



Welcome to the New Interns . . . the Class of 2014

Tamar Baer

Tamar is a born and bred New Yorker who attended Barnard and the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, where she served as president of the Pediatric Interest Group and was elected to the Gold Humanism Honor Society. As an undergraduate she worked for Gaylen Ross Films, a company named for the award-winning documentary producer and star of the 1978 classic, *Dawn of the Dead*. Tamar's research, "Neural responses to major/minor chord changes in musical phrases: an EEG study," was presented at both the Cognitive Neuroscience Society Annual Meeting and the Fillmore East.

Marianne Castillo

Marianne is a Jersey-ite (the land of Bruce, Bon Jovi, and Paulie Walnuts) who majored in Biology at Montclair State University before attending UMDNJ Newark. In between she earned a master's degree in biomedical sciences for her thesis, Therapeutic potential of mesenchymal stem cells (we knew they had potential). She also spent a year at the National Cancer Institute in the Laboratory of Tumor Immunology and Biology. As a result she has five publications; our favorite is: Evidence of population-level lateralized behaviour in giant water bugs: T-maze turning is left biased *Behav Processes* 2008;79:66-9. The critical question is, do the water bugs turn right in the southern hemisphere?

Bennett Chan

Bennett was born in Atlanta, but his family saw the light and moved to Queens. Deciding to check out the other boroughs of NYC, he attended Columbia as an undergraduate and then SUNY Downstate for medical school. At Downstate Bennett researched school lunch preferences and BMI trends, work he hopes to continue during Chairman's Rounds. Bennett served as president of Downstate's Chinese American Medical Society through which he participated in the "Health is Wealth" health fair in Chinatown. In his spare time he enjoys snowboarding and Chinese Lion Dancing, but not at the same time.

Ning Chan

No, Ning is not related to Bennett. She attended Johns Hopkins and then earned both a master's in biomedical sciences and her medical degree at UMDNJ/Newark, where she was elected to the Gold Humanism Society. During medical school, Ning served as site director of PINACLE, the Partnership in Newark Advocating Community Leaders' Empowerment and which has nothing to do with a game played with 48 cards while wearing sandals with socks on Miami Beach. Ning also spent a year as an Americorps VISTA volunteer working in the NYC Coalition Against Hunger, assisting in a community hospital in Ecuador, and teaching English in Japan (or was it Japanese in Ecuador?).

Vargabi Ghei

Vargabi grew up in the Bronx and attended Bronx Science (hey, fuggedaboutit). She earned her undergraduate degree from Hopkins, and then went on to NYU for medical school. Vargabi served two years in Americorps, in da Broncks (diabetes prevention) and Peekskill (STI/HIV prevention). Her research project, "Mortality among assisted living facilities in Maryland," was presented at the Aging Re-

search Topics Conference in San Diego and probably convinced her to go into Pediatrics. Vargabi also spent time in Lima, Peru, assisting physical therapists in providing therapy to disabled children in an orphanage.

Rebecca Gordon

It was bound to happen someday . . . Rebecca is a second-generation Jacobi Giantress! Her father, Charles, trained with us in early 80's when the housestaff wore leisure suits instead of white coats. Rebecca was an undergrad at Smith, where she was a first responder for the Smith EMS. Before enrolling in the University of Vermont College of Medicine, she worked as a research technologist coordinating the Human Ingestive Behavior Laboratory at St. Lukes, where she compared patients with bulimia and binge eating to normal controls. She hopes to continue this research during morning report. Rebecca is a published author: "Inhibitors of trypsin-like serine proteases prevent DNA damage-induced neuronal death by acting upstream of the mitochondrial checkpoint and of p53 induction." As a wise man once advised, "Never stop downstream of a mitochondrial checkpoint."

Ivy Grodman

Ivy was born in NYC, then attended Cornell and the Sackler School of Medicine, where she volunteered with the Physicians for Human Rights and cared for recent African immigrants. At Cornell she served as the editor of the Student Health Alliance's publication as well as co-editor of "Research 101," a guide for students interested in learning how to pursue research at Cornell. All of this bodes very well for Ivy becoming a future FIB contributor . . . or owner. Ivy has also been involved in studies addressing the impact of disabilities secondary to fibromyalgia and the structure of enzymes in a novel prokaryotic sulfur transfer reaction (haven't we all?).

