various professional associations including the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine, Best Practices in Emergency Medicine for McMaster University/Best Evidence in Emergency Medicine among other organizations, and as an oral board examiner for the American Board of Emergency Medicine.

She regularly volunteers with the Rhode Island Free Clinic and takes part in the National Youth Forum, a program that allows high school students to shadow a physician for a period of time during the summer.

The Hamolsky Outstanding Physician Award is presented each year to a physician who has made exceptional contributions to medicine, medical education and research; who has demonstrated leadership; and who has been an exemplary role model.

The award honors Milton Hamolsky, MD, a now-retired endocrinologist who came to Rhode Island Hospital in 1963 and served as the first full-time physician-in-chief. Hamolsky is also the retired chief administrative officer of the Rhode Island Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline and a pioneer of medical education in Rhode Island.

Roger Williams physicians honored

The medical staff of Roger Williams Medical Center honored a pair of outstanding physicians at the recent CharterCARE medical staff holiday event. Honored for excellence in service were DR. BERNARD ZIMMERMANN and DR. RAYMOND MAXIM.

Pictured here at the ceremony are Ed Santos, Chairman of the Board, CharterCARE; Dr. Mark Braun, medical staff president; Dr. Bernard Zimmermann, Dr. Raymond Maxim, and Kenneth H. Belcher, President & CEO.
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PROVIDENCE—G. DEAN ROYE, MD, has been appointed the new director of general surgery at The Miriam Hospital, effective January 1, 2013.

An expert in bariatric, general and minimally invasive surgery, Dr. Roye succeeds David Cloutier, MD, who served as interim director for several years and was recently named the hospital’s chief of surgical quality care.

Dr. Roye came to The Miriam Hospital from Rhode Island Hospital in 2012 with the launch of the Center for Bariatric Surgery, a combined program uniting nationally recognized bariatric surgeons and staff from both hospitals into a single program based at The Miriam. He previously served as director of Rhode Island Hospital’s bariatric surgery program for 10 years.

Dr. Roye completed his surgical training at the University of Alabama at Birmingham and his minimally invasive surgical fellowship at Rhode Island Hospital. He is an assistant professor of surgery at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, and recently served as the school’s clerkship director. He is also a member of the American College of Surgeons, American Medical Association and the American Society of Bariatric Surgery, among others.

He resides in Edgewood with his wife and four children.

ANGELA M. CALIENDO, MD, PhD, has been appointed chief of the division of general internal medicine at Rhode Island and The Miriam hospitals. In this role, Dr. Caliendo will oversee all internal medicine services on the two campuses including patient care and clinical research. She also will serve as executive vice chair of the department of medicine at The Warren Alpert Medical School at Brown University. Both appointments are effective February 1, 2013.

“Dr. Caliendo’s broad medical background and extraordinary leadership talents make her an ideal choice to lead the division,” said Louis Rice, MD, chief of the department of medicine at Rhode Island and The Miriam hospitals. “The division of general internal medicine cares for a large proportion of the patients admitted to the hospital. As we adjust to the inevitable changes in the way health care is delivered and paid for, Dr. Caliendo’s expert knowledge of clinical testing gained from her service as medical director of Emory University Hospital’s clinical laboratories will be critical for our design of safe and effective new care paths for hospitalized patients.”

She comes to Rhode Island and The Miriam hospitals from Emory University Hospital in Atlanta, Ga., where she served in numerous roles including medical director of Emory Medical Laboratories and clinical microbiology and molecular diagnostics, as well as attending physician in the division of infectious diseases. Additionally, she served as professor of pathology and laboratory medicine at Emory University School of Medicine.

Dr. Caliendo earned her bachelor’s degree in biology from Grove City College in Pennsylvania and both her postdoctoral and medical degrees from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. She completed her internal medicine residency at Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston; her fellowship in infectious diseases at Massachusetts General Hospital; and her fellowship in executive leadership in academic medicine at Drexel University College of Medicine in Philadelphia. She is a member of numerous organizations, and serves as chair of the microbiology medical devices panel at the Food and Drug Administration, and is a member of the research committee in the Infectious Diseases Society of America.

Her research interests include antiretroviral resistance in HIV-positive women, and the development of molecular diagnostic tests for various infectious diseases.

PURVA AGARWAL, MD, joins Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island recently appointed PURVA AGARWAL, MD, to its medical staff in the Department of Internal Medicine.

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Area Appointments

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Polanco named to Blackstone Valley post

PAWTUCKET – JOSE POLANCO, MD, has been named assistant medical director and chief medical information officer at Blackstone Valley Community Health Care. Dr. Polanco, who specializes in internal medicine, most recently served as a primary care physician for the PACE organization of Rhode Island.

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Frogoza joins PVAMC pain program; Burgess, Siddiqui elected to Boards

PROVIDENCE – The Providence VAMC has had an interventional pain management program since 2007. The program has recently added DR. KEITH FRAGOZA to the staff. He is an anesthesiologist and pain medicine physician and is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts Medical School.

Dr. Fragoza completed residency training in anesthesia at Massachusetts General Hospital where he also served as the chief resident. He recently completed fellowship training in pain medicine, also at Massachusetts General Hospital. He has a particular interest in spine-related chronic pain conditions as well as interventional pain therapies for cancer-related pain.

He joins program anesthesiologists, Dr. Afreen Siddiqui and Dr. Frederick Burgess, as well as a nurse practitioner, Sue Bridges.

The Interventional Pain Management Clinic, which offers various levels of acute and chronic pain management interventions, has five clinics and sees scheduled patients three days per week. It also provides a multidisciplinary approach to pain medicine elective for Brown medical students.

In other Interventional Pain Management Program news:

DR. FREDERICK BURGESS has been elected to a three-year term on the Board of Directors for the American Society of Anesthesiologists.

DR. AFREEN SIDDIQUI has been elected for a two-year term as Vice President of the Rhode Island Society Anesthesiologists.
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PHILIP ARTHUR O’DOWD, MD, of Barrington passed away February 16, 2013. He was the son of the late John and Elizabeth O’Dowd of Yarmouth, Mass. He is survived by his brother Richard O’Dowd of Pembroke, Mass, and pre-deceased by his sister Jacqueline Trafton of South Berwick, Maine and his brother Mark O’Dowd of Pembroke, Mass. He also had many nieces and nephews. He was a companion of Susan Reiff of Jamestown. Philip shared his medical knowledge will all the people. Compliant with his wish there will be no funeral or service. Donations may be made to the Rhode Island Heart Association, One State Street, Suite 200, Providence RI 02908.

THOMAS JOSEPH PAOLINO, JR., MD, 72, of Warwick, passed away on February 17, 2013 at Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston, MA. He was the husband of twenty-five years to Barbara (Quartino) Paolino. Born in Providence, he was the son of the late Judge Thomas Paolino, Sr. and his wife Florence (Dolce) Paolino. Dr. Paolino graduated from Brown University and George Washington School of Medicine. He did his psychiatric residency at Harvard Medical School. After two years of service with the U.S. Coast Guard, Dr. Paolino was appointed chief of the Upper East Unit at Butler Hospital and joined the faculty at Brown University. He was also an assistant professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School and author of numerous articles and books on psychotherapy and had been a practicing physician in Rhode Island for over 30 years.

Besides his wife, he is survived by four children, Pia Paolino of New York, Brianna Lee Paolino of Warwick, Thomas J. Paolino, III of Providence and Adam T. Paolino of Warwick. Memorial contributions may be made to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284-9168.