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26th Annual Meeting of the Medical Staff



The 26th Annual Meeting of the Medical Staff was held on June 1st at the Old Field Club. **Norman Edelman, MD**, President of the Medical Board, Dean of the School of Medicine and Vice President of the Health Sciences Center, conducted the meeting.

Dr. Edelman noted changes in leadership over the past year. David Brown, MD, was appointed Division Chief, Cardiology and Theodore Gabig, MD, was appointed Division Chief, Oncology. Pat DiRocco was appointed Chief Financial Officer at LISVH.

Several changes in graduate medical education have occurred during the past year. The Allergy/Immunology Program voluntarily withdrew its accreditation. ACGME placed the Family Medicine program on probation. We received ACGME accreditation for a Vascular Neurology fellowship. The program director is Candice Perkins, MD. Joanna Smiroldo, MD, was named program director for Neurology. At its April 13th meeting of the RRC for Institutional Review Committee, the School of Medicine was awarded Favorable Decision by the ACGME with a four-year accreditation cycle. Sixteen (or 14%) of the 2004 Stony Brook medical graduates matched with Stony Brook University Hospital residency programs.

We now have 330 Stony Brook trained professionals on our staff (includes MD, PhD, MS, MSN and NP), of which there are 112 clinical physician faculty who graduated from the Stony Brook medical school.

The Aesculapius Award winners for 2005 are Dr. Joy Schabel, Clinical Associate Professor of Anesthesiology, and Dr. Andrew Wackett, Clinical Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine. Initiated in 1991, the Aesculapius Award is presented by the Dean of the School of Medicine to emphasize the importance of excellence in education to the success of our School, and to recognize the most outstanding teachers throughout the Stony Brook system. The award carries a \$1000 prize. Recipients are honored with their names inscribed on a plaque in the Office of the Dean.

On November 5th, the *London Times Educational Supplement* published a list of what they consider to be the 200 best universities in the world. Stony Brook was named number 1 in the NYS University System, number 50 overall in the USA, and number 136 in the world.

On behalf of the medical staff, Dr. Edelman extended appreciation to the following Members-at-Large who completed their term on the Medical Board.

Hilton Adler, MD
Member-at-Large, Community Staff

Kenneth Rosenfeld, MD
Member-at-Large, Full-time staff (MEC representative)

The following members of the medical staff were elected to serve on the Medical Board.

ELECTION RESULTS

Darren Kaufman, MD
Member-at-Large, Community staff

Lloyd Lense, MD
Member-at-Large, Community staff (2nd term)

Maisie Shindo, MD
Member-at-Large, Full-time staff

Peter Viccellio, MD
Member-at-Large, Full-time staff (2nd term)

Drs. Lloyd Lense and Maisie Shindo have been elected by the Medical Board to serve as representatives on the MEC. This is Dr. Lense's second term.



Bruce Schroffel, Director and CEO reported on the state of Stony Brook University Hospital. Reviewing our five-year strategic goals, he emphasized the first three goals; enhance quality/safety programs; implement electronic patient record system; and improve patient

satisfaction/service excellence, which all represent quality initiatives. As an academic institution, we are distinguished by our research and educational programs and we are committed to raising the quality bar. A great deal of time and money has been expended on initiatives to measure and improve quality. While quality is our main focus, implementing our five-year strategic/master plan and improving our long-term financial stability are extremely important as well.

Another important quality initiative is compliance with JCAHO's National Patient Safety Goals. In addition to improving the care we give to patients, compliance with

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Annual Meeting

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these goals is a requirement for Medicaid reimbursement. Two goals that are critical; identify patients correctly and improve effective communication, are both indicative of areas we are working to improve. We are working to create an environment where communication and collaboration among the healthcare team and with the patient is improved.

CMS is leading the concept of Pay-for-Performance nationally at this moment. Preliminary results of the CMS pay-for-performance demonstration project shows improvement in the median composite scores for the chosen clinical focus areas. Not only does it appear evident that 'money talks' but quality also talks; this same information will be made available to the public.

