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Dr. Michael Harwood Appears on Jeopardy!

WESTERLY - Yes, he was always very good at Trivial Pursuit, and yes, he has a competitive streak, but DR. MICHAEL HARWOOD, a dermatologist with the L+M Medical Group in Westerly, defied the odds earlier this year, landing a spot on "America's Favorite Quiz Show," Jeopardy!

"It was extremely fun," Dr. Harwood recalls, reminiscing about his auditions and trip to Los Angeles for an appearance on the show, taped August 6 and aired last fall.

"It goes incredibly fast," he said, recounting the actual live game. "You don't realize until you're doing it how much harder it is than when you're sitting at home. For the real thing, there's such a rush to read the questions fast enough so you can buzz in..."

Dr. Harwood never seriously expected to be on the show, but one evening last January, with the kids in bed and a few minutes to himself, he took the Jeopardy! online test. An estimated 100,000 people

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take the same test each year, and Jeopardy! selects the top 3 percent of scorers for a second round of screening.

Sure enough, Dr. Harwood was invited to an in-person test and interview held last April in Providence. Once more, he outperformed his peers, and, in July, he was asked to appear on an upcoming show.

"The night before, I was freaking out," he admits. "I was scared to death that I was going to make a fool of myself. But, when you meet the other contestants, you realize they're nervous too. And once the game starts, it goes so fast you don't really have time to be nervous."

When the game started, Dr. Harwood quickly buzzed in with a number of correct responses. He took the lead and stayed in front as the game headed into Final Jeopardy, the point at which players bet part or all of their winnings on a final question to decide the winner.

The answer was in the category of



Alex Trebek, host of the game show Jeopardy!, with contestant Dr. Michael Harwood, a Westerly dermatologist.

"Eponymous Geography," and it referenced the "fifth largest island in the world and the largest named after a person," Dr. Harwood recalled. His first inclination was Baffin Island in northern Canada, home to about 11,000 people and plenty of polar bears. But Baffin seemed too obscure for Final Jeopardy, Dr. Harwood thought, especially since Final Jeopardy is often based on something well-known to the public, even if the clue is hard. He hesitated, and wrote down "What is Tasmania?"

It cost him the game, because Baffin was correct.

"Strangely," Dr. Harwood said, "I always thought I would have been more upset about not winning, but it didn't bother me at all. The questions are the luck of the draw and you just have to do the best you can. I'm glad I had the opportunity. It really was a lot of fun." *

Research



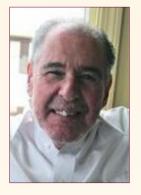
Adam Olszewski, MD, Receives \$150,000 **Oncology Research Award**

PAWTUCKET - ADAM OLSZEWSKI, MD, an oncologist / hematologist at Memorial Hospital is a recipient of the 2015 American Society of Hematology (ASH) Research Scholar Award. The two-year award directed at junior faculty in the amount of \$150,000 will support Dr. Olszewski's research into epidemiology and health care outcomes of lymphomas and bone marrow cancers.

Dr. Olszewski is an assistant professor of medicine at

Alpert Medical School of Brown University, and his mentors for this project will be Charles Eaton, MD, from Brown University's Center for Primary Care and Prevention at Memorial Hospital, and Jorge Castillo, MD, from the Bing Center for Waldenström's Macroglobulinemia at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute. 💠

Research



Dr. Barry Lester Discusses Epigenetics with International Innovation

PROVIDENCE - BARRY M. LESTER, PhD, professor and founding director of the Brown Center for the Study of Children at Risk at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University and the Center for Children and Families at Women & Infants Hospital, was recently interviewed by International Innovation to discuss his contribution to the study of epigenetics and child development.

Epigenetics is the study of factors that change how the genetic code is carried out, what the genes do without changing the genes themselves. Dr. Lester and his team believe that "the way in which a child develops in the womb and during the early years of life is predicated not only by genes and the health of the mother, but also by the mother's lifestyle and their family environment," due to epigenetics.

