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Appointments



David Anthony, MD, named editor-in-chief of fmCASES educational tools

PAWTUCKET – **DAVID ANTHONY, MD**, a family medicine physician at Memorial Hospital, was named editor-in-chief of Family Medicine Computer-Assisted Simulations for Educating Students (fmCASES) used by more than 100 medical schools to teach the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine (STFM) Family Medicine Clerkship Curriculum.

The content for fmCASES's 40 interactive virtual patient cases draws heavily from other STFM projects including Family Medicine Curriculum Resources and the Future of Family Medicine.

An fmCASES subscription includes cases that help cover the family medicine core learning objectives. These cases help build clinical competency, fill educational gaps, and instill the core values and attitudes of family medicine. fmCASES fosters self-directed and independent study, builds clinical problem-solving skills, and teaches an evidence-based and patient-centered approach to patient care.

Dr. Anthony is also director of Predoctoral Education and an associate professor of family medicine at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University. ❖

Dr. Sarah M. Davis joins division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine At Women & Infants

PROVIDENCE – **SARAH M. DAVIS, MD**, has joined the staff in the Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Women & Infants Hospital.

Dr. Davis is board certified in obstetrics and gynecology nationwide and maternal-fetal medicine in Pennsylvania and Rhode Island. Her clinical and research interests include fetal sonography and maternal infectious complications of pregnancy.

She received her medical degree from Penn State College of Medicine. She completed her residency in obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Utah Health Care and fellowship in maternal-fetal medicine with the University of Vermont.

Since 2013, Dr. Davis has served as assistant professor in the Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center. ❖

Steve Louvet, DO, family medicine physician, joins Newport Hospital

NEWPORT – Newport Hospital announced that **STEVE LOUVET, DO**, has joined the Newport Hospital medical staff as part of Family Physicians of Newport and NHCC Medical Associates. He began seeing patients on October 6.

Dr. Louvet received his medical degree from Western University of Health Sciences, College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific. He completed his postgraduate training at Aria Health and the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, both in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

He is board certified in emergency and family medicine. ❖



Julia Tassinari, MD; James Valente, MD, general surgeons, join Newport Hospital

NEWPORT – Newport Hospital announced that **JULIA TASSINARI, MD**, and **JAMES VALENTE, MD**, have joined the Newport Hospital medical staff as general surgeons. They began seeing patients in early September.

Dr. Tassinari, who is board eligible, received her medical degree from Temple University School of Medicine in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and completed her internship and residency at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in Boston, Massachusetts.

Dr. Valente received his medical degree from the Tufts University School of Medicine and completed his residency at Morristown Medical Center, formerly Morristown Memorial Hospital in Morristown, New Jersey. For the past 25 years, he has cared for members of the U.S. military and their families, most recently as head of general surgery at Naval Health Clinic New England. He is board certified.

Dr. Valente has expertise across a broad range of general surgical services, including management of conditions affecting the breast and thyroid and diseases of the intestinal tract; hernia repair; endoscopic procedures; management of skin and subcutaneous lesions; and advanced laparoscopic surgery, including gallbladder and colon surgery, and surgery for acid reflux.

Among Dr. Tassinari's interests and expertise are minimally invasive surgery, including hernia repair, and colon and foregut surgery (esophagus, stomach and upper small intestines); breast surgery; and skin and soft tissue surgery. ❖



Appointments

Women's Care introduces four new providers

The Women & Infants Health Care Alliance has welcomed four new providers to its Women's Care, Inc. office. The Alliance is a group of four obstetrics/gynecology practices which have partnered with Women & Infants Hospital, with offices in Providence, Pawtucket, Woonsocket and East Greenwich, Rhode Island.

JENNIFER L. HOPLEY, RN, MSM, comes to Women's Care, Inc. from Baystate Midwifery and Women's Health of Springfield, MA, where she completed her midwife student clinical experience in ambulatory women's health. Hopley received her bachelor's degree from Quinnipiac University and her master's in midwifery from Philadelphia University.

