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Penelope Dennehy, MD, receives Hamolsky Outstanding Physician Award

PROVIDENCE – The Rhode Island Hospital medical staff awarded the 2017 Hamolsky Outstanding Physician Award to Penelope Dennehy, MD, director of the division of pediatric infectious diseases at Hasbro Children’s Hospital, the pediatric division of Rhode Island Hospital.

“We are extremely fortunate that Dr. Dennehy has chosen to devote her career to Rhode Island and Hasbro Children’s hospitals. She has distinguished herself as a committed professional with outstanding scholarly credentials, and as a fabulous person and clinician who has spent countless hours and effort in support of patients and colleagues alike,” said Pamela Harrop, MD, FACP, immediate past president of the Rhode Island Hospital Medical Staff Association and a Lifespan board of director, who nominated Dennehy for the distinction.

A resident of Barrington, Dennehy is also a professor of pediatrics and chief of pediatric infectious diseases at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University. Her primary areas of research include the study of viral gastroenteritis and viral respiratory diseases.

A past president of the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society and past secretary of the Infectious Diseases Society of America, Dennehy has authored numerous peer-reviewed publications, written book chapters and presented numerous abstracts at both national and international venues. She is currently board member and secretary for the World Society of Pediatric Infectious Diseases.

The Hamolsky Outstanding Physician Award is presented each year to a physician who has made exceptional contributions to medicine, medical education and research, has demonstrated leadership, and has been an exemplary role model.

Yale honors URI nursing dean Barbara Wolfe

KINGSTON – University of Rhode College of Nursing Dean Barbara Wolfe, PhD, has been honored by the Yale School of Nursing for her achievements and distinction within her career.

The Yale School of Nursing’s Distinguished Alumna/us Award recognizes a select few individuals each year for demonstrating “achievement or distinction in their career, their contributions to their communities or to” the School of Nursing.

Wolfe was chosen as one of this year’s recipients because “her accomplishments encompass more than 30 years of experience in clinical, research and academic nursing,” according to Yale Communications.

During her two years at URI, Wolfe has committed herself to further advancing the success of the College of Nursing, which in the last year saw undergraduate students score a first-time pass rate of higher than 90 percent on the National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX). She has worked to expand the graduate offerings in the college, including overseeing the opening of the Rhode Island Nursing Education Center in Providence and introducing new programs, including a nurse practitioner concentration in psychiatric mental health and a post-master’s nursing education certificate program.

Before taking on her position at URI, Wolfe worked as the associate dean for research at the Connell School of Nursing at Boston College. Prior to that, she served as director of the Center for Nursing Research at the Connell School at BC. Since 2004, she has lectured in psychiatry at Harvard Medical School and served as a research associate at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. From 1997 to 2004, she was assistant professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical Center.

Wolfe holds Adult Psychiatric and Mental Health Clinical Nurse Specialist Board Certification from the American Nurses Credentialing Center. Her psychiatric/mental health nursing research, and specifically her work on eating disorders, has been published in numerous academic and medical journals. She is a past president of the American Psychiatric Nurses Association and has served on numerous national committees, including scientific review panels for NIH.

She earned her bachelor of science degree in nursing from Syracuse University, her master’s degree in psychiatric mental health nursing from Yale University and her doctorate in nursing from Boston College.

Wolfe was honored by her alma mater at an alumni banquet on May 11 as part of the Yale School of Nursing’s annual Alumni Weekend.

Dr. Betty Vohr receives distinguished alumna award

Betty R. Vohr, MD, director of the Neonatal Follow-Up Program at Women & Infants Hospital, and medical director of the Rhode Island Hearing Assessment Program, was the recipient of the Albany Medical College Alumni Association 2018 Distinguished Alumna Award for her pioneering work as a clinician and researcher dedicated to improving the lives of high-risk premature infants and infants with hearing loss.

The award honors an alumnus who has earned national recognition for outstanding leadership in health care. A 1966 graduate of Albany Medical College, Dr. Vohr is a professor of pediatrics at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University. She was national coordinator of follow-up studies for the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Neonatal Research Network between 1990 to 2016 and has published more than 300 manuscripts in peer-reviewed journals.
Recognition

Angela C. Anderson, MD, FAAP, named Woman Physician of the Year

Angela C. Anderson, MD, FAAP, has been named Woman Physician of the Year by the Rhode Island Medical Women’s Association (RIMWA). Dr. Anderson is Director, Division of Children’s Integrative Therapies, Pain Management and Supportive Care (CHIPS) at Hasbro Children’s Hospital. CHIPS provides comfort and support, as well as pain and symptom management, for children with serious or chronic illnesses. The RIMWA annual meeting was held Wednesday, May 2, 2018, at the Providence Marriott Hotel.

