Bradley Hasbro Children’s Research Center psychiatrist elected president of American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry

PROVIDENCE — GREGORY FRITZ, MD, director of the Bradley Hasbro Children’s Research Center (BHCRC) has been elected president of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP). He will begin his term as president-elect in October.

In his new position, Dr. Fritz will work in collaboration with other AACAP leaders, elected officials and regulators to advance the mission of AACAP on behalf of the members and the patients and families they serve.

“Greg has been a tireless advocate for access to mental health services for children and teens,” said Henry Sachs, MD, chief medical officer at Bradley Hospital. “I can think of no one better to lead this national group in the pursuit of improved access to high quality care for children and adolescents in need and increased emphasis on prevention for all children.”

In addition to his role as director of the BHCRC, Dr. Fritz is also academic director of Bradley Hospital. He is also director of the division of child and adolescent psychiatry at Rhode Island Hospital, and a professor and vice co-chair for child psychiatry in the department of psychiatry and human behavior at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University.

Dr. Fritz graduated with honors from Brown University in 1967 and earned his medical degree from Tufts University School of Medicine in 1971. From 1977 to 1985, he was a faculty member in the department of psychiatry and behavioral science at Stanford University School of Medicine, during which he was director of consultation-liaison psychiatry at the Children’s Hospital at Stanford.

In 1985, Dr. Fritz moved to Rhode Island to build a comprehensive pediatric psychiatry service at what is now Hasbro Children’s Hospital. Under his leadership, the program has grown to be one of the premiere academic sites for pediatric psychosomatic medicine.

Dr. Fritz will spend two years as president elect and then in October 2015 he will transition into the position of president until 2017. He will then spend another two years on the Executive Committee as past president. Overall, he will spend six years on the AACAP executive committee.
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Rhode Island Hospital appoints new senior V-P and chief medical officer

Latha Sivaprasad, MD, arrives from Beth Israel Medical Center in New York

PROVIDENCE – Rhode Island Hospital has appointed LATHA SIVAPRASAD, MD, FHM, FACP, as senior vice president and chief medical officer, effective September 1, 2013. Dr. Sivaprasad, an internal medicine physician, comes to Rhode Island Hospital from Beth Israel Medical Center in New York.

Dr. Sivaprasad will be responsible for graduate medical education and medical staff affairs as well as enhancing quality, safety, effectiveness and efficiency of health care delivery at Rhode Island Hospital. She will serve as a physician voice in providing strategic direction for the hospital on issues related to medical staff growth, educational program structure, clinical program development and broader academic medical center priorities. Additionally, she will play a pivotal role in the hospital’s ongoing efforts to provide a high quality patient experience.

She succeeds John B. Murphy, MD, who now serves as executive vice president for physician affairs for Lifespan, of which Rhode Island Hospital is a founding partner.

At Beth Israel Medical Center, she served as associate chief medical officer and chief patient experience officer, and previously as medical director of quality and patient safety. Prior to that, she served as an academic hospitalist at Beth Israel Hospital in New York, N.Y.; Montefiore Medical Center in Bronx, N.Y.; and St. John’s Mercy Medical Center in St. Louis, Mo. She also has held academic appointments at Albert Einstein College of Medicine and Washington University School of Medicine.

The recipient of numerous awards for quality outcomes and measures, Dr. Sivaprasad is a member of many professional associations including Alpha Omega Alpha, the American Society of Professionals in Patient Safety, the Healthcare Information Management Systems Society, the Alliance for Continuing Medical Education, and the Society of Hospital Medicine.

She received her undergraduate and medical degrees from the University of Missouri in Kansas City, completed her internship and residency in internal medicine at Barnes Jewish Hospital, and completed a fellowship in quality and patient safety at Beth Israel Medical Center.

