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## Appointments

### Dr. Susan L. Koelliker Named Chief of Diagnostic Imaging at Women & Infants Hospital

PROVIDENCE – **SUSAN L. KOELLIKER, MD**, of Barrington, a radiologist with Women & Infants Hospital and assistant professor (clinical) of Diagnostic Imaging at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, has been appointed the new Chief of Diagnostic Imaging beginning January 1, 2016.

Dr. Koelliker has been a radiologist with Women & Infants since 1996. She received her bachelor's degree in chemistry from Williams College and went on to receive her medical degree from the University of Cincinnati. She completed her residency in radiology at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston. She then returned home to Rhode Island where she completed her fellowship in cross-sectional imaging at Rhode Island Hospital.

"I worked very closely with former chief, Dr. Patricia Spencer, over the span of her career here at Women & Infants," said Dr. Koelliker. "I look forward to continuing the progress she has made with the profession of radiology as a whole, as well as improving quality and the patient experience within our department."

Dr. Koelliker currently serves on multiple hospital committees including the Medical Executive Committee, Women & Infants Quality Council, and the Care New England Breast Leadership Committee. Her research interests specifically include breast health and lymph nodes. ❖

### E. Paul Larrat, PhD, named dean of URI College of Pharmacy

*Epidemiologist, NASA Fellow, Prof. of Pharmacy, Congressional Health Policy Fellow*

KINGSTON – The University of Rhode Island has named **E. PAUL LARRAT, PhD**, dean of its College of Pharmacy.

He has served as interim dean of the College since February 2013, and is also a professor of pharmacy practice and an alumnus of the University. Larrat earned a doctorate in epidemiology from Brown University. He also earned a master's degree in pharmacy administration, a master of business administration degree, and a bachelor's degree in pharmacy, all from URI.

Larrat's research interests include drug use in special populations, drug benefit design, pharmaco-economic evaluation, decision analysis, outcomes assessment and health policy.

Under his leadership, students earning the six-year doctor of pharmacy degree achieved a 99 percent pass rate on the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination, according to a 2014 report by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy and a pharmacy employment rate at graduation of 97 percent. The College is also among the top 20 colleges of pharmacy in terms of federal research funding and the top 10 in placement of graduates in postdoctoral residencies.

"The appointment of Dr. Larrat as permanent dean follows his very successful service as interim dean, which was marked by effective leadership, innovation, and substantial advancements in the College as well as growing faculty, staff and administrative support," said Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Donald H. DeHayes. "Faculty, staff, advisory council members and many partners have recognized his efforts to propel the College forward."

"The University is in the midst of major initiatives to enhance internal and external collaboration in the health disciplines," Larrat said. "I am excited to be involved in the leadership of those efforts and look forward to playing a major role in those developments. Of course, I am very proud as a URI alumnus to be leading the College of Pharmacy on a permanent basis. Since its creation, the College has been an international leader in pharmacy education and research. As a graduate of the College, I have been fortunate to be part of its growth and success through several decades."

Among Larrat's major accomplishments is an initiative involving URI's College of Pharmacy and the Rhode Island Department of Corrections that has saved the correctional system about \$19 million in prescription costs since 2001.

The Pharmacy Benefit Management Institute presented a 2009 Rx Benefit Award to URI and the Department of Corrections for its new Collaborative Management Model, which was the first time the Institute honored a collaboration involving a university or college and a state agency.

In 2004, he was named a NASA Fellow and spent several months at the Kennedy Space Center assisting in life sciences research projects focusing on volatile organic compound production during extended space travel. From 2010 through 2011, he served as a Congressional Health Policy Fellow in the U.S. Senate, where he engaged in developing health care and aging legislation and policy in the office of Finance Committee Chair Senator Ron Wyden (D-Oregon).

A former associate dean for pharmacy research, he played a key role in the College's move in 2012 from its former home in Fogarty Hall to its new, \$75 million, 144,000-square-foot building in the North Sciences District of the Kingston Campus.

Larrat is a past president of several not-for-profit organizations, including the Rhode Island Pharmacists Association, the Rhode Island Pharmacy Foundation and Cornerstone Adult Services. He has been a leader in organizing several more non-profits, including the Rhode Island chapter of the Alzheimer's Association and the Mwea Fund, which assists in advancing health and education in a primary school district in Thika, Kenya. ❖



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## Appointments

### Noubar Kessimian, MD, appointed Laboratory Accreditation Program (LAP) Commissioner for RI



PAWTUCKET – **NOUBAR KESSIMIAN, MD**, director of the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at Memorial Hospital, has been appointed LAP Commissioner for the State of Rhode Island – Region 1 – Northeast USA Commissioner Committee by the College of American Pathologists (CAP) Board of Governors.

