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Recognition

**Dr. De Groot’s Global Vaccine Foundation receives $100,000 Gates grant**

*Will use textiles as teaching device to prevent cervical cancer*

**ANNIE DE GROOT, MD**, has been awarded a $100,000 Grand Explorations Grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to launch a public awareness campaign about the importance of getting vaccinated against the cancer in West Africa.

The Gaia Vaccine Foundation, whose mission is to promote infectious diseases prevention (HIV, TB, and HPV), while developing globally relevant and accessible vaccines that can be distributed on a not-for-profit basis in underdeveloped nations, will use printed West African cloth to educate women on the benefits of screening and vaccinating against Human Papilloma Virus (HPV), which causes cervical cancer. Cervical cancer is the second most common and lethal cancer affecting women in West Africa. This is thought to be partly due to a lack of knowledge about the causes of the disease.

According to the GAIA website (www.gaiavaccine.org), and the Gates Foundation, the patterns on clothing in West Africa often have symbolic meaning, but have not yet been exploited for health education. GAIA has designed and field-tested a brightly colored cloth printed with images representing HPV, the cervix and cancer cells, which they will disseminate in Bamako, Mali. By combining this with a media campaign involving renowned Malian singers, they aim to encourage women to be screened for cervical cancer. The success of the campaign will be evaluated by analyzing subsequent screening rates, and surveying women exposed to the campaign for their feedback.

According to a URI press release, Dr. De Groot connected with Eliza Squibb, who graduated from RISD in 2013 with a degree in textiles and spent time in North Africa and the Peruvian Amazon studying traditional textiles. After months of work, Squibb designed a stunning pattern that shows healthy uteruses, surrounded by spiky, scary viruses. The repeating design creates a West African pagne pattern that tells the story of HPV-associated cervical cancer, how HPV is transmitted, the importance of screening and the potential for a vaccine to protect against cancer.

Squibb and Dr. De Groot went to West Africa in July to show the fabric to doctors, scientists, health care workers and local women.

The Grand Explorations grant was created when the Gates Foundation committed $100 million to encourage scientists worldwide to create groundbreaking solutions to our greatest health challenges. Launched in 2008, more than 1070 grants have been awarded to innovative, early-stage products in more than 60 countries. Initial grants of $100,000 are awarded two times a year. Successful projects have been the opportunity to receive a follow-on grant of up to $1 million.
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Recognition

AHA announces first researchers for groundbreaking CVGPS project

Researchers were awarded CVGPS Pathway Grants funded at $250,000 per year for two years

CHICAGO – The first funded researchers in the groundbreaking Cardiovascular Genome-Phenome Study were announced during the American Heart Association’s scientific sessions November 16.

The Cardiovascular Genome-Phenome Study, also known as CVGPS, is designed to speed up the discovery of more personalized treatments and prevention for cardiovascular diseases and stroke. CVGPS does this by enabling researchers for the first time to simultaneously access massive volumes of deeper-level data from multiple studies, including the famed Framingham Heart Study and Jackson Heart Study.

“These scientists are building the future on the power of the past and are following in the footsteps of the American Heart Association’s founders in a bold and novel way,” American Heart Association President Elliott Antman, MD, FAHA, said while announcing the winners during his Presidential Address.

Brown University award recipient Simin Liu, MD, ScD, MPH, will focus on integrative genomics of gene-diet interactions in vascular outcomes across ethnicities.

CVGPS combines long-term population studies with the precision of molecular analysis at the individual level to characterize key distinctions within and between patient subgroups. These distinctions will point the way toward more precisely targeted, safer and more effective treatments based on a deeper understanding of individual risk profiles, therapeutic needs and other factors.

Joseph Loscalzo, MD, chair of the American Heart Association Science Oversight Group for CVGPS, has explained the goal of the project very simply:

“What we are trying to do with CVGPS is to speed up progress,” said Dr. Loscalzo, professor and chair of medicine at Harvard Medical School, physician-in-chief at Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Boston, and editor-in-chief of Circulation.

