CAP Inspection—April 2, 2014

On April 2, Dr. James Wisecarver from the University of Nebraska School of Medicine in Omaha, led a team of 20 professionals to inspect the pathology and laboratory services of the CLB, PUH, SHY and CHP. This was a peer-to-peer evaluation on behalf of CAP, mandated biannually for CLIA certification. All aspects of diagnostic services were covered including general clinical pathology, histopathology, molecular pathology, tissue typing, point of care as well as ancillary testing, ophthalmic microbiology, and the immune function laboratory. The two day inspection also delved into support areas of laboratory LIS and HR.

On the whole, the inspectors were impressed with our breadth and depth of services and expertise at both the faculty and technical levels. A few deficiencies were noted, that were readily addressed on site or subsequently, and recommendations were made. The inspectors brought home a number of best practices from all areas of the laboratories, as well as insights on how to move forward with integrating and standardizing a much smaller network that they are building there. All of us here were positively impacted by our interactions and appreciated the professionalism and insights of the inspectors. — Alan Wells, M.D., DMS

I would like to thank everyone who participated in the inspection to make it a successful event. — George K. Michalopoulos, M.D., Ph.D.
Promotions

Rohit Bhargava, M.D., promoted to Professor of Pathology
Simion Chiosea, M.D., promoted to Associate Professor of Pathology
Sanja Dacic, M.D., promoted to Professor of Pathology
Michael Shurin, M.D., Ph.D., promoted to Professor of Pathology

Faculty Highlights

Peter Lucas, M.D., Ph.D. and Linda McAllister-Lucas received a $250,000 grant as co-Principal Investigators from the Hyundai Hope on Wheels Foundation for Pediatric Cancer Research.

Trevor Macpherson, M.D. elected Member-at-Large for PRODS Council.

George K. Michalopoulos, M.D., Ph.D., President-Elect of ASIP for a three year term starting June, 2014.

Satdarshan (Paul) Monga, M.D. American Society of Investigative Pathology Outstanding Investigator Award, April 2014

Jeffrey S. Nine, M.D. received the Excellence in Education Award from the School of Medicine Class of 2015 and 2016 in appreciation for his contribution and dedication to teaching in the fundamentals of the organ systems block and basic science block.

Darrell Triulzi, M.D. has been elected to represent the School of Medicine on Faculty Assembly for the three years, beginning July 1, 2014.

American Society of Clinical Pathology ‘s 40 under 40  http://www.ascp.org/40under40
Three of our former trainees were listed in the top 40 under 40. See link above for more info. Sara Monaco, M.D., Rama Gullapalli, M.D., Gaurav Sharma, M.D.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Best wishes to Dr. Mohamed Virji on his retirement from the University of Pittsburgh. He was honored at the Department’s faculty meeting on February 21, 2014.
Faculty Highlights

Parmjeet Randhawa, M.D.
- Visiting Professor, Department of Microbiology and Immunology, Hershey Medical Center, Hershey, PA
- Chair Finance Committee, and Member Board of Advisors, The Renal Pathology Society, 2014.
- Chair, Cytomegalovirus End Point Adjudication Committee, CMX 001-301 Trial In Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant Recipients, Chimerix, Inc, Raleigh, NC, 2014.
- Pathology Consultant, LCP-Tacro 3002 Trial in Kidney Transplant Patients, Veloxis Inc., Horsholm, Denmark.
- Co-Chair, Banff Working Group on T-cell mediated acute rejection, 2014.
- Faculty recognition, University of Pittsburgh Honors Convocation, February 2014.
- Faculty at The Microscopy Room for course titled “Renal Biopsy: Clinical Correlations”. American Society of Nephrology Meeting, Atlanta, GA, November 8, 2013.

Congratulations ! Charleen T. Chu, MD, PhD delivered the Provost’s Inaugural Lecture for the A. Julio Martinez Chair in Neuropathology on March 31, 2014, entitled "SOS: Mitochondrial Distress Signals in Parkinson's Disease."

