

Recognition

Schwartz Center honors Dr. Chopra with 2013 compassionate caregiver award

BOSTON – **PRADEEP CHOPRA, MD**, director of the Interventional Pain Management Center of Rhode Island in Pawtucket, received the 2013 Schwartz Center Compassionate Caregiver Award at the 18th annual Kenneth B. Schwartz Compassionate Healthcare Dinner held Nov. 21 at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center before an audience of 2,000 people.

The Schwartz Center, which selected Dr. Chopra for the award, is a national non-profit organization dedicated to strengthening the patient-caregiver relationship and preserving the human connection in healthcare.

As a young man, Dr. Chopra worked with Mother Teresa in his native India (*See sidebar*). He cares for patients from across the U.S. who suffer from rare pain disorders. In his remarks at the dinner, Dr. Chopra said the key elements of compassionate care are hope, care and love. "Hope cannot be prescribed on a small piece of paper for the pharmacy to fill," he said. "It is looking into your patient's eyes and making a promise that you will do your best to help them. We may not always have an answer, but we can always offer hope."

According to Schwartz Center Executive Director Julie Rosen, "Patients come to Dr. Chopra when they are at the end of their rope. He turns those ropes into lifelines. He is truly a role model for what compassionate care is and what it can accomplish. We are so pleased to be able to honor him and our other outstanding finalists."

As one patient wrote of him, "Patients with these disorders get dismissed so easily by the medical profession. We then get nervous and afraid every time we have to see someone new. He gave me faith in the medical community again."

The event booklet described Dr. Chopra's patients this way: "They suffer from rare diseases – painful and complex, with names as frightening as the illnesses themselves: dysautonomia, complex regional pain syndrome/reflex sympathetic dystrophy syndrome and Ehlers-Danlos syndrome. Other doctors have dismissed many as drug-seeking, told that their symptoms are psychosomatic, shuffled from physician to physician. When they arrive at Pradeep's office, the nightmare ends and their dream of better health begins."

Schwartz Rounds in RI

The Schwartz Center's signature program is Schwartz Center Rounds®, which brings together caregivers from multiple disciplines to discuss the challenging emotional and social issues that arise in caring for patients. In Rhode Island, participating hospitals include **Rhode Island Home and Hospice Care**, and **The Miriam, Rhode Island** and **Women and Infants** hospitals.

The Schwartz Center was founded in 1995 by Ken Schwartz, a Boston healthcare attorney who died of lung cancer at 40 and found that what mattered to him most as a patient were the simple acts of kindness from his caregivers, which he said made "the unbearable bearable." It is housed at the Massachusetts General Hospital where he received his care.

Academic background

Dr. Chopra is an Assistant Professor of Medicine (Clinical) at the Alpert Medical School and Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology (Adjunct), Boston University School of Medicine. He completed his anesthesia residency and fellowship in pain management at Harvard Medical School.

He is the author of several publications on chronic pain including several book chapters and is a member of the editorial board for *Journal of Cancer Pain & Symptom Palliation* and *Pain Physician*. ❖



RANDY H. GOODMAN FOR SCHWARTZ CENTER

Dr. Pradeep Chopra, MD, director of the Interventional Pain Management Center of Rhode Island in Pawtucket, accepting the 2013 Schwartz Center Compassionate Caregiver Award from Lois Dehls Cornell, Senior Vice President of Human Resources and General Counsel at Tufts Health Plan, a chairperson at the event.

A chance and life-changing encounter with Mother Teresa in Calcutta

PRADEEP CHOPRA, MD

(The following are excerpts from Dr. Chopra's remarks at the Schwartz Center recognition dinner.)

Many years ago, while living in Calcutta, I wanted to do some volunteer work. One day, I walked into what was then called a leprosy home. As I stepped into the place I saw an older lady quietly spoon-feeding a very sick man. He could barely sit up. Very patiently she fed him one spoon at a time.

After she had fed him, he lay down and she tucked him in, put her hand on his forehead affectionately and turned around to greet me...I was in the presence of Mother Teresa.

