Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School

Executive Council
March 19, 2015, 4:00 PM

CAB 1302 – New Brunswick

MINUTES


Also present: Drs. Escobar, Jahn, Kelly, McCathern, Millonig, Sant’Angelo (for Rabson), Stock, Swee, Terregino, Ms. Hansen and Mr. Prodoehl

Members not present: Drs. Aisner, Fratzola, Green, Nosher, Pine, Rao, Winklemann

1. Approval of Minutes of February 19, 2015
   - The minutes of the February 19, 2015 meeting were approved as submitted.

2. RWJ Center for Multiple Sclerosis – Suhayl Dhib-Jalbut, MD, Professor and Chairman, Department of Neurology, President, ACTRIMS, and Director, Rutgers-RWJ Center for MS provided the Council with an overview of the work being done in his laboratory which includes how MS therapies work, biomarkers of treatment response in MS, and neuroprotective gene therapy.

Rutgers Interdisciplinary Job Opportunities for Biomedical Scientists (iJOBs) – James Millonig, PhD, Senior Associate Dean, Rutgers Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, Director, MD/PhD program, Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School/Princeton University, Assistant Dean of Medical Scientist Training provided an overview of a recently received NIH training grant that provides exciting new opportunities for training graduate students and post-docs.

3. Dean’s report – Vicente H. Gracias, MD, Interim Dean

News Items

Fredric E. Wondisford, MD, has been named professor of medicine and chair of medicine at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and chief of the department of medicine at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital. Sally Radovick, MD, has been named professor of pediatrics and senior associate dean for clinical and translational research at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. Both will be Chancellor Scholars, a new designation awarded by the Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences Chancellor to the academically strongest new recruits.

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Nurses Lead the Way Impact on SIDS Reduction

The participation of the birthing hospitals in the Safe to Sleep education campaign of the SIDS Center of New Jersey has had an impact. The incidence rate for all sudden unexpected infant deaths (SUID) in New Jersey is one of the lowest in the nation, based on the newest information released by the CDC, and the lowest it has ever been in New Jersey. Moreover, according to a recent PRAMS survey, 85% of families report having been given safe sleep information. However, while the low rates demonstrate that good outcomes can be achieved, the goal now is to sustain them. Information provided to birthing hospitals in New Jersey through Nurses Lead the Way is consistent with the guidelines of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

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The Department of Neuroscience and Cell Biology is partnering with Rutgers 4-H youth development group at the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences to host the first Rutgers Science Saturday: The Human Brain, on March 7, held in conjunction with Brain Awareness Week. Youth will meet the faculty and graduate students from the medical school and participate in hands-on activities that highlight different disciplines within brain research.

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Michael Graves, a Princeton architect and designer, and one of the principal figures in the postmodernist movement, will be the keynote speaker at the Stahl Memorial Lecture for Bioethics on April 21 at 4 pm. He will be joined by design partner Patrick J. Burke, AIA, Principal and Studio Head at Michael Graves & Associates. Mr. Graves, who is paralyzed from the waist down as a result of a spinal cord infection, has become in the last decade, world-renowned for his architectural designs that focus on accessibility and universal design in healthcare settings.

Report for Office of Community Health

The Chandler Health Center main site at 277 George Street experienced significant operational challenges during the month of February. Over a period of approximately 4 weeks the Center experienced water intrusion into the basement of the Health Center. The influx of water required an ongoing commitment from medical school support staff to maintain the basement in a dry and safe manner. The cause of the water intrusion was eventually traced to a ruptured water main that was the responsibility of the water utility to repair. Prior to localizing the cause of the issue, water pressure to the Health Center became so low that operations were unable to be maintained. The Health Center site at 277 George Street closed for a total of one and one half operating days due to this issue. Clinical operations were unaffected at the two other Chandler sites. To resolve the issue required extensive dialog with the City of New Brunswick.

Report of the Office of Research

Two RWJMS faculty have been selected to receive the prestigious Edward J. III Medical Research Scientist Awards from MDAdvantage and the Excellence in Medicine Foundation Inc. They will receive their awards at a ceremony on May 6, 2015. They are:

Edward J. III Outstanding Medical Research Scientist Award for Clinical Research

Maral M Mouradian, MD, William Dow Lovett Professor of Neurology and Director of the Center for Neurodegenerative and Neuroimmunologic Diseases in the Department of Neurology at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. The award is presented to an individual who has made important contributions in clinical or translational research leading to advances in disease therapy.

