Recognition

Roberts honored as leader in women’s cardiovascular health

PROVIDENCE – BARBARA H. ROBERTS, MD, director of the Women’s Cardiac Center at The Miriam Hospital, was recognized for her outstanding achievements in women’s cardiovascular health at a women’s leadership event hosted by Rep. David Cicilline of Providence on June 24. He also noted she was the first woman adult cardiologist in the state, and the author of How to Keep From Breaking Your Heart—What Every Woman Needs to Know about Cardiovascular Disease.

Keynote speaker Rep. Nancy Pelosi lauded her as a “pioneer in staking out women’s health and for that all of us owe you a personal debt of gratitude.”

Dr. Roberts, an associate clinical professor of medicine at the Alpert Medical School, said she felt “extraordinarily blessed that I made a very good decision when I was a young woman, and that was to become a physician. I have now been a doctor for two thirds of my life. I can barely remember a time when I was not fighting the forces of evil and disease (that’s what I used to tell my children I did for a living when they were small). I owe a huge debt of gratitude to my patients for they are my best teachers and they humble me by entrusting their hearts to my care.”

Dr. Roberts is also the author of The Truth About Statins: Risks and Alternatives to Cholesterol-Lowering Drugs.

ACOG honors Sweeney with outstanding service award

PROVIDENCE – PATRICK SWEENEY, MD, MPH, PhD, a long-time member of the medical staff at Women & Infants Hospital of Rhode Island and professor of obstetrics and gynecology at The Alpert Medical School, was recently presented with the Outstanding District Service Award by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG).

This award is presented to those individuals who have made notable contributions to their districts. For ACOG, Dr. Sweeney has held numerous leadership positions, including serving as District I treasurer for two terms and organizing two annual district meetings. At the national level, he currently chairs the committees on Finance and Compensation. He previously chaired the Committee on Continuing Medical Education and the Audit Committee. Dr. Sweeney was a McCain Fellow and a member of the Committee on Practice Bulletins–Gynecology and the PROLOG Task Force on Patient Management in the Office. During his second term as district treasurer, he assisted in the establishment of the District and Section Financial Services Center.

Dr. Sweeney continues to hold leadership positions in other medical and specialty societies, including president of the Providence Medical Association, past president and executive committee member of the New England Obstetrical and Gynecological Society, and president of the Obstetrical Society of Boston. He has received numerous awards, including Women & Infants Medical Staff Distinguished Service Award and the Rhode Island Medical Society’s Award for Professionalism.
Recognition

Goldstein named Physician of the Year at Miriam Hospital

PROVIDENCE – Pathologist LISA J. GOLDSTEIN, MD, has been named the recipient of the 2013 Charles C.J. Carpenter, MD, Outstanding Physician of the Year Award. Recognized by her peers for her clinical expertise, dedication to the Miriam Hospital and commitment to training the next generation of pathologists, Dr. Goldstein was honored during the hospital’s annual medical staff association meeting on June 19.

“Pathologists often work behind the scenes, but that doesn’t mean their contributions go unnoticed, and this award to Dr. Goldstein is clearly a testament to that,” said William Corwin, MD, senior vice president and chief medical officer at The Miriam Hospital.

In addition to her clinical work, Dr. Goldstein is a clinical assistant professor of pathology and laboratory medicine at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University and a highly regarded instructor, having won more than a dozen different teaching awards over the years. She is also actively involved on a number of hospital and university committees, including the Credentials Committee at The Miriam Hospital, which she chairs, and the Undergraduate Medical Education Teaching Committee at Brown.

The award recognizes a physician, nominated by his/her peers, for outstanding contributions to medicine, leadership, professionalism and patient care – qualities exemplified by Dr. Carpenter.

National Appointments

Gottlieb elected medicine task force co-chair

PROVIDENCE – AMY S. GOTTLIEB, MD, was recently elected co-chair of the Society of General Internal Medicine [SGIM] Women and Medicine Task Force.

Dr. Gottlieb, a physician with the Division of Ambulatory Care at Women & Infants and associate professor of medicine (clinical) and associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology (clinical) at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, has been a member of the committee for five years.

SGIM is a national medical society of 3,000 physicians who are the primary internal medicine faculty of every medical school and major teaching hospital in the United States. SGIM formed the Women and Medicine Task Force in 2007 to support research, education and clinical practice in women’s health.

