



University of Washington Rehabilitation Medicine Newsletter

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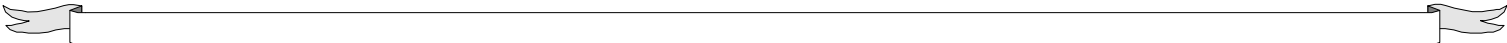
1. NIH funds grant to study pain control after trauma.


Recently Dr. David Patterson and colleagues Drs. Mark Jensen, Shelley Wiechman, Sam Sharar, Jerry Jurkovich and Bruce Sangeorzon learned that they were funded on a NIH R01 grant to study pain control after trauma. The grant received a 5.2% rating and was funded for 5 years at the requested budget.

This project will investigate the impact of virtual reality induced hypnosis on variables such as pain control, sleep and anxiety in patients hospitalized at Harborview for long bone leg fractures or internal trauma. The project will look at whether this novel technology can not only improve comfort but reduce hospital stay relative to a control group. The team will also carry out laboratory studies to determine how distraction and hypnosis delivered through virtual reality interact.

2. Department of Rehabilitation Medicine has strong showing at AAP Annual Conference.

The Department of Rehabilitation Medicine was well represented at this year's Association of Academic Physiatrists' (AAP) Annual Meeting, held April 10 – April 14 in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Drs. Janna Friedly and Dave Morgenroth attended the RMSTP (K12) training program as returnees, while Drs. Debby Crane and Alfred Campbell were new participants this year (see article below). Members of our department also had 3 poster presentations: Dr. Angeli Mayadev's poster on using botox to treat spine extensor spasticity; Dr. Maureen Carney's poster on the utility of screening for renal stones in MS patients; and Dr. Janna Friedly's poster on geographic variation in epidural steroid injections in the Medicare population. Dr. Friedly's poster was selected for poster grand rounds and was subsequently selected as the best poster of that session.





While at the conference, Dr. Terry Massagli accepted the Outstanding Service Award from the AAP and completed a 4-year run as a Member-at-Large of the Board of Trustees. Another of our department representatives, Dr. Larry Robinson, was elected to the Board of Trustees.

Congratulations may be sent to the participants at:

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3. Two occupational therapy graduates honored at annual AOTA conference.

Two occupational therapy graduates from the post-professional master's program were honored at the American Occupational Therapy Association Annual conference.

Laureen Franklin was awarded the Mary J. Bridle First Research Award for her thesis entitled "Children with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders: Problem Behaviors and Sensory Processing." Her committee included Drs. Jean Deitz (Chair), Tracy Jirikowic, and Susan Astley. Laureen is the third University of Washington student in the last five years to earn this award.

Kathy Stewart, MS, OTR/L, Clinical Assistant Professor and graduate of the UW post-professional master's program, also was honored. She received the Lindy Boggs Award for her advocacy work on behalf of children with disabilities and their families.

4. Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center rehabilitation program receives high praise and accreditation from CARF.

Once again, surveyors from the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) have accredited the Children's Hospital rehabilitation program, giving it an outstanding review for 2007 and specifically citing many program aspects that set national standards in the field of pediatric rehabilitation.

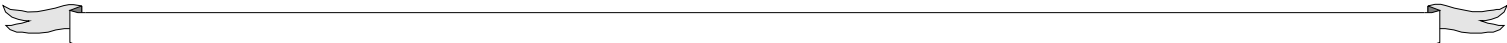
A facility's rehabilitation services are evaluated extensively for quality in a CARF survey, during which rehabilitation professionals review the patient experience from admission through discharge and follow-up care. Children's achieved a level of 'exemplary' in many areas; the staff was also commended for their commitment to improving patient care and their involvement in advocacy outside of Children's. Program strengths that stood out included the accessibility plan, patient information, respect for patient rights, compliance, cultural competency, and data assessment and transparency.

We want to congratulate everyone at our Children's Rehabilitation facility on this success.

5. Welcome Leilei Wang, M.D., Ph.D., to Harborview Medical Center's Inpatient Unit.

We are pleased to announce that Leilei Wang, M.D., Ph.D. will begin working with the Harborview Rehab Inpatient Unit starting May 1, 2007.

