A Note from the Chief...

Over 100 faculty members. Twenty-five fellows-in-training. 175 nurses, research and patient coordinators, lab personnel, and support staff. Ten Centers of Excellence. Truly impressive!

Clearly, PACCM is not only growing, but thriving.

In an effort to recognize the efforts, the discoveries, and the very scope of our Division, we bring you the PACCM Insider.

With your input, we hope each issue of this internal newsletter will highlight achievements and provide information related to our work, our social events, and our everyday lives.

We have much to be proud of in our Division. From our “Best Docs” to our world-class educators and clinical programs and our high profile publications, we are an academic powerhouse to be reckoned with.

So be sure to contact us with your accomplishments, send us pictures of special moments and details of awards. We want to celebrate these moments with you.

We hope you enjoy this inaugural issue.

—Rama Mallampalli, MD

The annual Pittsburgh International Lung Conference was established in 2002 with the objective to provide cutting-edge clinical, translational, and basic investigations in specific areas of lung disease.

In 2014, we initiated a partnership with the Comprehensive Pneumology Center, Institute of Lung Biology and Disease, Ludwig-Maximilians University and Helmholtz Zentrum München, Munich, Germany, to co-host the conference and establish a wider collaboration for clinical and research development.

As part of that alliance, this year’s Lung Conference, Precision Medicine: From Molecular Mechanisms to Targeted Therapy, will take place in Munich, Germany, on October 2–3, 2015.

For information regarding oral presentations, poster sessions, and abstract submission deadlines, please be sure to check the conference website at www.mlcc2015.de/
PACCM faculty and fellows flooded Denver, Colorado with over 170 posters, abstracts, and presentations during this year’s ATS conference. Notable highlights included:

Six faculty participated/presented during the Post-graduate Course:
- Matt Gingo, MD, Jessica Bon, MD, Frank Sciurba, MD, Anuradha Ray, PhD, Mark Gladwin, MD, and Alison Morris, MD, MS.
- Fernando Holguin, MD, MPH presented Clinical Year in Review.
- John Kreit, MD received the Outstanding Educator Award.

PACCM hosted over 200 people during our reception at the Ellie Caulkins Opera House—the largest group we’ve ever had!

Jessica Bon, MD and Divay Chandra, MD, MSc were both Sunrise Seminar speakers, while Sally Wenzel, MD presented at the ATS Discoveries Series.

Sally Wenzel, MD also participated in an ATS Mythbusters session, to a standing-room only crowd.

Steve Shapiro, MD, Patrick Strollo, MD, Frank Sciurba, MD, and Michael Risbano, MD also presented during this year’s conference.

Be sure to mark your calendars for next year:
May 13-18, 2016
San Francisco, CA

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**ATS—2015**

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**Appointments and Promotions**

**Mark Gladwin, MD**
Dr. Gladwin, former Chief of PACCM, succeeds Dr. John Reilly as the new Chair of the Department of Medicine.

**Joseph Pilewski, MD**
Associate Chief
Division of Pulmonary, Allergy and Critical Care Medicine

**Chris O’Donnell, PhD**
Executive Vice Chair for Academic Affairs
Department of Medicine

**Daniel Kass, MD**
Director, Dorothy P. and Richard P. Simmons Center for Interstitial Lung Disease (ILD)

**Michael Donahoe, MD**
Executive Vice Chair for Clinical Affairs
Department of Medicine

**Bryan McVerry, MD**
Medical Director, ICU

**Rama Mallampalli, MD**
Division Chief
Pulmonary, Allergy and Critical Care Medicine

**Matthew Morrell, MD**
Medical Director, Lung Transplant Program

**Beibei (Bill) Chen, PhD**
Associate Professor of Medicine
Division of Pulmonary, Allergy and Critical Care Medicine


Annual Robert M. Rogers Lectureship

The Annual Robert M. Rogers Lectureship was established in 2001 to honor the former Division Chief and to sustain his life-long mission of fellowship training and education.

Each year, a national or international leader in pulmonary and/or critical care medicine is selected by the fellowship program with the expectation they will spend a significant component of their visit interacting with the fellows and discussing their research progress and career development.

It is our pleasure to this year welcome Talmadge E. King, Jr., MD, from the University of California, San Francisco, to present this year’s lecture during Medical Grand Rounds on June 12.

After his presentation, Dr. King will join all PACCM attendees at a luncheon in BST S100A, where we will also reveal our 2015 PACCM Award winners in the following categories:

2015 PACCM AWARDS

- Outstanding Service Award
- John W. Kreit, MD Outstanding Educator Award
- Robert M Rogers, MD Award for Outstanding Research or Clinical Mentorship
- Robert M Rogers, MD Award for Outstanding Scholarly Achievement
- Young Investigator Award

Painting by Robert M. Rogers, MD
Grants, Awards, & Notable Mentions

Anuradha Ray, PhD (Principal Investigator) and Sally Wenzel, MD (Co-PI) announced a recently funded P01 grant. Core Leaders include Jay Kolls, MD (Children’s Hospital) and Timothy Oriss, PhD (PACCM). Co-investigators include Prabir Ray, PhD (PACCM), Doug Landsittel, PhD (Biostatistics), and Donald DeFranco, PhD (Dept of Pharmacology & Chemical Biology).