Adam Handler

Although Adam is a Jersey boy, he attended the University of Wisconsin undergrad before returning for post-bac work at Rutgers, then went on to medical school at UMDNJ/Newark. In between, he spent a semester studying at the Copenhagen Business School (as of today, 5.15 Krone to the dollar) and interned at the NYC Sports Commissioner's Office (where they deny knowing the Mets). Both of these activities helped prepare him for a summer as a cross-country teen tour counselor. Adam also worked at the Center for the Study of Health Beliefs and Behavior looking at a biopsychosocial patient-centered approach to care (and billing). Finally, he worked in PINACLE (see Ning above), but more importantly was the host of his medical school's Follies Talent Show (aka morning report).

Jenna Hughes

Jenna is an AECOM grad who did her undergrad work at NYU and her subinternship with Fraad's gang. While at Einstein she was an executive board member of both the Emergency Medicine and Geriatrics societies, before getting it right and choosing a career in pediatrics. Jenna spent a summer volunteering in the Police Hospital in Accra, Ghana, working on the donut addiction service. She is also a singer and viola player, and has performed staged combat with the New York Jedi (seriously). Jenna's research project, "Drug donations to developing countries: finding an optimal approach," was published in the NYU journal *Inquiry*.

Erin Kim

Erin was born in Glendale, California, home of the first Baskin-Robbins store as well as Forest Lawn Cemetery, final resting place for Humphrey Bogart, Walt Disney, Michael Jackson, and most notably, Larry Fine (Larry of the Three Stooges). Oh yes, Erin attended UCD San Diego, where she earned both a BA and a BS before heading east to Temple University School of Medicine. Erin has participated in research involving bioinformatics, angiogenesis, and IVF (not on the same patients) and she is an author of: Cleaved high-molecular-weight kininogen and its domain 5 inhibit migration and invasion of human prostate cancer cells through the epidermal growth factor receptor pathway. *Oncogene* 2009;28:2756-65.

Jebhar Patterson

Jebhar is also a long-distance traveler, having been born in Aurora, Colorado, elevation 5,471 feet. Looking for a higher FiO₂, he attended the University of Miami (they call themselves the Hurricanes . . . like totally bogus) and then Meharry Medical College in Nashville (for you New Yawkers, home of the Country Music Hall of Fame). Throughout medical school he was a volunteer with Saburo-Hara Pediatrics Society, working on school supply drives, "Read with Me," Community Day, and the cleanup for the Back to School Bash (sorry we missed it). Jebhar also served as one of Meharry's delegates at the AMA national meeting.



The Class of 2014

Hima Reddy

Hima was born in Hyderabad, India, The City of Pearls, which was ranked 19th (of 41) on the New York Times' list of places to visit in 2011. From there it was a short trip to Madison, Wisconsin for both undergrad and medical school. Along the way she was a customer service rep at University of Wisconsin Journalism and Business Libraries, where she strictly enforced the no cheesehead hat rule. Hima has done volunteer work in India, Uganda, Haiti, and most importantly the northern part of Westchester County, where she cared for Hurricane Irene victims. She has been involved in research addressing the effects of pasteurization on breast milk and whether NICU standards of care can increase breastfeeding rates.

Cemre Robinson

Cemre has some southern roots, coming to us from the Mercer University School of Medicine, in Macon, Georgia, after earning her undergraduate degree from the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. By the way, Sewanee is not on the Swanee (*sic*) River of musical fame. At Mercer, she worked on research projects related to cognitive and memory problems in geriatric patients . . . we think. She has done volunteer work in Nepal, Costa Rica, Peru, and Coral Gables High School (no joke). She has had eight (!) research poster presentations, a book chapter, one article (Postoperative fever discharge guidelines increase hospital charges associated with spine surgery. *Neurosurgery* 2011;68:945-9), and an album of Holiday hits.

