



**University of Washington Rehabilitation Medicine Newsletter**

**February 2007**

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!**

**The Department of Rehab Medicine's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration  
Lehmann Day June 1, 2007  
Gala Dinner June 2, 2007**

**For up-to-date information, check the What's New section of  
the Rehab Med website frequently:**

**<http://depts.washington.edu/rehab/whatsnew.html>**





## **1. Searches for Department Chair and other faculty positions continue.**

There are several faculty searches currently underway, including a permanent chair for the department, physicians with expertise in musculoskeletal medicine, SCI and polytrauma, and 2 faculty for our DPT program. As part of the search process, candidates give a presentation on a subject of their choice in addition to 2 days of interviews.

The national search for a departmental chairman continues under the direction of Richard Ellenbogen, M.D., Chairman of the Department of Neurological Surgery. Drs. Peter Esselman and Kathleen Bell gave their presentations last fall and the next two candidates are scheduled in January. Dr. Todd Kuiken, from the Rehab Institute of Chicago, gave his presentation on January 22.

The presentations of the two candidates for the musculoskeletal position are scheduled in January: Dr. Marla Kaufman will be giving her presentation on January 23 and Dr. James McLean will be presenting on January 29 at 11:30 a.m.

The three candidates for the VA Polytrauma program will be visiting in February: Dr. Marvin Brooke will be presenting February 5 at 10:30 a.m.; Dr. Maureen Carney will be presenting February 12 at 10:30 a.m.; and Arthur Rodriguez will be presenting on February 26 at 11:30. All the seminars will take place at the UW Health Sciences Building in room RR-134.

The Doctorate in Physical Therapy program is also conducting two faculty searches at this time. Information regarding these presentations will be posted to the Grand Rounds schedule as it becomes available.

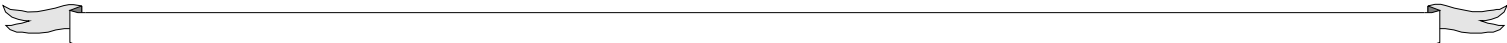
We welcome your attendance at any of these presentations. Please see the Grand Rounds schedule on the Rehab Med website for more up-to-date information, including presentation topics and room assignments: <http://depts.washington.edu/rehab/education/rounds.html>.

## **2. Dr. Joseph Czerniecki honored by the Amputee Coalition of America.**

In June 2006, the Amputee Coalition of America awarded Dr. Joseph Czerniecki the Professional Achievement of the Year Award for 2006, acknowledging the impact his work has had on the health and lifestyle of amputees. Currently as the VA Puget Sound Health Care System's Director of Rehabilitation Medicine, Dr. Czerniecki has treated amputees from World War II through the current Iraq War as well as trained over 100 rehabilitation specialists. Congratulations may be sent to Dr. Czerniecki at: [joseph.czerniecki@va.gov](mailto:joseph.czerniecki@va.gov).

## **3. Ross Hays becomes first pediatrician in the WWAMI region to be board certified in Hospice and Palliative Medicine.**

Dr. Ross Hays achieved certification in Hospice and Palliative Medicine in May 2006, becoming the first pediatrician in the WWAMI region (Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana, Idaho) region to do so. The Children's Hospital Palliative Care Consulting Service, led by Dr. Hays, has become a model for similar programs across the country. Send Dr. Hays a congratulatory email at: [ross.hays@seattlechildrens.org](mailto:ross.hays@seattlechildrens.org).





**4. Dr. Jodie Haselkorn appointed to the NCMRR Function, Integration and Rehabilitation Sciences Subcommittee at NICHD/NIH.**

Dr. Jodie Haselkorn has been appointed to a 4-year term with the National Center for Medical Rehabilitation Research Function, Integration and Rehabilitation Sciences Subcommittee at NICHD/NIH in May 2006. Congratulations can be sent to Dr. Haselkorn at [jodie.haselkorn@va.gov](mailto:jodie.haselkorn@va.gov).

**5. Dr. Greg Carter takes first exam in the subspecialty of Neuromuscular Medicine.**

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Greg Carter recently took and passed the first exam given in the subspecialty of Neuromuscular Medicine. This is a new subspecialty board administered under the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology and recognized by the American Board of Medical Specialties. The first exam was given to all founding members of this subspecialty board, of which Dr. Carter is one. In 2008, any neurologist or physiatrist meeting the criteria will be able to sit for the exam; after a period of several years, completing a neuromuscular fellowship will be required to sit for the exam. Anyone interested in taking the exam may contact Dr. Carter at [gtcarter@u.washington.edu](mailto:gtcarter@u.washington.edu).

**6. Karen Ruppert promoted to nurse manager of Harborview's Inpatient Trauma Rehabilitation Unit.**

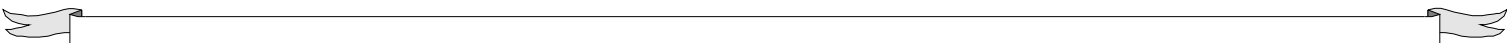
We are pleased to announce that Karen Ruppert has been promoted to the position of nurse manager for the Inpatient Trauma Rehabilitation Unit at Harborview, effective June 1. Ms. Ruppert has been a part of the rehab unit team for more than 20 years, including more than 5 years as an RN3, bringing excellent management skills and a passion for her work to her new role. Her primary focus is on full integration of the disciplines, building closer collaboration between the team members in order to make the Rehabilitation Unit's patient/family centered model even stronger. Congratulations can be sent to Karen at [kruppert@u.washington.edu](mailto:kruppert@u.washington.edu).