“To use an analogy involving the speed of data delivery, we want to go from the days of the Pony Express to email.”

Researchers were awarded CVGPS Pathway Grants funded at $250,000 per year for two years. The funding is part of the $30 million over five years provided by the AHA.

Hasbro Expert Appointed to National Child Passenger Safety Board

Dina Morrissey, MD, MPH, to represent injury prevention

PROVIDENCE – Dina Morrissey, MD, MPH, research associate at the Injury Prevention Center at Hasbro Children’s Hospital, has been appointed to The National Child Passenger Safety Board [NCPSB] as the board’s representative for Injury Prevention/Healthcare for the 2014-2016 term.

In this role, Dr. Morrissey will support the NCPSB mission to maintain the quality and integrity of the National Child Passenger Safety Certification Training Program. This program is used to train and certify child passenger safety (CPS) technicians and instructors. The board works collaboratively with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration [NHTSA] and with Safe Kids.

Prior to entering the field of injury prevention, Dr. Morrissey practiced as a primary care pediatrician. After earning her master’s degree in public health, she joined the Injury Prevention Center [IPC] at Hasbro Children’s Hospital as community outreach coordinator. Dr. Morrissey manages the Kohl’s Cares – Kids on the Go and Injury Free Coalition for Kids programs at the IPC. She also serves as the statewide coordinator for Safe Kids Rhode Island.
Hospital Association of Rhode Island Honors ‘Hospital Heroes’

WARWICK – Individuals from throughout the state were recently honored at “Celebration of Excellence in Hospital Care,” an annual awards ceremony held by the Hospital Association of Rhode Island (HARI). Employees of the year from HARI’s member hospitals were recognized by the HARI Board of Trustees for exemplary performance and dedication to health care.

In addition, recipients of the Benjamin R. Sturges Distinguished Service Award, Francis R. Dietz Award for Public Service and Edward J. Quinlan Award for Patient Safety Excellence were honored.

The inpatient obstetrics team at Women & Infants Hospital, led by JAMES O’BRIEN, MD, was the recipient of the Edward J. Quinlan Award for Patient Safety Excellence. The team was honored for successfully implementing a policy that has eliminated elective delivery at less than 39 weeks gestation. The award is a tribute to Edward Quinlan who championed quality improvement and patient safety initiatives while he served as president of HARI for two decades.

KENNETH BELCHER, FACHE and ALBERT PUERINI, MD, were the recipients of the 2014 Benjamin R. Sturges Distinguished Service Award. Belcher was honored for dedicated service to CharterCARE Health Partners where he previously served as CEO. Dr. Puerini was recognized for his work as president of Rhode Island Primary Care Physician Corporation. The Distinguished Service Award is bestowed in honor of Benjamin Sturges, a community leader who devoted his life to health care and to bettering the community. For half a century, Sturges was active in hospital issues as a trustee at South County Hospital and Butler Hospital, and was committed to many educational and environmental causes.

GERARD GOULET, ESQ., and PAMELA STEADMAN-WOOD, PHD, were the recipients of the Francis R. Dietz Award for Public Service. Goulet was recognized for his impact on the state’s health care industry through his roles as regulator, attorney and educator. Steadman-Wood was honored for her work in providing home-based care to veterans with complex medical, social and behavioral conditions. The Francis R. Dietz Award for Public Service honors individuals for remarkable contributions to health care issues. HARI dedicates its public service award to the legacy of Francis Dietz, a long-time CEO of Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island.

