



Margarita Colon to Retire

Contributed by Carla Pratt

We are saddened, yet happy, to report that Margarita Colon, LCSW-R will be retiring this Spring. Over the past few years Margarita has been the supervisor of social services for Women's Health Services, Labor and Delivery Inpatient Service, and Inpatient Pediatrics, including the NICU and PICU.



Margarita joined us at Jacobi Medical Center in March of 1998 as the Child Protective Coordinator overseeing cases that involved allegations of physical and sexual abuse.

Margarita's roles and responsibilities at Jacobi Medical Center have evolved over her time here, so that she now works with children and their families in all aspects of Pediatric Care. She also has been instrumental in the training for mandated abuse reporting throughout the hospital, working collaboratively with the physicians who were also involved in the three hour licensure course.

For over 14 years, Ms. Colon has worked tirelessly, providing supervision to her staff, case management/discharge planning for patients and families, training for all care providers, and giving multi-disciplinary case conferences with ACS and foster care agencies. With intense passion, dedication and unmeasured loyalty, Ms. Colon has solved and resolved some of Jacobi Medical Center's toughest cases.

Prior to her joining us at Jacobi Medical Center, Ms. Colon was a Social Worker with the Legal Aid Society at Bronx Family Court in 1995, where she was an advocate working with Law Guardians representing victims of alleged abuse. During her time with the Legal Aid Society, Ms. Colon became an expert witness and trained forensic interviewer for children who were sexually abused.

Ms. Colon's colleagues, staff and patients consider her nothing less than a modern day super hero . . . The Summa Cum Laude of Social Workers, Miracle Worker, 24-hour Problem Solver, Greatest Advocate, Consummate Professional, and, when necessary Chief Wrestler (the Hulk Hogan of social work). No one has done it better than Ms. Colon.

To say she will be sorely missed is a huge understatement. Her ability to bond with very challenging patients and their families is unmatched. Her wisdom in knowing how to embrace, yet set boundaries with all patients and families is awe-inspiring.

So cheers and congratulations to you Ms. Margarita Colon, in your well-deserved retirement. The best is yet to come. We are so thankful for your many years of superb service and your loving kindness and spirit in carrying out your duties. Children and Women's Health Services will not be the same without you.

Read more about Margarita's work in the New York Times:

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Wiznia News

From the December 2012 issue of *HHC TODAY*:

During high school graduation season in June, it's not unusual for Dr. Andrew Wiznia's cell phone to vibrate frequently while he's in clinic with patients. As Director of Family HIV Services for Jacobi and North Central Bronx Hospitals, Dr. Wiznia gets a steady flow of photos from his patients' proud parents who want to share the moment when their HIV positive teenager walks across the stage to receive a diploma. "The family's jubilation is understandable," said Dr. Wiznia. "After all, it was not so long ago that babies born with HIV were only expected to live to be about 10."

The Wiz also reports that he is vice-chair of the HIV IMPAACT Treatment scientific study; they will be investigating dolutegravir, a new integrase inhibitor. Also, in the PCS suite a professional mural artist has been working with our HIV infected adolescents and young adults. When finished, the canvas mural will be mounted in the patient care room.

Babies

On December 23, 2012 Ex-Chief Resident Paul Sue and wife Ella welcomed Charlotte Dong Mi Sue into the world at 7lb 2 oz. (and 39 weeks!). Big sister Clara is adjusting somewhat, but mom and baby are doing well!

Ex-resident and future AECOM genetics fellow Neha Bhatia and husband Sachin report that the birth of twins on September 19th: Anu (Anuradha) Gangaputra and Shiv Gangaputra.

In-patient Social Worker Hannah English's baby boy, Adam Elijah, was born on November 9, 2012. Congratulations to Hannah and Brice.