LISA H. PILE, RN, MSN, received her master's in nursing from Chamberlain College of Nursing. She currently serves as clinical adjunct faculty for Maternal Child Health at Aurora University in Illinois and Chamberlain College of Nursing. She joins Women's Care, Inc. after serving as relief charge, triage, OR circulator and staff RN for the Labor and Delivery Unit at Central DuPage Hospital in Winfield, IL.

TANIA RICHARDSON, MSN, CNM, joins Women's Care from OB/GYN Associates, Inc. Richardson earned her bachelor's of science in nursing at South University and her master's of science in nursing and master's in health sciences at Georgetown University. She is a member of the American College of Nurse Midwives (ACNM) and the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG).

CHRISTIAN F. ROMAN-RODRIGUEZ, MD, received his bachelor's degree from Boston College and his medical degree from the Ponce School of Medicine in Puerto Rico. Dr. Roman-Rodriguez completed his residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Nassau University Medical Center where he served a stint as administrative chief resident. Dr. Roman-Rodriguez' research interests include polycystic ovarian syndrome and high blood pressure in pregnancy, and medical education. Additionally, he is fluent in Spanish and consistently strives to close communication gaps with the Hispanic patient community. ❖

Dr. Vincent Armenio named Chairman of Medicine at Roger Williams

PROVIDENCE – **VINCENT ARMENIO, MD**, has been named Chairman of the Department of Medicine at Roger Williams Medical Center following an extensive national search.

As Chairman, Dr. Armenio will be responsible for providing leadership within the Department of Medicine, including oversight of clinical affairs, quality care, program development, and outreach to community physicians and other providers.

Dr. Armenio is a widely-respected Hematologist/Oncologist who has held a number of leadership roles at Roger Williams including Vice Chairman of the Department of Medicine and Associate Director of the Cancer Center.

Board certified in Internal Medicine and Medical Oncology, Dr. Armenio received his fellowship training in Hematology/Medical Oncology and Pediatric Hematology/Oncology at Brown University School of Medicine. After graduating from Ross University School of Medicine in Dominica, he completed a residency in Internal Medicine through Mount Sinai School of Medicine at Englewood Hospital in New Jersey. Dr. Armenio's research interests include medical oncology and clinical trials.

Dr. Armenio has served on numerous committees at Roger Williams related to cancer care and quality and currently serves as Chairman of the Quality Oncology Practice Initiative (QOPI) committee at the Cancer Center. ❖



ROGER WILLIAMS MEDICAL CENTER

Herbert Aronow, MD, MPH, named director of interventional cardiology at Cardiovascular Institute



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PROVIDENCE – The Cardiovascular Institute (CVI) of Rhode Island Hospital, The Miriam Hospital and Newport Hospital named **HERBERT ARONOW, MD, MPH**, of East Greenwich as director of interventional cardiology. An expert in cardiovascular disease, and coronary and vascular intervention, he will practice at all three hospitals.

Dr. Aronow will also serve as director of the cardiac catheterization laboratories at Rhode Island and The Miriam hospitals.

He earned a medical degree from the University of Michigan Medical School and a master's degree in epidemiology from the University of Michigan School of Public Health in Ann Arbor. He completed his residency at the University of Michigan Medical Center, and fellowships in cardiovascular medicine and interventional cardiology at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation in Cleveland, Ohio.

Dr. Aronow is board certified in cardiovascular disease and interventional cardiology. He is a fellow of the American College of Cardiology, a former member of its board of governors and the current chairperson of its peripheral vascular disease section. He is also a fellow of the Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Intervention and secretary of the Society for Vascular Medicine's board of trustees. ❖

Appointments

Dr. Jessica Pineda joins Center for Women's Medicine

PROVIDENCE – **JESSICA PINEDA, MD**, has joined the Center for Women's Medicine at Women & Infants Hospital. Dr. Pineda will be seeing patients at the Center for Primary Care and the Center for Women's Behavioral Health.

Dr. Pineda received her bachelor's degree from Luther College and her doctor of medicine from the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. She completed an internship and residency at the University of Cincinnati in psychiatry and family medicine. Dr. Pineda's recent resident work experience includes serving as a psychiatrist for the Inpatient Forensic Unit at Summit Behavioral Health, physician at Deerfield Urgent Care, addiction psychiatrist at the Prime Health Group, and volunteer physician at LifeSpring NCH Free Clinic.

