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A Note from the Chief...

Only a few months into 2017 and PACCM has continued with the momentum we noted early this academic year.

We have had a highly successful fellowship match, a spirited research retreat at Seven Springs, and continue with our commitment to bringing on our senior fellows into faculty ranks as we move into the next academic year. We also have positioned ourselves to capture unique clinical expansion opportunities in an increasingly competitive health care market.

Although winter seems determined to hold on for a few more weeks, we are already looking towards a busy spring and summer. Be sure to note all of our upcoming events, as well.

We hope you enjoy this issue of the Insider, and continue to send us news of your accomplishments and details of your awards.

—Rama Mallampalli, MD

Second Annual PH Patient Research Day

Approximately 25 patients and family members attended the second Comprehensive PH Center Patient Research Day on Tuesday, November 22, 2016. Updates in research and treatment were presented by Drs. Steve Chan and Marc Simon of Cardiology and Drs. Mike Risbano and Quyen Nguyen of PACCM. After the presentations, the participants were split into smaller groups and cycled through the following labs: Dr. Elena Goncharova, Dr. Sruti Shiva (represented by Dr. Quyen Nguyen), Dr. Marc Simon, Dr. Steve Chan, and Dr. Mauricio Rojas. During the tours, the groups were able to see various analysis and technologies used to research pulmonary hypertension and experimental therapeutics.

—Photo credit, Jessica Romanias
First Annual Violet Rippy Memorial Lecture

The Dorothy P. and Richard P. Simmons Center for Interstitial Lung Disease held the First Annual Violet Rippy Memorial Lecture on Monday, February 13.

Guest Speaker Dr. Ganesh Raghu, who leads the longest running IPF Support Group in the United States, presented to over 50 patients and caregivers at this Town Hall meeting.

To broaden the opportunity for other IPF support group members to participate, this was the first meeting to be webcast (with 13 views) and broadcast on Facebook Live, with over 159 views.

Faculty Spotlight

-by Sanjay Patel, MD, MS

Dr. David Kristo is an industrious, highly committed team player and leader in PACCM. Dr. Kristo is an Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh and Medical Director of the UPMC Sleep Laboratories at both Oakland and Monroeville. Dr. Kristo completed his medical training through the US Army including a sleep fellowship at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. He rose to the rank of colonel in the US Army as a pulmonary/critical care/sleep physician at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Germany, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, and the Bethesda National Naval Medical Center.

Dr. Kristo was recruited to the University of Pittsburgh in 2008 and since that time has become a leader in providing high quality sleep medicine care within the UPMC system. He has helped modernize the delivery of sleep medicine care establishing remote monitoring of positive airway pressure (PAP) devices as standard of care to help ensure optimal outcomes in the treatment of sleep apnea. He was among the first to study the role of telemedicine to improve the care of patients with sleep disorders. As sleep lab director, Dr. Kristo ensures the highest quality of laboratory testing in the only American Academy of Sleep Medicine (AASM) accredited adult sleep laboratories in greater Pittsburgh.

Dr. Kristo is nationally recognized as an expert in sleep medicine, having co-authored clinical practice guidelines on the management of obstructive sleep apnea, REM behavior disorder and nightmare disorder. Since 2014, Dr. Kristo has balanced his clinical responsibilities at UPMC with serving on the Board of Directors of the American Academy of Sleep Medicine. Importantly, with the prior departures of faculty sleep providers, David has done an extraordinary job of increasing his effort to support the critical mission of provision of excellent, timely care in the sleep clinical operation.
Monroeville Sleep Center

Sanjay Patel, MD, MS announced that the UPMC Monroeville Sleep Lab was re-accredited by the American Academy of Sleep Medicine for the performance of both in-lab and home sleep testing. AASM accreditation is the highest level of accreditation available for sleep labs in the nation. Aside from Children’s Hospital, our Montefiore and Monroeville sites remain the only AASM accredited sleep centers in Pittsburgh.

Photo courtesy of UPMC.com

Teaching Medical Students

Pittsburgh’s NPR News Station, 90.5, recently interviewed Jared Chiarchiaro, MD as one of the instructors in the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine standardized patient program.

This program helps medical students learn better interpersonal communication skills by using actors as patients.

Jared Chiarchiaro - photo credit Sarah Schneider / 90.5 WESA

Parker B. Francis Fellowship Recipient

Congratulations to Jason Rose, MD, a 2017 Parker B. Francis Fellowship Program recipient! This highly competitive program is designed to provide support to new investigators who are beginning careers in pulmonary science.
Appointments and Promotions

Toru Nyunoya, MD  
Associate Professor of Medicine

Chris O’Donnell, PhD  
Secondary appointment as Professor of Cell Biology

Andrej Petrov, MD  
Associate Professor of Medicine

New Hires

Welcome to all of our new PACCM family members!