Children’s Hospital Highlights

Dr. Reyes-Múgica received notification of a $40,000 donation from a generous family, who lost a child to Neurocutaneous Melanocytosis in 2013. This donation was also sponsored by and Nevus Outreach, Inc., and will support the COND-BANK (tissue repository for the study of Congenital Nevi and Other Neurocristopathies), housed in Dr. Reyes’s lab at the Rangos Research Center, Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh.

Presidential award was presented to Dr. Reyes-Múgica by the Society for Pediatric Pathology March, 2014.
NEW PRE-AWARD STAFF – Please welcome April Lehman as our new Pre-Award Grants and Contracts Administrator. April will work with all faculty whose last name falls within A-M for grant submissions and she will process contracts for all faculty whether federal or industry. The processing of research visas and Material Transfer Agreements (MTAs) will be shared with Mary Lou Benedetti and April for this initial training period. April comes to the department with prior University experience and a very welcomed addition to the research administration staff.

COI – The following are extremely important compliance reminders for all PIs, CO-Is and anyone participating in the design of sponsored research projects. These compliance modules and forms are necessary in order for the Office of Research to process proposals of not only Pathology faculty but any proposals involving your participation.

All investigators planning to participate in or who is currently participating in a PHS-funded research project (i.e. NIH) must complete:

- COI Superform for PHS Funded Researchers
- CITI Conflict of Interest Module (Basic Course)

Also, effective March 31, 2013, PIs and CO-Is conducting research projects involving human subjects must also complete the following:

- CITI Responsible Conduct of Research
- CITI Human Subjects Training

The above CITI module requirements for human subject research are in addition to the current requirements to complete the CITI COI and the COI Superforms. If the training requirements are not completed, access to OIS-RIS (IRB on-line application) will also be blocked. Go to www.citi.pitt.edu for detailed information. Do not go directly to the CITI website as you are required to use the special Pitt Access login portal: www.citi.pitt.edu in order to link your completion with Pitt.

THE OFFICE OF RESEARCH WILL NOT SUBMIT ANY PROPOSAL THAT INVOLVES FACULTY WHO ARE NON-COMPLIANT. CONTINUING PROJECTS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED UNTIL THE REQUIRED COMPLIANCE MODULES AND FORMS ARE COMPLETE. NON-COMPLIANCE WILL DELAY ASSIGNMENT OF AN ACCOUNT NUMBER AND DISPURSEMENT OF FUNDS FOR YOUR GRANT.

Mary Lou Benedetti, MHR/IR
The numbers are in! This year there will be 26 students matriculating to the IBGP program in the fall so soon we will be ACTIVELY seeking mentors who wish to host a graduate student in their lab next year. To assure that the students know you are interested, be sure to register with the NEW web site:

https://somgrad.wufoo.com/forms/update-faculty-information/

The old listing of rotation opportunities has gone away so this is currently the best way for the students to find you. It only takes a minute so if you want a student, please register your rotation project.

Since December, we have had a RECORD number of students graduate from the program. In no particular order they are: Jonathan Proto (Johnny Huard), Evan Delgado (Paul Monga), Joshua Jamison (Alan Wells), Brian Sicari (Steve Badylak), Matt Brown (Jian Yu), Julie Cramer (Eric Lagasse), Katy Sobek (Denise O’Keefe) and Dee Seneviratne (Reza Zarnegar). This fall, although it is still too early to tell, we hope to add 5 new students from the MSTP and IBGP parent programs.

The Pathology Research Seminar and Retreat will be held this year on Wednesday, May 28, 2014 from 12-7:30 PM. Our keynote speaker will be Dr. Jon Stanley Morrow from Yale University, Yale-New Haven Hospital who will speak on “From Ghosts to Skeletons: Function and Dysfunction of the Membrane Scaffold”. ECU credits will be offered for the oral presentation portion of the meeting. The poster session will be held at the University Club. Please make sure to register online.

The CMP arm of the Summer Undergraduate Research Program (SURP) will run from May 27 until August 1 this year. We have a total of 9 students participating from across the country.

SURP isn’t the only summer program in the Pathology Department! This summer we will have several other students working with Pathology faculty. There will be five first year medical students working on their summer research projects, four of them funded through the Klionsky fellowship. Additionally, the Klionsky fellowships will be offered to another 2-3 undergraduates who plan to attend medical school and have an interest in Pathology. Finally, two undergraduates are going to be sponsored by moneys from ASIP. All in all, our summer experiences are growing!

