



## Meet the Class of 2017

### Liyuan Chen

Liyuan was born in Newton, Mass, but she lived in Taiwan until age 10. She went to the University of Pennsylvania undergrad, and then heeded Horace Greeley's advice to head West, where she attended the UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine (do they offer recording contracts too?). Liyuan was a volunteer at a camp for children with significant illnesses and disabilities, Camp Boggy Creek, which was founded by Paul Newman and General Norman Schwarzkopf. Among her hobbies are origami and aerial yoga (I hope she knows those paper birdies don't actually fly). Liyuan spent one year at Stanford performing pediatric cardiology research, which culminated in a publication: Miyake CY, Teele SA, Chen L, et al. In-hospital arrhythmia development and outcomes in pediatric patients with acute myocarditis. *Am J Cardiol.* 2014 Feb 1;113(3):535-40.

### Manasi Chitre

Manasi was also born in Massachusetts (Brockton) and stayed in the Bay State, attending Boston University and the University of Massachusetts Medical School. In between, she worked at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, screening and enrolling patients with leukemia into investigational studies. After medical school, both Manasi and her husband entered research fellowships, while at the same time having their first child. Manasi's project involved developing an online curriculum for residents that addressed contraception options and outcomes. Way back when, she served as an intern in Senator Edward Kennedy's office, primarily focusing on driving across small New England bridges.

### Patricia Diaz

Patricia is a Bronxite who attended Fordham and Einstein (she must love the BX12 Select Bus). While at Fordham she studied whether the diets of bats could somehow contribute to the epidemic of White Nose fungus infections in the New York area (no kidding: [www.whitenosesyndrome.org](http://www.whitenosesyndrome.org)). As a medical student, Patricia participated in the department's Jacobi Kids program, as well as Project Brief, or was it Project Tightly Whities (?), in the adult ED. She has had four poster presentations, including three involving the transitioning of care for children with special health needs. One was presented at the 2012 Pediatric Academic Societies meeting in Boston in 2012, Bloomfield D, Davidson L, Diaz P, et al. Successful use of an internet-based mental health screening tool in an urban care center.

### Dina Elachi

Dina did her undergrad and medical school work at NYU, where she assisted the school in buying every building south of 14<sup>th</sup> street. In between she spent one year in AmeriCorps in Patterson, New Jersey, where she developed and taught an after-school science curriculum for grades Kindergarten through eighth grade. She has had many volunteer activities, including Icahn House Women's Shelter, MiniMeds Club (instructed high school students on medical topics), the New York City Free Clinic, Rescue Nations (collected excess hospital supplies for donation to developing nations), and NICU Ambassadors (they allow preemies in the UN?).

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### Ennid Gonzalez

Ennid hails from New Jersey, also the home of the Chris Christie GW Bridge Toll Booth Priority Project. She attended William Patterson College and the Rutgers New Jersey Medical School (previously UMDNJ, before that the New Jersey College of Medicine and Dentistry, and originally in 1954 the Seton Hall College of Medicine and Dentistry). In between, she worked at Quest Diagnostic Laboratories, in the QNS unit. While at Rutgers, Ennid was elected to the Gold Humanism Honor Society. She also has a very impressive list of volunteer activities, including the Newark Student Family Health Care Center, mentoring Frederick Douglas Academy minority students interested in pursuing medical careers, Blush You're Beautiful (visiting female oncology patients), and Raising Consciousness (started by Aldous Huxley and involving high school students spending a day at the medical school).

### Blair Hahn

Blair comes to us from George Washington, where she was both an undergrad and med student. At George Washington, she worked with the Child and Adolescent Protection Center, studying physicians' knowledge of the services offered by the Center and their understanding of the duty and obligation to report child maltreatment. Also while in med school she was a member of the Arrhythmias dance group, who would never go on tour without AED's and amiodarone. Blair has also volunteered in the coroner's office, assisting the Chief Medical Investigator with autopsies and crime scene investigations. I trust no dancers were involved.

### Sally Leung

Sally was born in Hong Kong, but she grew up in Staten Island (today's trivia question, which is larger, HK or SI?). She attended NYU, then SUNY Downstate. In between she worked as a case manager at the Children's Home Intervention Program (CHIP), an Early Intervention program that provides home-based services. Sally volunteered with the United East Athletics Association (UEAA) Fun Fun Saturday Program. She designed a course so that students can creatively apply the knowledge that they acquired in class to tackle the Egg Drop Challenge (I prefer the Hot & Sour). At Downstate, she was a member of the *a capella* group, as well as the Flu Shot Club, which was not sponsored by the NRA.

### Storm Leibling

Storm, who is not related to Professor Xavier, Wolverine or Cyclops, attended Northwestern University, then the Technion Israel Institute of Technology. At Northwestern he was a sports medicine aide for the wrestling team, focusing on Spandex control. Before all this education, Storm was a firefighter for the Nissequogue, NY department (Ed. Note: Nissequogue is the Algonquian word for FIB). Storm has set an all-time intern record by having 12(!) PubMed cited publications. The most recent one is, Rosenberg NF, Liebling SM, Kosteva AR, et al. Infarct volume predicts delayed recovery in patients with subarachnoid hemorrhage and severe neurological deficits. *Neurocrit Care*. 2013 Dec;19(3):293-8. Somehow, he also had time to be Vice President of the Haifa Save a Child's Heart program.

### Charles Manopla

Charles is a Sophie Davis grad who did his clinical work at Albany Med. By the way, Sophie Davis was the wife of Leonard Davis, a philanthropist who founded the Colonial Penn insurance company and co-founded AARP. Back to Charles. He spent a year as a teacher at the Flatbush Yeshiva Elementary School in Brooklyn. Charles was also a research assistant at the William F. Ryan Mental Health Center in New York, whose thrust is that health care is a right and not a privilege (but parking in Lot 1 is a privilege). Among his volunteer activities, he has worked with the Richard Netter Diversity Initiative at the Beth Israel Medical Center (NY) and with Kids of Courage, providing trips for children with Familial Dysautonomia.

