New Jersey Dental School

International Presentations
Asha Samant, DMD, associate professor of restorative dentistry, presented “Achieving Esthetics: Prosthodontics’ Way of Assessing and Altering Face Height” as the keynote speaker at the Annual Indian Dental Congress, Kolkata, India.

Regional / National Presentations
Shahid Aziz, DMD, MD, professor of oral and maxillofacial surgery, presented “Oral Submucous Fibrosis: Coming to America” at the Sy Symanski Memorial Middlesex County Dental Society lecture.

Barry Zweig, DDS, associate professor of oral and maxillofacial surgery, presented “Challenges and Solutions to Lateral Approach Sinus Augmentation” at the Den-talxp Global Symposium, Las Vegas.

Sung Cho, DMD, clinical assistant professor of oral and maxillofacial surgery, presented “Temporal Mandibular Joint Disorder” at the New York Hamiltonian Dental Study Club, Middletown, NY.

Special Recognition/Honors/Awards
Cecile Feldman, DMD, MBA, dean, received an ADEA Presidential Citation at the 2013 ADEA Session in Seattle. Citations are awarded to members who have shown extraordinary dedication to dental education.

Hoda Youssef, DMD, associate professor of restorative dentistry, became a Diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontists.

Milton Houpt, DDS, awarded the title of Emeritus Professor by the UMDNJ Board of Trustees for his more than 40 years of service to NJDS. He was professor and chair of pediatric dentistry from 1973 until his retirement in 2012.

NJDS has been re-accredited for another seven years, earning the school the highest level of excellence as a dental educational institution by the Commission on Dental Accreditation.

Grants
NJDS is slated to receive two of four major building improvements valued at $67 million, which are among the $1.3 billion in publicly funded higher education projects announced by the state. The renovations will add 96 clinical teaching operators for DMD and postgraduate students and upgrade 22,800 square feet of research laboratory space for education and research programs.

New Clinics
In April, a groundbreaking was held for the new Brunsden-Villa Pediatric Clinic and Delta Dental Special Care Clinic. Among the donors present were Drs. Cavan Brunsden, ’79, and Nancy Villa-Brunsden, ’89; Walter Van Brunt; Dr. Ronald Deblinger; Dr. Gene Napolitano; Dr. Gerald Sydell of Delta Dental of NJ; Marsha Atkin of the Health Care Foundation of NJ, and NJDS faculty members Drs. Milton Houpt, Glenn Rosivack, Evan Spivack and Justin Stone. The new facility will have 35 operatories (nine for special care), a smart education/conference room, wider halls and doorways for wheelchairs and gurneys and private reception/billing areas. The renovations are scheduled to be completed in the fall.

Publications
“Lactoferrin Knockout Mice Demonstrates Greater Susceptibility to Aggregatibacter Actinomycetemcomitans-Induced Periodontal Disease” by Daniel Fine, DMD, professor and chair; Kenneth Markowitz, DDS, assistant professor; Helen Schreiner, PhD, assistant professor, all of oral biology, in the Journal of Periodontology. E-pub ahead of print 2013.


Cardiorespiratory Biomarker Responses in Healthy Young Adults to Drastic Air Quality Changes Surrounding the 2008 Beijing Olympics” by Scott Diehl, PhD, professor of oral biology, on the Health Effects Institute website.

Community Service
Asha Samant, DMD, associate professor of restorative dentistry, performed dental screenings and distributed information on oral health at the Prayer for America Conference at the Missionary Baptist Church in Newark.

In April, twelve NJDS students and Mahnaz Fatahzadeh, DMD, participated in the Annual Oral Cancer Walk New York. The NJDS contingent joined students from other dental schools in the NY metro area.

Six NJDS students spent their spring break in the Dominican Republic, where they provided dental treatment to people living in the small town of Restauracion. The volunteers, Pamela Alberto, DMD, clinical associate professor of oral and maxillofacial surgery, and students Eileen Danaher, Carla Falcon and Mumta Hatheramani, Melissa Pinto, Steve Milord, and Massiel Parra, distributed toothbrushes and toothpaste and demonstrated tooth brushing techniques with dental puppets. Working 14-hour days, they treated 403 patients and performed 1,404 procedures, including cleanings, restorations, extractions, fluoride treatments and sealants.

