



DEAN'S EDITION
MEET ALUMNUS BRIAN POSTL, NEW DEAN OF MEDICINE
DISCOVER OUR AMAZING ALUMNI



dean's message



I am delighted to be back at my alma mater as Dean of Medicine. While the Dean's Edition of MB Medicine will review the 2009/2010 fiscal year reflecting on our accomplishments, I want to take this opportunity to also look forward.

INTRODUCING OUR NEW DEAN OF MEDICINE

Brian Postl, MD was appointed Dean of Medicine July 1, 2010. He is a lifelong Winnipegger and proud University of Manitoba graduate (MD/76). He received his Royal College Fellowship in Community Medicine in 1981 and Pediatrics in 1982. He was the founding President and CEO of the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (WRHA), a position he held for ten years.

Dr. Postl has served as head of Pediatrics and Child Health and as head of Community Health Sciences at the University of Manitoba. He has also served as director of the J.A. Hildes Northern Medical Unit and division of community and northern medicine and as director of the Faculty of Medicine's community medical residency program.

My vision is for the University of Manitoba Faculty of Medicine to become one of Canada's outstanding medical faculties, with world class research in selected areas of expertise and in centres of excellence.

I believe we have a responsibility, social accountability in fact, to the inner-city community in which we are located. We are already involved as leaders in the Winnipeg Interprofessional Student-run Health (WISH) Clinic, which operates out of Mt. Carmel Clinic and provides Point Douglas community members with access to holistic health care. Additionally, we are founders of the Inner-City Science Centre, a partnership between the Faculty of Medicine and Winnipeg School Division, which fosters science literacy among youth and opens their eyes to careers in the health professions. However, we can do even more to address community needs including collaborating with Rossbrook House, United Way and other organizations to provide service learning opportunities for our students in culturally appropriate environments.

Our faculty has a long history and unique standing on the national stage when it comes to First Nations, Métis and Inuit health care delivery in the North through the J.A. Hildes Northern Medical Unit. I also have recently appointed an Associate Dean, First Nations, Métis and Inuit Health.

The J.A. Hildes Northern Medical Unit officially began providing health care on 1 July 1970 in the town of Churchill, Manitoba and the Keewatin Region of the North West Territories (now the Kivalliq Area of Nunavut). For 40 years, the NMU has had as its central mission to be responsible for health care, medical and paramedical research, and education for the communities in the remote north. It is recognized nationally and internationally as one of the most successful models of service delivery to remote northern populations.

The NMU provides health care via family physicians, nurses, medical specialists, social workers, and clinic support staff; and provides service to three hospital-based and 12 nursing stations in Manitoba and eight Nunavut health centres.

In December, the NMU celebrated its 40th anniversary with an afternoon Continuing Medical Education (CME) event at Bannatyne Campus followed by a gala dinner at the Millennium Centre.

As a faculty, we are deeply committed to reflecting the increasing diversity of our community. To that end, I have appointed an Associate Dean, Professionalism and Diversity to address these vitally important issues.

Globally, we strive to be respected for health research and innovations, as well as for advancing biomedical knowledge. Here too, we are already excelling in many research areas such as global public health, HIV/AIDS, and the newly created Regenerative Medicine program. Now we must build upon and expand our research endeavours.

I have introduced some new initiatives in the research realm. In addition to our very successful B.Sc. Med program, we have created a research entry path beyond Med I. I have committed to spend \$2.5 million to redevelop pharmacology and therapeutics labs and central office space and \$2 million towards research equipment competition in the faculty. Another \$2 million has been set aside to launch a new neurobiology program that will advance the faculty's reputation in the field of neurosciences-health research and help us attract and retain the best and brightest.

In my first few months as Dean I have also focused on academic affairs. In *The Globe and Mail's* Canadian University Report 2011, the University of Manitoba was awarded "Tops in Quality of Education" and "Tops in Career Preparation" in the Health and Medical segment, alongside Western Ontario, McMaster, Waterloo, and McGill in the large universities category. The School of Medical Rehabilitation's Respiratory Therapy program was also highlighted in "Health and medical programs you may not know about... but should"

As a faculty, we should be pleased with these results that reflect high satisfaction ratings by our medical students, but not complacent. Our Clinical Learning and Simulation Facility has been acknowledged as a strength both in the quality of programs offered and in the facility itself. We plan to enhance the clinical skills aspect through an investment of more than \$1 million to to develop a clinical skills lab in former Theater D area. This will create one of the best learning environments in Canada for this emerging model of medical education, and we invite you to tour the CLSF at the Dean's Breakfast during next year's Homecoming September 18-20, 2011.

We have much to be proud of as University of Manitoba alumni and I hope to meet many of you in the coming years at class reunions, alumni receptions, Homecoming and other University of Manitoba events to celebrate our faculty and our connection as alumni. In the meantime, I welcome you to keep up with Faculty of Medicine news and read my Postl Notes blog at www.umanitoba.ca/medicine and follow us on Twitter @um_medicine.

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Dean of Medicine

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editor's message

UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA FACULTY OF MEDICINE ALUMNI ARE FANNED ACROSS THE GLOBE MAKING INCREDIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO RESEARCH, EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE. IN THIS ISSUE OF MB MEDICINE, WE INTRODUCE A NEW ALUMNI PROFILE SERIES HIGHLIGHTING SOME REMARKABLE ALUMNI AND THEIR INSPIRATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS.

You will no doubt feel pride as you read about U of M Medicine graduates like Dr. Sandhya Pruthi who developed an invaluable computerized breast cancer education tool, or Ilan Schwartz, who founded Little Travellers to support crafters in South Africa.

Consider this an open call to you to connect with us and tell us about your or one of your classmates' achievements. Our alumni profiles and "Check up on Alumni" section are just some of the ways we want to share news with you about your fellow alumni.

Another way is through our Faculty of Medicine Alumni Online Community (www.umanitoba.ca/medicine/olc.html), a password protected social networking site ideal for reunion planning and sharing news and photos post-reunion. Visit the site to sign up and engage with classmates, organize your reunion and exchange ideas.

Every year, we welcome alumni back to their alma mater to celebrate their milestone reunions. In 2010, we held nine reunions, all but one taking place over Homecoming weekend, Sept. 24-26, 2010. This translated into more than 235 alumni and another 165 guests returning to the University of Manitoba from all over North America and around the world.

One of the highlights of Homecoming weekend remains the Dean's Homecoming Breakfast followed by tours of our medical school campus. At last year's breakfast, alumni enjoyed a walk down memory lane but also visited some of the newer additions to the campus such as the state-of-the-art Clinical Learning & Simulation Facility and the Regenerative Medicine program space. Mark your calendars: next year's Homecoming weekend takes place Sept. 18-20, 2011.

If you are celebrating a milestone reunion in 2011, and want to help plan your reunion as a class leader, please contact Darcy Routledge, Alumni & Events Officer, at routledd@cc.umanitoba.ca or call 204-977-5650.

We are also connecting with our alumni via receptions and other events throughout the year. Contact us if you would like to plan an alumni event in your area.

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ACCREDITATION UPDATE

APRIL 3 – 6, 2011

ENGAGE, ACT, SUCCEED TOGETHER

BY DR. IRA RIPSTEIN, ASSOCIATE DEAN, UNDERGRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION



Undergraduate Medical Education underwent a mock survey exercise in October to help us prepare for **accreditation by LCME and CACMS April 3 – 6, 2011**. A group led by Dr. Thomas Marrie, Dean of Medicine, Dalhousie University, conducted the mock survey along with four other highly qualified individuals, including a student from Université de Montréal.

They assessed all of the 132 rigorous accreditation standards and it served as a helpful process as the faculty prepares for April 2011.

Dean Brian Postl noted that the accreditors found many strengths at the University of Manitoba Faculty of Medicine and urged us to be more forthcoming about them.

They noted that the facilities at U of M are excellent and that the renovations and expansion to the Neil John Maclean Health Sciences Library should provide adequate study space as well as improving services to the students and to the broader medical community throughout Manitoba.

The surveyors remarked positively on the state-of-the-art Clinical Learning and Simulation Facility and the faculty's vision for its expansion and development; OPAL curriculum management system; and our research strategic plan.

They noted that the creation of the George and Fay Yee Centre for Healthcare Innovation, the Centre for Global Public Health, the Centre for Aboriginal Health Education, and the Centre for Aboriginal Health Research are important achievements.

They lauded the excellent relationships the Faculty holds with the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority and the Government of Manitoba, and suggest the innovative Joint Operation Division may well serve as the model for operationalization of Academic Health Sciences Centres in Canada.

The surveyors identified the commitment of faculty, staff and students to the accreditation process as another strength of the Faculty.

However, we also have much work to do in the coming months. One of my first priorities in my new role has been to solidify the curriculum governance model introduced over the last year and conduct a curriculum mapping project to ensure the goals of each lecture, course, and exam match the overall goals and objectives of the curriculum.