Over the next few months, as I worked with her I learned to get on my hands and knees and wipe the floors, clean the wounds of patients, and give the patients a bath.

It was a very humbling experience. That is when I realized that my calling was to become a physician, to alleviate suffering.

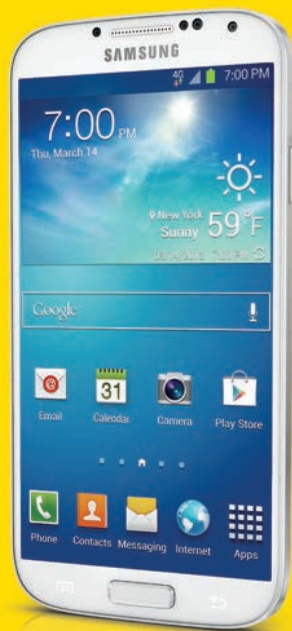
I learned humility, I learned compassion and – I also learned how to scrub floors.

Later, in my medical studies, I would



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often see the same frail Mother Teresa come into my hospital with a sick child. It was amazing to see her dedication and humility. Looking back, I felt that every time I came in contact with her, it added a little bit into my being. It influenced how I look at patients and try to offer them the same compassion she offered to others.

...Today, I stand before you as a patient, not as a doctor.

We are all patients. If you are not one, then one day you will be. It's an inevitable truth of life.

We are blessed that God has given us this opportunity to help others. It is with humility that I accept this calling and treasure it. So should we all.

Compassionate care is much more than the science of medicine. It is giving others hope...care...and love.

...Compassionate care is the heart of medicine.

...Hope.

Hope is what we live for.

It's what makes us get out of bed every day. In the waiting room, it is every mother's hope that her child will be safe and healthy. Hope is the one thing she brings when she takes her child to a medical facility – hope that we will have the knowledge, understanding, and care to do our best to help her child.

Hope is when we reassure the mother and child that we will go the extra step to help them – reassure them that we are on this journey together.

Hope cannot be prescribed on a small piece of paper for the pharmacy to fill. It is looking into your patient's eyes and making a promise that you will do your best to help them. We may not always have an answer, but we can always offer hope – hope of some kind. So, please, please think out of the box,

seek help on their behalf, and do not let them leave your office without hope.

Sometimes words are not enough. A lot can be said with the human touch. The human touch is one of the most reassuring gestures. Just a small touch, even holding someone's hand, reassures them that you are there for them.

...Care.

Care is the second word that defines compassion. Care is taking the time to listen to all the concerns and answer all the questions. Concerns that are relevant... and maybe not so relevant...but still part of what worries a patient.

Care is listening patiently. Listening is part of the healing process.

Look into their eyes and connect with them – please do not stare at computers and charts. Look into their eyes, smile, and reassure them that you are determined to help them.

A quick phone call, a short email to check in on your patient, always shows how much you care.

The most reassuring feeling a patient can have is in knowing that the doctor is thinking of him or her outside of an appointment.

Care is a team approach, with every staff member in an office greeting patients with a smile, making them feel truly welcome and comfortable...and making the office a sanctuary where all patients feel safe.

...Love is the driving force of compassion. Love is when we enjoy and cherish the uniqueness that is in every one of God's creatures.

...I must mention God. I went to a Catholic school; my family is Hindu; I lived in a community of Buddhists, and trained in a Jewish hospital. How could I not have faith?

Regardless of religion, love is at the core of all human beings.

The mother of a sick child knows all too well the power of love in healing. Shouldn't we, as healers, show the same love to others? Love is to share the patient's worries, and reassure them that we, as a team, care.

...So, please do not be dictated by establishment rules of how much time to spend with patients. An extra few minutes, a home visit, email or phone call, can make all the difference between mere treating and actual healing. ❖



Pradeep Chopra, MD

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Recognition

Hasbro Children's Hospital doctor is awarded 2013 Covering Kids Award

Pamela High, MD, honored by Rhode Island KIDS COUNT

PROVIDENCE – **PAMELA HIGH, MD**, a pediatrician and the director of developmental and behavioral pediatrics at Hasbro Children's Hospital, has been awarded the Covering Kids Award by Rhode Island KIDS COUNT, a statewide children's policy organization that works to improve the health, economic well-being, safety, education and development of Rhode Island children.



