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Appointments

Jonathan Kurtis, MD, PhD, named inaugural Stanley M. Aronson Professor

Jonathan Kurtis, MD, PhD, director of the Center for International Health Research (CIHR), Rhode Island Hospital, and Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at the Alpert Medical School, has been appointed the inaugural Stanley M. Aronson Professor. The professorship was established by Alice Montag Tisch P’18, P’20 and Thomas Tisch ’76, P’18, P’20 in honor of the founding dean of Brown’s medical school, the late Stanley M. Aronson, MD.

Dana Levy Guyer, MD, named medical director, Hope Hospice & Palliative Care

Dana Levy Guyer, MD, has been named medical director of Hope Hospice & Palliative Care Rhode Island, where she will serve as the physician member of the Rhode Island Hospital interdisciplinary palliative care team.

Formerly, Dr. Guyer worked as a primary care physician and palliative care consultant at Martha’s Vineyard Hospital. She served as medical director at Hospice of Martha’s Vineyard and was the palliative care consultant at Martha’s Vineyard Hospital Oncology Clinic.

Jack A. Elias, MD, named inaugural Senior Vice President for Health Affairs

Dean of Medicine and Biological Sciences Jack A. Elias, MD, has been appointed the inaugural Senior Vice President for Health Affairs at Brown University. In this position, Dean Elias will continue to oversee the Alpert Medical School and the Division of Biology and Medicine’s components of the Brown Institute for Brain Science (BIBS). He will also oversee the newly constituted Brown Institute for Translational Sciences (BITS) and Brown Biomedical Innovations Inc. (BBII).

Recognition

Elaine C. Jones, MD, honored by American Academy of Neurology

Elaine C. Jones, MD, FAAN, has received the Kenneth M. Viste, Jr, MD “Patient Advocate of the Year Award for 2017” from the American Academy of Neurology (AAN). She currently serves on the AAN Board of Directors.

Dr. Jones has served as president of the Rhode Island Medical Society, treasurer of the RI Medical Political Action Committee, (RIMPAC), vice-chair of the Public Laws Committee and co-chair of the Membership Committee.

Dr. Kenneth Chen receives Beckwith Family Award

Kenneth K. Chen, MD, was recently presented with the Department of Medicine’s Beckwith Family Award for Outstanding Teaching at The Warren Alpert Medical School.

Dr. Chen is director of the Division of Obstetric and Consultative Medicine and co-director of the Integrated Program for High-Risk Pregnancy at Women & Infants Hospital.

Recipients of the award are nominated and chosen by students, residents, fellows, physicians, and program/course directors in Brown’s Department of Medicine.

Dr. Linda Resnik recognized for work with veterans

Dr. Linda Resnik, a research scientist with the Providence VA Medical Center, has been awarded the Paul B. Magnuson Award for her work with veterans who have experienced upper-limb loss. It is presented annually to a VA investigator who exemplifies entrepreneurship, humanitarianism and dedication to veterans.

Resnik directed the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)-funded optimization study, which led to the approval of the Life Under Kinetic Evolution Arm for Veterans with upper-limb amputation.

William H. Sabina, MD, named Physician of the Year at South County Hospital

William H. Sabina, MD, chief of emergency medicine at South County Hospital, was named 2016 Physician of the Year. CEO Lou Giancola described Dr. Sabina as “incredibly dedicated,” making a positive impact on South County Health as chief of the emergency department, past president of the medical staff, chairman of the utilization review committee and as a former member of the board of trustees.
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Robert Emmett Curran, Jr., MD, 76, of Seekonk, MA, passed away peacefully at his home on May 2, 2017 with his family by his side. He graduated cum laude from the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA in 1962. He graduated from Cornell Medical College in New York City in 1966 where he was inducted into the Alpha Omega Alpha Academic Honor Society in his third year.

He completed residencies at Cornell/New York Hospital Medical Center in New York City; the National Cancer Institute at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD; and The Wilmer Institute at The Johns Hopkins Hospital and University in Baltimore, MD; and completed a fellowship at The Children’s Hospital Medical Center in Boston, MA.

Dr. Curran had a private ophthalmology practice in Pawtucket, for 42 years. He served as the Chief of the Division of Ophthalmology at Memorial Hospital in Pawtucket from 1977–2013.

He was also Clinical Assistant Professor of Surgery in ophthalmology at Brown Medical School from 1977–2016 where he was awarded multiple distinctions for teaching at the Eye Clinic at Rhode Island Hospital.

Over the course of his career, Dr. Curran published sixteen scientific papers on topics ranging from internal medicine to pediatric ophthalmology.

He is survived by his wife, Margaretta “Peggy” Cox Curran; his children Robert Emmett Curran, III and wife Meredith Murphy, Lindsay Nardella, Kerri Nicolace, Ashley Norberg, Laura Patota, Kimberly Provencal, Hannah Rigney, Katherine Rodriguez, Jenny Santana, Chelsey Sarachick, Franchesca Sevigny, Brenda White, Madeline Yorty, and Angel Zuleta. The following awards were given to members of the 115th graduating class:

- The Faculty Certificate of Merit for outstanding ability in Psychiatric Nursing was awarded to Chelsey Sarachick.
- The Faculty Certificate of Merit for outstanding ability in Parent Child Health Nursing was awarded to Angel Zuleta.
- The Mother Mary Evangelist award given by the Alumni Association of St. Joseph School of Nursing in recognition of scholastic achievement, professional leadership and nursing performance was awarded to Jenny Santana.

Donations in his memory may be made to the Comprehensive Cancer Center at The Miriam Hospital Cancer Center, 164 Summit Avenue, Providence, RI 02906.