

Alumni Connection

A Legacy of Learning



From left, Jacqueline Chu (MSIV, CCLCM), Ximena Valdez, MD, University Hospitals of Cleveland, and Rachel Roth (MSIV, CCLCM) in Peru.

Cleveland Clinic Medical Students Provide Care in Peru

A group of students from Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine traveled to Peru's impoverished area of Lamay this summer to help staff a clinic established by the town's mayor to attract medical personnel.

CCLCM students Anna Brady, Jacqueline Chu, Alida Gertz, Rachel Roth and Satoko Kanahara initiated the project, but other professionals from around the country joined the effort,

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New Las Vegas Brain Health Center an Enterprisewide Effort

As Randolph B. Schiffer, MD, works to develop Cleveland Clinic's Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health in Las Vegas, he knows he can't do it without the help of Cleveland Clinic's alumni network.

"This is an enterprisewide endeavor, and the support of alumni, especially those in California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona and New Mexico, is crucial because the Lou Ruvo Center does not have the ready-made referral network that Cleveland has developed over many decades," he says.

Dr. Schiffer points out that the Lou Ruvo Center that he now directs wouldn't exist at all if it hadn't been for alumni assistance in launching negotiations for its founding. "I am new to the Cleveland Clinic system, but I can already see that alumni loyalty is very strong and that loyalty is going to play a big role in the center's growth," he says.

He believes such loyalty will be well rewarded by the innovative services the Lou Ruvo Center will offer patients. "We are making a new kind of care-directed center based on cognition instead of linking them to traditional disease models," he says.

For example, he points out that there is significant overlap between Parkinson's and Alzheimer's diseases at the molecular and clinical levels, and treatment should focus on cognitive function.

"This will likely play out as a set of treatments that will not be based just on drug therapy. Instead, it will include cognitive therapy, physical fitness, cardiovascular care and even diet. We will use this model for a variety of disorders, and we will be one of the few centers in the United States to adopt this approach," Dr. Schiffer says.

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Randolph B. Schiffer, MD, Director of the Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health, is a graduate of the University of Michigan Medical School and completed residencies in psychiatry and neuropsychiatry at Strong Memorial Hospital of The University of Rochester, Rochester, NY, and neurology at University of Michigan Medical Center, Ann Arbor, MI.



The Alumnus Who Helped Bring Cleveland Clinic to Las Vegas

Scott A. Slavis, MD (U/RT'89), a urologist and kidney transplant surgeon in Las Vegas, completed his fellowship training with **Andrew C. Novick, MD** (U'77), who died in 2008. The friends had frequently discussed Las Vegas' need for higher quality medical care.

"About three and a half years ago, we discussed expanding urology to Las Vegas. He embraced it enthusiastically, as only he could. We worked hard to make this happen. There were many site visits with Cleveland Clinic personnel, philanthropists, community leaders, etc. Finally last November, we had scheduled Dr. Cosgrove

to visit. At that time, it was clear Las Vegas was in need of other specialties too, including gastroenterology, cardiology and wellness," says Dr. Slavis.

"When Andy died, it changed everything. But Dr. Cosgrove still came – a tribute to his vision and respect for Andy. It occurred to me that Toby should meet Larry Ruvo, whom I know very well and who was talking to several major medical centers to bring their expertise to his facility," he says. "Toby and Larry hit it off, and it looks great for the future of healthcare in Las Vegas."

Brain Health Center

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The \$100 million center is a partnership between Cleveland Clinic and Larry Ruvo, a Las Vegas businessman and philanthropist who named the center after his father Lou, who died of Alzheimer disease in 1994. Housed in a building designed by world-renowned architect Frank Gehry, the Lou Ruvo Center is expected to see 2,000 patients within a year, with annual volumes expected to eventually reach 8,000. The first patient was seen in July.

The 67,000-square-foot Lou Ruvo Center houses clinical and diagnostic space, neuroimaging facilities, physician offices, research laboratories and a resource library. It also will include the "Museum of the Mind," an interactive learn-

ing center focused on the mind and brain; a public café and catering kitchen to be operated by the Wolfgang Puck organization; and a 500-seat Activities Life Center for events, seminars and forums.

In keeping with the notion that the Lou Ruvo Center is an enterprisewide endeavor that requires intense integration, Dr. Schiffer, who was recruited from Texas Tech University, plans to spend a great deal of time in Las Vegas as well as Cleveland.

"I intend to defy the aphorism that a person cannot be in two places at once," he says with a laugh. "It won't be easy!"



Rachel Roth with children in Peru.
(Photo by Jacqueline Chu)

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including students and physicians from Yale, Dartmouth, Mayo Clinic and Stanford.

The group was invited by the mayor and a local nonprofit organization, Peruvian Hearts, to help the clinic become a trusted and sustainable entity in the community. As team members helped the clinic, they also soaked up many real-life lessons.

"The level of teaching for the fourth-year students has been great – we see patients on our own, present them with an assessment and plan, have one of the doctors look over the physical/history and do some one-on-one teaching. Everyone agrees they are learning a lot," Roth writes in her blog.

Participants saw the true value of simple human contact. "Listening and reassuring them or directing them within the medical system is the most important part of the medicine we do here, and, indeed, medicine in general... and (it) can do as much for their state of mind as temporary fixes like albendazole or Tylenol," she writes.

Kathleen Franco, Associate Dean of Admissions and Student Affairs at CCLCM,

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says the faculty is very proud of the students. “We are thrilled about what they did there and how much of their free time they spent beforehand making sure it went well,” she says.

Their preparation took place over about a year-and-a-half and included taking Spanish classes every Sunday, as well as jumping legal hurdles and acquiring support, supplies and advisers.

“They believed in it enough to make it happen,” Dr. Franco says. “They were extremely respectful and concerned for those who do not have the healthcare we receive in this country.”

Roth notes that this was a team effort. “We could not have pulled it off without every single person involved working hours and hours a day on the most minute and difficult details.”



In Peru (from left), Rachel Roth (MSIV, CCLCM), Matthew Weiss (MSII, Dartmouth), Jakub Tatka (MSII, Stonybrook), Elizabeth Snyder (MSII, Case Western Reserve), Sanford Greenhouse, MD, of New London CT, Lucia Quispe, Victoria Medical Coordinator of Lamay, and Ximena Valdez, MD, University Hospitals of Cleveland.

She says the clinic is clean and spacious but lacks in some key details. For example, it has a lead-lined room for X-rays but no X-ray machine, and an operating room but no lights or equipment.

Another problem is the skepticism of area residents. “They use herbs and traditional Incan remedies instead; plus, they have been to the clinic once before, so they know the only services and meds offered are basic and feel they need more help than the clinic can provide ... If specialists come – ones from the U.S. no less – it will instill a new confidence in the clinic.”

She says the team expected a slow start the day it arrived because local radio stations announced they were coming a day later, but those expectations were soon cast aside.

“We were planning on getting organized in the morning and starting to accept patients at 1 p.m. By 8:45 a.m., there was a line,” Roth says in her blog. “As we watched people trickle in steadily, it became obvious that the longer we waited to see people, the longer we would be at the clinic.”

How Cleveland Students Got Involved

Peruvian Hearts (www.peruvianhearts.org) is a nonsectarian organization dedicated to enhancing the lives of children living in poverty in Peru through nutrition, education and healthcare. It provides a nutritious lunch and multi-vitamins daily for all 400 children who attend school in Lamay. Peruvian Hearts was founded by a high school student, Ana Dodson, who was born in Peru and adopted by a U.S. family. She began Peruvian Hearts when she was 11 years old and has raised more than \$150,000 over the past five years.

Because the medical clinic in Lamay has little equipment or staff, the mayor has asked Peruvian Hearts for help. CCLCM student Rachel Roth worked with Peruvian Hearts in the past, and when it approached her to help bring healthcare resources to Lamay, Roth, along with others at CCLCM, adopted the project.

“By 9:15, I was taking stitches out of a woman whose bull had impaled her. It was only her leg, but there was an entry wound and exit wound, and it was infected and ulcerated of course, and why are the stitches still in three weeks later? Plus, do you have any idea of the kind of logistics necessary to treat even the smallest thing? First, just a place to sit. She sat in a spare dentistry chair. I squatted on the floor. Second, light. We left the door open for the hallway light, and I used my penlight to spot the stitches amongst the scab and the healing tissue. Third, water. Even if it was running somewhere in the clinic, it’s not clean, so I used lots of iodine and alcohol ... she took 45 minutes. There were 10 people in the waiting room when I came out at 10 a.m.”

The team adjusted quickly, though, and two days later saw about 80 patients in the same amount of time that 40 were seen the day before.

The future

Surprised by the number of domestic violence problems it saw, the team initiated plans for a women’s health clinic and domestic violence shelter, as none in the region allows women to stay with their children. (The children are sent to orphanages.) The mayor is developing a rehabilitation and education program for alcoholics to complement this effort.

The team hopes to repeat the trip annually for Cleveland Clinic and Case Western Reserve University students as an elective clinical rotation.

To learn more, visit www.lamayclinic.org or email info@lamayclinic.org. Or visit one of these blogs kept by participants in July’s trip:

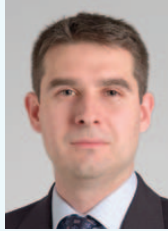
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Teacher of the Year Award Winners

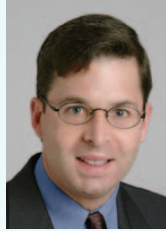
Cleveland Clinic departments have awarded Teacher of the Year honors for about the past 10 years to recognize excellence in resident and fellow education. This year's winners were featured on the multiple plasma screens on

the skyway, sharing the news with thousands of employees and visitors.

