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1. Anne Shumway-Cook, PT, Ph.D. will be awarded the “Helen J. Hislop Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Professional Literature”.

We are pleased to report that Anne Shumway-Cook, PT, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Rehabilitation Medicine was recently notified that she will be awarded the “Helen J. Hislop Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Professional Literature”. This award acknowledges a physical therapist who has made significant contributions to literature in physical therapy or in other health care disciplines in the areas of theory, practice, basic or clinical research, education, and/or administration. Nominees must also have been actively engaged in writing and publishing professional literature for a sustained period of not less than ten years. An engraved pewter goblet will be presented to Anne at the 2004 APTA Honors and Awards Recognition Ceremony, which will be held on Thursday July 1st in Chicago, Illinois. Congratulations Anne!

2. Margaret Hammond, M.D. selected as the recipient of the “2004 A. Estin Comarr Memorial Award for Distinguished Clinical Service”.

We were pleased to learn that Margaret C. Hammond, M.D., Professor of Rehabilitation Medicine, was selected as the recipient of the “2004 A. Estin Comarr Memorial Award for Distinguished Clinical Service” by the American Paraplegia Society. This award is given to an APS member who has demonstrated exceptional accomplishments in the area of clinical care of persons with spinal cord injury, has had a significant impact on the field of spinal cord medicine, and is recognized as a leading authority in the field of spinal cord health care and education. This award recognizes Dr. Hammond’s years of dedication and commitment to improving spinal cord health care nationally. Dr. Hammond has served as National Chief Consultant for the Spinal



Cord Injury and Disorders Strategic Health Care Group in the VA for a number of years, as well as Chief-of-Service of our local VA Puget Sound Health Care System Spinal Cord Injury Unit. The award will be presented during the Annual Business Meeting of the American Paraplegia Society on Wednesday September 8, 2004 in Las Vegas. Congratulations Margaret!

3. Katherine B. Stewart, M.S., OTR/L, FAOTA, awarded first UW OT Alumni of the Year Award.

The Division of Occupational Therapy has initiated an annual UW OT Alumni of the Year Award. This award recognizes a University of Washington Occupational Therapy graduate who with his/her knowledge, expertise, and efforts has made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of occupational therapy as a profession.

Kathy Stewart this year received the UW OT Alumni Award because of her significant contributions to occupational therapy practice, education, and research, especially as related to children and their families. She is a highly dedicated occupational therapist who has worked in her field for over 30 years. During that time, she has had a record of sustained activities that have positively impacted our profession by contributing to the definition of the occupational therapy role in the area of pediatric practice and by being on the forefront in the area of family-centered care. She has been instrumental in policy formulation and development of practice models in early intervention. Nominations for future awardees can be made directly to Elizabeth Kanny, Ph.D. at <ekanny@u.washington.edu>.

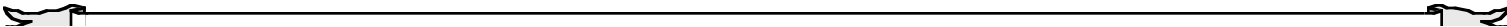
4. Harborview rehabilitation nurses are the subjects of research.


Rob Rayner, RN, staff nurse on 4 West and graduate student at UW School of Nursing is currently collecting data for his research project entitled "Post-Stroke Patient-Nurse Communication During Recovery from Aphasia". Rob is using multiple methods for collecting data to determine how expert rehabilitation nurses communicate with patients suffering from aphasia. His study is partially funded by the American Heart Association and uses videotaping to identify communication techniques. Along with Rob, the nurse will view the tape to begin analysis.

Rob's study will be the first of its kind in the U.S. and will provide important research findings that can be used to learn what nursing techniques are effective with patients recovering from aphasia. Following analysis, Rob will present his findings to the rehab unit staff. An orientation to the project was presented to the rehab unit nurses, therapists, and physicians earlier this year. Nursing volunteers are easy to recruit and the staff is eager to apply study results to their practice. *Evidence-based practice in the making!*

5. Patient and Family Advisory Councils at UWMC making good progress.

The University of Washington Medical Center has three Patient and Family Advisory Councils in the areas of Perinatal/Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, Inpatient Cancer, and Rehabilitation Services. The Rehabilitation Services Council, which includes many team members from Rehabilitation Medicine as well as input from patient and families, has already made significant





progress. They have improved parking access for patients and visitors and they are currently providing input on the 8 North Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit remodel design concepts. Anyone who can affect parking deserves a great deal of credit. Congratulations!

6. Jack Dryden, M.D., Resident Alum, to serve as Acting Chief-of-Staff at the Portland Veteran's Administration Hospital.

Dr. Jack Dryden, resident alum 1992, recently told us that he will soon be serving as Acting Chief-of-Staff for the Portland Veteran's Administration Hospital for the next year. In this position, Dr. Dryden will be supervising all medical care at the Portland VA pending the search for a permanent Chief-of-Staff. This appointment recognizes Dr. Dryden's thoughtful analytical skills as well as his strong interpersonal style.

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