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BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
DECEMBER 12, 2013

Present: Drs. Amenta, Bachmann, Cadoff, Carson, Eisenstein, Graham, Hunter, McGarry, Menza, Sonnenberg, Spotnitz, Tallia, Whitley-Williams; Ms. De Luca, Hansen, Holswade, Lustig;

Absent: Drs. Arya, Dhib-Jalbut, DiPaola, Haffty, Kipen, McKinney, Rao, Scanlin, Scardella

Dr. Amenta called the meeting to order 4:00 P.M.

The minutes of November 14th were approved as written.

I. CHAIR'S REPORT

In Dr. Amenta announced the following:

- Congratulations to Dr. Bruce Haffty, chair of radiation oncology, who received the "Outstanding Educator of the Year Award" from the Radiological Society of North America during their annual meeting.
- Congratulations to Dr. Shabbar F. Danish, assistant professor of neurosurgery and director of stereotactic and functional neurosurgery who is serving as coinvestigator with William Craelius, professor of biomedical engineering at Rutgers, on a three year grant from the New Jersey Commission on Brain Injury to develop a prototype to improve real-time measures to predict swelling and improve outcomes for patients. The goal is to create a device and software that could provide this real time data. The prototype serves as the basis for the Continuous Hemodynamic Autoregulation Monitor (CHARM).
- Congratulations to the Robert Wood Johnson AIDS program on hosting the first World AIDS Day symposium at the Cook Campus Center Speakers discussed the history of the disease and the science that leads to certain anti-HIV drugs and why patients develop resistance to such drugs. Roseann Marone, Program Coordinator for the RWJ AIDS program and Shuchismita Dutta, an assistant research professor at the Rutgers University, received a small grant to organize the conference.
- Michael Lewis, PhD, Distinguished University Professor of Pediatrics and Psychiatry has published "The Rise of Consciousness and the Development of Emotional Life." According to the book's description, "Synthesizing decades of influential research and theory, Michael Lewis demonstrates the centrality of consciousness for emotional development.
- Congratulations to Dr. Babar K. Rao, Acting Chair of the Department of Dermatology at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, where he also serves as Clinical Professor of Dermatology and Clinical Associate Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine who was the editor on the recently released "Atlas of Confocal Microscopy in Dermatology." Dr. Rao is a globally renowned expert on reflectance confocal microscopy (RCM). In addition to his significant clinical research, publications and presentations related to RCM.
- The American Society of Hematology (ASH), the world's largest professional organization dedicated to the causes and treatments of blood disorders, today released a list of common hematology tests, treatments, and procedures that are not always necessary as part of *Choosing Wisely*[®], an initiative of the ABIM Foundation. The list, also highlighted in a manuscript published online today in *Blood*, the Journal of the American Society of Hematology, makes five evidence-based recommendations in an effort to prompt conversations between patients and physicians about the

necessity and potential harm of certain practices. Dr. Carson's research on blood transfusion levels contributed to the recommendations.

- The Cystic Fibrosis Center has been selected by the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (CFF) for the foundation's prestigious Quality Care Award for 2012-2013.
- Research, conducted by **Jeanne M. Ferrante, MD, MPH** in the Department of Family Medicine, focusing on primary care utilization and colorectal cancer incidence and mortality among Medicare beneficiaries was published in the October Annals of Internal Medicine. They found that Medicare beneficiaries with higher utilization of primary care have lower CRC incidences and mortality and lower overall mortality. Increasing and promoting access to primary care in the United States for Medicare beneficiaries may help decrease the national burden of CRC.
- Dr. Amenta reported on the status of all active Search Committees.