The recently announced Teacher of the Year winners are:



Andrej Alfirevic, MD
(AN'05, CTA'06)
Cardiothoracic
Anesthesia



A. Marc Gillinov, MD
Cardiothoracic
Surgery



Fred Hsieh, MD
Allergy



**Suzanne Bakdash,
MD, MPH**
Pathology



Carmen Gota, MD
(RH'04)
Rheumatology



Richard Kim, MD
Solid Tumor Oncology



Steven Campbell, MD
(U'95)
Urologic Oncology



Alex Rae Grant, MD
Neurology



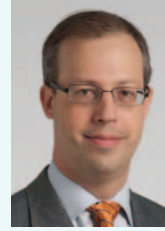
**Susan B.
LeGrand, MD**
Hospice and Palliative
Medicine/Solid Tumor
Oncology



Edward Copelan, MD
Hematologic Oncology
and Blood Disorders



Thomas Gretter, MD
Neurology



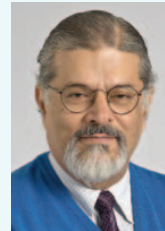
**Andre Machado, MD,
PhD (NS/FS'06)**
Neurological
Restoration



**J. Michael deUngria,
MD (AN'00)**
(Feb. 18, 1969 –
Jan. 26, 2009)
Anesthesiology (award
given posthumously)



David Gugliotti, MD
Internal Medicine



**Adi Mehta, MD,
FRCPC, FACE**
Endocrinology



David Dietz, MD
(S'95, CRILE'97,
S'00, CRS'01)
Colorectal Surgery

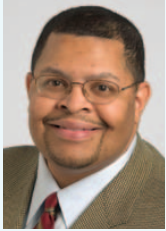


Aaron Hoschar, MD
(ACLP'05)
Pathology



Chad Michener, MD
(GYN/ON'04)
Gynecologic
Oncologist

Lawrence “Chris” Crain Memorial Lecture



Tan-Lucien H. Mohammed, MD, FCCP
Thoracic Imaging



Steven Rosenblatt, MD (S/LDS'00)
General Surgery



Robert Molloy, MD (ORS'05)
Orthopaedic Surgery



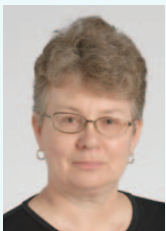
David O. Taylor, MD, FACC
Cardiovascular Medicine



Marc Pohl, MD
Nephrology



Rehul Tendulkar, MD (RO'08)
Radiation Oncology



Kathleen Quinn, MD
Child and Adolescent Psychiatry



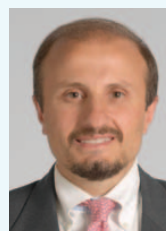
Donald A. Underwood, MD (CARD'80)
Cardiovascular Medicine



Samiya Razvi, MD
Pediatrics



James E. Zins, MD
Plastic Surgery



Anthony Rizzo, MD (VS'00)
Vascular and General Surgery

The 2009 Lawrence “Chris” Crain Memorial Lecture was held July 23. Neil R. Powe, MD, MPH, MBA, Chief, Medical Services, San Francisco General Hospital, Constance B. Wofsy Distinguished Professor and Vice-Chair of Medicine, University of California San Francisco, spoke about “Racial and Ethnic Disparities in the Optimal Delivery of Care to Patients with Chronic Kidney Disease.”

The lecture was followed by a luncheon attended by Dr. Crain’s widow, Lillian, and son, Jose as well as his mother, Pearl T. Crain.

Dr. Crain (IM'97, H/N'99) died unexpectedly at his home in Atlanta on July 22, 2003, at age 38. The Dr. Lawrence “Chris” Crain Memorial Lecture Fund, developed to honor his contributions to Cleveland Clinic, supports an annual lecture in his name on kidney disease or hypertension. Contributions to the fund can be made to the Lawrence “Chris” Crain Memorial Lecture, Cleveland Clinic Internal Medicine Residency, 9500 Euclid Ave./NA10, Cleveland, Ohio 44195.



Jose Crain, son of Chris Crain, at this year’s lecture.

Memorable Educational Year Celebrated

The annual End-of-Year Celebration honoring graduating house staff was held at Signature of Solon Country Club on June 6. The event was organized by the House Staff Association, Graduate Medical Education and the Office of Alumni Relations.

There were many milestones this year within the Founding Fathers' mission of "More Education of Those Who Serve:"

- *Commemorated* the graduation of the inaugural five-year **Class of 2009** from the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine of Case Western Reserve University (see July 2009 issue of *Alumni Connection*)
- *Celebrated* the **10th Anniversary of the Alumni Library** that opened in May 1999, thanks to the generosity of alumni donors!
- *Welcomed* the **83rd annual class of graduating interns, residents, fellows and post-docs** into our worldwide network of Cleveland Clinic trained physicians and scientists, now numbering more than 400 graduates per year, totaling more than 10,000 Cleveland Clinic-trained physicians and scientists located in every state and territory and 70 countries.

The Annual Education Awards also were announced at the event. Here are the recipients:

William E. Lower Award – Established by Dr. Lower to encourage original investigation in scientific papers, judged in clinical and nonclinical categories.

Lower Clinical First Prize: Mehran Taban, MD
(Ophthalmology)

Lower Clinical Honorable Mention: Harpreet Baja, MD
(Endocrinology)

Lower Non-Clinical First Prize: Kaushik Ghosal, PhD
(Neurosciences)

Lower Non-Clinical Honorable Mention: Riku Das, PhD
(Molecular Cardiology)

See Photos!

Want to see or purchase photos from recent Cleveland Clinic House Staff Association and Alumni Association events? Visit:

http://my.clevelandclinic.org/alumni/alumni_relations_photo_gallery.aspx

http://my.clevelandclinic.org/hsa/hsa_photo_gallery.aspx

Peskind Memorial Award – Established in memory of Drs. Arnold, Benjamin and Sam Peskind to recognize excellence in preparation of a scientific publication.

Kevin Pantalone, DO (Medicine)

Robert C. Tarazi Fellowship Award for Cardiovascular Research – Established in memory of Dr. Tarazi to recognize papers that make an outstanding contribution to treating cardiovascular disease.

Abul Arif, MD (Cell Biology) First Place

Alisher Dadabayev, MD (Cell Biology) Honorable Mention

Bruce Hubbard Stewart Award – Established in memory of Dr. Stewart, who combined sensitivity and compassion with knowledge and skill while practicing medicine.

Chad Gordon, DO (Plastic Surgery)

Una Jeanie Lee, MD (Urology)

George and Grace Crile Traveling Fellowship Award – Established by the Crile Family and given to an outstanding surgery fellow who demonstrates exceptional capability and effort.

Matthew Simmons, MD, PhD (Urology)

Crile Research Fellowship Award – Given by the Division of Education for highly meritorious basic science research proposals. The winner is offered a one-year basic science opportunity for the following year.

Ronald Charles, MD (General Surgery)

Joseph Cash Memorial Award – Established in memory of Dr. Cash to encourage original investigation and professional excellence in preparing clinical papers.

Sreekum Subramanian, MD
(Thoracic & Cardiovascular Surgery)

23rd Annual Graduate Level-One Award – Presented by the Alumni Association to recognize clinical excellence, interpersonal communication skills, character and unique accomplishments.

Michael Kelly, MD (Neurosurgery)

William & Roxanna Michener Award for Development of Leadership – Presented by the Alumni Association to recognize an individual who exemplifies and embodies true leadership qualities.

Joyce Lee, MD (Neurology)

Tragic 1929 Fire Still Resonates 80 Years Later

The Cleveland Clinic fire of 1929 was one of the defining moments in the institution's history, as well as for safety programs in U.S. hospitals, and it was illustrated vibrantly in a presentation commemorating the 80th anniversary of this tragedy earlier this year.

Leonard H. Calabrese, DO (GL1'76, IM'78, RH'80), and James Young, MD, made the presentation on the anniversary, Friday, May 15.

The fire killed 123 people, including 40 staff members and one of the physicians who founded Cleveland Clinic just a decade earlier, John Phillips, MD.

"It was the second largest tragedy in the history of the city of Cleveland," says Dr. Calabrese. "It nearly ended this organization before it really got started."

At the time of the fire, the outpatient clinic building was considered the epitome of a modern medical facility. One year prior, a basement boiler room had been converted to a storage room for X-ray films, which at the time were coated with nitrocellulose. On the morning of the fire, several thousand pounds of film were stored in the basement of the clinic building.

The room was dark and drafty, with exposed steam pipes on the ceiling. Bare bulbs hanging from the ceiling did not provide adequate lighting, so employees searching for a file carried an extra bulb with an extension cord.

Early that day, a leaking pipe was reported and the steam was shut off. About 11 a.m., yellow smoke was spotted. Repairmen tried to douse the fire, but it grew, and the first explosion occurred at 11:30 a.m. Fumes from the old nitrocellulose X-ray films stored on wooden shelves spread throughout the facility, generating high concentrations of poisonous gas that killed most of the victims instantly. However, several died hours or even days later from acute respiratory distress syndrome.

Myriad investigations in the months following the fire failed to definitively pinpoint the cause; the most widely accepted theories are that the leaking exposed steam pipe or the bare light bulb overheated the nitrocellulose film, causing it to ignite.

The fire lasted only two hours, but its impact has been felt for 80 years. "It brought the fledgling institution to its knees, resonated around the world, and had a lasting effect on hospital safety," Dr. Calabrese says.

He believes reverence for the past is so crucial to the future of Cleveland Clinic that he is working with several colleagues to pursue the creation of an archive and museum that would display artifacts and make historical information publicly accessible.

"Cleveland Clinic is such a progressive place today, but it is profoundly important that we remember the past," he says.



To see Dr. Calabrese's full presentation on the fire, go to <http://my.clevelandclinic.org/alumni/connections/current/default.aspx>.



Leonard "Len"
H. Calabrese, DO
(GL-1'76, IM'78,
RH'80)

Year-End Tax Planning: A Philanthropist's Guide

You still have time to affect your taxes for the current year and position yourself for the most favorable results for the future. Year-end tax planning is a process by which you can minimize your current income by increasing charitable deductions within the framework of a sensible, overall financial plan. A charitable gift can be a powerful planning tool when you consider the benefits and the various options available through Cleveland Clinic.

In general, taxpayers tend to have less control over other tax deductions, such as those for state and local taxes and mortgage interest. However, all charitable gifts provide a charitable tax deduction, either immediate or deferred, offering great flexibility with regard to the amount, the timing and the choice of asset used to fund the gift. Now that it's year's end, it may be a great time to make a gift to support your preferred medical initiative at Cleveland Clinic.

"Prosperity is only an instrument to be used, not a deity to be worshipped."

– Calvin Coolidge

Cash

Cash is the most common type of charitable gift for its simplicity. A cash gift to Cleveland Clinic generates a charitable deduction in the year in which it is made. You may be surprised to learn that the cost of the gift may be much less than the amount of the gift.

There is almost no limit on the charitable contributions you can make in any year. The tax savings generated by a charitable deduction will depend upon your marginal income tax bracket; that is, the tax you would have paid on the gift offset by the deduction. The charitable deduction you can claim in a single year is limited to 50 percent of your

adjusted gross income (AGI). Any amount above the 50 percent ceiling can be carried over for five additional years.

Securities

We won't soon forget the tumble of the stock market late in 2008. Since then, the market has posted a substantial gain, allowing some long-term investments to climb back into positive territory. To lock in the full value of an appreciated investment such as stock, you may want to consider using it to fund a year-end gift to Cleveland Clinic.

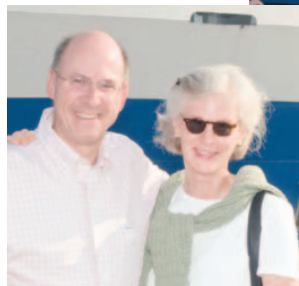
Stock always has been a popular gift alternative to cash because charitable gifts of appreciated stock offer a double tax benefit. In addition to receiving the charitable income-tax deduction for the full fair-market value of the stock, you could escape any potential tax on the capital gain.