We also have to make sure all of the learning objectives are outlined clearly so we know what our students are studying. By identifying what is being taught in pre-clerkship and clerkship, we will know whether there is adequate preparation for our learners and ensure there is not duplication.

As well, our curriculum renewal project will look at new and creative ways for students to learn most effectively.

Accreditation is an important quality assurance process. We know that at the University of Manitoba, our students are afforded fantastic clinical opportunities and the ability to build relationships with faculty members. We know that we deliver high quality medical education and that our graduates are well-trained.

In the coming months, as we gear up for our Accreditation survey, let's continue to work collaboratively to meet our goals and to demonstrate our pride in the excellent medical education provided by the University of Manitoba.

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Undergraduate Medical Education

STUDENTS FIRST

BY **DR. BRUCE MARTIN**, ASSOCIATE DEAN, STUDENTS

Enhancements and expansion are underway for our University of Manitoba Faculty of Medicine students



In my new role as Associate Dean, Students, my first priority has been to ensure we are providing a welcoming environment for all of our students and to enhance resources for our students, particularly in the area of student support, career counselling and mentoring.

In late October, Dean Brian Postl held a Town Hall to communicate with Med I and II students about accreditation, student affairs, Dean's Office changes and to hear their comments and feedback. The well-attended event, also webcast on umanitoba.ca/medicine, attracted over 120 students who participated in a lively 20 minute question and answer period following presentations by Doctors Postl, Ripstein and myself.

The Faculty of Medicine is addressing students' needs in a number of ways. More than 2,000 square feet of space on 2nd floor, "T" Building has been allocated for University of Manitoba Student Services to establish a greater presence on this campus. In the coming months, all 2,500 students at Bannatyne Campus will benefit from the availability of on-site student services including: disability services, learning assistance, student advocacy, student and career counseling, and exam accommodation space.

Faculty-specific improvements include the appointment of Dr. Kristel van Ineveld as Senior Advisor to students, responsible for career counseling and career exploration opportunities, academic counseling related to exam performance, exam accommodations, bursaries and awards.

Expansion of student counselling has been initiated. Five faculty members were appointed to assist Med IV students to prepare for the CaRMS process initially with review of their MSPR (Dean's

letter). Preparation for CaRMS interviews will take place in January. Additionally, all Med III students will be invited to meet with faculty counsellors for electives advice and career counselling.

We are also establishing a new Student Advisory Group which will meet regularly with Student Affairs to voice their concerns, raise any issues, and, we hope, enable the Faculty to better serve our students. Doctors Gary Harding and Rob Brown have agreed to serve as the faculty reps along with a broad representation of medical and physician assistant students.

Dean Postl has begun Breakfast meetings with groups of students to better acquaint himself with the Med I and Med II students while Dr. Ripstein is inviting groups of students to lunch all in an effort to ensure our students feel welcome in our Faculty of Medicine.

We currently support MD and Physician Assistant Education Program students through career exploration opportunities (Pre-Clerkship); CaRMS preparation support (Clerkship); student wellness & counseling resources and referrals; academic advising/advocacy and facilitation of internally/externally funded bursaries, loans, professionalism, awards and prizes available to MD and PAEP students.

We also work closely with the Associate Dean, Professionalism and Diversity to ensure our students are aware of our commitment as a faculty to a respectful learning environment.

The development of respect, communication, responsibility and attitudes in the pre-clinical years will be essential in the clinical years when the patient is the focus of one's work. In the coming months, I look forward to continuing to support our students and providing the confidential resources they need for both academic and personal success.



CLASS OF 2010 CONVOCATION

The University of Manitoba held a Convocation Ceremony for medical graduates on **May 13, 2010**. Degrees were conferred on 104 medical school graduates: 52 females and 52 males, including 20 graduates from rural Manitoba and two Aboriginal graduates.

"Today we are celebrating 104 graduates. The University of Manitoba medical school has been educating physicians in the Province for 127 years. We are extremely proud of this class and their achievements," said Dr. J. Dean Sandham, former Dean, Faculty of Medicine. "We are also proud that we have the highest retention of graduates to residency programs in their home province in English Canada. My congratulations to the graduates, family and friends and to our faculty and staff."

The Convocation also included the presentation of an **Honorary Doctorate** degree to University of Manitoba alumnus **Michael Rachlis MD FRCP**.

A respected and vigorous champion of Canada's public health care system, Dr. Rachlis was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba in 1951 and graduated from the University of Manitoba medical school in 1975. He interned at McMaster University and then practiced family medicine at the South Riverdale Community Health Centre in Toronto for eight years. He completed training in Community Medicine at McMaster and was made a fellow of the Canadian Royal College of Physicians in 1988. Dr. Rachlis practices as a private consultant in health policy analysis. His passionate and articulate analyses of the Canadian health care system have led to his service as a consultant to the federal government, all ten provincial governments, and two royal commissions. He also holds adjunct associate professor appointments with the University of Toronto Department of Health Policy, Management, and Evaluation and the Dalla Lana School of Public Health. Dr. Rachlis has lectured widely on health care issues. He has been invited to make presentations to committees of the Canadian House of Commons and the Canadian Senate as well as the United States House of Representatives and Senate. He is a frequent media commentator on health policy issues and the author of three national bestsellers about Canada's health care system. In his spare time, Dr. Rachlis enjoys cycling and duplicate bridge. He lives in Toronto with his wife and two children.

The title of **professor emeritus** was bestowed upon **Patrick Choy**, **Jane Evans** and **Daniel Sitar**.

Class of 2011 Medicine Convocation will be held Thursday, May 12, 2011.

PATRICK CHOY

B.Sc. (McGill); M.Sc., Ph.D. (North Dakota);

M.D.(Hons.) (McGill); FAHA FIACS

Department of Biochemistry and Medical Genetics

A distinguished scientist who is an international leader in the study of heart disease, Dr. Choy joined the University of Manitoba in 1979 as a researcher and professor in the Department of Biochemistry and Medical Genetics. He served as head of the department from 1992 to 1999 and as Associate Dean of Research in the Faculty of Medicine from 1999 to 2009. Dr. Choy is currently Special Advisor to the President and Dean of Medicine. An internationally recognized leader in the study of cardiovascular phospholipids and lipoproteins, Dr. Choy's research established novel connections between lipid metabolism, cardiac arrhythmias and atherosclerosis. His work has been supported by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research for 30 years. Dr. Choy established the Centre for Research and Treatment of Atherosclerosis and has served as President of the Canadian Biochemical Society and Vice-President of the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Manitoba.

JANE EVANS

B.Sc.(Hons.) (Birmingham); Ph.D. (Leicester); FCCMG

Department of Biochemistry and Medical Genetics

A medical geneticist with an international reputation for excellence, Dr. Evans has been instrumental in uncovering the role folic acid and food fortification play in reducing birth defects. Dr. Evans received her PhD from the University of Leicester in 1975 and after post-doctoral training, joined the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Manitoba. She has served as Head of the Department of Biochemistry and Medical Genetics and also affiliated with Pediatrics and Child Health, and Community Health Sciences. A fellow of the Canadian College of Medical Geneticists since 1983, she served as President from 1998–2000. She holds an appointment with the Genetics and Metabolism Program, Winnipeg Regional Health Authority, where she is involved with the Manitoba Maternal Serum Screening Program and is a consultant in the clinical genetics service. Dr. Evans chairs the advisory group of the Canadian Congenital Anomalies Surveillance Network and is a member of the Canadian Perinatal Surveillance System Steering Committee and the Infant and Fetal Health Study Group.

DANIEL SITAR

B.Sc., M.Sc., PhD (Manitoba); FCP FGSA

Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics

Dr. Sitar received his university education in Manitoba and became a licensed pharmacist in 1966 until his retirement at the end of 2009. In addition, he completed an M.Sc. degree in Pharmacy (1968), and a PhD in Pharmacology (1972). After academic appointments at the University of Minnesota (1971–73) and McGill University (1973–78), he was recruited back to the University of Manitoba in 1978 to participate in the development of the first Geriatric Clinical Pharmacology program in Canada. Dr. Sitar was a professor in the departments of internal medicine, and pharmacology and therapeutics. In 1999, he was appointed head of the Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics, and served in that capacity until the end of 2008. His expertise in drug disposition and factors that affect it are recognized by invited chapters in major textbooks of pharmacology. Dr. Sitar has been a member of the Editorial Board of Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics since 1986, and is currently the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Clinical Pharmacology.



UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA WELCOMES CLASS OF 2014

The University of Manitoba Faculty of Medicine welcomed 110 new medical students at the annual Inaugural Day Exercises held August 25, 2010. Our new admissions process casts a wide net to place value on applicants with a commitment to rural issues, and 49 per cent of the class has these attributes.

Of the 110 students, 104 are Manitobans and six are from out of province. Seven students, or six per cent, are self-declared Aboriginal. The average age is 23.3 years in the Class of 2014 with the youngest student just 19 and the oldest student 32 years of age.

