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“EXPLORING THE DEEP SEA: A RUTGERS PERSPECTIVE”

Speaker:
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Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey

Friday, September 19, 2014
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm
Room V14
Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School
Piscataway

All current and retired faculty and staff are welcome to attend. Lunch will be available, and contributions for the lunch may be made at the meeting. Please RSVP to Paul Lehrer at (732) 235-4413, or Lehrer@rwjms.rutgers.edu by Monday, September 15, if you plan to attend and wish to reserve lunch.

RETIRED FACULTY INVITED TO HELP IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF THE GREATER NEW BRUNSWICK COMMUNITY

Editor’s Note: At the May 9, 2014 meeting of the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School Retired Faculty Association, Eric Jahn, MD, senior associate dean for community health at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, presented an overview of community health initiatives at the medical school.

Prior to being appointed as the senior associate dean, Dr. Jahn served as the medical director of the Eric B. Chandler Health Center in New Brunswick for 14 years. Dr. Jahn earned his AB at Princeton University and received his medical degree from UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. He completed his residency and fellowship in general internal medicine at the University of California Irvine Medical Center.

The article below is based upon his presentation.

At Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, there are several programs designed to improve the health of the greater New Brunswick community. Current and retired clinical faculty are welcome and encouraged to volunteer to both care for patients and to supervise medical students in three programs: The Eric B. Chandler Health Center, The New Brunswick Community Interpreter Project, and the Homeless and Indigent Patient Health Outreach Program (HIPHOP).

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The Rutgers Board of Governors has created the Rutgers School of Nursing by merging two nursing programs, the former Rutgers College of Nursing and the former UMDNJ-School of Nursing, effective July 1, 2014. The dean of the former Rutgers College of Nursing, William Holzemer, is the dean of the newly created Rutgers School of Nursing and the former Dean of the UMDNJ-School of Nursing, Susan Salmond, is the executive vice dean.

The Rutgers School of Nursing has approximately 125 faculty members and 1,850 students. The School will continue to operate at its present sites for the foreseeable future: the Stanley S. Bergen Jr. Building and Ackerson Hall in Newark, the Paterson Street Building in New Brunswick, and Camden County College in Blackwood. Students will receive clinical training at sites throughout the State of New Jersey. The School of Nursing is administratively separate from the legacy UMDNJ-School of Nursing in Stratford which has been integrated into the Rutgers School of Nursing-Camden.

As reported in the Star Ledger on April 1, 2014, Dr. Brian Strom, the chancellor of Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences of which the Rutgers School of Nursing is a part, said the university hopes the merger will reduce costs over the long term and eliminate duplication of jobs. There are also plans to expand the nursing programs. Dr. Strom said, "There could be hiring as well as layoffs."

Rutgers President Robert Barchi wrote, “…these actions enhance nursing education and training throughout the state and help Rutgers better serve New Jersey.”

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RUTGERS AND SAINT PETER’S HEALTHCARE SYSTEM SIGN
MASTER CLINICAL AFFILIATION AGREEMENT

Saint Peter’s Healthcare System and Rutgers University signed a Master Clinical Affiliate agreement effective July 1, 2014. The affiliation agreement will include collaboration between Saint Peter’s University Hospital and Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey and Rutgers New Jersey Medical School on fellowship programs, residency rotations and medical school clerkships from primary care to specialty and subspecialty programs and clinical trials. Rutgers will provide continuing medical education.

Beginning July 1, 2014, two third-year medical students will rotate in each of the Internal Medicine and Surgery clerkships. As the year progresses, the clerkships will be expanded to include Pediatrics and Ob/Gyn. For the following academic year, seven medical students are planned to rotate in each of the Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, Ob/Gyn, Surgery, Family Medicine, Psychiatry, and Medicine clerkships.

In addition, beginning July 1, 2014, Rutgers New Jersey Medical School will place six residents in General Surgery and one in Plastic Surgery. Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School will have six residents in Emergency Medicine and have fellows rotate in Endocrinology and Gastroenterology.

The Chancellor of RBHS (or the Chancellor’s designee) will sit, ex officio, with vote on the boards of directors of the hospital and its parent corporation. In addition, the Chancellor will designate one additional voting member of the Chancellor’s (or the Chancellor’s designee’s) choosing to sit on these boards.