In conjunction with the Essex/Passaic County Cancer and Health Fair, NJDS held its annual spring Oral Cancer Screening Day. Postgraduate students and faculty members performed free screenings on 213 individuals. Pre-doctoral students assisted as well. A total of 126 students, faculty and staff volunteered at the event.

School of Nursing
Regional / National Presentations
Lisa Paplanus, DNP, RN-C, ACNP-BC, ANP-BC, CCRN, adjunct assistant professor, presented a poster, “Knowledge Translation: A Nurse Practitioner Clini-
Khadijah Abass, a BSN student, received three scholarship awards: The UMDNJ-School of Nursing Alumni Association’s Noel Rosner Memorial Scholarship, UMDNJ African American Heritage Committee Scholarship, and the UMDNJ-School of Nursing Nancy B. Weinstein Endowed Nursing Scholarship.

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Comprehensive Systematic Review for Advanced Nursing Practice won a 2012 Book of the Year Award from the American Journal of Nursing. The book earned second place in the Advanced Practice category and is co-authored by Cheryl Holly, EdD, RN, associate professor and chair of capacity building systems; Susan W. Salmond, EdD, RN, ANEF, FAAN, dean and professor; and Marie Saimbert, BPharm, MSN, MLIS, RN, reference librarian at UMDNJ’s George F. Smith Library.

Mary DiGiulio, DNP, APN, assistant professor and director of clinical practice, received the 2013 Recognition Award for Outstanding Faculty Practice from the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties at its annual meeting, Pittsburgh, PA.

Yuri Jadotte, MD, assistant professor and director for education, Northeast Institute for Evidence Synthesis and Translation, and student, PhD in Urban Systems, is founding president of UMDNJ’s Alpha Chi Chapter of Alpha Epsilon Lambda, the national graduate and interprofessional student honor society.

Mary Kamienski, PhD, APRN-C, FAEN, FAAN, associate professor and chair of primary care, is a 2012 inductee into the American Academy of Nursing, one of the highest honors in the profession.

Mary Ann McLaughlin, MSN, RN, instructor, received a 2013-2014 Promise of Nursing for New Jersey Regional Faculty Fellowship from the Foundation of the National Student Nurses Association. She will apply the award to her doctoral studies at Teachers College, Columbia University.

Susan W. Salmond, EdD, RN, ANEF, FAAN, dean and professor, is a 2012 inductee into the American Academy of Nursing, one of the highest honors in the nursing profession.

Renada Woodward, RN, BSN, student, Family Nurse Practitioner MSN Program, inducted in the inaugural class of UMDNJ’s Alpha Chi Chapter of Alpha Epsilon Lambda, the national graduate and interprofessional student honor society.

Media Highlights

Patricia Sayers DNP, RN, clinical assistant professor, BSN Programs, appeared on the Trenton-based Catholic radio station, WFJS-AM, and was interviewed by the Catholic newspaper, The Monitor, regarding National Nurses Week and her efforts to form a Diocesan Council of Catholic Nurses for the Trenton Diocese.
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Presentations

Kim Molteg, C-TAGME, supervising program assistant for the general surgery residency program, presented "Getting Comfortable with Public Speaking" at the Association of Residency Coordinators in Surgery (ARCS) Conference in April, and also presented a workshop for coordinators who are new to the field. She serves on the ARCS’s Executive Board and is chair of the Tools Review/Assessment Committee for the Surgical Training Administrators Certification Board.

The South Asian Total Health Initiative (SATHI) at RWJMS held a conference to address the challenges in maternal and child health issues in the South Asian community. The conference, co-directed by Sunanda Gaur, MD, professor of pediatrics and director of SATHI, and Robert Like, MD, MS, professor of family medicine and community health, and director of the Center for Healthy Families and Cultural Diversity at RWJMS, attracted more than 100 physicians, nurses and other health professionals.