Other initiatives to improve and measure our quality include achieving Nursing Magnet Status, Tracer Mock Surveys, Patient Safety and Medication Safety Initiatives, and implementing the Electronic Patient Record.

Mr. Schroffel reviewed the dashboards we have instituted which allow us to measure a variety of clinical and administrative items. The dashboards are a clear indication of where we are, where we need improvement and a measurement of the improvement we have achieved.

A major quality initiative for SBUH is the electronic patient record. While this has been a slow process, when the first phase is completed in approximately one year, physicians will electronically enter data/orders and will be able to retrieve patient information anywhere in the world. This has the potential to significantly reduce morbidity, mortality and drug errors. Participation of the medical staff is incredibly important to the success of this system.

The facilities master plan was also reviewed. SBUH will experience an extensive amount of construction in the next couple of years. We will be moving the road in front of the hospital, building a Womens and Infants' facility, as well as opening ten new operating rooms and greatly expanding the Emergency Room. In approximately one year, we will open an Ambulatory Care Pavilion to provide outpatient cancer services.

The financial state of the hospital was discussed. Compared to other NY hospitals, our financial outlook is satisfactory. However, construction loans are a significant debt. Discharges have increased 11%; the length of stay decreased 6%. We continue to struggle with managing capacity. We hope to open more beds, but our greatest challenge to this is adequate nursing staff, which is a national situation. While ER visits have not increased, admissions from the ER have increased 15%.

Surgical volume has increased significantly over the last three years; inpatient +15%, outpatient +49%. Outpatient volume increase is largely due to great service and a great center.

Operating expenses were also discussed. Last year we had a \$550-575M budget compared to a budget of \$670M this year.

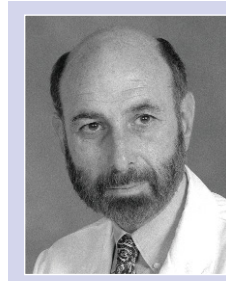
We have formed an alliance with Central Suffolk Hospital (CSH). Effective July 1st, SBUH's emergency room physicians will begin seeing patients in the CSH emergency room.

Pending state approval, we will also be opening a cardiac catheterization lab at CSH. SBUH will continue to strengthen and enhance the quality of healthcare services within Suffolk County by improving primary, secondary and tertiary care services through clinical partnerships.

We have been involved in an assertive marketing campaign. Initially, we advertised to brand the hospital. We are now marketing to specific services. Media advertising has included radio and newspaper. We will now begin to use billboards and television. Feedback indicates our marketing campaign has improved the name of SBUH from a quality perspective.

Based on the medical staff's responses to a survey last year, the format of the annual meeting was changed. Rather than featuring a keynote speaker, we presented a panel comprised of the Chiefs of Pediatrics, Emergency Medicine, Surgery, Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynecology, the CMO and the Director and CEO.

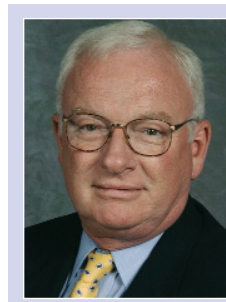
Each Chief presented a short summary of the state of their department and their future goals.



Richard Fine, MD,
Department of Pediatrics

Areas that will play a significant role in the next three to five years were identified. Recruiting subspecialty physicians is a main goal of the department. After one year of searching, Pediatrics has now recruited a Neonatology division chief, Janet Larson, MD to begin

July 1st. Another area is program development. We are looking at those programs that are required to improve the healthcare needs of Suffolk County. We have recruited Joseph Puccio, MD, as division chief to one of the major areas, Adolescent Medicine. Central Islip School District has asked us to develop a school-based healthcare center, which we hope will become a reality. Obesity, especially in the pediatric population, is a major problem in Suffolk County as well as nationwide. Dr. Puccio is establishing an eating disorders clinic to address this need. Peter Morelli, MD, has had a very successful clinic dealing with this issue and he will continue to work with Dr. Puccio. Autism and related disorders is epidemic. The Cody Center has developed a comprehensive approach to develop a 'one-stop shopping' for these patients. Most important, over the past 8 to 10 years, SBUH Pediatrics has been one of the few academic departments in the country that has had a positive budget, which we hope to maintain going forward.