Pamela High, MD

Dr. High and other community leaders were presented with the award at the Rhode Island KIDS COUNT 13th annual Celebration of Children's Health luncheon. Each year, Rhode Island KIDS COUNT recognizes elected officials and community partners with Covering Kids Awards for their contributions to increasing access to health insurance coverage for children.

Dr. High treats patients and families as a member of interdisciplinary teams and supervises fellows in developmental assessment, care and research in the Hasbro Children's Hospital Neurodevelopment Center. Each year she and her colleagues evaluate more than 1,200 children from Southeastern New England with autism, developmental delays, attention deficit disorder, Down syndrome, fragile X and other developmental and behavioral concerns. She also works with families at the Brown Center for the Study of Children at Risk where she treats infants and toddlers who have challenges with sleeping, crying and feeding.

"Dr. High has been a major part of our pediatrics team here at Hasbro Children's Hospital for the past 20 years, even before we opened the doors to our official

children's hospital," said Robert Klein, MD, pediatrician-in-chief at Hasbro Children's Hospital. "In that time, she has had an immeasurable impact on thousands of patients and families, and has mentored countless residents and fellows. She has undoubtedly made health care better for children in Rhode Island, and beyond."

Dr. High's clinical and research interests include infant behavioral issues such as colic, sleep and feeding problems, anticipatory guidance, including literacy promotion in primary care, and the relationship between medical and psychological problems in childhood.

As part of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Dr. High has served on multiple national committees for early childhood, education, child care. She has also served as past president of the Society for Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics. Her local advocacy efforts include serving on Rhode Island's Early Learning Council and on the boards of RI Kids Count and RI Reach Out and Read.

Dr. High is a graduate of the University of Florida, where she also received her medical degree. She was a resident in pediatrics at Stanford University and at the University of California San Francisco where she also completed her fellowship training in Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics. In addition to her role at Hasbro Children's Hospital, she is also a professor (clinical) of pediatrics at the Warren Alpert Medical School at Brown University. She directs both fellowship and residency training in developmental-behavioral pediatrics at Hasbro Children's Hospital. ♦



The American Pharmacists Association has named Norman A. Campbell, professor emeritus of pharmacy at the University of Rhode Island, this year's honorary president. He is shown with Jenelle Sobotka, president of the association.

American Pharmacists Association honors Campbell

KINGSTON – For his commitment to pharmacy students, his contributions to the profession, and lengthy record of service, the American Pharmacists Association has named **NORMAN A. CAMPBELL**, professor emeritus of pharmacy at the University of Rhode Island, honorary president for 2013–2014.

"Dr. Campbell has been a professional role model for two generations of pharmacists and pharmacy students. His personal integrity, commitment to his colleagues, and dedication to his profession set a high standard for those that follow," said Paul Larat, dean of the College of Pharmacy at URI.

Dr. Campbell has served as president of the R.I. Pharmacists Association and the American Society for Pharmacy Law, which awarded him the Joseph L. Fink III Founders Award in 2011. ♦

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Terrie Fox Wetle, PhD

National public health group honors Wetle, Gans

PROVIDENCE – At the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association (APHA) in Boston November 2-6, **TERRIE FOX WETLE, PhD**, the inaugural dean of Brown's newly established School of Public Health, received a Lifetime Achievement Award for what the APHA's Aging and Public Health Section calls a "stellar record of service and contributions." She has served as deputy director of the National Institute on Aging, president of the Gerontological Society of America, and has published more than 200 peer-reviewed papers in the field.



