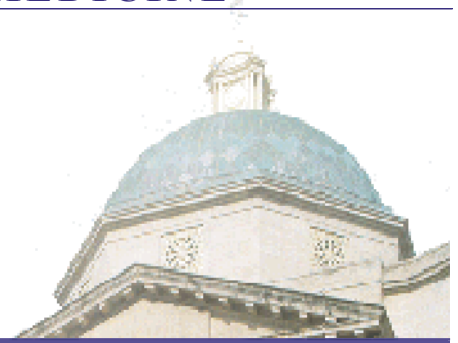


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**Dr. Henry Cabin named Associate
Chair for Clinical Affairs**



Dr. Henry Cabin recently accepted the position of Associate Chair for Clinical Affairs in the Department of Internal Medicine. Dr. Cabin is Professor of Internal Medicine in the Section of Cardiovascular Medicine and Co-Director of the I n t e r v e n t i o n a l

Cardiology Group. He is one of the Department's most experienced and effective clinicians. In addition, Dr. Cabin has led a very effective interventional cardiology practice that has achieved high levels of quality of care, strong referral patterns, and high provider satisfaction. He will bring his considerable creative talents and energy to the task of further organizing and developing the Department's clinical programs. We are very excited that Dr. Cabin has agreed to serve the Department in this role!

Dr. Cabin assumes this position in place of Dr. Barry Zaret who recently stepped down. Dr. Zaret has served the Department tirelessly as Associate Chair for Clinical Affairs. He has been a staunch advocate for the Department's clinical programs and has worked effectively with Yale Medical Group and Yale-New Haven Hospital. The Department is greatly indebted to Dr. Zaret for his many years of insightful and enthusiastic service.

**Dr. Edward Chu appointed Chief of
the Section of Medical Oncology**



Dr. Edward Chu has been named the Chief of the Section of Medical Oncology. In his new position Dr. Chu will be responsible for the clinical and research activities of the Section, recruitment of new clinical oncologists and the enhancement of the trans-

lational clinical research program. Dr. Robert Alpern, Dean of the School of Medicine, said, "We are extremely fortunate to have someone with Dr. Chu's experience and talent to lead us forward in medical oncology. This program is central to our outstanding programs in cancer research."

Dr. Chu received B.S., M.M.S. and M.D. degrees from Brown University where he remained to complete his residency training in Internal Medicine. He completed a fellowship in Medical Oncology at the National Cancer Institute and continued as a Senior Clinical Investigator. Recruited to Yale in 1996, Dr. Chu served as Director of the VACT Cancer Center and Chief of Medical Oncology at the West Haven Veterans Hospital as well as Co-Director of the Developmental Therapeutics Research Program at the Yale Cancer Center.

Dr. Chu is internationally known for his research in fundamental aspects of aberrant cellular proliferation in cancer. His research group has elucidated

the regulation thymidylate synthase, a critical target in cancer chemotherapy, with specific focus on novel translational autoregulatory mechanisms. They are currently involved in developing novel compounds and strategies for treating colorectal cancer and other human malignancies. Dr. Chu is the Chairman of the International Colorectal Congress, an international meeting of leaders in oncology from the United States, Europe and Asia focusing on the latest developments in the management and treatment of colorectal cancer.

Dr. Jill Lacy has served as Acting Section Chief of Medical Oncology for the past three years. She led the Section during a challenging period with diligence and insight. She has been a strong advocate for the Section's clinical and academic programs as well as the faculty and trainees. The Department is very grateful to Dr. Lacy for her attentive and thoughtful service.

We all welcome Dr. Chu to his new leadership role.

LIBRARY NOTES:

PDA Software & Support from the Medical Library

In just a few years, PDA (Personal Digital Assistant) ownership has increased dramatically among practicing physicians. A 2001 Harris poll found that nearly 25% of doctors used a handheld device. A survey conducted by Skyscape.com late last year estimated that some 50% of physicians in the United States now use PDAs and 85% of this group believe their use of a PDA reduces medical errors.