In addition to her clinical practice, Dr. Pineda's research interests include women's behavioral health surrounding obstetrics and overall mental health for the underserved in the community. ❖

Lynn Pesta, MD, primary care physician, joins Women's Medicine Collaborative

PROVIDENCE – **LYNN PESTA, MD**, has joined the Women's Medicine Collaborative Women's Primary Care team.

Dr. Pesta received her medical degree from the Wayne State University School of Medicine in Detroit, Michigan. She completed her residency at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, Vermont.

She is board eligible in internal medicine. Among her clinical interests are preventive medicine and cancer screening. In 2015, she received the Arnold P. Gold Foundation Humanism and Excellence in Teaching Award, as well as the Richard E. Bouchard Primary Care Excellence Award from The University of Vermont. ❖



Zsolt Orban, MD, appointed to Memorial Hospital



PAWTUCKET – Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island recently appointed **ZSOLT ORBAN, MD, FACE**, to its medical staff in the Department of Endocrinology. Dr. Orban is a member of Affinity Physicians and will work out of Memorial Hospital.

Dr. Orban earned his medical degree Summa cum Laude from Semmelweis University Medical School, Budapest. He completed his Internal Medicine residency at Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, MI and pursued a clinical endocrinology fellowship at the National Institutes of Health. After completion of his training, he had been in private practice as an

internist and endocrinologist, for over 15 years.

Dr. Orban is a Fellow of the American College of Clinical Endocrinologists. His clinical interests include: diseases of the thyroid, parathyroid and pituitary, osteoporosis, and male hypogonadism. He is fluent in Portuguese. ❖

Rep. Kazarian elected chairwoman of rare disease commission

STATE HOUSE – **REP. KATHERINE S. KAZARIAN** (D-Dist. 63, East Providence) was elected chairwoman of the legislative commission tasked with examining care administered to individuals with rare diseases during the commission's first meeting at the State House. **REP. DAVID A. BENNETT** (D-Dist. 20, Warwick, Cranston) was elected vice-chair of the commission.

"I'd like to thank my colleagues on the commission for having the confidence in me to act as their chairwoman during this important study commission regarding an often underrepresented group within our state's healthcare system," said Representative Kazarian. "Living with any disease is a burden, but, to the few in the state affected with uncommon and rare diseases, the burden significantly increases, often without any clear course of

action for treatment. Just because a patient is the only person in Rhode Island suffering from a particular rare ailment, does not mean they should be left alone to fend for themselves. My hope is that this commission can change that tragic reality for those who suffer from rare diseases," added Kazarian.

The commission was the result of legislation (2015-H 5297A) that Representative Kazarian sponsored after hearing the story of Patricia Weltin, an East Providence resident and fellow commission member, who is the caregiver to two young daughters who each suffer from rare diseases. The legislation created a nine-member special legislative study commission whose purpose is to study and make recommendations for coordinating the necessary resources to provide care to individuals with rare diseases. ❖



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Recognition

Women's Medicine Collaborative earns facility bone densitometry reaccreditation

PROVIDENCE – The Bone Health Program at the Women's Medicine Collaborative has been reaccredited for five years by the International Society for Clinical Densitometry. This distinction recognizes the facility's quality and technical excellence in assessing skeletal health. The Women's Medicine Collaborative first achieved accreditation in bone densitometry in May, 2012.

"Our goal is to provide our patients the best possible care with their distinctive needs in mind," said **GEETHA GOPALAKRISHNAN, MD, CCD**, medical director of the Bone Health Program and an endocrinology specialist at the Women's Medicine Collaborative.

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- Anyone with a broken bone after age 50 ❖



Staff from the Southcoast Breast Center and their family members pose with the plaque awarded by the American Cancer Society at its annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk in October.

Southcoast Breast Center recognized by the American Cancer Society

DARTMOUTH, MASS. – The Southcoast Breast Center, a part of Southcoast® Health, was recognized by the American Cancer Society at its annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer (MSABC) walk recently in Providence, for its extraordinary efforts supporting breast cancer patients and caregivers, while also embracing the Society's mission to help people stay well, get well, find cures and fight back. The recognition was accepted by **DR. MAUREEN CHUNG**, Medical Director of Southcoast Breast Center.