Dr. Kessimian will serve in 2016. He will oversee the Laboratory Accreditation Program for all the CAP laboratories in the state.

Memorial's lab is one of more than 7,000 CAP-accredited facilities worldwide. The CAP Laboratory Accreditation Program is an internationally-recognized program and the only one of its kind that utilizes teams of practicing laboratory professionals as inspectors.

During the CAP accreditation process, designed to ensure the highest standard of care for all laboratory patients, inspectors examine the laboratory's records and quality control of procedures for the preceding two years. CAP inspectors also examine laboratory staff qualifications, equipment, facilities, safety program and record, and overall management. ❖



### Dr. Vijay Sudheendra Named Chief of Anesthesia at Kent

WARWICK – Kent Hospital appointed **VIJAY SUDHEENDRA, MD**, as its new chief of anesthesia. Dr. Sudheendra also serves as chairman of anesthesia at Our Lady of Fatima Hospital and Roger Williams Medical Center and is president of Narragansett Bay Anesthesia.

Dr. Sudheendra previously served as chief of anesthesia at Saint Anne's Hospital in Fall River, MA, and its affiliated Hawthorn Surgery Center in Dartmouth, MA. He also served as medical director of Southern New England Surgery Center in Attleboro, MA, also affiliated with St. Anne's Hospital.

In addition, Dr. Sudheendra served as director of cardiac anesthesia at Miriam Hospital from 2006–2011, and was clinical assistant professor of surgery and anesthesia at the Alpert Medical School from 2003–2012.

He received his medical degree from Karnataka Medical College in Hubli, India, and completed an anesthesia residency at The Cleveland Clinic Foundation in 2002.

"We are very excited to welcome Dr. Sudheendra to our medical staff and Kent's Anesthesia Department," said Joseph Spinale, DO, senior vice president, chief medical officer at Kent Hospital. "Dr. Sudheendra has extensive clinical experience and is highly respected in the field of anesthesiology. He will be a tremendous asset to Kent's Department of Surgical Services and the patients of our community." ❖

### Anthony Siravo named VP, chief information security officer at Lifespan

PROVIDENCE – **ANTHONY SIRAVO, MBA, MSIS**, of Smithfield, has been appointed vice president and chief information security officer of Lifespan, effective November 1, 2015.

Siravo is responsible for ensuring that Lifespan's information technology security infrastructure is in compliance with industry best practices and government regulations. He will serve as a principal member and facilitator of Lifespan's information security oversight committee.

Before joining Lifespan, he served as chief information security officer for Zebra Technologies, a publicly traded company with more than 140 locations across the globe. Siravo chaired Zebra's information security governance council and was a member of its product security council. After Zebra acquired Motorola, he oversaw the successful and secure integration of Motorola Solutions' Enterprise business with Zebra's.



"We are truly fortunate to have someone with Anthony's intellect, experience and passion joining the Lifespan team," said **CEDRIC J. PRIEBE, MD**, who was recently appointed senior vice president and chief information officer of Lifespan.

Siravo earned his bachelor's degree in computer science from Roger Williams University in Bristol, and holds a master's degree in business administration as well as a master's in information systems from Bryant University in Smithfield. He maintains several security credentials including Information Systems Security Professional (CIS-SP), Healthcare Privacy and Security (CHPS), and Information Security Officer (CICISO).

Siravo is also a member of the Town of Smithfield's Asset Management Commission, the Information Systems Audit and Control Association, the International Information System Security Certification Consortium, and the Cloud Security Alliance. ❖

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## Appointments

### Hospital Association of Rhode Island Appoints New Leadership

PROVIDENCE – The Hospital Association of Rhode Island Board of Trustees elected new officers during the association's recent annual meeting. **CHRISTOPHER LEHRACH, MD**, was appointed chair and **MICHAEL DACEY, MD**, will serve as vice chair.

Dr. Lehrach, chief transformation officer at Lawrence + Memorial Healthcare and president of the L+M Medical Group, will serve a two-year term. Dr. Dacey, president and chief operating officer of Kent Hospital, will also serve for two years.