Poppas named chair of ACC scientific sessions

PROVIDENCE – ATHENA POPPAS, MD, director of the echocardiography laboratory at Rhode Island Hospital and director of cardiovascular imaging at the Cardiovascular Institute, has been appointed chair of the American College of Cardiology [ACC] Annual Scientific Session, effective 2015. The chair is charged, during a two-year term, with overseeing the Annual Scientific Session, the educational flagship event of the ACC.

In addition to her new role with the ACC, Dr. Poppas also serves as a member of the ACC board of trustees and chair of the ACC Sections Steering Committee. Her clinical and research expertise is in echocardiography, valvular heart disease and heart disease in women.
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Area Appointments

**Okereke named chief of thoracic surgery**

_PROVIDENCE – IKENNA OKEREKE, MD_, has been appointed chief of thoracic surgery at Rhode Island Hospital and The Miriam Hospital. He previously served as assistant professor of surgery at Indiana University School of Medicine and chief of thoracic surgery at the Richard L. Roudebush VA Medical Center in Indianapolis, Ind.

Dr. Okereke specializes in minimally invasive thoracic surgery to treat lung and esophageal cancers, chest wall and mediastinal tumors, and complex gastroesophageal reflux (GERD).

**Kent’s Wound Recovery/Hyperbaric Medicine Center expands**

_WARWICK – A nurse practitioner and two physicians have joined Kent Hospital’s Wound Recovery and Hyperbaric Medicine Center. The group is also part of the hospital’s physician organization, Affinity Physicians, LLC._

“As our center continues to grow, it is extremely beneficial to bring new staff members on board who have a high level of expertise,” said _GEORGE PERDRIZET, MD_, medical director.

_LISA J. GOULD, MD, PHD_, joins Kent Hospital as a board certified physician in plastic surgery and is the assistant director for the Wound Recovery and Hyperbaric Medicine Center at Kent. Dr. Gould came to Kent from Tampa, FL, where she was a professor in the Department of Surgery, co-director of the University of South Florida Plastic Surgery Research Laboratory and served as staff surgeon at James A. Haley VA Hospital, where she was chief of plastic surgery from 2007–2010. Dr. Gould is president-elect of the Wound Healing Society.

_KATHRYN REYNOLDS, ANP-BC_, joins Kent Hospital as a nurse practitioner and has most recently practiced at Wrentham Developmental Center in Wrentham, MA. Previous to that position, she served as a hospitalist at UMASS Memorial Medical Center from 2008–2012. In 2011, Reynolds sought specialization in wound care, completing a course through the University of Washington in Seattle, WA.

_RONALD P. ZINNO, MD_, joins Kent Hospital as a board certified physician, specializing in wound care and hyperbaric medicine. Dr. Zinno previously worked at The Elliot Hospital’s Center for Wound Care and Hyperbaric Medicine in Manchester, NH, as a staff physician and medical director for 11 years (2001-2012). He also had a private practice of plastic and reconstructive surgery in Rhode Island from 1978–2001 and was the director of The Center for Wound Care at Fatima Hospital in North Providence. Dr. Zinno has also held positions as staff physician at Miriam and St. Joseph’s Hospitals in Providence.

**About the center**

The Wound Recovery and Hyperbaric Medicine Center at Kent is a regional referral center, composed of physicians and clinicians experienced in advanced wound care, and treating diabetic foot ulcers, complicated surgical wounds, bone infections and venous leg ulcers.

The center received national accreditation with distinction by the Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine Society.

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Obituaries

MAX BLOOM, MD, 88, of Cranston, RI, died on June 13, 2013 at Philip Hulitar Inpatient Center, Providence. He was the beloved husband of Frances [Feld] Bloom. Dr. Bloom, a well-known cardiologist in private practice, retired in 1987.

He was a WW-II Army veteran, serving in the European Theatre as a medic. He was a graduate of Brown University and Yale University School of Medicine, and was a Fellow of the American College of Cardiology. He developed and instituted the first hospital intensive care unit in Rhode Island and helped develop, and remained an important contributor to, the cardiac care program at The Miriam Hospital. Dr. Bloom was also a clinical assistant professor of medicine at Brown University’s medical school.