Recipients of the Award for Excellence in Hospital Care include:

- Diane Ferreira, Director of Social Services, Butler Hospital
- Antonio Andrade, Nuclear Medicine Technologist, Kent Hospital
- Gino Olaes, Public Safety/Security Manager, Landmark Medical Center
- Judith Shorter, Clerk/Receptionist-Pulmonary Medicine, Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island
- Kenneth Cotter, General/Boiler Mechanic, St. Joseph Health Services of Rhode Island
- James Sharkey, General/Boiler Mechanic, St. Joseph Health Services of Rhode Island
- Karen Ryan, Supervisory Medical Supply Technician, Providence VA Medical Center
- Dawn Freeman, Distribution Technician, Roger Williams Medical Center
- Lisa Kanakry, Registered Nurse, South County Hospital
- Wendy Tucker, Remote Coder, Westerly Hospital
- Iris Sian, NICU Care Assistant and Certified Nursing Assistant, Women & Infants Hospital
Memorial Hospital School of Nurse Anesthesia Program Holds Graduation

PAWTUCKET— Ceremonies for the 48th graduation of the Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island School of Nurse Anesthesia Program took place on October 24, 2014 in the hospital’s Medical Staff Auditorium.

This year’s graduates are: Rebecca Fargen of Richland Center, WI; Domenic Gentile of Worcester, MA; Kimberly Giltner of Portland, OR; William Milner of Smithfield, RI; David Phillips of Boise, ID; Natasha Pyykko of Los Angeles, CA; Katie Szpila of Easthampton, MA; and Janet Vaughn of Phoenix, AZ.

MARK A. FOSTER, CRNA, MA, director of Memorial’s School of Nurse Anesthesia Program, recognized the accomplishments of the eight nurse anesthetists. He noted how the graduates devoted the past 29 months to a comprehensive didactic and clinical curriculum, earning a master’s of science in Biological Sciences/Anesthesia.

He also thanked the following individuals who supported the program: Peter Baziotis, MD; Susan Walker, MD, anesthesiologist-in-chief (interim); anesthesiologists with Anesthesia Care; Ruth Rollin, PhD, academic coordinator of Central Connecticut State University; Keith Macksoud and Elena Litmanovich, both CRNA faculty; the surgeons and staff in the Operating Room, Post Anesthesia Care Unit, Surgical Place Recovery Unit; and Pulmonary Function Lab at our hospital; Cyndi Hannaway, secretary for the Department of Anesthesia; and the clinical coordinators and adjunct faculty at the following clinical sites - Susan Roessle, CRNA from St. Luke’s Hospital in New Bedford, MA, Helen Mandybur, CRNA Coordinator at Kent Hospital in Warwick, RI; Joseph Cirmitti CRNA coordinator at St. Francis Hospital, Hartford CT; and Dr. Sana Ata, Chairperson and Coordinator at Lahey Hospital and Medical Center, formerly Lahey Clinic in Burlington, MA.

Domenic Gentile, on behalf of the graduates, thanked the administration, Anesthesia Department’s faculty and staff and his fellow classmates for their support.
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Obituaries

STEVEN CHARLES BRIN, MD, passed away on Nov. 2, 2014. He is survived by his wife, Dr. Rita Nenonen, his two children Sara and Elizabeth, his grandson Calvin Rex Jedreski as well as his two brothers, Drs. Kenneth and Mitchell Brin and his mother Phyllis Brin.

Dr. Brin was born in Boston, and attended college at the New York University. He completed a master’s degree in genetics at George Washington University and received his medical degree at the Medical College of Pennsylvania. After completing an internship and residency in internal medicine at Roger Williams Hospital in Providence, he worked at the Providence Community Health Center and Harvard Pilgrim Health Care. In 1997, he began practicing internal medicine at Coastal Medical in Providence where he has worked for the past 17 years, attended to patients at Rhode Island Hospital, and provided care at Morgan Health Nursing Home.

Dr. Brin expressed his dedication to the community volunteering at the Rhode Island Free Clinic. He served on the Board of Coastal Medical and multiple medical committees. He enjoyed spending time with his three girls and his new grandson. His love for his work with patients and the medical community in Rhode Island was rivaled only by his love for his wife and daughters.

He was a sailor, and looked forward to taking family and friends out on his 25-year-old Bristol 35.5 that he nurtured and cared for like a member of the family. He had a passion for music and while in high school, appeared on the Ted Mac Amateur Hour playing his 12-string guitar.