Dr. Lester, along with JAMES F. PADBURY, MD, chief of pediatrics at Women & Infants and the Oh-Zopfi Professor of Pediatrics and Perinatal Research at Brown University, and epigeneticist, CAR-MEN MARSIT, PHD, adjunct assistant professor of epidemiology at Brown University, have been working together researching epigenetic and environmental factors that lead to the development of many mental health disorders in children.

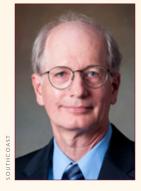
"We know little about the specific mechanisms by which a child's behavioral development is derailed," said Dr. Lester. "We know the what, but we don't know very much about the how and the why, and that is where epigenetics comes in."

Much of the excitement around epigenetics is that epigenetic changes are not permanent and could usher in a whole new era of treatment and intervention. Dr. Lester believes the research is well thought out for future development; however it will take a lot of resources to get to the desired result.

"With sufficient resources, I think it would take about 10 years to make the kinds of advances in epigenetics that would enable us to begin improving the quality of life of our children," expressed Dr. Lester. "Epigenetics not only enables us to understand behavior at the molecular and cellular level, it also enables us to use that knowledge to develop treatments for children with behavioral or mental health problems as well as programs for pregnant women and infants to prevent the development of later behavioral or mental health problems."

About International Innovation: International Innovation publishes global insight and analysis on current scientific research and trends, as well as funding policy issues. Coverage spans the breadth of scientific disciplines, with key focus on the interdisciplinary areas of health care, environment and technology. The digital magazine also provides extensive analysis of trends at a regional level, with specialist reviews of research emanating from North America, Europe and Asia-Pacific. *

Appointments



Mark Hosley, MD, **Joins Southcoast Physicians Group**

DARTMOUTH, MASS. — MARK HOSLEY, MD, neurologist, has joined Southcoast Physicians Group, and will see patients at the Southcoast Brain and Spine Center, 480 Hawthorn St., Dartmouth. Prior to coming to South-

coast, Dr. Hosley practiced neurology at NeuroHealth, Inc., in East Providence, R.I., since 2009. He previously worked in private practice for many years at Bayside Neurology in New Bedford. His clinical interests include EMG/NCS, neuromuscular disease; sleep medicine; chemodenervation therapy for spasticity and dystonia; dizziness/vertigo; EEG interpretation; and multiple sclerosis/spinal cord and central nervous system injury.

Dr. Hosley earned his doctorate from Brown University/Alpert Medical School. He completed his fellowship in neuromuscular disease/EMG-NCS at Rhode Island Hospital, and a fellowship in spinal cord injury service at West Roxbury VAMC. He completed both his residency in neurology and his internship in medicine at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center in Worcester.

His memberships in professional societies have included the American Academy of Sleep Medicine, American Association of Neuromuscular and Electrodiagnostic Medicine, American Academy of Neurology, American Medical Association, and Massachusetts Medical Society.

Dr. Hosley is board certified in adult neurology, sleep medicine and clinical neurophysiology. .

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Appointments



David A. Carcieri, MD, to Oversee **Graduate Medical Education** Program at W&I

PROVIDENCE - DAVID A. CARCIERI, MD, FACOG, has been named designated institutional official (DIO) for Women & Infants Hospital of Rhode Island, a Care New England hospital. The DIO is responsible for the administration and oversight of all the hospital's graduate medical education programs and is responsible for assuring compliance with all

Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (AC-GME) requirements.

Dr. Carcieri is the immediate past president of the medical staff of Women & Infants Hospital and currently serves on the board of Women & Infants Indemnity. In the past, Dr. Carcieri has served in a variety of leadership positions including serving as co-chair of the hospital quality committee as well as the Care New England board.