J. Gerald Quirk, MD,
Department of Obstetrics and
Gynecology

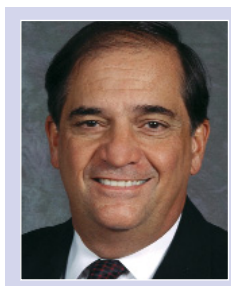
Focusing on growing and stabilizing our faculty in the past year, we hired five new faculty members: Viswanathan Ravishankar, MD and Cecilia Avila, MD, maternal fetal specialists; Adam Buckley, MD, Sara Petruska, MD, and Patricia

Ardise, MD, general gynecology and obstetrics.

Based upon the demographics of our primary catchment area, we are focusing on growing in the areas of adolescent gynecology, urogynecology and high-risk pregnancy. We are collaborating with the Department of Urology to develop a female incontinence center. Recent changes in the practice of assisted reproductive technology have resulted in a decrease in the number of high-order multiple births and recent census data shows a 3% decrease in births per year over several years. Our NICU census has remained stable, supportive of the notion that our perinatal practice has succeeded in capturing an increasing share of high-risk obstetrics in Suffolk County. The department has been recognized for its perinatal services and we have experienced success promoting our high-risk obstetrical practice on the south shore. In the next three years, we plan to grow our specialty practices and centers of excellence by focusing on urogynecology, perinatal and adolescent programs.

It is imperative that we continue to attract our medical students to a career in Obstetrics and Gynecology and that we enhance our residents' educational experience. Once a very competitive field for residency training, nationally the percent of American graduates choosing residency training in Obstetrics and Gynecology has decreased from 7 to 6% in the late 1990's to 4.5 to 4% in 2005. Fortunately, we have been able to sustain 9 to 10% of our graduating class choosing Obstetrics and Gynecology residencies every year and they match to other first-rate university programs.

Finally, but importantly, in the years ahead, we must focus on retention of good faculty and seek out and explore opportunities for collaborative clinical and translational research.



John Ricotta, MD,
Department of Surgery

Our goal is to be a resource for Suffolk County by developing programs of clinical excellence for both patients and physicians at Stony Brook. We are trying to provide support and supplement the care that is provided by the surgeons in Suffolk County so we can serve as a tertiary resource. To do this, we have worked to make the transfer process to our Stony Brook surgical specialists as easy as possible by improving access to consultation for both patients and physicians. We have a website available, which is accessed about 30,000 times a month, and we have established an electronic patient referral program where patients or referring physicians can log onto the website and request appointments. To enhance communication with referring doctors we have created a quick faxes program where the consulting physician can write down his or her opinion and fax it to the referring physician.

We have recruited a number of physicians: Kevin Watkins, MD, a general surgeon with expertise in advanced minimally invasive techniques; Duc Bui, MD, a plastic surgeon with special training in microvascular reconstruction; and David Rivadeneira, MD, and Marvin Corman, MD, colorectal surgeons.

Our other major goal is to serve as an educational resource. We have four accredited residencies; General Surgery, Vascular Surgery, ENT and Critical Care. Over the next five years we hope to develop programs in surgical oncology, colorectal surgery and plastic surgery. Consistent with our efforts to bring high-end tertiary care to Suffolk County, we would like to increase outreach to physicians in the area, particularly those in private practice, by enhancing our CME program and developing simulation for dissemination of new technology particularly in minimally invasive surgery.

Finally, we are collaborating with our basic science faculty in translational research in the areas of cancer, cardiovascular disease and critical care and we hope to increase research and grant support.