"We are delighted to welcome such a large contingent of students with rural attributes and believe our efforts to attract students with diverse backgrounds will positively impact future health care delivery across the Province," said Dr. Brian Postl, Dean of Medicine, University of Manitoba.

University of Manitoba alumnus and Professor of Surgery Michael West (MD/73) presented the keynote address; and Minister of Innovation, Energy & Mines David Chomiak and Grand Chief Ron Evans, Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, brought greetings at the White Coat Ceremony.

MANITOBA'S FIRST PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT GRADUATES

TEN MASTER OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES DEGREES CONFERRED

For the first time in Manitoba history, physician assistants were a part of the University of Manitoba Fall Convocation on Wednesday, October 20, 2010. The ten graduates completed the country's first Master's level education program for Physician Assistants (PAs).

The two-year Master of Physician Assistant Studies degree, administered by the University of Manitoba faculties of Medicine and Graduate Studies, launched in September 2008. Previously, the only Canadian Medical Association-accredited physician assistant training program has been through the Canadian Forces.

"The University of Manitoba is a national leader in Physician Assistant education, a field which improves patient care and satisfaction," said Dr. Brian Postl, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine. "PAs are an important part of an inter-professional team, working collaboratively with physicians, nurses and other practitioners in a variety of settings."

Under the supervision of a physician, PAs can perform a spectrum of duties including conducting physical examinations, ordering diagnostic tests, providing therapeutic procedures, prescribing medications, and providing patient education and counseling. Although educated as generalists, PAs may receive additional education, training, and experience on the job and may work in primary care or subspecialty areas.

"Adding PAs to health care teams can help reduce wait times, curtail rising health care costs, and alleviate workload issues," said Ian Jones, Acting Program Director, Physician Assistant Education Program. "They are an important component to addressing our province's health care human resource needs."

The ten PA graduates come from diverse backgrounds including nursing, biomedical engineering, athletic therapy, physical therapy, occupational therapy, basic science and community health science.



BOOKS WITH WINGS

PROGRAM GIVES HOPE TO AFGHANIS

BY **LISA THOMSON STIFORA**

Following nearly 20 years of war and civil unrest, Afghanistan's universities have been left in a state of ruin. One of their most significant disadvantages: a deficit of current, relevant books. Only one organization in the world has taken it upon themselves to help rectify this problem – Books With Wings founded at the University of Manitoba Faculty of Medicine by Dr. Richard Gordon.

Books With Wings was conceived in December 2001 when Dr. Gordon happened to see a CNN interview with Kabul University's librarian. She and the reporter were standing in front of a shelf of books that had been completely decimated but for one volume: Milton's *Paradise Lost*. The librarian made a plea for viewers to send books to Afghanistan and Gordon said to himself, "I can do that."

In the following months Dr. Gordon partnered with the Manitoba Medical Students' Association (MMSA) to get Books With Wings started. It is the students, he says, who "took this idea on and really got it off the ground."

Students still do much of the work today under the supervision of Dr. Gordon. They collect books, evaluate which ones are worth sending to Afghanistan (those that are not are sold off in semi-annual book sales, the proceeds of which are used to purchase new text books), catalogue them with Library of Congress stickers and pack them in shelving order for shipment. But they do not underestimate Dr. Gordon's contributions. "Books With Wings couldn't run without him," said second-year medical student Leena Hasan.

It is a valuable experience for the student volunteers. Hasan was recruited by Dr. Gordon to work with the program and recognizes its value. "It really is important because we have so many books here in Canada, some just lying around people's houses and in Afghanistan they hardly have any," she said.

The program is making an impact in Afghanistan, though Dr. Gordon says it is difficult to get detailed reports from the recipients due to language and technology barriers. There is evidence however, that Books With Wings is making a name for itself. "We received word from a man who has formed a new medical school in Afghanistan who requested that we send them text books," said Dr. Gordon. "This tells us that the program is reasonably well-known and appreciated in Afghanistan."

Dr. Gordon sees Books With Wings continuing and growing into the future. "It is important to bring the world up to a decent standard," he said. That will include expanding Books With Wings beyond the Faculty of Medicine. "I hope that we will be able to expand the program to include book collecting for all disciplines that are taught in university," he said. He envisions a champion within each faculty who could provide the leadership to their students that Dr. Gordon has at the Faculty of Medicine. Until then, the active chapter in the Faculty of Medicine always needs people who are willing to give their time, their text books or their funds to Books With Wings.

The Books With Wings drop off location is on the main floor of Brodie Centre (University of Manitoba Bannatyne Campus) outside the campus bookstore. Books donated at the University of Manitoba over the past year will form the core medical book collection for the new Cheragh Medical Higher Education Institute in Kabul.



FACULTY OF MEDICINE RESEARCH UPDATE

BY DR. PETER NICKERSON, ASSOCIATE DEAN, RESEARCH

Enhancement of our research endeavour is a high priority within the Faculty of Medicine.

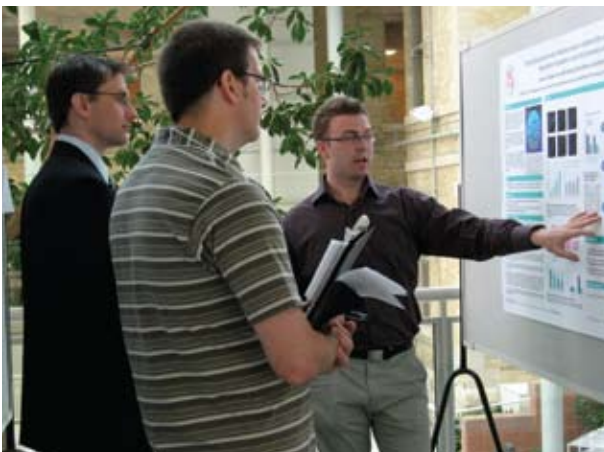
A new program has been established with \$100,000 commitment that dovetails on the B.Sc. (Med) program. It will generate a culture of research from the ground up and will be open to Med II, III and IV students. It will give second-year students 12-weeks paid summer experience and encourage third- and fourth-year students to pursue or continue research during their clinical training as an eight-week paid elective.

In order to participate in this new program, Med II, III and IV students will have to work in a biomedical science laboratory or on an approved project using biostatistics, epidemiology and/or large databases (Dept. Community Health Sciences, MCHP) in collaboration with a graduate student or postdoctoral fellow under the supervision of a mentor based in the Faculty of Medicine.

On the infrastructure side, in addition to the \$2.5 million allocated to renovate and upgrade pharmacology and therapeutics labs and central office space, \$1.5 million has been earmarked for a faculty equipment competition to enhance research capacity in the Faculty of Medicine.

Another \$2 million has been set aside to launch the new neurobiology program to create another centre of excellence within the faculty.

Canadian Student Health Research Forum



Supporting student research at all levels remains a priority for the Faculty. More than 200 of Canada's top health research graduate and doctoral students and postdoctoral fellows were in Winnipeg for the 2010 Canadian Student Health Research Forum June 1-4, 2010. Hosted by the University of Manitoba Faculty of Medicine, the Forum provided participants with an opportunity to present and showcase their research, network with one another and be recognized for the excellence of their scientific discovery.

The Canadian Student Health Research Forum, celebrating its 23rd year, also featured research poster days, awards of excellence, tours and social events as well as a one-day symposium on a cross-disciplinary scientific theme by some of the world's leading scientists. This year's symposium theme was "Infectious Disease and Global Health."

East-West Alliance 2010

The University of Manitoba hosted the East-West Alliance meetings in June 2010, welcoming nine learning institutions from across the globe.

The East-West Alliance is a prestigious international network of Asian and Western medical research institutions and faculties, including the University of Manitoba, that have been supported by the Li Ka Shing Foundation. Participating universities include the Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shantou University, St. Michael's Hospital, University of Toronto, Stanford University, University of California - Berkeley, University of Cambridge, University of Oxford, University of Hong Kong and Institut Pasteur.

The 2010 conference sessions focused on Challenges in Global Health; Research Response to Pandemic Threats; The Impact of H1N1 on Global Health; and Coordinating Medical Research and Education in Times of Crisis.

Sessions featured moderators and panelists from all participating universities including University of Manitoba internationally-renowned infectious disease, public and global health specialists Dr. Frank Plummer, Dr. James Blanchard, Dr. Joanne Embree, Dr. Joel Kettner, and Dr. Keith Fowke.

"The East-West Alliance was formed to foster productive collaborations with each other," said Dr. Patrick Choy, chair of the organizing committee and then Associate Dean, Development in the Faculty of Medicine, University of Manitoba. "We are fortunate to be included as a member of this network."

The East-West Alliance convenes annually to address significant scientific issues fostering productive collaborations between institutions leading to high impact research and educational projects. Members have pledged to explore collaborative research opportunities so as to solve the most pressing global health problems in niche areas, including aging, cancer and infection; attract research grants through multidisciplinary collaborations; and advance health science and technology through research and knowledge translation.