**7. Janet Powell, Ph.D., awarded fellowship to participate in Mentoring Program.**

Janet Powell, Assistant Professor in the Division of Occupational Therapy, was recently awarded a \$2,500 fellowship to participate in a Leadership Mentoring Program sponsored by the American Occupational Therapy Association and the American Occupational Therapy Foundation. Dr. Powell was one of 18 occupational therapy faculty members selected from a pool of 58 highly qualified applicants from around the country. The nine-month program, which is designed to prepare occupational therapy faculty for leadership roles in academic communities, will be based in a group mentoring method used successfully in business, non-profit, and academic settings and will be led by Dr. Wendy Coster, Sargent College of Rehabilitation Sciences, Boston University. You may offer Dr. Powell congratulations by emailing her at [jmpowell@u.washington.edu](mailto:jmpowell@u.washington.edu).

**8. 14 newly certified Rehab nurses at Harborview.**

After studying long hours in preparation, 14 nurses at Harborview passed the CRRN certification exams in December 2005 and June 2006. These are: Scholar Acholonu, Kathy Chang,





Christina Daniel, Tania Fujita, Caroline Gaynes, Jarick Huliganga, Lenore Mangalindan, Lisa Maynard, Marta Mitrut, Adora Moncada, Marianne Pesigan, Christene Reyes, Charlene Simons and Michael Wagner.

Certification demonstrates a level of knowledge achieved in rehabilitative or restorative nursing and shows a commitment to excellence in patient care. Over half of the Harborview Rehabilitation nursing staff is now certified.

#### **9. Rehab and Beyond manual accepted for poster presentation at summer conference.**

The Rehab and Beyond manual, developed by our Patient and Family Advisory Council at UWMC, has been accepted for a poster session at the Third International Conference on Patient-and-Family-Centered Care: Partnerships for Enhancing Quality and Safety. This conference will be held July 30 – August 1, 2007, in Seattle, Washington.

The manual is posted in PDF format on the Rehabilitation Medicine website at: <http://depts.washington.edu/rehab/pdfs/beyond/RehabAndBeyond.pdf>. You will need Adobe Acrobat installed on your computer to see this file.

#### **10. Two of our finest recognized with School of Medicine Service Excellence Award.**


We are pleased to extend congratulations to two valued members of our department: Dr. Chuck Bombardier, Professor, and Marivic Ramirez, fiscal specialist supervisor, were two of the first four recipients of the UW School of Medicine's Service Excellence Award. These quarterly awards have been created to honor outstanding service by faculty and staff in teaching, research, mentoring and administrative support.

Dr. Bombardier was recognized for his research and teaching, his leadership, and his work within the community, with charity and advisory groups. Ms. Ramirez's outstanding work was cited, as well as her well-known and much appreciated patience and humor.

#### **11. Northwest Regional Spinal Cord Injury System receives two major grants**

The National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitative Research (NIDRR) has awarded the Northwest Regional Spinal Cord Injury System (NWRSCIS) a 5-year, \$2.3-million grant to continue as one of 14 designated model spinal cord injury systems in the country. This award represents 20 years of continuous funding as a model system for the NRSCIS. These grants are awarded to institutions that are considered leaders in SCI research and patient care. The principal investigator is Dr. Chuck Bombardier <[chb@u.washington.edu](mailto:chb@u.washington.edu)>, while Dr. Jeanne Hoffman <[jeanneh@u.washington.edu](mailto:jeanneh@u.washington.edu)> and Dr. Stephen Burns <[spburns@u.washington.edu](mailto:spburns@u.washington.edu)> are co-investigators.

The NWRSCIS was also awarded a separate 5-year grant from the NIDRR to lead a placebo controlled clinical trial for the treatment of major depressive disorder in people with SCI and examining whether antidepressant treatment improves pain, quality of life, and community integration. This multi-site study will be co-led by Dr. Chuck Bombardier and Dr. Jesse Fann in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Studies. The other sites include: Northwestern





University/Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, University of Michigan, and University of Alabama-Birmingham.

## **12. Dates set for the Musculoskeletal and Sports Medicine Symposium and the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Review Course in PM&R.**

The dates have been finalized and the programs set for the 2007 Musculoskeletal and Sports Medicine Symposium and the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Review Course in PM&R.

“Running Medicine: From biomechanics to the prevention and management of overuse injuries” is scheduled for March 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at the University of Washington’s Kane Hall.

The 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Review course in PM&R is scheduled for March 26 – April 1 at the University District’s Hotel Deca <http://www.hoteldeca.com> in Seattle (previously the University Tower Hotel). Please note that the Hotel Deca is currently offering a special room rate of \$119/night for attendees, a rate that may not be available after March 1.

For more up-to-date information, please check the Continuing Education section of the Rehabilitation Medicine website at <http://depts.washington.edu/rehab/education/ce.html>. To register online, you may visit the University of Washington’s Continuing Medical Information website at [www.uwcme.org](http://www.uwcme.org). Mail-in registrations should be sent to: Continuing Medical Education, 1325 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 2000, Seattle, WA 98101-2506. If you have any questions on registering, please contact the CME Registrar at (206) 543-9496.

## **13. Grand Rounds Schedule for February 2007**

*Unless noted otherwise, all seminars and conferences are held in RR-134*

February 5, 10:30 a.m. – Andrew Luk, “Rheumatology Update”

February 12, 10:30 a.m. – TBA

February 19 - HOLIDAY

February 26, 10:30 a.m. – Shelley Wiechman, Topic TBA

Please note that our Grand Rounds Conferences are available for continuing education credits; contact Kathy Schell at [schelk@u.washington.edu](mailto:schelk@u.washington.edu) for more information.

For information on other Continuing Education opportunities through the University of Washington Department Of Rehabilitation Medicine, please visit our Continuing Education web page at <http://depts.washington.edu/rehab/education/ce.html>.