Cash and stock are the most common outright gifts that generate a current-year charitable deduction, but other gifts to consider include real estate, life insurance and other tangible personal property. Additionally, you still have time to take advantage of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008. As the owner of a traditional or Roth IRA, you may instruct your IRA manager to distribute directly to Cleveland Clinic up to \$100,000. An IRA Rollover gift does not offer a charitable deduction, however, the distribution is not included in your taxable income. You must be at least age 70½, and the gift must be outright to Cleveland Clinic.

Cleveland Clinic's team of gift planning professionals would be delighted to assist you and discuss, in confidence, how a charitable deduction may favorably impact your 2009 taxes. Please call 216.444.1245 or email giftplanning@ccf.org.

16th Annual "Welcome to Cleveland" GOODTIME Cruise

This popular annual event, held on Sunday, Aug. 16, was sold out once again as medical students, interns, residents, fellows and post-docs, as well as staff members, enjoyed the sun-to-sunset cruise on Lake Erie. Pictured are James Stoller, MD, the new Chair of the Education Institute, and his wife, Terry.



Brain Cell Could be Key to Multiple Sclerosis Therapies

A Lerner Research Institute team including several Cleveland Clinic alumni has identified a type of cell within the human brain that may be a previously unknown precursor to the stem cells capable of promoting growth of new neurons. The discovery could lead to new therapies for neurodegenerative diseases such as multiple sclerosis (MS).

Bruce D. Trapp, PhD, Chair of the Institute's Department of Neurosciences, says the cells, called beta 4 tubulin (betaT4), are scattered throughout the subventricular zone. This zone is known to be a source of stem cells capable of regenerating neurons. It is located in the cerebrum, the part of the human brain responsible for social interaction, learning, memory, speech and language, and motor functions.

"Strategies for cell replacement to treat neurodegenerative diseases are very attractive and offer therapeutic possibilities. One example is generating the cells needed to replace the myelin that surrounds, protects and nourishes the neurons in the central nervous system. It's the loss of this myelin that causes lesions in the brains of patients with MS," Dr. Trapp says.

Oligodendrocyte progenitor cells (OPCs) generate new oligodendrocytes, which are required to produce myelin. "Unfortunately, OPC growth is limited, so MS lesions often don't remyelinate. Stimulating other types of precursor cells shows great potential in promoting oligodendrocyte production and remyelination in MS patients," he says.

This research points to betaT4 cells as one of the precursor cells needed for remyelination.

The presence of betaT4 cells in the subventricular zone peaks during the later stages of fetal brain development but decreases shortly after birth – suggesting the cells' role in forming neurons. Researchers also found that the number of betaT4 cells significantly increases in the subventricular zone bordering MS lesions in the white matter of brains.

"We observed that the myelin generated by a relatively small number of transplanted betaT4 cells exceeded that of another known progenitor cell," Dr. Trapp says. "It's still not clear if betaT4 cells are true stem cells or primitive precursors to stem cells, and the potential of stem cell therapeutics to treat neurodegenerative disease requires additional studies of stem cells in human brains. But we propose that betaT4 cells represent a cellular source for the latter stages of myelination and neural repair in the central nervous system. They could be a promising new direction for cell replacement therapies for neurodegenerative disease."

Dr. Trapp's collaborators include alumni **Chuanshen Wu, MD, PhD** (RES/NU'06), **Ansi Chang, MD** (RES/NU'99), and **Xinghua Yin, MD, PhD** (RES/NS'96, RES/NU'98). The findings appeared in the *Journal of Neuroscience* (www.jneurosci.org/ June 16, 2009).

Training Helps Improve Dialogue When Childhood Cancer is Diagnosed

When children are diagnosed with cancer, they are almost always offered participation in a clinical trial as part of their care. However, informed consent conversations at this time can be difficult as parents are still in shock from the devastating news they have just received.

Eric Kodish, MD, the F. J. O’Neill Professor and Chairman of the Department of Bioethics at Cleveland Clinic, Executive Director of the Cleveland Fellowship in Advanced Bioethics, and Professor of Pediatrics at the Lerner College of Medicine of Case Western Reserve University, has studied the informed consent process for nearly a decade.

He and his colleagues have dissected the communications process that occurs at this time to learn how parents perceive these interactions. In one study, they recorded 140

conversations that occurred immediately after a diagnosis of childhood leukemia, and then formed a parental advisory panel to help them develop process-improvement guidelines.

“There are so many barriers to this conversation going well,” he explains.

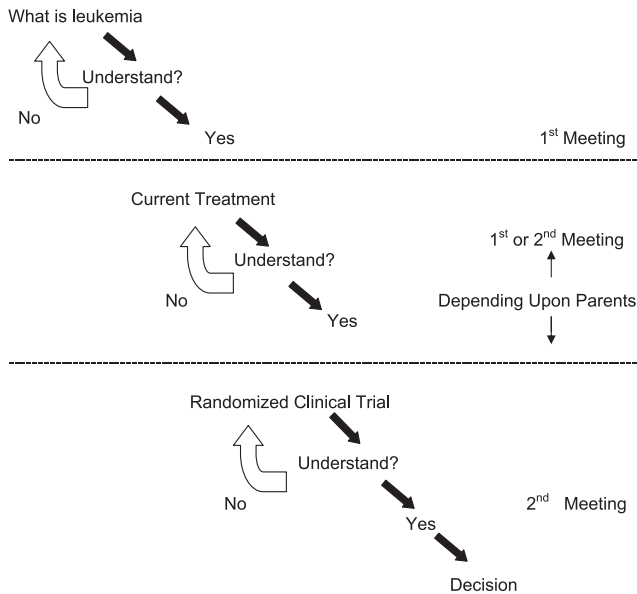
Their findings demonstrated the value of following a sequenced approach in which physicians discuss diagnosis, prognosis and treatment prior to the offer of a clinical trial.

After this study was completed, Dr. Kodish and his team received NIH funding to do another study with an interventional component. Daylong interactive workshops were taught by Dr. Kodish, behavioral scientists and parent advisory panel members. “The parents really delivered a very strong message, and we all saw the value of what we can learn from them,” he says.

Physicians and fellows at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia and Children’s National Medical Center in Washington, DC, attended the workshop, which included role play and audios of scenarios in which informed consent conversations went well and those in which the conversations could have gone better. Participants left with a pocket-sized laminated card with tips to help them in the future. (See reproduction at left.)

A half-day “booster session” was held six months later. Interactions with families then were recorded again, and parents were interviewed to determine how much they understood. Findings from these sessions compared with ones involved untrained physicians (controls) at two other sites showed trained physicians followed the sequenced approach more often. They also tended to elicit parental questions and understanding in an open-ended way and clarify questions more frequently than physicians at the control sites.

Published in *Academic Medicine*, the study concluded that this type of training, although limited in duration, is highly valuable. “The see one, do one, teach one approach is no longer adequate for informed consent,” it says.



The Future Is In Sight:

The 'meaningful use' of health information technology systems supporting clinical integration and continuity of care

If you are a physician in private practice, your patients place their trust in you, relying on your skills, experience and judgment. You rely on your nursing and office staff, physician colleagues, and a variety of important medical services, such as commercial laboratories and independent pharmacies, for the support you need to deliver medical care of the highest quality.

When it comes to health information technology, meaningful use includes a list of features and functions designed to connect you securely to the people and clinical services that you are called upon to coordinate every day.

Primary among these features are:

- **ePrescribing:** Allowing you to supply accurate and understandable prescriptions electronically to the pharmacies your patients select directly from the point of care – your office.
- **Ambulatory electronic summaries and notes:** Providing you with the ability to document and securely store critical information about your patients, update it, and make it available as needed to the physician colleagues and support services you choose.
- **Integrated laboratory results:** Allowing the results of the lab tests you order directly

through your electronic medical record (EMR) system to securely flow back for review by you and your patients.

- **Quality measure reports:** Allowing you to supply results related to identified quality measures electronically to both track the activities that occur inside your practice and build your relationship with major payors.

The future of the contemporary medical practice model is in sight. Its foundation is the “meaningful use” of health information technology to improve the activities that comprise today’s medical practice model. Meaningful use starts with the right electronic medical record system, with the right features, options and support. The **MyPractice** Community electronic medical record system is designed to support the health information needs of your practice and your patients.

For more information about the **MyPractice** Community electronic medical record system, please visit clevelandclinic.org/emr. To speak to a **MyPractice** Community representative, please call 216.738.4617. See a video about EMRs at [mms://www5.ccf.org/medicine/emr.wmv](https://www5.ccf.org/medicine/emr.wmv).

Other Web-based services available from Cleveland Clinic:

DrConnect: Provides referring physicians real-time EMR information about the treatment their patients receive at Cleveland Clinic.

<http://my.clevelandclinic.org/elevelandclinic/drconnect/default.aspx>

Physician Directory: View all Cleveland Clinic staff.

clevelandclinic.org/staff

Physician Liaison: Referring physicians have a direct and personal link to Cleveland Clinic with our Physician Liaison.

clevelandclinic.org/ContactKate

Outcomes Data: Our Outcomes books contain clinical outcomes data and information on volumes, innovations, research and publications.

clevelandclinic.org/quality/outcomes

Campus Clips

Fifty years of osteopathic training were celebrated at South Pointe Hospital on June 12. Twelve new doctors affirmed their Osteopathic Oath and were recognized at the graduation ceremony of the South Pointe Graduate Medical Education program. This is a special year for the program as it celebrates 50 years of educational excellence, which started under the leadership of Theodore F. (Ted) Classen, DO, when South Pointe was Brentwood Hospital. Last September, a \$5.5 million gift from Brentwood Foundation led to the first endowed chair in Dr. Classen's name, held by **Leonard H. Calabrese, DO** (GL'1-76, IM'78, RH'80), to further research and enhance graduate medical education programs in osteopathic medicine at both South Pointe and Cleveland Clinic. The graduation ceremony featured a video tribute to the program's 50-year legacy. To receive a copy of six-minute video tribute, contact Nealie Houk, South Pointe Hospital, Department Director, Graduate Medical Education at nhouk@cchseast.org or 216.491.7460.

A multidisciplinary Thyroid Center has been created within Cleveland Clinic's Endocrinology & Metabolism Institute to streamline care for patients with all types of thyroid disorders. Mira Milas, MD, has been appointed Director of the center, which unites endocrine surgeons, endocrinologists and nursing staff to provide comprehensive and collaborative care. To refer a patient to the Thyroid Center, call 216.444.4985.