In lieu of flowers, gifts or donations be made to the Rhode Island Free Clinic at 655 Broad Street, Providence, Rhode Island, 02906 or through their website at www.rifreeclinic.org.

HOWARD A. HALL, MD, 80, of South Dartmouth and Providence died at home on Oct. 25, 2014. He was the husband of Myrna [Walker] Hall.

Dr. Hall was an obstetrician and gynecologist in private practice and on the staff of Woman & Infants Hospital and the Warren Alpert School of Medicine at Brown University. He served on numerous medical and professional boards including the board of Medical Licensure and Discipline and the board of Home and Hospice Care of R.I.

He graduated from University of New Hampshire and the Medical College of Virginia. He was an Army veteran of the Korean War.

Besides his wife he leaves a daughter Margaret H. Donabed and her husband Aram of Westwood, MA; two sons, H. Allen Hall Jr. and Charles B. Hall and his wife Anne, all of Philadelphia, a stepdaughter Susannah C. Kavanaugh and a stepson Andrew Kavanaugh, both of Chicago and his grandchildren, Isabel and Aram Donabed, George, Mason, Owen, Miles and Wilson Hall and Grady and Chase Wilkins.

In lieu of flowers donations in his memory may be made to Community Nurse and Hospice Care, 62 Center St., Fairhaven, MA 02719 or to Home and Hospice Care of R.I., 1085 North Main St., Providence RI 02904.
Obituaries

DAVID S. GREER, MD, 89, died November 18, 2014. He was the husband of the late Marion [Clarich] Greer; they were married for 64 years. Born in Brooklyn, NY, the son of the late Jacob and Mary Greenberg, he had been a resident of Fall River since 1957. Dr. Greer received his education in the New York City school system, Brooklyn College, the University of Notre Dame, the University of Chicago, and Yale University. His education was interrupted during World War II when he served two years in the armed forces as an aviation cadet.

Dr. Greer came to Fall River in 1957 to practice medicine at the Truesdale Clinic. He was actively involved in a very large number of community and statewide activities ranging from voluntary service with several Fall River agencies (the District Nursing Association, the Family Service Association, and the Fall River Housing Authority) to membership on several gubernatorial commissions and the Board of Trustees for both Bristol Community College and U. Mass Dartmouth whose board he chaired in 1973 and 1974. In the early 1970s, while he was president of the medical staff of the Truesdale Hospital and medical director of the Earle E. Hussey Hospital, Dr. Greer founded Highland Heights Apartments, renamed Cardinal Medeiros Towers, which was the first hospital-connected public housing facility in the nation for the physically impaired.

In 1974, Dr. Greer joined the administration and faculty of the new medical school at Brown University as an associate dean. There, he founded and chaired the Department of Family Medicine, the Department of Community Health, and the Gerontology Center. He was appointed dean of medicine at Brown in 1981 and served in that position until 1992. Upon retiring from Brown, he served as the medical director of the SSTAR Family Healthcare Center in Fall River until 1998.

Dr. Greer was a member of numerous prestigious organizations including Mastership in the American College of Physicians and the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences, and was designated as a Kellogg Foundation Fellow in International Health. His many honors and awards included an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Southeastern Massachusetts University; the Cutting Foundation Award for service to religion in society from the Andover Newton Theological Seminary; the Bristol Community College Distinguished Service Award; the University of Chicago Medical Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award, and the Outstanding Citizen Award from the Jewish Veteran’s Auxiliary.

Dr. Greer was a founding director of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, which won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1985.

He is survived by his daughter, Linda Greer and her husband Mike Tilchin of Bethesda, MD; his grandchildren Ross and Carla Tilchin, his daughter-in-law Nancy Smith Greer, his sister-in-law Joyce Greer Stern, and his brother-in-law and sister-in-law Daniel and Eleanor Clarich. He was the father of the late Jeffrey Greer, and brother of the late M. Philip Greer. His wife Marion died in September of this year.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to Family Service Association of Fall River, 101 Rock Street, Fall River MA 02720.