Special Recognition/Honors/Awards

Michael Lewis, PhD. University Distinguished Professor of Pediatrics and Psychiatry, earned the Distinguished Scientific Contributions to Child Development Award from the Society for Research in Child Development.

Jeannine Ferrante, MD, MPH, associate professor of family medicine and community health, selected by the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine (SFTM) to receive the 2013 STFM Best Research Paper Award.

Rosanne Dobkin, PhD, Psychiatry, selected as core faculty of the World Parkinson’s Congress, Montreal, Canada.

Tomer Davidov, MD, assistant professor of surgery, is one of the first two recipients for grants from New Jersey Health Foundation’s Innovation Stage Funding Program to advance his medical research that could eventually be commercialized for consumer benefit. He is developing a novel puncture resistant surgical glove that will offer the highest level of needle stick protection without compromising tactile sensation and manual dexterity.

William Hait, MD, PhD, clinical professor of medicine, and global head, Janssen Research & Development, LLC, and Arthur Upton, MD, clinical professor of environmental and occupational medicine, selected by The American Association for Cancer Research to be inducted in its first class of Fellows at its annual 2013 meeting in Washington D.C. They were among 106 scientists nationwide to be recognized.

Media Highlights

The Boggs Center on Developmental Disabilities and its collaborative programs were featured in an episode of HealthBeat with Sara Lee Kessler that aired on NJTV on May 12. The episode about health care needs of people with developmental disabilities profiled The Boggs Center’s unique training programs for medical students in the pediatrics rotation and family medicine residents, which focus on developmental disabilities, family-centered care, and treating all patients with dignity. Alfred Tallia, MD, MPH, professor and chair, and Matthew Mitschele, MD, resident physician, both of family medicine and community health, were filmed providing health care to patients. Deborah Spitalnik, PhD, professor of pediatrics and executive director of The Boggs Center, and Dolores Matlock, LPN, primary care manager of family medicine and community health, were interviewed.

Publications


“Respiratory Variability and Sighing: A Psychophysiological Reset Model” by E. Vienincx; JL Abelson; Paul Lehrer, PhD, professor of psychiatry; PW Davenport; I. Van Diest; and O. Van den Bergh; in Biological Psychology, 2013: 93, 24-32.

“Different Associations of Alcohol Cue Reactivity with Negative Alcohol Expectancies in Mandated and Inpatient Samples of Young Adults” by David Eddie; BF Buckman; EY Mun; B. Vaschillo; E. Vaschillo; T. Udo; Paul Lehrer, PhD, professor of psychiatry; and ME Bates; in Addictive Behaviors, 2013: 38, 2040-2043.

“Dynamic Processes in Regulation and Some Implications for Biofeedback and Behavioral Interventions” by Paul Lehrer, PhD, professor of psychiatry, and David Eddie, in Applied Psychophysiology and Biofeedback, online, April, 2013.

“Neuropsychological Outcomes Following Psychosocial Intervention for Depression in Parkinson’s disease” by Rosanne Dobkin, PhD, associate professor of psychiatry; A. Troster; J. Tiu; Lesley Allen, PhD, adjunct associate professor of psychiatry; Michael Gara, PhD, professor of psychiatry; MH Mark; and Matthew Menza, MD, professor and chair of psychiatry; in the Journal of Neuropsychiatry and Clinical Neuroscience, 2013.

“Barriers to Mental Health Care Utilization in Parkinson’s disease” by J. Tiu; J. Friedman; Lesley Allen, PhD, adjunct associate professor; Michael Gara, PhD, professor; and Matthew Menza, MD, professor and chair, all of psychiatry, in the Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry and Neurology, 2013.

Steven Ginsberg, MD, cardiothoracic anesthesiologist, published Board Stiff TEE: Transesophageal Echocardiography, ”2nd Ed., a textbook with co-editors Christopher Gallagher, MD, and John Sciarra, MD. He also published Anesthesia Unplugged, 2nd Ed., with co-editors Christopher Gallagher, MD, Michael Lewis, MD, Christine Park, MD, and Deborah Schwengel, MD. Both books were collaborative efforts with the RWJMS departments of cardiac surgery, cardiology, and anesthesia.