Previous scientific meetings of the Alliance were hosted by the University of Hong Kong, the University of Cambridge, and Stanford University. The University of Manitoba was the first Canadian partner to host the conference.

U OF M COLLABORATES WITH HEBREW U IN NAIROBI

BY SHARON CHISVIN

Dr. Francis (Frank) Plummer did not set out to devote his life's work to the search for a HIV/AIDS gene or vaccine. But then again, when he graduated from the University of Manitoba Faculty of Medicine in 1972, HIV/AIDS had not yet been identified as the greatest health challenge in the world.

Now, after almost 30 years working in the field, Dr. Plummer is well aware of the devastation and suffering wrought by HIV/AIDS, a pandemic that affects an estimated 33 million people worldwide and is the leading cause of death in sub Sahara Africa. And he is determined to do something about it.



Dr. Plummer was introduced to the AIDS epidemic in 1981, during a year-long fellowship in Nairobi dedicated to the study of infectious diseases. He returned to the Kenyan capital in 1984, and spent the next 16 years there working with the University of Manitoba and the University of Nairobi, researching sexually transmitted diseases and HIV/AIDS.

Since returning to Winnipeg, Dr. Plummer has assumed positions as Chief Science

Advisor at the Public Health Agency of Canada, Director General of the Centre for Infectious Disease Prevention and Control in Ottawa, Scientific Director General of the National Microbiology Laboratory in Winnipeg, and Distinguished Professor in the Departments of Medical Microbiology and Community Health Sciences at the University of Manitoba. But he has also diligently pursued his HIV research, becoming one of the world's foremost experts in the fields.

Much of Dr. Plummer's research stems from the results of a 1985 study of 600 Nairobi sex trade workers.

"I was working on STIs in Africa when as a side study we did an analysis of the frequency of HIV among female sex workers in Kenya," Dr. Plummer explains.

The analysis revealed that about two-thirds of the women had HIV, but one-third of them appeared to have a natural resistance to the virus in spite of their multiple and ongoing exposure to it.

"We then embarked on a whole series of groundbreaking studies on HIV in Africa," Dr. Plummer adds, "which led me to where I am today."

Plummer's devotion to this research and his resolve to fully examine and understand the innate immunology behind the disease is shared by Dr. Ofer Mandelboim, a molecular immunologist at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem's Institute of Medical Research Israel-Canada. Dr. Mandelboim's area of expertise is NK cells, the natural killer cells that defend against viruses and bacteria by helping to detect and eliminate unwanted invaders.

Due to their shared interest, Doctors Plummer and Mandelboim recently began collaborating on a Nairobi-based research project devoted to examining the role of Natural Killer cells in mediating resistance to HIV Infection.

The collaborative effort, Dr. Plummer says, represents a noteworthy achievement for the University of Manitoba.

"The fact that we can interest world class scientists from major universities reflects the U of M position as a major player in the HIV world," he says. "It brings together unique expertise and resources to try to understand an important problem (and) it fits very well with the U of M's infectious disease and global health priorities."

"By combining our expertise," Dr. Mandelboim adds, "we will maybe be exposed to a new line of research."

The project is comprised of three separate studies that will help determine why some individuals are capable of a natural resistance to the disease. This determination, in turn, will help to advance understanding of how an HIV vaccine might be designed.

A fourth collaborative study is examining the role of Natural Killer cells in the context of other viral infections like H1N1 influenza.

Currently, the collaboration has guaranteed funding for three years from the province's Manitoba Science and Technology International Collaboration Fund. Both Doctors Plummer and Mandelboim, however, are optimistic that the funding will be extended, or new funding will be sourced, to allow them to continue to work on the project long term – a necessity for an endeavour that aims to do nothing less than eradicate one of the greatest health challenges in the world.



PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT: DR. BRIAN POSTL, DR. STEVEN PASSMORE, DR. EMILY ETCHEVERRY, DR. ALLAN GOTLIB, HEALTH MINISTER THERESA OSWALD, DR. DAVID BARNARD.

CCRF GIVES \$500K TO ESTABLISH PROFESSORSHIP IN SCHOOL OF MEDICAL REHABILITATION

BY ILANA SIMON

The University of Manitoba announced a \$500,000 gift from the Canadian Chiropractic Research Foundation (CCRF) Sept. 30, 2010 to establish the CCRF Professorship in Spine Biomechanics and Human Neurophysiology at the School of Medical Rehabilitation, Faculty of Medicine.

The CCRF's gift was made in partnership with the Manitoba Chiropractors' Association and the Province of Manitoba. Manitoba Health provided \$170,000 in support (one-third of the total) toward establishment of this professorship. The \$500,000 gift will be provided over five years.

The professorship will advance research related to client interventions in the areas of spinal manipulation and pain management such as neck pain, back pain and degenerative disc disease.

University of Manitoba President and Vice-Chancellor David Barnard acknowledged the CCRF gift as innovative. "This CCRF professorship illustrates how the chiropractic profession is nurturing a research culture with medical rehabilitation practitioners that will inform quality, evidence-based care," he said.

Chiropractor Dr. Steven Passmore, named Professor in Spine Biomechanics and Human Neurophysiology, will complement the research and activities already taking place in the School of Medical Rehabilitation and add capacity for research collaboration

between faculties and disciplines within the University of Manitoba.

"It is a tremendous honour to accept this professorship. The position is the culmination of a dream of all Canada's chiropractors and will help build research capacity in the Canadian chiropractic profession," Dr. Passmore said. "Research measures enhance our understanding of patients' progress in recovery, which allows us to better treat them."

Dr. Emily Etcheverry, professor and director of the School of Medical Rehabilitation, welcomed the opportunities the new CCRF professorship will provide for research partnerships and successes. "Bringing different perspectives from a practice point of view will be very useful and mutually beneficial," she said.

As part of its mission, the CCRF has supported the development of university-based research positions at universities across Canada to create opportunities for chiropractors to pursue research and PhD level education.

"The CCRF funds research because it directly benefits the health care of Canadians," said Dr. Allan Gotlib, executive vice-president of the CCRF. "This is an opportunity to take research and integrate it into research systems and health care across Canada. This partnership allows the 6,000 chiropractors who will rely on the evidence generated through this research to improve the quality of care they give to patients."

MESSAGE FROM DEVELOPMENT

BY **DANIELLE DUNBAR**,
ACTING DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT



This fall we welcomed another 110 students and a new Dean to our medical school. Dr. Brian Postl began his term as Dean of the Faculty of Medicine in July 2010, and has continued the annual tradition of hosting the Dean's Breakfast during Homecoming weekend. During homecoming we played host to over 235

alumni and eight class reunions. It was wonderful to see so many classmates come together.

A number of these classes have decided to embark on class campaigns, specifically the classes of 1955, 1960, 1970 and 1985. These four classes are joining what has become a real tradition in the Faculty of Medicine. At least 20 classes – from the Class of 1949 all the way up to 1999 – have carried out or are in the midst of class campaigns. These campaigns have raised over \$1.7 million for the Faculty of Medicine!

One of our top priorities is helping students to achieve their medical education. Among the ways in which we do this is by providing students with the financial support to allow them to focus full time on their studies. If you have ever considered establishing an award of your own to help students pursuing a medical career, we would be happy to talk to you about your wishes. You can establish an award today and see students benefit for years to come.

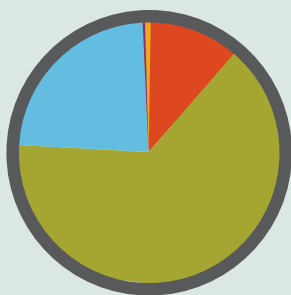
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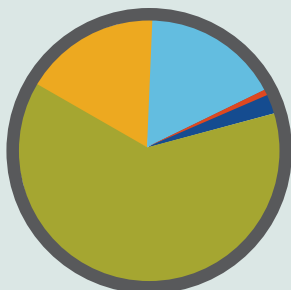
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ILAN SCHWARTZ [MD/09] INTRODUCES LITTLE TRAVELLERS TO THE WORLD

BY SHARON CHISVIN

The tiny beaded doll pins seem to be everywhere – fastened on to jacket lapels and backpack straps, tucked into Christmas stockings and party favour bags, and on display at the checkout counter at hospital gift shops, high-end boutiques and convenience stores. These dolls, aptly named Little Travellers, first arrived in Winnipeg five years ago in the suitcase of Ilan Schwartz, a South African-born and Winnipeg-raised young man about to enter medical school at the University of Manitoba.

With five months to spare before the start of his medical studies, Ilan Schwartz, then 23-years-old, travelled to South Africa to volunteer at the Hillcrest AIDS Centre in the province of KwaZulu-Natal.

“I wanted the opportunity to see and appreciate the big picture, how health impacts on communities in need, before being bogged down with the minutiae of medicine,” he explains.

