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†† STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER ††

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The Health Sciences Center has a tradition of forging multidisciplinary programs. Using this approach, the Long Island Cancer Center continues to expand the breadth of its programs with recruitment of additional expertise in many areas. Recent advances also include new community outreach programs in cancer education and the construction of databases of clinical information and biological samples needed for molecular research. The commitment of the Stony Brook University Hospital to construct a state of the art cancer outpatient facility encompassing medical, pediatric, and surgical oncology, the Carol Baldwin Breast Center, and an advanced imaging center, has generated excitement among the staff and in the community. A commitment by the Health Sciences Center for resources and personnel required for translational research, is laying the foundation for the creation of the first comprehensive cancer center on Long Island. An overview of recently recruited faculty follows:



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In January 2003, Dr. Martin Karpeh was recruited from Memorial Sloan-Kettering to head the Division of Surgical Oncology. An expert in the technically challenging surgical management of cancers of the upper gastrointestinal tract, he is joined by Dr. David Rivadeniera, an expert in colorectal carcinoma. Dr. Karpeh has assembled a 17 member multidisciplinary GI Disease Committee to meet regularly to organize and focus on the clinical, translational, and basic research expertise at Stony Brook into a cohesive group competitive for programmatic funding from NIH and other agencies and foundations. The GI team is supported by Dr. Stefan Madajewicz, a nationally recognized expert in the chemotherapy of GI cancers and director of the cancer clinical trials program.

Laboratory research in gastrointestinal cancer has been boosted by the recruitment from Vanderbilt University of Howard Crawford, PhD, a molecular biologist studying in a mouse model the role of chronic inflammation in causing pancreatic diseases, including pancreatic carcinoma. His work is complementary to the studies of the genetic basis of pancreatic cancer in a mouse model by Dr. Dafna Bar-Sagi, Chair of the Department of Molecular Genetics and Microbiology and holder of the prestigious Outstanding Scientist Award from the National Cancer Institute.

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CLINICAL CARE AND RESEARCH

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The Carol Baldwin Breast Center headed by Dr. Brian O'Hea and his surgical colleagues, is burgeoning. The outstanding Breast Center team is comprised of breast reconstructive surgeons headed by Dr. Alexander Dagum, and other noted specialists Drs. Paul Fisher (mammography), Allen Meek (radiation oncology), and Noshir Dacosta (chemotherapy). Recognizing the need for dedicated expertise in breast pathology to support the surgical team, the Department of Pathology recruited Jingxuan Liu, M.D., PhD., a clinical and molecular expert in diseases of the breast, from the University of Pennsylvania.

The breast program complements the longstanding program of excellence in gynecologic cancers conducted by the Long Island Gynecologic Oncology Group initiated by Dr. Eva Chalas and now directed by clinician/investigator, Dr. Michael Pearl. Because dedicated pathology expertise is critical to sophisticated care of gynecologic cancer, Pathology also recently recruited Sharon Liang, M.D., PhD. from Yale University. Dr. Liang is skilled in the micro dissection of tissue specimens, a technique needed to obtain purified populations of cancer cells for molecular study.

In addition to expanding its clinical depth in cancer pathology, the Department of Pathology, supported by the Health Sciences Center and the Hospital, is establishing a frozen tissue bank as a resource for Stony Brook researchers. Directed by Dr. Youjun Hu, the bank will characterize, prepare, store, and retrieve sections of tissue for research.

After an extensive search, Stony Brook recruited two highly trained hematologists with expertise in malignant blood diseases and in the use of bone marrow transplantation (BMT) in the curative treatment of these life-threatening conditions. Dr. Kenneth Zamkoff, formerly director of the BMT program at Wake Forest Medical Center and a nationally respected investigator in the treatment of leukemia, became director of our BMT program. Working with Dr. Doug Gladstone, another experienced BMT physician trained at Johns Hopkins and former Associate Director of the BMT program at Drexel University, Dr. Zamkoff has created an inpatient service dedicated to the treatment of leukemia, lymphoma, and multiple myeloma in space renovated for this purpose by the Hospital. In just a few months, the team has carried out several marrow transplants and received approval from the National Marrow Donor Program for Stony Brook to become an official site for collection of bone marrow and peripheral blood stem cells. Dr. Gladstone also has experience in the use of high dose chemotherapy, for the palliative treatment of autoimmune diseases. Because of particularly striking remissions of severe progressive multiple sclerosis with this approach, Dr. Gladstone is teaming up with Dr. Patricia Coyle and Dr. Lauren Krupp, experts in adult and pediatric multiple sclerosis, to consider creation of a specialized service for the management of severe autoimmune diseases.