Khalil Savary

Khalil started out in Brooklyn before attending Columbia undergrad and SUNY Stony Brook for medical school. At Stony Brook, Khalil studied the rate of asthma (albuterol deficiency syndrome) in children after September 11. In 2010, he organized a group of medical professionals and students to work in hospitals and "tent cities" in Haiti after the country's devastation from the earthquake. Khalil is an author of: Post 9/11: high asthma rates among children in Chinatown, New York. *Allergy Asthma Proc* 2009;30:605-11, and has another article coming out this fall (Respiratory symptoms necessitating spirometry among soldiers with Iraq/Afghanistan war lung injury. *Occup Environ Med* 2011 Aug 23 Epub). More importantly, he served as a tennis ballperson and umpire at the US Open for 6 years, a gig that was interrupted by medical school.

Damani Taylor

Damani went to Harvard for undergrad, then attended Columbia for medical school. Damani served as the finance committee chair for the CUMC Annual Multicultural Show executive committee, and has been appointed to track our pizza expenditure for Chairman's rounds. Also at Columbia, he participated in the Striding for Better Health program, in which he helped children be more active by encouraging them to play tag (no back tags allowed!). Damani spent a year doing anesthesia research and investigated the opioid prescribing practices in the treatment of chronic nonmalignant and sub-acute pain in adolescent patients and correlating the differences in post-operative pain with the mu-opioid receptor type and expression of BDNF and monoamine transporter systems (Celebrity death match: BDNF vs. MAO).

Pediatric Academic Societies Meetings 2011



The department was very well represented at the annual Pediatric Academic Societies meetings in Denver, April 30-May 4, 2011. Chief resident Paul Sue and mentor Jeff Gershel were winners of the APA Research Award for Best Abstract by a Resident, for their work: Sue PK, Kaufman D, Burks JA, Gershel JC, Rivlin K: Experiential Learning of Quality Improvement: Converting Resident “Gripes” into Quality Improvement Projects.

Other Presentations

Holmes J, Lillis K, Blumberg S, et al: Identifying children at very low risk of important intra-abdominal injuries.

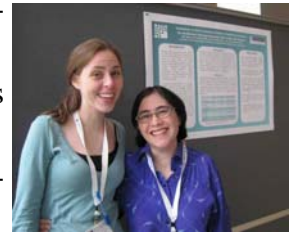
Kaufman D, Sue P, Mehlman M, Miller S, Gershel JC, Rivlin K: Integrating patient safety and quality improvement (QI) into pediatric residency training.

Kerrey B, Rogers A, Blumberg S, et al: Risk of intra-abdominal injury in children with blunt torso trauma and normal CT scans.

Uppal AV, Chou KJ: Feasibility of STI screening in adolescents in the pediatric emergency department (PED).

Uppal AV, Chou KJ: Identifying adolescents at risk for sexually transmitted infections (STIs) in the pediatric emergency department (PED).

Spitzer G, Slotkin E, Rivlin K, Gershel JC: Usefulness of the C-reactive protein in predicting the need for antibiotics among inpatients with sickle cell disease.



Recent Departmental Publications

Calderon Y, Rosenberg M, Chou K, et al: Educational effectiveness of an HIV pretest video for adolescents: a randomized controlled trial. *Pediatrics* 2011;127:911-6.

Wright ND, Groisman-Perelstein AE, Wylie-Rosett J, Vernon N, Diamantis PM, Isasi CR: A lifestyle assessment and intervention tool for pediatric weight management: the HABITS questionnaire. *J Hum Nutr Diet* 2011;24:96-100.

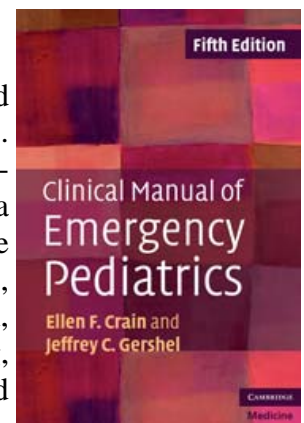
Touger M, Birnbaum A, Wang J, Chou K, et al: Performance of the RAD-57 pulse CO-oximeter compared with standard laboratory carboxyhemoglobin measurement. *Ann Emerg Med* 2010;56:382-8.