BU honors R. James Koness, MD, at Roger Williams’ Cancer Center

Dr. R. James Koness, Director of the Breast Health Program at the Roger Williams’ Cancer Center, has been named Educator of the Year in Clinical Sciences by Boston University School of Medicine (BUSM). Dr. Koness is the surgery site director at Roger Williams for medical school students from BUSM.

This award is designed to recognize, honor and reward BUSM faculty who give special effort to ensure the best education for students. Only a small handful of educators receive this honor out of hundreds affiliated with BUSM. The recognition is initiated by students and affirmed by faculty peers.

Dr. Koness is a graduate of Boston College and SUNY-Buffalo School of Medicine. He completed his internship and residency in general surgery at Rhode Island Hospital/Brown University and fellowship in complex surgical oncology at Roger Williams Medical Center/Brown University. A fellow in the American College of Surgeons, he is a Clinical Assistant Professor of Surgery at Brown University School of Medicine with a pending academic appointment at BUSM.

Dr. Ana Tuya Fulton named Fellow of American Geriatrics Society

Ana Tuya Fulton, MD, FACP, executive chief of geriatrics at Care New England and medical director of Integra Community Care Network, LLC, was recently inducted into the newest class of American Geriatrics Society (AGS) Fellows. AGS Fellows represent a distinguished cohort of geriatrics experts recognized for a deep commitment to advancing high-quality, person-centered care for all older adults.

“Across her career, Dr. Fulton has demonstrated her commitment to the unique health care needs of older adults. With increasing life expectancy of Americans, the health care needs of older adults is rapidly changing, as these patients often present with multiple chronic illnesses that require, complex, integrated, and well-coordinated care. This fellowship designation is a true testament to Dr. Fulton’s commitment, expertise, and professionalism,” said James E. Fanale, MD, president and chief executive officer, Care New England.

“My commitment to caring for older adults and their families spans my entire career. Since the opportunity to volunteer with the division of geriatrics as a college student, I’ve loved the practice of geriatric medicine, and I’m thankful and proud of this fellowship recognition,” said Dr. Fulton. “I look forward to continuing to grow the geriatric medicine program across Care New England and to providing the very best quality care to this very special population.”

Dr. Fulton is a graduate of the George Washington University School of Medicine and completed a residency in internal medicine, chief residency, and geriatric fellowship at Brown University.

An associate professor of medicine and associate professor of psychiatry and human behavior at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, Dr. Fulton received a Geriatric Academic Career Award from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). Dr. Fulton’s major focus of clinical and academic work is on improving end-of-life and transitional care for persons with cognitive impairment and building an age friendly care system across CNE. Dr. Fulton is the Care New England site director and co-project director for the Rhode Island Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Project (RI-GWEP).

Each year, a small contingent of highly qualified AGS members earn fellowship status following a rigorous application process, which includes assessing everything from continuing education and public service to geriatrics scholarship and health care leadership. This year’s fellows hail from all four corners of the country and reflect the increasingly interprofessional nature of geriatrics as a field attracting influential practitioners.
AMS graduates receive Rakatansky, Throop awards

SAMIA KATE ARTHUR-BENTIL, MD ‘18, and EDUARDO GARZA, MD ‘18, received the Herbert Rakatansky Award this year during Commencement weekend at Brown. The award, endowed by the Rhode Island Medical Society (RIMS), is given annually to the graduating Alpert Medical School (AMS) student or students in recognition of their efforts to promote the health and well-being of fellow students over the previous four years.

HYUNWOO JUNE CHOO, MD ‘18, received the Amos Throop Award, named for RIMS’ first president. It is presented to graduating medical students who have demonstrated outstanding engagement with public policy issues and process relating to health care.

SAMIA KATE ARTHUR-BENTIL, MD, and EDUARDO GARZA, MD, (not shown). The photo was taken at the reception following the annual awards ceremony at the Warren Alpert Medical School. Herbert Rakatansky, MD, at right, is the founder and chair of RIMS’ Physician Health Committee for 40 years. [PHOTO BY KATHLEEN BOYD]
Medical School Commencement

The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University held its Commencement and Awarding of Degrees Ceremony on Sunday, May 27th at the First Unitarian Church. The medical students walked with members of the faculty and alumni in the procession from the green, through the Van Wickle Gates, and down College Hill to the church on Benefit Street, where they took the Physician’s Oath before receiving their degrees.

