

University of Washington Rehabilitation Medicine Newsletter
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1. Northwest Spine and Sports Physicians pledges \$100,000 towards Endowed Professorship for Residency Program Director.

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Andrew Cole, Clinical Associate Professor, Rehabilitation Medicine and Director of the Northwest Spine and Sports Physicians, has both personally and on behalf of his practice, pledged \$100,000 towards the Endowed Residency Director Professorship. We wish to thank Dr. Cole for this strong leadership gift which will go a long way to creating an enduring commitment to the best in residency training in the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine at UW. We also wish to thank Dr. Cole's partners, Drs. Nelson Hager, Garrett Hyman, Carolyn Marquardt, Lew Packia Raj, David Spanier, Alison Stout, and Irene Young. For more information, or to make a donation to this endowment, please contact Debi Fritz in the development office at 206-543-6192 or dfritz@u.washington.edu.

2. University of Washington Department of Rehabilitation Medicine is #3 in US News and World Report survey.

We were proud to hear that the University of Washington Department of Rehabilitation Medicine has been ranked #3 in the country for rehabilitation care by US News and World Report. This ranking is primarily by reputational survey. Thus, it reflects the outstanding work



done by all of the Rehabilitation Medicine faculty and staff within the UW system. This ranking (in which 30.9% of respondents recommended us) places us #1 amongst all hospital-based Rehabilitation facilities since #1 rated RIC (61.9%) and #2 Kessler (31.4%) are free-standing facilities. Congratulations to all those who contributed to this outstanding ranking.

3. Publications by UW faculty increased in 2004.

Exhibited at the 2005 Lehmann Day Symposium was a poster listing all of the papers our faculty have produced in 2004 (see attachment). There was a significant increase from 74 papers in 2003 to 103 papers in 2004. This listing does not even include our many clinical faculty who have contributed greatly to the peer reviewed literature. Congratulations are extended to all of the faculty and staff who have made this amazing publication rate possible.

4. Jay Han, M.D., resident alumnus, achieves highest score on ABEM examination.

It was just recently announced that Dr. Jay Han, resident and research fellowship alumnus, achieved the highest score in the American Board of Electrodiagnostic Medicine (ABEM) examination this year. This is a very competitive and difficult examination which has a failure rate approaching 40% many years. It is a great honor for us to have trained Dr. Han. Dr. Han has just completed his research fellowship under the K-12 program with us and will be taking on a faculty position at the University of California, Davis.

5. David Yu, M.D., given 2005 Licht Award for Best Paper.

Dr. David Yu, former Assistant Professor in the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine, has been given the 2005 Licht Award for best article published in the "Archives of PM&R". This award was given for his excellent articles on stroke and electrical stimulation. Congratulations and best wishes are extended to Dr. Yu who has recently moved on from the department.

6. First DPT class graduated.

We were pleased this year to graduate our first class of students achieving the Doctorate in Physical Therapy (DPT) degree. Despite the rainy conditions, this was a moving ceremony, particularly in view of all the work that was done to make this DPT degree possible. Mark Guthrie, Ph.D., Head of the Division of Physical Therapy, has a number of photos that interested parties can write to him to receive electronically. Mark can be reached at <mguthrie@u.washington.edu>.

7. Congratulations to neuromonitoring technologists.

We are pleased to announce that two of our intraoperative monitoring technicians, Melissa Peterson and Mark Balvin, have passed their CNIM (certification in neurophysiologic intraoperative monitoring) examinations. This means that the UWMC electroneurodiagnostic technicians are now 100% credentialed for intraoperative monitoring. This is a difficult exam which requires significant preparation. Congratulations are extended to Melissa and Mark.