The Society also recognized the Southcoast Breast Center for recently receiving a three-year full accreditation by the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers, a program administered by the American College of Surgeons. Accreditation by the NAPBC is only given to those centers that have voluntarily committed to provide the highest level of quality breast care and that undergo a rigorous evaluation process and review of their performance. ❖

Four Women & Infants nurse-midwives earn national recognition with Clinical Star Award

PROVIDENCE – Four certified nurse midwives (CNMs) at Women & Infants Hospital of were honored with the Clinical Star Award from the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) Foundation. The Award is given in honor of midwives in clinical practice for 25 or more years who have demonstrated excellence in clinical practice and positive mentoring in the profession.

DIANE ANGELINI, CNM, MS, FACNM, FAAN (retired); **DEBRA ERICKSON-OWENS, CNM, PHD**, of North Kingstown; **JUDITH MERCER, CNM, PHD, FACNM**, of Cranston; and

LINDA NANNI, CNM, MS, FACNM, of Wesport, MA, were honored during National Midwifery Week at Women & Infants Hospital.

"It's providers like Diane, Deb, Judy and Linda who dedicate so much of their professional lives to nursing excellence that make Women & Infants the model in midwifery and all nursing disciplines when it comes to the care of women and newborns," said **ANGELLEEN PETERS-LEWIS, RN, PhD**, chief nursing officer and senior vice president of patient services at Women & Infants Hospital. ❖

Recognition

Southcoast Health named one of America's 100 Best Hospitals for Cardiac Care for the 5th year in a row by Healthgrades

Recognized for outstanding cardiovascular services in 7 categories including the treatment of heart attacks

FALL RIVER, MASS. – Southcoast® Health today announced that it has been recognized as one of America's 100 Best Hospitals for Cardiac Care for the fifth year in a row by Healthgrades® (2012-16), the leading online resource for healthcare consumers. Southcoast Health is one of just four hospitals in Massachusetts to receive this distinction for five consecutive years.

In all, Southcoast Health was recognized for superior cardiovascular services in seven areas of care, including receiving the Healthgrades Cardiac Care Excellence Award for the 10th year in a row (2007-16).

"These recognitions are a much-deserved acknowledgement of the tremendous dedication of the team of physicians, nurses and clinical staff at the Southcoast Health Cardiovascular Care Center," said **DR. MARGARET FERRELL**, Physician-in-Chief of Cardiovascular Services at Southcoast Health. "Our team provides the highest level of cardiac care to the patients of our region on a daily basis, and so it's gratifying to see their hard work recognized."

Southcoast Health also received awards in pulmonary, neurosciences, women's health, gastrointestinal, orthopedics and critical care, as well as for patient safety. (See the full list below)

These achievement are part of new findings and data released this week on Healthgrades.com and in the *Healthgrades 2016 Report to the Nation*. For its analysis, Healthgrades evaluated approximately 40 million Medicare-patient records for nearly 4,500 short-term acute care hospitals nationwide, assessing hospital performance relative to each of 33 common conditions and procedures.

Healthgrades recognizes a hospital's quality achievements for cohort-specific performance, specialty area performance and overall clinical quality. Individual procedure or condition cohorts are designated as 5-star

(statistically better than expected), 3-star (statistically as expected) and 1-star (statistically worse than expected) categories.

The following is a full list of recognitions received by Southcoast Health:

Cardiovascular Services

- One of Healthgrades America's 100 Best Hospitals for Cardiac Care™ for five years in a row (2012-16)
- Recipient of the Healthgrades Cardiac Care Excellence Award™ for 10 years in a row (2007-16)
- Top 10% in the Nation for Overall Cardiac Services for 10 years in a row (2007-16)
- Top 10% in the Nation for Cardiology Services in 2016
- Five-Star Recipient for Coronary Bypass Surgery for five years in a row (2012-16)
- Five-Star Recipient for Treatment of Heart Attack for 2016
- Five-Star Recipient for Treatment of Heart Failure for two years in a row (2015-16)
- Five-Star Recipient for Defibrillator Procedures in 2016