CANCER INSTITUTE OF NEW JERSEY

Special Recognition/Honors/Awards

Joseph Bertino, MD, chief scientific officer and co-leader, Cancer Pharmacology and Preclinical Therapeutics Research Program, and University Professor of Medicine & Pharmacology at RWJMS, selected by The American Association for Cancer Research to be inducted in its first class of Fellows at its annual 2013 meeting in Washington D.C. He was among 106 scientists nationwide to be honored.

Kara Saggiomo, MSN, APN-C, AOCNP, advanced practice nurse, Blood and Marrow Transplant Program, and Joyce Plaza, RN, BSN, OCN, staff nurse, Gastrointestinal/Hepatobiliary Oncology Program, honored with Oncology Nursing Excellence Awards. Both were selected by their peers for their compassion and dedication to patients and to the field of oncology nursing.
Grants
Sharon Pine, PhD, researcher and assistant professor of medical oncology, awarded a two-year, $80,000 dollar grant from the Prevent Cancer Foundation to study the early detection and prevention of lung cancer.

Partnerships
CINJ and its System Partner Meridian Health are working together on two research studies to examine factors related to the early development of breast cancer. One study aims to identify why some genes are associated with the risk of developing breast cancer while others are not. The other examines lifestyle and breast cancer risk. The aim is to better understand how these factors may influence breast cancer so that improved prevention strategies can be developed.

Research News
Isaac Yi Kim, MD, PhD, chief neurologic oncology, and associate professor of surgery, RWJMS, is the senior author of a new study published in the online version of Urology that found the prevalence of advanced stage cancer in African-American men who were considered to have a low-risk prostate cancer on initial consultation but chose to undergo a radical prostatectomy was nearly twice that of Caucasian men.

Leah Scaramuzzo, MSN, RN-BC, AOCN, associate director of nursing and patient education, and Jane Fischer, RN, BSN, OCN, CCRC, a research nurse, led the effort to increase documentation about fatigue, which is one of the most common side effects of cancer treatment. The nurses identified ways to improve documentation of fatigue management interventions, which included adding a specific prompt in the patient’s chart for nurses to inquire about fatigue. Their research was presented at the Oncology Nursing Society’s Annual Congress in Washington, D.C.

SOM students participated in “Professional Day” as well as an Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine (OMM) Open House, co- moderated by Steven Rubin, DO, adjunct assistant professor, OMM, and Antonios Tsompanidis, DO, assistant professor of family medicine. SOM faculty also gave a number of continuing medical education presentations at the convention.

Special Recognition/Honors/Awards
Kathryn Lambert, DO, associate professor of family medicine, and acting assistant dean for student affairs, named “2013 Physician of the Year” by the New Jersey Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons. She is the first woman to receive this honor and commended for her commitment to patient care and dedication to physician education.

The annual U.S. News & World Report list of America’s top medical schools ranks the SOM as one of the nation’s best for geriatric medical education. This marks the 12th time that SOM has been honored as a top school in this medical specialty.

Jennifer Caudle, DO, assistant professor of family medicine, recently appeared on “The Dr. Oz Show” as part of a special feature on reducing stress and its negative effects on health.

Community Service
Lesly D’Ambola, DO, assistant professor of medicine, and medical director, St. Luke’s Medical Center in Camden, received the “Reaching Out to Those in Need” award from Holy Name Ministries of Camden for her tireless commitment to improving the lives Camden residents.

Richard Weiss, DO, assistant professor of family medicine, along with three SOM students and a family medicine resident, visited the Yellin School in Stratford to present “Tar Wars,” an interactive school-based tobacco-free education program for 4th and 5th graders. The program encourages children to think and talk about the effects and costs of tobacco use, as well as how they are influenced by the tobacco industry’s marketing efforts.