Kim Gans, PhD

KIM GANS, PhD, di-

rector of the Brown University Institute for Community Health Promotion, received the Food and Nutrition Section's Mary Egan award at the conference for her innovative work to promote fruit and vegetable consumption in schools, workplaces, and neighborhoods where cost and access can be barriers to healthier eating. ❖

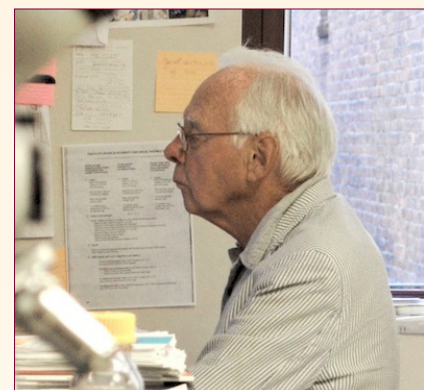
Endocrine Society honors Dr. Leslie De Groot with Laureate Award

PROVIDENCE – University of Rhode Island Research Professor **LESLIE DE GROOT, MD**, has been recognized by the Endocrine Society with its Robert H. Williams Distinguished Leadership Award. The annual award recognizes outstanding leadership in fundamental or clinical endocrinology. The award will be presented at the society's annual meeting in 2014.

Throughout his 60-year career as a scientist, teacher, clinician and administrator, Dr. De Groot has had an enormous impact on the field of endocrinology. He has authored influential textbooks, and his research in thyroidology has touched almost every aspect of the discipline, including thyroid hormone synthesis and action, mechanisms of autoimmune thyroid disease, and thyroid cancer.

Dr. De Groot trained at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons and completed his medical residency at New York Presbyterian Hospital and Massachusetts General Hospital. He served in the Public Health Service at the National Institutes of Health and in Afghanistan, and spent 12 years at Mass. General and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology before joining the Department of Medicine at the University of Chicago. He joined the Endocrine Division at Brown University in January 2005 and moved to URI in 2009.

Based at URI's Institute for Immunology and Informatics at the Providence Campus, Dr. De Groot's research centers on viral mediated gene therapy for thyroid cancer and genetic mechanisms promoting autoimmune thyroid disease. He has more than 400 publications to his name and received the Endocrine Society award as Distinguished Educator in 2004. Perhaps his best-known publication is the three-volume textbook *Endocrinology*, which he edited through six editions over the past 30 years. He also is the editor of two Web books, www.endotext.org and www.thyroidmanager.org, which receive over 80,000 hits each day from 6,000 visitors around the world. ❖



Leslie De Groot, MD

American Kidney Fund recognizes two Rhode Islanders

WASHINGTON — The American Kidney Fund recognized **JOSEPH A. CHAZAN, MD**, and **LUCILLE M. PONO, RN**, with its Caregivers of the Year Award at its annual national gala, The Hope Affair, held October 29.

"We are delighted to recognize Dr. Chazan and Ms. Pono for their extraordinary contributions to the health and well-being of people living with kidney disease in the greater Providence area," said LaVarne A. Burton, president and CEO of the American Kidney Fund, the nation's leading charity providing

financial assistance to dialysis patients. "They were true pioneers when they

opened their first dialysis clinic, and their continued innovation over the past four decades has improved the lives of thousands of patients under their care."

Dr. Chazan, of Nephrology Associates in East Providence and clinical professor emeritus of medicine at Brown, is considered a pioneer in the dialysis community. He opened his first dialysis clinic in Providence 40 years ago. Since 2000, his practice has been affiliated with American Renal Associates, a national provider of dialysis services. ❖



VIDEO Joseph A. Chazan, MD, and Lucille M. Pono, RN, CNN – 2013 AKF Caregivers of the Year

Recognition

Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine Society renews Kent's center with distinction

WARWICK – The Wound Recovery and Hyperbaric Medicine Center at Kent Hospital has achieved accreditation with distinction from The Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine Society (UHMS), for the second time since 2009. The UHMS clinical hyperbaric medicine facility accreditation program recognizes hyperbaric facilities that demonstrate their commitment to patient care and facility safety.

The survey, which took place in September, involved a survey team consisting of a hyperbaric-credentialed physician, nurse and technician, who examined the facility's staffing and training, equipment installation, operation, maintenance, patient safety and standards of care.