A native Rhode Islander, Dr. Carcieri received his undergraduate and medical degrees from Brown University where he was an honors graduate. He completed his internship and residency at Cornell University Medical Center in New York City. In 1994, he returned to Rhode Island to join the medical staff at Women & Infants. Currently, he serves on the faculty at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University as a clinical professor of obstetrics and gynecology while also maintaining a private practice in North Providence, both of which he plans to continue in his new role as DIO. .

Paul V. Del Guercio, MD, Family Practice Physician, Joins Southcoast Health

MIDDLETOWN, R.I. — PAUL V. DEL GUERCIO, MD, family practice physician and owner of Valley Primary Care since 2001, has joined Southcoast Health. He will continue to see patients at the same location, now Southcoast Family Medicine, at 294 Valley Road in Middletown, R.I.

Dr. Del Guercio has been an assistant clinical professor of Family Medicine at Brown University since 2006, where he has been recognized for excellence in teaching. In 2011, he received recognition by the RI Department of Health for quickly diagnosing a case of the measles in his office and reporting it immediately to the department to help prevent the spread of this contagious respiratory disease.

Dr. Del Guercio received his doctorate from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, and completed his residency in family practice at the Memorial Hospital of RI. He worked in group practice in Westport, Mass., and later in private practice in Newport prior to becoming owner of Valley Primary Care.

Dr. Del Guercio is a member of the American Academy of Family Practice, and is board certified as a family practice physician. He was the on-set physician during filming of the Steven Spielberg movie, "Amistad," in Newport. *

Dr. Aaron Named Research **Director at Miriam's Total** Joint Center

PROVIDENCE - ROY AARON, MD, has been named director of research at The Total Joint Center at The Miriam Hospital. In this new role, Dr. Aaron will manage the research component of the Total Joint Center overseeing investigator-initiated and agendadriven clinical research programs.



"All the work we're doing now in total joint replacement emanates from research - and the pace of development of new technologies, materials and surgery is accelerating rapidly," said John Froehlich, MD, program director of the Total Joint Center. "It is important that we maintain a cutting-edge approach to the unprecedented integrated way we deliver total joint replacement surgery at The Miriam - and Dr. Aaron, with his extensive orthopedics expertise, is well positioned to lead this clinical research effort to demonstrate our value-based outcomes."

As a co-investigator of The Total Joint Center, which has earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval for its total knee and total hip replacement programs, Dr. Aaron will work collaboratively to manage research projects, collect data and explore outcomes related to arthritis and joint reconstruction. Findings will be incorporated into best-practice guidelines for high-quality, cost-effective care at the The Miriam's Total Joint Center, a program of the Orthopedic Institute at Rhode Island and The Miriam hospitals.

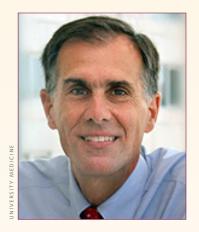
Dr. Aaron completed his orthopedic training in the Harvard Combined Orthopedic Program and a fellowship in joint replacement surgery at the Robert Brigham Hospital. He completed two research fellowships at the National Institutes of Health, one studying surgical physiology and one in basic cartilage biochemistry.

Dr. Aaron's clinical interests focus on joint diseases, particularly on osteoarthritis and avascular necrosis, and conservative therapies for joint preservation. Recent clinical investigations have concerned the role of knee arthroscopy, contrast-enhanced MRI for early diagnosis of osteoarthritis, and the prevalence of coagulopathies in both osteoarthritis and avascular necrosis. In the laboratory, he has been investigating the contributions of circulatory pathology to the initiation and progression of osteoarthritis.

Dr. Aaron has served on 35 national panels, including 10 NIH study sections, and committees of the Arthritis Foundation, American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons and Orthopedic Research Society. He has authored over 100 scientific and clinical papers, and three books. Several years ago, he received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the New England Arthritis Foundation.

In addition to serving as research director of the Total Joint Center, Dr. Aaron is also professor of orthopedics and professor of molecular pharmacology, physiology and biotechnology at Brown University and founded the orthopedic laboratory and the joint replacement service at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University. *

Appointments



Peter Hollmann, MD, Named Chief Medical Officer at University Medicine

PROVIDENCE - University Medicine (UM) has named PETER HOLLMANN, MD, chief medical officer, a newly created position. He joined the group this year.