Pulmonary

- One of Healthgrades America's 100 Best Hospitals for Pulmonary Care™ for two years in a row (2015-16)
- Recipient of the Healthgrades Pulmonary Care Excellence Award™ for seven years in a row (2010-16)
- Top 5% in the Nation for Overall Pulmonary Services for three years in a row (2014-16)
- Top 10% in the Nation for Overall Pulmonary Services for seven years in a row (2010-16)
- Five-Star Recipient for Treatment of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease for eight years in a row (2009-16)
- Five-Star Recipient for Treatment of Pneumonia for six years in a row (2011-15)

Neurosciences

- Recipient of the Healthgrades Stroke Care Excellence Award™ in 2016
- Top 10% in the Nation for Treatment of Stroke in 2016
- Five-Star Recipient for Treatment of Stroke for five years in a row (2012-16)

Women's Health

- Recipient of the Healthgrades Women's Health Excellence Award™ in 2015
- Top 5% in the Nation for Women's Health in 2015

Critical Care

- Five-Star Recipient for Treatment of Respiratory Failure in 2016

Gastrointestinal

- Five-Star Recipient for Esophageal/Stomach Surgeries in 2016

Orthopedics

- Five-Star Recipient for Hip Fracture Treatment in 2016

Hospital Wide

- Recipient of the Healthgrades Patient Safety Excellence Award™ for two years in a row (2014-15)
- Top 5% in the Nation for Patient Safety for two years in a row (2014-15)

Detailed performance information, such as cohort-specific outcomes data and quality achievements, as well as more information on the *Healthgrades 2016 Report to the Nation*, including the complete methodology, can be found at:

www.healthgrades.com/quality ❖

Recognition

Rhode Island Hospital earns national cancer award

The honor from the American College of Surgeons' Commission on Cancer recognizes cancer programs that achieve excellence in providing highest quality cancer care

PROVIDENCE – The Comprehensive Cancer Center at Rhode Island Hospital was recently presented with the Midyear 2015 Outstanding Achievement Award by the American College of Surgeons' Commission on Cancer. Rhode Island Hospital is one of only 23 health care facilities in the country – and the only in Rhode Island – to receive this national honor for excellence in providing quality care to cancer patients.

The award recognizes the significant commitment by the Rhode Island Hospital team in providing superior cancer care to patients while meeting and exceeding the standards set by the Commission on Cancer.

Comprehensive Cancer Center on Top 100 List

Becker's Hospital Review taps hospital systems with great oncology programs

PROVIDENCE – *Becker's Hospital Review* has published the 2015 edition of its list of "100 Hospitals and Health Systems With Great Oncology Programs" and the Comprehensive Cancer Center (CCC) of Rhode Island Hospital, The Miriam Hospital and Newport Hospital is on the list.

The CCC is the only Rhode Island health system on this year's list.

The list features organizations dedicated to treating cancer patients as well as researching the deadly disease. The hospitals and cancer centers stand out in terms of quality patient care, clinical outcomes and research achievements.

"Once again, an independent organization has scrutinized cancer programs across the country and includes ours as among the best," said **DAVID WAZER, MD**, interim medical director of the CCC. "We acknowledge this recognition with pride and renew our steadfast commitment to providing high-quality care and support systems to our patients."

The *Becker's Hospital Review* editorial team selected hospitals for inclusion based on recognition received, accreditations earned, and memberships held in cancer care-oriented groups. Specifically, the Becker's team examined *U.S. News & World Report's* hospital rankings for treating cancer, CareChex cancer care rankings, BlueCross BlueShield Association Blue Distinction Center designation, National Cancer Institute designations, and Commission on Cancer accreditations and awards received, as well as membership in the National Comprehensive Cancer Network. Hospitals on this list have several of these recognitions.

The full list features individual profiles of all 100 organizations and can be read here: <http://bit.ly/1itn5Zb> ❖

Women & Infants Physicians win best poster award at IDSOG annual meeting

PROVIDENCE – **BRENNA L. HUGHES, MD, MSc**, of the Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine and Director of the Women's Infectious Disease program presented at the 42nd Annual Meeting of the Infectious Diseases Society for Obstetrics and Gynecology (IDSOG) in Portland, OR. IDSOG brings together professionals in the field of obstetrics and gynecology who are interested in the scientific study of infectious diseases in women.