Benjamin Luft, MD,
Department of Internal Medicine

Over the next few years, the clinical service of the Department of Medicine will strive to continue to improve the quality and efficiency of our medical services. The Medicine service has had unprecedented growth of more than 10%

per year over the past decade. Clinical revenue increased by 130% and our clinical activity has increased in a similar manner. The census has increased from 135 beds to 170 beds, with an increase of 10 beds over the past year. While faculty size and resident complement has remained consistent over the years, we have been able to deal with the increased clinical activity by implementing several new and exciting initiatives. We have created a hospitalist program which provides attending coverage for all services for 18 hours a day. It will improve overall supervision of house staff and will allow consultations to occur in a timely manner as well as improving overall safety and efficiency. We have experienced a decrease in the length of stay by .5 day and expect this will continue next year.

Another area of importance to the department is the relationship between the full time and voluntary faculty. We feel the full time members of the medical service should differentiate themselves and become more involved with specialized services. As a result, we will be able to offer a full continuum of care with our voluntary faculty colleagues. Within the department, we hired more physicians who are interested in clinical and translational research. The department's research funding has increased by 120%. The GCRC is a very important part of the department and the school's activity and allows us to do research with new therapeutic modalities. We developed a World Trade Center surveillance program and are currently following 1800 volunteers. There have also been new initiatives in diseases such as diabetes and obesity that have enabled us to partner with other departments, creating a more collaborative environment. For the future we will be striving to work more collaboratively with the voluntary faculty by developing new algorithms for treating certain diseases.

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We have recruited new clinical leaders: Basil Rigas, MD, who has obtained significant National Cancer Institute funding and has created a GI cancer screening program; Ted Gabig, MD, and David Brown, MD, who have been appointed division chiefs of Oncology and Cardiovascular Diseases, respectively; and Ken Zamkoff, MD, who heads a very active bone marrow transplant program. The new cardiovascular unit has opened and our Team H program, which allows us to go from the ER to the Cath Lab within 45 minutes, is in place and we are on the cutting edge in this arena.

Improving the educational mission of the department is a top priority. The hospitalist program will enhance our graduate medical educational programs and our medical school programs. We are going to reach out to the voluntary faculty to become more involved in our educational mission.



Mark Henry, MD,
Department of
Emergency Medicine

Over the next three years we will be renovating and expanding the Emergency Room. On June 30th we completed one part of the renovation, creating an envi-

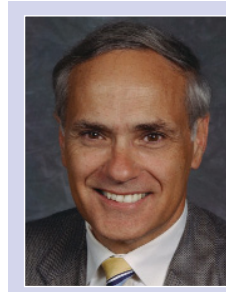
ronment for patients that allows them to be treated with privacy and dignity. We did a great deal of research visiting 'state-of-the-art' Emergency Rooms and have worked to incorporate the best features into our plans. We have designed the new Emergency Room with a great deal of thought to isolation, terrorism and epidemics. The Emergency Room will feature three areas, main, trauma/critical and immediate care. A dedicated pediatric area will span the immediate care and trauma areas. All rooms will be private and imaging areas are proximal. The area is designed to make the experience as positive as possible. We have determined that the main thing patients want when they come to the Emergency Room is to see a physician. To that end, we have made changes in our work flow such as registration of the patient at the bedside.

In response to an inquiry regarding the concept of a Pediatric Emergency Room, Dr. Henry explained that the new Emergency Room will have a distinct pediatric area designed with children in mind. The area is designed to share core services such as imaging and special procedure rooms while minimizing exposure of children and their families to adult patients. With regard to pediatric emergency medicine physicians, it was also noted that emergency medicine specialists treat patients of all ages. However, there certainly is value to having emergency medicine physicians with a special interest in pediatrics. We currently have one

emergency medicine physician with subspecialization in pediatrics on staff and have plans to recruit more in the future.