Gindea S, Rosenberg M, Abadi J, et al: Proliferative glomerulonephritis in lupus patients with human immunodeficiency virus infection: a difficult clinical challenge. *Semin Arthritis Rheum* 2010;40:201-9.

Sidora-Arcolego KJ, Feldman J, Serebrisky D, Spray A: Validation of the asthma illness representation scale-Spanish (AIRS-S). *J Asthma* 2010;47:417-21.

Clinical Manual of Emergency Pediatrics

In November 2011 the fifth edition of the Clinical Manual of Pediatrics was published by Cambridge University Press. In addition to the editors, Ellen F. Crain and Jeffrey C. Gershel, current and ex-Jacob Giants who contributed include Robert Acosta, Dan Barlev, Stephen Blumberg, Katherine Chou, Anthony Corciari, Christina Coyle, Sandra Cunningham, Joan DiMartino, Glenn Fennelly, Sheila Fallon Friedlander, Beatrice Goilav, Michael Gorn, Olga Jimenez, Carl Kaplan, Kim Kardashian, Sergey Kunkov, Stephanie Lichten, Julie Lin, Soe Mar, Robert Marion, Teresa McCann, Mary Mehlman, James Meltzer, Pippa Middleton, Scott Miller, Kirsten Roberts, Michael Rosenberg, Dominique Strauss-Kahn, Preeti Venkataraman, Joshua Vova, Mark Weinblatt, and Loren Yellin. Call us . . . we can get you a discount!



Jacobi Kids

Albert Einstein College of Medicine and Jacobi Medical Center's Child Life Program

Congratulations to the Director of Child Life, Carla Pratt, and the director of medical student education, Rachel Katz, upon the inauguration of the "Jacobi Kids" program this past February. Also known as our Child Life Enhancement program, this new medical school activity allows Einstein students to interact with our patients during evening and weekend hours when the playroom is usually closed, and helps children cope with the stress of acute illness and hospitalization.

The idea for this program came from the residents, and led to the formation of the Child Life Enhancement Working Group. Special thanks to Director of Nursing Susan LaMonica, Associate Executive Director Oncology/Network Nursing Director for the Children's Health Services, Chief of Service Jeffrey Gershel, hospitalist Teresa McCann, ex-chief residents Daran Kaufman and Paul Sue, former resident David Shafran, current chief residents Michelle Edelman and Noé Romo, residents Rachel Aronow, Suzette Briones, and Judith Horowitz and medical student Caitlin Woo and the Pediatric Interest Group for their contributions to this program!

Doctor News

On May 12, 2011, Teresa McCann, Site Leader for the Pediatric Subinternship and 4th year ambulatory rotation, was inducted into the Leo M. Davidoff Society. Founded in 1974 to honor Dr. Davidoff, membership is considered recognition by students and faculty of distinguished, caring and committed teaching of medical students at AECOM.



Residency director Auxford Burks was elected regional (New York and New Jersey) chairman for the Association of Pediatric Program Directors.

In August, U.S. News & World Report listed the Top HHC Doctors. Included were our own Andy Wiznia, Irving Zoltan and Gary Igel, who was also cited by New York Magazine. In addition, Andy was interviewed on CNN in June about maternal transmission of HIV.

Glenn Fennelly, chief of infectious diseases, was appointed Chairperson of the National Institutes of Health Special Emphasis Panel Study Section that reviews AIDS Predoctoral and Postdoctoral Fellowship grants.

Ken Rivlin, chief of hematology/oncology, was awarded a Picker Gold Challenge Grant for the project, Experiential Learning of Patient Family Centered Care (PFCC): Integrating Patient/Family Advisors into our Resident-Run Quality Improvement Program.



Jaime Fernandez, director of the Regional Perinatal Center, helped organize over 400 employees from all the various HHC institutions for the March of Dimes walk in midtown Manhattan on May 1, 2011. The group raised nearly \$10,000 to support research to prevent premature birth of children and help those born early to survive and thrive. As Jaime said, "I'd love the March of Dimes to eliminate my job." Also in neonatology news, ex-resident (2003-06) and neonatal attending Yoli Brown has left the department to join her husband on the left coast. She is now a member of the NICU staff at Cedars Sinai Hospital of Los Angeles.