Ambulatory Care Medical Home Recertification Underway

Kathy Porder informs us that The North Bronx Healthcare Network's Pediatric, Family Practice and Internal Medicine primary care clinics are in the process of being recertified as a Patient Centered Medical Home. Some highlights include Primary Care Teams forming in the yellow and green pods, a focus on asthma care, better care coordination and continuity, and some new faces as we bring about support staff to help us achieve our goals.

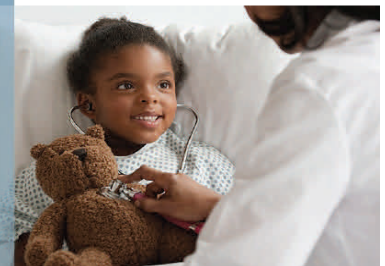
AAP Inpatient Manual Published

In January, the American Academy of Pediatrics released the first edition of its new inpatient manual, *Caring for the Hospitalized Child: A Handbook of Inpatient Pediatrics*. The manual is coedited by our old friend, Dan Rauch, and our own Jeff Gershel. Among the contributors are a number of past and present faculty, including Daran Kaufman, Stephanie Lichten, Julie Lin, Scott Miller, Ken Rivlin, and Bilbo Baggins.

As per the AAP, "Here's the first place to look when you need immediate, on-the-spot recommendations for safe, effective inpatient care." Also, "Experienced pediatric hospitalists provide proven how-tos for dozens of patient problems . . . This uniquely comprehensive manual also addresses ethics, equipment, economics, patient safety, quality management, and many other topical issues."

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A Handbook of Inpatient Pediatrics



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Rachel Katz Wins Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award

On November 1, 2012, Rachel Katz was elected as the Gold Humanism Honor Society (GHHS) Class of 2013 recipient of the annual Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award. The Gold Foundation sponsors this award for a graduating student and faculty member at 94 of the nation's medical schools. Its purpose is to honor those physicians who exemplify humanism in medicine by demonstrating the Foundation's ideals of outstanding compassion in the delivery of care, and respect for patients, their families, and healthcare colleagues, in concert with clinical excellence.

In her keynote address, Dr. Katz described how a sense of humanism can be challenged by the tasks of everyday life. "Humanism is a practice that requires preparation, reflection, and the ability to 'be present' with patients," she said. "I want to vaccinate you to help you preserve the humanism that you have," she told the student inductees (<http://www.einstein.yu.edu/features/around-campus/207/honor-society-induction-for-class-of-2013/>). Congratulations Rachel.



In addition, Rachel created and now supervises our Resident as Teacher program, which supports residents in their roles as teachers for the many Einstein students who spend time with us. This innovative program begins at intern orientation, in recognition that our PGY-1 residents serve as valuable teachers and important role models to our students, and continues throughout the year with noon conferences addressing practical skills. Our second and third year residents continue to attend these Resident as Teacher conferences as well as gain experience in small group facilitation during their assigned teaching sessions with Clerkship students. In addition, our PGY-1 and PGY-2 spring retreats focus on the topics of humanism, wellness, and leadership, and serve to further support our residents as educators.

Comings and Goings

Our apologies to former resident and Chief, Daran Kaufman, who has been the Site Director of the North Central Bronx Pediatric ED since October, 2011, despite us not mentioning her promotion in the FIB until now. In addition, Ken Rivlin has been promoted to Associate Vice Chair for Academic Affairs, and Teresa McCann is now the Director of the Inpatient Service.

Welcome to Matthew Marzullo, our new Assistant Director of Nursing at NCB. Matt comes to us from Montefiore, where he worked for 15 years in Pediatric Nursing, including the Emergency Department, ICU, and ambulatory care. Matt is currently attending the College of New Rochelle where he is pursuing a dual BS/MS degree in Nursing Administration. Matt will be covering the NICU, Peds ED and Pediatric ambulatory care at NCB.

Goodbye and good luck to Sandeep Tripathi, who has departed the Bronx for the wilds of Minnesota. He has been replaced in the PICU by Shivanand Medar, a graduate of the Montefiore PICU fellowship. Dr. Medar (known as Shiv), joins the other PICU faculty, Tony Palomba and Allen Eddington (our nominee for best faculty salsa dancer).

