Dr. Masaryk Honored by Society of NeuroInterventional Surgery

Dr. Masaryk served as the Director of Cleveland Clinic’s Neuroradiology Fellowship Program from 1989 to 1992. He was named the Department of Neurological Surgery’s Teacher of the Year in 2001, and in 2002 became Director of the Endovascular Neurosurgery Training Program. At the time, it was only the second ACGME accredited program in the nation. It continues to be one of very few such programs today.

A frequent invited lecturer at national and international medical meetings, Dr. Masaryk has received grant support from the National Institutes of Health, authored more than 150 scientific papers on cerebrovascular disease, and authored or contributed to 15 books. Since 1998, he has consistently been named among the Best Doctors in America by Woodward/White, Inc.

Dr. Masaryk is a native of Northeast Ohio. Outside of work, he spends time fly fishing — and saving for the tuition and weddings of his four daughters.

“I never thought I would work so hard. I never thought I would learn so much. I never thought we would come so far. But, we have more to do…and it can be done.”

— Thomas Masaryk, MD, Chairman of Cleveland Clinic’s Department of Diagnostic Radiology

Thomas Masaryk, MD (DR’85), Chairman of Cleveland Clinic’s Department of Diagnostic Radiology, presented the Luminary Lecture at the 2015 annual meeting of the Society of NeuroInterventional Surgery (SNIS). The SNIS recognized him for his distinguished work, landmark accomplishments and innovative wisdom in the neurointerventional field.

During his lecture, held in July at the Hilton San Francisco Union Square, Dr. Masaryk spoke about how the field of endovascular surgical neuroradiology has developed over the course of his career.

“It was, personally, the most important talk I’ve ever been invited to give,” says Dr. Masaryk.

Board-certified in diagnostic radiology with a certificate of added qualification in neuroradiology, Dr. Masaryk has had a career-long interest in cerebrovascular therapeutic procedures. He has been at the forefront of innovations in aneurysm coiling, AVM embolization and the emergent treatment of acute stroke. He pioneered cerebrovascular imaging with magnetic resonance (MRI), optical coherence tomography and, most recently, cone beam CT using amorphous silicon, flat-panel X-ray detectors for diagnosis of acute subarachnoid hemorrhage.
Imaging Institute Renovation/Expansion Nears Completion

News from main campus

The most recent accomplishments of the Imaging Institute renovation include:

- Completing Imaging Master Plan Phase 3 (Interventional Radiology). Phases 4 (Ultrasound and General X-ray) and 5 (Pediatrics) are pending funding approval.
- Updating décor for Mammography.
- Ordering equipment for the renovation of main campus’s GI room 14. The construction start date is to be determined.

In addition to these facility improvements, planning continues for Enterprise Radiologist Workflow orchestration. This new software will make it easier to add new business, drive to the subspecialty practice model and optimize staff productivity.

News from Cleveland Clinic Florida

Construction of the Interventional Radiology Annex has been completed. The annex houses one biplane and two single-plane suites, along with a prep and recovery area with eight beds. The annex began welcoming patients in October 2015.

In April 2015, Cleveland Clinic Florida acquired two cardiology practices in West Palm Beach. Nuclear cardiac studies and general nuclear medicine studies will be performed at these facilities.

Other advancements for 2015 included the implementation of breast tomosynthesis and 3T MRI.

Regional Radiology adds 15 radiologists

As Akron General Medical Center officially joined Cleveland Clinic in 2015 (see “Around Cleveland Clinic Health System” on page 5), Cleveland Clinic’s Department of Regional Radiology welcomed the addition of 15 radiologists.

Carl Martino, MD, Section Head of the Akron radiology group, sends this message:

“The transition from private practice radiology to becoming members of Regional Radiology has been relatively smooth for the 15 radiologists based in Akron. Our service to Akron General Medical Center patients and referring clinicians has been enhanced by the new arrangement. Cleveland Clinic’s overnight services have improved patient throughput in the Emergency Room. Off-site neuroradiology readings also have enhanced the Akron General practice during periodic gaps in coverage. Most recently, the addition of off-site reading of nuclear medicine when our CAQ NM radiologist is on vacation has guaranteed high-quality interpretations in his absence. We look forward to future efforts to more fully integrate Akron General Medical Center’s radiology practice.”

Dr. Borkowski hosts alumni on a renovation tour

Greg Borkowski, MD (IM’74, DR’79), Chairman of Cleveland Clinic’s Imaging Institute, hosted a tour of the renovated facility at main campus for Gary Dworkin, MD (CATS’92), immediate past president of Cleveland Clinic Alumni Association, in November. Joining the tour were several guests, including retired professor Johan J. (Jaap) Bredée, MD (TCS’76), visiting from the Netherlands. Dr. Borkowski led the group through the MRI, CT, interventional and GI radiology suites and discussed patient scheduling and throughput, technology assessment, and equipment purchasing, as well as the numerous design decisions he and his team were required to make.
Imaging Institute Announcements

James Newman, MD, Medical Director of Interventional Radiology, Eastern Region, retired from Cleveland Clinic in June 2015. Dr. Newman joined Cleveland Clinic in 1999 as vascular and interventional staff, coming from MetroHealth in Cleveland. He was very active in research, authored many publications and was the recipient of several awards, including the Diagnostic Radiology Residency Teaching Award while at MetroHealth. We wish Dr. Newman well in his future endeavors.