Prior to coming to UM, he served as a medical director of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of RI for 25 years while maintaining a primary care practice in general internal medicine and geriatrics.

Dr. Hollmann received undergraduate and medical degrees from Brown University. He trained in internal medicine and geriatric medicine, also at Brown.

He is a board member of the American Geriatrics Society, the RI Medical Society and Chair of the AMA CPT Editorial Panel. He represented the Panel on the AMA Specialty Society RBRVS Update Committee (RUC) for 8 years and is a member of the NCQA Geriatric Measures

Dr. Hollmann is an Assistant Clinical Professor of Family Medicine at the Alpert Medical School. *

Charlyn Feeney, Esq., MHSA, RN, Named VP of Compliance and Privacy for CharterCARE



PROVIDENCE - CHARLYN A. FEENEY, ESQ., MHSA, RN. has been named Vice President of Compliance and Privacy for CharterCare Health Partners. In this position, she is responsible for overseeing the CharterCARE system's compliance with all privacy and confidentiality laws including the Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act.

Most recently, Feeney held the position of Director of Quality, Patient Safety and Compliance with Lahey Health Behavioral Services in Peabody, Mass. She was previously Executive Director of Risk Management and Compliance with Fallon Clinic in Worcester. She has held numerous risk management, compliance, and nursing leadership positions including Director of Patient Care Services at Brighton Marine Health Centers.

Feeney graduated Cum Laude with a degree of Juris Doctor from Suffolk University Law School. She holds a Masters in Health Services Administration from University of Michigan, where she also graduated Cum Laude. ❖

Dr. Vijay Sudheendra Named Chairman of Anesthesia for CharterCARE



PROVIDENCE-DR. VIJAY SUDHEEN-DRA has been named system-wide Chairman of Anesthesia for CharterCARE Health Partners. In this capacity, he has leadership oversight of a team of anesthesiologists and certified registered nurse anesthetists at CharterCARE's two affiliate hospitals - Roger Williams Medical Center and Fatima Hospital.

Dr. Sudheendra has held a number of leadership roles including

Chairman of Anesthesia at Saint Anne's Hospital and Medical Director of Southern New England Surgery Center. Dr. Sudheendra is a member of Narragansett Bay Anesthesia LLC, which provides services to a number of hospitals in the region.

He completed residencies in anesthesiology at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation in Cleveland, OH, and Weill Medical College of Cornell University-New York Presbyterian Hospital in New York City, followed by training in cardiothoracic anesthesia at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation.

A graduate of Karnataka Medical College in Hubli, India, he also completed a residency in anesthesiology at the Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research in Chandigarh, India. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Anesthesiology and a diplomate in perioperative transesophageal echocardiography through the National Board of Echocardiology. ❖

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Appointments

Dr. Deborah Myers to Serve on FDA OB/GYN **Devices Panel**

PROVIDENCE - DEBORAH L. MYERS, MD, of North Kingstown, 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

Devices Advisory Committee.



Brown University, has been selected to serve on the FDA Obstetrics and Gynecology Devices Panel of the Medical

The Obstetrics and Gynecology Devices Panel reviews and evaluates data concerning the safety and effectiveness of marketed and investigational devices for use in the obstetrics and gynecology and makes appropriate recommendations to the Commissioner of Food and Drugs. Each committee consists of experts with recognized expertise and judgment in a specific field. Members have the training and experience necessary to evaluate information objectively and to interpret its significance.