"Only by working together will we transform Rhode Island health care in a direction that achieves our goals of higher quality and lower cost. At the center of this discussion must be the benefit of the patient. When the inevitable differences of opinion occur, this must be our standard," said Dr. Lehrach. "At this extraordinary time, I look forward to participating in, guiding and leading these and other essential conversations as the new chair of HARI."

"I am proud to serve as vice chair for the Hospital Association of Rhode Island," said Dr. Dacey. "I look forward to working with my peers in addressing challenges confronting our hospitals. Our organizations serve a vital role in maintaining a healthy, strong and vibrant state – their mission must be protected."

Dr. Lehrach played a key role in the acquisition of Westerly Hospital by L+M Healthcare. He continues to practice medicine as an emergency department physician at Westerly Hospital. He received his Master's of Business Administration from Yale University. He is also a graduate of the University of Connecticut School of Medicine and received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Lehrach also serves on the board of the Rhode Island Blood Center.

Dr. Dacey joined Kent Hospital in 2000. He is board-certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine in critical care medicine. He received his undergraduate degree from Providence College and his medical degree from George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences. He completed an internal medicine residency at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC, as well as a critical care medicine fellowship at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. He also holds a Master of Science in health care management from the Harvard School of Public Health.

**VIRGINIA BURKE, JD**, chief executive officer of the Rhode Island Health Care Association and **AMANDA OBERLIES, RN, MSN, MBA, CENP, PHD(C)**, chief executive officer of the Organization of Nurse Leaders MA/RI/NH/CT, were appointed to the board for one-year terms. ❖

## Research

### Dr. Erika Werner awarded funding for trial on diabetes and pregnancy

PROVIDENCE – **ERIKA F. WERNER, MD, MS**, a maternal-fetal medicine specialist with Women & Infants Hospital, has received funding for her research, "Assessing and avoiding barriers to postpartum glucose testing among women with gestational diabetes mellitus," by the American Diabetes Association's Research Program. Reviewed by the Association's Research Grant Review Committee, funding for the proposal will start January 1, 2016.



"Testing women with GDM for pre-diabetes during the postpartum period is the first step toward preventing DM. Unfortunately, most women with GDM never get tested for pre-diabetes and instead go on to develop DM in the years after delivery," said Dr. Werner. "Our proposal will determine how we can change postpartum care to better identify women with pre-diabetes and then intervene to reduce their DM-risk."

Six hundred women will receive care in the trial. Three hundred will receive pre-screening and postpartum screening within two days of delivery as opposed to the other 300 who will receive routine care with screening at six to 12 weeks postpartum. The outcomes collected from this project will re-purpose postpartum care for women with GDM to better prevent DM.

A graduate of the University of Virginia with a bachelor's degree and also a master's degree in environmental engineering, Dr. Werner earned her medical degree at the Medical College of Virginia at Virginia Commonwealth University. She returned to the University of Virginia for her residency in obstetrics and gynecology and completed a fellowship in maternal-fetal medicine at the Yale University School of Medicine. ❖

## Research

### Care New England experts weigh in on recent research about prenatal antidepressant use and autism

PROVIDENCE – Based on the article “Antidepressant Use During Pregnancy and the Risk of Autism Spectrum Disorder in Children,” published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) Pediatrics* on December 14, 2015, some recent news reports have suggested that antidepressant use during pregnancy increases the risk of autism in children. Specialists at Women & Infants Hospital and Butler Hospital, members of Care New England and affiliated with The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, do not agree with the interpretation of the study.

The outcome of the trial has generated concerns and controversy in social media in the wake of its publication in drawing a potential link to development of autism in children whose mothers regularly took antidepressants and other selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs) while pregnant. “During...follow-up, 1,054 children (0.7%) were diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder or ASD; boys with ASD outnumbered girls by a ratio of about 4-1,” said **TAKOUA BOUKHRIS, MSc**, principal author on the study. Boukhris and his team from the University of Montreal concluded that the use of antidepressants, specifically selective SSRIs, during the second and/or third trimester, increases the risk of ASD in children.

At Women & Infants Hospital, clinicians and researchers who study maternal behavioral health and child development weighed in to put the relative risks of depression during pregnancy into context.

“Antidepressants are an extensively studied class of medication in pregnancy, and the overwhelming evidence is that untreated maternal depression can cause far greater risk to both the mother and the developing fetus,” said **MARGARET HOWARD, PhD**, director of the Division of Women’s Behavioral Health and

a clinical professor in the departments of Psychiatry and Human Behavior and Medicine at Brown University. “Depression untreated during pregnancy can lead to postpartum depression after delivery.”