Dean Jack Elias addressed the class of 2018 at the First Unitarian Church

The medical students stood to recite the Physician’s Oath before receiving their hoods and degrees.

The newly-graduated physicians gathered on Benefit Street to greet family and friends after the ceremony.
Recognition

Rena Wing, PhD, receives Distinguished Research Achievement Award

RENA WING, PHD, a professor of psychiatry and human behavior at The Warren Alpert Medical School, recently was presented a 2018 Distinguished Research Achievement Award by Brown University.

“Professor Wing was cited as an internationally recognized researcher on the treatment of obesity and related health problems, especially Type 2 diabetes,” according to a university announcement. “She has served as president of many national organizations, won dozens of awards, including a lifetime achievement award from the American Psychological Association, and has had continuous National Institutes of Health funding since 1983. Her extraordinary mentorship was also cited, as she has helped dozens of young investigators become major researchers on their own.”

Dr. Wing directs a research center that is part of The Miriam’s Centers for Behavioral and Preventive Medicine. She is well known for her programmatic research investigating the most effective strategies for long-term weight loss and weight gain prevention in overweight children and adults. She was responsible for designing and implementing the lifestyle intervention in the Diabetes Prevention Program, a NIH multi-center trial that provides the strongest proof to date of the health benefits of weight loss.

Jill Pipher, vice president for research at Brown, presented the award with Brown Provost Richard M. Locke during an April 19 Celebration of Research ceremony at Brown’s Faculty Club.

Appointments

Preetha Basaviah, MD, named Brown trustee

PREETHA BASAVIAH, MD, a 1991 Brown biology graduate who earned an MD from the Warren Alpert Medical School in 1995, was elected one of four new trustees by the Corporation of Brown University.

She is assistant dean of pre-clerkship education and a clinical professor of medicine at Stanford University. At Stanford since 2006, she is an educator for CARE (Compassion, Advocacy, Respect, Advocacy), a teaching academy member and an attending physician.

Dr. Basaviah has earned national, regional and institutional awards for teaching, mentoring and scholarship in medical education, including honors as Educator of the Year from the Society of General Internal Medicine.

RWMC Geriatric Oncology team presents at Rhode Island Cancer Summit

The Geriatric Oncology program from the Roger Williams Cancer Center gave a presentation at the Partnership to Reduce Cancer in Rhode Island’s annual Cancer Summit on May 18 at the Crowne Plaza.

DENISE DRAKE, RN, Geriatric Oncology Nurse Navigator, DR. PONNANDAI SOMASUNDAR, Director of Geriatric Oncology, and SAMANTHA MOSSMAN, RD, LDN, Oncology Dietician spoke on “Multidisciplinary Team Care for the Geriatric Oncology Patient.”

Roger Williams is home to the state’s first Geriatric Oncology Program, which is called COPE [Comprehensive Oncology Program for Elders].

Presenters were Denise Drake, RN, Geriatric Oncology Nurse Navigator; Dr. Ponnandai Somasundar, Director of Geriatric Oncology, and Samantha Mossman, RD, LDN, Oncology Dietician.
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Rick Majzun named president, COO at W&I

RICK MAJZUN, FACHE, has been named president and chief operating officer of Women & Infants Hospital effective July 23, 2018. Majzun, who has more than 25 years of leadership experience, comes to Women & Infants from Barnes Jewish Hospital and St. Louis Children’s Hospital in St. Louis, MO.

The appointment of Majzun follows a year-long national search during which the search committee, led by Care New England Senior Vice President of Planning and Finance Gail Robbins, engaged physicians, staff, and management.

“With a demonstrated track record of success in hospital operations, including 10 years of leadership in an organization that, like Women & Infants, provides services to women and newborns, Rick is a perfect complement to the strong leadership team at Women & Infants Hospital and across Care New England,” said James E. Fanale, MD, president and chief executive officer, Care New England.

Majzun has been associated with BJC Healthcare since 1999, serving as regional director of BJC Medical Group, executive director of strategic planning and then vice president of strategic planning at BJC HealthCare, and vice president of strategic operations and planning of St. Louis Children’s Hospital.