Upcoming Events

November 11, 2013 - 1:00 PM

Dean's Research and Mentoring Awards

Conference Room 1302

Clinical Academic Building

Robert Wood Johnson Medical School

125 Paterson Street - New Brunswick, NJ

For more information, contact: gelinace@rwjms.rutgers.edu

December 2, 2013 - 12:30 PM

Dean's Faculty Meeting

Conference Room 1302

Clinical Academic Building

Robert Wood Johnson Medical School

125 Paterson Street - New Brunswick, NJ

V-tel to Conference Room 123

Robert Wood Johnson Medical School

675 Hoes Lane - Piscataway, NJ

For more information, contact: ruthe.geardino@rutgers.edu

December 3, 2013 - 5:30 PM

Annual Global Health Fair

A Collaborative Event with Rutgers, Centers for Global Advancement and International Affairs

Main Auditorium

Robert Wood Johnson Medical School

675 Hoes Lane - Piscataway, NJ

SPEAKER: Brian L. Strom, MD, MPH

Chancellor, Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences

Poster Session and Poster Award Ceremony to follow - Great Hall

Call for Posters: Have you participated in a global health experience?

Submission of Abstracts Deadline is: Friday, October 18, 2013

For more information, contact: rozaricm@rutgers.edu

Light refreshments will be served.

December 17, 2013 - 4:00 PM
Ira B. Black Memorial Lecture
Main Auditorium
Robert Wood Johnson Medical School
675 Hoes Lane - Piscataway, NJ
Reception to follow in the Great Hall

Speaker:

Joseph T. Coyle, MD
Eben S. Draper Professor of Psychiatry and Neuroscience
Harvard Medical School, McLean Hospital, Belmont, MA
For more information, contact: wheebebi@rwjms.rutgers.edu

II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Scardella provided an update on the following items:

- **Managed Care:**
 - Aetna contract update: a termination letter was sent to them last month after a low counter offer.
 - Introduced Ms. Cindy Gutierrez as the new manager of provider relations.
- **Clinical Informatics:**
 - Version 9.8 is the Meaningful Use Stage 2 version of Centricity EMR. New features to support ICD-10 will be included. Scheduled to be released March, 2014.
- **Meaningful Use:**
 - Reports generated as of October 31st indicate that the practices are making progress towards qualification.
- **Patient Portal:**
 - Existing patient portal is experiencing insurmountable technical problems. The practice is looking at other candidates to replace it. Portal functionality is required for MU Stage 2.
- **Electric Charge Capture:**
 - Will be required because ICD-10 is going to be mandatory by October 1, 2014.
 - Dr. Sonnenberg is piloting in the department of GIM.
- **Aria Interface:**
 - A bidirectional interface sharing office notes between Centricity and CINJ's Aria system is now under development.
- **Clinical Issues:**
 - Gainsharing update
 - The stroke program has treated their 100th IV tPA patient. Congratulations to Drs. Gupta and McKinney for their efforts to promote the program.
 - New changes in the withdrawal of life support policy.

PRESENTATION: *"Utilization of Primary Care & Colorectal Cancer Incidences & Mortality"* – Dr. Jeanne Ferrante, Associate Professor, Family Medicine and Director, NJ Primary Care Research Network,

Dr. Ferrante presented on findings from research she conducted focusing on primary care utilization and colorectal cancer incidence and mortality rates among Medicare beneficiaries. The research findings were published in the October Annals of Internal Medicine. They found that Medicare beneficiaries with higher primary care visits have lower incidence and mortality rates for colorectal cancer. Dr. Ferrante discussed their research methods and criteria used. Conclusions of the study discussed increasing and promoting patient's access to primary care.

A discussion ensued and Dr. Scardella thanked Dr. Ferrante for her informative presentation.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There were no action items.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Nancy De Luca presented the September financials discussing the following:

- FFs Work RVU's FY14 Sept YTD
- Impact of payer mix shift FY14 Sept YTD
- P&L Statements
- Contract and A&S Due to RWJMG
- RWJUH discharges
- Key Indicators
- First pass pay rates
- Revenue Cycle Process Improvement Plans
- Quality Assurance FY13
- Test edits are up slightly

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.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3.30 pm.

*Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Charity, Dean's Office*