The increased demand for medical oncology services derived from the increased cancer surgery practice led to the recruitment of Janice Liu, MD, PhD from the hematology/oncology fellowship at NYU. Dr. Liu is working closely with Dr. Madajewicz on the management of lung and colon cancer. Active recruitment continues by the Department of Medicine to add still additional expertise in medical oncology research.

GALA ANNOUNCEMENT

Last March, the Stony Brook University Hospital and School of Medicine held our inaugural gala. The event was a terrific success and allowed us to lay a strong foundation for our outreach and fund raising efforts. As you may recall, the event benefited children's services and programs. With the proceeds from that evening, we have been able to establish two endowed funds: A Visiting Professorship Fund for the Department of Pediatrics and a Visiting Lecture Series for Nurses who work in the areas of children's services. We were also able to designate a portion of the funds to establish a PICU Environmental Improvement Fund.

We are now into the planning stages for our second gala. That event will be held **Saturday, November 6, 2004 at the Charles B. Wang Center**. Proceeds from the event will benefit cancer services and programs. Our honorees for the evening will be Gardner "Pat" Cowles, III, who will be honored with the Patron Award, and the Honorable Alfonse D'Amato, who will receive the Advocacy Award.

We hope you will join us for what we know will be another splendid event. Call our **Special Events and Alumni Office at 631 - 444-2899** to be placed on a mailing list for further information.

1 in 9: The Long Island Breast Cancer Action Coalition Presents

"Your Health & Cancer" - Expo 2004
Long Island Marriott Hotel & Conference Center
Uniondale, New York
Sunday, March 28, 2004
1:00pm-5:00pm

Topics scheduled to be presented include:

- Chemotherapy & Other Treatments
- Genetics - How It Affects You and Your Family
- Lymphedema - Prevention & Treatment
- Osteoporosis, Better Bone Health & Exercise
- Nutrition - Science vs. Alternatives
- Mammography & Other Screening Methods - Which One Is Right For You?
- Social Support & Outreach Services - For Cancer Patients & Their Families
- Keeping Your Home Healthy - Environmental Factors
- Insurance - Are You Adequately Protected?
- Current Health Legislation - Can You Make A Difference?
- Clinical Trials - When Is It Appropriate To Access & How?
- Research & Resources - Where and How To Access Information

This event is supported by The Health Sciences Center, the Long Island Cancer Center, and University Hospital at Stony Brook
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IN MEMORIUM

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Dear members of the Stony Brook family,



It is with great sadness that we share in the loss of one of the School of Dental Medicine's faculty, Dr. Richard J. Oringer who died suddenly in a tragic car accident as he was leaving campus on January 29, 2004.

To appreciate the significance of this loss, one needs to understand Dr. Oringer's personal attributes and contributions to Stony Brook. His brilliance was coupled with a considerate and humble personality. He was always the first to give praise but never the one to seek it. As a leader of the Department of Periodontics, he dramatically transformed its tone to the highest level of academic achievement. He was an incredible asset to both the Department and the School. He was so loved by students that he was selected as Marshall or Grand Marshall at graduation in 2000, 2002, and 2003. He was selected to be the Grand Marshall this coming June. His tireless dedication to academic programs also resulted in the receipt of two faculty awards for teaching excellence and two yearbook dedications.

Dr. Richard J. Oringer received his B.S. degree summa cum laude (1988) and D.D.S. degree (1992) from Stony Brook University and certificate in Periodontology and D.M.Sc. in Oral Biology (1996) from Harvard University. Following a one year teaching fellowship at Harvard, Dr. Oringer joined the periodontal faculty of the School of Dental Medicine as an Assistant Professor in 1997 and was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure in 2003. Because of his teaching prowess and excellent organizational skills, he was appointed Director of Predoctoral Periodontics in 2000. His teaching ability was recognized at the national level when he was awarded the prestigious Bud and Linda Tarrson Fellowship in 2001 by the American Academy of Periodontology. As Program Director, he translated his innovative teaching methodologies into practice including an interactive CD Rom technology, practical outcome assessment tools, a smoking cessation program and periodontal medicine. He also contributed to the clinical and didactic teaching components of the advanced education program in periodontics. His clinical proficiency resulted in the achievement of diplomate status by the American Board of Periodontology in 1998.

Always driven to excel, Dr. Oringer committed his time and efforts to further hone his research skills which resulted in an impressive portfolio of research activities. He was the Principal Investigator of two major randomized controlled clinical trials on a minocycline periodontal therapeutic system and on the evaluation of rhBMP-2/absorbable collagen sponge as a suitable bone graft material for sinus floor augmentation. At the end of 2003, he received notice of a K23 award from the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research. The project entitled "Dendritic Cells in Periodontal Health and Disease" would have availed him of the tremendous opportunity.

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His publication in peer-reviewed journals was extensive.