If you are interested in having issues brought before the CMP committee, please share them with our CMP administrator, Tara Rohall (rohallta@upmc.edu), or me (wmars@pitt.edu). Also, please continue to make me aware of any outstanding faculty members who are not currently members of CMP but who would be eligible and have a possible interest in joining our program.

Thanks so much!

Wendy M. Mars, Ph.D.

Director, Pathology SURP and CMP graduate program
Pathologist Investigator Residency-Research Training (PIRRT) Program:

Pathologist Investigator Residency-Research Training (PIRRT) Program:
Pioneering advances in molecular pathology – Basic and Applied

The PIRRT program allows Pathology residents, and now fellows, at the University of Pittsburgh to construct individualized research training experiences with the goal of “fast-tracking” to combined diagnostic and independent research faculty positions. Trainees are generally admitted to the program as first year residents, electing to take their research year after PGY1 or PGY2, or before continuing on to diagnostic fellowship training here. While most of our recruitment continues to be at the residency level, this year, we are pleased to announce two new PIRRT trainees, one joining as a PGY1 trainee and the other as a multi-year fellow.

Charleen T. Chu and Tim Oury
PIRRT Co-Directors

Please join us in welcoming our new PIRRT trainees in July!

Grzegorz (Greg) Gurda, MD, PhD (University of Michigan 2010) – AP/CP Resident, PGY4, at Johns Hopkins Hospital –
“My interests lie at the intersection of endocrinology, metabolism and neoplasia. My work addresses diet and hormonal milieu as important components of diagnosis, prognosis and treatment/treatment-resistance within cancer subtypes specific to gastroenterology and women’s health.”

Pathologist Investigator Residency
Research Training
University of Pittsburgh Department of Pathology
Thomas Pearce, MD, PhD (Washington University in St. Louis, expected 2014)

“My scientific interests are centered around understanding how the brain processes information, which underlies many behaviors critical to every-day life such as learning, memory, perception, and control of movement. I study these processes using electrophysiological recordings of neural activity paired with concurrent measures of behavior.

Clinically, I find the diagnostic process of Pathology interesting; and given my love of the brain, I am unsurprisingly planning to specialize further with a fellowship in Neuropathology.

Outside of the lab/hospital, I love outdoor activities like hiking, biking, golf, tennis, and team sports of all varieties. My wife and I have two dogs that love to play outside; our yellow lab is truly OCD about his tennis balls. Computer programming, cooking and brewing beer are some of the other hobbies I enjoy pursuing.”

Updates on current PIRRT trainees:

Jason Cheng-Hsuan Chiang, MD (National Taiwan University 2003), PhD (Hopkins 2010)

Jason will graduate from AP training and take the board exam this June, followed by Neuropathology fellowship training.

His PIRRT Phase II proposal was approved by the steering committee this spring. He initiated the project using AP research elective time and will continue with his PIRRT research year in Dr. Charleen Chu’s laboratory.

“My PIRRT research direction is focused on mitochondrial function and metabolism in human induced pluripotent stem cell-derived neurons with a Parkinson disease associated LRRK2 G2019S mutation.”

Rebecca Leeman-Neill, MD, PhD (University of Pittsburgh, 2010)

Rebecca will graduate from the AP-only track of the residency program this June.

She pursued her PIRRT research with Dr. Yuri Nikiforov, investigating the molecular genetic features of papillary thyroid carcinoma. Some of this work has recently been published (Leeman-Neill et al, Cancer, March 2014; Leeman-Neill et al, Cancer, May 2013).

She will be staying at UPMC for a two-year fellowship in hematopathology, the second year of which will be devoted to pursuing new research interests in mechanisms of lymphomagenesis in the laboratory of Dr. Daniel Johnson.

Rebecca, her husband Daniel and son Adam recently welcomed a second son, Ari Evan Neill, born 9/8/13.
Alumni Updates:
Our graduates have been successful at transitioning to faculty positions as board certified, practicing pathologists with independent lab space and start-up support, acquiring external grant funding at their new institutions.