There are two major PDA operating systems competing for the general market, the Palm and the PocketPC. The last few years has seen convergence between the platforms in terms of features like display quality, processor speed, memory capacity and "bells and whistles". While there are clearly more medical programs for Palm devices - and many more free programs - the number of medical applications that run on PocketPCs are growing. Palm devices still dominate the medical field but PocketPCs are making substantial inroads.

The Medical Library has increased its support of knowledge-based information resources that operate on PDAs. We have purchased site licenses for several PDA applications, allowing Yale affiliates to install them on their PDAs free of charge. Licensed applications available include:

InfoPOEMs – This clinical awareness system includes synopses of new, valid evidence relevant to patient care, clinical calculators and the full text of Griffith's Five-Minute Clinical Consult.. The extensive program also includes abstracts from the Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews, ICD-9 codes and Practice Guidelines.

mobileMICROMEDEX – mobileMICROMEDEX provides the same quality information contained in the full Micromedex Health Series products. In addition to drug information, mobileMICROMEDEX includes a drug interactions module, targeted acute care points on hundreds of conditions, alternative medicine and toxicology information.

InfoPOEMS and mobileMICROMEDEX run on either Palm and PocketPC devices. Additional information on these and other selected programs is available on the Medical Library's "PDA Resources and Services" page at <http://www.med.yale.edu/library/technology/PDA/>

Other features on the Medical Library PDA page include:

- Buyers' Guides to help you select the right PDA
- Sites on the use of PDAs in healthcare
- Software Megasites
- Direct Links to some of the more popular free software applications

PDA Workstation

The Medical Library has installed a PDA Workstation that allows Palm users to easily and quickly install selected programs from our PDA Application Server. Programs are loaded directly onto PDAs through a special infrared port. Over the next few months, we plan to add to the current selection of Palm OS programs and hope to add versions of applications for PocketPCs as well. The PDA Workstation is located behind the Information Desk.

Yale-ePocrates Discount Program

The ePocrates drug database is one of the most widely-used PDA applications in healthcare. While a basic free version of ePocrates is available without charge to Palm users, the enhanced version is a fee-based product and there is no free version at all for PocketPCs or for Mac users. We have arranged with ePocrates to extend a 50% discount off any of their products to Yale School of Medicine faculty and students. Call or email me to receive the discount code for ePocrates products.

Wireless PDA Applications

PDAs with wireless capability offer the potential of accessing vast amounts of online information. An obvious barrier is the need to be in a location where there is a wireless access. Another problem is that many Web-based applications do not transfer well from the computer to the PDA. One notable and welcome exception is UpToDate. The newest release of this popular clinical tool works well on both the Palm and PocketPC platforms. If your PDA can access the university or hospital wireless network, you can have this entire resource in the palm of your hand.

Facilitating and supporting the use of PDAs by our faculty, staff and students is part of the Cushing/Whitney Medical Library's larger commitment to provide information at the point of need.

For more information on PDA software or assistance on any matter, contact the Department of Internal Medicine's Library Liaison, Mark Gentry. Email: mark.gentry@yale.edu --- Telephone: 785-2163 --- Office: Cushing/Whitney Medical Library, Room 113B (Morse Periodical Room)

Kudos

DR. KATHLEEN WHITE, Assistant Clinical Professor, has been recognized Yale's medical student community "...for her embodiment of the principles of humanism in medical education." Each year the Associate of American Medical Colleges in collaboration with the Pfizer Medical Humanities Initiative recognize physicians "...who exemplify the qualities of caring and compassionate mentors in teaching and advising medical students, along with the qualities necessary to the practice of patient-centered medicine." The medical students, at a reception this past spring, honored Dr. White as Yale's nominee for the Humanism in Medicine Award.

New Faculty

Laura M. Whitman, M.D. joins the Section of General Medicine as Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine



Dr. Laura Whitman attended medical school at Case-Western Reserve and completed a residency and chief residency in Yale's Traditional Internal Medicine Program. She spent the past several years with the Yale Primary Care Residency Program where she was the Director of Outpatient Medical Education in the Family Health Center and was the Clerkship Director for internal medicine rotations for Yale medical and PA students.

She is the co-editor of the "Primary Care Curriculum" a case-based curriculum that addresses a "core" content of outpatient medicine. Her research interests are in the area of Women's Health, particularly domestic violence. She has recently accepted the position of Associate Program Director for Ambulatory Education, within the Traditional Medicine Residency Program.

