


University of Washington Rehabilitation Medicine Newsletter
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1. Barbara de Lateur, M.D., M.S., UW Affiliate Professor, awarded Frank H. Krusen Award.

Barbara J. de Lateur, M.D., M.S., was recently notified that she will be given the Frank H. Krusen Award by the American Academy of PM&R at its annual meeting in Phoenix this October. This award, which is the most prestigious award from the Academy, is given to those selected for their outstanding and unique contributions to the specialty of PM&R in the areas of patient care, research, education, literary contributions, community services, and involvement in Academy activities. Dr. de Lateur was on the faculty at the University of Washington from 1967 until 1994, when she was Professor of Rehabilitation Medicine and Physiatrist-in-Chief for Harborview Medical Center. She then served as Professor and Chair of the Department of PM&R at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine from 1994 through June 2004. Congratulations Dr. de Lateur!



2. University of Washington well represented in Fourth Edition (2004) of “America’s Top Doctors”.

“America’s Top Doctors” each year lists the “top” doctors in the country according to the specialty and geographical area. This is based on votes from other physicians in their specialty as well as other specialties.

On the West Coast and Pacific region there are seven physicians elected to “best doctors” in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, six of the seven are UW faculty. These include: Diana Cardenas, M.D., Professor Rehabilitation Medicine University of Washington; Stanley Herring, M.D. Clinical Professor University of Washington; Ken Jaffe, M.D., Professor Rehabilitation Medicine University of Washington; George Kraft, M.D., Professor Rehabilitation Medicine University of Washington; Teresa Massagli, M.D., Associate Professor Rehabilitation Medicine University of Washington and Residency Director for Rehabilitation Medicine University of Washington; and Larry Robinson, M.D., Professor and Chair Rehabilitation Medicine University of Washington.


3. Learn about Multi-site Clinical Trials, October 22-23, 2004.

For anyone who has participated in a Multi-site Clinical Trial, I am sure you are aware of the special challenges that can be encountered in coordinating multiple sites of research. There is now a unique opportunity to learn how to meet these challenges at a Multi-site Clinical Trial in Rehabilitation Conference to be held in Denver, Colorado October 22-23, 2004. This interactive conference is designed by RehabNet~West to bring together researchers who are interested in multi-site clinical trials in rehabilitation. Experienced researchers from rehabilitation and other fields will share lessons learned about the special issues associated with multi-site design.

For more information, scholarship opportunities, and online registration, please visit the RehabNet~West website at: <http://rehabnetwest.washington.edu>. We also encourage you to print a copy of our flier to post on a bulletin board in your department. These fliers can be found at http://rehabnetwest.washington.edu/rehab_flier.pdf.

4. TBI Model System video conference educational series to be held.

During the month of October, the University of Washington TBI Model System will be cosponsoring a video conference series that will be presenting nationally recognized speakers covering topics on traumatic brain injury research, education and prevention. The events are open to anyone with an interest in the treatment and care of TBI survivors, and will include a question and answer session following the presentation. Community-based providers, state agency personnel, family members, and the general public who work with or have an interest in traumatic brain injuries are encouraged to attend. The sessions are free, and will be held at the Research and Training Center at Harborview Medical Center as well as many sites around the state. For a complete list of participating cities and site, or for more information on times and locations, please contact Aaron (UW TBI Model System Study Coordinator) at 206-731-5196.



Presentations include: September 28th, 2004, Dr. Mary Pepping: University of Washington, TBI Model Systems “*Brain Injury Basics: How Brain Functions are Affected*”. October 5th, 2004 Jesse Fann, MD, MPH: University of Washington, TBI Model Systems “*Psychiatric Disorders and TBI*”; October 12th, 2004 Myron Goldberg, Ph. D: University of Washington, TBI Model Systems “*Understanding and Managing Behavioral Problems in TBI*”; October 19th, 2004 Julie Brunings, MS, CCC-SLP & Juli Rosenzweig, MS, CCC: University of Washington, TBI Model Systems “*The Pragmatics of Communication and TBI*”; October 26th, 2004 Andrea Abrahamson: Systems Advocate Washington Protection & Advocacy (WPAS) “*Self Advocacy: Navigating the Health Care System*”; and November 2nd, 2004 Caregiver & Self Advocate Panel: Facilitators (WPAS) “*Tips for effective Case Management & Caregiver Support*”.