Correspondence

The FIB makes for good reading- I especially enjoyed the photo from the Tregde Conference. A point of information: I believe that my daughter, Susan Mezey Leib was the first of the second generation Jacobi residents (class of 1987). I started at Jacobi in 1960, finished in 1964- left back and forced to be chief resident in 1963-64 (the year before Ken Schiffer). We were the last of the real giants- serving as the only chief resident in our year and without the aid of a beeper. Love and kisses, Andy
Andrew P. Mezey, MD, MS

Mid-Year Awards Ceremony

On December 17, the annual Holiday Party, I mean Mid-Year Awards Ceremony, was held at the Greentree Country Club in New Rochelle. Each house-officer was awarded a personalized on-call blanket. Next year we give binkies!



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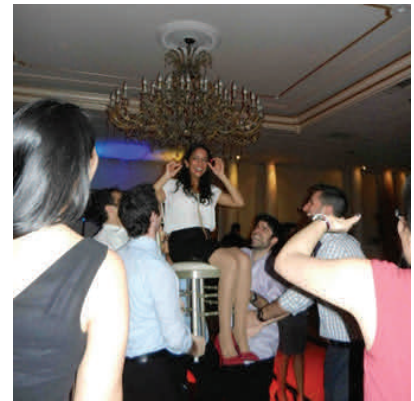
The long and the short of it.
(Ed: No chairs or step stools were harmed during this photo shoot)



Chiefs Awarding Blankets



Scott Miller, off his meds



Interns raising 2013-14 Chief Natasha Nayak. We do not know why.



The Class of 2014



The Class of 2015



The Class of 2013

Fellowships

It's January and a young pediatrician's thoughts turn to fellowship placements. As of the moment, we are pleased to announce the following acceptances:

Neha Bhatia	Genetics at Montefiore
Joshua Beiner	Pediatric Emergency Medicine at NYU
Robyn Epstein	Allergy/Immunology at Montefiore
J. Lena Kim	Neonatology at Westchester County Medical Center
Shifra Koyfman	Gastroenterology at Massachusetts General Hospital
Neera Prakash	Neonatology at SUNY Stony Brook
Adam Sterman	Hematology/Oncology at Montefiore
Tim Tebow	Pool Boy, Rex Ryan Residence

Pulmonary and Asthma News

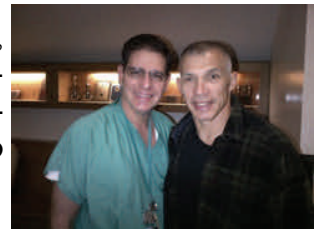
Mayda Pillot, NP has joined the asthma allergy center, and Ivan Calcano has been named Assistant Coordinating Manager. In addition, as part of a sub-grant of the "Pulmonary Complications in the Pediatric HIV/AIDS Cohort Study (PHACS)," Denise Serebrisky will be studying the prevalence of asthma and other pulmonary disease in HIV-infected youth and further explore the associations between these pulmonary outcomes and indicators of immune dysfunction.

Kirsten Roberts Awarded Research Fellowship

Congratulations to Kirsten Roberts who was awarded a one-year research fellowship from the Narrative Medicine Program at Columbia for her project "Use of Brief Narrative Interventions in Clinical Teaching." Kirsten is now in her second year of an "Excellence in Medical Education" grant awarded her by AECOM.

Hurricane Sandy

When Hurricane Sandy hit the NY Metropolitan area on Monday, October 29, 2012, the Department of Pediatrics was ready. Discharges were expedited, outpatients rescheduled, and the housestaff hunkered down in preparation. The FIB is proud to report that every house officer either made it to work or stayed over the night before (no surprise). Every essential service area was fully staffed.