One of two poster presentations by the group took home the Best Poster Award, "Longitudinal cohort study of association of HIV infectivity with pregnancy." The study examined epidemiologic data that currently conflicts as to whether pregnancy increases the risk of HIV acquisition. To measure this, the team compared the protection against infectivity conferred by cervicovaginal secretions among pregnant and non-pregnant women using a novel in vitro model.

The sample included 40 pregnant women with the mean gestational age of 12 weeks and 37 non-pregnant women. There were no significant differences between groups in most demographic characteristics. Pregnant women were followed across gestation and non-pregnant women across the menstrual cycle. Cervicovaginal lavage (CVL) was performed at each visit. CVL fluid from both groups significantly inhibited HIV infectivity compared to the control group.

"The median percent inhibition of HIV infectivity at

enrollment did not differ between pregnant and non-pregnant women. The findings were similar at each follow-up visit and infectivity did not change significantly across time within groups," said Dr. Hughes, who served as principal author on the study. "Our data doesn't support the data saying that pregnant women are at higher risk of contracting HIV. This suggests that we need to study that question more thoroughly."

ERICA HARDY, MD, MA, MMSc, co-Director of the Women's Infectious Disease program, served as presenting author for the second poster presentation "Uptake of Third Trimester HIV Testing Program at a Tertiary Care Hospital." In addition, oral presentations at the meeting included "Inflammatory Mediators in Cervicovaginal Secretions and Association with HIV Infectivity among Pregnant and Non-pregnant Women," Dr. Hughes as primary author. **CATHERINE ALBRIGHT, MD**, fellow in the Division of Maternal Fetal Medicine, was presenting author for the oral presentation "Use of Cefazolin for Group B streptococcal Prophylaxis in Women Allergic to Penicillin Without Anaphylaxis." ❖



Brenna L. Hughes, MD, MSc

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Recognition

Dr. Robert Insoft, team publish next edition of book with American Academy of Pediatrics



WOMEN & INFANTS HOSPITAL

PROVIDENCE – **ROBERT INSOFT, MD**, senior vice president of quality and clinical effectiveness at Women & Infants Hospital, has published a book, “Guidelines for Air and Ground Transport of Neonatal and Pediatric Patients,” published with the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). In its 4th edition, the book covers diverse topics including potential vehicle/equipment costs, items of clothing, furniture, and mechanical information about helicopters.

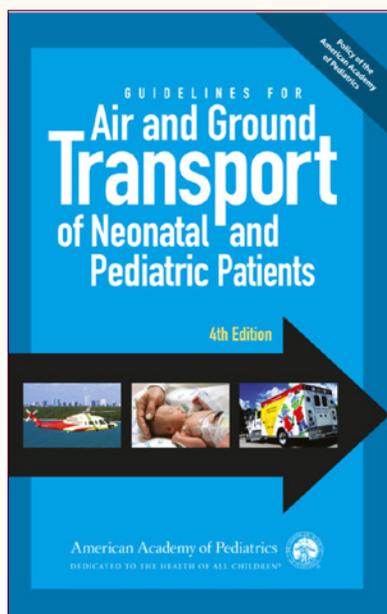
Dr. Insoft served as editor-in-chief of the publication and worked with more than 30 other contributors in the field from around the world to compile the information, along with associate editor, **DR. HAMILTON SCHWARTZ**. From Women & Infants, **ELIZABETH TRAILBURNS, RN**, and **JESSICA SLUSARSKI, MD**, of the Department of Pediatrics and the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Transport Service also contributed to the publication.

The book specifically targets those who work in pediatric and neonatal intensive care units who operate transport units, community pediatricians and tertiary staff. Basic medical surgical procedures, techniques and therapies are outlined for stabilizing children in the field before they reach the appropriate tertiary facility.

“This is a subject I am extremely passionate about,” said Dr. Insoft. “I’ve been studying this particular facet of pediatrics since medical school and have more than 20 years of experience with PICU and NICU care.”