The Emergency Medicine Department has formed an alliance with Central Suffolk Hospital. Having tracked the needs of trauma patients on eastern Long Island for over 10 years, we know that our alliance with CSH will enhance the care for this population as well as those with medical emergencies. The Emergency Room at CSH will be staffed by our own Emergency Medicine attendings.

As we move forward I believe we need to engage the SBUH medical staff in many issues in our hospital and in medicine.



Thomas Biancaniello, MD,
Chief Medical Officer

The Office of Medical Affairs is primarily responsible for the quality, safety and efficiency of medical care in the hospital. One of our primary roles is to determine how we are doing. To that end we have

developed a series of dashboards, which allow us to gather data on quality, patient safety and clinical information. The data give us the opportunity to compare ourselves to national benchmarks as well as our own benchmark goals for patient care. This task certainly cannot be done only in the Office of Medical Affairs, but is a collaborative effort of nursing, medical services, medical staff and hospital staff. One example of how effective this has been is the Code H team. The national standard for revascularizing is within 90 minutes of presentation. SBUH was in the neighborhood of three hours prior to putting the project team in place. Between the efforts of the cardiologists, emergency room physicians and staff, nurses, and Cath Lab staff we are now meeting the benchmark of less than 90 minutes. Additionally, we have just been designated as a Chest Pain Center.

We have formed some institute for healthcare improvement projects focused on improving the quality of care for our patients. We are in the midst of using techniques to improve the care of and reduce complications for patients in the surgical intensive care units. The Department of Surgery is leading a new project focused on surgical-site infections, while the Department of Medicine is working on a program to develop a systemic approach to preventing DVT in both surgical and medical patients. SBUH was a beta test site for Patient Safety Net, a computerized reporting system aimed at improving patient safety, which has been very effective. This system allows reporting of complaints, potential incidents as well as process situations which can hinder good quality care and patient safety. The data from

PHYSICIANS CAN REGISTER TO RECEIVE NEW FORGE-PROOF PRESCRIPTION FORMS

REMINDER:

You can begin registering to receive the new forge-proof prescription forms, required to be used by April 19, 2006, by calling the New York State Department of Health (DOH) at 1-866-811-7957. Physicians can also call the above number if they have questions regarding these new forms, or you may call MSSNY.

this program allow us to address potential problems before they become real problems.

We are also making strides in improving the quality of patient care in our residency programs. While we always focused on resident supervision, we are working to enhance patient care by improving supervision. We have been collaborating with the dean's office and are utilizing a survey mandated by RRC to obtain feedback from the residents regarding supervision. Through collaborative efforts and a strong desire to offer high quality medical care we continue to work to enhance the care we provide to our patients.

Attendees reconvened after dinner while leadership addressed various questions from the medical staff.

Community Practitioner Honorees

SBUH recognizes its employees every five years for their service to the hospital. The University recognizes employees for their service to the university and community every 10 to 20 years. Several years ago, it was decided that SBUH would like to recognize those community physicians who have been on the medical staff for 20 years and are not recognized in any other arena. Thomas Biancaniello, MD, Chief Medical Officer was pleased to recognize the following practitioners for their contributions to excellent patient care over the past twenty years. Each honoree was presented with a certificate and a monogrammed travel garment bag.

Jerry Ellstein, MD	Orthopaedics
Bradley Fischman, DDS	Dentistry
Alvin Heller, DDS, MD	Dentistry
Mitchell Kleinberg, MD	Pediatrics
Robert O'Keefe, MD	Ob/GYN
Martin Pokorny, DDS	Dentistry
Lesley Rechter, MD	Family Medicine
Aaron Segal, DDS	Dentistry

End of Life Decisions for Developmentally Disabled and Mentally Handicapped Patients

In the past year a number of inpatients with developmental disabilities (DD) or mental retardation (MR) have been subject to Do Not Resuscitate/Do Not Intubate (DNR/DNI) or withdrawal of life support decisions. These patients, who lack capacity, are afforded special protections in such decision-making by a New York State Law passed in 2003. In essence, this law requires the concurrence in the decision of a representative of the Commissioner of Mental Health (through an agency known as Mental Health Legal Services) and a group home administrator (if the patient is from a group home).