Ilan Schwartz spent much of his time at the clinic accompanying nurses on home visits to AIDS patients. About 40% of the population in that area lives with HIV/AIDS. Before returning to Winnipeg, he purchased several Little Traveller dolls to take home to family and friends as souvenirs. The doll pins are handmade by local craftswomen and are sold as an income generating project.

However, he never got around to giving the dolls away.

“I started med school within a few days of my return and would wear a different Little Traveller on my shirt everyday,” he recalls, “People kept asking me what they were about, and when I explained their significance, everyone wanted them.”

Recognizing an opportunity to raise awareness about HIV and funds for the Hillcrest Centre, Dr. Schwartz decided to sell the few dolls that he had brought back with him. Then, inspired by Dr. Bryan Magwood, director of the Faculty of Medicine’s medical humanities program, he decided to expand that initiative.

“What spurred me to do so was the first-year medical humanities program that encourages students to become involved in humanitarian issues,” Dr. Schwartz explains. “There was definitely a push to get us involved in humanistic enterprises, so I presented this idea to my classmates, telling them I knew this place in South Africa, and that we could raise money for it, and create opportunities for people in need.”

Dr. Schwartz’s classmates were extremely receptive to his idea and quickly convened a committee to arrange to sell Little Travellers. Initially, they sold the pins to students and health personnel on the Bannatyne campus. Within a short time, and with the help of numerous volunteers, they expanded their

enterprise and began selling the dolls across the city, the country and internationally. There are now Little Travellers chapters in the US, Korea and Australia.

Each Little Traveller doll is unique, and many are custom made to commemorate specific holidays, occasions and world events. To date, the organization that Schwartz started has sold about 50,000 Little Travellers and raised more than \$300,000. Proceeds from the sale of the dolls have provided a steady income to the women who make them, and also are being used to fund the day-to-day operations of a new respite unit at the Hillcrest Centre.

Dr. Schwartz remains involved in the organization, although he has had to step back from the front lines since graduating from the Faculty of Medicine in 2009 and starting a residency in internal medicine at Queen’s University in Kingston, Ontario. Following his residency he plans to complete a two year specialty in infectious diseases, and then return to Africa to work. He has already been back there four times since volunteering at Hillcrest, once to visit the centre and three other times to complete electives.



DR. ILAN SCHWARTZ (FAR LEFT), KRISTINE CRISTOPH (SECOND FROM RIGHT), AND TWO CRAFTERS AT HILLCREST AIDS CENTRE HOLDING LITTLE TRAVELLERS.

These work experiences in Africa helped to solidify Dr. Schwartz’s desire to be involved in the care of people with HIV. So too did his studies at the University of Manitoba where, he says, he was privileged to be exposed to people who are “world experts and game changers on research in HIV in Africa.” Doctors like Allan Ronald and Stephen Moses, he says, are a huge source of inspiration.

Doctors like Ilan Schwartz are too.

To find out more about Little Travellers, visit littletravellers.net



DR. SANDHYA PRUTHI [MD/90] COMBINES HIGH-TECH ART – AND SOUL – TO AID BREAST CANCER PATIENTS

BY SHARON CHISVIN

DR. SANDHYA PRUTHI NEVER CONSIDERED HERSELF MUCH OF AN ARTIST, YET THE DRAWINGS THAT SHE ROUTINELY SKETCHED FOR PATIENTS NEWLY DIAGNOSED WITH BREAST CANCER INVARIABLY SEEMED TO BRING THEM A SENSE OF RELIEF AND UNDERSTANDING. USING WHATEVER SCRAPS OF PAPER WERE AT HAND, DR. PRUTHI (NEE KAPOOR) WOULD MAKE SKETCHES TO HELP HER PATIENTS VISUALIZE THEIR ILLNESS, SURGICAL PROCEDURES AND TREATMENTS. OFTEN THE PATIENTS WOULD ASK TO TAKE THE DRAWINGS HOME.

Dr. Pruthi no longer needs to make sketches. Instead, the breast cancer specialist at the Mayo Clinic educates her patients about their illness using a sophisticated illustrated computerized program. Dr. Pruthi designed the program with her colleagues and team of experts from medical illustrations and information technology, basing it on the drawings that she used to make by hand.

The Ugandan-born, Winnipeg-raised Pruthi graduated from the University of Manitoba Faculty of Medicine in 1990 and completed a Family Medicine residency at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota in 1994.

"When people ask me in the US where I went to medical school, I am always proud to say that I went to U of M where the quality of education and training was excellent," Dr. Pruthi says. "I would compare my training at the U of M with other students... and I noted that I had advanced clinical skills and more experience with performing procedures."

Following her residency, Dr. Pruthi joined the Mayo's Breast Diagnostic Clinic and Division of General Internal Medicine, developing a specialty in breast cancer management in women at high risk for the disease. She also began to focus on patient-related research and patient education, areas of medicine that had always been of special interest to her.

"I was a strong proponent of patient education and it was extremely important to me to help my patients understand their diseases," she says.

This desire to communicate well with her patients, she adds, was largely influenced by two of her University of Manitoba professors, psychiatrist Dr. Samia Barakat and ob/gyn specialist Dr. Susan Taylor.

"Both of these professors taught me about the importance of developing strong communication skills as the first step in building rapport with my patients," Dr. Pruthi says. "They also both were influential in my deciding on a career in women's health."

In the course of her clinical work, Dr. Pruthi kept noticing that the patients who really understood the nature of their disease were able to make better and more informed decisions about their treatment and health. She also noticed that patients, especially

those for whom English was a second language, reacted with greater understanding to her drawings than to her verbal explanations.

"My patients would always ask me at the end of the consultation for my drawings because they liked the way I would explain their diagnosis and discuss their treatment options," she says. "This gave me the idea to develop my drawings into a computer program."

Dr. Pruthi developed the Computerized Breast Cancer Educational Tool with the support of a Clinical Practice Innovation Grant from the Mayo Clinic. She then tested its success by comparing women who were educated about their cancer with the new tool to those who were educated in the more traditional way.

"The results of the study revealed that women did indeed have better knowledge about their breast cancer diagnosis and were less distressed when discussing the treatment options, compared to usual care," Dr. Pruthi reports.

The Computerized Breast Cancer Educational Tool is now widely used at the Mayo Clinic. Dr. Pruthi hopes that eventually it will be adopted by health care providers nationally and internationally, and, of course, in her Canadian home town.

Although Dr. Pruthi has lived in Minnesota for nearly 20 years, she retains affection for Winnipeg, where her parents still reside, and for the University of Manitoba, where her passion for medicine was nurtured. She was recently back in Winnipeg as one of the organizers of her medical school class's 20th anniversary reunion, and says that she is already looking forward to the next one.

In the meantime, she will continue her work in breast cancer management, patient education and the development of unique models of health care. She is the principal investigator of several trials exploring the prevention and early identification of breast cancer, and she recently opened a Breast Clinic for under-served women in Rochester.

Work at the clinic, she explains, will help her understand and develop new ways to educate women from diverse cultures and backgrounds. It may also inspire her to develop another effective computer education tool.

CLASS OF '61 RAISES MORE THAN \$225K FOR MEDICAL SCHOOL

BY LISA THOMSON STIFORA

Over their four years of medical school together, classmates grow strong bonds that can last a lifetime. When they reunite through the years, it is a cause for celebration. For the Medicine Class of 1961, the occasion of their forty-fifth reunion in 2006 was an opportunity to celebrate their success with a five year class campaign. Since then, they have raised well over \$225,000 to create a legacy endowment fund that will benefit the Faculty of Medicine and its students for years to come.

Instrumental to this successful campaign are the six class leaders: Dr. John Foerster, Dr. Harvey Bergner, Dr. Richard Armstrong, Dr. Maie Kaarsoo Herrick, Dr. Philippe L'Heureux and Dr. Allan Ronald. Dr. Ronald attributes the strong participation to his class's closeness. "We have been a class that appreciated each other and the legacy that we enjoyed together from a number of special teachers from 1957 to 1961. We all had a great time together."

Unlike most class campaigns, which generally last a year, the Class of 1961 elected to spend five years leading up to their 50th reunion building a legacy fund that could make a big impact

on the Faculty of Medicine. In 2011, when they reunite, the classmates will face the challenge of directing that fund. "We want something that will be a lasting legacy, whether it be student awards, research, travel grants or something else," says Dr. Ronald.

What Dr. Ronald and his fellow class leaders do know is that they are proud of their classmates' generosity. "I'm delighted that 23 of those who have survived until 2010 have given generously," says Dr. Ronald. "I'm sure most of the others will join us as well!"

In 2011, when the Class of 1961 comes back together they will have one more source of pride in this major contribution. They hope their contributions will stand as an example that mobilizes other classes to join together and leave their mark on the Faculty of Medicine.

If you are interested in starting a class giving campaign or would like more information about class giving, please contact Blair Nicholls, Development Officer at (204) 789-3647 or blair_nicholls@umanitoba.ca.