Lerner Research Institute announces its annual Awards for Excellence recipients. Outstanding Educator went to Linda Graham, MD, Interim Chair, Biomedical Engineering; Outstanding Service went to Judith Drazba, PhD, Director, Imaging Core; and Outstanding Science went to Paul Fox, PhD, Cell Biology, and Qing Wang, PhD, Molecular Cardiology.

Adi Mehta, MD, was presented with the Outstanding Clinical Endocrinologist Award at the recent Annual Meeting & Clinical Congress of the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists. Two Cleveland Clinic fellows also received honors.

Cleveland Clinic received the Medical Group Pre-eminence Award from the American Medical Group Association for its accomplishments showing the superiority of the medical group model of care.

Cleveland Clinic and Case Western Reserve University each received a \$3 million state research grant in May as part of \$24 million from the Ohio Third Frontier Commission to fund a university-level research effort called the Wright Projects Program. Cleveland Clinic and Case will collaborate with NASA Glenn Research Center and others to develop uses for nitinol, a nickel titanium alloy with elastic properties that may be useful in developing medical devices to assist patients with heart treatment, spine repair, hand stitching and foot problems. The Third Frontier Commission also awarded nearly \$8 million under its Success and Pre-Seed Fund

Initiative, which helps start-up technology-based companies or programs. Cleveland Clinic received \$800,000.

Lerner Research Institute has received a \$9.1 million grant from the National Institutes of Health to continue vascular disease research. The five-year grant is the latest round of NIH financing for Cleveland Clinic's research in vascular disease, which already has spanned 26 years and will be extended to 31 years under this grant. The NIH has supported four major vascular research projects at Lerner, which have allowed researchers to make headway into understanding the biology of the blood vessel wall and the pathology of atherosclerosis.

Cleveland Clinic has acquired an equity stake in FTA Therapeutics LLC, a company that develops clinical stage pharmaceutical products. It plans to help FTA develop products using a silver dihydrogen citrate antimicrobial agent made by Pure Bioscience of San Diego. "FTA will commence the first of several multi-centered studies later this year for various indications for (the antimicrobial agent), including wound care and acne," says Michael Krall, President and CEO of Pure Bioscience. FTA and Pure began working together a year ago to use the antimicrobial agent to develop products for the dermatology, wound care and medical biofilm control industries. As a result of the partnership, FTA has added three Cleveland Clinic physicians to its Board of Directors: **Wilma Fowler Bergfeld, MD** (GL-1'65, D'68), **Frank (Francis A.) Papay, MD** (OTO'89, PL/RS'91), and **Allison T. Vidimos, RPh, MD** (D'89, DS'91).

Cleveland Clinic Children's Hospital has expanded the staff of pediatric cardiologists in the Center for Pediatric and Congenital Heart Disease. Kenneth Zahka, MD, Fran Erenberg, MD, FACC, FAAP, Alex Golden, MD, and Ernest Siwik, MD, joined the Department of Pediatric Cardiology in July. This distinguished group expands the largest and most experienced team of pediatric cardiologists and cardiothoracic surgeons in northern Ohio and provides access for appointments at locations throughout the community. Marshall Jacobs, MD, internationally recognized surgeon and investigator, also has joined the team as Director of Clinical Research. Dr. Jacobs previously practiced at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and St. Christopher's Hospital for Children in Philadelphia.

Taussig Cancer Institute is reaching out to the community through unique venues. Over the past three years, Taussig has set up more than a dozen Cancer Resource Centers in barbershops, beauty salons and churches throughout Cleveland. The institute works with Cleveland Clinic Facilities Engineering to install these resource centers, which provide information about cancer awareness, risk reduction, and health and wellness. Doctors are brought in to provide quarterly health talks, and barbers and beauticians are

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trained to note risk factors for cancer in clients and encourage reduction of these risks when possible.

Deborah Small, RN, MSN, NE-BC, joined Cleveland Clinic health system in the new position of Associate Chief Nursing Officer of Clinical Practice/Research. Reporting to Executive Chief Nursing Officer Sarah Sinclair, Small will provide leadership and coordination of nursing practice across the system. She will work to standardize policies and procedures, establish evidence-based practice standards and drive nursing research participation systemwide.

Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson hosted a delegation from Rouen, France, over the Fourth of July weekend. Cleveland and Rouen, the historical capital city of Normandy in northwest France, have been sister cities since 2008. Cleveland Clinic's founding physicians are well-known in Rouen, as they operated a military hospital that served French, American and other allied soldiers during World War I. A plaque honoring the Cleveland-staffed hospital can be seen at the Rouen city hall. Jackson, who made an initial visit to Rouen in June 2008 as part of his trip on Continental Airlines' inaugural Cleveland-to-Paris service, is interested in positioning Cleveland as a gateway to the Midwest for international firms. The 13-person Rouen group included business and hospital leaders from the city of 533,000. Several Cleveland-area companies have operations in the area, including Lubrizol Corp. and Lincoln Electric Co.

Cleveland Clinic and Hospice of Western Reserve have formed an affiliation for the coordination of dedicated inpatient hospice units and to use the expertise of Cleveland Clinic physicians and employees to provide optimal hospice services. Under this agreement, inpatient hospice beds at South Pointe Hospital have been discontinued, and patients will have the option to have their care provided at Hospice of Western Reserve's Hospice House in Cleveland. Cleveland Clinic will continue to operate Hospice of Cleveland Clinic for patients in their homes, skilled nursing facilities, long-term care facilities and hospitals. As part of the new affiliation, Derek Raghavan, MD, PhD, Chairman of the Taussig Cancer Institute, and Cindy Hundorfean, Chief Administrative Officer of Cleveland Clinic's Clinical Services, have been named to the Hospice of Western Reserve Board of Directors.

Cleveland Clinic and the AVI Foodservice kitchens in the International (H) Café have kicked off a new composting program with support from the Office for a Healthy Environment and Cleveland Botanical Garden (CBG). Kitchen crews fill buckets with fruit and vegetable scraps, eggshells and coffee grounds, and CBG composts the materials (nearly 1,000 pounds each week), which are used in five Green Corps urban gardens in Cleveland. Composting removes food waste from landfills and helps complete Cleveland Clinic's local food programs by returning food to our soil.

MyPractice Community now has 1,200+ users. Emerging key priorities include the rollout of e-health services to link and align community practices with Cleveland Clinic as part of its mission to be a resource to colleagues. Since 2006, the MyPractice Community has been rolling out electronic medical record (EMR) technology to physician offices. The team has successfully brought 1,204 users live onto the EMR. The most recent practices to go live on MyPractice Community EMR include: **Thomas E. Mandat, MD (IM'89)**; Vincent O'Brien, MD, and Thomas Phelps, MD. Many more practices are scheduled for implementation.

Worth Magazine named the Cleveland Clinic Canyon Ranch program one of the top 10 Executive Health programs in the country in its Spring 2009 issue. To learn more about Cleveland Clinic Canyon Ranch, visit: www.executivehealthprogram.com.

Lerner Research Institute has received a five-year, \$9.7 million renewal of a Program Project Grant focused on blood clot formation and blood vessel development from the National Institutes of Health's National Heart Lung and Blood Institute. Investigators from Molecular Cardiology are Principal Investigator and Department Chair Edward Plow, PhD; **Tatiana V. Byzova, PhD (RES/JJ'99)**; **Eugene A. Podrez, MD, PhD (RES/CE'99)**; and Jun Qin, PhD.

Linda Bradley, MD, Vice Chair of Obstetrics & Gynecology, was named one of the top female doctors in the country by *Ladies Home Journal*. She was featured in the September issue.

Daniel Clair, MD, Chairman, Vascular Surgery, was recognized for the research abstract he submitted to the Society for Vascular Surgery, which was the highest rated among all submitted.

Serpil C. Erzurum, MD, has been elected Chair of the American Thoracic Society's Assembly on Allergy, Immunology and Inflammation. She is Chair of Pathobiology and a staff physician at Cleveland Clinic's Lerner Research Institute.

John Fung, MD, PhD, has been selected by the Council of the International Liver Transplantation Society (ILTS) to receive the society's Distinguished Service Award. The award recognizes Dr. Fung's considerable contributions to the field of liver transplantation. In addition to starting Cleveland Clinic's Liver Transplantation Program, Dr. Fung is Chairman of the Digestive Disease Institute's Department of Hepato-pancreato-biliary and Transplant Surgery, Chairman of General Surgery and Director of the Transplant Center. Dr. Fung was a founding member of the ILTS and served as its President from 1997 to 1999.

Daniel Geisler, MD, Colorectal Surgery, Digestive Disease Institute, and his team have performed the first single-

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incision proctocolectomy. Using a single-port approach to remove the entire large intestine of a 13-year-old boy who was diagnosed with a rare, genetic condition that leads to colon cancer, the minimally invasive surgery left only a coin-sized scar on the abdomen. Surgeons removed the boy's entire large intestine and rectum, and created a j-shaped pouch from the small intestine to reconnect the digestive tract. The total proctocolectomy significantly reduces the patient's risk of developing colon cancer. The total proctocolectomy and ileoanal pouch procedure, performed on June 17, is believed to be among the first in the world done through a single-incision, laparoscopic technique that leads to significantly less external scarring, infection risk and pain, and faster recovery. Cleveland Clinic's innovation in minimally invasive surgery also includes the first single-port laparoscopic colon resection done entirely through a single incision in the navel in 2007 by **Feza H. Remzi, MD** (S'96, CRS'97), Chairman of Colorectal Surgery.

Heather Gornik, MD, and Jerry Bartholomew, MD, were recently honored with the Founders Award from the Fibromuscular Dysplasia Association of America for their continued efforts toward awareness, research and treatment of fibromuscular dysplasia.

Joe Hollyfield, PhD, Cole Eye Institute Director of Research, received the **2009 Proctor Medal** from the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology for his contributions to the field of ophthalmology. Dr. Hollyfield's team developed the first animal model for age-related macular degeneration, the leading cause of blindness in elderly Americans. Dr. Hollyfield serves on the scientific advisory board for Foundation Fighting Blindness, is the inaugural chair holder of the Llura and Gordon Gund Endowed Chair for Ophthalmology Research and is Editor-in-Chief of *Experimental Eye Research*.

Andrea Ladd, PhD, Cell Biology, received **\$1.7 million over five years** under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute/NIH, for "Roles of Pre-mRNA Alternative Splicing Programs in Heart Development." The first two years of the grant will be funded by the ARRA, and the following three years will come from the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute/NIH.