"Our center has a strong commitment to our patients 24 hours a day, seven days a week and to achieve UHMS accreditation with distinction speaks volumes about the great service we provide to patients regionally," said **GEORGE PERDRIZET, MD**, medical director. "The clinical leaders of our facility work to provide the highest quality care to those patients in need of wound healing or hyperbaric oxygen therapy."

The regional referral center offers advanced wound care, treatment for diabetic ulcers, surgical wounds, ostomy problems and other chronic concerns. It is the only 24-7 hyperbaric medicine facility outside of Boston. ❖

Louise S. Kiessling, MD, recognized as a rural health champion

SCITUATE – **LOUISE S. KIESSLING, MD**, professor emeritus of family medicine at Brown, received a Rhode Island Dept. of Health 2013 Rural Health Champion Award on Nov. 21 at the Scituate Community Center.

Dr. Kiessling is the founder of the Neurodevelopmental Center at Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island. Prior to her retirement a decade ago, she served as the center's director and the hospital's pediatrician-in-chief.

The Washington County Coalition for Children, where she chairs its Mental Health Advisory Board, nominated her for the award. Susan A. Orban, LICSW, the Coalition's coordinator, described her as "a tireless advocate for the children and families of Washington County and what they need to thrive. At a time in her life when she could take on different and less challenging pursuits, Dr. Kiessling continues to care for the children of our community and her innovative work training providers will impact the care children receive for generations to come."

Orban cited several of Dr. Kiessling's initiatives:

- Forged critical new partnerships between the Coalition and the Alpert Medical School, engaging students in carrying out innovative behavioral health projects.
- Implemented Collaborative Office Rounds in Washington County to provide consultation and training for primary care providers on developmental/behavioral health issues using a developmental pediatrician (herself!) and child/adolescent psychiatrist as facilitators. As part of this project, she has launched physician study groups at South County Hospital and The Westerly Hospital.
- To expand the reach of these sessions to local schools and health care providers on Block Island and other rural areas, Dr. Kiessling partnered with RI Net and OSHEAN to begin videoconferencing and webstreaming and archiving sessions so anyone anywhere with a broadband internet connection can now participate.

Concerned about high rates of delayed prenatal care, infant mortality, teen pregnancy and reports of rising food insecurity in the town of Westerly, Dr. Kiessling worked with the Coalition to secure a CATCH Planning Grant (awarded in Dec. 2007) to identify root causes for these problems and develop community action plans to address them.

Orban said, "To us, she is a local hero; and, we believe her leadership and passion for children are deserving of this recognition." ❖



Louise S. Kiessling, MD, received a 2013 Rural Health Award in November. Attending the ceremony was Newell E. Warde, executive director of the Rhode Island Medical Society, of which Dr. Kiessling is an active member.



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Appointments

Dr. Deborah Myers Named Vice Chair of Department of Ob/Gyn

DEBORAH L. MYERS, MD, of North Kingstown, RI, director of the Division of Urogynecology and Reconstructive Pelvic Surgery at Women & Infants Hospital and professor of obstetrics and gynecology at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, has been named vice chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology.



Deborah L. Myers, MD

A graduate of Allegheny College in Pennsylvania, Dr. Myers earned her medical degree from the State University of New York at Stony Brook. She completed a combined medical-surgical internship at Rhode Island Hospital, a residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Women & Infants Hospital, and a fellowship in urogynecology at Mount Sinai Hospital, University of Connecticut.

Dr. Myers is an acknowledged national and international leader in female pelvic medicine and reconstructive surgery and a past president of AUGS. Last year, she was named the American Urogynecologic Society (AUGS) recipient of the National Association of Continence 2012 Rodney Appell Continence Care Champion Award. She serves on the Data and Safety Monitoring Board for the Urinary Incontinence Treatment Network of the National Institute of Health's Division of Kidney, Urologic and Hematologic Diseases, and is the co-principal investigator of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) Pelvic Floor Disorders Network at Women & Infants and Brown University.