Jelalian elected president of American Psychological Association division

PROVIDENCE - ELISSA JELALIAN, PHD, a staff psychologist at the Bradley Hasbro Children’s Research Center (BHCRC) has been elected president of Division 54 of the American Psychological Association (APA). Jelalian is scheduled to begin her term as president elect in January 2014.

Division 54 of the APA, or the Society of Pediatric Psychology, is dedicated to child psychology and promotes the health and development of children, adolescents, and their families through use of evidence-based methods.

Jelalian has been a staff psychologist in the department of child and family psychiatry at Rhode Island Hospital since 1992, where she currently serves as the coordinator of pediatric psychology. Jelalian is co-coordinator of psychological services to pediatric oncology at Hasbro Children’s Hospital and director of the hospital’s Adolescent Weight Management program.

She is also associate professor of psychiatry and human behavior and pediatrics at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University.

Jelalian’s specialty is in the development and implementation of innovative weight control interventions for children and adolescents, as well as evaluation of statewide policy to promote healthier school nutrition and physical activity environments. Her research has been supported by the National Institutes of Health since 1999 and has had a significant impact on the study of behavioral weight control interventions for adolescents.

Dr. Brown joins Westerly OB-GYN practice

WESTERLY – SHEREENE BROWN, MD, has joined the L+M Medical Group Obstetrics and Gynecology practice in Westerly.

A member of both the Westerly and Lawrence + Memorial Hospital medical staffs, Dr. Brown will provide women in the greater Westerly/Stonington area with patient-focused obstetric and gynecological care, including pre- and post-natal services.

All delivery services will be offered at L+M Hospital in New London.

Dr. Brown is board eligible in Obstetrics and Gynecology, and received her medical degree from SUNY Buffalo School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences in Buffalo. She completed her residency at SUNY Upstate Medical University in Syracuse.
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BRISTOL — SUSANNE J. PATRICK-MACKINNON, MD, has joined Southcoast Physicians Group Neurology. Dr. Patrick-MacKinnon is a neurologist in private practice in Bristol since 2003. She also serves as a staff neurologist at Newport Hospital and is a clinical instructor in neurosciences at Brown University.

Dr. Patrick-MacKinnon received her medical degree from the University of Massachusetts Medical School in Worcester. Following her internship in internal medicine at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, she completed a residency and fellowship in neurology, and a fellowship in epilepsy at Yale-New Haven Hospital in New Haven, Conn.

Dr. Patrick-MacKinnon has been widely recognized for her community service. In 2007 she was presented with the Community Service Award from the James L. Maher Center of Rhode Island, and in 2005 she received the Outstanding Community Service Award from Newport County Community Mental Health Center in Middletown, R.I.

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**FAIZA FAWAZ ESTRUP, MD, PHD,** died on July 14th, 2013 of pancreatic cancer. She was a renowned scientist, rheumatologist, educator, linguist, chef, and painter – a renaissance woman. She leaves a loving husband, Professor Peder J. Estrup, and extended family in Lebanon, Denmark, Austria, and the United States.

Dr. Estrup received her bachelor’s degree in physics from Boston University and her master’s and PhD in molecular biophysics and biochemistry from Yale University, where she was a Higgin Scholar. She then completed a year of postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Geneva. After returning to the United States, she helped set up the first research biophysics lab at the Bell Labs in New Jersey. Prior to coming to Brown she was a visiting assistant professor of chemistry and molecular biology at Haverford College.

She obtained her medical degree from Brown University Medical School in 1975 and was a practicing rheumatologist and medical director of the Arthritis Center of Rheumatology for 20 years at the Memorial Hospital of R.I. She was a Fellow of the American College of Physicians, and a Founding Fellow of the American College of Rheumatology, and a member of the Rhode Island Medical Society since 1977.

In 1999, Dr. Estrup was appointed the first Associate Dean of Medicine at Brown University for Clinical Faculty. She became Clinical Professor of Medicine, was voted the R.I. woman Physician of the Year 2002, and was the recipient of the 2002 Brown Medical School Excellence in Teaching Award. Dr. Estrup was chosen as one of America’s Top Physicians for the years 2003 to 2007.