“While this study points to an important risk indicator that requires a lot more research, the findings in this new study may be misleading. They do not fully take into account the severity of mothers’ depression, other factors such as alcohol or other substance use, unknown environmental toxins, or many other conditions that may impact fetal and child development, which have been shown to be higher in those taking antidepressants during pregnancy,” added **NEHA HUDEPOHL, MD**, fellowship director of the Brown University/Women & Infants Hospital Women’s Mental Health Fellowship, psychiatrist with the Center for Women’s Behavioral Health, and assistant professor of psychiatry and human behavior (clinical) at the Alpert Medical School of Brown University.

As Butler Hospital President and research psychiatrist **LARRY PRICE, MD**, points out, “This is one of many epidemiological risk surveillance studies that have been published in the past few years examining the effects of antidepressants on the developing fetus. These studies, which are not always consistent in their findings, have demonstrated both risks and benefits, depending upon the perspective in which they are viewed. Unfortunately, it is in the nature of such studies, owing to their retrospective designs, that they will never be able to provide us with definitive answers to our concerns about fetal risk. What is clear at this point, the very modest increase in the risk for autism identified in this study, if true, always needs to be balanced against the very real risks of inadequately treated

depression, risks that affect both the fetus and the mother.”

Speaking about child development, **STEPHEN SHEINKOPF, PhD**, assistant professor of psychiatry and pediatrics at the Alpert Medical School, co-director of the Rhode Island Consortium for Autism Research & Treatment, and clinician at Women & Infants’ Brown Center for the Study of Children at Risk, agreed with Dr. Howard that the study leaves many questions unanswered.

“It is not clear that the findings are specifically related to antidepressants,” says Dr. Sheinkopf, who noted that chronic stress during pregnancy may have an impact, underscoring the importance of adequately treating depression during pregnancy. In addition, the number of cases with autism in the group of mothers treated with antidepressants remains small. “There is a concern that the reports about this study overstate the risks.”

Women & Infants recently published results of a trial in which researchers examined the effects of SSRIs, as well as no drug treatment for mothers, with a focus on newborns. Principal Investigator **AMY SALISBURY, PhD**, a research scientist at the Brown Center for the Study of Children at Risk and an associate professor of pediatrics and psychiatry at the Alpert Medical School, said, “Women who need treatment should continue to receive it; the risks to both mother and baby from highly symptomatic depression and/or anxiety have to balance against the risks of the treatment, which at this point, remain relatively small despite the new findings. The current recommendations are for women to not stop taking the medications just to prevent neurobehavioral problems for the baby at birth, as we did not find evidence that it prevents these signs.” ❖



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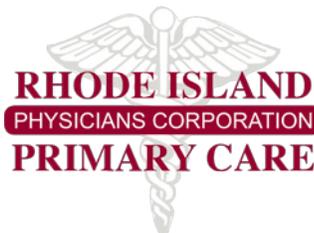
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## Recognition

### Kent Rehabilitation Center receives three-year accreditation for excellence in inpatient rehabilitation programs

WARWICK – The Rehabilitation Center at Kent Hospital has been accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) International for a period of three years, for its Inpatient Rehabilitation Program for Adults and Stroke Specialty Program.

CARF International is an independent, nonprofit accreditor of health and human services.

“This accreditation from CARF International proves that the Rehabilitation Center at Kent is dedicated to making our rehabilitation services are among the best in the region,” said **MICHAEL J. DACEY, MD, MS, FACP**, president and chief operating officer, Kent Hospital.

An on-site survey at Kent Hospital was conducted recently by a team of expert practitioners selected by CARF. Kent demonstrated that it conformed to a series of internationally recognized CARF standards. The survey report found that The Rehabilitation Center at Kent Hospital has strengths in many areas including: rehabilitation leadership, dedicated and experienced staff, and education provided through the hospital’s monthly Stroke Support Group.

The Rehabilitation Center at Kent Hospital consists of a 20-bed inpatient program. Commonly treated diagnoses include: stroke, spinal cord injury, brain injury, amputations, arthritis, trauma, fractures and joint replacements, as well as general surgery recovery. ❖

### Roger Williams Bariatric Surgery Program reaccruited as Center of Excellence

PROVIDENCE – The Bariatric Surgery Program at Roger Williams Medical Center has been reaccruited as a Center of Excellence by the American College of Surgeons following a November survey. This designation is reserved for bariatric surgery programs that have demonstrated a history of successful patient outcomes. More than 3,000 weight loss surgeries have been performed at Roger Williams, which has been a Bariatric Surgery Center of Excellence since 2005.

