DEPARTMENT NEWS

DEAN’S OFFICE

Monday, August 15, 2011
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Room A100-2, UICOMP

Monday, August 15, 2011
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Branch Lecture Room, OSF SFMC

Hope you can join us for this UICOMP update.

CANCER BIOLOGY & PHARMACOLOGY

Grants
Krishna Kumar Veeravalli, Ph.D. recently received a one year $25,000 grant award from The William E. McElroy Foundation for the project, “Growth inhibition of glioma cells including glioma stem cells and non-stem glioma cells by cord blood stem cells.”

Publications


**Employee News**
Welcome Aman Jutla who is volunteering in Dr. Veeravalli’s laboratory.

**DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS**

THANK YOU  
Joyce organized the “Say Thanks to Your Co-Worker” Game in the pediatrics department.
To review the expressions of appreciation please click (or copy/paste) below link:  

Give thanks to those who enrich your life – a simple ‘thank you’ goes a long way!

**DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY**

*Please help us welcome new faculty -
Mark J. Holterman, MD, PhD* in the Department of Surgery, Section of Pediatric Surgery. He received his BA from Yale University and his PhD and MD from University of Virginia, Charlottesville. He completed his residency in General Surgery at University of Virginia Health Sciences and completed a fellowship in Pediatric Surgery at the Children’s Hospital and Medical Center in Charlottesville.

Dr. Holterman most recently served as Associate Professor and Chief of the Division of Pediatric Surgery at the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Chicago; Surgeon-in-Chief, Division of Pediatric Surgery at Advocate Hope Children’s Hospital in Oak Lawn, IL; and Pediatric Surgery Attending in the Department of Surgery and Pediatrics at Rush Children’s Hospital in Chicago.

Ai-Xuan L. Holterman, MD in the Department of Surgery, Section of Pediatric Surgery. She received her BA from Texas Christian University, Fort Worth and her MD from University of Texas Health Sciences Center at Southwestern Medical School, Dallas. She completed her residency in General Surgery at University of Virginia, Charlottesville; a postdoctoral research fellowship at University of Washington School of Medicine, Seattle; and a fellowship in Pediatric Surgery at University of Montreal, Hospital Sainte-Justine, Montreal, Quebec.

Dr. Holterman most recently served as Professor of Surgery and Pediatrics and the Director of Pediatric Surgery at Rush University Medical Center/Rush Children’s Hospital; Adjunct Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics at University of Illinois at Chicago; and attending surgeon at Loyola University Medical Center.

Kewei Wang, PhD in the Department of Surgery, Section of Pediatric Surgery. He received his BA, MA, and PhD in medical sciences from Harbin Medical University, China.

Dr. Wang most recently served as a Research Assistant Professor in the Department of Pediatrics and Surgery/Section of Pediatric Surgery at Rush University Medical Center.

**Annual Picnic**
The Department of Surgery annual picnic was held on Sunday July 17th at Dr. Thomas Rossi’s home. Our graduating residents, Eric Cox MD and Paul Pacheco MD were honored and we welcomed our new residents, Brandon Keys MD, Leah Mauer MD, and Imad Qayyum MD.
The Library of the Health Sciences congratulates August Featured Authors from the Departments of Pediatrics and Radiology.

**Al-Rahawan MM, Gray BM, Mitchell CS, Smith SD.**

Thoracic vertebral osteomyelitis with paraspinous mass and intraspinal extension: An atypical presentation of cat-scratch disease.

*Pediatr Radiol.* 2011 May 19. [Epub ahead of print]

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**Art Tour: Exhibit Eight**

The Fisher Collection of Alchemical and Historical Pictures is currently owned by The Chemical Heritage Foundation in Philadelphia, PA. The collection of art relating to the history of alchemy was amassed by C. G. Fisher, founder of Fisher Scientific. Fisher was known to have works from his collection reproduced and sold to decorate workplaces in celebration of the chemists’ heritage.

The Library of the Health Sciences has a collection of three reprints from the Fisher Collection and an exhibition leaflet. This collection was donated to the Library by Helen A. Moser in 1977 along with several historical medical items. You can view the reprints outside of Group Study Room A. Many of the other items can be viewed in the historical display cabinets. The reprints in the Library’s collection include:

“‘The Alchemist’s Experiment Takes Fire’ (1687) by the Dutch painter Hendrick Heerschop. The original piece is oil on canvas which is laid down on board and measures approximately 19 inches wide by 22 inches tall. In this piece we see a fairly common mishap of the day as the glass vessel shatters when heated.

“‘The Chemyst’ (1663) by the Dutch painter Cornelis Pietersz Bega. The original piece is oil on canvas and measures approximately 16 inches by 15 inches. The chemist of this piece is atypical as he is pictured alone in his lab and assumed to be working with the philosophers’ stone (bright red substance in the middle of the painting.)