Daniel J. Lebovitz, MD, Cleveland Clinic pediatric intensivist and LifeBanc Medical Director, received the Association of Organ Procurement Organizations 2009 Excellence in Leadership Award. The award was presented to him on June 18 at the AOPO national conference in St. Louis. The award recognizes an individual who demonstrates leadership through outstanding achievements in the organ procurement field. Dr. Lebovitz has served the organ and tissue donation and transplantation community for nearly two decades in Oklahoma and Ohio. He joined LifeBanc, Northeast Ohio's organ and tissue recovery organization, as medical director in 2000. During his tenure, the numbers of organs and tissues

transplanted have reached all-time highs. In addition, he serves as the medical expert and liaison within the medical community in LifeBanc's service area. Dr. Lebovitz has made significant contributions to LifeBanc, including serving as its board president from 2006 to 2007, and he was medical advisor for AOPO from 2008 to 2009. He was involved actively in LifeBanc's participation with the nation's first face transplant.

Franklin "Frank" A. Michota, Jr., MD (IM'96), **David Gugliotti, MD,** and **Brian Harte, MD,** have been inducted into the Society of Hospital Medicine (SHM) inaugural class of Fellows in Hospital Medicine. SHM has recognized more than 500 members with this first formal hospital medicine designation.

Vincent K. Tuohy, PhD, Immunology, was awarded a four-year grant in June with the first two years of support coming from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, and the final two years of support provided by the National Cancer Institute, to continue to study the possibility of a vaccine to protect women from breast cancer. The grant totals \$1.3 million and makes Dr. Tuohy the first Cleveland Clinic researcher to receive a grant from stimulus money designated for the National Institutes of Health. His work is based on harnessing the full strength of an autoimmune attack directed against a breast-specific protein. Remarkably, the powerful vaccine provides protection against breast cancer in the absence of any detectable inflammation of normal breast tissue. Dr. Tuohy and his team envision that someday every woman past her childbearing years may be vaccinated against breast cancer in the same way she was protected from polio and measles as a child.

Michael Vogelbaum, MD, PhD, Associate Director of Cleveland Clinic's Brain Tumor and Neuro-Oncology Center, and Director of the Center for Translational Therapeutics, is the first to hold the Robert W. and Kathryn B. Lamborn Chair for Neuro-Oncology. The chair, which was dedicated on July 30 in Naples, FL, is a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Lamborn of Naples, and supports Dr. Vogelbaum's work in brain cancer research and education.

Declan Walsh, MD, Director, Harry R. Horvitz Center for Palliative Medicine, has been awarded the Palliative Medicine National Leadership Award from the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine for advancing the field of palliative care through education and mentorship of future leaders.

On June 17, Cleveland Clinic's Fairview Hospital honored its 19 graduating residents with a dinner and ceremony at the Westlake Holiday Inn with more than 150 people in attendance. Six Family Medicine residents, 10 Internal Medicine residents and three General Surgery residents completed their residencies. The hospital is fortunate to have

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two of its residents remaining in the system and three more staying in the Cleveland area. Three outstanding faculty members were recognized by the residents and named "Clinical Teachers of the Year." Family Medicine presented the award to Kamrul Hasan, MD; Internal Medicine presented the award to Basem Haddad, MD; and General Surgery presented the award to Prasanta Raj, MD. Fairview President Jan Murphy presented leadership awards to Program Directors Steve Flynn, MD, Family Medicine; Richard Treat, MD, General Surgery; and K.V. Gopal, MD, Internal Medicine.

Cleveland Clinic will provide fellowships to doctors from an Australian hospital system. Doctors from Epworth HealthCare in Melbourne, Australia, will begin arriving in January to complete one- or two-year fellowships in Colorectal Surgery. Other Cleveland Clinic institutes will provide fellowships as the program expands. Cleveland Clinic and Epworth HealthCare also may work together on clinical research and trials.

Ashtabula County Medical Center, a Cleveland Clinic Hospital, opened a Wound Healing Center on June 10. This outpatient center uses a multidisciplinary approach for chronic wounds caused by diabetes, poor circulation or infection. The Wound Healing Center is a best practice adopted from Lutheran Hospital, where President David Perse, MD, Regional Director of Wound Care, began this service line four years ago. South Pointe Hospital also recently opened a similar center.

Case Western Reserve University and its Cleveland Clinic-affiliated Lerner College of Medicine are receiving \$3.5 million in stimulus money for medical research and training from American Recovery and Reinvestment Act handled by the National Institutes of Health. In total, about \$14 million is coming to Northeast Ohio's many medical institutions.

APPOINTMENTS



James Merlino,
MD

James Merlino, MD (CRS'05), Vice Chairman of the Digestive Disease Institute, and Sarah Sinclair, RN, BSN, MBA, Executive Chief Nursing Officer, will collaboratively

lead the Office of Patient Experience.

This decision comes in the wake of the June departure of Bridget Duffy, MD, former Chief Experience Officer. The new collaborative Office of Patient Experience executive leadership model mirrors the structure implemented within each of Cleveland Clinic's 26 clinical institutes, in which a physician experience officer and nursing experience officer will work together to improve patient care.

Dr. Merlino, who also will continue in his role as Vice Chairman of the Digestive Disease Institute, will help ensure that all aspects of the patient experience meet the highest standards. Committed to patient-centered care, Dr. Merlino has helped launch initiatives to improve access and communication

within the Digestive Disease Institute. He has a background in business and graduated from the Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine in 1997. Dr. Merlino completed a fellowship in colorectal surgery at Cleveland Clinic in 2004 and became a staff surgeon earlier this year.

Ms. Sinclair will continue to serve as Executive Chief Nursing Officer and Chair of the Nursing Institute. Before joining Cleveland Clinic in February, Ms. Sinclair served as the first Chief Patient Care Officer at Memorial Hermann Health System in Houston. With more than 25 years of healthcare executive leadership, she has led numerous community initiatives to enhance healthcare delivery.



Michael T. Modic,
MD

Michael T. Modic, MD (GL-1'76, DR'78, NR'79), Chairman of the Neurological Institute, has been appointed Cleveland Clinic's Chief Emerging Business Officer.

Dr. Modic, former member of Cleveland Clinic's Board of Governors, helped develop the organizational structure for the institute model of care, led the development of the Cleveland Clinic Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health and oversaw the expansion of eRadiology services to more than 30 locations in eight states. He will continue to serve as Chairman of the Neurological Institute.

Over the next several months, Dr. Modic will work with executive leadership to review emerging business strategy, capitalize on existing strategic thinking and assess new ideas to expand emerging business opportunities. Dr. Modic received his medical degree from Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine in 1975 and completed a residency in radiology and fellowship in neuroradiology at Cleveland Clinic. He joined the staff in 1989 as Chairman of Radiology.

He will assume some of the duties left vacant by the June departure of former Chief Operating Officer David Strand. The remainder of Mr. Strand's duties have been filled by the appointments of

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A. Marc Harrison, MD, as Chief Medical Operations Officer and **William “Bill” Peacock III** as Chief of Operations.

Dr. Harrison will provide clinical oversight to operational decisions made throughout Cleveland Clinic, and Peacock will oversee all of Cleveland Clinic’s facilities and services. Dr. Harrison joined Cleveland Clinic 10 years ago and most recently served as Director of Medical Operations and Vice Chair of Professional Staff Affairs, where he helped improve patient access and develop the Critical Care Transport team. As Chief Medical Operations Officer, he will continue to oversee Medical and Clinical Operations, as well as lead physician alignment and integration initiatives. He will continue to practice in Pediatric Intensive Care.

As Executive Director for Operational Support Services, Peacock has led many construction efforts at Cleveland Clinic, including the Sydel and Arnold Miller Family Pavilion and Glickman Tower. He joined Cleveland Clinic in 2005 and leads the efforts of more than 2,000 people who maintain the infrastructure, through teams that include Supply Chain, Protective Services and Clinical Engineering. As Chief of Operations, he will continue to focus on providing an environment that inspires patient confidence. He also will assume the leadership role in directing emerging business activities connected with Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi.



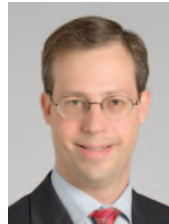
Brian B. Burkey, MD, now leads Head and Neck Surgery and Oncology.

Brian B. Burkey, MD



Yolanda D. Heman-Ackah, MD, is now Head of Laryngology and Co-Director, the Voice Center.

Yolanda D. Heman-Ackah, MD



Andre Machado, MD, PhD

Andre Machado, MD, PhD (NS/FS’06), has succeeded Ali R. Rezai, MD, as Director for Neurological Restoration (CNR) within the Neurological Institute.



Drogo “Karl” Montague, MD



Martin J. Schreiber Jr, MD

Drogo “Karl” Montague, MD (GL-1’69, S’70, U’73), Interim Department Chairman, Urology and Director Center for Genitourinary Reconstruction, **Martin J. Schreiber Jr., MD** (GL-1’77, IM’79, H/N’80), Chairman, Nephrology & Hypertension, and **J. Stephen Jones, MD**, Chairman, Regional Urology, have been named Vice Chairmen of the Glickman Urological & Kidney Institute. They will maintain their departmental chair positions. This new distinction is a reflection of their contribution to the goals and objectives of the institute.



J. Stephen Jones, MD



Howard Goldman, MD, has been named Director of the Center for Quality and Patient Care in the Glickman Urological & Kidney Institute. He will be responsible for working with

institute leadership to educate staff on initiatives and regulations, report on survey results and propose process improvements for safety, outcomes and patient experience.



Ben Barzilai, MD

Ben Barzilai, MD, FACC, has joined the Heart & Vascular Institute as Head of Clinical Cardiology. He comes from Washington University School of Medicine, where

he served as Professor of Medicine and Section Head of Clinical Cardiology. He is a member of the American Heart Association Clinical Council and the American Society of Echocardiography, and is a fellow in the American College of Cardiology.



Wolf H. Stapelfeldt, MD

Wolf H. Stapelfeldt, MD, has been appointed Chair of the Department of General Anesthesiology. Dr. Stapelfeldt is an accomplished academic anesthesiologist with

many years of experience in multi-specialty group practices. He joined the Department of General Anesthesiology in August 2008 after many years at Mayo-Jacksonville and University of Florida. He has special expertise in anesthesia for liver transplantation.

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2010

January

22-25 6th Annual Optimizing Minimally Invasive Gynecology
Ritz Carlton, Fort Lauderdale, FL

February

10 Endorectal Ultrasonography Course
David G. Jagelman, MD,
Conference Center, Weston, FL

11-13 ACDS 2010 (21st Annual International Colorectal Disease Symposium)
Harbor Beach Marriott
Fort Lauderdale, FL

14 Transanal Endoscopic Microsurgery (TEM) Hands-on Workshop
Harbor Beach Marriott
Fort Lauderdale, FL

NOTE: All courses are at the spectacular state-of-the-art InterContinental Hotel & Conference Center on the Cleveland Clinic campus in Cleveland, OH, unless otherwise noted.