Since 2013, he has served as vice president of operations at St. Louis Children’s Hospital and as vice president of the 212-bed Women & Infants Service at Barnes Jewish Hospital and St. Louis Children’s Hospital. Barnes Jewish is a 1,300-bed adult facility, and St. Louis Children’s is a 430-bed pediatric hospital. During his leadership tenure, Majzun grew deliveries and neonatal intensive care unit admissions in a declining market; increased revenue, margin, and market share; improved major quality indicators; and achieved patient satisfaction goals.

In addition, he worked with physician and nursing partners to create a process to align the cultures of three institutions.

A graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia, Majzun earned a master of health administration at Washington University School of Medicine. He is a fellow of the American College of Health Care Executives (ACHE), from which he received the 2014 Service Award and the 2006 Early Career Healthcare Executive Regent’s Award. He was a 2011 Eisenhower Fellow and studied pediatric health care systems for five weeks in Kenya and Sweden.

Majzun serves in a number of roles for the Children’s Hospital Association, including a member of the Education Committee of the Board of Trustees, a member of its Chief Operating Officer Steering Committee, member of the Editorial Advisory Committee, and member of the Annual Leadership Conference Advisory Committee. He has spoken before the National Association of Health Services Executives, the Children’s Hospital Association, the American College of Healthcare Executives, the Children’s Hospital Association, the American College of Healthcare Executives, and the American Public Health Association.

OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE
The Rhode Island Medical Society has 442 square feet of newly renovated office space (3 contiguous offices of 200 sq ft, 121 sq ft and 121 sq ft), complete with convenient sheltered parking and the opportunity for tenants to share three well-equipped meeting spaces, break room, office machinery, etc. on the western edge of downtown Providence. Suitable for a small non-profit organization, boutique law firm, CPA firm or other office-based small business.
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Appointments

Dr. David Savitz named Inaugural Associate Dean for Research at School of Public Health

David Savitz, PhD, professor of epidemiology at Brown, has been appointed the Inaugural Associate Dean for Research in the School of Public Health effective on April 10. In this role, Dr. Savitz will provide leadership and vision in planning and implementing the School’s research agenda, including strengthening school-wide systems for the preparation and implementation of research initiatives and the attainment of research funding. He will also represent the School with the Office of the Vice President of Research and relevant university committees.

A graduate of Brandeis University, Dr. Savitz continued his studies at Ohio State University (MS, preventive medicine) and the University of Pittsburgh (PhD, epidemiology). He began his academic career in preventive medicine and biometrics at the University of Colorado School of Medicine in 1981. He moved to what is now the University of North Carolina Gillings School of Public Health as an assistant professor of epidemiology in 1985. He advanced through the ranks, becoming chair of the department of epidemiology and the Cary C. Boshamer Distinguished professor.

In 2006, Dr. Savitz became the Bluhdorn Professor of Preventive Medicine and director of Disease Prevention at the Public Health Institute at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York, from which he moved to Brown’s School of Public Health in 2010. He holds secondary appointments in the departments of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Pediatrics in the Warren Alpert Medical School.

His epidemiological research has addressed many important public health issues including reproductive health outcomes and cancer, evaluating the influences of a wide range of environmental toxicants, health behaviors, ethnicity, drugs, and clinical interventions.

Dr. Savitz is an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine and he is the author of over 350 papers in professional journals.

Dennis F. Lynch elected Chairman of South County Health Board of Trustees

Dennis F. Lynch was elected Chairman of the South County Health System’s Board of Trustees at its May 1 meeting. Mr. Lynch has served on the board since 2012 in such capacities as Vice Chairman of the Board, Chairman of the Planning and Market Development Committee and member of the Finance and Performance Improvement Committees.

Among the priorities for the South County Health Board of Trustees are continued emphasis on Behavioral Health, and ongoing innovation such as the recent addition of robotic technology for urologic and general surgery.

“As we approach our 100 year anniversary in 2019 we will continue to invest in the future to bring the highest level of health care to residents of Washington County and beyond.” Mr. Lynch said.

Southcoast names Dani Hackner, MD, new Physician-in-Chief for Medicine

NEW BEDFORD – Southcoast Health announced recently that Dani Hackner, MD, has joined Southcoast Health as Physician-in-Chief for Medicine.

Dr. Hackner is an intensivist and is board certified in internal medicine, critical care and pulmonary medicine.

Most recently, Dr. Hackner served as Vice President and Chief Medical Officer for Care Management at Memorial Hermann Health System in Houston. Prior to his work at Memorial Hermann, he was Medical Director for Case Management at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles.

