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This time of year finds us welcoming new members to the Division, while congratulating or bidding farewell to others.

Congratulations to Masa Narita who was promoted to Associate Professor of Medicine effective July 1, 2006.

Welcome and congratulations to the following individuals who hold appointments as Acting Instructors as of July 2006: Sina Gharib, Susan Li, Anne Manicone, Matt Wemple, and Joel Wilson.

Also effective July 2006, Katy Horan was appointed as Clinical Instructor, Fred Jackson was promoted to Clinical Professor and William Spence was promoted to Clinical Professor Emeritus.

We welcomed eight new fellows to and certified seven as having completed our accredited training program in Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine in July of this year. In addition, we welcomed our first fellow to the newly established training program in Sleep Medicine.

Ed McKone has accepted a position as Consultant at St. Vincent's University Hospital in Dublin, Ireland. Ed will retain an affiliation with the UW and plans to continue research collaborations.

Please update us on your current activities at pccmalum@u.washington.edu. We also have an Alumni website where you can update your contact information and keep up with our growing network <http://fmrc.pulmcc.washington.edu/alumni/index.php>.

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ALUMNI UPDATE

YOLANDA MAGETO is a clinician teacher at UT Southwestern who conducts trials in ILD/IPF and directs the chest clinic. Yolanda.Mageto@UTSouthwestern.edu

DAVID LEWINSOHN is an associate professor at OHSU and the Portland VA. Dave's lab has both NIH and VA funding to investigate tuberculosis and the cellular immune system. lewinsod@ohsu.edu

TIM WHELAN treats lung transplant patients at the University of Minnesota. Tim is medical director of the ILD program and conducts clinical research along with his administrative duties. whela011@umn.edu

DARYL THORNTON is at MetroHealth Medical Center in Cleveland, OH spending the majority of his time conducting clinical research at the Center for Reducing Health Disparities. john.thornton@case.edu

CARRIE REDLICH continues at Yale as a full professor. Carrie maintains a research program in occupational lung diseases, isocyanate asthma, and biomarkers. carrie.redlich@yale.edu

Community-based Critical Care Research



Clinical Research is a cornerstone in our PCCM Division. With a growing faculty and broadening clinical interests, the Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine is interested in collaborating with our community colleagues to conduct research that has relevance beyond the academic setting.

The majority of the nation's ICU beds exist in community hospitals requiring that interventions to improve the quality of care in the ICU must be generalizable to community hospitals. An "insufficient emphasis on incorporating research into clinical practice" is cited as a frequent deficiency of clinical research proposals. To be successful, interventions to translate research findings into clinical practice must account for the realities of community-based practice and diverse populations.

The Division has an active regional community-based critical care research program. Completed studies include the King County Lung Injury Project (KCLIP), the first community-based study of acute lung injury in the US, the results of which were recently reported in the *New England Journal of Medicine* by Gordon Rubinfeld. Another community-based project studied ICU family conferences that concerned withholding or withdrawing life support within four Seattle-area hospitals. This study identified a number of ways to improve communication and family satisfaction.

Community-based studies currently underway include a randomized trial to improve palliative care in the ICU led by Randy Curtis. Another is the Survivor Outcome Study, a trial designed to improve long-term outcomes after prolonged mechanical ventilation through case-manager intervention led by Gordon Rubinfeld. Tom Martin and Len Hudson established a NW Clinical Research Network to conduct Acute Lung Injury studies in Washington, Oregon, and Idaho.

We believe that community-based research offers a number of important opportunities. It allows us to conduct research relevant to critical care regionally and nationally. It offers interested community physicians opportunities to conduct research and it strengthens our connections as a critical care community. For more information about community-based research, contact Gordon Rubinfeld (nodrog@u.washington.edu), Randy Curtis (jrc@u.washington.edu), Tom Martin (trmartin@u.washington.edu), or Len Hudson (lhudson@u.washington.edu).

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UPCOMING EVENTS / SAVE THE DATE

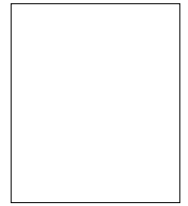
- The **ALAW Gala Auction** benefiting lung disease research is planned for November 4, 2006 at the Bell Harbour Conference Center.
- The **John Butler Memorial Lecture** in Boise, Idaho will be held October 6, 2006. Peter Pare, MD will be the featured speaker and will receive the 2006 Len Hudson Lifetime Achievement award.
- The **John Butler Memorial Lecture** in Seattle will feature Marco Ranieri, MD from the University of Turin. This lecture will be held November 13, 2006. Dr. Ranieri will also present at Medical Grand Rounds on November 16, 2006.
- Plan to attend the WTS/ALAW **Winter Lung Day** in Leavenworth, WA, January 19-21, 2007.
- The annual **VANSEAPORT** meeting will be held February 18-20, 2007 at Crystal Mountain, WA. For more information, please contact Erik Swenson, eswenson@u.washington.edu.

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2005-2006 DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS

Congratulations to **Randy Curtis** who was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the American Thoracic Society. Randy has been an active member of ATS since fellowship participating in task forces, chairing committees and, currently, as a member of the Board of Directors. With this election, Randy will become ATS President in 2009.



Randy Curtis with Len Hudson and Norma Jean Schwab at the 2006 ATS meeting.

Josh Benditt, Ken Steinberg and **Vishesh Kapur** are listed in the July issue of Seattle Metropolitan Magazine's listing 'Seattle's Best Doctors'.

Teal Hallstrand was named the recipient of the first Young Investigator Award through the University of Washington General Clinical Research Center, for outstanding patient-oriented research.

Chris Goss was selected as the recipient of this year's 'Behavioral Sciences Assembly Junior Scholar Award' by the American Thoracic Society for outstanding contributions relevant to behavioral and social science regarding lung diseases and critical illness early in his career.

Endowment updates: Through the support of many readers of this newsletter, the **Kathy Fair Patient Support Fund** has reached its full endowment level of \$25,000. Kathy continues to be an active supporter of the HMC community as part of her retirement activities.

Long time donor **Grey Carter** has provided seed money to establish a research fund focusing on ALI/ARDS. Once endowed, this fund will provide ongoing support for both clinical and basic science investigations. Art lovers should check out Grey's website (www.greyart.com).

Jeremy Kahn recently published a first-authored study in the New England Journal of Medicine. Jeremy was joined by Chris Goss and Gordon Rubinfeld (senior author) for the article entitled 'Hospital volume and the outcomes of mechanical ventilation'. Jeremy is now on faculty at the University of Pennsylvania and was recently awarded an NIH career development award.

Masa Narita has been appointed to the federal Advisory Council for the Elimination of Tuberculosis by the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

The Division's application to establish a **Center for Lung Biology** under Director **Bill Parks** was recently accepted. Bill was recruited to the UW in 2004 and leads this effort to integrate basic research on mechanisms of lung repair and disease. The Center is located at the South Lake Union campus at 815 Mercer.