**Craig Horbinski**, MD, PhD. Associate Professor of Pathology, University of Kentucky
- Named Director of Biospecimen and Tissue Procurement Shared Resource Facility at the Markey Cancer Center at the University of Kentucky in 2013
- Named Director of Molecular Anatomic Pathology in the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at the University of Kentucky in 2013
- Recently reached 50 peer-reviewed papers in PubMed
- Supported by six active grants, including an NCI K08 and an NCI P30
- Mentored seven medical or pathology trainees on a variety of research projects
- On the editorial board of Acta Neuropathologica, Brain Pathology, and Journal of Neuropathology and Experimental Neurology

Regular reviewer for multiple journals, including Clinical Cancer Research, Autophagy, Journal of Molecular Diagnostics, Neuro-Oncology, PLoS One, and Human Mutation

Became a member of the Judging Committee for the American Association of Neuropathologists Diagnostic Slide Session at their Annual Meeting

One of three central pathology reviewers for the national clinical trial ACNS1221, “A Phase II Study For The Treatment Of Non-Metastatic Desmoplastic Medulloblastoma In Children Less Than 4 Years Of Age”

Invited to deliver a platform presentation at the International Conference on Brain Tumor Research and Therapy, an invitation-only meeting of the world’s top brain cancer scientists

Featured in the University of Kentucky Healthcare OnCall Magazine (“Bench to bedside: Translational science improves patient care, outcomes” April 2014, Issue 5, pages 16-22

**Julia Kofler**, MD, Assistant Professor of Pathology, University of Pittsburgh
- Director, Neuropathology Core, Alzheimer’s Disease Research Center, University of Pittsburgh (supported by NIA P50)
- Project Leader “Alterations in microglial phenotype and function in aging and Alzheimer’s disease (Alzheimer’s Disease Research Center NIA P50)
- Elected member of National Alzheimer Disease Center Neuropathology Core Steering Committee
- Assistant director, ALS Research Center, University of Pittsburgh
- Neuropathologist for ALS Research Center, Movement Disorder Brain Bank and Late Life Mood Disorder Brain Bank
- Grant review panel member for American Institute of Biological Sciences (FY12 Militarily Relevant Peer Reviewed Alzheimer’s Disease Research Program)

“My research interests focus on the role of microglial cells and inflammatory processes in aging and Alzheimer’s disease. I am also studying the impact of polymorphisms in Alzheimer’s disease risk genes and inflammation-associated genes on the pathology of Alzheimer’s disease”

**Ed Plowey**, MD, PhD, Assistant Professor of Pathology, Stanford University School of Medicine
- Associate Director of Neuropathology for Ophthalmic Pathology, 2012
- Director of Stanford Hospital and Clinics Brain Bank, 2013
- New Investigator in Alzheimer Disease Award from American Federation for Aging Research, 2012
- 2013-14 publications in Autophagy, Human Pathology and Clinical Neuropathology
Let’s welcome the following to the Department of Pathology.

**NEW FACULTY**

**Michael S. Landau, M.D.**, Assistant Professor of Pathology, July 1, 2014. Dr. Landau will finish a fellowship in GI Pathology at UPMC.

**Changqing Ma, M.D., Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor of Pathology, July 1, 2014. Dr. Ma will finish a fellowship in gastrointestinal and liver pathology at Johns Hopkins in June.

**Somak Roy, M.D.**, Assistant Professor of Pathology, July 1, 2014. Dr. Roy will join the Division of Molecular and Genomic Pathology as the Assistant Director of the MGP Laboratory. He is currently a clinical fellow in urologic and surgical pathology at UPMC.

**Claudia M. Salgado, M.D., Ph.D.**, Research Assistant Professor of Pathology, July 1, 2014 at Children’s Hospital. Dr. Salgado has an extensive amount of research experience and will focus on the tissue biology of melanocytes and the biology of melanocytic lesions, benign or malignant.

**Juan Xing, M.D.**, Assistant Professor of Pathology, will join the Division of Anatomic Pathology at Shadyside Hospital July 21, 2014. Dr. Xing is currently at the Cleveland Clinic finishing a cytopathology fellowship.

