

Appointments

Uma Kolli, MD, joins Southcoast family practice group

WESTPORT, MASS. – Westport Family Medicine, part of Southcoast® Physicians Group, has moved to the new location at 827 American Legion Highway. The practice includes **SCOTT LAU-ERMANN, MD**, **JANE LI, MD**, and **MARK RICHARD, NP**, and welcomed **UMA KOLLI, MD**, in November.

Dr. Kolli holds a Doctorate of Medicine from Osmania Medical Col-

lege in Hyderabad, India. She completed her family medicine residency at Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island where she served as an associate chief resident. She is a clinical assistant professor of family medicine at Brown University.

Board-certified in family medicine, she is fluent in Hindi and Telugu. Her areas of special interest include women's health and diabetes. ❖



Uma Kolli, MD

Dr. Grant joins Westerly staff in family medicine

WESTERLY – **MEGHAN GRANT, DO**, Family Medicine, has joined Westerly Hospital's medical staff. Dr. Grant will provide comprehensive primary care to children and adults.

She received her medical degree from the University Of New England College Of Osteopathic Medicine in Biddeford, ME, and completed her residency in Family Medicine at Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor, ME.

Her special interests include women's health including prenatal care, dermatology, office-based procedures including vasectomies, and osteopathic manipulative medicine. ❖



Meghan Grant, DO

Chief of pediatric ophthalmology named at Hasbro

PROVIDENCE – **WENDY CHEN, MD, PhD** has been named the new chief of pediatric ophthalmology at Hasbro Children's Hospital.

Dr. Chen received her combined MD and PhD, in medicine and neuroscience, from the Alpert Medical School. She completed her residency in ophthalmology at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center and fellowship in pediatric ophthalmology at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

Dr. Chen is the recipient of numerous awards and is an active member of several professional societies, including the American Association of Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus, the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology, the American Academy of Ophthalmology, the Pittsburgh Ophthalmology Society, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the Society for Neuroscience. ❖



Wendy Chen, MD

Dr. Johnson named to ophthalmology positions



Lenworth N. Johnson, MD

PROVIDENCE – The Division of Ophthalmology at the Alpert Medical School welcomed **LENWORTH N. JOHNSON, MD**, as its Deputy Chief of Ophthalmology and Director of Neuro-ophthalmology.

Dr. Johnson is a graduate of the combined BS/MD degree program at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and Albany Medical College. He completed his preliminary year in internal medicine and another year of neurology at UC Irvine, followed by his ophthalmology residency at Albany Medical Center and neuro-ophthalmology fellowship at Jules Stein Eye Institute at UCLA.

Dr. Johnson previously worked at the Mason Eye Institute, University of Missouri School of Medicine, where he served as Professor of Ophthalmology & Neurology, Ophthalmology Residency Program Director, and Director of the Neuro-Ophthalmology Service. ❖

RWMC names infection control director

PROVIDENCE – **DR. RICHA TANDON** has been named Director of Infection Control at Roger Williams Medical Center. She trained in infectious diseases at Boston University Medical Center (BUMC), where she was a faculty member for six years prior to joining Roger Williams. She has extensive clinical experience in general infectious diseases and managing complicated immunosuppressed patients. She cared for a large panel of HIV/AIDS patients at BUMC and specialized in managing HIV infected women to prevent perinatal transmission.

Dr. Tandon will pursue her interest of working with immunosuppressed patients by collaborating with the transplant team at Roger Williams. She has extensive clinical research experience and will work with residents and fellows on various projects. ❖



Dr. Richa Tandon



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Three MDs join Kent, Primary Medical Group

WARWICK – Kent Hospital welcomed three new physicians to the Kent Hospital medical staff and Affinity Physicians, an affiliate of Kent Hospital. Drs. Christopher M. Furey, MD; Manisha Kumar, MD, MPH; and Mirela Nicolescu, MD will practice out of the Primary Medical Group of Warwick.

CHRISTOPHER M. FUREY, MD, is a primary care physician who comes to Kent Hospital from Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island where he served as chief resident for the Family Medicine Residency Program through the Alpert Medical School of Brown University. Dr. Furey received his medical degree from Brown University and also served as the first family medicine resident instructor in the Alpert Medical School Doctoring Course. Dr. Furey also serves as an Assistant Professor of Family Medicine (Clinical) at the Alpert Medical School of Brown University.

MANISHA KUMAR, MD, MPH, is a family medicine physician who will also provide obstetric services and will begin working at Primary Medical Group of Warwick in January, 2014. Dr. Kumar comes to Kent from Lawrence General Hospital in Lawrence, Massachusetts, where she completed an obstetrics fellowship. Dr. Kumar completed a family medicine residency at Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island in 2012. She attended medical school at Tufts University School of Medicine in Boston, Massachusetts.