ALLAN RONALD TO BE INDUCTED INTO CANADIAN MEDICAL HALL OF FAME



Born in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, Dr. Allan Ronald is an internationally respected expert in infectious disease. As a mentor of young physicians, his limitless enthusiasm and dedication has ensured the advancement of Infectious Disease as a discipline.

After receiving his doctorate in medicine from the University of Manitoba in 1961, Dr. Ronald proceeded to Maryland, Washington and Pakistan for his training in Internal Medicine, Infectious Diseases, and Clinical Microbiology. His return to Winnipeg in 1968 set in motion the creation of the Manitoba Infectious Disease Program. It became internationally recognized, and has been acknowledged as Canada's centre of excellence in the research and training of infectious diseases.

In 1980, Dr. Ronald assisted the University of Nairobi in creating one of the premiere initiatives in health collaborations between

northern and southern institutions: The University of Manitoba/University of Nairobi World Health Organization Research and Training Program in Sexually Transmitted Diseases. More than 50 Africans have earned Masters or PhD degrees due to this program. In 2001 the Ugandan-based Academic Alliance for AIDS Care and Prevention in Africa was established, of which Dr. Ronald is a founding member. A father of three and grandfather of 12, he and his wife, a nurse, have assisted in providing thousands of Africans with antiretroviral therapy and training in HIV care.

An Officer of the Order of Canada, Dr. Ronald has been recognized for his numerous contributions with the prestigious Gairdner Foundation Wightman Award (2006), and the Canadian Medical Association's highest honour, the F.N.G. Starr Award. Selected as one of the 30 Outstanding Manitobans in 2009, he is also a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada (2000). Dr. Ronald will be inducted into the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame at a ceremony April 28, 2011 in London, Ontario.

OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY REPORT

BY KEITH MCCONNELL, DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS



Thank you to all of the staff and faculty for the dedicated hard work on many projects and activities in 2009/10. The Faculty of Medicine has engaged and completed significant number of projects to help us fulfill our mission and vision over the last year. In addition to the faculty support, we have received tremendous support from

our central administration, provincial and federal governments to help complete these numerous projects.

Our key success is our human resources and year over year many areas have participated in both internal and external reviews of staffing and function to ensure we have adequate staffing levels and appropriate skill sets. This process is important to our short and long term goals and required by our accrediting bodies. We have learnt a lot and will continue to learn.

FINANCE AREA 2009/2010- FACULTY OFFICE FOR THE FACULTY MEDICINE

Priority one for the portfolio of Director of Operations continues to be to improve the financial reporting of the faculty.

Over the course of the last 2 years, the Finance area has seen changes in worklife such as increased reporting requirements, the inclusion of Manitoba Medical College Foundation (MMCF) finances, the review of the Trust and Endowment funds, the increased capital construction due to increased enrolment, a revision of the document filing process and the start of the Joint Operating Division. The ability to disburse work throughout the finance unit (via the two Senior Financial Officers and two financial assistants) has enabled these significant workload increases to be accomplished.

MANITOBA MEDICAL COLLEGE FOUNDATION (MMCF)

- This foundation is a separate entity that is outside of the University of Manitoba finances. The finance team provides financial advice through one SFO and bookkeeping skills via a financial analyst.

REVIEW OF THE TRUST AND ENDOWMENT FUNDS

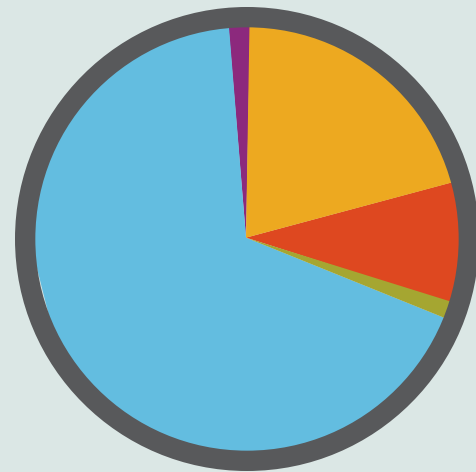
- This review was performed by Dr. Doug Craig and Mary Hill and ended April 30, 2008. The recommendations from the review have yet to be fully implemented and managed on an on-going basis.
- When this project started it was hoped that the funds could be consolidated into three or four pillars that the Faculty of Medicine sees as strategic building blocks for the future. Currently we have 400+ funds with a goal to have more manageable number of 20 to 30 funds (under the four pillars - student support, research, construction and operating.)

JOINT OPERATING DIVISION (JOD)

Currently, we have three individuals (one financial assistant and 2 Senior Financial Officers) verifying financial data and a reconciling each appointment. At this time, we are unable to determine the ramifications of what this new process may entail. We will continue to provide support to this function but it may not be to the same extent that we are currently providing.

Many areas are looking at the physical infrastructure to meet the changing technologies and systems needed to reach our goals. The Faculty has worked with Physical Plant to redevelop and construct space. The Faculty has over 50,000 sq feet of space under construction this year. The primary focus is on teaching and research space with the construction of the Clinical Learning and Simulation Facility, a new 110 seat classroom, two new small group rooms, School of Medical Rehabilitation small group rooms and faculty labs, upgraded faculty board room, Family Medicine Research space, Community Health Sciences research space, Physician Assistant office, Immunology Department relocation, theatre upgrades B and C to name a few. The Faculty will continue to address physical plant challenges including our priority of the Old Basic (T) Building redevelopment.

FACULTY OF MEDICINE BUDGET ALLOCATION AS AT MARCH 31, 2010



TOTAL BUDGET: \$193,545,892

RESEARCH: 67.1% / \$129,872,082

CORE OPERATING/COPSE: 20.9% / \$40,416,892

SALES & SERVICE REVENUE: 9.2% / \$17,898,187

CAPITAL: 1.5% / \$2,944,241

TRUST & ENDOWMENT INVESTMENT INCOME: 1.2% / \$2,414,490

Allan Becker (MD/69), Professor, Pediatrics/Immunology, **Dr. Hani El-Gabalawy**, Professor, Internal Medicine, and **Dr. Leslie Roos**, Professor, Community Health Sciences, were elected fellows of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences (CAHS). Election to Fellowship in the CAHS is considered one of the highest honours for individuals in the Canadian health sciences community. Fellows are elected by their peers in recognition of outstanding career accomplishments and exceptional leadership, creativity and commitment to advancing academic health sciences.



Dr. Hao Ding, Associate Professor, Biochemistry and Medical Genetics, and four other Canadian scientists received a five year CIHR-Terry Fox New Frontiers Program grant. A total of \$927,140 was awarded to Dr. Ding's project "To determine the therapeutic role of anti-PDGF-C in tumor treatment".

Dr. Naranjan Dhalla, Professor, Internal Medicine, was honoured for Life Long Service and Contribution to Lower the Burden of Cardiovascular Diseases, presented at the Canada-India Networking Initiative on Cardiovascular Health conference. As well, he received the Diploma of Honour from the Medical School, University of Pecs, presented for the distinguished services rendered for developing educational program on myocardial cytoprotection.



Randall Fransoo (PhD/07), Research Scientist at the Manitoba Centre for Health Policy and Assistant Professor in Community Health Sciences, was awarded the Gerry McDole Professorship in Improved Healthcare Delivery to Rural, Remote and Underserved Populations of Manitoba.

Davinder Jassal (MD/98, B.Sc. (Med)/98), Assistant Professor in the Section of Cardiology, Department of Internal Medicine and the Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences at St. Boniface Hospital Research Centre was the 2010 Royal College of Physician and Surgeons of Canada 2010 Mentor of the Year Award; Manitoba and Saskatchewan section.

Lorrie Kirshenbaum (M.Sc./88, PhD/92), Professor, Physiology/Pharmacology & Therapeutics, received the R.E. Beamish Memorial Award for receiving the highest provincial ranking this year among research grant applicants as rated by the Heart and Stroke Foundation (HSFM) of Canada Scientific Review committee. Dr. Kirshenbaum was also inducted as a Fellow of the International Academy of Cardiovascular Sciences (IACS), International Society for Heart Research (ISHR) and the American Heart Association (AHA) and was invited to serve as the chair the Myocardial Ischemia and Metabolism (MIM) study section for the National Institutes of Health (NIH).



Dr. Michael Mowat, Professor, Biochemistry and Medical Genetics, was recipient of a Canadian Cancer Society Research Institute grant entitled "Role of Dlc tumour suppressors in progression and drug response" and the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation Prairies / NWT Region grant for work entitled "The Role of the Deleted in Liver Cancer (Dlc) Tumor Suppressor Genes in Mammary Tumor Metastasis.

Assistant Professors in Surgery, **Drs. Eric Bohm, Colin Burnell (MD/97), David Hedden**, and **Thomas Turgeon**, received the "Award of Merit," in recognition of leading an outstanding orthopaedic model of care. The award was presented at the 65th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Orthopaedic Association, in Edmonton, Alberta.