Stephen Jones, MD, PhD; Mark Lowe, PhD; Sehong Oh, PhD; Michael Phillips, MD; and Irene Wang (NI) were awarded first place for their presentation, Clinical Neuroimaging at 7T Compared with Lower Field, at the Sixth Annual Scientific Symposium on Ultrahigh Field Magnetic Resonance, held in Berlin, Germany, in June.

Mark Sands, MD; Cindy Sears, Senior Nursing Director; and Shelly Horvath, Nurse Manager, are recipients of the prestigious Safety Champion Award. Cleveland Clinic's Enterprise Patient Safety Committee recognized them for their exemplary efforts in creating a culture of safety.

Scott Flamm, MD, was instrumental in helping expand MRI cardiac services to Cleveland Clinic's Hillcrest Hospital. Under his guidance, a new team is able to perform cardiac studies regionally, supplementing the work done at main campus. The team received an Excellence Award from Hillcrest Hospital, recognizing their collaboration and commitment to providing patients with world-class care.

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Submit your announcements or photos to kwokp@ccf.org.
Our Radiology Residency Program Ranks No.1

This year, Cleveland Clinic’s Radiology Residency Program ranked No. 1 in Ohio by doximity.com. Out of more than 180 programs, we were fortunate to rank No. 24 nationwide. See the full results at residency.doximity.com.

Doximity bases its rankings on national surveys of residents and alumni through doximity’s database. Cleveland Clinic radiology alumni, residents, fellows, faculty and staff can help the program by joining doximity.com and responding to the survey requests. This is a new process for doximity, but they have partnered with U.S. News & World Report and will very likely play a greater role in the future as their membership base and participation increase.

Educational Grants Available

Attention radiology residents and fellows: Grants are available for your professional development, including:

• Professional association meetings
• “Discovery” trips to other organizations to observe how they’re excelling in areas such as innovation, patient safety and quality
• Travel for a research project
• Tuition reimbursement for a professional development course (e.g., post-graduate degree coursework)

Grants are not designed to cover board review courses or membership dues for professional associations (since most already offer reduced rates for trainees).

For more information, see portals.ccf.org/gme/Sections/ResidentsFellows/HouseStaffAssociation/ProfessionalDevelopmentGrants/tabid/16453/Default.aspx
Around Cleveland Clinic Health System

A big welcome to Akron General

Akron General Health System officially became part of Cleveland Clinic in November 2015, following the review of the Ohio Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission. As part of the agreement, the entire Akron General Health System — including Akron General Medical Center, Lodi Community Hospital, the Edwin Shaw Rehabilitation Institute, three health and wellness centers, the Justin T. Rogers Hospice Care Center, Partners Physician Group (PPG), and Visiting Nurse Service and Affiliates — joins Cleveland Clinic.

Avon Hospital to open in late 2016

Construction is progressing on the new Cleveland Clinic Avon Hospital, being built onto the north side of the Richard E. Jacobs Health Center in Avon, Ohio. Planned to open in November 2016, the 212,000-square-foot, five-story facility will include 126 private hospital rooms; a small intensive care unit that can be converted into an observation or medical-surgical unit; two operating rooms; an expanded emergency department; and lab, pharmacy and radiology services. The facility will be the only Cleveland Clinic hospital connected directly to a family health center. For more information, visit clevelandclinic.org/avon.

Extra care for referring physicians

Cleveland Clinic recognizes its special relationship with referring physicians. That’s why the new Physician Engagement Initiative is working to provide referring physicians with more efficient access to Cleveland Clinic services and improved communication. The initiative is also offering educational programs — live, interactive webinars, which can be eligible for CME credits. Past programs, including sessions on esophageal disease and inflammatory bowel disease, can be viewed online. Future programs will cover surgical nutrition, hepatobiliary pancreatic issues and more. Visit clevelandclinicmeded.com/live/physician-engagement/.

More referrals for Cleveland Clinic alumni

After their initial visit to Cleveland Clinic, many patients seek a Cleveland Clinic trained physician in their area for follow-up care. The Alumni Referral Network Project will help. A new online system, including a smartphone app, is being developed to identify Cleveland Clinic trained providers by specialty and location. The system not only will help patients with continuity of care, but also will help Cleveland Clinic alumni stay in touch.
The Power of Every One

“At the Cleveland Clinic, we believe that each and every one of us has the power to make a difference.

Our seven-year centennial campaign — the Power of Every One — is the most ambitious philanthropic effort in our history, with a goal of $2 billion. Collectively, these funds will help Cleveland Clinic continue to lead the transformation of healthcare.

Our founders — four physicians inspired by the teamwork and efficiency of military medicine — bucked tradition to adhere to a then-radical principle: Patients First. Their unwavering focus on patients, coupled with a culture of innovation, changed the way healthcare was delivered — in Cleveland, then nationally and around the world. They created what has become a great academic medical center.

Today, we continue to build on that legacy. Cleveland Clinic treats the sickest patients of any U.S. hospital and more highly complex cases than any other American hospital its size. We put the patient at the center of the healthcare experience, while lowering costs and raising quality.

To contribute to the Power of Every One Centennial Campaign, visit alumni.clevelandclinic.org/giving.

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