MIRELA NICOLESCU, MD, is a primary care physician who comes to Kent Hospital from the Yale University affiliated, Saint Mary's Hospital, in Waterbury, Connecticut. It is there where she completed an internal medicine residency. The first few years of her residency were spent at the Emergency University Hospital in Bucharest, Romania. Dr. Nicolescu attended medical school at Carol Davila University of Medicine and Pharmacy in Bucharest, Romania. ❖

Dr. Pagidas named REI interim director at W&I

PROVIDENCE – **KELLY PAGIDAS, MD**, was recently named interim division director for the Division of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility at Women & Infants Hospital.

Dr. Pagidas, a member of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology since 1998, is associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the Alpert Medical School. This year, she received the Council on Resident Education in Obstetrics and Gynecology (CREOG) Excellence in Teaching Award for her academic excellence in medical education. CREOG is affiliated with the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG).



Kelly Pagidas, MD

“Dr. Pagidas has been an essential asset to the department as a clinician, teacher and researcher,” said Maureen G. Phipps, MD, MPH, chief of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. “She has paved the way in incorporating ultrasound training in obstetrics and gynecology residency education.”

In research, Dr. Pagidas' interests span the realm of reproductive genetics and the role of the Fragile X Protein (FMRP) on ovarian aging and function. This complements her clinical expertise in the area of recurrent pregnancy loss and preimplantation genetic diagnosis. ❖

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Obituaries

MARVIN S. KERZNER, MD, 83, died in Boston on Dec. 5, 2013 surrounded by his loving family. He leaves his beloved wife of 57 years, the former Thelma S. Resnick, his daughters Irene, Debbie and Lisa and 6 grandchildren.

A lifelong Providence resident, he was an internist for 50 years with a large practice on the East Side of Providence. He was the founder of the Summit Medical Center, Pavilion and Highland Court, a life care community, as well as the Summit Medical Office Building. Dr. Kerzner earned a BS from Boston University and an MS in physical chemistry from Tufts University. He worked at U.S. Steel as a chemist before attending medical school at the University of Bologna (Italy).

In addition to his medical practice and pioneering senior living communities, he was also a Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine at Brown University and his medical practice was a clinical rotation site for the Physicians Assistants program at Northeastern University, part of the Physicians Assistants program at Northeastern University.

He was the recipient of the Preceptorship Award from the Miriam and Rhode Island Hospitals and Brown University for outstanding teacher in the field of internal medicine.

Born in Providence, he was the son of Etta (Labush) and Louis Kerzner, the second of their 5 children. He is also survived by his brother Arnold and sisters Dorothy and Karen and was pre-deceased by his sister Arlene.

Dr. Kerzner was guide, muse and protector for his siblings and later his many nieces and nephews. He and his wife were lifelong runners and competed in marathons together; he was also an avid sailor. His legacy is one of loving and supportive father, brother, uncle and grandfather and professionally as a tireless searcher and advocate for the thousands of individuals and families he cared for, often through multiple generations and as a teacher to many who aspired to the same calling.

Donations in his memory may be made to the Dr. Marvin S. Kerzner Memorial Fund, c/o Dr. Dorothy Kerzner Lipsky, 99 Battery Place, 26D, New York, New York 10280.

M. HOWARD TRIEDMAN, MD, 83, passed away on Dec. 14, 2013 after a long illness. He was the husband of Dr. Ruth (Seiden) Triedman, and father of Karen (Ronald Markoff) and Nancy (Louis Goldman) of Providence and J. Russell Triedman (Melissa) of New York.

A graduate of Moses Brown School, Dr. Triedman graduated summa cum laude from Brown University where he was elected in his junior year to Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi, the national honor societies. He received his medical degree from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, where he was elected to membership in the medical honor society, Alpha Omega Alpha.

Dr. Triedman served in the United States Navy prior to establishing his neurological practice in Providence where he was on the staff of the Rhode Island and Miriam Hospitals. He was Professor Emeritus of Neurology at Brown University's Warren Alpert Medical School and Chief of the Neurological Service at Miriam Hospital where he served as a president of the medical staff. He was also a member of the Investment Board of Lifespan and the Rhode Island Workmen's Compensation Board.

In addition to his wife and children, Dr. Triedman is survived by his brother, Dr. Leonard J. Triedman (Cynthia) of Narragansett and his grandchildren, Sidra and Allegra Scharff, Stephanie (Charles Cohen), Miranda, Thomas and Eleanor Triedman. He was the son of the late Dr. Harry and Charlotte (Freedman) Triedman. He will be missed by his devoted caregivers, Courtney Whynter, Gina Robinson and Richard Mayanjo.

In his memory, donations to The Miriam Hospital or to your favorite charity would be appreciated.