New Center
The Biomarker Discovery Center within the New Jersey Institute for Successful Aging (NJISA) officially designated an inter-departmental, school-wide Center of Excellence at SOM. The new Center will integrate resources across departments for investigators, technical and support staff, and students currently conducting research related to biomarkers in such areas as cancer, Alzheimer’s disease, Parkinson’s disease, multiple sclerosis, and autism. The Center will be directed by Robert Nagele, PhD, professor of medicine and cell biology, NJISA, under the leadership of Anita Chopra, MD, FACP, AGSF, CMD, professor of medicine and director, NJISA.

Community Service
The Student Osteopathic Medical Association (SOMA) Chapter named Region 1 “Chapter of the Month.” They were applauded for pre-SOMA advocacy, a successful fundraiser for the Music Medicine Program at the school’s NeuroMusculoskeletal Institute, and for their voter registration drive on campus in November 2012.

New Jersey Medical School
Presentations
The Reynolds Family Spine Research Laboratory in the Dept. of Neurological Surgery held its third annual symposium, “Current Advances in Spinal Cord Injury Research” on May 8. The symposium, organized by Robert Heary, MD, professor, and Stella Elkabes, PhD, associate professor, both of neurological surgery, and co-directors of the Reynolds Family Spine Research Laboratory, was attended by some 120 physicians, students, health care professionals, researchers and spinal cord injury patients and featured a faculty of renowned clinicians and basic scientists.

Appointments
Hossein Sadeghi-Nejad, MD, professor of urological surgery, selected to serve on the American Urological Association’s Guidelines Panel. He was also elected secretary for the Sexual Medicine Society of North America.

Mark Jordan, MD, professor and chief of urology, elected president of the Society for Urologic Chairpersons and Program Directors.

Khalil Rashidi, health educator for the Mylestone HIV/AIDS education program, Pediatric Division of Adolescent and Young Adult Medicine, elected to the Newark Public School Advisory Board.

Special Recognition/Honors/Awards
William Gause, PhD, senior associate dean for research, is one of the first two recipients
of grants from New Jersey Health Foundation’s Innovation Stage Funding Program to advance his medical research that could eventually be commercialized for consumer benefit. He has developed a new approach to enhance the treatment of wound healing using compositions derived from metazoan parasites at the site of an injury.

James Oleske, MD, MPH, FAAP, François-Xavier Bagnoud Professor of Pediatrics, received a lifetime achievement award from the American Academy of Pediatrics Committee on Pediatric AIDS.

Ronald Wachsberg MD, professor of radiology, won first prize for his poster presentation titled “Focal lesions in the transplanted liver: differential diagnosis” at the annual meeting of the American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine.

At the Annual Mini-Med School graduation, 175 students received certificates. Jacob Lindenthal, PhD, DrPH, professor of psychiatry and director and founder of the NJMS Institute for the Public Understanding of Health and Medicine, founded the Mini-Med School program in 1999.

Research News

A team led by Sean Ekins at Collaborative Drug Discovery in Burlingame, Calif., and Joel Freundlich, PhD, assistant professor of pharmacology and physiology, Center for Emerging and Reemerging Pathogens, has programmed computers to sift through drug libraries and pick out compounds likely to clobber TB with minimal side effects to humans, as reported in the Journal of Chemistry & Biology (Ekins et al. Chemistry & Biology, 2013. 20:1-9).

Community Service

The Healthy Living Families (HLF) of NJMS kicked off a community celebration in April, where more than 50 families attended the event and most qualified to be enrolled in the intervention research study addressing childhood obesity. HLF is a component of the Healthy Living Initiative, which will be rolled out in the city of Newark over the next five years. The project is led by Hanaa Hamdi, PhD, instructor of family medicine.

University Hospital

Special Recognition/Honors/Awards

Kimberly Foreman, RN, patient safety analyst in the Quality Improvement Department, and Beth Malpica, ophthalmic photographer in the Ophthalmology Department, are recipients of the Alan M. Pedersen Humanitarian Award, a program which commemorates the life of the late University Hospital employee Alan M. Pedersen.