Dr. Whitman is married to David Downie, an author in the field of International Relations and Environmental Studies, who teaches at Columbia University. She has two children, William who loves break dancing and fencing, and Lindsey, an expert in fictional female royalty.

Jacqueline R. Satchell-Jones, M.D. named Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine in the Section of General Medicine



Dr. Satchell-Jones is a native of Jamaica. She received her B.S. degree in Chemistry from the University of Connecticut. After obtaining her medical degree from Temple University School of Medicine, she completed her training in Internal Medicine at Yale in the Primary Care Residency Program in June

1998. Dr. Satchell-Jones spent two and half years in a busy private practice before joining the West Haven VA Medical Center in February 2001. She joined the faculty

at Yale as a Clinical Instructor in July 2001 and was promoted to Assistant Professor.

Dr. Satchell-Jones serves as preceptor for medical residents in the primary care longitudinal clinic and in the ambulatory block for the medical interns at the West Haven VA campus. She is a ward attending and preceptor in the core internal medicine block for third year medical students at the West Haven VA campus. She spends a large portion of time in a busy primary care Internal Medicine practice.

Dr. Satchell-Jones is interested in herbal medicine as a complement to traditional medicine and hopes to pursue clinical research in this area. She is also involved in community outreach medical missions. In September 2002, she organized a medical mission to Negril, Jamaica accompanied by one Yale primary care medical resident. The mission successfully educated and treated 200 plus people for basic medical conditions. It is her hope to continue medical missions to Jamaica. While at Yale, she has also participated in two international externships—one to Alaska and the other to Zimbabwe. Dr. Satchell-Jones lives in New Haven with her busy family.

Lynn E. Sullivan, M.D. promoted to Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine in the Section of General Medicine



Dr. Sullivan obtained her undergraduate degree from the University of Massachusetts/Amherst and her M.D. from Yale. She completed her internship, residency and a year as a Chief Resident in Internal Medicine at Yale-New Haven Hospital. After her chief residency, she joined the faculty as an Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine. In 2002 she

was awarded the NIDA Physician Scientist Award (K12) through the Department of Psychiatry, providing her with five years of funding to investigate the integration of treatment of viral infections and substance use disorders. Her current research projects include an evaluation of the effect of opioid agonist treatment as HIV risk prevention in opioid dependent patients, a study examining the provision of buprenorphine to HIV positive individuals in HIV clinical settings, and an investigation into the impact

of alcohol use disorders on major depression in both HIV-positive and HIV-negative individuals. Her other areas of interest include examining barriers to treatment for hepatitis C in active injection drug users and models for integrating the treatment of hepatitis C and opioid depen-

dence. Dr. Sullivan also attends on the Generalist firm, precepts Internal Medicine residents in the Primary Care Center and is an attending physician in the Nathan Smith Clinic. She lives in New Haven and is kept busy with her three children, ages 5 through 14.

Medical Grand Rounds

- July 29, 2004 “Non-alcoholic Steatohepatitis (NASH): Fat Leading to Fibrosis”
Wajahat Mehal, M.D., D.Phil., Assistant Professor, Section of Digestive
Diseases
- August 5, 2004 “58 Year Old Woman with SOB, Bilateral Pulmonary Infiltrate
and Clubbing”
David Morris, M.D., Assistant Professor, Section of Pulmonary and
Critical Care Medicine
- August 12, 2004 “Myocardial Ischemia: Metabolic Challenges of the Stressed Heart”
Raymond Russell, M.D., Assistant Professor, Section of
Cardiovascular Medicine
- August 19, 2004 “Liver Cancer in Patient with HIV, Hep C Co-Infection”
Michael Rigsby, M.D., Associate Professor, Section of Infectious
Diseases, AIDS Program
- August 26, 2004 “55 Year Old Female with Asymmetrical Flaccid Paralysis”
Majid Sadigh, M.D., Associate Clinical Professor, St. Mary’s Hospital,
Waterbury, CT

Grand Rounds begins at 8:30 a.m. in the Fitkin Amphitheatre.

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