Davidoff Education Day Presentations

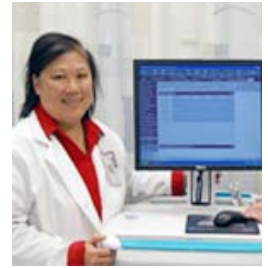
At the 8th annual Davidoff Education Day, there were two poster presentations from the department:

Rivlin K, Sue P, Kaufman D, Burks A, Gershel J: Experiential learning of quality improvement: converting resident "gripes" into quality improvement (QI) projects.

Katz-Sidlow R, Ludwig A, Miller S, Sidlow R: Smartphone use during inpatient attending rounds: help or hindrance?

Nursing News

The December, 2010 issue of HHC Today profiled Pediatric Emergency Department Supervisor Marilyn Ho as being among the nursing leadership charged with developing and implementing a course teaching the new 5 level Emergency Severity Index (ESI) scale for triaging emergency patients. Marilyn said, “The course is very interactive. It enables us to be patient centered, to prioritize and to focus on quality and safety.”



Baby Llama (Ed.: Not the patient’s real name)

On September 8th 2010, we received a special a bundle of joy who was quickly nick-named Baby Llama. Her future was uncertain. No one knew what was going to happen to this precious bundle, or how long she was going to be here with us. Initially she was a challenge to everyone and every service involved in her care. As the hours passed by and then the days, and time rolled along she proved everyone wrong. Didn’t she?

She had tough days, long weeks and long months with multiple externalizations, then internalizations and revisions of her shunt. There was always the question “What next”?

Despite the challenges she met her milestones in her own way, smiling, sucking her fingers, discovering her hands and yes defying the odds. She blossomed into a little roly poly that everyone fell in love with. As the saying goes all good things must come to an end. She is now moving from acute to chronic care and is awaiting placement soon.

All the best Baby Llama we will miss you. You will always be in our hearts remembered as a Very Special Patient. Keep defying the odds.

Developmental Care Delivery

On March 3rd, 2011, the North Bronx Healthcare Network attended the Developmental Care Conference at Bellevue Hospital. Jacobi Medical Center and North Central Bronx presented their accomplishments and challenges in implementing the developmental care program in their respective Neonatal Intensive Care Units.



At the conference, our NICU nursing staff presented their collaborative effort on family centered care, partnering with families to fully integrate the best developmental care practices in the NICU with the emphasis on Kangaroo Care. A video was produced by the North Bronx Healthcare Network team showing the involvement of parents giving and participating in kangaroo care. The parents expressed the importance and the benefits of kangaroo care for their neonates.

Comings and Goings

There is a new head nurse for outpatient pediatrics at NCB. Elizabeth Udeji RN, MSN, started on May 9, 2011. She comes to pediatrics from the HHC Health and Home Care department where she was the head nurse of maternal/child health and pediatrics since 2008. Prior to her HHC employment, she was at St. Barnabas Hospital as a staff nurse in labor and delivery and pediatrics for 8 years. She is also a nurse midwife in her home country of Nigeria. Elizabeth was named the 2010 Home Care HHC Patient Safety Champion. The nursing department is very pleased to welcome Elizabeth to the pediatric service.

Gabrielle Rivera ADN for Pediatrics at NCB has been promoted to Associate Director of Risk Management at NCB effective July 25, 2011. Gabby has been the ADN for Pediatrics since August 2007 and will be greatly missed. We wish her well in her new role.