The master affiliation agreement also designates that all present and future clinical members of the Cancer Institute of New Jersey, the New Jersey Medical School, and the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School will be eligible to become members of the hospital’s medical staff in accordance with the policies and regulations of the hospital.

Saint Peter’s University Hospital, a 478-bed acute-care teaching hospital located on Easton Avenue in New Brunswick, is part of the Saint Peter’s Healthcare System. Saint Peter’s University Hospital’s current relationship with Drexel University will be phased out over the coming year.

Robert Wood Johnson Medical School has a wide range of affiliation agreements with over 20 hospitals. Its principal hospital is Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick. In addition to Saint Peter’s University Hospital, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School has major clinical affiliation agreements with Somerset Medical Center and Raritan Bay Medical Center.

NEWS FROM AFA

N. Ronald Morris, MD: Although this column is entitled, “News from Afar,” this specific column would be better entitled “News from Right Here” since for the past 47 years I have lived not more than 20 minutes from Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and have no intention of moving anywhere else in the near future.

I arrived in 1967, recruited by our first Dean, Hans Stetten, as the first recruit after the chair of the Department of Pharmacology of Rutgers Medical School (RMS). Not only was I the first recruit to our department, but my son Josh was the very first faculty baby to join the school. My account of the early history of (continued on page 4)
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Robert Wood Johnson Medical School when it was RMS (from the RFA Newsletter) can be found online at:

I continued to teach medical and graduate students and pursued a reasonably productive research career as well at our school for 37 years until 2003, at which point, at the age of 70, I retired. In addition to my teaching and research I also had a small, mostly enjoyable, and hopefully useful, role in administration. I became research dean under Dean Norman Edelman, and in 2005, two years after I retired, I was also totally unexpectedly recruited to serve as acting vice president for research of all of UMDNJ. This was just as UMDNJ was beginning its melt down so it lasted only a few months, but I think I did some useful things.

While I was working I was very focused on the research in our lab, but I also truly enjoyed my teaching, and after I retired I returned to teach part time pro bono at the medical school for several years. Needless to say I have been very strongly connected to Robert Wood Johnson Medical School over the years, and as a member of the Retired Faculty Association, I continue to remain involved. Similarly, I am delighted that after a 44 year absence we are once again Rutgers University’s medical school.

So then, what have Pat and I done in the 10 years since retirement? For one I have paid a lot more attention to my family than I did when I was working. Pat and I have now been married for 55 years. We continue to be deeply in love with each other and do a great many things together (vide infra). My son Josh is grown up, married to a nice woman, and working for a company called Daqri in LA which produces “augmented reality”. And what is augmented reality? Check it out at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QtMduaT82Ts. My daughter, Sarah (now Hernandez), is a patient management nurse. She has given us four very interesting grandchildren, beautiful twin girls, Ariel and Amia (8), and two amazing boys Dylan (10) and Tyler (13). One of my more enjoyable jobs since retiring has been helping them with homework (I still love to teach), as does Pat. I do math. She does social studies.

Two other of the more interesting things that Pat and I do together are pure academic enjoyments. We belong to a science history book club started 16 years ago by the brilliant bacterial geneticist, Evelyn Witkin, and peopled by a diverse and enjoyable group ranging from chemists to poets. The other thing that we have been doing for the past few years is learning Spanish, taking advantage of our local Raritan Valley Community College. As a side project we have been endeavoring to read through the novels of Vicente Blasco Ibáñez. He wrote a great many. You have never heard of Ibáñez? Why he was one of the best known novelists of the early 20th century. Check him out at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vicente_Blasco_Ib%C3%A1%C3%B1ez#Works His work spawned five Hollywood movies. One of them, the movie from his novel Blood and Sand, about bullfighting, was one of my favorite movies when I was a child.

Naturally during the past 10 years we have also done some traveling. We fly out yearly to visit Josh and his wife in Santa Monica, once combining it with the Fungal Genetics meeting at Asilomar when this was chaired by my marvelous former postdoc, Steve Osmani (see him in his laboratory at: http://molgen.osu.edu/people/osmani). And we will probably return to Spain again to hear another wonderful former postdoc, Berl Oakley (https://www.google.com/#q=Berl%20oakley), give the keynote address at the European Conference on Fungal Genetics in Seville.