Vincent Barba, MD, chief quality officer, recently certified in patient safety by the Certification Board for the Professionals in Patient Safety. He is responsible for patient safety initiatives.

Grants

UH is slated to receive one of four major building improvements valued at $67 million, which is among the $1.3 billion in publicly funded higher education projects announced by the state. The improvements include critical infrastructure upgrades that will allow for expansion of education and training programs in collaboration with NJMS and other health professions schools on the Newark Campus.

School of Health Related Professions

Presentations

Robin Eubanks, PhD, associate professor of interdisciplinary studies, presented “Understanding What I Can Control and What I Can’t” for the Women’s Wellness Conference, sponsored by the Community Advisory/Women’s Support Group of the FXB Center. She also presented “Understanding the Care Giver’s Journey” during Social Workers’ Month at UMDNJ.

Rachel Griehs, MS, clinical assistant professor of nutritional sciences, presented “Education and Counseling the Weight-loss Client Experiences in the Bariatric and Worksite Wellness Settings” to the Student Diabetic Association Meeting.

Special Recognition/Honors/Awards

Jenna Gourlay, second-year student, Doctorate in Physical Therapy Program, is the recipient of this year’s student Paul Ambrose Scholars Program award. The program provides micro-grants to students who will then conduct community health prevention projects.

Jennifer George, BS, instructor of psychiatric rehabilitation and counseling professions, named “Teacher of the Year” for the 2012-2013 school year at The Center for Lifelong Learning, a special education school for students ages 3 to 21 through the Middlesex Regional Education Services Commission.

Grants

SHRP is slated to receive one of four major building improvements valued at $67 million, which is among the $1.3 billion in publicly funded higher education projects announced by the state. The project includes renovating 4,400 square feet of space and the creation of lab facilities and a wellness research facility.

Publications

Margaret Swarbrick, PhD, OTR, CPRP, FAOTA, clinical assistant professor of psychiatric rehabilitation and counseling professions, contributed a chapter titled “Providing Occupational Therapy Services for Persons with Psychiatric Disabilities” for the recently released Willard & Spackman Occupational Therapy, 12th Ed., a leading textbook for occupational therapy programs.


“Use of the Subjective Global Assessment to Predict Health-related Quality of Life in Chronic Kidney Disease Stage 5 Patients on Maintenance Hemodialysis” by Laura Byham-Gray, PhD, associate professor of nutritional sciences and program director, MS in Clinical Nutrition, and James Scott Parrott, PhD, associate professor of interdisciplinary studies, in the Journal of Renal Nutrition. 2013; 23(2):141-147.

“Effect of a Dietitian-managed Bone Algorithm on Serum Phosphorus Level in Maintenance Hemodialysis Patients” by Laura Byham-Gray, PhD, associate professor of nutritional sciences and program director, MS in Clinical Nutrition, and James Scott Parrott, PhD, associate professor of interdisciplinary studies, in the Journal of Renal Nutrition, 2013;23(2):98-105.

Community Service

Jennifer George, BS, instructor of psychiatric rehabilitation and counseling professions, developed a vocational program for young adults with developmental disabilities called The CHANCE Program (Choose to Help Animals that Need Care Every Day.) The students developed a poster depicting their work and it won first place (high school category) in the ARC of NJ’s Multimedia Contest for Developmental Disability Awareness Month.

UNIVERSITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE

Hotline Community Service

The Mom2Mom helpline call center at Piscataway welcomed about 40 mothers of children with special needs — and one father — to celebrate a pre-Mother’s Day unity event. The callers to this 24/7 peer counseling helpline for caregivers of children with special needs and cancer, had the opportunity to meet their counselors for the first time, and to meet Dr. Allison Blake, Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Children and Families. Mom2Mom also hosted a pre-Mother’s Day event for support group members at UBHC in Newark.

New Hotline

The NJ Hopeline, the state’s first suicide hotline call center, launched on May 1, using New Jersey-based volunteer counselors. The hotline will operate 24/7 and will serve as a backup to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline network during times of excess call volume or after the Lifeline Crisis Centers’ operating hours.