

Medical Staff *News*

Department of Internal Medicine Appoints New Division Chiefs



Theodore Gabig, MD has joined the Department of Internal Medicine as Chief of the newly consolidated Division of Hematology/Oncology. A medical graduate of Loyola University in

Chicago, he completed a residency at the University of Chicago and a fellowship in hematology at Tufts New England Medical Center.

Dr. Gabig has been on the faculty at the University of Michigan and Indiana University. At Indiana, he rose to the level of Professor of Medicine, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and was awarded the B.K. Weisman Professor of Medicine Chair. From 1992 to 2002, he was the Director of Hematology and Oncology in the Department of Medicine.

In 2002, he moved to the North Shore-Long Island Jewish Health System to become the Vice President for Health Services.

Dr. Gabig has a fifteen-year history of being continuously funded through the National Institutes of Health and has authored more than 50 original manuscripts. His research interest centers around the identification of new biomarkers for cancer and their role as surrogate markers for response to therapy.



David L. Brown, MD has joined the Department of Internal Medicine as the new Chief of Cardiology.

Dr. Brown is a medical graduate of Baylor and completed fellowships

in Hematology and Cardiology at the University of California, San Francisco and an Interventional Cardiology fellowship at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation. While on staff at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine he rose to the rank of Professor, with appointments in the Departments of Medicine and Epidemiology. He was Chief of Clinical Cardiology and Associate Director of the Cardiology Division at Weiler Hospital. Prior to joining us this month, Dr. Brown served as Director of the Catheterization Laboratory and the Interventional Cardiology fellowship program at Beth Israel Medical Center in New York. He was recognized as one of the best interventional cardiologists from 2002-2004 by New York Magazine. His research interest is in vascular disease and new ways for detecting blood vessels at risk for thrombosis.

Please welcome them both to University Hospital.

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President Kenny Names Dean for the School of Nursing



Mary A. Nies, PhD, RN, FAAN, FAAHB, has been named Dean and Professor, School of Nursing at the Stony Brook University Health Sciences Center. She also holds a joint appointment as Professor in

the School of Medicine, Department of Preventive Medicine, Division of Community and Behavioral Health.

Dr. Nies comes to us from her position as Professor, College of Nursing, Professor, Community Medicine, School of Medicine, and Co-Director, Center for Urban African American Health at Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan.

Dr. Nies' distinguished career exemplifies a strong commitment to nursing education, practice, and research that has provided her with an understanding of the requirements of fulfilling the multiple missions of our organization. She will advance the academic enterprise by establishing a research program in nursing that will lead to a doctoral degree. She will also supervise graduate students and post-doctoral students whose research areas are related to health promotion, disease prevention, women's health, and community intervention. Dr. Nies earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Wisconsin at Madison, a master's degree in nursing from Loyola University at Chicago, and a PhD in nursing science from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Nies to our campus. She can be contacted through the School of Nursing, Dean's office.

Stony Brook University Hospital Breaks Ground for New Ambulatory Care Pavilion

Stony Brook University Hospital broke ground on its new 65,000 square foot Ambulatory Care Pavilion (ACP)—the largest combined

imaging and cancer facility in Suffolk County—on September 14. An important element of the hospital's major modernization plan, the ACP is expected to be completed in 2006.

Located adjacent to (and connected via a corridor) to the Ambulatory Surgery Center, the ACP will house the Long Island Cancer Center, which consists of the Carol M. Baldwin Breast Care Center, outpatient medical and surgical oncology, and outpatient pediatric oncology, as well as infusion services. The pavilion will also be home to a new state-of-the-art imaging center and pain management services, in addition to cancer support services and a cancer-based clinical trials office for the latest research protocols.



Docs in the News



Howard Sussman, MD, Department of Family Medicine, has achieved the degree of Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP). Established in 1971, the AAFP degree

of Fellow recognizes family physicians who have distinguished themselves through service to family medicine and ongoing professional development.



Eric E. Smouha, MD, Director of Otolaryngology, Department of Surgery, Division of Otolaryngology, was admitted to the prestigious American Otological Society. The American

Otological Society has a rich history that goes back more than a century. Its mission is to advance the medicine and surgery of the ear. Membership is only open to fellows of the Triological Society, which requires submission of a thesis. Dr. Smouha completed a thesis on surgery of the inner ear with hearing preservation.



Todd Griffin, MD, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, has been accepted into the APGO/Solvay Scholars Program. Managed by the Association for Professors in Gynecology and

Obstetrics and sponsored by Solvay Pharmaceuticals, this is the first-ever comprehensive educational curriculum designed to help Ob/Gyn professors teach women's health more effectively. The program's purpose is to improve Ob-Gyn education by offering motivated faculty the skills they need to enhance all aspects of scholarship and leadership.



Fred S. Ferguson, DDS, Department of Dentistry, is the recipient of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry's 2004 Manuel M. Album Award. This annual award is given in recog-

nition of an individual or corporation that has made the greatest contribution to the oral health of children with special needs.