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 American Urogynecologic Society (AUGS). She currently serves on the executive board of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) and is the co-principal investigator of the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) Pelvic Floor Disorders Network at Women & Infants and Brown University. ❖

Recognition

Drs. Allen, Hughes **Recognized for Editorial** Excellence

PROVIDENCE-REBECCAH. ALLEN. MD, MPH, an obstetrician/gynecologist with expertise in family planning at Women & Infants Hospital of Rhode Island and an assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University and BRENNA L. (ANDER-SON) HUGHES, MD, of North Kingstown, chief of the Women's Infectious Diseases Consultative Service at Women & Infants and an associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the Alpert Medical School, have been ranked in the top 10 percent among reviewers in 2014 for the professional journal, Obstetrics & Gynecology.

According to Nancy Chescheir, MD, editor-in-chief of Obstetrics & Gynecology, those who were ranked in the top 10 percent are an elite group of reviewers. To be an deemed excellent peer reviewer



Rebecca H. Allen, MD



Brenna L. (Anderson) Hughes, MD

requires a high level of knowledge of the subject matter, scientific method, statistical analysis, and an ability to communicate one's critical thinking about a particular paper without prejudice or conflict. Dr. Chescheir thanked Drs. Allen and Hughes for their dedication to the peer review process.

Obstetrics & Gynecology is the Official Publication of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG). .

Recognition

Roger Williams Center Classified as Academic Comprehensive **Cancer Center**

PROVIDENCE - The Cancer Center at Roger Williams Medical Center has been classified by the Commission on Cancer as an Academic Comprehensive Cancer Center Program, placing it among a select group of cancer centers in New England to hold such a designation.

There are more than 1,500 Commission on Cancer-accredited cancer programs across the country. Only 13% hold the Academic Comprehensive Center Program designation, which means the Cancer Center at Roger Williams has met criteria only achieved by a small percentage of programs. Roger Williams was previously classified as a Community Cancer Center program. The new classification is a result of Roger Williams meeting the following specific set of criteria from the Commission on Cancer:

- Provides postgraduate medical education in at least four program areas, including internal medicine and general surgery;
- Accessions more than 500 newly diagnosed cancer cases each year;
- Full range of diagnostic and treatment services either on-site or by referral;
- Participates in cancer-related clinical research either by enrolling patients in cancer-related clinical trials or by referring patients for enrollment at another facility or through a physician's office.

"This designation is a reflection of both our academic and clinical efforts to provide better treatment for cancer patients in our region," said DR. N. JOSEPH ESPAT, director of the cancer Center at Roger Williams. "More patients are coming to our cancer program, our residency and fellowship programs continue to provide excellent training for the next generation of physicians and our clinical trials are advancing research into diagnosis and treatment of cancer."

"We are very excited about the innovative research programs that played a role in enabling this recognition," said DR. STEVEN KATZ, chairman of the Roger Williams' Cancer Committee. "Our immunotherapy platforms promise to bring novel treatments to patients with limited options. We look forward to launching several new T cell trials for liver tumors in the coming year."

"Our entire oncology team - including those involved with our cancer teaching and research programs - has worked tirelessly to achieve this designation from the Commission on Cancer," said KIMBERLY O'CONNELL, president of Roger Williams. "I want to thank Dr. Espat for his leadership and our cancer committee, led by Dr. Katz, chairman, Kathy Perry, director of the cancer center, and registrar Cheryl Raffel, for their work in compiling the reporting and performance requirements necessary for this designation." ❖

Southcoast Centers for Cancer Care Named Screening Center of Excellence

FALL RIVER, MASS. — Southcoast Centers for Cancer Care, a part of Southcoast® Health, has recently been named a Screening Center of Excellence by the Lung Cancer Alliance (LCA) for its ongoing commitment to responsible lung cancer screening. Low dose CT screening for lung cancer carried out safely, efficiently and equitably saves tens of thousands of lives a year.

Designated Screening Centers of Excellence are committed to provide clear information based on current evidence on who is a candidate for lung cancer screening, and to comply with comprehensive standards based on best practices developed by professional bodies such as the American College of Radiology (ACR), the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) and the International Early Lung Cancer Action Program (I-ELCAP) for controlling screening quality, radiation dose and diagnostic procedures within an experienced, multi-disciplinary clinical setting. *