Keith Lorenz, MHA joined the Pulmonary Division (PACCM) as of February 5, 2017 in the role of Division Administrator. Keith replaces Rob Shulik, who recently took on an expanded role with the Department of Medicine.

Ina Nikolli - Technician - Mallampalli Lab
Stephanie Quinn - Finance - Division
Anna Christie O’Reilly - Clinical Research Coordinator – Morris Lab
Amy Flaugh - Program Administrator – Alison Morris, MD, MS
Kelly Tatone – Administrative Assistant – Asthma Institute
Brian Kimball - Technician - Rojas Lab

Star Ratings

Congratulations to Dr. Beth Lendermon, the PACCM physician with the newest UPMC Star Rating!

Clinicians who receive 30 or more survey responses for the most recent 18 month time period display a star rating on their UPMC Find a Doctor Profile.

We are proud that almost all PACCM providers with star ratings on the website are within the 4.8 to perfect 5 range!
**ATS Distinguished Achievement Award**

**Steven D. Shapiro, MD** has been announced as one of the 2017 Distinguished Achievement Award recipients (along with Jack Gauldie, DSc, PhD, Hamilton, Canada).

Dr. Shapiro will be recognized on Sunday, May 21 during the American Thoracic Society Conference in Washington, DC.

The ATS Distinguished Achievement Award is given to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to fighting respiratory disease through research, education, patient care, or advocacy.

**ATS Recognition Award for Scientific Accomplishments**

**Alison Morris, MD, MS** will receive a 2017 ATS Recognition Award for Scientific Accomplishments on the afternoon of Monday, May 22 during the American Thoracic Society Conference in Washington, DC.

The recipients for this award are recognized for either scientific contributions throughout their careers or for major contributions at a particular point in their careers.

**Chancellors Awards and Honors Convocation**

Congratulations to **Mark Gladwin, MD**, the 2017 Senior Scholar recipient of the Chancellor’s Distinguished Research Award! The 2017 Chancellor’s Awards honored 10 faculty for distinguished teaching, research and public service.

The **Honors Convocation**, held on February 24, was an opportunity to celebrate the Chancellor’s Awards, as well as outstanding achievements of University faculty members. During the ceremony, several of our own faculty were honored, including **Rama Mallampalli, MD, Sally Wenzel, MD, Alison Morris, MD, MS, Anuradha Ray, PhD and Prabir Ray, PhD**.
Grants, Awards, & Notable Mentions

James Londino has been awarded an AHA GRA Summer 2016 Postdoctoral Fellowship on his project “IFNGR1 Post-translation Modification by Ubiquitination and Phosphorylation Alters IFN Gamma Signaling.”

John McDyer, MD has been awarded a CFIT CF Lung Transplant Grant on “Molecular and Clinical Endotypes in Chronic Lung Allograft Dysfunction.”

Matthew Morell, MD has been awarded a CFIT LTC Grant on “Lung Transplant Consortium.”

Mike Risbano, MD received award from Gilead Cardiopulmonary Medical Affairs Sub Team (MAST) from submission “Combination Therapy with Ambrisentan and Tadalafil for Exerise Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension (CoATePAH).”

Yutong Zhao, MD, PhD received an R01 entitled, “Regulation of Proteolysis by Deubiquitinating Enzyme in Lung Inflammatory Disease.”

Janet Lee, MD received a promising score on R01 application “Mechanisms of Host Protection against Pathogen-secreted Proteases in Acute Lung Injury.”

Jared Chiarchiaro, MD was appointed Chair of the ATS Section on Medical Education Mentoring Program Assembly working group.

Daniel Kass, MD as a site PI, received notification of an NHLBI award to lead UPMC in a multi-site clinical trial to study IPF exacerbations. Other sites include UCSF, BWH, Temple, and UAB (led by our former faculty, Dr. Steve Duncan).

Anna Zemke, MD received a letter of commendation by nursing leadership for above and beyond care of a patient with PE.

Kathy Lindell, PhD, RN, was recently awarded a grant from Three Lakes Partners, LLC to help to support palliative care research through the SUPPORT program in the Dorothy P. and Richard P. Simmons Center for Interstitial Lung Disease. She will also be taking on a dual role with the Annals of the American Thoracic Society as an Associate Editor for Nursing, as well as a Section Editor for “On the Receiving End” (a first person accounts of patients’ and caregivers’ experiences).

