

THE ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON MEDICAL GROUP
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UMDNJ-ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON MEDICAL SCHOOL

BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
JANUARY 10, 2013

Present: Drs. Amenta, Bachmann, Cadoff, Carson, Dhib-Jalbut, Eisenstein, Lee (for Graham), McGarry, McKinney, Menza, Scardella, Scanlin (also for Whitley-Williams), Scholz, Sonnenberg, Tallia; Ms. De Luca, Hansen, Holswade; Mr. Schoen

Absent: Drs. Arya, DiPaola, Graham, Haffty, Hunter, Kipen, Rao, Whitley-Williams

Guest Speaker: Dr. Rajesh Geria, MD

Meeting called to order by Dr. Amenta at 4:00 P.M.

Mr. Bret Bissey, Sr. Vice President/Chief Ethics/Compliance Officer, made some brief comments regarding compliance issues with coding and billing at SOM. He also discussed the actions taken as a result.

The minutes of December 13th were approved as written.

I. CHAIR'S REPORT

- The *2013 Edward J. III Excellence in Medicine Award Honorees* were announced. Dr. Amenta was delighted to announce that again this year four recipients have strong ties to UMDNJ and RWJMS. Congratulations to:
 - Suhayl Dhib-Jalbut, MD, Professor and Chairman of Neurology is the recipient of the Outstanding Medical Research Scientist Award for Clinical Research.
 - Robert L. Johnson, MD, The Sharon and Joseph L. Muscarelle Endowed Dean, New Jersey Medical School is the recipient of the Physician's Award.
 - Carol A. Terregino, MD, Senior Associate Dean for Education (interim) and Associate Dean for Admissions and Student Affairs is a recipient of the Outstanding Medical Educator Award.
 - Smita S. Patel, PhD, Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology is the recipient of the Outstanding Medical Research Scientist Award for Basic Biomedical Research.
- Dr. John Kostis, MD, Director of the Cardiovascular Institute was certified as a prescriber of lomitapide, a potent cholesterol lowering medication that was approved by the FDA for treatment of familial heterozygous hypercholesterolemia, (a serious, genetic disease that impairs the function of the receptor responsible for removing LDL-cholesterol. Patients with this condition are at a high risk of developing acute myocardial infarction at an early age (20s and 30s) if not well controlled.) Because of the risk of liver toxicity, lomitapide is available only through a restricted program called the lomitapide Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS). For that reason, lomitapide will be available only through certified health care providers and the pharmacies that will dispense the medicine. The goals of the REMS are to educate prescribers about the risk of hepatotoxicity associated with the medication, the need to monitor patients during treatment and to restrict access to therapy to patients with a clinical or laboratory diagnosis consistent with familial heterozygous hypercholesterolemia.
- The FOCUS ("Functional Outcomes in Cardiovascular Patients Undergoing Surgical Hip Fracture Repair") study led by Jeffrey Carson, MD, has been selected by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute as one of the top 34 research findings published in fiscal year 2012 and supported by the NHLBI. The 34 key research findings were selected because they advanced the knowledge of blood, cardiovascular, and lung disease.
- Dr. Amenta was pleased to call attention to a study published in the January 2, 2013 edition of the Journal of the American Medical Association, titled, "Outcomes Using Lower v. Higher Hemoglobin Thresholds for Red Blood Cell Transfusion" The study, conducted by Jeffery L. Carson, MD, The Richard C. Reynolds Professor of Medicine and his research team, found that compared with higher hemoglobin thresholds, a hemoglobin threshold of 7 or 8 g/dL is associated with fewer red blood cell units transfused without adverse associations with mortality, cardiac morbidity, functional recovery or length of hospital stay.

Dr. Amenta reported on the status of all active Search Committees.

Dr. Amenta also mentioned the following:

- RU-UMDNJ Integration Update
- CIA Training/Scholarly Capacity Annual Disclosure form
- APS Training
- HIPPA and compliance items
 1. All portable electronic devices must be password protected and encrypted
 2. Never share your password

Upcoming Events

- January 11, 2013 – 2:00pm – Winter Reception for Accepted Students, Arline and Henry Schwartzman Courtyard, RWJUH, One Robert Wood Johnson Place, New Brunswick, NJ. For more information contact: kramermr@umdnj.edu

Conversations with the Dean: Forum for community physicians:

January 18, 2013 at 12pm and January 22, 2013 at 5pm, both sessions will take place in CAB 3405

- April 27, 2013 - Annual RWJMS Scholarship Gala, The Heldrich, New Brunswick. We proudly announce the 2013 awardees:
 - Meritorious Service Award – The Honorable Thomas H. Kean
 - Distinguished Alumni Award – Grace Chang, MD '82, Professor of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School
 - Honorary Alumni Award – John B. Kostis, MD, Professor of Medicine, Founding Director of the Cardiovascular Institute of NJ, UMDNJ-RWJMS

II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

PRESENTATION: SITE OF SERVICE ULTRASOUND

Dr. Rajesh Geria, Director of Emergency Ultrasound Program, Department of Emergency Medicine, provided a presentation updating the committee on ultrasound utilizations for core and non-core applications. He discussed several benefits for performing ultrasounds on patients first for various conditions, such as vascular issues and better diagnosis outcomes.

A discussion ensued. Dr. Amenta thanked Dr. Geria for his informative update.

Dr. Scardella provided a brief update on the following:

- Managed Care Update – AmeriHealth, QualCare and Aetna contracts have expired. AmeriHealth contract has been settled.
- Interviews for the manager of provider relations completed. A candidate has been identified and an offer has been made.

Dr. Sonnenberg provided an update on the following:

Clinical Informatics:

- The Chandler Health Center is going live with the EMR starting in January and will be fully live by the end of the 1st quarter.
- Nearly all Medicare eligible providers have achieved MU in either 2011 or 2012.
 - Stage 2 of MU begins 1/1/14
 - January 1, 2013, MU reporting period starts over
 - Peds practices must achieve MU during 2013

Dr. Amenta suggested Dr. Sonnenberg provide another update next month on Stage 2 MU.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There were no action items.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Ms. Nancy DeLuca provided a financial update covering the following items:

- November Financials reviewed and preliminary numbers for December
- Billable services FY12 vs. FY13
- P&L Statement
- Contract and A&S Due to RWJMG FY 2013
- New Funds Flow Model
- Key Indicators – Year over Year Trend – Prelim 2012
- First Pass Pay Rate – by Payer

CLINICAL CARE/OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

There were no action items.

MANAGED CARE COORDINATING COMMITTEE

There were no action items.

STRATEGIC BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE

There were no action items.

V. NEW BUSINESS

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 pm.