Should you be responsible for caring for such a patient and DNR/DNI or withdrawal decisions are being made, it is essential that Social Work or the Care Coordinator be notified of the patient's DD or MR status before writing such orders or carrying out the decision so that we can begin the required process. Obviously, such decision-making must also reflect our hospital policy (which mimics the state code). The decision to forego life-sustaining treatment must satisfy one of four criteria: patient is terminally ill; patient is permanently unconscious; prolongation of life or resuscitation is medically futile (i.e. unsuccessful or arrests would be repeated); or, resuscitation would impose an extraordinary burden on the patient in light of the patient's medical condition and the expected outcome of the resuscitation. Risk Management will continue to be available to help the care staff, social work or the care coordinators should it be necessary.

In these special patients it is not the case that a next-of-kin (i.e. surrogate) can consent to these life-ending decisions without further agreement by others (as noted) outside the hospital.

SUPPORT FOR EDUCATION IN ADMINISTRATIVE MEDICINE

The Medical staff dues fund will sponsor at least 6 attending physicians, dentists or residents annually to attend meetings which focus on issues or trends in hospital-based medical care, medical administration, performance improvement or patient safety.

The goal of this program is to introduce these areas to physicians and dentists who are potentially interested in medical staff leadership or quality management. For residents, these meetings are directly related to systems-based learning.

For additional information, go to the Medical/House Staff Services web site. An informational e-mail with criteria and application form will be distributed in September.





Reminder

Annual health assessments are required by law. Please make certain to complete and return the yellow health assessment forms which are mailed to you by the Medical Staff Office.



Stony Brook University Hospital announces the opening of a Medical Staff Dining Area

This private dining area is located at the rear of the Market Place Cafe to the left of the cashiers. It will be available Monday through Friday, 6:30 AM to 7:00 PM. Amenities include telephones, computers and complimentary coffee.

Please visit the Medical Staff Dining Area. Suggestions and comments regarding the area can be communicated via email to Joyce.Klein@sunysb.edu, or by calling the Medical/House Staff Office at 444-2754.

ATTENDING PHYSICIAN NAMED EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to **James Penna, MD**, attending physician and former resident in the Department of Orthopedics, named Employee of the Month for April. Staff, patients and colleagues praise Dr. Penna for his outstanding interpersonal skills and clinical skills, as well as his commitment to quality care and education. A caring and skilled surgeon, Dr. Penna exemplifies the mission of Stony Brook University Hospital.



Medical Board Approves Practitioner Reapplication/ Reinstatement Policy

A reinstatement fee of \$200 will be assessed to any practitioner who is terminated for administrative reasons (annual health assessment, expired infection control or malpractice insurance) and wishes to be reinstated to the staff within 45 days of termination. Reinstatement will occur provided the practitioner complies with all requirements and submits a statement of his or her clinical activities for the past 45 days. The decision to reinstate the practitioner will be made by the MEC, Medical Board and Governing Body. If the practitioner is not reinstated, the fee will be returned to the practitioner.

A reapplication fee of \$500 will be assessed for those practitioners who are terminated for administrative reasons (annual health assessment, expired infection control, malpractice insurance, medical records or CME) and wish to reapply to the medical staff more than 45 days after their termination. The practitioner must submit a complete new application and go through the normal appointment process. Practitioners who reapply more than two years after termination will not be charged this fee. Fees for reapplications are not refundable regardless of the decision of the governing body.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Electronic Documentation of Patient Allergies

All history of patient allergies must be entered in SMS when the patient presents for an encounter and when discovered during their hospitalization. Allergy history should not be called to the pharmacy to be entered into PowerChart unless you cannot find a particular allergy on the list in SMS. Please refer to the administrative policy TX 0063 on Dose Range Checking and the nursing intranet resource page "SMS allergy updates" for the procedure on allergy entry in SMS. If you are unable to enter an allergy in SMS please call the pharmacy to trouble shoot the issue. However, once the problem is solved the allergy MUST be entered in SMS.



