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Bryant University has applied for provisional accreditation from the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA). The University anticipates matriculating its first class in January 2015, pending provisional accreditation in September 2014. Provisional accreditation is an accreditation status for a new PA program that has not yet enrolled students, but at the time of its comprehensive accreditation review, has demonstrated its preparedness to initiate a program in accordance with the accreditation standards. The program will not commence in the event that this provisional accreditation is not received.

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Recognition

Angela Anderson, MD, Receives Hamolsky Outstanding Physician Award

Award honors a physician who has made exceptional contributions to medicine

PROVIDENCE – Hasbro Children’s Hospital pediatrician ANGELA ANDERSON, MD, has received the 2013 annual Milton Hamolsky Outstanding Physician Award from the Rhode Island Hospital medical staff.

Dr. Anderson, associate professor of pediatrics and emergency medicine at the Alpert Medical School, is quadruple board certified in pediatrics, pediatric emergency medicine, clinical pharmacology/toxicology, and hospice and palliative care medicine. For nearly 18 years, Anderson was an attending physician in the Hasbro Children’s Hospital pediatric emergency department where she still consults on toxicology cases and pain management. In 2010, she began her current role as director of pediatric pain and palliative care at Hasbro Children’s Hospital.

“Dr. Anderson’s contributions to our pediatric emergency department are immeasurable as a clinician, educator, and advisor to others,” said SUSAN DUFFY, MD, medical director of the Hasbro Children’s Hospital emergency department. “She has spent many years bringing expertise, comfort and humor into an emergency setting that can be frightening and stressful for families.”

“Dr. Anderson has not only tirelessly served our hospital, but also our local community and far beyond,” said ROBERT KLEIN, MD, pediatrician-in-chief of Hasbro Children’s Hospital. “Her dedication to pain management and palliative care services embodies our patient and family centered care mission, but more importantly, exemplifies her endless compassion and humility.”

U.S. Preventive Services Task Force appoints W&I’s Dr. Phipps

PROVIDENCE – MAUREEN G. PHIPPS, MD, MPH, chief of obstetrics and gynecology at Women & Infants Hospital of Rhode Island and executive chief of obstetrics and gynecology at Care New England Health System, has been appointed to the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (Task Force) as one of its newest members.

The Task Force is an independent, volunteer panel of national experts in prevention and evidence-based medicine. Members come from many health-related fields, including internal medicine, family medicine, pediatrics, behavioral health, obstetrics/gynecology, and nursing.

Dr. Phipps is the Chair and Chace-Joukowsky Professor in the Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology and assistant dean for teaching and research in women’s health at the Alpert Medical School, and professor of epidemiology at the Brown University School of Public Health.

“Dr. Phipps has conducted extensive research in obstetrics and gynecology, with a focus on improving health among vulnerable populations, improving pregnancy outcomes, and reducing disparities and adolescent pregnancies. I look forward to working with her to fulfill the Task Force’s mission of improving clinical preventive care for all Americans,” said Dr. Virginia Moyer, Task Force chair.

Dr. Phipps’ research focuses on improving health for vulnerable populations and her research interests include adolescent pregnancy, pregnancy outcomes, postpartum depression, prenatal care, contraception, and reducing disparities. She is an associate editor for the American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology and past chair of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Committee on Health Care for Underserved Women.
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Robert Wood Johnson Foundation awards
Dr. Teno investigator award

$335,000 grant will support study on palliative care, hospice teams

BOSTON – The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) has awarded gerontologist JOAN TENO, MD, professor of health services, policy and practice in the Brown University School of Public Health, an Investigator Award through its Health Policy Research program. Dr. Teno is one of 11 scholars nationwide to win the honor, which comes with $335,000 in support for her work.

Dr. Teno said she will use the funding over the next three years to study the role of palliative care teams and hospice providers, including publicly traded chains, in the evolving health care system. Her previous research has found that although Medicare has made hospice mainstream, many elderly patients still experience unnecessarily aggressive care and burdensome transitions, for instance from the nursing home to intensive care, shortly before dying. She will use a variety of methods including in-depth interviews and Medicare data analysis in her research “to envision a future that promotes patient- and family-centered medical care.”

Hasbro earns Silver Beacon Award

PROVIDENCE – The Hasbro Children’s Hospital pediatric intensive care unit (PICU) has earned a Silver Beacon Award for Excellence from the American Association of Critical Care Nurses (AACN). This three-year award recognizes Hasbro Children’s Hospital for meeting or exceeding national quality standards for improved patient outcomes and for a healthy work environment. The hospital’s PICU is one of only 21 in the U.S., there are 337 nationally, and one of only three in New England to hold this designation.
Recognition

The 2013 Brite Lites ceremony at Hasbro Children’s Hospital honored Brite Lites Award winners Petra Klinge, MD; Kimberly Taylor, RN; Miladys Guerrero, RN; Tara Brown, RN, and Roxanne Price.