News and Media Links

Click on the links for online CME

2016 Pitt-Munich International Lung Conference: Part I
- Anuradha Ray, PhD
- Jay Kolls, MD

2016 Pitt-Munich International Lung Conference: Part II
- Janet Lee, MD
- John McDyer, MD

Pulmonary Hypertension in Systemic Sclerosis: An Update on Clinical and Serologic Features, Screening, and Management
- Mike Risbano, MD, MA, FCCP

“A Randomized Trial of Long-Term Oxygen for COPD with Moderate Desaturation” (N Engl J Med 2016;375:1617-27) - The Long-Term Oxygen Treatment Trial (LOTT) article co-authored by Frank Sciurba, MD was selected as one of the 2016 NEJM Notable articles.

Rachel Givelber, MD - Online CME course for “Year in Review-Pulmonary and Sleep Medicine”, was featured on MedPage.
2017 PACCM AWARDS - An email will be sent soon for your chance to nominate an outstanding co-worker, mentor, educator and more.

The annual Fundamentals of Bench Research Course is scheduled for **July 17-28, 2017** and registration will be open to all clinical fellows and physician scientists at the Instructor level in the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. Details for registration coming soon on [PACCM website](#).

Jared Chiarchiaro, MD, MS & Burton Lee, MD to collaborate as co-directors of the pulmonary course, Body Fluid & Homeostasis.

Tim Corcoran, PhD will be presenting at Visualizing the Future of Molecular Imaging - Cancer, Cardiovascular, and Pulmonary Diseases on April 18 at the University Club.

Barb Methé, PhD is overseeing a workshop at the Cardiovascular Epidemiology Conference on April 3 that is being organized by Sanjay Patel, MD, MS.

### Above and Beyond

**Kudos to the following faculty who picked up extra shifts at McKeesport, UPMC East, and nights!**

- Michael Donahoe, MD
- Jared Chiarchiaro, MD
- Ian Barbash, MD
- Daniel Kass, MD
- Joe Pilewski, MD
- Bryan McVerry, MD
- Jason Rose, MD
- Meghan Fitzpatrick, MD
- Quyen Nguyen, MD
- Matt Morrell, MD
- Jessica Bon-Field, MD
- Marc Gauthier, MD
- Georgios Kitsios, MD
- Carl Koch, MD
- Nate Weathington, MD, PhD
- Anna Zemke, MD
- Divya Chandra, MD, MSc
- Shikha Gupta, MD
- Alison Lennox, MD
- John Evankovich, MD
Publications


Fellows Research Retreat

The 2017 Fellows Research Retreat was held on February 6-8 beginning in our 1295 conference room before once again moving to Seven Springs Mountain Resort.

Oliver Eickelberg, MD, Visiting Professor of Medicine and Chief of the Division of Pulmonary Sciences and Critical Care Medicine at the University of Colorado School of Medicine was our guest speaker. The fellows had an opportunity to introduce their interests to Dr. Eickelberg and receive his perspective on their current research before listening to his keynote presentation.

During the main sessions at Seven Springs, faculty provided overviews of the resources available to the fellows, as well as summaries of the individual Centers of Excellence within our Division.

Afterward, the traditional bowling competition ensued, with our first year fellows leading the way as team captains.

Congratulations to our 2017 Bowling Champions:

Captain: Danny Dunlap, MD
Oliver Eickelberg, MD
Will Bain, MD
Spencer Winters, MD
Yingze Zhang, PhD

Our Incoming Fellows!

Meghan Acho
Mount Sinai

Kimberley DeMerle
University of Michigan

Sarah Kiel
University of Minnesota

Brian Rasborough
Massachusetts General Hospital

Deepti Singhvi
Northwestern University

Daniel Sullivan
UT Southwestern

Jill Zupetic
UPMC

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-Photo credit, Danny Kass
Celebrations

BIRTHS

Congratulations to all of the growing PACCM families!

Stacey Rosenberg (Faculty) welcomed a son, Daniel Tyler, on January 20.

Ian Barbash (Faculty) welcomed a son, Connor Sidney, on March 10.

Mary Pat Rocco (Admin Asst) welcomed a granddaughter, Morgan Marie, on March 3.

Mary Byrnes (Williams) (Asthma Institute) welcomed a granddaughter, Liliauna Grace, on March 7.

Random Fun

THROWBACK PHOTO TIME!

We’re going back to ATS 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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