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14 Endoscopic Natural Orifice Surgery Workshop (NOTES)
Biltmore Hotel, Coral Gables, FL

15-17 Surgery of the Foregut Symposium
Biltmore Hotel, Coral Gables, FL

24-27 Diastology and New Echo Technologies Summit
Hyatt Regency Bonaventure
Conference Center & Spa
Fort Lauderdale, FL

March

6-10 12th Annual Pain Management Symposium
Loews Coronado Bay Resort & Spa, Coronado Bay, CA

19-21 Innovations in Plastic Surgery
Ritz Carlton, Fort Lauderdale, FL

April

9 6th Annual Contemporary Issues in Pituitary Disease: Case-based Management Update

22-24 Pediatric Ethics 2010: Advancing the Interests of Children
Renaissance Cleveland Hotel,
Cleveland, OH

May

14-15 Update in Headache Management

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February

26-3/2 American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology
New Orleans

March

9-13 American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons
New Orleans

14-16 American College of Cardiology
Atlanta

20-26 US & Canadian Academy of Pathology
Washington, DC

April

10-17 American Academy of Neurology
Toronto

21-25 American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists
Boston

22-24 American College of Physicians/ American Society of Internal Medicine
Toronto

29-5/2 Society for Vascular Medicine
Cleveland

50s

John F. Farrington, MD, MACP (IM'56), was awarded the University Medal by the Board of Regents of the University of Colorado at the Commencement Exercises at University of Colorado Health Sciences Center. This medal is awarded in recognition of a lifetime of service and leadership in the profession, to the University of Colorado and to the community. Dr. Farrington continues to work with medical students and has been instrumental in creating a scholarship endowment through the University of Colorado Denver Medical Alumni Association. He and his wife, Mary Ann, live in Boulder, CO, where they raised their three children and remain busy with volunteer work.

Hector L. Garcia, MD (CARD'58), 83, is still practicing cardiology and is proud to have trained under the service of F. Mason Sones, MD. He and his wife, Ligia, also are proud of their four physician children. Pictured with the couple are sons Hector F. Garcia, MD, an internist in Tucson and Douglas, AZ; G. Mason Garcia, MD, cardiologist

in Tucson; Lawrence A. Garcia, MD, Chief of Interventional Cardiology and Associate Director of Vascular Medicine at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center, Boston; and daughter, Miriali Garcia, MD, an internist and endocrinologist in Tucson.



60s

Wilma Fowler Bergfeld, MD (GL-1'65, D'68). See "Campus Clips," page 12.

John D. Clough, MD (GL-1'66, IM'67, IM'71), Cleveland Clinic Government Affairs and Emeritus Chairman, Rheumatology, received the Meritorious Service Award for his support of the industry reflecting public interest and active involvement from the Ohio Hospital Association.

70s

John A. Bergfeld, MD (GL-1'65, S'67, ORS'70), Director of Cleveland Clinic's operating room services, was inducted into the American Orthopedic Society for Sports Medicine Hall of Fame for lifetime achievement. He also won the society's Robert E. Leach, MD, Mr. Sports Medicine Award for yearly achievement. The Moreland Hills, OH, resident and longtime Cleveland Clinic leader is head team physician for the Cleveland Browns and the Cleveland Cavaliers and is a leading researcher on treating the isolated posterior cruciate without surgery. He joins fellow alumnus and friend, **Kenneth E. DeHaven, MD** (GL-1'66, S'67, ORS'62), who was inducted into the Sports Medicine Hall of Fame in 2006. Dr. Bergfeld and his wife, **Wilma F. Bergfeld, MD** (GL-1'65, D'68), each received the Cleveland Clinic Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2001.

Victor W. Fazio, MD (S'73, CRS'74), Chairman, Cleveland Clinic Digestive Disease Institute, has been named an honorary fellow by the Royal

College of Surgeons in Ireland. He has mentored at least 10 surgeons from Ireland, and some have returned to utilize their knowledge in their homeland.

Michael T. Modic, MD (GL-1'76, DR'78, NR'79). See "Appointments," page 15.

Drogo "Karl" Montague, MD (GL-1'69, S'70, U'73). See "Appointments," page 16.

Thomas J. Schneider, MD, FACC (IM'70, GE'71), writes that he "quit practice on May 1, 2005, and then retired on May 2, 2005 – there is a difference!" He was formerly with the Palm Beach Medical Group in West Palm Beach, FL. Now, he is taking history courses for credit at Appalachian State University, building houses with Habitat for Humanity in the fall and tutoring children of migrant farm workers during the winter. He adds that he is "loving my new life and my first wife!" He and his bride of 44 years, Loretta, reside in Palm Beach Gardens, FL, and spend the summer and fall in Blowing Rock, NC. They have two daughters, Marnie Dyer (the mother of 12-year-old triplets) and Stacy Simmons.



Thomas J. Schneider, MD, FACC

80s

Leonard H. Calabrese, DO (GL-1-76, IM'78, RH'80). See "Campus Clips," page 12, and story, page 7.

Joseph M. Couri, MD (GL-1'77, IM'79, RH'81), was awarded the 2009 Most Outstanding Physician "Dr. Tom Clark Award" by the Methodist Medical Group (MMG) of Peoria, IL. The award was presented in May at the annual MMG spring meeting and retreat. Dr. Couri is board-certified in rheumatology and internal medicine, and has been with MMG since 1997. The Dr. Tom Clark Award, first presented in 2006, is given annually to a MMG physician who demonstrates excellence in patient care, community service and adherence to the Methodist Mission and Values. MMG is a network of physician offices affiliated with Methodist Medical Center of Central Illinois.

Dena S. Davis, JD, PhD (BIE'89), a professor of law at Cleveland State University's Cleveland-Marshall College of Law and an adjunct professor



Robert J. Hemphill, MD (IM'52), of Akron, OH, who collects classic vehicles, including a 1975 Cadillac convertible that he proudly decorates with bull horns on the front bumper to promote the annual "Cattle Baron Ball" for the Cancer Society in Bath, OH, enjoyed a visit on Aug. 31 from Cleveland Clinic Alumni Relations Director Sandy Stranscak in her 1960 Ford Thunderbird. Photo by Dorothy R. Uden.

of Bioethics at Case Western Reserve University, along with Pamela B. Davis, MD, PhD, Dean of the CWRU School of Medicine, were among nine academics appointed to the Working Group for Human Embryonic Stem Cell Eligibility Review in September. The group will help the National Institutes of Health decide whether some human embryonic stem cell lines can be used in NIH-supported research. Dr. Dena Davis also directs the Population Issues Group at Case's Center for Genetic Research Ethics and Law. Her work focuses on the social and ethical consequences of advances in genetics and reproductive technology.

Richard A. DeVore, MD (OTO '89), was named 2009 Teacher of the Year for the Bethesda Hospital Family Practice Program in Cincinnati. Dr. DeVore is active in teaching residents and medical students, and has been in private otolaryngology practice for 20 years. He also is involved in medical missions work in Central America, taking a surgical team each January to Belize to perform basic ear, nose and throat surgery. He writes, "Hello to all my friends from residency days. Feel free to contact me to say hi! rdvmd@yahoo.com."



Dr. DeVore with wife, Cynthia Kay-Devore, MD (OB/GYN, Akron City Hospital) at Northern Regional Hospital in Belize earlier this year.

Kenneth A. Greene, MD (AR '88), joined Cleveland Clinic's Department of Orthopaedic Surgery as of Aug. 7. He previously worked with Orthopaedic Surgeons Inc. at the Crystal Clinic in Akron, OH, and in private practice affiliated with St. Thomas Hospital, Akron General Medical Center and Akron City Hospital.

Eric A. Klein, MD (U'86), Chairman of Cleveland Clinic Glickman Urological & Kidney Institute, was named president of the prestigious Society of Urologic Oncology, a post he will hold through

Award Commemorates deUngria's Career

In honor of **J. Michael deUngria, MD** (AN'00), Cleveland Clinic's Anesthesiology Institute has developed the **J. Michael deUngria Humanitarian Award** to be given to a member of the graduating resident class who best displays compassionate care, respect for the nursing and technical staff, and dedication to serving the needs of his or her peers.



Dr. deUngria, 39, a member of the Cleveland Clinic staff and an award-winning teacher, died Jan. 26, 2009, after sustaining massive head injuries in a fall while traveling (see *In Memoriam*, page 34, of the March issue of *Alumni Connection*). The J. Michael deUngria Humanitarian Award will commemorate his life and work and provide a legacy of inspiration to those following in his footsteps. He touched the lives of many colleagues, fellow alumni and students who trained during his tenure at Cleveland Clinic, from Aug. 1, 2000, until his death just eight days short of his 40th birthday.

"Having been a staff at Cleveland Clinic for 22 years, I have seen many young and bright staff begin a career here. Mike was unique in his enthusiasm and his exceptional skills, but most importantly as a true gentleman and consummate medical professional. Mike could always be counted on, and with the difficult case, he was always a skilled pair of hands and an asset to an improved outcome. I miss him greatly," says **Walter G. Mauer, MD** (AN'89).

Anesthesiology resident Marcos E. Gomez, MD, describes Dr. deUngria as "a talented anesthesiologist, a dedicated instructor and teacher, a friend during night calls. Anyone who met Dr. deUngria knew from day number one that he would be a friend to keep. He will always be a role model in my career."

Donations to this special Anesthesiology Education fund can be made to Michael deUngria, MD, Humanitarian Award, Attn: Maureen Horton, Director of Development, Anesthesiology Institute, Cleveland Clinic, Alumni Relations, 9500 Euclid Ave./i3, Cleveland, OH 44195.

2011. He will act as the organization's chief executive officer, chair its executive committee, preside at major annual meetings and be a liaison with the American Urological Association. Created in 1984, the society enables qualified members interested in the care of patients with malignant genitourinary diseases to meet to discuss and implement ideas to improve care. Dr. Klein holds the Andrew C. Novick, MD, Distinguished Chair in Urology, which was established at Cleveland Clinic in 2005 and rededicated on June 17 with Dr. Klein as the new chair holder. The chair is a gift of Cleveland Clinic benefactors Babs and Carl Glickman, Gloria and Irving Fine, Eugenia and Dr. William Kiser and Ronald Weinberg.

Thomas E. Mandat, MD (IM'89). See "Campus Clips," page 13.

Jonathan L. Myles MD, FCAP (ACLPTH'87), with the Department of Anatomic Pathology at Cleveland Clinic, received the College of American Pathology (CAP) 2009 Public Service Award Established in Honor of Frank C. Coleman. Honoring the memory and the work of CAP's sixth president, the Coleman

Award is CAP's highest honor for accomplishments and dedication to political and civic life and to public service in the United States. CAP cited Dr. Myles' advocacy on behalf of the pathology profession in gaining approval of the CAP Pathology Quality Measures for Breast and Colon Cancer Reporting used in the 2009 CMS Physician Quality Reporting Initiatives Program. The award was presented to Dr. Myles in October in Washington, DC.