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**CLINICAL INSTRUCTORS**

**Justin D. Fender, M.D.**, will join the Division of Anatomic Pathology July 1. Dr. Fender will complete a Pathology residency at the Mount Sinai Medical Center in June. He will join the Gastrointestinal Pathology Center of Excellence at PUH.

**Grzegorz T. Gurda, M.D.**, will join Magee Womens Hospital July 1. Dr. Gurda will complete an AP/CP residency at Johns Hopkins Hospital in June.

**Jennifer M. Leidy, M.D.**, will join Magee Womens Hospital July 1. Dr. Leidy will complete an AP/CP residency at the University of Massachusetts in June.

**Jenny Mas-Moya, M.D.** will join the Division of Anatomic Pathology July 1. Dr. Mas-Moya will complete an AP/CP residency from Emory University in June.

**David Webb, M.D.** will join Magee Womens Hospital July 1. Dr. Webb is currently a resident physician at the University of Virginia.
Residency Program

- We matched 8 of 8 slots in the match with 6 APCP track, 1 CP track and 1 AP track recruit. One candidate was recruited for the PIRRT program. Nationally 31 pathology programs did not fill all their slots.
- The ASCP is introducing a First-RISE examination for PGY-1’s which we will administer for our new PGY-1’s in early July 2014 as part of orientation. It is intended to provide programs and PGY-1’s residents with a measure of their basic pathology knowledge.
- In July 2014 the ACGME milestones kick in for the residency program. New forms will be used in MedHub for faculty to evaluate residents that will align with milestones. Faculty education will follow.
- The Clinical Competency Committees – one for AP and one for CP are in place as is the Program Evaluation Committee.
- The first ACGME residency program faculty survey was launched in March 2014 – results will only be available in mid-June. We had an 80% completion rate (60/69).

Fellowship Program

- The first ACGME individual fellowship faculty surveys were launched in March 2014 - results will be made available in mid-June for fellowship program that had at least 1 60% faculty completion rate.
- We have not been informed of our number of slots for July 2016. Written offers will not be made before November 1, 2014.
- Informatics is now a board certification program and we will be applying for ACGME accreditation for our Informatics Fellowship.
- Each fellowship director was given the opportunity to revise their individual fellowship ICPI book information.

Medical Students

- 28 faculty, 15 residents and 3 fellows were laboratory instructors in our Pathobiology Course in January 2014. The course including lectures and small group laboratory sessions continue to receive high ratings by the medical students.
- The ECU Tracking software program went live late last year. Faculty are to enter their medical student and graduate student teaching hours to enable the department to get ECU credits from the SOM.
- The Pathology Medical Student Interest Group (PMSIG) for the 5th consecutive year was awarded a $1,000 grant from The Intersociety Council for Pathology Information (ICPI).
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**Congratulations!**

Somak Roy M.D., Ph.D.

Received a Young Investigator Award for work in Genomics Informatics and Next Generation Sequencing at the Association for Molecular Pathologists (AMP) 2013 Annual Meeting, Phoenix, AZ.

Received the Intersociety Council for Pathology Information (ICPI) Trainee Travel Award for abstract presentation at the United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology (USCAP) annual meeting 2014.


“Accurate diagnosis of thyroid follicular lesions from nuclear morphology using supervised learning” was accepted for publication to the journal Medical Image Analysis. The authors are John A. Ozolek, Akif Burak Tosun, Wei Wang, Cheng Chen, Soheil Kolouri, Saurav Basu, Hu Huang, Gustavo K. Rohde.

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Satdarshan (Paul) Monga, M.D.
- “Cellular and Molecular Circuitry of Wnt Signaling in Liver Regeneration” Digestive Health Center Seminar, Cincinnati Children’s, Cincinnati, OH, January, 2014
- “Wnt signaling in Health and Disease”, University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan. January, 2014
- “Beta-catenin signaling in liver regeneration: A Wnt-Wnt situation” Choshu International Liver Symposium, Yamaguchi University, Japan, January, 2014.
- “b-Catenin signaling in liver regeneration and homeostasis: A Wnt-Wnt Situation”, University of California, Riverside, CA, April, 2014.
- “b-Catenin signaling in liver pathobiology: You Wnt some, you lose some”. ASIP Outstanding Investigator Award Lecture, San Diego, CA, April, 2014.
- b-Catenin signaling in liver regeneration and homeostasis: A Wnt-Wnt Situation”, University of California, San Diego, CA, April, 2014.