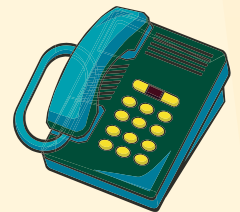


Arnold E. Katz, MD, Department of Surgery, Chief of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, has been elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society, the only national honor

medical society in the world. The society promotes scholarship and research in medical schools, encourages a high standard of character and conduct among medical students and graduates, and recognizes high attainment in medical science, practice, and related fields. Dr. Katz was nominated for membership by Stony Brook medical students as testament to their high esteem of him as a teacher and physician.

SOMETIMES DOCTORS NEED HELP TOO!!

The Committee for Physicians' Health, a program of the Medical Society of the State of New York, is available to offer assistance to any physician who is affected by substance abuse, alcoholism or, mental illness. You may be able to help a colleague by placing a confidential call to 800-338-1833.



Hospital Auxiliary Welcomes New Doctors

The Stony Brook University Hospital Auxiliary hosted a welcome reception for all new physicians at the Three Village Inn. The reception provided an opportunity for physicians and their guests to meet their colleagues, make new friends and learn about the community's resources, the hospital's services and the activities of the hospital auxiliary.

For more information about the hospital auxiliary contact 444-2699.



Do You Have a Stony Brook University Hospital Identification Badge?

Patients always have the right to know who is providing their care, and professional staff need to know who is involved with patients as well.

Please contact the Medical Staff Services Department at 444-2754 if you need an identification badge. Once we make certain your badge information is updated in the database, you can obtain your badge by visiting the ID office, HSC Level 3.

SBUH's Stroke Program Receives a Two Year "Disease Specific Certification"

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations has awarded our Stroke Program a two-year "Disease-Specific Certification" for complying with consensus-based national accreditation standards; effective use of established clinical practice guidelines established by the American Stroke Association to manage and optimize care; and performance measurement and CQI activities.

Electronic Patient Record Update

Are You Having Trouble Remembering All Your Passwords?

In the coming weeks SBUH will be implementing Password Manager for all Citrix applications (i.e. PowerChart, RMS). Password Manager requires that you only enter your password once for each application; then it will store your passwords from that point forward. Please stay tuned for more information on the implementation of this functionality.



EPR Training for Physicians:



In response to physician requests, physician-specific training classes have been developed. The class schedule is posted on the EPR website which can be accessed from the SBUH intranet or by contacting Meryl Hush at 631-444-5864.

We Need Your Input:

You are a vital part of designing the new Computerized Physician Order Entry (CPOE) system. With 80% of the CPOE design phase completed, this is the time for you to get involved to ensure your input into the process. CPOE meetings are held on Tuesdays in the Radiation Oncology conference room Level 2 of the hospital from 4-6 pm.

Annual Training in Fire Safety, Right to Know and Infection Control

The Department of Health requires that physicians and other healthcare practitioners complete an annual training in Infection Control, Fire Safety and Right to Know. To comply with this requirement, we have created a web based training program.

Please go to the SBUH home page www.stonybrookhospital.com/

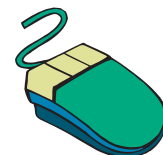
Click on Healthcare Professionals

Click on Medical/House Staff Dept

Click on Annual Training

Your log-in is your 6-digit Stony Brook Physician Identification Number

Please review the power points. The last slide of each power point is an attestation. Please complete the attestation by clicking where indicated. We will receive an electronic notification that you have completed the training.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Doris R. Weisman, NP, MS, RNC, Inpatient Gynecology Service and coordinator of Women's Health Community Outreach, has been named Nurse Practitioner of the Year by The Nurse Practitioner Association of Long Island.

Ms. Weisman, specializing in women's healthcare at SBUH since 1994, is also a member of many community organizations, most of which are related to breast cancer prevention, treatment and management post-diagnosis. She has lectured extensively to both professional and community service organizations on various women's health topics and has been honored by the American Cancer Society for her efforts to educate the general public about breast cancer. She has been on the board of the Carol M. Baldwin Breast Cancer Research Fund and also served as its Director of Education.



Introducing Food and Nutritional Services

When you're thinking about "food," whether it's because your stomach is rumbling and you are hungry or you are pondering the appropriate diet order to write for a patient, remember the Department of Food and Nutritional Services is here to assist you. They are on patient units, in the hospital dining areas or a phone call away.

There are twelve highly trained clinical dietitians assigned to various patient units in the hospital and two who serve as out-patient Oncology Dietitians under the direction of Kathleen Werther, RD, Director of Clinical Nutrition Services. Please take the time to meet the dietitians on the units. For further assistance contact Ms. Werther at 444-1442 or pager 6947.

The dietitians will assist you with the use of the diet manual as a reference source and provide nutritional recommendations for patients when you desire suggestions. Please remember that the patient cannot be served any food without a written order and a "hungry patient is an uncomfortable patient."