Brent Schacter (MD/65, B.Sc (Med)/65), Professor, Internal Medicine, received the Award for Excellence in Medicine and Health which recognizes an outstanding contribution by either a Canadian individual or organization in assisting the Society to advance the mission of the Canadian Cancer Society. Only 1 Award for Excellence in Medicine and Health is awarded each year.

Dr. Pawan Singal, Professor, Physiology, was awarded the Albrecht Fleckenstein Memorial Award for distinguished contribution in the field of basic research in cardiology, by the International Academy of Cardiology.

Dr. Harminder Singh (MPH/07), Assistant Professor, Internal Medicine, received the 2010 Aubie Angel Young Investigator Award in Clinical Research.



Dr. Mojgan Rastegar, Assistant Professor of Biochemistry and Medical Genetics, received three grants for Regenerative Medicine projects totaling \$298,980 over three years.

Dr. Esther Ravinsky, Professor, Pathology, **Patricia Baker (MD/91, BMRPT/82)**, Associate Professor, Pathology, **Michael Cantor (MD/97)**, Assistant Professor, Internal Medicine, and **Dr. Viktor Zherebitskiy**, Resident, were authors on the abstract: "Endoscopic Ultrasound Guided Fine Needle Aspirations Of Pancreas: Five-Year Experience In The Province Of Manitoba" which won the Hugh Curry Award at the Canadian Association of Pathologists Annual Meeting July 2010 in Montreal.



Dr. Ryan Zarychanski (B.Sc. (Med)/00), Assistant Professor, Internal Medicine, was awarded one of five Randomized Clinical Trials Mentorship awards offered by CIHR. The objective of this award is to "develop future leaders in clinic trials research by enabling promising individuals to be mentored by prominent researchers."

check up on alumni



William Friesen (MD/43) has been retired as OB-GYN for 20 years.

Ash Thomson (MD/45) was involved with starting dialysis programs in Winnipeg and organized transportation for patients.

I.I. Mayba (MD/57) and **Colin Burnell (MD/97)** have published a 50th Anniversary history of the Manitoba Orthopaedic Symposium founded in 1959 and held annually in Winnipeg. The symposia deal with orthopaedic conditions of children and adults, trauma, rehabilitation of adults and children, and, more recently, arthroplasties of joints performed in the Hospital Operating Room with direct videolink to the audience. Reknowned specialists are invited as guest speakers each year. Dr Ihor Mayba also writes a bi-monthly column in the *Winnipeg Sun* highlighting items of interest in Ukrainian heritage and culture.



Douglas Cain (MD/59) retired in 1996 after practicing in Enterprise, Alabama.

Paul Mogle (MD/60) has lived in Israel since 1961. He retired from radiology 10 years ago. He has a wife, three sons and seven grandchildren. He published over 70 peer-reviewed articles, mostly in pediatric journals. He is Professor Emeritus at Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel.



Larry Argue (MD/60) practiced Radiology at St. Jude Hospital in Fullerton, California from 1968 until retiring in 1992. He served as part-time faculty at University of California at Irwin from 1968-74 and currently resides in Fullerton with his wife.



Donald McLean (MD/60) worked at the University of Alberta from 1970-89 and served as Director of Neurology for 11 years. He then worked in Saudia Arabia from 1989-2006 and served as chairman of the Neuroscience Dept. at King Faisal Special Hospital and Research Centre from 2002-06. He retired in 2006 to Scottsdale, Arizona and has two children and four grandchildren.

Paul Woo (MD/70) has had a family practice in Richmond Hill, ON since 1971 that includes patients in nursing home, hospital in chronic complex care, rehab and palliative care. He was briefly on staff at York Central Hospital in Richmond Hill from 1991-96. He is married with three grown children.

Arnold Zeal (MD/70, M.Sc. 66) was listed in top neurosurgeons in Jacksonville Florida in 2009 and in top surgeons in the USA in 2010.

Ching Fong Chin (MD/70) is practicing Cardiology in southern California.

Wayne Harrison (MD/85) is practicing Radiology in Brandon.

Rex Kay (MD/85) is Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Toronto and Head of Psychodynamic Psychotherapy, U of T Dept. of Psychiatry. He is faculty and supervisor of two Psychoanalytic Institutes and founding editor of *ARS MEDICA*, a journal of medicine, arts and the humanities. He is married with two daughters.



Mary-Jane Seager (MD/85) has a private OB/GYN practice in Winnipeg and is Chief Medical Officer of Victoria General Hospital.

Margaret Speer (MD/85) was President of Doctors Manitoba (formerly MMA) in 2009-10. She opened a new family practice clinic in Selkirk in July 2009 and has a full-time family practice with obstetrics. She has two children.



Jennifer Gunter (MD/90) published a book *The Preemie Primer* in July 2010 and serves as director of pelvic pain and vulvovaginal disorders for Kaiser Northern California.

Nader Khazidi (MD/90) is a rheumatologist and Associate Professor, Rheumatology and Program Director, Rheumatology at McMaster University. He is Head of Service, Rheumatology at St. Joseph's Health Care in Hamilton; a member of the Canadian Scleroderma Research Group; and a member of Vasculitis Research Clinical Consortium.



Tahmeena Ali (MD/00) serves as Integrated Clinical Clerkship site co-ordinator in Whitecart, Alberta. She is a mother of a three-year-old son and two year-old twin girls.



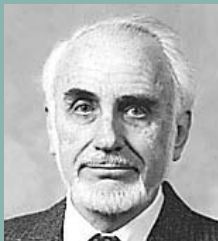
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**MARCEL CORNEILLE
BLANCHAEER MD**

It is with great sadness that the Blanchaer family announced the death of Marcel Corneille Blanchaer after a lengthy and debilitating illness. He is survived by his wife and best friend Audrey Kerr, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Born in Deurne, a suburb of Antwerp, Belgium on April 4, 1921, Marcel emigrated with his parents in 1924 to Detroit, Michigan for one year, then moved across the Detroit River to Windsor, Ontario. At the age of 18, in 1939, he enrolled with a scholarship in Honours Biochemistry at Queen's University and in 1942, also enrolled in the newly-accelerated medical course graduating in 1946 with an Honours BSc and an MD, CM.

In 1947 he was appointed a Markle Scholar in nutrition research at the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Manitoba. Through successful research and teaching, he was promoted to Associate Professor of Physiology in the Faculty, and Head of the Biochemistry at the Faculty. After prolonged consideration (from a hospital bed) with a stroke in 1972 he decided to resign as Department Head. From 1975 until his retirement in 1989 he continued as an active teacher, a role he much loved. His experience at St. Boniface resulted in reorienting the Biochemistry course towards the practice of clinical medicine with the introduction of case studies of patients with specific biochemically-caused diseases.

In 1980 he developed similar computer-based tutorials which were published by Biosoft of Cambridge, UK as the Blanchaer Clinical Case Studies for which he was honoured internationally as a pioneer in such work. Many are the students who remember him for his guidance and encouragement. They elected him Honorary President in 1978 and in 1984 nominated him as that rarest of teachers, one who inspires and persuades students to learn for themselves. His educational work was acknowledged by the University of Manitoba's Saunderson Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1984, by the Education Excellence Award of the Canadian Society of Clinical Chemists in 1991, and by appointment as a Professor Emeritus in 1991.

If so desired, donations may be made to the Kerr/Blanchaer Student Bursary Fund at the Manitoba Medical College Foundation, 260 Brodie Center, 727 McDermot Ave., Winnipeg, MB R3E 3P5.

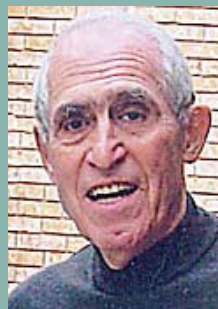
GERALD JOSEPH GOLDENBERG [MD/57, PhD]

Dr. Gerald Joseph Goldenberg, formerly of Winnipeg and Professor Emeritus of Medicine at the University of Toronto, passed away peacefully at the Princess Margaret Hospital in Toronto on July 16, 2010 after a brief illness. He was 76. He is survived by his beloved wife Sheila of 51 years, children, grandchildren, and in-laws. Gerald was born in Brandon, Manitoba and moved to Winnipeg as a child after the death of his father, Jacob Goldenberg. His mother, Fanny Goldenberg, raised her two children singlehandedly in Winnipeg's North End.

Gerald won the gold medal when he graduated from Medical School at the University of Manitoba in 1957. He earned a PhD in Medicine while completing a residency at the University of Minnesota and continued further studies in London, England. He returned to Winnipeg in 1964 to join the Manitoba Cancer Foundation. He wrote his first paper on cancer research in the early 1960s and was still publishing more than 36 years later, with nearly 100 peer-reviewed articles published in scientific and medical journals. In addition to his research, he taught at the University of Manitoba Medical School and at the Health Sciences Centre and treated cancer patients. He was Director of the Manitoba Institute of Cell Biology from 1973 to 1988. He became Professor in the Department of Medicine in 1975.