Research spearheaded by Dr. Myers has been recognized a number of times by the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology. She currently serves as an editorial reviewer for eight professional journals, including The New England Journal of Medicine and The American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and has co-authored 47 original publications in peer-reviewed journals, 11 other peer-reviewed publications. ❖

Newport Hospital names Dr. McGue chief medical officer, VP Former career Navy physician



Tom McGue, MD

NEWPORT – Newport Hospital has appointed **TOM MCGUE, MD**, as the hospital's chief medical officer and vice president for medical affairs.

Dr. McGue joins the hospital following a long career as a naval officer and physician. He previously served as director of clinical services, Naval Health Care New England; deputy commander of Naval Medical Education and Training Command in Bethesda, MD; commanding officer, Naval Health Clinic Great Lakes; and deputy director/instructor Command Leadership School in Newport.

Among Dr. McGue's many accomplishments was his key role in the creation of the Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center, which was a first-of-its-kind partnership between the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense. The project integrated all medical care into a single federal health care facility that combined the missions of the two agencies.

Dr. McGue received his medical degree from the Indiana University School of Medicine and completed his residency in family practice at the Naval Regional Medical Center in Jacksonville, Fla. He is a resident of Portsmouth. ❖

RWMC names Dr. Malik associate director of BMT Unit

PROVIDENCE – **MOHSIN MALIK, MD**, has been named associate director of the Blood and Marrow Transplant Unit at Roger Williams Medical Center. Dr. Malik completed a Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant fellowship at the Mayo Clinic. He received his fellowship training in hematology/oncology at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center. He is board certified in Hematology and Oncology.



Mohsin Malik, MD

Dr. Malik is a member of the American Society of Clinical Oncology, American Society of Hematology, and American Society for Blood and Marrow Transplantation. Since 1994, Roger Williams has been home to Rhode Island's only Blood and Marrow Transplant Program. In this role, Dr. Malik will be joining Dr. Todd F. Roberts, MD, MSc., FRCP (C), director of the Blood and Marrow Transplant Unit and Section of Hematologic Malignancies. ❖

Dr. de Leon joins Coastal Medical

PROVIDENCE – **LAUREN DE LEON, MD**, has joined Coastal Medical group. She attended Columbia University in New York and graduated with a bachelor of arts in neuroscience and behavior in 2006. A graduate of the Alpert Medical School in 2010, Dr. de Leon completed her residency training in internal medicine at Rhode Island Hospital and the Miriam Hospital in 2013. She is board certified in internal medicine with clinical interests in women's health, GI disorders, and pre-pregnancy counseling. ❖



Lauren de Leon, MD

Appointments

Brown's Savitz and URI's Sonnenfeld to co-chair science advisory council

PROVIDENCE – Gov. Lincoln D. Chafee recently appointed **DAVID SAVITZ, PhD**, vice president of research for Brown University, and **GERALD SONNENFELD, PhD**, vice president of research and economic development for the University of Rhode Island, as co-chairs of The Rhode Island Science & Technology Advisory Council (STAC).



David Savitz, PhD



Gerald Sonnenfeld, PhD

STAC serves as governing committee for the \$20 million Rhode Island National Science Foundation's Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research grant.

Dr. Savitz is a senior member of Brown University's academic administration and the primary advocate for research. He came to the Office of Vice President for Research in September 2013 from Brown's School of Public Health, where he is professor of epidemiology, with a joint appointment in obstetrics and gynecology in the Alpert Medical School. His epidemiological research has addressed a wide range of many important public health issues including hazards in the workplace, the environmental effects of energy development, childhood obesity, pesticides and breast cancer, pregnancy health risks from environmental exposures, drinking water safety, and ethnicity and birth outcomes.

Before coming to the University of Rhode Island, Dr. Sonnenfeld was the vice president for research and professor of biological sciences at Clemson University. At Clemson, he established a healthcare research powerhouse for both the university and the Greenville Health System. His research has focused on the effects of stress on the immune system and resistance to cancer and infection. He was also one of the early researchers on the role of interferon-gamma in regulating immune response and has directed multiple pre-clinical studies and has been involved in clinical study development for several immunoregulatory agents. Dr. Sonnenfeld has also conducted experiments on the U.S. space shuttle and on Russian space program satellites. He is associate editor of the *Journal of Interferon and Cytokine Research* and a member of the editorial board of the *Immunological Journal* and the *Journal of Gravitational Physiology*. ❖



Grayson Wilkes Armstrong

Alpert student named chair-elect of AMA student section

GRAYSON W. ARMSTRONG, a Warren Alpert Medical School student class of 2015, and a member of the Rhode Island Medical Society Council, was elected chair-elect of the American Medical Association's Medical Student Section (AMA-MSS) on November 15 in National Harbor, Maryland.