Bruce A. Orkin, MD (CRS'89), has moved to Boston to take a position as Chief, Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery, at Tufts Medical Center, where he will be creating a new academic unit. Previously, he served as Director of the Division of Colorectal Surgery at George Washington University in Washington, DC, where he worked for 20 years after completing his Cleveland Clinic residency in 1989. He and his wife, Ethel, have three children, Roxanne, Daniel and David, and will be living in downtown Boston.

Richard M. Ransohoff, MD (N'84), Director of Cleveland Clinic's Center for Neuroinflammation

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Research and a member of the Neurology and Mellen Center staff, received the American Neurological Association's 2009 F.E. Bennett Memorial Lectureship, given to outstanding researchers and educators in neurology, this spring.

Martin J. Schreiber Jr., MD (GL-1'77, IM'79, H/N'80). See "Appointments," page 16.

Atul M. Shah, MD (P'86), of Jacksonville, FL, was appointed Medical Director of Wekiva Springs Center for Wellness effective Sept. 1. Wekiva Springs is affiliated with Psychiatric Solutions Inc., which offers an extensive continuum of behavioral health programs to critically ill children, adolescents and adults. Dr. Shah is certified by the American Board of Addiction Medicine, American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology and the American Academy of Pain Management. His areas of special interest include psychiatric pain management and perinatal psychiatric disorders. He and his wife, Dipti, have two daughters, Monalee "Mona" Erter and Roshni Hannon.



Shah family: Mona's daughter, Sianna, and Roshni's son, Jaxson.

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Kenneth W. Angermeier, MD (U'91, CFU'93), a member of Cleveland Clinic's Center for Genitourinary Reconstruction, was named President of the Society of Genitourinary Reconstructive Surgeons, a post he will hold through May 2010. The Society encourages the study of genitourinary reconstructive surgery involving the kidneys, ureters, bladder and urethra.

Tatiana V. Byzova, PhD (RES/JJ'99). See "Campus Clips," page 13.



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Dr. Gill (second from left) is welcomed to Los Angeles and the University of Southern California at a Beverly Hills reception for more than 300 guests on May 30, hosted by actress Shirley MacLaine (center), and Dean Carmen A. Puliafito, MD (left). Guests included MacLaine's brother, actor Warren Beatty (right) and his wife, actress, Annette Bening.

Inderbir "Indy" S. Gill, MD (RES'90, U/RT'91), was appointed Chairman and Professor of the Catherine and Joseph Aresty Department of Urology at the Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, effective Feb. 1. Dr. Gill also was named Founding Executive Director of the newly created USC Institute of Urology and Associate Dean for Clinical Innovation at the Keck School of Medicine. Previously, he was Professor and Chairman in Cleveland Clinic's Department of Urology, Director of the Center of Laparoscopic and Robotic Surgery and Professor of Surgery at Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine at Case Western Reserve University. He joined the Cleveland Clinic staff in June 1997. He and his wife, Navneet, a child psychiatrist, have two children.

Thomas N. Helm, MD (D'91, CAD'92, DMP'93), Director of Dermatopathology at the Buffalo Medical Group, was promoted to Clinical Professor of Dermatology and Pathology at the State University of New York at Buffalo in June. He is a member of the Scientific Program Committee of the American Society of Dermatopathology. He and his alumna wife, **Aries Y. Liu Helm, MD** (IM'90, A'93), have three children, Matthew, Meghan and Melissa.



The Helm Family

Douglas G. McDonald, MD, MBA (TRS'90), was appointed Vice President of Medical Affairs at EMH Regional Healthcare System in Elyria, OH. He has worked as a fast-track physician in the Department of Emergency Medicine at Elyria Memorial Hospital since 1990 and has served as Medical Director for the Elyria City Health District since 1998.



Douglas G. McDonald, MD, MBA

Frank (Francis A.) Papay, MD (OTO'89, PL/RS'91). See "Campus Clips," page 12.

Eugene A. Podrez, MD, PhD (RES/CE'99). See "Campus Clips," page 13.

Feza H. Remzi, MD (S'96, CRS'97). See "Campus Clips," page 14.

Allison T. Vidimos, RPh, MD (D'89, DS'91). See "Campus Clips," page 12.

R. Matthew Walsh, MD (S'91), and **Sri Chalikonda, MD** (S'04, S/LDS'06), of the Hepatopancreato-biliary and Transplant Surgery Department of Cleveland Clinic's Digestive Disease Institute, successfully performed the first robotic pancreaticoduodenectomy (Whipple procedure) on March 26. The patient was hospitalized for three days with no complications, and the procedure has been performed three more times since then. The addition of robotic surgery to the treatment of hepatopancreatobiliary disease marks a new era in the minimally invasive treatment of complex disorders of the liver and pancreas.

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Gheath Al-Atrash, DO, PhD (IM'05), completed a Medical Oncology/Hematology Fellowship at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston and is now Assistant Professor of Medicine in their Department of Stem Cell Transplantation and Cellular Therapy, Division of Cancer Medicine. He and his wife, Kristin, have two sons, ages 6 and 4.

Drew S. Allen, DO (IM'07), Internal Medicine Chief Resident ('07-'08) and currently a cardiology fellow at the Mid-America Heart Institute at the University of Missouri, Kansas City, and **Althar Quershi, MD** (PDCARD'04), of Cleveland Clinic's Department of Pediatric Cardiology, were among co-authors on a *Journal of the American Medical Association* article published July 15, "Prevalence and Repair of Intraoperatively Diagnosed Patent Foramen Ovale and Association with Perioperative Outcomes and Long-term Survival."

Sri Chalikhonda, MD (S'04, S/LDS'06). See R. Matthew Walsh, MD, 90s, page 20.

Jason S. Chang, MD (SLPM'08), has relocated from New Haven, CT, back to Ohio, where he is a sleep medicine specialist and Director of the Blanchard Valley Sleep Center, an ACGME-accredited four-bed sleep center in Findlay.

Gonzalo V. Gonzalez-Stawinski, MD (TS'06), was the inspiration for a transplant surgeon played by actor Alex O'Loughlin on the new CBS drama "Three Rivers," which premiered Oct. 4. O'Loughlin spent time at Cleveland Clinic shadowing Dr. Gonzalez-Stawinski, known as Gonzo, to learn what a surgeon's day is really like. The show's producers were intrigued by his demeanor, leading to their decision to model the character after him. In a video on CBS.com, O'Loughlin describes Dr. Gonzalez-Stawinski as a "rock star" who helped him to realize the importance of connecting with patients on a personal level. Dr. Gonzalez-Stawinski traveled to visit the set of the drama in

Los Angeles in September to film a scene in which he briefly interacts with O'Loughlin's character.

David N. "Skip" Haverly, MD (N'00), writes that he has been enjoying working as the first "neurohospitalist"

in Green Bay, WI, for about two years. He has been named Stroke Director at Bellin Hospital and Neuroscience Chairman at St. Vincent Hospital. He and his wife, Mimake ("Binky"), have three children, Lisa, Emma and Kai. Dr. Haverly adds, "I always enjoy seeing former classmates and faculty at meetings!"

Jeong Jinyoung, MD, PhD (ORS/SH'08), is Associate Professor in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at St. Vincent's Hospital, the Catholic University of Korea in South Korea.

Rajesh Kumar Jha, PhD (RES/UA'07, RES/BE'07), is a DST SERC Scientist with the Division of Molecular Reproduction at Rajiv Gandhi Center for Biotechnology in Poojappura, Trivandrum, India.

Matthew Kalady, MD (CRS'06), of Cleveland Clinic's Department of Colorectal Surgery, has been named the 2009 American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons Traveling Fellow. This award sponsors travel to the United Kingdom, where Dr. Kalady will give academic presentations at several prominent medical centers and the annual meeting of the Association of Coloproctology of Great Britain and Ireland.

Ja-Hong Kim, MD (U'07), completed her female urology, urodynamics and pelvic reconstructive surgery fellowship at the David Geffen School of Medicine, University of California at Los Angeles, in June, then joined the faculty as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Urology on July 1.

Jason L. Koh, MD (SM'00), is Vice Chairman of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at NorthShore University Health System, Evanston Hospital in Evanston, IL.

Andre Machado, MD, PhD (NS/FS'06). See "Appointments," page 16.

James Merlino, MD (CRS'05). See "Appointments," page 15.

Franklin "Frank" A. Michota Jr., MD (IM'96). See "Campus Clips," page 14.

Althar Quershi, MD (PDCARD'04). See Drew S. Allen, DO, above.

Peter A. Rasmussen, MD (NS/CB'00), Director, Cleveland Clinic Cerebrovascular Center, has been appointed Vice Chairman of the Cerebrovascular

Section by the American Association of Neurological Surgeons for the 2009-2010 term. He also was elected member-at-large of the Executive Committee of Society of NeuroInterventional Surgery for 2009-2010.

Future Alumni

Rahfa Kurdi Zerikly, MD, won Best Oral Presentation by a Fellow (out of eight presenters), and **Adrian Harvey, MD**, won second place for Best Oral Presentation by a Fellow at the spring Annual Meeting & Clinical Congress of the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists (AACE).

Former Staff

Cahir A. McDevitt, PhD, retired after 24 years in the Department of Biomedical Engineering. An international authority on the biology of the knee joint meniscus, he continues to collaborate with Richard Parker, MD, Department Chairman of Orthopaedic Surgery. He can be reached at camcdevittphd@aol.com.

Jeannette M. Potts, MD, Cleveland Clinic Urology, 1994 to 2008, joined The Lu-Jean Feng Clinic Health and Wellness Center in Pepper Pike, OH, on March 1. She will provide holistic care to men and focus on male urological issues including urological chronic pelvic pain syndromes and psychosexual well-being. One of the few doctors in the country who performs, and has perfected, a no-scalpel vasectomy procedure, Dr. Potts, a medical urologist with board certification in family medicine, will provide a variety of health and wellness services in her new post. Known as "Dr. Tango" (see *Alumni Connection*, page 6, Vol. 2, 2005 at: http://www.clevelandclinic.org/education/alumni/pdfs/volXXVI_2_05.pdf), she spends her free time dancing, singing, sculpturing, writing, painting and cooking. To learn more, visit www.drjeannettepotts.com.

Ali R. Rezai, MD, formerly Director of the Center for Neurological Restoration within Cleveland Clinic's Neurological Institute, joined Ohio State University this summer as Director of the Center for Neuromodulation, Director of Neurological Innovation, Director of Functional Neurosurgery and Vice Chairman of the Department of

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Neurological Surgery. Dr. Rezaei, who specializes in the treatment of Parkinson's disease, depression, obsessive-compulsive disorders and brain injuries, holds seven patents and pioneered deep brain stimulation to treat a variety of neurological issues. See "Appointments," page 16, to learn about his successor, **Andre Machado, MD, PhD** (NS/FS'06).