Dr. Insoft explained that much has changed in the last ten years in the field since it was last revised. “Seventy five percent of evidence-based therapies in the book have been revamped in the last three years alone,” Dr. Insoft explained. The format of the publication has also been significantly upgraded. Readers can now use the book in digital formats on tablets, smart phones and PCs to search the book for exactly what they are looking for.

The book is now available online at shop.aap.org or on amazon.com in digital and print. ❖



Roberta Goldman, PhD, Memorial researcher, earns subcontract to study pain indices

PAWTUCKET – **ROBERTA GOLDMAN, PhD**, director of Community Participatory Research at the Center for Primary Care and Prevention at Memorial Hospital, recently earned a subcontract from Southern California University to help her pursue qualitative research into the different ways pain is recorded. This includes investigating which methods for measuring and reporting pain impact patients’ experiences of pain, and which are most important for their physicians to understand.

To advance the measurement of pain, Dr. Goldman and other researchers will develop a set of indices representing new ways to consider pain experiences. These will involve gauging various measurements of pain intensity, environmental setting, and time-related components.

“These innovative indices will go well beyond the relatively simple conceptualization of average pain to explore a broader selection of potentially useful ways to report pain,” Dr. Goldman explains. “Finding ways to more effectively understand both patients’ pain and the effect of treatment on that pain is critical for clinicians as they work with patients to improve their health and reduce their pain.”

Her study, “Innovative pain outcomes derived from patients’ real-time pain reports,” is funded by a three-year grant from the National Institutes of Health. As co-investigator of the study, she will serve as the lead for all qualitative components of the research, which will involve in-depth interviews with a nation-wide sample of patients with chronic pain, clinicians who treat patients with chronic pain, U.S. and European governmental prescription drug regulators and clinical trial researchers.

Dr. Goldman is also a clinical professor of family medicine in the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University and director of the Scholarly Development Program in the Brown Family Medicine Residency Program at Memorial, a Care New England hospital. ❖



MEMORIAL

Recognition



Left to right, Mark Foster, APRN, CRNA, CRNA program director; Kenneth Leeberg, Austin Smith, Kathleen Bourski, Bryana Gillespie, Tyler Berch, Ewa Korzeniowska, Kathryn Foster, Marwan Ryan, and Susan Walker, MD, anesthesiologist-in-chief (interim).

Memorial Hospital School Of Nurse Anesthesia Program graduates 8

PAWTUCKET— Ceremonies for the 49th graduation of the Memorial Hospital School of Nurse Anesthesia Program took place on October 23, 2015 in the hospital's Medical Staff Auditorium. Hospital administration, staff, family and friends were on hand to honor the eight graduates.

This year's graduates are: Tyler Berch of Littleton, CO; Kathleen Bourski of Warwick, RI; Kathryn Foster of Hershey, PA; Bryana Gillespie of Calais, ME; Ewa Korzeniowska of Tacoma, WA; Kenneth Leeberg of Lombard, IL; Marwan Rayan of Roanoke, VA; and Austin Smith of Big Sandy, TX.

MARK A. FOSTER, APRN, CRNA 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 of Science Degree in Biological Sciences/Anesthesia. ❖

Dr. Juan Sanchez-Esteban awarded \$25,000 to investigate fetal lung development

PROVIDENCE – **JUAN SANCHEZ-ESTEBAN, MD**, an associate professor of pediatrics at The Warren Alpert Medical School and staff neonatologist at Women & Infants Hospital, was awarded a \$25,000 grant in support of his project titled "Role of Exosomes in Fetal Lung Development." This is a pilot project funded by Center of Biomedical Research Excellence (COBRE) to investigate the role of exosomes in fetal lung development.

"This pilot study will investigate whether isolated lung cells exposed in the lab to stretch, mimic the stretch that normally occurs in lung development releasing exosomes. We will also test whether these isolated exosomes given to the cells stimulate development," said Dr. Sanchez-Esteban

The results of these investigations regarding the administration of exosomes to fetus or preterm newborns could be the next step in accelerating lung development in high-risk cases, explained Dr. Sanchez-Esteban.

