

*University of Washington Rehabilitation Medicine Newsletter  
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We were very pleased to hear that during the Academy of Neurologic Communication Disorders and Sciences (ANCDS) meeting in Philadelphia last month, Kathryn Yorkston, Ph.D. was surprised with a "Special Recognition Award". This is the first time such a special recognition as been given by the Academy. The award was given to Dr. Yorkston for her exceptional work in spearheading the Association's efforts to develop the evidence-based practice guidelines for velopharyngeal function, spasmodic dysphonia, behavioral management of the respiratory/phonatory system and dysarthria. The award also noted Dr. Yorkston's high level of organizational skill and personal grace. Warmest congratulations are extended to Dr. Yorkston, who can be reached at <yorkston@u.washington.edu>.

2. Save the dates for Musculoskeletal Medicine Course (April 2-3) and PM&R Review Course (April 4-10).

We are pleased to announce the 2005 Musculoskeletal and Sports Medicine Course. This year's course will focus on a Biomechanical Approach to the Lower Limb in Function and Dysfunction. The course is being led by Mark Harrast, M.D., Assistant Professor of Rehabilitation Medicine. The course will take place April 2-3, 2005 at the University of Washington Hogness Auditorium. It will include a number of well known guest faculty including Michael Geraci, M.D., PT (Michigan State University), Casey Karrigan, M.D. (University of Virginia), and Christopher Powers, Ph.D., PT (UCLA). There are many noted local faculty as well. Lectures will include discussions of kinetic chain approaches, patellofemoral pain syndrome, heel pain, and low back pain. More details and on-line registration can be found on our brochure which is available at the University of Washington Continuing Medical Education website <http://uwcme.org/site/courses/>.

The 22<sup>nd</sup> University of Washington Review Course in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation will be held April 4-10, 2005 at the Watertown Hotel in Seattle, WA. This is an excellent opportunity for those preparing for recertification or initial Board certification in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, as well as for those interested in a periodic update in PM&R. The course includes 64.5 category 1 CME credits and is very reasonably priced, especially when compared to other CME opportunities. Registration in the Review Course also includes the Musculoskeletal Course mentioned above. The Review Course is being led by Drs. Karen Barr and Stephen Burns, Assistant Professors of Rehabilitation Medicine. Full details about the Review Course can be found at the University of Washington Continuing Medical Education website <http://uwcme.org/site/courses/>.

3. Dr. Leighton Chan selected as Outstanding CME Teacher for 2004.

We were very pleased to hear last month that Leighton Chan, M.D., Associate Professor of Rehabilitation Medicine, was selected as the University of Washington Outstanding CME Teacher for 2004. This award reflects Dr. Chan's excellent teaching evaluations in a variety of CME courses, but especially for his work in our PM&R Review Course last year which he led. Dr. Chan received a plaque, a letter, and a financial award (to be used toward academic support). Please join me in congratulating Dr. Chan for this honor. Dr. Chan can be reached at <leighton@u.washington.edu>.

4. New Rehabilitation Unit opens at Children's Hospital.

Under Dr. Ken Jaffe's directorship, a new Pediatric Rehabilitation Unit opened on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the "Train" zone in November. This Rehabilitation Unit replaces the older unit and was designed to support the treatment and therapy needs of pediatric rehabilitation patients. It includes a gym and dayroom/dining area. Most of the 12 beds are single rooms, and every patient room includes a sleeping couch for parents. We are all pleased to see this wonderful new facility available for our pediatric rehabilitation patients.

5. Cyndi Robinson receives International Mobility grant.

Cyndi Robinson, PT, MS, Clinical Instructor of Rehabilitation Medicine, was recently notified last month that she has been awarded a \$4,800 International Mobility grant from the UW Marc Lindenberg Center for Humanitarian Actions, International Development and Global Citizenship. The grant will support four UW PT/OT students to travel with her to Moldova as part of a rehabilitation team in September 2005. This will be Cyndi's third trip to Moldova and her second with students. In September 2004, four UW PT/OT students and 2 UPS PT students traveled to Moldova on our rehabilitation team. Student mentoring was provided by Mitch Blakney, PT (UW clinical faculty member), Nancy Erikson, PT (EWU faculty member), Emily Garza, OT, Kathy Stewart, OT, Barb Ingram LMT and Tom Ingram, LMT.

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