“This accreditation confirms that our weight loss surgery program is committed to providing the highest quality care for its bariatric patients,” said **DR. DIETER POHL**, founder and director of the Bariatric Surgery program at Roger Williams. “Our weight loss team focuses on each patient individually – before, during and after surgery.”

Accreditation is accorded to programs that undergo an independent, voluntary, and rigorous peer evaluation in accordance with nationally recognized bariatric surgical standards. Bariatric surgery accreditation not only promotes uniform standard benchmarks, but also supports continuous quality improvement. A bariatric surgical center achieves accreditation following a rigorous review process during which it proves that it can maintain certain physical resources, human resources, and standards of practice.

A 2014 study in September issue of the Journal of the American College of Surgeons suggests that accreditation of bariatric surgery centers contributes to improved safety for patients who undergo weight loss operations and saves lives. ❖

### Wendy Baltzer-Fox, PT, earns APTA distinguished service award

PROVIDENCE – **WENDY BALTZER-FOX, PT, DPT, GCS, WCS**, of Cranston, supervisor of Women’s Health Physical Therapy Services at Women & Infants Hospital, has been honored as the first board-certified women’s health clinical specialist with the Mary DuVally Distinguished Service Award from the Rhode Island Chapter of the American Physical Therapists Association (APTA).



The award is presented to a member, past or present, of the Rhode Island Chapter of the APTA who has selflessly provided distinguished service to the Rhode Island Chapter and to the community and has significantly helped advance the profession of physical therapy. “I know most of the previous awardees,” said Baltzer-Fox. “I feel very humbled to be a part of this group.”

Currently, Baltzer-Fox serves as chief delegate from Rhode Island to the House of Delegates of the APTA as well as the Governor’s appointee to the Board of Physical Therapy for the Rhode Island Department of Health. As adjunct faculty at the University of Rhode Island, she teaches in the physical therapy program and mentors students as a clinical instructor. Baltzer-Fox’s past roles in the physical therapy community include serving on the board of directors of the state chapter of the APTA in various roles including treasurer, and most recently two terms as president from 2009 to 2013, and as an appointee to the Office of Women’s Health Advisory Committee with the Rhode Island Department of Health.

A graduate of Boston University, Baltzer-Fox earned a doctorate in physical therapy from Simmons College in Boston. She is board certified in geriatric physical therapy and is the only physical therapist in Rhode Island to also be certified in women’s health. ❖

## Recognition

### Dr. Marcia VanVleet Earns 2015 RIAAP Special Achievement Award



PROVIDENCE – **MARCIA W. VANVLEET, MD**, director of the newborn nursery at Women & Infants Hospital of Rhode Island and associate professor in pediatrics (clinical) at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, was given the 2015 Rhode Island Chapter of the American Acad-

emy of Pediatrics (RIAAP) Special Achievement Award. The award is given to a physician who has made an outstanding contribution to children's health in Rhode Island through research, service, or educational endeavors.

"When I think of state leaders in newborn and pediatric health in Rhode Island, Dr. VanVleet first comes to mind. The contributions she has made to the field in the last 15 years are immeasurable. This special achievement award from the RI Chapter of the AAP is well deserved," said James F. Padbury, MD, pediatrician-in-chief and chief of Neonatal/Perinatal Medicine at Women & Infants.

Dr. VanVleet graduated from Cornell University with a bachelor's degree in Biology and Society and her medical degree from the University of Vermont. She completed her pediatric residency, general ambulatory pediatric fellowship, and master's degree in Public Health from Brown University. An assistant professor of pediatrics at The Alpert Medical School, Dr. VanVleet develops curriculum to advance resident and medical student learning in the newborn nursery, specifically.