Hasbro honors ‘Brite Lites’ employees

PROVIDENCE – Hasbro Children’s Hospital recently honored five hospital employees as “Brite Lites” for 2013. The Brite Lites recognition program, now in its 11th year, singles out hospital employees who have provided outstanding care to patients. This year’s Brite Lites were chosen from more than 90 nominations made by patients and their families. The celebration coincided with the 20th anniversary of the official opening of Hasbro Children’s Hospital, which first opened on Valentine’s Day 1994.

Obituary

EARLE TRAVIS, DO, 83, of East Greenwich, RI, passed away February 18, 2014 at Rhode Island Hospital. A native of Rhode Island, Dr. Travis graduated from University of Rhode Island in 1954 and Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1958.

He served the United States Army in the 705th, AAA Gun Battalion, BTRY D from 1950 to 1952 in the Korean Conflict.

Dr. Travis completed an internship at Cranston General Hospital in 1959 and radiology residency at Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital in Pontiac, Michigan 1966. He was member of the medical staff at Cranston General, Notre Dame, Fuller Memorial and Kent County Hospitals. Dr. Travis served in the capacity of radiology department chairman, chief of staff and on the Board of Trustees at Cranston General Hospital.

He was a member of the American Osteopathic Association and past president and secretary of the Rhode Island Society of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons. Dr. Travis was a faculty member of the University Of New England College Of Osteopathic Medicine, serving as clinical professor of radiology, member board of trustees, finance committee and Deans Advisory Board.

Dr. Travis had an incredible work ethic, loved and lived for his family. He was an avid outdoorsman. His loves and hobbies included genealogy, fishing, hunting, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8955 and remained very active, meeting weekly with fellow surviving members of 705th AAA Gun Battalion BTRY D.

He also was a member of the Hopkinton Historical Association and the Franklin Lodge of Masons Number 20. He is survived by his loving wife Carolyn [Spencer] Travis, brother; Kenneth L. Travis of Springfield, Virginia, four children, Doreen Kells, Dr. Earle Travis Jr., Diane Gapoold, Dean Travis and six grandchildren.

Donations will be accepted on behalf of Dr. Earle Travis for 705th AAA Gun Battalion BTRY D at Santander Bank, 765 Main St., East Greenwich, RI 02818.
Appointments

Laura Forman, MD, appointed Physician-in-Chief of Emergency Medicine at MHRI

Pawtucket – Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island recently appointed LAURA FORMAN, MD, FACEP, as the new Physician-in-Chief of emergency medicine. Dr. Forman is a member of Affinity Physicians and will work at Memorial Hospital.

She earned her medical degree from the University of Vermont College of Medicine and completed her emergency medicine residency at Baystate Medical Center through Tufts University School of Medicine. She was chief resident in her final year. Dr. Forman worked as an attending physician in the Emergency Department at Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island before going to Kent Hospital, where she was assistant director of the Emergency Department. She also completed the American College of Emergency Physicians Teaching Fellowship.

Dr. Forman is a clinical instructor in emergency medicine at the Alpert Medical School. A fellow of the American College of Emergency Physicians, she is a member of the Rhode Island Medical Reserve Corps, American College of Emergency Physicians, American Medical Association, Rhode Island Medical Society and Women in Medicine. She is fluent in Spanish.

Dr. Forman’s areas of clinical interest include: medical education, international health and disaster management.

Dr. Cynthia M. Alves named President of Medical Staff at RWMC

Providence – CYNTHIA M. ALVES, MD, FACC, has been elected president of the medical staff at Roger Williams Medical Center. She succeeds DR. MARK BRAUN, who completed his term as president on December 31. Other officers elected are DR. ANDREA DOYLE (vice president), DR. PONNANDAI SOMASUNDAR (treasurer/secretary and Medical Executive Committee chair), and DR. GREGG ALLEN, DR. RAJNISH Bansal, and DR. RITESH RATHORE (at-large members).

Dr. Alves’ expertise is in clinical, non-invasive, and preventive cardiology. She has sub-specialty training and board certification in nuclear cardiology. A member of the Cardiovascular Institute of New England, Dr. Alves is a faculty member in the internal medicine teaching program at Roger Williams.

RWMC names Dr. Thomas M. Ruenger Chairman of Dermatology

Formerly vice chair of dermatology dept. at Boston University

Providence – THOMAS M. RUENGER, MD, PhD, has been named chairman of the Department of Dermatology at Roger Williams Medical Center. He joins Roger Williams from Boston University, where he served as vice chairman of the Department of Dermatology. He will retain his academic appointment at Boston University School of Medicine as Professor of Dermatology, Pathology and Laboratory Medicine.

Following his graduation from the Medical School of Christian-Albrecht University (Kiel, Germany), Dr. Ruenger completed a postdoctoral fellowship in the Laboratory of Molecular Carcinogenesis at the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, MD.

His clinical interests include phototherapy, photodermatology, psoriasis, melanoma, cutaneous lymphoma, and general medical dermatology. He has also worked on skin aging, scleroderma, and wound healing.

Currently, he is editor-in-chief of the journal Photodermatology, Photomedicine & Photoimmunology and serves on several committees of the Society for Investigative Dermatology, the American Academy of Dermatology, and the Photomedicine Society.