Dr. Wang comes to us from Virginia Mason Medical Center, where she was a staff physiatrist for several years. She also has worked extensively in private practice and with the Veterans Administration Puget Sound Health Care System. Our own department has enjoyed a long association with Dr. Wang, who completed her residency with us before becoming a Clinical Assistant Professor from 1997 – 2007.





6. VA Puget Sound Health Care System CIIRP earns 3 Year CARF Accreditation.

Under the service line leadership of Joseph Czerniecki, M.D., the VA Comprehensive Integrated Inpatient Program (CIIRP) attained another 3 year CARF accreditation. The organization was recognized for its strengths in the Rehab Care leadership team, the team's dedication and commitment to the delivery of care, excellent communication, strong clinical skills, and performance improvement and measurement processes. The VA received exemplary conformance in recognizing the value of therapeutic recreation and the importance of involvement in leisure and avocational activities in the reintegration to the individual's community of choice.

7. Alfred Campbell, M.D. and Deborah Crane, M.D. admitted to RMSTP program.

We are proud to announce that UW Department of Rehabilitation Medicine second-year residents Alfred Campbell, M.D. and Deborah Crane, M.D. have recently been admitted to the Rehabilitation Medicine Scientist Training Program. This program, sponsored by the Association of Academic Physiatrists, provides three years of NIH funding, focused on research training and professional development support, for rehabilitation physicians dedicated to pursuing a career in academic medicine and research.

Please forward your congratulations to Dr. Campbell at gellhorn@u.washington.edu; and to Dr. Crane at dacrane@u.washington.edu.

8. Dr. Charles Bombardier awarded Harborview CARES service excellence award.

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Charles Bombardier has been awarded the Harborview CARES service excellence award for 2007's spring quarter.

Winners of this quarterly award are chosen by the Service Excellence team, which includes representatives from each division at Harborview Medical Center. Two staff members and two physicians are chosen for demonstrating service excellence and the Harborview CARES stated values of commitment, access, respect, excellence and service.

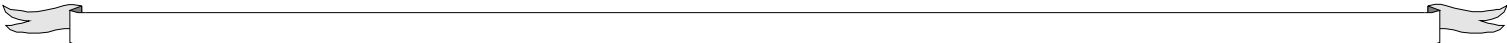
Please join us in congratulating Dr. Bombardier: chb@u.washington.edu.

9. Reminder: Plans are in full swing for the 22nd Annual Justus F. Lehmann Day Symposium and 50th Anniversary Gala being held June 1 – June 2, 2007.

The 22nd Annual Justus F. Lehmann Day Symposium and 50th Anniversary Gala are promising to be the two biggest events for the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine this year. Attendees can look forward to two days packed with informative seminars and fun events, culminating in a Gala Dinner and Dance the evening of June 2, 2007, at the Palace Ballroom in downtown Seattle.

For more information about the weekend, including downloadable forms of a Registration Form and the Symposium's Presentation Schedule, please visit the website: <http://depts.washington.edu/rehab/50history.html>.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the co-chairs of the 50th Anniversary Committee: Marjorie Anderson, Ph.D. at 206-543-7030 or Elizabeth Kanny, Ph.D., OTR at 206-598-5393; emails may be sent to rehab50@u.washington.edu.





10. Grand Rounds Schedule for May 2007.

Unless noted otherwise, all seminars and conferences are held in RR-134 in Health Sciences at the University of Washington Campus. For the most up-to-date Grand Rounds schedule, please visit the Grand Rounds web page at <http://depts.washington.edu/rehab/education/rounds.html>.

May 7, 10:30 a.m. – Carrie Hall, P.T., M.H.S., “Shoulder Issues”

May 7, 11:30 a.m. @ BB938 – Sally Westcott McCoy, PT, Ph.D., “Children with Cerebral Palsy: Balance / Movement Analysis & Intervention”

May 14, 10:30 a.m. – Ari Greis, M.D., “The Use of Manual Medicine in the Treatment of Mechanical Neck Pain”

May 21, 10:30 a.m. – Arthur Rodriguez, M.D., “Laryngeal Electromyography”

May 28 - Holiday

Please note that our Grand Rounds Conferences are available for continuing education credits; contact Pamela Graber at <pamelag2@u.washington.edu> for more information.

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