He was the devoted father of Ira Bloom and his wife, Deborah Ebner, of Wilmette, IL, Steven Bloom and his wife, Marti, of Needham, MA, and the late Paul Bloom.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to your favorite charity.

J. GERALD “GERRY” LAMoureux, MD, 92, of Woonsocket died June 13 at Landmark Medical Center with his family at his side after a sudden illness. He was the loving husband for the past 15 years of Gertrude “Trudy” [Lambert] [Rheaume] Lamoureux and he was the husband of the late Laurette H. [Bergeron] Lamoureux, who died in 1997.

Dr. Lamoureux graduated from Providence College, Class of 1950. He then went on to receive his medical degree from Tufts University Medical School in Boston. In the 1950s he was a general practitioner in Woonsocket and delivered thousands of babies. In the late 1950s he returned to Tufts and received an advanced degree in radiology.

Dr. Lamoureux is the last surviving member of six physicians in Woonsocket who established the former Mercy Hospital as a Catholic hospital to provide for a second (and at the time much-needed) hospital in the community. Dr. Lamoureux later spearheaded the campaign to raise the funds to relocate Mercy Hospital from its original location on Roberts Street to the new facility at Park Square and oversaw its subsequent dedication in honor of the late Congressman John E. Fogarty.

Dr. Lamoureux was a three-term president of the medical staff at Woonsocket Hospital and served as chief of radiology for many years. He retired in 1993.

Among his numerous civic accomplishments he was the physician of the Woonsocket Police Department for many years and served on the Board of Trustees of the Museum of Work and Culture, Woonsocket Housing Authority, and the St. Francis House.

In addition his to wife Trudy, he is survived by his three sons Jean Charles Lamoureux [Diane] of North Attleboro, Andre Lamoureux and Marc Lamoureux both of Gilford, NH, two daughters Gisele Lesmerises [William] of Rollinsford, NH and Monique St. Germain [Marc] of Canterbury NH, two stepdaughters Lenore M. Rheaume [Eric White] of Woonsocket, and Yvette Lazeowski [Edward] of Moultonborough, NH. He is also survived by 12 grandchildren, 6 great-granddaughters and several nieces and nephews and their families.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Precious Blood Parish, 94 Carringnton Ave. Woonsocket, RI, 02895.

CHARLES S. (STEVE) KELLY, MD, passed away on June 3, 2013 at the Philip Hulitar Center, surrounded by his family. He was 72 years old. Born in Providence he grew up in East Greenwich. He was a graduate of La Salle Academy (1957), Providence College (1961), and the University of New Jersey School of Medicine (1965).

Following graduation from medical school, he served for 10 years in the U.S. Army Medical Corps, attaining the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He then practiced at Kent Hospital, retiring in 1990, after which he worked for United Healthcare and Harvard Pilgrim Healthcare in an advisory capacity.

He was a member of the Rhode Island Medical Society, a Life Fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and a Diplomate of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology. In addition, he was a former member of the New England Obstetrical Gynecological Society, and the American College of Physician Executives.

He is survived by his wife Kathryn, three children, three grandchildren, as well as a sister.

In his memory, donations may be made to Home and Hospice Care of Rhode Island, 1085 North Main Street, Providence RI 02904 or the Rhode Island Community Food Bank, 200 Niantic Avenue, Providence, RI 02907.

JAMES R. URBAN, JR., MD, beloved father, brother, and son, passed away unexpectedly in his home in East Greenwich on June 4. Jim was born in Lynn, Massachusetts on September 7, 1947.

Growing up in Avon, Connecticut, he earned his bachelor’s degree from the University of Notre Dame where he played football and lacrosse. He had a distinguished career in the U.S. Army National Guard, serving as captain in the Heavy Artillery Unit. He also worked as a parole officer in Connecticut. He earned his medical degree from the University of Rome and completed his residency in internal medicine at Pawtucket Memorial Hospital and in neurology at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City.

Jim was a devoted father and husband. He settled with his family in Rhode Island and established his medical practice in East Greenwich, where he dedicated his life to his patients and family.

Jim leaves behind his beloved son, James R. Urban III and his loving family, Natalie, Ruth, Maureen, Carolyn, and Michael. The family asks in lieu of flowers that you send donations to the American Diabetes Association at www.diabetes.org.
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