We have been to Paris with my surgical roommate John Nordgren and his wife, again to Paris to celebrate the retirement of my good scientific friend Claudio Scanzocchio, to Tobago with my old friend from medical school Max Gottesman, to Barcelona on St. Jiodi’s day (their equivalent of Valentine’s Day) to commemorate and celebrate the first place we went to in Europe when we were a young married couple (to see the Gaudi), again that same year to Andalusia with our friends Bruce and Betty Alberts as their Spanish translators, and last but not least, several years ago we visited my former colleague Marilyn Sanders (continued on page 5)
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and her husband John McCrory in their amazing little jewel of a town, Marfa, Texas.

Nowadays we lead a quiet life. We are still well and happy. We hike and swim. I still play tenor saxophone in the Raritan Valley Symphonic band. We still live in our prerevolutionary George Washington house in Millstone. And we would be delighted to entertain any old friends who would like to come and pay us a visit.

A final thought from our favorite 19th century Spanish author:

“All live and die believing that they have known love, thinking it is a common thing, because they confuse it with animal satisfaction; but love is a privilege, love is a lottery of fate, like wealth, like beauty, which only a small minority enjoy....”

— Vicente Blasco Ibáñez, Luna Benamor.

Richard Harvey, PhD: In 2000, after 33-years at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, I made the transition to editor and illustrator of the best selling review series that the late Pamela Champe and I had initiated in 1987. This full-time work for Lippincott Williams & Wilkins was quite different than my experience in academia—high pressured, fast paced and punctuated with a daunting number of deadliness. I enjoyed the experience, and during my tenure with Lippincott I kept the content of the review books current and expanded the number of titles from three to seven. However, by 2013 it became clear that it was time to turn over the successful franchise to a new generation. An exciting new period in my life, retirement, was about to begin.

As an aside I should mention that in 2004 my wife, Marilyn, and I moved to Louisville, Kentucky. Marilyn had received an attractive job offer from YUM, the parent company of Kentucky Fried Chicken, Taco Bell, and Pizza Hut headquartered in Louisville. She took the job and, among other things, is responsible for the removal of trans fatty acids from the cooking oils used at KFC, taking away a little of the guilt when enjoying Colonel Sander’s fried chicken.

Retirement provided a number of opportunities that were previously unavailable. The challenge was to find an activity that was both interesting and provided a sense of relevance and validation. Volunteer work seemed attractive at first, but most often involved a specific commitment at a specific time. This was the kind of structure that I was trying to avoid, at least for the moment. After a number of failed attempts I found a community of like-minded retirees at the School of Continuing Studies at Bellarmine University. This group provides classes, book clubs and special interest activities for older adults. I quickly learned that just because an individual looks “old” does not mean that his/her mind or spirit is diminished.

Marilyn and I enjoy traveling and we recently spent a month in Paris. Also Louisville is a wonderful small city. It is big enough to have a fully developed culture scene—theater, ballet, opera and an orchestra, but is small enough that the traffic jams common in New Jersey are almost nonexistent. We live in a high-rise condominium near the center of the city and have made a number of friends in the neighborhood. Most destinations of interest are less than fifteen minutes away (including getting to the airport). Thus, Marilyn and I enjoy Louisville and consider it as our home base for travel.

ALVIN SALKIND HONORED

Alvin Salkind, Professor Emeritus, was elected Fellow of the Electrochemical Society in May 2014. This follows his election as a fellow from four other societies over the years; American College of Cardiology, AAAS, AIMBE, and New Jersey College of Medicine. Al came to the then Rutgers Medical School in 1970. He founded and was chief of the Biomedical Engineering Division of the Surgery Department until his retirement in 2004. Al became a full-time academic with dual appointments to the medical school and to the Rutgers College of Engineering, where he also served as associate dean for research for many years. He is currently residing in Princeton during the summers and Delray Beach, Florida during the winters. He is writing a new book, “Alkaline Storage Batteries-2nd edition” to be published by Wiley as part of the Electrochemical Society Monograph Series. An additional book is planned dealing with implanted battery powered biomedical devices.
Richard Harvey: “This photo was taken in 2007 while my wife and I were on a walking trip in Myanmar (formerly Burma) with 14 other Americans. The woman’s face is decorated with thanaka, (yellowish-white cosmetic paste made from ground bark) commonly applied to the face of women and girls.