In this role, he will collaborate with health system leadership to lead Southcoast’s hospital-based clinical programs and specialty services within its Medicine Care Center. He will also devote a portion of his time to active clinical practice.

Elizabeth Roche Smith, MD, named president of Southcoast Physicians Group

NEW BEDFORD – Elizabeth Roche Smith, MD, has joined Southcoast Health as the President of Southcoast Physicians Group (SPG).

Most recently, Dr. Smith served as Vice President, Medical Operation, for the Allina Health Group, Primary Care Service Line in Minneapolis, MN. She also served as Chief Medical Officer at Core Physicians in Exeter, NH, and at Texas Children’s Pediatric Associates in Houston, TX. Previously, Dr. Smith served as Medical Director at Dartmouth Hitchcock Clinic in Concord, NH.

Dr. Smith is a practicing pediatrician and will continue to devote a portion of her time to active practice. She earned her Bachelor of Science from Yale University, and graduated from the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. She completed her pediatric internship and residency at Yale-New Haven Hospital and earned a Master of Medical Management from Tulane University in New Orleans, LA. She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics.
The St. Joseph School of Nursing, located on the campus of Our Lady of Fatima Hospital in North Providence, held graduation ceremonies for its 116th class on May 11, 2018. Close to 1,000 family members and friends attended the celebration at the Cathedral of SS Peter and Paul in Providence. Reverend Timothy Reilly, J.C.L., Chancellor, Diocese of Providence, Rhode Island, and St. Joseph School of Nursing Dean Betty T. Sadaniantz, DNP, RN, presented diplomas, pins, and awards to 85 members of the graduating class of 2018 – the last 43 graduates of the three-year curriculum and the first 42 graduates of the newly-revised two-year curriculum.

Diane Cocozza Martins, PhD, RN, delivered the commencement address. Lauren O’Flanagan, Class of 2018 New Curriculum class Valedictorian, offered the welcoming address and Carly VanOrden, Class of 2018 Old Curriculum class Valedictorian, delivered the farewell address. Tabitha Walker and Jessica Marfeo were Salutatorians for the Class of 2018 Old Curriculum and Class of 2018 New Curriculum classes respectively.

The following awards were given to the members of the 116th graduating class:

- The Faculty Certificate of Merit for outstanding ability in Medical/Surgical Nursing was awarded to Treasure Asian (Class of 2018 Old Curriculum) and Lauren O’Flanagan (Class of 2018 New Curriculum).
- The Faculty Certificate of Merit for outstanding ability in Mental Health Nursing was awarded to Treasure Asian (Class of 2018 Old Curriculum) and Lauren O’Flanagan (Class of 2018 New Curriculum).
- The Faculty Certificate of Merit for outstanding ability in Maternal Child Health Nursing was awarded to Carly Van Orden (Class of 2018 Old Curriculum) and Lauren O’Flanagan (Class of 2018 New Curriculum).
- 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 Tabitha Walker (Class of 2018 Old Curriculum) and Jessica Marfeo (Class of 2018 New Curriculum).


The St. Joseph School of Nursing is the state’s only hospital-based diploma program. Upon receiving their diploma, graduates are eligible to take the national licensing exam for registered nurses. To learn more, visit www.nursingri.com
Southcoast Health opens Wound Care Center at St. Luke's Hospital

NEW BEDFORD – Southcoast Health opened its second Wound Care Center in May, which will bring advanced, specialized care for acute and chronic wounds to St. Luke’s Hospital.

It opened its first location, the Southcoast Health Center for Wound Care and Hyperbaric Medicine, in 2010, at Charlton Memorial Hospital in Fall River.

Southcoast decided to open a second outpatient location because of the high demand for advanced care for chronic wounds caused by diabetes, venous insufficiency, radiation treatment and other conditions.

A team of specialty physicians, nurses and one nurse practitioner will staff the new Wound Care Center. All staff are clinical experts in wound care and hyperbaric medicine.

The Southcoast Health Wound Care Center is affiliated with Healogics Inc., which is the nation’s largest provider of advanced wound care with nearly 800 partners nationwide. Healogics maintains the largest database of wounds in the world and serves as a resource for wound care research. Southcoast Health contributes to the database with its own patient population and experience.

Last month, Healogics recognized the Wound Care Center at Charlton Memorial as a Center of Excellence. To be eligible for the award, the Center had to achieve outstanding clinical outcomes for a minimum of two consecutive years, including a patient satisfaction score higher than 92 percent, a wound healing rate of at least 91 percent in less than 30 median days to heal.