John Ozolek , M.D.
- With Dr. Lisa Teot from Boston Children’s Hospital at the workshop “The Cytopathology of Pediatric Non-Thyroidal Head and Neck Masses with Histologic Correlates” at the Society for Pediatric Pathology Annual Meeting on March 2, 2014.

Parmjeet Randhawa, M.D.
- BK Polyoma virus nephropathy. Indian Society of Renal and Transplant Pathology Meeting, New Delhi, India, Sept 13, 2013.
- Epstein-Barr virus infection and post-transplant lymphoproliferative disease. Indian Society of Renal and Transplant Pathology Meeting, New Delhi, India, Sept 14, 2013.
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- Diagnosis and management of post-transplant lymphoproliferative disease in kidney transplant patients. The Kidney and Urology Institute, Medanata Multi-Superspecialty Hospital, Gurgaon, National Capital Region, India. March 21, 2014.

Arivarasan Karunamurthy, M.D. PGY-4 Resident, received the "JORGE L SANCHEZ Award " for the Best Oral Abstract at International Society of Dermatopathology, ISDP 17th Annual Meeting held at Denver, March 2014 for his oral presentation on " Cytogenetic Analysis Of Fibroepithelioma Of Pinkus Supports Clear Differences To Basal Cell.”

Policy for Observers at University of Pittsburgh and UPMC

All requests/applications for observers (trainees and others) for more than one week duration need to go through the Residency and Fellowship Program Office. As the Director, I been asked to review and approve all observer requests for the Department of Pathology. In addition to my approval, UPMC approval is also required. The Observer Policy has been distributed to all Division Directors which includes an application form that needs to be signed by the applicant, a faculty sponsor, the division director and me.

Electives requests from ACGME accredited residency or fellowship programs are handled separately.

Medical Student elective requests go through the School of Medicine.

Research observer requests go through the department’s research office (Mary Lou Benedetti).

If any questions, please feel free contact me at tmacpherson@mail.magee.edu.

Trevor Macpherson, M.D.
Vice Chair, Medical Education Program
Kate Serdy, M.D. (PGY-2) and husband Andrew are proud parents of a baby boy, Andrew Robert Serdy, born on October 31, 2013 weighing 9 lbs.

Christine Garcia Roth, M.D. and husband Stephan welcomed a son, Matthew, October 12, 2013 weighing 8 lbs and 1 oz.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Donald Kelley, MD, MDiv, MBA, Clinical Assistant Professor, Division of Transfusion Medicine and Anne Windus, MDiv, DMin, PhD, Adjunct Professor of Counseling at the North Georgia Hub of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary were married on September 21, 2013 in Toccoa, GA. The couple currently resides in Sarver, PA.

Eileen V. Misencik, Dr. Dhir’s assistant at Shadyside Hospital, was engaged on December 28, 2013 and getting married on October 18, 2014. Future husband is Robert A. Krecek, Jr.
Wednesday, May 7, 2014 - noon - 1:00 p.m.
**1104 Scaife Hall**

*Evidence Based Pathology*

Alberto Marchevsky, M.D.
Director, Pulmonary and Mediastinal Pathology
Cedars-Sinai
Los Angeles, CA

Wednesday, May 14, 2014 - noon - 1:00 pm.
**1104 Scaife Hall**

*The Molecular Basis of FTD and ALS*

Ian R.Z. Mackenzie, M.D.
Professor, Neuropathology
Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine
University of British Columbia
Canada

Wednesday, May 21, 2014 - noon - 1:00 p.m.
**1104 Scaife Hall**

*Prostate Cancer Genome*

Jianhua Luo, M.D., Ph.D.
Professor of Pathology
Department of Pathology
University of Pittsburgh

Wednesday, May 28, 2014 - noon - 1:00 p.m.
**S100A Biomedical Science Tower**

ANNUAL DEPARTMENT RETREAT

*From Ghosts to Skeletons: Function and Dysfunction of the Membrane Scaffold*

Jon S. Morrow, Ph.D., M.D.
Raymond Yesner Professor of Pathology
Chair, Department of Pathology
Yale School of Medicine
New Haven, CT