Jessica Field Bon, MD received a Merit Award and was appointed to serve on the VA S-2015 ENDB Merit Review Subcommittee.

Divay Chandra, MD is the recipient of a K23 grant entitled, Autoimmunity as a Mechanism for Atherosclerosis in COPD.

Shikha Gupta, MD recently initiated an Airway Management course (beginning July 1) and revamped the MICU teaching curriculum for residents at McKeepros.

Patrick Strollo, MD has been selected to receive the 2015 Excellence in Education Award at the American Academy of Sleep Medicine Meeting in June.

In the News

A summary of Frank Sciurba, MD’s recent Pulmonary Grand Rounds presentation, Selected Topics in COPD: From Recoiling to Readmission, can be found online: https://youtu.be/Pin67fKCpe4

Michael Donahoe, MD’s recent Pulmonary Grand Rounds presentation, “Rescue ME” can also be found online: https://youtu.be/xmdWwseObpE

Kathy Lindell, RN, PhD recently contributed to new guidelines to resolve conflicts in treating critically ill patients: http://www.eurekalert.org/pub_releases/2015-05/ups-nga051215.php

Jared Chiarchiaro, MD (Third Year Fellow) participated in an iCritical Care Podcast (SCCM Pod-270) and is available on the iCritical Care website: www.sccm.org/Communications/iCritical-Care/Pages/iCritical-Care.aspx

Pittsburgh Magazine's 2015 "Best Doctors" We proudly recognize our entire team and our "Best Doctors."

Standing: Charles Atwood, MD; John Kret, MD; Joseph Pilewski, MD.

Not pictured: Maria Crespo, MD; Michael Donahoe, MD; Christopher Faber, MD; Rachel Givelber, MD; Frank Sciurba, MD; Patrick Strollo, MD; Joel Weinberg, MD.

Seated, left to right: Kevin Gibson, MD; Mark Gladwin, MD; Sally Wenzel, MD.

Team PHenomenal Hope helped to celebrate World Pulmonary Hypertension Day on May 5th: http://pulmonaryhypertensionnews.com/2015/05/07/team-phenomenal-hope-celebrates-world-ph-day/
The PACCM Fellows were responsible for over 25 posters/abstracts and presentations at ATS this year. Seven Abstract Scholarships were awarded in recognition of their contributions:

- **Faraaz Shah, MD**
  - Critical Care Assembly
- **Roger Alvarez, DO, MD**
  - Assembly on Pulmonary Circulation (PC) and 2015 Minority Trainee Development Scholarship (MTDS)
- **Anna Zemke, MD**
  - Assembly on Pediatrics (PEDS)
- **Carl Koch, MD**
- **Jared Chiarchiaro, MD**
- **Leslie Scheunemann, MD**
- **Joseph Bednash***

* Nate Weathington, MD was the recipient of the ASCI Travel Scholarship.

**Georgios Kitsios, MD** was chosen as recipient of this year’s Fellow Teaching Award for the Department of Medicine. The award will be presented during the Senior Graduation Dinner on June 11th.

**Jared Chiarchiaro, MD** was recently awarded the University of Pittsburgh’s Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI) KL2 career development award.

**GRADUATING FELLOWS:**
Congratulations to our graduating Fellows!

- **Cynthia Baffi, MD**
  - Joining Sharp Rees-Stealy Medical Group with Sharp Memorial Hospital in San Diego, CA
- **Jared Chiarchiaro, MD**
  - Joining PACCM faculty with Institutional KL-2 funding
- **SeungHye Han, MD**
  - Will be a postdoctoral fellow supported by an American Heart Association research fellowship with Rama Mallampalli, MD
- **Carl Koch, MD**
  - Will be an F32 funded fourth year research fellow with Alison Morris, MD, MS
- **Faraaz Shah, MD**
  - Will be a F32 funded fourth year research fellow with Chris O'Donnell, PhD and Bryan McVerry, MD

**WELCOME OUR NEW FELLOWS**
Please join us in welcoming our new Fellows to the PACCM family:

- **William Bain, MD**
- **Andrea Levine, MD**
- **Eric Nolley, MD**
- **Michael (Emmet) O’Brien, MB, PhD**
- **Stephen Strock, MD**
- **Spencer Winters, MD**
- **Daniel Zank, MD, MS**
- **Ailia Welayat Ali, MD**

Please join us!

**Fellows Welcome Luncheon**

June 29, 2015

11:30 am - 12:00 pm

BST 1295

- Photo credits, Bryan McVerry
Celebrations

BIRTHS

It’s raining baby boys!

Congratulations to all of the growing PACCM families!

Hannah Otepka – Mannem (Fellow) welcomed a son, Ari, on January 17.

Faraz Shah (Fellow) welcomed a son, Imad, on February 9.

Ian Barbash (Fellow) welcomed a son, Callum, on March 16.

Michelle MacPherson (Simmons Center) welcomed a son, Owen, on May 8.

Random Fun

THROWBACK PHOTO TIME!
A portrait of our second year fellows, circa 2008!
Do you recognize anyone here?

Be sure to notify us of all newsworthy items!

- New Grants
- Honors & Awards
- Promotions & New Appointments
- Special Presentations/Seminars
- Engagements/Marriages/Births
- Share photos of your colleagues!

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