8. National rehabilitation nurses (ARN) conference will be well represented by Harborview nurses.

We were pleased to hear recently that the 2005 October conference for the National rehabilitation nurses, which will be held in Palm Springs, California, will include representation from four Harborview staff. These include posters by Oneda Harris, RN3, CRRN and Kate Gartshore, CRRN; and presentations by Jessie Nymeyer, RN and Carol Sue Ivory, CRRN, CCM. Drs. Chuck Bombardier, Stephen Burns, Jennifer James, and Richard Buhrer, ARNP, will also be presenting.

9. Rehabilitation of former Joint Chiefs of Staff, General John Shalikashvili, highlighted in "Seattle Post Intelligencer".

On July 7, 2005, the rehabilitation of former Joint Chief of Staff, General John Shalikashvili was highlighted in a front page article in the "Seattle Post Intelligencer". This was a very well written in depth article detailing the rehabilitation of the General. It quoted Dr. Peter Esselman and focused considerably on the General's rehabilitation. As mentioned in the article, the General had a very significant stroke. He was initially stabilized at Madigan Army Medical Center and then after an extensive search of rehabilitation facilities, was transferred to Harborview Medical Center for his stroke rehabilitation. The article can be found at http://seattlepi.nwsourc.com/local/231543_shali07.html

10. Welcome to new trainees.

The Department of Rehabilitation Medicine is pleased to welcome its new residents, fellows, PT, OT, and P&O students. These include:

1st year Residents, who began June 24, 2005:

Alfred Campbell, M.D. - University of Pennsylvania

Spencer Havens, M.D. - Medical College of Wisconsin

Jennifer Zumsteg, M.D. - University of Chicago - Pritzker School of Medicine

2nd year Residents, who began July 1, 2005:

James Behr, M.D. - University of Rochester

Troy Henning, D.O. - Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine

Ileana Howard, M.D. - Harvard Medical School

DJ Kennedy, M.D. - University of Florida

Niriksha Malladi, M.D. - University of British Columbia

Tom McNalley, M.D. - University of Iowa

Ben Snyder, M.D. - University of Maryland

Fellows:

Jelena Svircev, M.D., SCI Fellow based at the VA, who begins July 18, 2005

Seema Khurana, D.O., Multiple Sclerosis Fellow based at UWMC

Maureen Carney, M.D., Musculoskeletal/K-12 Fellow based at the VA

Janna Friedly, M.D., K-12 Fellow based at UWMC and HMC

Physical Therapy Curriculum Students:

Teri Albee-Olsen	Kelli Henricksen	Sandra Philippen
Cari Anderson	Jodi Ishii	Sara Purdic
Brandon Bailey	Shawn Israel	Elizabeth Rigsbee
Any Bilyk	Kelcy Jones	Aaron Scheidies
Molly Breene	David Kim	Petra Slapnicka
Lee Chhay	Amanda McAndrew	Andrew Smith
Carissa Conrad	Lori McConnell	Andra St Germain
Lauren Esmailka	Karla Nakashima	Jennier Stoeck
Marcus Flexer	Rachel Nelson	Lori Vos
Tai Harmon	Crystal Periot	Elizabeth Wagner

Occupational Therapy Curriculum Students:

Veronica Chase	Megan Kurtz	Jennifer Schlich
Jennifer Curtis	Kim Lewis	Jenifer Shelton
Shawna Evans	Marlene Maeger	Tiffany Sparks-Keeney
Dave Fouquette	Marisa Mannari	Rachel Veldkamp
Leslie Fox	Christine Mathews-Dalton	Kathryn Wallace
Tara Fredrickson	Emily Morris	Kirsten Watson
Miriam Friedman	Mary Neifert	Elizabeth Wise
Christine Hipolito	Tuan Nguyen	Brett Wolfe
Richard Horn		

Prosthetics & Orthotics Curriculum Students:

Chelsey Anderson	Jenna Gomez	Ed Strachan
Andrew Chambers	Katrina Grigsby	Ryan Sutter
Shara Choi	Julie Lund	Lindsay Todd
Brian Evert	Chelsea Rogers	Kelly Weston

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