“The Wound Care Center strives to deliver quality care that addresses the wound healing process. Last year, we were able to successfully achieve a median of 28 days,” said CHERYL THOMPSON, RN, program director of the Southcoast Health Wound Care Center.

“We take great pride in this achievement,” said DR. ROBERT SANDFORT, medical director of the new Southcoast Health Wound Care Center at St.Luke’s. “It is our privilege to bring advanced, specialized wound care to many hundreds of patients every year. The St. Luke’s center will work seamlessly with the Charlton Memorial center, to ensure that patients receive the same level of care no matter which site they visit.”

The Southcoast Health Wound Care Center offers the latest treatments and dressings, such as negative pressure dressings that remove drainage from the wound, specialty products, compression therapy for lower leg, ulcers, and full contact casting that eases pressure on diabetic foot ulcers. In addition, hyperbaric oxygen treatment is available at Charlton Memorial for all eligible Wound Care Center patients. The single person pressurized chamber delivers 100 percent oxygen to reduce swelling and promote healing.

From left: Gerald Monchik, MD, Medical Director, Wound Care Center, Charlton Memorial Hospital; Renee Clark, Chief Operating Officer, Southcoast Health; Keith A. Hovan, President & CEO, Southcoast Health; Patricia Webster, Area Vice President Healogics, Inc.; Robert Sandfort, MD, Medical Director, Wound Care Center, St. Luke’s; Cheryl Thompson, Director, Wound Care Center; Jason Rua, Chair, Southcoast Health Board of Trustees; and Timothy Eixenberger, Chief Nursing Officer, Southcoast Health.
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ROBERT S. BURROUGHS, MD, of Seekonk, Massachusetts passed away on May 19, 2018. He was the husband of the late Carol Ann [Kenney] Burroughs who predeceased him in 2002.

Dr. Burroughs was a 1960 graduate of the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, and Boston University Medical School. Dr. Burroughs served his residency at Rhode Island Hospital in Providence and was an internist in private practice in Pawtucket for over 40 years. He was on the staff at the former Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island in Pawtucket. Dr. Burroughs was a Captain in the United States Army during the Vietnam War.

He was an avid golfer and a long time member of the Pawtucket Country Club.

Dr. Burroughs is survived by his children; Christopher J. Burroughs of Attleboro, Massachusetts, James S. Burroughs of Seekonk, Massachusetts, Brian R. Burroughs of Holden, Massachusetts and Leigh Ann Burroughs of Provincetown, Massachusetts. He also leaves his grandchildren, Alexandra, Ashleigh, Jane, William and Samuel, his two sisters Beverly Kane and Bernadette Plesniak and his faithful dog Fenway. Dr. Burroughs was the brother of the late William Burroughs.

GARY B. WITMAN, MD, 68, passed away unexpectedly on April 30, 2018. He is survived by his wife Dee Dee [Zarum] Witman.

He was an Eagle Scout, a lover of sports, an avid traveler, and an accomplished skier on the U.S. Ski team. A graduate of Rutgers University, Dr. Witman received his medical degree from SUNY Medical School, Downstate. He continued his training at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota, followed by Brown University and then Yale – as the American Cancer Society scholar in medical oncology – and became a program director at the National Cancer Institute as the head of all twelve comprehensive cancer centers throughout North and South America. During his accomplished career in oncology research and internal medicine, he never put aside his hands-on work treating patients whose lives were on the line. He ran several Boston area emergency rooms where he thrived in what he called “battlefield” conditions. With an uncanny talent to counsel, comfort and diagnose, he demonstrated his great love for all around him with warmth, humor, confidence and a depth of great humanity. His was the first and second medical opinion of countless friends and relatives, and was regarded within the medical community as a “physician’s physician.”

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his three children, Samantha Witman Friedland, Zachary Witman, and Amanda Rose Witman Speiser; two sons-in-law, Michael Friedland and Brian Speiser; three grandchildren, Emmanuelle, Juliette and Hershel Friedland, and three brothers Leonard, Philip, and Michael.

As accomplished as he was in his younger life, his achievements paled in comparison to his last eight years, when he suffered a life-altering accident, rendering him a quadriplegic. Despite his injury, his brilliance and passion for others only grew stronger; he relished his expanding family, and continued to work as a fulltime physician.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Temple Emanu-El Providence, RI, or the United Spinal Association www.unitedspinal.org, in memory of Dr. Gary B. Witman.