Hurricane Irene

Early on the morning of Sunday August 28, the eye of Hurricane Irene passed directly over 8 East. While NYC was spared major flooding, all municipal transportation was shut down (but the Always Dependable cabs were running, AD1-1111). The performance of our housestaff was nothing short of outstanding, as every single one (= 100.0%) arrived on-time for their shifts. Special congratulations go to interns Ivy Grodman, Adam Handler and Cemre Robinson who stayed beyond their shifts to ensure proper coverage. However, if anyone from the Residency Review Committee is reading this, the interns were all napping. PGY-2's Kerry Godfrey and Yocheved Lindenbaum arrived early for their shifts in case others could not make it, while PGY-3 (and 2012-13 chief resident) Rachel Aronow slept at Jacobi in case she was needed. Finally, Suzette Briones and Lakshmi Sukumaran opened their homes so that others could sleep closer to the hospital and Au Bon Pain.

In addition, quite a few members of the department volunteered to work over the hurricane weekend at a Special Needs Medical Shelter at Lehman College in the Bronx. Participants included administrator Richard Bernstock, chief residents Michelle Edelman and Noé Romo, attendings Jaime Fernandez and Teresa McCann, Carey Hamblin from nursing leadership, as well as nurses Fe Alqueza, Chris Pena, and Maripur Talavera, and PCAs Carlethia Gilbert, Lakiesha Nanton, and Vitore Zeku. The team triaged and comforted unexpected volumes of patients, as late-evacuating nursing homes sent many people to the shelter.



Chief Resident and Jacobi Pediatric Poet Laureate Noé Romo described his experience:

UnEarthed

It's a beautiful thing to see people come together in a time of need.

It's a beautiful thing to watch the better side of humanity unearthed by the winds and the sea.

When disaster strikes, and we all become the most vulnerable, our most basic of needs become essential and suddenly we are all equal.

Suddenly, we all seek shelter and bread.

Suddenly, the homeless, elderly and poor find dozens of hands to offer a simple roof and a piece of bread.

Suddenly, the forgotten are no longer forsaken, and those same people whom we walked by and ignored the day before, become the ones we wish to help the most.

Suddenly, nothing matters anymore as we all find ourselves at the mercy of the mother responsible for our nature.

Suddenly, amidst the dark clouds and blowing winds, our roles become evident and the message grows clear:

At the end of it all, we are nothing more than those who seek shelter and bread, and someone who will offer it.

It's a shame that these sentiments only get unearthed,

when we all feel equally threatened by our one common home,

Mother Earth.

Graduation Awards

At the annual graduation day ceremonies on June 14, 2001 the following awards were presented:

Teaching Award: Scott Miller (2008-09 chief) and Irving Zoltan (1977-78 chief)

Good Egg Award for Exceptional Service to the Department: Rosemary Herr (unit clerk) , Daran Kaufman (2010-11 chief), and Tony Palomba (chief of intensive care). (Ed.: Three good eggs was unprecedented.)

MVI (Most Valuable Intern): Natasha Nayak (Ed.: New award)

Nursing Award: Cindy Williams

Where Are the 2002 Graduates?

The group has scattered far and wide, from the New York tri-state area to Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Texas, West Virginia, and Westchester Square.

Diana Delgado: Diana is in a three-physician private practice, Volusia Pediatrics, in New Smyrna Beach, Florida. She wrote, “Looking forward to reading everybody's update.”

Reena Isaac: Reena is the medical director of the Forensic Nursing Team Child Protection Section of the Emergency Center Texas Children's Hospital and an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at the Baylor College of Medicine. She had an article in the August 2011 issue of *Pediatrics*: Collection of forensic evidence from pediatric victims of sexual assault.

Nicole Jones: Nicole is in general practice at Rainbow Pediatrics, in LaPlace Louisiana.

Arlyn Marrero: Arlyn is working in a two-person practice in California: “We are busy and it is a lot of fun. Additionally, I'm a member of the Sierra Sacramento Valley Medical Society Alliance . . . an organization dedicated to improving the quality of health care in our community.” Arlyn's husband is the director of pediatric cardiothoracic surgery at Sutter Memorial Hospital and Clinical Assistant Professor at Stanford University.

Daniele Merlis: Daniele had been working as a pediatric hospitalist at the Hospital for Joint Diseases while also baking specialty cakes (www.grayghostcakes.com). She says, “And of course [I am] taking care of the boys - Mo (the mutt) and Quinn (the weimaraner). They excel at licking each other and scaring away anyone who knocks on the door.”