Dr. Oringer was active in his regional and national periodontal organizations. He was often asked to speak on his clinical and research activities and was selected to be the major speaker at the 2003 spring meeting of the Dutch Society of Periodontology on the role of risk assessment in periodontology. His professional endeavors resulted in his being elected in 2001 to the Board of Directors of the Northeastern Society of Periodontists.

Dr. Oringer was married to Dr. Erin Riley, Assistant Dean of Admissions and Student Affairs at the School of Dental Medicine. They have one son, John, 4 ½ months of age. They live in East Setauket. A campus memorial service took place in the Student Activity Center's (SAC) Auditorium on Tuesday, February 3, 2004 at 2:00pm. A reception followed in Ballroom A.

We encourage those of you who might wish to share recollections, anecdotes and other memorial statements to visit the following web site: <http://www.pbase.com/dentite/richard>. This site contains photographs of Dr. Oringer and a place for your personal contribution. We plan to assemble the contributed materials in a printed volume for Dr. Erin Riley to share with John Riley Oringer.

Contributions can be made payable to SBF/Richard Oringer Scholarship Fund, The John Oringer College Fund or the American Heart Association and sent to:

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Anita Belman, Professor of Neurology/ Associate Professor of Pediatrics, was honored as the recipient of the Child Neurology Society International Visiting Professor Award for 2003. The objective of the award is to promote the discipline of child neurology in countries in which the existence of child neurology subspecialty is just beginning to emerge. An extraordinary and exciting experience was presented by the host Institution, Lokmanya Tilak Municipal Medical College and Lokmanya Tilak Municipal General Hospital in Sion, Mumbai, India.

Arnold Katz, Professor of Clinical Surgery, has been selected Person of the Year in Religion at Temple Isaiah. A member on the panel for the Festival of Film and Faith for the past three years, his interest is '*Moral Underpinnings of Modern Film.*'

Zvi H. Oster, Professor of Radiology, has been selected as a recipient of the 2003 *Radiology* Editor's Recognition Award for reviewing with "Special Distinction." This is a time-consuming and scholarly endeavor that helps maintain the high quality of the publications appearing in *Radiology*.

Helen D. Benveniste, Professor of Anesthesiology; Eva Chalas, Associate Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Medicine/Surgery; Suzanne Fields, Associate Professor of Internal Medicine; Dorothy S. Lane, Professor of Preventive Medicine; M. Cristina Leske, Distinguished Professor of Preventive Medicine/Ophthalmology; and Sharon A. Nachman, Associate Professor of Pediatrics have been designated recipients of Changing the Face of Medicine: Local Legends from New York. This honor has been bestowed upon women physicians who have demonstrated commitment, originality, innovation, or creativity in her field of medicine. They were honored on February 6, 2004 at the opening banquet of the American Medical Women's Association Annual Meeting in San Diego, California.

Marlene Zawin, Assistant Professor of Clinical Radiology, joined out staff from Yale University School of Medicine. Having completed a Diagnostic Radiology residency at Stony Brook, Dr. Zawin has been appointed as Chief of Computed Tomography.

Q& A

Good communication is two way. Therefore, if you would like to comment respond to topics, or have news to share: HSC_VP@notes.cc.sunysb.edu. Suggestions for future topics are always welcome, as well. Please feel free to email this publication to others who might be interested in what is happening at the Health Sciences Center.

February 24

Stony Brook Day in Albany
Alumni Reception, LoPortos At
Sign of the Tree Restaurant,
Empire Plaza, Albany. For info
631 - 444-2899.

S S W Student Community Develop-
ment Alumni Reunion, the Univer-
sity Club. For info 631 - 444-2899.

March 2

School of Dental Medicine ADEA
Mtg/Alumni Dinner, Seattle WA. For
info 631 - 632-8807.

March 2-3

HSC Alumni Reception, FL. For info
631 - 444-2899.

March 18

NRMP Match Day SOM Class of 2004,
Galleria 12:00-2:00 p.m.

March 24

LICC New Faculty Reception. For info
631 - 444-8035.

March 24-27

HSC Alumni Reception, CA. For info
631 - 444-2899.

March 28

1 in 9: The L I Breast Cancer Action
Coalition Presents: "Your Health &
Cancer" - Expo 2004. For info 631 -
444--9327.

April 14

SOM Career Day 2004 4:00-8:00 p.m
Galleria. For info 631 - 444-2899.

April 21

2004 Alumni Professional Develop-
ment Seminar Series. For info 631 -
444-2899.

April 28

President Kenny's Gala, Waldorf
Astoria. For info Cathy McNamara,
212-786-6055 or FAX 212 - 786-
6054

School of Nursing Alumni Reception.
For info 631 - 444-3289.

May 6

MD with Recognition Poster Session
Class of 2004, Charles Wang Ctr,
1:00-3:00 p.m. For info 631 - 444-
2899.

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