In 2004, the Estrups retired in Santa Barbara. A memorial service was held on Aug. 31.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the American College of Rheumatology Research and Education Foundation, 2200 Lake Blvd, NE, Atlanta, Georgia, 30319.

**J. DOUGLAS NISBET, MD, 83,** of Naples, Florida and Warwick, passed away on Aug. 12, 2013 at Kent Hospital. He was the husband of the late Lois M. (Barber) Nisbet.

Dr. Nisbet was an OB-GYN physician at Kent and Women & Infants hospitals. He also served in the United States Navy Medical Corps. He was a graduate of Providence College and New York Medical College and served his residency at Rhode Island Hospital and Providence Lying-In Hospital.

Dr. Nisbet was a man of tremendous intelligence, pride, integrity and love of family. An avid golfer, sailor, reader and spectator of his grandchildren’s sporting events, he was a tremendous inspiration and role model to all.

He was the beloved father of J. Douglas Nisbet II, MD, and his wife Debra; Steven A. Nisbet, Esq., and his wife Julie; Matthew S. Nisbet, CPA, and his wife Deborah; Deborah R. Sadak and her husband John and the late Mark B. Nisbet, husband of Diane Garvey. He was the caring brother of William Nisbet, MD, and the late Thomas Nisbet. He was also the cherished grandfather of 13.

Gifts in his memory to The American Cancer Society, 931 Jefferson Blvd., Ste 3004, Warwick RI 02886 would be appreciated.

**SIEGFRIED MAX PUESCHEL, MD, PHD, JD, MPH** died Sept. 2, 2013 at the age of 82 years. He was born in Silesia, Germany on July 28, 1931. His family was relocated as refugees to Emsland, Germany following the end of World War II. He trained as a butcher, baker, and farmer prior to obtaining the opportunity to finish his schooling at Braunschweig College. He then chose to pursue a career in medicine at Dusseldorf Academy, graduating in 1960 with his medical degree.

He emigrated to the United States and began his internship in New Jersey, where he met his wife of 31 years, Eny Vergara. They later had four children, Siegfried Jr., Christian, Pamela, and Jeanette. His later training in pediatrics and biogenetic genetics led him to Harvard University’s Boston Children’s Hospital and McGill University’s Montreal Children’s Hospital, respectively. He returned to Harvard in 1965 as a professor of pediatrics, where he obtained his master’s in public health.

After 10 years of clinical service and research, he was recruited to Brown University’s Rhode Island Hospital as the Director of the Child Development Center. In 1985, he obtained his PhD in psychology from the University of Rhode Island.

He was invited to speak all over the world on the topic of Down Syndrome, even meeting with Pope John Paul II and the queen of Spain. He was involved in multiple organizations including the National Down Syndrome Congress, the National Down Syndrome Society, and the Association for Retarded Citizens. He partially retired in 1994, becoming a professor emeritus at Brown University. He added upon his prior studies at Southern New England School of Law, graduating with his Juris Doctorate in 1996.

He volunteered his medical services for numerous organizations including Special Olympics and Habitat for Humanity, as well as several mission trips organized by Christ Church of East Greenwich.

He was an accomplished athlete running 38 marathons. He enjoyed mountaineering, climbing Mounts Kilimanjaro and Shasta, among others. At age 70, he climbed to the base camp of Mount Everest and obtained his black belt in Tae Kwan Do. He was also a lover of the arts and an avid gardener.

Due to illness, he retired in January 2013. He is survived by his two surviving children, Siegfried R. Pueschel, Jr. of Riverside, RI, and Jeanette Pueschel Larson of Asheville, NC, as well as five grandchildren.

Donations in his memory can be sent to the Down Syndrome Society of Rhode Island, 99 Bald Hill Road, Cranston, RI, 02920.