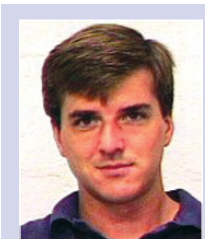
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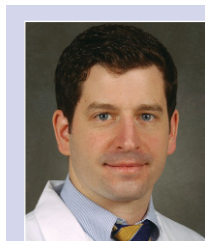
Margaret Parker, MD, Department of Pediatrics completed her term as President of the Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM) this past year. The SCCM is the world's largest multidisciplinary professional society for all health professionals dedicated to the care of the critically-ill patient. During Dr. Parker's term, the society formalized agreements with the People's Republic of China and Eritrea to provide education for intensive care professionals in those two countries. Dr. Parker met with the Minister of Health of the People's Republic of China in Beijing in September of this past year to sign the formal agreement between the Society and the PRC. She will be returning to Beijing to lecture at the annual meeting of the Chinese Society of Critical Medicine this coming September as part of the educational collaboration between SCCM and the PRC.



KUDOS to **Howard R. Sussman, MD**, FAAFP, Clinical Assistant Professor of Family Medicine and Clinical Pharmacology, who was selected as Teacher of the Year 2005 by the Stony Brook Family Medicine Residency Training Program.



The Radiological Society of North America awarded Certificates of Appreciation to residents **Douglas Dougherty MD, PhD**, and **William Zucconi, DO**, along with Professor of Radiology **Harris L. Cohen, MD**, for their Unknown Cases in Ultrasound Displays and Presentations at both the 12/04 RSNA meeting (largest medical meeting in the US) and the internet journal of RadioGraphics, one of RSNA's two main scientific and educational journals.



The American College of Radiology has published its 49th Syllabus/Textbook for Professional Self Evaluation. The topic is Gastrointestinal Disease. These books, each made up of 24 case/chapters, are written by radiology clinical educators, thought of as 'All Stars' in their individual subspecialties. **Harris L. Cohen, MD**, Department of Radiology, is one of the authors and is the overall editor-in- chief of the ACR's entire PSE series. He has held this position since 2001 when he served as Visiting Professor of Radiology and Director of Pediatric Imaging at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. Dr. Cohen was also chosen Editorial Fellow for the Radiological Society of North America for 2004. He served in this capacity in November and December '04 for both Radiology and RadioGraphics, the RSNA's two key journals and the RSNA executive offices.



Governor George E. Pataki has nominated **Augustus Mantia, MD**, Department of Medicine, as a Member of the Medical Advisory Committee. Dr. Mantia's appointment was confirmed by Senator John Flanagan and the New York State Senate. The committee will be involved with medicaid regulations and regulatory issues.

TIPS FOR USING THE NEW SPEECH RECOGNITION PHONE SYSTEM



- ▶ To page or reach an extension simply state the name of the department or the first and last name of the person you wish to reach. For example, if Joseph Smith does not work try Joe Smith.
- ▶ If you know and want to use the person's four digit in-house paging number, ignore the greeting and enter the number. You will then be prompted to enter your call-back number.
- ▶ The system tries to interpret every sound and word it detects. Do not use a speaker phone or speak to others while when using the system. If you are in a noisy area, by-pass the system completely by entering "0" which will connect you with a live operator.
- ▶ If there is a name or department that the system does not recognize or if you have a name or department you would like added, you can provide that information to the Speech Hotline at extension 4-7272.

Did you know: You can page anyone with a hospital pager without the need for waiting in queue for the next available operator? Simply call 444-3860, ask for the person by first and last name and follow the prompts.