“Myanmar has been under a military dictatorship since 1962, and at the time we visited the State Department warned travelers about the possible dangers of political unrest. We were walking mostly in the countryside and encountered no problems. In 2008, Myanmar experienced a devastating cyclone and much of the country’s infrastructure was destroyed. The country since has recovered from that and subsequent monsoons and the ruling military government is now encouraging tourism. So Marilyn and I feel fortunate to have seen the country before the current influx of tourists. Nonetheless, in 2013 according to the Human Development Index, Myanmar still has one of the lowest human development Index values in the world.

“The people we met in Myanmar were simple, kind and welcoming. In some remote regions we were objects of curiosity. Presumably they had not seen many Caucasians. However, the tranquility we observed in 2007 is now marred by anti-Muslim violence perpetrated by Buddhists in western Myanmar.”
Faculty who participate in these programs are covered by medical malpractice insurance through Rutgers University.

**Eric B. Chandler Health Center**

The Eric B. Chandler Health Center is a comprehensive, family-oriented community health center that primarily serves the medically underserved of the greater New Brunswick Community. Primary care medical services include family medicine, internal medicine, HIV medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, and dental services. Robert Wood Johnson Medical School residents and medical school students with proper faculty supervision are part of the health care delivery team at the Chandler Health Center. Other services of the center include social services, community outreach, nutrition, health education, and laboratory services. Last year, the Health Center had 14,000 patients with 60,000 visits. The Health Center currently operates out of three locations, the main facility located at 277 George Street and two satellite locations located at 123 Church Street and the New Brunswick High School. The Chandler Health Center has been in existence for 26 years and is owned and operated by Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in partnership with the Eric B. Chandler Community Board, Inc.

**New Brunswick Community Interpreter Program**

Current and retired faculty with bilingual capabilities in Spanish and English may volunteer in the New Brunswick Community Interpreter Program to assist members of the Hispanic community seeking medical services. Approximately 70 percent of the Chandler Health Center’s patients are Hispanic and many of them are immigrants with little or no English skills. Current and retired faculty who would be interested in learning about medical interpreting and the community interpreter program should contact Hank Dallmann, instructor of family medicine and community health, at (732) 235-9535; dallmann@rwjms.rutgers.edu.

**HIPHOP**

The Homeless and Indigent Population Health Outreach Project (HIPHOP) was established in 1992 by Robert Wood Johnson Medical School students as a student-directed community service and learning program. HIPHOP has two major initiatives: the Community Health Initiative and The Promise Clinic. Students may participate in these programs as part of a required medical curriculum or as extracurricular activities. In the Community Health Initiative, medical students are involved in service-learning activities such as taking blood pressure screenings at local health fairs and teaching educational workshops on preventive medicine at Ozanam Family Shelter, the New Hope Foundation-Open Doors, and local middle/high schools.

In addition, the medical school students with supervision provide free primary care services to the medically uninsured participants of Elijah’s Promise Soup Kitchen in New Brunswick. In The Promise Clinic, about 60-70 clients receive medical care each year by a team of medical students from all four years of medical school. In all, over 300 faculty, students, and staff are involved in these HIPHOP projects.

Those willing to participate as volunteers for any of the activities listed in this article should contact Eric Jahn, MD, at (732) 235-7622; eric.jahn@rutgers.edu.
Robert Wood Johnson Medical School Retired Faculty Association Global Health Fellowship Fund

The RFA is sponsoring medical students to learn, help, and teach in foreign countries, a potentially life-changing experience under the aegis of the Global Health Initiative of Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. The RFA is helping to support summer programs or international electives for medical students and is asking you to consider adding your support to this effort. All funds go to help the students without any deduction for administrative expense.

You can submit your donation to support the RFA Global Health Fellowship Fund by sending a check made payable to the “RWJMS Retired Faculty Association” and mail it to Paul Lehrer, PhD, Department of Psychiatry, Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, 671 Hoes Lane, Piscataway, NJ 08854. All contributions are tax deductible as charitable contributions. The RFA is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization.

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If you have not already done so, please send in your 2014 dues. Dues are collected for the calendar year. Also, if you like to support medical students to have an opportunity to participate in the Global Health Program, consider donating to the RFA Global Health Fellowship Fund. Please send your check to Paul Lehrer. Both contributions are tax deductible as charitable contributions. Thank you.

**RWJMS Retired Faculty Association 2014 Dues**

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