“An Alchemist in his Study” (17th century) by the Dutch painter Egbert van Heemskerk I. The original piece is oil on canvas and measures approximately 15 inches tall by 20 inches wide.

Information gathered from:  
Transmutations: *Alchemy in Art* by Lawrence M. Principe and Lloyd DeWitt (c2002; Chemical Heritage Foundation; Philadelphia, PA),  
The Chemical Heritage Foundation website (http://www.chemheritage.org/index.aspx), and  
HUMAN RESOURCES

Please welcome new civil service employees…
Sue Furuholmen, Amb Care Aide II, Peds Primary
Nick Dennis, IT Tech Associate – Helpdesk Support
Jeff McCollum, IT Tech Associate – Network Support

Policy Notes…. What is the University of Illinois Policy on Sexual Harassment?
The University of Illinois will not tolerate sexual harassment of students or employees and will take action to provide remedies when such harassment is discovered. The University environment must be free of sexual harassment in work and study. In order to assure that the University is free of sexual harassment, appropriate sanctions will be imposed on offenders in a case-by-case manner. The University will respond to every complaint of sexual harassment reported. The University will promulgate this statement to all units of the institution. Sexual harassment is prohibited under federal and state discrimination laws and the regulations of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Information from the University Office for Access & Equity; please visit website for complete policy: http://www.uic.edu/depts/oae/Harassment.html

F.Y.I.

Health Alliance members (and this may apply to other managed care plans depending on how you have your doctor’s set up):

If you have a child in college or living out of the area and you are enrolled in a managed care plan… you may need a reciprocity agreement. For example, if your child is attending UIUC and you enroll your child with PCP in Peoria, physician visits need to be made in-network. Emergent care is covered out-of-network while away. You can sign a reciprocity agreement with the health insurance company to have physicians set up in both locations (i.e. Peoria & Champaign). If you do not sign this agreement, again, the child is covered for emergent care out-of-network – physician’s visits are different.

Note: some colleges have student health centers for ‘urgent care’ (such as sore throats, flu-like symptoms); this is not same as student health insurance, and these visits would not be covered by your health insurance. Many colleges do not charge, or have very minimal charges, for these types of visits. Again, if you want physician visits covered in both locations, please contact your insurance company to discuss and sign form. This will only apply to insurance companies located in both areas. For example, if your child is attending college in Chicago, Health Alliance is not an option. The child will receive coverage while away for emergent care – but other physician visits would need to be made while at home, in-network.

If you have any questions please feel free to call me and/or your insurance company to discuss the form if applicable.

~Shannon
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I enjoyed my visit with Carla in the newly reorganized Department of Business & Financial Services. It was once again time for me to travel to my next destination. Carla carefully wrapped me up and took me to the mailroom. Again, back into a colorful mailbag, then into a tote and out the back door we went. This time, due to the heat, the windows were closed but Randy kept the courier van comfortable with the air conditioning which I appreciated. I do have to be pampered to maintain my “glossy” look. We ventured through the hallways until we came to my next destination… Kristy Worrell in the Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine Department. I sat in a spot where I could see all the faculty and staff on a daily basis. During this visit I watched Kristy work on completing projects due to her upcoming retirement. Carla had this to say about Kristy:

Kristy Worrell is a pleasure to work with – she provides answers to questions and needed information quickly and accurately. She is always friendly, dependable and can be relied upon to meet schedules and deadlines. The Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine’s new Residency Program is in place, and Kristy probably has many projects and jobs to see to, but she takes the time to give her total attention to the person she is working with. Three decades ago, Kristy Worrell started working at UICOMP. Fast forward thirty-three years to 2011, and Kristy retires on June 30. I have been very fortunate to have worked with her and wish her the best in her retirement – she deserves the Play Me Forward one last time!

So…until next time, continue to .....  
Play Me Forward

August Birthdays
If your birthday is not listed, and you wish to be added, please contact Shannon at sdoerr@uic.edu

1 Sindy Hornibrook
9 Matt Kazmar
10 Judy Naumann
12 Linda Avery
15 Carole Hoke
15 Connie Lober
16 Kim Alexander
18 Kristy Bushart
18 Sara Rusch
21 Tracey Vogelsang
22 Heidi Vermillion
24 Maggie Westemeyer
26 Tom Hjelle
26 Douglas Pavkov
31 Paula Hartweg
31 Marcia O’Neal

Summer FUN

The summer is going by so quickly! Share with us one of your 2011 “summer fun photos”, to be included with the September issue. Please send the photo to sdoerr@uic.edu by August 26.

St. Jude Runners will gather at the Civic Center on August 6 for the St. Jude telethon, televised on News 25 WEEK 6:30 pm – 12:30 am. Runners raised over $2million last year. Thanks to all for supporting St. Jude patients and families!

The deadline for submission of information for the September issue is August 27 – send to Shannon at: sdoerr@uic.edu

Think green…. …only print when necessary