Simi Rahman: Simi moved to Los Angeles in 2010, working part-time in both outpatient and inpatient pediatrics, while earning a masters in academic medicine through USC. She is on the adjunct teaching faculty at USC/ Keck SOM for their Professionalism in the Practice of Medicine course, and is also involved in planning and implementing the selective curriculum for Arts & Humanities this Fall. Finally, she is a faculty advisor for the campus writing group, Styloid Process LA.

Dan Schloegel: Dan is a co-partner in a 4-person practice in Denver, Green Mountain Pediatrics. Dan notes, “We do all of the usual outdoor Colorado things - skiing, biking, etc. If you've got new grads that want to come this way, please feel free to give them my email.” He added, “It was moving to watch all the 9/11 coverage yesterday, still remember being in outpatient clinic that day with only one patient.”

Maria Sequeira: Maria is in practice in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Kasey Statum: Kasey is in practice in Gilner County, West Virginia. She reports that this is a “very rural area of West Virginia . . . the nearest Wal-Mart is 40 minutes away.” Kasey is considering a fellowship in integrative medicine. Also, “[I] hope all is well with your family, the Jacobi & NCB families. Tell folks I said hello.”

Gordon Streeter: Gordon tells us, “After residency I stayed at Jacobi those 3 years (chief followed by hospitalist/pool boy), living at Jacobi with my hospital wife, Daniele Merlis. [I] divorced Daniele (dispute over her time spent baking and those dogs), and moved to New Haven area and joined a small private practice.” Gordon will start working at the Yale Health Plan in October as a part-time general pediatrician and a Clinical Instructor of Pediatrics at Yale.

Stephen Tsai: Stephen is working part time at Gouverneur Healthcare Services, an HHC facility in lower Manhattan, servicing a largely Hispanic and Chinese patient population. Stephen reports, “I have recognized the need for increased emphasis on preventive care and wellness and I am working as an independent consultant with nutraMetrix, a company that provides wellness solutions for health professionals and their patients.”

Vidhu Thaker: After 7 years in practice at Haverstraw Pediatrics, Vidhu is now a research fellow at Children's Hospital of Boston, where she will begin an endocrinology fellowship in 2012. While in practice she



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was a member of the PROS network and participated in a number of projects on asthma, serous otitis media, and Bright Futures. Vidhu adds, "I joined Cochrane Collaboration as a reviewer. One has been published (Vitamin K supplementation for cystic fibrosis; *Cochrane Database Syst Rev* 2011 Jan 19;(1):CD008482) and another (Recombinant growth hormone therapy for cystic fibrosis) is in the pipeline."

Scott Wolfson: Scott is in private practice at Central Long Island Pediatrics in Old Bethpage. He has published a photography book, "Bryna Brighten The Day," which is a collection of photographs of Bryna, a woman whose husband has severe Parkinson's disease. A portion of all book proceeds will be donated to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research.

Where Did the 2011 Graduates Go?

Michelle Edelman: Michelle is spending this year as Chief Resident at the Pelham Parkway Institute of Asthma. She will then begin a gastroenterology fellowship at Stony Brook in 2012.

Yanetsi Flores: Yanetsi has joined Pediatric Associates, a large practice group with 21 offices in southeastern Florida.

Tamar Heisler: Tami is working in the emergency departments at both Jacobi and NCB.

Michael Lee: Mike has joined the New Brunswick Pediatric Group.

Neha Maniar: Neha is spending this year in the ED at St. Barnabas (Bronx), before starting a gastroenterology fellowship at North Shore/LIJ in 2012.

Launice Melbourne: Launice is now a neonatology fellow at George Washington University

Maria (Vicky) Novoa Uriarte: Vicky is a fellow in Developmental Pediatrics at CHOP.

Grace Ooi: Grace has joined a pediatric practice in Chinatown.

Cindy Perez: Cindy is providing pediatric care at High Ridge Family Practice in Stamford, Connecticut.

Noé Romo: Noé is currently a Chief Resident at the Bronx Kawasaki and Bronchiolitis Center. He is training to win the NYC marathon.