We are always impressed by the loyalty and work ethic of our faculty and house staff, and never more than in times of crisis. The FIB thanks everyone who came to work, who stayed in the hospital one, two and three nights, in order to ensure and that all patients received the care they needed. Members of the Department, including Richard Bernstock, Jaime Fernandez, Cary Hamblin, Teresa McCann, and ex-Chief Resident Noé Romo helped staff an emergency shelter at Lehman College that was established by HHC to accommodate patients from evacuated facilities. Here our own Jaime Fernandez schmoozes with Yankee General Manager Joe Girardi. We want to know if Youkilis can also play shortstop, catcher, and center field.

The Axis of Auxford

Residency Director Auxford Burks reports that interview season is winding down. The Department received over 800 applications and chose to interview about 200 students. The process started in mid-October, back when the Yankees had an able-bodied shortstop and the New York Giants were the best team in the NFC. Match day is March 15...stay tuned.

As chairman of the New York and New Jersey chapter of the Association of Pediatric Program Directors (the APPD—which sounds like a urological disease), Auxford hosted the chapter's meeting in October here at Jacobi. The program directors voted to change intern call to every third night and limit shifts to 35.99 hours.

Quotes

We used to tap all febrile seizures. It was like trying to tap sheep. Robert Acosta

When I order coffee, I say “colored.” Natasha Nayak

What was he doing choking the Chihuahua? Hannah English

We would have no standing armies if adolescent boys thought they were going to die. William Caspe

Look at me, I’m a time bomb. Rachel Aronow

Wedding News



From the New York Times (all the Jacobi news that is fit to print):
Rachel Kurtz Rosenberg and Khalil William Savary were married Saturday at Studio 450, an event space in Manhattan. Barbara L. Behrmann, a Humanist Society celebrant, officiated. The couple met at Columbia, from which they both graduated.

The bride, 28, is a second-year resident in family medicine at Beth Israel Medical Center in Manhattan. She received a medical degree from the University of Massachusetts. She is a daughter of Alice S. Kurtz and Richard M. Rosenberg of Wayland, Mass. The bride’s father is a data analyst for Partners HealthCare, a nonprofit health care provider, in Wellesley, Mass. Her mother is a pension compliance officer in the benefit funds office of Local 4 of the International Union of Operating Engineers in Medway, Mass. She helps ensure that the local’s benefit plans comply with laws and regulations.

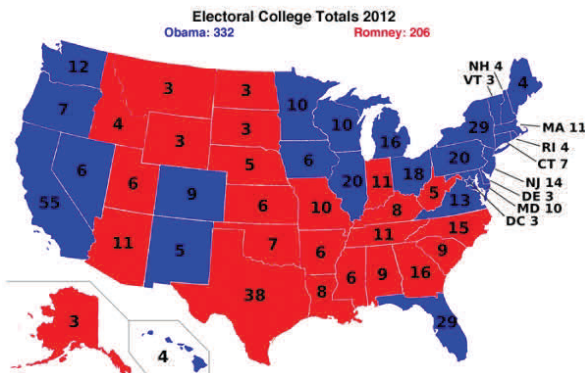
The groom, 27, is a second-year pediatrics resident at Jacobi Medical Center in the Bronx. He received a medical degree from Stony Brook University. He is the son of Dr. Yanick H. Chaumin and William Savary of Westbury, N.Y. The groom’s mother is an internist and cardiologist in private practice in Rego Park, Queens. His father is a founder of the Haitian Stock Exchange in Port-au-Prince.

Circumcisions Are Back

Beginning last Spring the Department began a program for performing the ancient and revered art of Mogen and Gomco usage. Ex-Chief Resident Michelle Edelman, current Chief Resident Judith Horwitz, and OB/GYN Komal Bajaj did the groundwork to create this voluntary program, which is now supervised by Judith and incorporated into the Well Baby Nursery rotation. As of this writing, more than 100 circumcisions have been performed and five residents and two other attendings have been certified. In addition, Judith Horwitz is now a certified Mohelet.



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