Thursday, May 29, 2014 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
Children's Hospital, Rangos Research Building
Main Conference Room, 3rd floor

ANNUAL FETTERMAN LECTURE

*Current Achilles and the Tortoise: Zeno's Paradox in the Universe of Pediatric Small Round Cell Tumors*

Rita Alaggio, M.D.
Professor of Pediatric Pathology and Surgical Pathology
Department of Pathology
University of Padua
Padua, Italy

Wednesday, June 4, 2014—noon—1:00 p.m.
**1104 Scaife Hall**

*A Culture of Quality and Safety: The Importance of Service Excellence and Lean Thinking*

Jeffrey L. Myers, M.D.
Professor of Pathology
Department of Pathology
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, MI

Wednesday, June 11, 2014—noon—1:00 p.m.
**1104 Scaife Hall**

Title: TBA

Xin Chen, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor of Bioengineering and Therapeutic Sciences
Department of Bioengineering and Therapeutic Sciences
University of California
San Francisco, CA

Wednesday, June 18, 2014—noon—1:00 p.m.
**1104 Scaife Hall**

*miRNA-122: Nature's Double-Edged Sword*

Kalapana Ghoshal, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Pathology
Department of Pathology
The Ohio State University
Columbus, OH
CME Credit Update

The University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Center for Continuing Education for the Health Sciences CME transcripts can be obtained via the Internet at ccehs.upmc.edu. Click on link “Credit Transcripts” enter the required information (last name, last five digits of social security number). The transcript reflects the American Medical Association Category 1 credits or the Continuing Education Units (CEUs) which have been entered into the Center’s database. Credits from other institutions can be entered using the option “add/modify” credit information. For questions about the Continuing Medical Education Credits, please contact 412.647.8232.

Annual Report Update

The School of Medicine requests that an annual report be submitted every fall. An e-mail will be sent to the faculty requesting individual information. The data needed includes a research summary paragraph, Study Sections, Advisory Committees, honors, recognition and awards and a bibliography for the last three years (2012, 2013, 2014). Collecting information from all members in the Department is time consuming therefore we are asking you to please respond by the due date. Division Chiefs are asked to submit a summary of their division’s activities. If you have any questions, please contact Shannon Hozinec at hozinecs@upmc.edu. Thank you.

Educational Credit Unit Update

Just a reminder that the Educational Credit Units (ECUs) are being collected from every faculty member who has been involved with teaching activities of the medical or graduate school programs from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014. We have initiated a web-page (see directions for access to page on Page 23) to collect teaching as it happens. Please be sure to update your teaching data. The School of Medicine will be asking for the information in July. If you have any questions please contact Chris Szalkuski at szalkuskict@upmc.edu.

Publication Notification Process Update

This is a reminder the Dean has requested a Notification of Publication form for each manuscript accepted for publication in a peer-reviewed journal. The notification ensures compliance with human and animal research policies, technology transfer/patent guidelines and the requirements for citation of grant support. It also allows for newsworthy publications to be passed onto the University media. Please submit preprint information via the website at: https://pnf.hs.pitt.edu. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Szalkuski at szalkuskict@upmc.edu.
ECU data for the academic year July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 will be due soon. Please be sure your info is entered via our Department’s web page link.

For faculty with a UPMC network ID, please use this link. Accessing this link off of the UPMC network will bring up a login prompt:

https://epssecure.upmc.com/ECUAdmin/auth/index.cfm

For faculty without a UPMC ID, please use this link:

https://epssecure.upmc.com/ECUTrack/index.cfm

These links are also available on the Department of Pathology webpage under links at:

http://path.upmc.edu/links.htm

From the home page select which ECU activity is to be logged, and whether the activity is for medical or graduate students. Then fill in all fields on the form with an option for a free-text note at the end. Confirmation will be given and the activity will be entered into the database for submission at the end of the academic term.

For questions or feedback, please contact Thomas Harper at ISD (harperth@upmc.edu).

Thank you.

Please send newsworthy items as they happen to szalkuskict@upmc.edu.

Thank you.