David Shafran: David is spending this year as a hospitalist in Cleveland before starting a nephrology fellowship at the Cleveland Clinic in 2012.

Emily Slotkin: Emily is a hematology/oncology fellow at Memorial Sloan-Kettering.

Gila Spitzer: Gila is a hematology/oncology fellow at Memorial Sloan-Kettering (not a typo, just making Maria Santorineau proud).

Jacqueline Zayas: Jackie is working at the El Nuevo San Juan Health Center in the Bronx.



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Abraham Jacobi Plaque Dedication

On June 15, 2011, Jacobi hosted the 4th annual Lorraine Tregde Safety Conference, an educational forum for physician, nursing, and healthcare executive leaders to promote and increase thought, knowledge, discussion and interdisciplinary commitment to fostering safer patient care. Andrew Mezey moderated an expert panel discussion on patient safety in pediatrics. Participants included Ellen Crain and Robert Marion.

Immediately after the conference, a tribute to Dr. Abraham Jacobi was unveiled in the lobby of the conference center of the Nurses Residence. Rachel Katz was instrumental in creating the inscription on the plaque, which pays homage to the life and work of Abraham Jacobi.



From left to right: Mr. William Walsh (Executive Director NBHN), Dr. William Caspe, Dr. Andrew Mezey, Dr. Katharine Lobach, Lorraine Tregde, Dr. Jeffrey Gershel, Dr. Ellen Crain, Dr. Rachel Katz

Top Quotes

- “The radiologist's favorite plant is the hedge.” Auxford Burks
- “It takes time to develop the arrogance of confidence.” Hal Goldman
- “Stupid events are associated with the Y chromosome.” Auxford Burks
- “In New Jersey we grow mullets.” Scott Miller
- “All of God's children have ASLO's of 400” William Caspe
- “The shoulder is a weight bearing joint for someone who gets down on all fours!” Jeff Gershel
- “Remember the Green M&M's!” Ken Rivlin
- “I never look anyone in the eyes” Auxford Burks
- “If I'm seeing this kid I'm thinking, should I tap this?” William Caspe
- “How do you get a 1 year-old to do inspiratory/expiratory films? I don't know . . . try Spanish?” Hal Goldman
- “I eat lunch during arrests” Robert Acosta
- “He is well gifted. . . I did a full physical exam” Vicky Novoa
- “I've done the Heimlich maneuver on my kids whether it was indicated or not.” Jeff Gershel
- “If she has a uterus, get a pregnancy test.” Clare Fried
- “Common sense is the least common of the senses.” Jacob Abadi
- “She's still at the joint?” Joanna Dobroszycki
- “Your condom to candy ratio is off.” William Caspe

Baby News

- Ambreen** and **Salman Syed** announced the birth of daughter, Reyna Noor Syed, on November 3rd, 2010.
- On December 19, 2010, ex-chief resident **Paul Sue** and wife Ella welcomed Clara Dong Sun Sue, weighing 4 lbs 12 oz.
- Joseph Eric joined **Karen Hardy** and Al Brandstaedter on 12/11/10 at 7:08 PM, weighing in at 8lbs 6oz
- Judith Horwitz** and Sam Glassenberg welcomed Ariella Miriam Glassenberg on January 6, 2011.
- Shani** and Eli **Hagler** announced the birth of Ava Rebecca on 6/23/11, weighing 6lb 1oz.
- Marina Rubin** and Paul Connolly welcomed Olivia May Connolly on February 22, 2011, weighing 6lbs 6oz.
- After a 22 month gestation, Mr. and Mrs. **Jumbo** announced the birth of Dumbo, weighing 254 lbs 2 oz.

Information Needed

We are looking for information about the resident-led initiative, circa 1973-76, that led to New York City passing the window bar law to prevent “sky divers” as well as the start of the “Children Can't Fly” program. Please email us at Jeffrey.gershel@nbhn.net. See Spiegel CN, Lindaman FC: Children can't fly: a program to prevent childhood morbidity and mortality from window falls. *Am J Public Health* 1977; 67:1143-7.

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