MINUTES

Members present:  Drs. Bachmann, Cuccurullo, Dreyfus, Goodell, Yue (for Haffty), Kipen, Laumbach, Lee, Menza, Nosher, Pine, Roth, Scardella, Tallia, Walworth, Winklemann

Also present:  Drs. Escobar, Gelinus, Jahn, Kostis, McCathern, Stock, Swee, Ms. Hansen and Mr. Prodoehl

Members not present:  Drs. Aisner, Brewer, Dhib-Jalbut, Eisenstein, Fratzola, Gatt, Gracias, Green, Hegyi, Kim, Rao, Rosen, Whitley-Williams,

Note:  In Dean Gracias' absence, the meeting was chaired by Dr. Anthony T. Scardella, Senior Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs

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

2. A Novel Monoclonal Antibody Identifies Preneoplastic and Neoplastic Lesions of the Esophagus, Stomach and Pancreas – Kiron M. Das, MD, PhD, FACP, FRCP, Chief, Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Professor of Medicine, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School provided the Council with an overview of the work being done in his laboratory which involves translational research focusing on immunopathogenesis of inflammatory bowel disease, GI cancer biology and the development of novel biomarkers(s) for early detection of several precancerous conditions of the GI tract such as Barrett’s epithelium, gastric intestinal metaplasia, and recently precancerous conditions of the pancreas such as IPMN and PanIN lesions.

3. Dean’s report – Anthony T. Scardella, MD, Senior Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs
   The following represents the information contained in the Dean’s report which was not discussed in detail at the meeting

   News
   Dr. Paul Lioy and Dr. Stuart Shalat, professors of environmental and occupational medicine, spoke with USA Today in regard to the potentially high levels of lead found in older artificial turf and recycled rubber “crumbs” used on athletic and playground fields. The experts support efforts to lower federal lead level standards and advocate for more testing of recreational areas.

   Dr. Thomas Draschil, chief resident in the department of Psychiatry, appeared on the WABC radio program “Living Better with Laura Smith” to discuss holotropic breathwork, a psychological healing technique using deep, rhythmic breathing.

   A paper published in *Kidney International*, by Dr. Richard Sherman, professor in the Department of Medicine, showed that 23 of the 200 most-prescribed medications surveyed in a national chain of dialysis centers listed phosphorus-containing ingredients, but not their amounts. Sherman’s team discovered a number of the drugs contained high levels of phosphorus which is probably minor for most patients, but that the burden may be notable in others. The research was awarded a grant by Dialysis Clinic, Inc. of Nashville, Tennessee.

   The Rutgers Institute for Emergency Preparedness and Homeland Security (IEPHS), led by Dr. Cliff Lacy, clinical associate professor of medicine, has been designated by the federal government’s intelligence agencies as a Center of Academic Excellence. In conjunction with this designation, Rutgers received a $1.95 million grant to support the design and delivery of intelligence-related curricula and related programs at Rutgers.

   The department of Psychiatry created and patented a paradigm called THESEUS, to motivate residents to teach third-year medical students using a system of rewards in a fantasy football format that
incentivizes teaching, and was found to increase residents’ confidence and satisfaction. THESEUS has been implemented in multiple departments at the medical school and affiliated institutions, as well as outside universities.

The Cardiovascular Institute participated in a video shoot for an educational film with a patient who is participating in a clinical trial for a Pfizer drug.

**From the Office of Community Health**
The Eric B. Chandler Health Center added Tuesday evening hours beginning this month. The George Street center is now open Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Tuesday and Thursday, 8:00 am to 8:00 pm, and Saturday, 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Additional evening hours will be added in early FY 2016.

During the first 6 months of FY 2015 the New Brunswick Community Interpreter Program provided interpreting services during 5,000 medical, dental and ancillary encounters at the Chandler Health Center. Approximately 35 Rutgers undergraduate students participated with the program in work study or volunteer capacity.

The Homeless and Indigent Patient Health Outreach Project’s annual 5k run was held on March 14. Over 90 students, faculty, staff and community members participated in the event which raised more than $4,000 in support of HIPHOP initiatives.

**From the Office of Research**
Dr. Cheryl Dreyfus, professor and chair of the Department of Neuroscience and Cell Biology received a $600,000 award from the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Three graduate students received the Shatkin Graduate Student Scholarship Award for Research and Academic Excellence at the 2015 Aaron J. Shatkin Lecture.

**From the Office of Education**
Ninety-six percent of our medical students matched to their desired specialties.

Ninety-two percent of our 105 GME PGY-1 positions filled. The unmatched positions were in surgery preliminary (2), radiology (4) and anesthesiology (2).

Dr. Carol A. Terregino, senior associate dean for education, associate dean for admissions and an LCME field secretary, and Dr. Norma S. Saks, assistant dean for education and director of the cognitive skills program, are the chairs of constituent groups of the AAMC, the northeast group on student affairs and the northeast groups on educational affairs, respectively.

In April Dr. Terregino will chair the spring meeting in New Orleans and Dr. Saks will chair the meeting at the University of Massachusetts. This spring, Dr. Saks is an invited speaker to the Council of Deans where she will report on academic support programs. In April, the AAMC will launch a new MCAT and a national survey of admissions deans.

**From the Clinical Enterprise**
Dr. Leonard Lee, and the cardiac surgery team, performed the first trans carotid TAVR in March. The procedure was the first in the state of New Jersey and approximately one of only 17 cases in the US.

Dr. Naiem Nassiri, successfully performed embolization of a rare, giant lateral chest wall venous malformation with detachable framing coils in a teenage boy with Proteus Syndrome.

*Rutgers RWJ Medical Group is in the process of implementing the Precision Business Intelligence System, which will provide clinical service areas with online access to billing, productivity and scheduling data.*

**Clinical Dashboard**
Upcoming Events

April 29, 2015 - 3:00 PM
2015 N. Ronald Morris Lectureship Series
Main Auditorium, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School

**Speaker:** C. David Allis, PhD, Tri-Institutional Professor
Joy and Jack Fishman Professor, Laboratory of Chromatin Biology and Epigenetics
The Rockefeller University, New York
For more information contact: marc.gartenberg@rutgers.edu

### 4. Old Business

None

### 5. New Business

- Dr. Whitley-Williams requested to allow Dr. Barbara Ostfeld to reduce her effort from full time to 56%, while retaining her full title as Professor, effective July 1, 2015. Dr. Ostfeld will continue to fulfill the duties of Program Director of the SIDS Center of New Jersey and the New Jersey State grant funded for that mission.

  A motion was made, seconded an unanimously approved.

- Anthony Scardella, MD, Interim Chair, Department of Medicine – proposal to establish a section of Structural Heart Disease in the Department of Medicine, Division of Cardiovascular Disease and Hypertension.

  A motion was made, seconded an unanimously approved.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Hatcher
Office of the Dean