Dr. Sanchez-Esteban received his medical degree from the Universidad Autonoma De Barcelona in Spain. He went on to complete his internship at the Metropolitan Hospital Center and his residency at the Metropolitan Health Medical Center in New York. His fellowship was completed with Women & Infants Hospital. ❖



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Obituaries

 **DR. ROBERT P. CURHAN**, 83, of Narragansett died October 10, 2015 at home surrounded by family. He was the beloved husband of Adele (Pearlman) Curhan. They were married for 60 years. Born in Detroit, MI, a son of the late Joseph and Pauline (Pevin) Curhan, he lived in Narragansett for 40 years.

Dr. Curhan was an OB-GYN at South County Hospital for nearly 40 years. He served in the Air Force and was a member of Congregation Beth David. He was the devoted father of Michael Curhan and his wife, Suzan, of West Bloomfield, MI; Gary Curhan and his wife, Sharon, of Lincoln, MA, and Amy Freedman and her husband, Alan, of Canton, MA, and is survived by 11 grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to Congregation Beth David, 102 Kingstown Rd., Narragansett, RI 02882. ❖

 **OWEN B. GILMAN, MD**, 77, died peacefully on October 16, 2015 in his Buttonwoods home, with his family at his side. He was the beloved husband of Katherine E. (Hand) Gilman for 52 years. Born in Providence, the son of the late Hector A. and Sally E. (Thornton) Gilman, he lived in Warwick for 45 years.



After graduating from the College of the Holy Cross, he received his medical degree from Tufts University School of Medicine. He completed Internal Medicine Residency at New England Deaconess and Rhode Island Hospitals, followed by Nephrology Fellowship at Rhode Island Hospital.

He served as a Major in the US Army Medical Corps at Tripler Army Medical Center and also as Clinical Instructor of Medicine at the University of Hawaii. He was a Diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine and American Board of Nephrology. After completion of his medical training and military service, he was appointed to the medical staff of Kent County Memorial Hospital and Rhode Island Hospital in the Departments of Medicine in 1970.

At Kent County Hospital he founded the Dialysis Unit where, under his direction, the first dialysis machine was purchased and used to treat patients. He served as the Director of the Kent County Hospital Dialysis Unit and as the Medical Director of

the Kent County Hospital Home Care Division. For 39 years he dedicated his career to the care of his medical and nephrology patients. One of his greatest rewards and privileges was caring for the patients in his medical practice.

His greatest joy in life was his family. He loved spending time with his children and grandchildren, of whom he was extremely proud. He was an avid reader, lover of Irish poetry, dedicated and accomplished fisherman, and he loved music. He was a devout Catholic and an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist. Besides his wife, he is survived by his sons, Owen B. Gilman Jr. and Matthew D. Gilman MD; and his daughters, Beth M. Simpson and her husband Trevor, Melia Flynn and her husband Gerald, and Katherine M. Cooney and her husband Edward. He was the grandfather of Jessica C. Gilman, Max W. Gilman, Jack O. Flynn, Kaylin M. Flynn, and Edward J. Cooney III. He was the brother of Sheila Gilman Falconer and the late Robert T. Gilman, MD.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to the Kent Hospital Foundation, for Kent Dialysis Unit, 455 Toll Gate Road, Warwick, RI 02886. ❖

DAVID E. MAGLIO, JR., DO, 77, of Providence, passed away September 29, 2015. He was the husband of Alice T. (Ash) Maglio. They had been married for 55 years. Born in Dorchester, MA, he was a son of the late David and Angela (Guarcello) Maglio.



Dr. Maglio graduated in 1959 from Providence College, and received his degree from the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1963. He and his wife came to Rhode Island in 1964 where he practiced family medicine in East Greenwich for 25 years.

In 1989, he began a ministry providing medical and spiritual care for the needy at St. Vincent dePaul Ministry on Dexter Street in Providence until retiring in 2013.

Besides his wife, he leaves two sons, David Maglio and his wife Jane Maglio of Barrington, and Joseph Maglio, MD, and his wife Nancy Maglio of CT; three daughters, Gia Maglio, Elise Maglio, and Laura Sullivan and her husband Keith Sullivan, all of Providence; a sister, Ursula Lyons and her husband Frank Lyons of MA; and eight grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to St. Vincent dePaul Ministry, 178 Dexter St., Providence, RI 02907. ❖