Edward J. III Outstanding Medical Research Scientist Award for Basic Biomedical Research

Estela Jacinto, PhD, associate professor in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. The award is presented to an individual who has carried out biomedical research leading to important advances in biotechnology or in the understanding of disease processes.

Report for Office of Education

Robert Wood Johnson Medical School has become an affiliate of the Alan Alda Center for Communicating Science at Stony Brook University in cooperation with Brookhaven National Laboratory and Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory. The medical school joins The University of Vermont, Dartmouth College and the American Chemical Society as affiliates. One of the main missions of the Alda Center is to enhance understanding of science by helping train the next generation of scientists and health professionals to communicate more effectively with the public, public officials, the media, and others outside their own discipline.

The center has started to build affiliations to embed the Alda Center curriculum in science and medical programs across the country.
Clinical Dashboard

RWJMS Patient Access Project Progress

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<th>Metrics (Efficiency)¹</th>
<th>Pre-Patient Access Project²</th>
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Department of Surgery Figures for February 2015

- Kidney Transplants: 3
- Heart Transplants – 0
- TAVR – 7
- Robotic – 2
- VADS – 4
- Mini Valves – 21

Department of Emergency Medicine for February 2015

During the month of February, there were approximately 5,125 patients seen in the Emergency Department. Of the 5,125, there were 1,562 admitted to RJWUH from the ED. February, 2015 volumes show a decrease of 2% in comparison to the last FYTD.

OLD BUSINESS

- Search Committees Status
  - Chair, Emergency Medicine
  - Chair, Anesthesiology
  - Chair, Pathology

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 20, 2015 - 11:30 AM
Match Day Ceremony

Arlene and Henry Schwartzman Courtyard
Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital
One Robert Wood Johnson Place - New Brunswick, NJ
For more information contact: evansje1@rwjms.rutgers.edu
March 25, 2015 - 1:00 PM
2015 Annual Aaron J. Shatkin Lecture
Main Auditorium
Robert Wood Johnson Medical School
675 Hoes Lane West - Piscataway, NJ

**Topic:** Crawling Out of the RNA World: Noncoding RNAs and Their Protein Partners

**Speaker:** Thomas R. Cech, PhD
Distinguished Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry
University of Colorado Boulder
Director, University of Colorado Bio Frontiers Institute
Investigator, Howard Hughes Medical Institute
1989 Nobel Prize Winner

For more information contact: bondocdm@rwjms.rutgers.edu

April 11, 2015 - 7:00 PM
5th Annual Scholarship Gala with Alumni and Friends
All proceeds will support student scholarships.

Hyatt Regency New Brunswick
2 Albany Street - New Brunswick, NJ

**Meet the Honorees**
**Distinguished Alumni Award**
Mark A. Bloomberg, MD, Class of 1974

**Meritorious Service Award**
Arnold B. Rabson, MD
Professor of Pediatrics, Pharmacology, and Pathology and Laboratory Medicine
Director, Child Health Institute of New Jersey

**Honorary Alumni Award**
Michael Lewis, MD
University Distinguished Professor of Pediatrics and Psychiatry
Director, Institute for the Study of Child Development
For more information contact: hansenmp@rwjms.rutgers.edu

April 15, 2015 - 4:00 PM
George and Lily Boxer Memorial Lecture
Hosted by the Department of Pharmacology

Main Auditorium
Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School
675 Hoes Lane West - Piscataway, NJ
Reception to follow in the Great Hall

**Topic:** PI-3 Kinase and Cancer Metabolism

**Speaker:** Lewis C. Cantley, PhD
Director Meyer Cancer Center
Weill Cornell Medical College and New York-Presbyterian Hospital
Professor of Cancer Biology in Medicine
Margaret and Herman Sokol Professor in Oncology Research
Johan and Sanford I. Weill Department of Medicine
Weill Cornell Medical College
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With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dorothy Hatcher*

*Office of the Dean*