Dr. VanVleet is a member of many national and hospital organizations and committees including Women & Infants Hospital Quality Forum; Women & Infants Hospital Infant Council for Improving Pediatric Outcomes; Rhode Island Newborn Screening Task Force; Rhode Island Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics Committee on Fetus and Newborn; and the Ambulatory Pediatric Association. ❖

### Charles Rardin, MD, Awarded Best Surgical Paper Honors at AUGS Annual Meeting

PROVIDENCE – **CHARLES RARDIN, MD**, a urogynecologist in the Division of Urogynecology and Reconstructive Pelvic Surgery and director of the Robotic Surgery Program for Women at Women & Infants Hospital of Rhode Island, director of Minimally Invasive Surgery at Care New England, and associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, and team, were awarded Best Surgical Paper at the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Urogynecologic Society (AUGS) in mid-October in Seattle, WA.

Their study, entitled "Vaginal Uphold Hysteropexy and Laparoscopic Sacral Hysteropexy for Treatment of Uterovaginal Prolapse: A Parallel Cohort Study," examined surgery methods that accommodate a woman's wish to not have her uterus removed when the decision is made to surgically repair uterine prolapse. Traditionally, a hysterectomy is performed at the time of the repair. This study looked at two surgeries – known as hysteropexy procedures – done vaginally or laparoscopically; both of which use mesh to bolster the durability of the repair.

"The primary outcome of the paper, surgical success, did not show a difference between these procedures; both were very good at fixing the problem," explained Dr. Rardin. "Complication rates were low in each group. The vaginal procedure was quicker, while the laparoscopic group had a greater improvement in sexual function."

The study is one of the largest to investigate such procedures. Women & Infants specifically had the highest number of subjects recruited who had follow-up visits out of eight total facilities participating in the cohort study.

Additional presentations on behalf of Women & Infants at the Annual Meeting included:

- Annetta Madsen, MD; Christina Raker, MD; and Vivian Sung, MD, "Trends in uterine preservation and other surgical management of uterovaginal prolapse in the US between 2002-2012." Oral poster.
- Christina Raker, MD; Nicole Korbly, MD; and Star Hampton, MD, "Evaluation of an interactive teaching session for third and fourth-degree perineal laceration repair with a group of Rwandan health care providers." Poster presentation.
- Charles Rardin, MD, "How does a compliant air-filled intravesical balloon increase the abdominal pressure required to induce stress urinary incontinence (SUI) related leakage."
- Sunil Shaw, PhD; Kyle Wohlrab, MD; and Charles Rardin, MD, "Reoperation for Recurrent Stress Urinary Incontinence Following Midurethral Sling Revision; A Retrospective Cohort Study."
- Charles Rardin, MD, "Credentialing for Advanced Surgical Procedures." Educational roundtable session.
- Vivian Sung, MD, "Responsiveness of a computerized-adaptive test for urinary incontinence symptoms." Oral poster.
- Vivian Sung, MD, presented "Mentorship" as an invited panel speaker, AUGS Fellow's Research Day; "Critical components to developing a research career in Urogynecology" AUGS roundtable speaker; and served as moderator for the AUGS Opening General Scientific Session. ❖



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## Obituary



**DR. LAURENCE E. BOUCHARD**, of Narragansett, RI, passed away on Friday, December 11 at South County Hospital in Wakefield, RI. He was born on September 17, 1931 in Haverhill, Massachusetts, and was married to the late Yvonne Ninette (Ayer) Bouchard for 51 years.

Dr. Bouchard graduated from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1962 and practiced family medicine in South County for 51 years. He was extremely devoted to his patients and profession. His patients often expressed their appreciation of his attentive and capable care. He was the first doctor of osteopathic medicine to be appointed to South County Hospital where he paved the way for many osteopathic physicians after him. He became a national leader in his profession, testifying before Congress about the American health care system as President of the American Osteopathic

Association (elected in 1993). Also, he served many positions at the University of New England including as a member of the board of trustees, and took great pride in the establishment of the medical school there in 1977.

Dr. Bouchard enjoyed traveling, skiing, sailing and was an avid fan of the New York Yankees and the Montreal Canadiens. He was a loving father and husband and an insightful and amusing conversationalist. His life was filled with many happy memories with family and friends and will be sorely missed by all.

He is survived by his brother, Roy, and his wife Marie, daughters Colette Bouchard and her partner Steve Hirshon, Renee Katz and her husband Cliff, and Laurene Schwenke and her husband Patrick, as well as four grandchildren, Erin Sherman, Ryan Sherman, Jarret Katz and Michelle Katz. His daughter Elaine Sherman predeceased him.

Donations may be made in his memory to University of New England, c/o Institutional Advancement, 716 Stevens Avenue, Portland, ME 04103 for College of Osteopathic Medicine (COM) Scholarships. ❖