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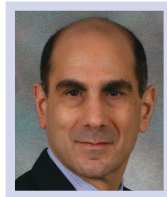
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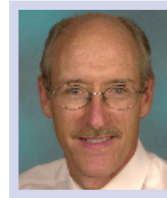
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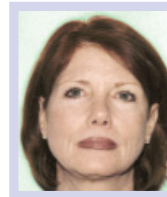
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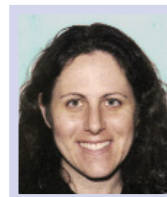
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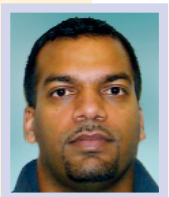
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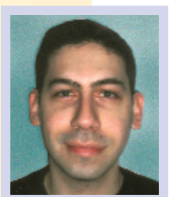
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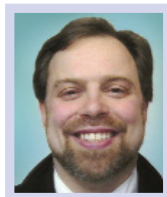
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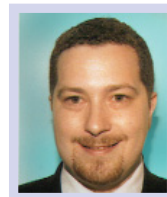
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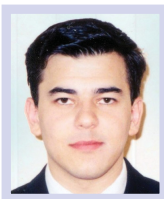
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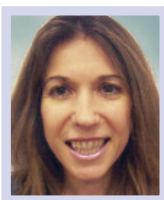
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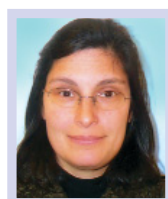
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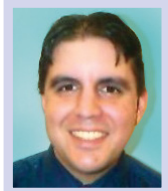
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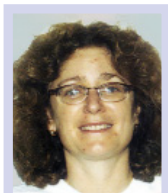
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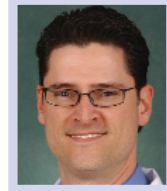
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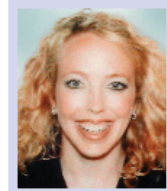
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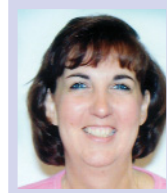
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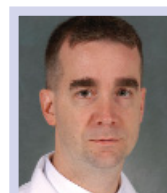
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HAND HYGIENE POLICY REVISED

In accordance with JCAHO's 2004 National Patient Safety Goal #7, Reduce the Risk of Health Care-Acquired Infections, SBUH's Hand Hygiene Policy has been revised and approved by the Medical Executive Committee. All health care personnel with clinical contact must abide by all elements of this policy (ADMIN P&P # IC:0003).

- ▶ Fingernails are to be neatly trimmed and maintained at a reasonable length (no longer than 1/4" beyond the fingertip).
- ▶ Artificial nail enhancements are not to be worn. Non-chipped polish is permitted, but anything applied to natural nails other than polish is considered an enhancement. This includes, but is not limited to: artificial nails, tips, wraps, appliques, acrylic, gels or other additional items applied to the nail surface.
- ▶ Wash hands with soap and water (non-antimicrobial or antimicrobial) when hands are visibly soiled or contaminated with blood or body fluids/substances.
- ▶ It is acceptable to use an alcohol-based hand rub when hands are not visibly soiled.

For more information, please refer to Guidelines for Hand Hygiene in Health-Care Settings, Recommendations of the Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee (HICPAC), Hand Hygiene Task Force, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, October 25, 2002/Vol.51/No.RR-16.

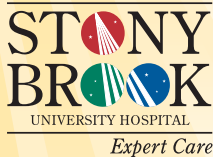
FAMILY MEDICINE NAMES NEW RESIDENCY DIRECTOR



David Dohnarsky, MD, has accepted the position of Residency Director for the Department of Family Medicine. Dr. Dohnarsky has earned a reputation as a superb clinician and teacher with high standards and expectations coupled with a compassionate ear and team spirit. He received his BA from Johns Hopkins University and MD degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. He was Chief Resident of the West Jersey Health System Family Practice Residency,

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