Gerald established a national and international reputation, serving as a consultant to the National Cancer Institute and National Institutes of Health in the U.S. He pursued collaborations with scientists at other centres through sabbaticals at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Harvard Medical School, in Boston, MA. In 1990, he moved to Toronto to become the first Director of the Interdepartmental Division of Oncology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto, a post which he held until 1999. He became Professor Emeritus in 2001. He continued an active research program in the Department of Pharmacology while pursuing both administrative and clinical activities. He remained a consultant at the Princess Margaret Hospital until his retirement in July 2009.

A charitable fund has been established in Gerald's name at Benjamin's Park Memorial Chapel, 2401 Steeles Avenue West, Toronto, Ontario M3J 2P1, (416) 663-9060 or www.benjaminsparkmemorialchapel.ca



SAM KANTOR [MD/50]

Dr. Sam Kantor passed away peacefully at Victoria General Hospital on May 26, 2010 at the age of 86. He is survived by his children, sister, and grandchildren. Sam was a devoted husband, father and grandfather, always an anchor of stability to those who depended upon him. He and May were together for 55 years until her death in 2003.

Sam's early years were an example of the classic success story of the Winnipeg Jewish community of the day. The son of immigrants, he grew up in a humble household in the North End where academic success was the priority. Despite an historical quota of Jews accepted to medical school, he eventually was accepted, and upon graduation carried on a general practice until deciding to specialize in anesthesia. Sam was respected by his peers as being at the top of his profession, a true innovator. He was the anesthetist's anesthetist. He became involved in intensive care medicine and initiated the intensive care units in three different hospitals in Winnipeg: the Misericordia, Concordia, and Seven Oaks. He was respected not only by his colleagues but also by the nursing staff who often expressed their appreciation for the privilege of working with and learning from him. More than anything else, Sam never ceased to be a student.

From his having earned the Governor General's award at St. John's High School through to the end of his life, he was forever involved in furthering his knowledge not only in the professional sphere but in other varied aspects of his life.

He accomplished much throughout his 86 years but never forgot his roots, proud of his Jewish heritage and a staunch supporter of the State of Israel. Donations honouring Sam's memory may be made to the Jewish Federation of Winnipeg.



ERWIN HENRY (ERVIN) PENNER [MD/55]

On Wednesday, June 2, 2010 at home, a loving husband, father and grandfather passed peacefully. Erwin was born December 7, 1926 in Winnipeg. He spent a happy childhood growing up on the family farm in Petersfield, Manitoba and attended Hartley School followed by high school at MCI in Gretna, graduating in 1944. In 1950 he graduated from U. of M. with a BSc following a period of alternately working and attending school. Next was his acceptance into the Faculty of Medicine where he spent five years completing his medical degree.

In 1953 while studying, Erwin married his sweetheart Anna Klassen (a school teacher) who became his lifelong friend and soul-mate. Upon graduation he entered general practice for two years in Teulon alongside Doc Goodwin, an excellent obstetrician and surgeon whose mentorship formed the basis of Erwin's future career. Following this he spent one year practicing in Altona before being called to assume the practice of Dr. John Peters in Winnipeg.

Erwin sat on various medical departments and committees at Concordia Hospital and Bethania Nursing Home as chairman for medical staff. He was a co-founder of Westgate Mennonite Collegiate and sat on that board as an elected and appointed member. He also served on the board of First Mennonite Church and the Mennonite Benevolent Society. In his last 20 years of practice, Anna, his wife, joined him in the office as a medical receptionist. Together they provided a warm, caring environment for three generations of patients. In 1986 his son Meredith joined them in the formation of Evergreen Medical-Dental Centre where he spent a very fulfilling last few years before retiring in 1990.

Erwin is survived by his dear wife of nearly 57 years, Anna (Klassen), children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, siblings and in-laws. In lieu of flowers, donations in Erwin's memory may be made to the Mennonite Disaster Service.



DR. EVELYN SHAPIRO

Evelyn was a recognized scholar in gerontology who was a professor for more than 20 years at the University of Manitoba. The woman widely regarded as the mother of home care in Canada died Nov. 10, 2010 at the age of 84.

Her research had far reaching impact on every citizen in the province and extended throughout Canada. Manitobans and Canadians alike owe thanks to Evelyn's prudence and determination for the

implementation of home care and it's because of her foresight that as Canadians age, they'll have the ability to be cared for at home with the support of provincial health programs.

In 1947, when she was only 21, Evelyn graduated from McGill University with her master's degree. Her early research came 20 years before the implementation of universal health care in Canada, a time long before many in the country considered the repercussions an aging population would have on the healthcare system. She lobbied for programs that recognized the needs of the aging who could not advocate for themselves.

Research was influenced by her early work in Winnipeg as executive director of the Age and Opportunity Centre, giving her practical experience that bridged the gap between frontline healthcare services and academics. Her insights were observed by government who requested her input in launching a public home care program.

Evelyn joined the University of Manitoba's Department of Community Health Sciences in 1972, undertaking research on why some people age well and others fall prey to illnesses. Her colleagues say she was instrumental in founding the Manitoba Centre for Health Policy, challenging them to apply their research in ways that would directly impact the people and programs they're studying.

Evelyn's service and dedication to research resulted in many awards, including the Order of Canada, the Order of Manitoba, and the Commemorative Medal for the 125th Anniversary of the Confederation of Canada. Evelyn was awarded an honorary doctorate at the University of Manitoba, and the Canadian Medical Association (CMA) Medal of Honour, the highest award given to a non-physician.

Her humanity, however, was made large by her faith in the research that improves the health of others and that belief lives on in a scholarship she funded herself. The Evelyn Shapiro Health Services Research Award provides support to graduate students whose thesis research uses the Population Health Research Data Repository housed at MCHP.

Donations to this endowment fund can be made in Evelyn's name.

For more information please visit:

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Malcolm Fraser McInnes MD/51 | August 4, 2010 at Winnipeg
Joe Hayakawa MD/55 | May 21, 2010 at Winnipeg
Howard McDiarmid MD/55 | August 25, 2010 at Victoria
Jack Dugald McMillan MD/55 | August 25, 2010 at Winnipeg
Irwin S. Johnsrude MD/56 | May 16, 2010 at Greenville, NC
Kenneth Woodman MD/56 | October 8, 2010 at Brandon
Morrell Metro Sorka MD/56 | August 14, 2010 at Brandon
Howard Stuart Jamieson MD/60 | August 11, 2010 at Winnipeg
James H. Compton MD/76 | July 11, 2010 at Dauphin
Linda Carol Loewen MD/84 | September 19, 2010 at Vancouver Island
Paul Theodore Green MD, FRCPS | July 18, 2010 at Winnipeg
John Rippon Taylor MD, FRCPC | October 27, 2010 at Winnipeg

HOMECOMING 2010



Faculty of Medicine 2010 Class Reunions

1 Class of 1985 celebrated their 25th reunion in style with a fantastic dinner at the Fairmont, welcome reception, scientific session and brunch. *Front row left to right: Dr. Charles Bernstein, Dr. Claire Jaeger, Dr. Susan Robillard, Dr. Glenda Buchik. Back Row: Dr. Myles Margolis.*



2 Class of 1960 were delighted to reunite for their 40th reunion with a weekend full of memorable events. *Clockwise from the top (beige suite/brown tie): Dr. Allan Lysack, Shirley Lysack, Dr. Ronald Forth, Dr. Norman Hollenberg, Dr. Semeon Hrushovetz, Margret Hrushovetz, Myrna Mitchell, Dr. Bryan Kirk.*



3 Dr. Brian Postl, Dean of Medicine, brought greetings to more than 200 alumni at Dean's Homecoming Breakfast held Sept. 25. The Faculty welcomed alumni from across North America and from as far away as Israel and Hong Kong.

4 Alumni from School of Medical Rehabilitation Class of 1975 celebrate at Homecoming 2010. Approximately 80 SMR faculty, staff, and graduates from the classes of 1965, '70, '75, '80, '85, '90, '95, 2000, '05, and the graduating class of 2011 attended the annual SMR Homecoming Dinner in Brodie Atrium Sept. 24. Alumni returned to their alma mater from Arizona, BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Ontario, as well from across Manitoba. Proceeds from the Silent Auction—which raised \$610.00—were earmarked for SMR Memorial Bursaries and Pakistan Flood Relief.



2011 University of Manitoba HOMECOMING

Reconnect with fellow classmates, old friends and your alma mater at a Medicine class reunion. Many Faculty of Medicine milestone class reunions will take place over the University of Manitoba Homecoming weekend **September 18 - 20, 2011**. For more information about participating in any of the 2010 Medicine reunions, Dean's Homecoming Breakfast or becoming involved in organizing your own class reunion in 2011, please contact Darcy Routledge, Alumni Affairs & Events Officer at (204) 977-5650 or routled@cc.umanitoba.ca.

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