In Memoriam

"The legacy of heroes is the memory of a great name and the inheritance of a great example."

— Benjamin Disraeli

Engracia "Grace" Bolinao (nee Igaya), MD (P'79, CF'81), 73, a child psychiatrist, died July 28. She was the beloved wife of the late Alberto Bolinao and also was pre-deceased by her brother, Gregorio Igaya. Dr. Bolinao is survived by sister Paulina I. Manrique (Reynaldo B.) and sister-in-law, Lea Igaya; and nieces and nephews in the United States and the Philippines.

Victor G. deWolfe, MD, 92, of Hudson, OH, died July 29. He was a member of Cleveland Clinic's staff from August 1949 until his retirement to the Emeritus Staff in January 1982. Dr. deWolfe founded Cleveland Clinic's Vascular Laboratory in 1977 and enabled the department to measure blood pressure and volume flow in the extremities using Doppler ultrasound; he also served as the second Chairman of the Department of Peripheral Vascular Medicine following Fay A. LeFevre, MD (IM'34). Dr. deWolfe volunteered as a medical missionary in Nicaragua and Grenada and served as a U.S. Army captain during World War II. He is survived by his wife, Ruth (nee Carr), and four sons, Geoffrey (Becky), Victor Jr. (Patricia), Peter (Lisa) and Robert; eight grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and sister, Lucille Schwab. Memorial contributions can be made to Internal Medicine Research and Education Fund, c/o Cleveland Clinic, P.O. Box 931517, Cleveland, OH 44193-1655 (please reference "Memorial Gift for Dr. DeWolfe") or visit the Memorial section on iSupport at: <https://www.clevelandclinic.org/isupport/default.aspx>.

Peter S. Franklin, MD (P'74, IM'75), 73, of Bainbridge, OH, died Aug. 16 at Hillcrest Hospital.

Harvey M. Friedman, MD (GL-1'59, OPH'62), 80, a neurologist from Silver Lake, OH, died June 11. He served in the U.S. Army in World War II and received the Victory Medal and Army of Occupation Medal Japan. Dr. Friedman joined Akron General Medical Center in 1969 and within six months became the first full-time Chairman of the Department of Medicine, a position he held for 23 years. From his office in the basement across from the morgue, he built a state-of-the-art teaching facility. He later received the American College of Physicians Master Teacher award as well as Akron General Medical Center's Distinguished Physician Award. The Department of Medicine at Akron General has named an award for him to honor his work. He is survived by wife Carol Friedman; daughter Lindy Friedman (husband Joel Ossenfort); sons, Michael Friedman and Norm Friedman (Amy Jo Friedman); grandchildren, Lauren Smith, Cory Friedman, Dann Friedman, Glenn Friedman and Esme' Friedman-Ossenfort; and siblings, Phyllis Friedman, Kendall Friedman, Raquel Ross, Saul Friedman and Rosalind Black. Memorial donations may be made to the Harvey Friedman Visiting Professorship through the Akron General Foundation, 400 Wabash Ave., Akron, OH 44304.

John Allen Gross, MD (IM'72), 70, board-certified in psychiatry, electrodiagnostic medicine and neurology with added qualifications in clinical neurophysiology, died Aug. 31 in his Gainesville, FL, home after living with Lewy body dementia. He grew up in Akron and graduated from medical school at Ohio State University. He completed residencies in psychiatry at University of Florida and internal medicine at Cleveland Clinic, and a residency in neurology and fellowship in neuromuscular diseases at Medical College of Georgia. From 1979 to 2002, he was an academic neurologist at Medical University of South Carolina. Known for his quiet altruism, Dr. Gross volunteered at muscular dystrophy summer camps, arranged private hospital suites for indigent patients and gave a patient a car for transportation to the hospital. Until he was no longer able, Dr. Gross took care of his wife, Betty Jo, who has lived with Alzheimer's disease for at least 15 years. In addition to his wife, Dr. Gross leaves children, Beth (David Wolfe) Gross, Allen (Stacy) Gross, Laura (Paul Donnelly) Gross and Rachel (Jeremy

Floyd) Gross; and five grandchildren. Memorial contributions in support of environmental and animal welfare causes may be sent to John Gross Memorial Fund, c/o Laura Gross, P.O. Box 358866, Gainesville, FL 32635.

John G. Margrett, MD, 83, a Cleveland Clinic staff member from 1957 to 1965 who later started a private practice in Shaker Heights, OH, died Aug. 5 from complications of Parkinson's disease. In 1972, he was staff at Marymount Hospital and became Director of the Psychiatry Department in 1975 and Medical Director and President of the Mental Health Center in 1984. He served on the Medical Executive Committee as well as the Physicians Advisory Council and graduated from the Gestalt Institute of Cleveland's psychotherapy program, before retiring in 1995. Born in London, Ontario, he graduated from the University of Western Ontario with a medical degree in psychiatry. After residency, he served as a captain in the U.S. Army at Fort Benning, GA. His third wife, Dottie Margrett, died in September 2008. Dr. Margrett, an avid golf, tennis and ping pong player, was a free thinker, artist and a tremendous listener who encouraged sharing, creativity and celebration. He is survived by son, Grant Margrett; daughter Pam Margrett; stepsons Don Snyder and David Snyder; stepdaughter Lynn Aderholt; and four grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to the National Parkinson Foundation, 1501 N.W. 9th Ave./Bob Hope Road, Miami, FL 33136 or at www.parkinson.org.

Alfonso (Al) Parisi, MD (TS'63), 78, of Callawassie Island, Okatie, SC, previously of Hamilton, ON, Canada, died at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston, SC, on July 26. His wife, Leah, writes that he was happy to have attended the June 3-5 celebratory CME event in Cleveland, *The Treatment of Cardiovascular Disease: Legacy and Innovation*, prior to his illness and death. Dr. Parisi attended the University of Ottawa Medical School. Following residency at Cleveland Clinic, he was a cardiovascular surgeon in Hamilton, ON, for 35 years and was instrumental in pioneering modern cardiac surgery in Canada. He was a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. Dr. Parisi was on the staff of the Hamilton General Hospital and St. Joseph's Hospital in Hamilton, where he served

as Chief of Vascular Surgery for many years. After retirement, he moved to South Carolina, where he owned Park Plaza Liquors and Fine Wines in Hilton Head. In addition to his wife, he is survived by son Joseph (Mary Lou) Parisi, MD; daughters Anne Marie (Randall) Block, Nancy Parisi and Paula Friend; eight grandchildren; a sister; and a cousin. Memorial contributions may be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, 300 W. Coleman Blvd., Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464.

Helen Resch, 101, died July 6, just one week short of her 102nd birthday. Mrs. Resch, the widow of the founder and long-time head of dentistry at Cleveland Clinic, Charles A. Resch, DDS, is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Rebecca "Becky" Resch Johnston and alumnus, Neil V. Johnston, MD (IM'62, OPH'65); son, F. Allen Resch; and three grandchildren.

Ransan Logan Smith, MD (S'55), 86, of Green Valley, AZ, passed away on June 1 at the Carondelet Hospice and Palliative Care Center in

Tucson, AZ. He is survived by his wife, Valerie R. Smith, MD.

Marta C. Steinberg, MD, 78, passed away on July 1. Born in Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico, she received her medical degree in 1960 from Emory University, where she was valedictorian. She completed a pathology internship and neurology residency at Emory University and a neuropathology fellowship under Dr. Betty Banker at Cleveland Metropolitan General Hospital, as well as a forensic pathology fellowship at Ohio State University and an anatomic pathology fellowship at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center. Dr. Steinberg joined Cleveland Clinic's Pathology Department as the first dedicated neuropathologist in August 1972, and served as the sole neuropathologist for many years. Dr. Steinberg worked diligently until her resignation in December 1977. She served as consultant staff through October 1978. Patrick J. Sweeney, MD, wrote, in his book, *Neuroscience at the Cleveland Clinic: the Early Years - a Short*

History (page 55), "the new neuropathologist at the Clinic, Dr. Marta Steinberg, never missed a meeting. She regularly brought strawberries, plastic flutes, and champagne, with the beverage making major contribution to the levity of the sessions." In more recent years, she was deputy coroner for the Cuyahoga County Coroner's Office. She is survived by four children, Karl Edward Steinberg, MD; Deborah Lynn Steinberg, MD; Cliff Michael Steinberg, MD; and Leslie C.S. Easton, LCSW; three grandchildren; long-time companion, Robert Challener, MD; and brother, Miguel Castellanos Puga, MD. Memorial contributions can be made to Pet Orphans of Southern California at www.petorphans.org.

Cary Grayson Suter, MD (IM'51), 89, Professor Emeritus, Neurology, at Virginia Commonwealth University Medical College, passed away on Aug. 31. He received his medical degree from the University of Virginia Medical School in 1947.

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From left, William L. Proudfit, MD (IM'43), Earl K. Shirey, MD (IM'56), Cleveland Clinic CEO Toby Cosgrove, MD, and William C. Sheldon, MD (CD'62).

To view photos from the event and the full list of speakers, order a DVD of presentations or subscribe to the Miller Family Heart & Vascular Institute e-newsletter for physicians and medical professionals, visit http://my.clevelandclinic.org/heart/professionals/legacy_and_innovation.aspx.

The Treatment of Cardiovascular Disease: Legacy and Innovation

More than 1,100 heart care professionals attended *The Treatment of Cardiovascular Disease: Legacy and Innovation*, a comprehensive international symposium, June 3-5 at Cleveland Clinic.

The event brought together legends and rising stars in cardiovascular care to measure the state of the art in cardiothoracic surgery, cardiovascular medicine, vascular surgery and their related disciplines.

Attendees from across the United States and nearly 50 countries packed the auditoriums and conference rooms for presentations on topics ranging from plaque regression to the heart-brain connection. Faculty included members of Cleveland Clinic's Sydell and Arnold Miller Family Heart & Vascular Institute and 47 distinguished guests.

Participants toured the new Sydell and Arnold Miller Family Pavilion, which houses the Miller Family Heart & Vascular Institute.

Delos M. Cosgrove, MD, President and CEO of Cleveland Clinic, welcomed the group to the opening session. Bruce Lytle, MD, Chairman of the Miller Family Heart & Vascular Institute, introduced keynote speaker **Floyd D. Loop, MD** (TS'70), retired Cleveland Clinic Chairman and CEO and former preeminent cardiac surgeon.

One attendee, **Johan J. "Jaap" Bredee, MD, PhD** (TS'76), traveled to the symposium from The Netherlands. Upon returning home, he wrote to Dr. Lytle to praise the course: "I have never learned so much in a period of three days."