The MSS is the largest voting block in the AMA's policy-making House of Delegates and represents more than 48,000 member students. Armstrong, of Weddington, NC, is currently on a leave of absence from Brown as he works toward a master's degree in public health at Harvard University, where he is focusing on health care policy and management with a concentration in public health leadership.

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Obituaries

STEPHEN T. CONWAY, MD, 66, passed away on November 18, 2013, surrounded by his loving family. Born on May 20, 1947, in Boston, he was the son of Dr. James and Mary Conway. He received his bachelor's degree in biology from Boston College, cum laude, in 1969 and earned his medical degree from Tufts University in 1973. Prior to his retirement, in 2003, he spent his working career of 25 years as an ophthalmologist in private practice.



Dr. Conway was a member of the Tufts Medical School Alumni Association, as well as a board member of the Rhode Island Society of Eye Physicians & Surgeons and Pawtucket Medical Society. He was proud of the teaching award that he received from Brown University School of Medicine, for his role as clinical assistant professor of ophthalmology. He loved music, played the piano and enjoyed golfing and vacationing with his family.

Members of his family include his loving wife of 40 years, Lorraine (Festa) Conway, of Bedford; two sons, Stephen Conway and wife Nazli of Windham and Christopher Conway of Providence; two daughters, Anne Conway of Brooklyn, NY and Emily Carleton and husband Edward of Brooklyn, NY. He is also survived by two granddaughters and five siblings.

Memorial donations may be made to: Alzheimer's Assoc. of NH, 5 Bedford Farms Dr., Suite 201, Bedford, NH, 03110; Doctors without Borders, USA, PO Box 5030, Hagerstown, MD, 21741-5030 or Marist Missionary Sisters, 349 Grove St., Waltham, MA, 02453, Attn: Donations

MARSHA L. DUPREE, MD, 56, passed away November 7 after a 3- year battle with a rare brain tumor. The wife of Brian Stainken, MD, she went with her family at her side, in comfort and at peace. She was honest, intelligent and kind, loved and admired by those she touched, from her many patients to her grieving family.

Dr. DuPree was born on November 11, 1957 in Haddonfield, NJ, to Madeline and Dr. Richard DuPree, the fifth of eight children. She studied chemistry at Georgetown University ('79) in Washington, DC, and then followed in her father's footsteps at Georgetown University School of Medicine (MD ('83) where she met her husband of 30 years at orientation.



She completed her residency in dermatology at the Naval Hospital in San Diego and a fellowship in dermatopathology at the Scripps Clinic in San Diego in 1994. Dr. DuPree was a fellow at the American Academy of Dermatology and a member of the American Board of Dermatology. She operated a solo eponymous dermatology practice in East Greenwich and loved her practice and her patients; they were an inspiration and a source of personal pride. She practiced her art with joy and devotion.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by three children: Cameron, a medical student at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine; Brett, a senior at the University of Rhode Island Engineering School, and Hannah, a junior at Georgetown University. She also leaves her seven siblings, and 26 nieces and nephews.

Beyond family and her patients, Dr. DuPree had two passions. One was the silent health effects of environmental toxins present in daily life. She worked tirelessly to eliminate food-borne toxins from her life as she spread awareness to others. In that spirit, her family is sponsoring a vegetable garden in her memory. Donations may be made through the Southside Community Trust at <https://secure.donationpay.org/southsideclt/marsha.php>.

Her other focus was recycling and composting; she believed and practiced both with characteristic diligence. With her in mind, the family invites readers to look at the good work of rescuemedicals.org. The medical supplies Dr. Dupree no longer needs are already on their way to be reused to help others.