The department serves approximately 1,000 inpatient meals a day and more than 5,000 retail meals at various dining sites. The retail operation is under major renovation. There are

currently three different areas for staff and visitors to dine. Each has different hours of operation but generally one can find food 20 hours a day. Once the renovation is complete there will be additional dining areas and pocket wall systems. Located on Level 2, (near the bookstore) The Book Ends Café serves breakfast, lunch and Starbucks coffee. Boars Head cold cuts, the latest cold beverage selections, as well as fresh bagels and continuous freshly brewed coffee, are also available in the Skyline Delicatessen on Level 5.

The Market Place Café (off the hospital lobby) opened on November 1 to rave reviews. The workplace for many employees and visitors is their "home away from home." With that in mind, the Market Place provides a variety of food in a pleasant décor to satisfy the most discerning diners. Customer service is congenial and prompt, the food is appealing, the menu

is diverse and customer-focused and best of all....the price is right!

The Department of Food and Nutritional Services is here to serve and

support you. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to call Suzette C. Smookler, RD, 444-1433, Pager 6705 or e-mail Suzette.Smookler @Stonybrook.edu



The Medical Staff Services Department wishes you a happy, peaceful and healthy New Year.

Best Wishes for the Holiday Season



*Joyce
Jaynie
June
Laura
Janet
Doreen
Cathy*

GOOD PRACTICE SUGGESTION

Follow A-I-D-E-T with all your patients:

Acknowledge — the patient, using patient's last name, if possible

Introduce — yourself, and your skill set

Duration — indicate how long the test is going to take, how long the patient is going to be there, and how long they will have to wait for results.

Explanation - explain the test(s), pain involved and what happens next. Explain that you are going to look at their wristband and why you are doing so.

Thank - the patient for choosing Stony Brook for their care.

Don't forget to ask – Are they any concerns about your care that I can answer for you?

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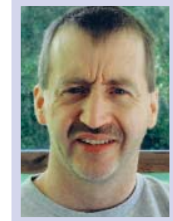
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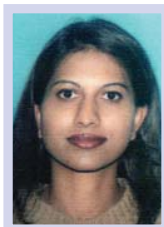
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RESIDENT NAMED EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



Long Nguyen, MD, clinical assistant instructor, Department of Anesthesiology, has been named Employee of

the Month for November—the first time in the hospital's twenty-five year history that a resident has been chosen for this distinction. Residents are in many ways the backbone of the medical system in the hospital and Dr. Nguyen is highly regarded as a team player and a leader. Strong both academically and clinically, he is empathetic and treats his patients as he would his own family. According to his peers, "Dr. Nguyen is a pleasure to work with and is a role model for all of our residents. He is a positive asset to Stony Brook University Hospital and well deserving of Employee of the Month."

WHAT'S ON YOUR AGENDA?

The Medical Executive Committee serves as the working committee on behalf of the Medical Board. The MEC coordinates and implements the professional and organizational activities of the medical staff. As a member of the medical staff, we encourage you to submit items you would like reviewed by the MEC. If you would like more information about the committee or would like to submit an agenda item, please call the Medical Staff Services Department at 444-2754, or email to: joyce.klein@sunysb.edu

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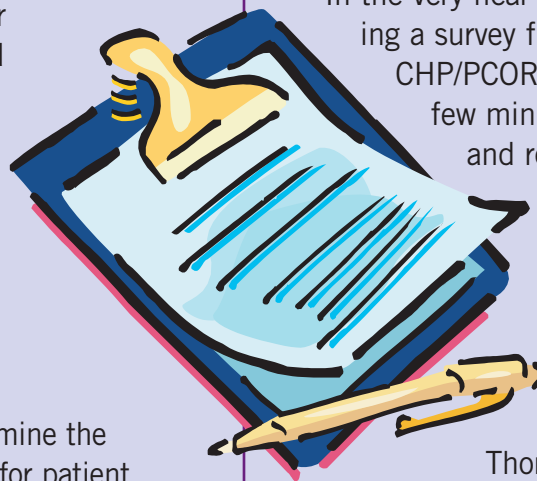
2004 "PROJECT" for PATIENT SAFETY

Stony Brook University Hospital is one of 120 hospitals/medical centers that will be participating in the 2004 "Project" launched by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality and the Stanford University Center for Health Policy/Primary Care and Outcomes Research (CHP/PCOR), in collaboration with the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations and the National Patient Safety Foundation in determining the culture of safety in United States hospitals.

This nationwide initiative will determine the factors that distinguish the culture for patient safety among hospitals. This four-year study is vital to understanding what constitutes an effective

patient safety culture and how we at Stony Brook University Hospital can benchmark against other hospitals and become a leader in patient safety.

In the very near future, you may be receiving a survey from the Stanford University CHP/PCOR. We ask that you spend a few minutes completing this survey and return it as instructed.



This project is being coordinated through the SBUH Patient Safety Committee. For further information please contact: Ventryce B.

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