5. Multi-disciplinary medical student rotation on Chronic Care and Disability completes its first clerkship.

We were pleased to complete our first new four-week clerkship in Chronic Care and Disability. This is a completely restructured four week clerkship for our 4th year medical students, which was reengineered with considerable work by Dr. Ross Hays (Professor of Rehabilitation Medicine) and Dr. Mark Harrast (Assistant Professor of Rehabilitation Medicine). This new clerkship has a strong structured didactic curriculum on Mondays that covers many dimensions of chronic care and disability. Students are also exposed on other days of the week to one of three clinical areas: Geriatrics, Palliative Care, or Rehabilitation Medicine. This multi departmental rotation is a first for the University of Washington and has a number of new and innovative approaches to addressing the education of students in the care of the chronically ill and disabled. For more information please contact our medical student coordinator, Heidi Rallison at 206-616-6345 or <hrall@u.washington.edu>.

6. Jeffrey B. Palmer, M.D. appointed Chair, Johns Hopkins Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

We were pleased to hear recently that Dr. Jeffrey Palmer, resident alumni in Rehabilitation Medicine (1983), was recently appointed as Chair of the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Palmer succeeds Dr. Barbara de Lateur, who is also one of our alumni and former faculty members. Dr. Palmer can be reached at <jpalmer@jhmi.edu>.

7. Pam Smith, Ph.D., R.N. appointed as Chair of the Association of Rehabilitation Nurses 2005 Conference Planning Committee.

Pam Smith, Ph.D., R.N., Manager for the inpatient rehab unit at HMC has agreed to serve as Chair for the Association of Rehabilitation Nurses 2005 Conference Planning Committee. The annual educational conference will take place October 5-8 at the Wyndham Palm Springs Hotel and Palm Springs Convention Center in California. For this year’s conference, Pam and Carol Sue Ivory, MSN, RN Care Manager served on the conference planning committee for selection of papers and posters.



8. Henry Lew, M.D. to appear on ABC Nightline September 3, 2004.

One of our resident graduates, Dr. Henry Lew, will be on ABC Nightline to share his experience in diagnosing and treating traumatic brain injury (TBI) in soldiers returning from the recent warfare. This will be a 20 minute interview, aimed at increasing TBI awareness, and promoting TBI care. Dr. Lew can be reached at <Henry.Lew@med.va.gov>.

9. Jodie Haselkorn, M.D. and Rhonda Williams, Ph.D. participate in Distance Learning national teleconference.

Drs. Jodie Haselkorn (Associate Professor of Rehabilitation Medicine) and Rhonda Williams (Assistant Professor of Rehabilitation Medicine) were asked to share their lessons learned in distance education to a wide audience of VA educators on a nationally broadcast VA program. They presented valuable information that they learned from a cognition teleconference in April of this year over the VA Knowledge Network. For more information, please contact Dr. Haselkorn at <jodi.haselkorn@med.va.gov> or Dr. Williams at <rhonda.williams1@med.va.gov>.

10. Leighton Chan, M.D., co-author of one of the ten best clinical articles chosen by “*Archives of Surgery*”.

We are pleased to hear that the Editorial Board of the “*Archives of Surgery*” chose an article co-authored by Dr. Leighton Chan (Associate Professor of Rehabilitation Medicine) as one of the ten best clinical articles for 2003, (Flum, D, Dellinger, EP, Cheadle, A, Chan, L, Koepsell, TE. Intraoperative Cholangiography and Risk of Common Bile Duct Injury During Cholecystectomy. Lead Article, JAMA 2003;289:1639-1644). Knowing that he is a firm believer in exercise, we understand that Dr. Chan will be celebrating this award by exercising his common bile duct with a rich French dinner. Dr. Chan can be reached at <leighton@u.washington.edu>.

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