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### Alyssa Nastro

Alyssa attended Quinnipiac undergrad, then SUNY Stony Brook, where she was a Gold Humanism in Medicine Society inductee. At Stony Brook she volunteered with Keeping Families Healthy (developing good lifelong health habits), Smile Buddies (Child Life program), Fit for Life (exercise program for children), and my favorite, Don't Fry Day (sounds un-American; is there a no tofu day?). Alyssa's research projects have included studying rat lung morphology and the effects of short term exposure to bryostatin-1 on the retention of directional bias in planaria (they are so retentive!). She has also volunteered with A Promise to Peru, which provided services to the indigenous population of the Sacred Valley (near NCB).

### Millicent Okereke

Millicent was born in Nigeria and grew up in Brooklyn. She did her undergrad at Duke, med school in Rochester, and has finally made it to da Bronx. While at Duke she worked at the Duke University Box Office and was president of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, organizing the toga parties. Afterward she spent two years with Teach for America at Brooklyn Generation High School (formerly South Shore HS), where she was the keynote speaker at the school's inaugural graduation in 2011. After her third year at Rochester, Millicent was awarded the Haggerty-Freidman Pediatric PreDoctoral Fellowship. Her study of the eating habits and activity of urban adolescents (sounds like dangerous work) resulted in a poster presentation. Finally, she also volunteered with the UR WELL Outreach Clinic, which sponsored an annual 5K race.

### Ashley Parks

Ashley is another Sophie Davis grad, but she did her clinical work at SUNY Downstate. Ashley was the recipient of a number of awards, including the Lois Pope Unsung Hero Scholarship Award (Ed. Note: Lois Pope is the widow of National Enquirer founder, Generoso Pope, Jr.). Like Charles Manopla (see above), Ashley volunteered at the William F. Ryan Community Health Center, and participated in two research projects, risk factors of coronary heart disease among the homeless and health insurance coverage among adolescents and young adults. Among Ashley's hobbies is exploring restaurants and food trucks—maybe this will be the basis for a new show called “Diners, Dives, and Drive-Aways”?

### Danielle Platt

Danielle hails from West Bloomfield, MI, the same town as our ex-chief resident, hospitalist, and Chihuahua fan, Stephanie Lichten. Danielle attended Michigan and then the Sackler School of Medicine. While in Israel she was involved in quite a few volunteer activities, including the Bat Melech Religious Women's Crisis Center, Save a Child's Heart, and the Children's Safe House of Giloh, as well as research involving levels of CA125 in BRCA mutation positive patients. Among Danielle's hobbies are hip-hop dance and playing ice hockey—for Motor City fans, sort of Eminem meets Gordie Howe. Danielle presented her research project, “Erectile dysfunction is strongly associated with high risk coronary artery calcification in middle-aged men” at the Sexual Medicine Society of North American annual meeting in San Diego. No comment.

### Hima Raju

Hima has completed a Florida trifecta, doing her undergrad at the University of Florida, her masters at University of South Florida, and her MD at Florida State University. Do you think she will retire in Boca? While at FSU she was the co-chair of Student Government Executive Board annual gala, which is excellent training for the intern's skit at the holiday party. Hima has two publications (under her maiden name, Pius): Sutphin RM, Connelly SF, Lee CM, et al. Anti-leukemic response of a NSAID, tolfenamic acid. *Target Oncol.* 2014 Jun;9(2):135-44, and Sankpal UT, Pius H, Khan M, et al. Environmental factors in causing human cancers: emphasis on tumorigenesis. *Tumour Biol.* 2012 Oct;33(5):1265-74.

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### Lauren Richter

Maybe it's a virus, but Lauren did her undergrad at the University of Florida, then attended the University of Central Florida College of Medicine in Orlando. She experimented living in Boston while obtaining her Masters, but has made the big breakthrough to 10461. Lauren is an *a capella* singer, performing with SONG as an undergrad and Residual Volume in med school. In Orlando, she was a counselor at camp Boggy Creek (see Liyuan Chen, above) and was a hygiene activity instructor for the Teddy Bear Clinic (I guess papa bear hogs the bathroom). Lauren has presented her research about the usefulness of EEG abnormalities for stratifying autistic children without clinical seizures. She has also studied the RGS2 as a direct modulator of LRRK2 activity in patients with Parkinson's disease (huh?).

## Where are the 2014 Graduates?



Tamar Baer: Library cleaning staff, Jacobi Medical Center

Marianne Castillo: Pediatric emergency department at both Jacobi and NCB

Bennett Chan: General pediatrics at Charles B. Wang Community Health Center in Flushing, Queens

Ning Chan: Sick-call request-taker, Jacobi Medical Center

Vargabi Ghei: Neonatology fellowship at Weill Cornell /New York-Presbyterian

Rebecca Gordon: Endocrinology fellowship at Columbia

Ivy Grodman: Private practice, Montefiore Medical Group

Adam Handler: Private practice in Parsippany, New Jersey (<http://www.advocareparsippanypediatrics.com/Our-Professional-Staff.aspx>)

Jenna Hughes: General Preventive Medicine fellowship at Weill Cornell / New York-Presbyterian

Derek Jeter: Unless something changes, retiring on Sunday September 29 (in Boston!)

Erin Kim: Nephrology fellowship at Stanford

Jebhar Patterson: General pediatrics in Florida

Hima Reddy: Private practice in Park Slope, Brooklyn

Cemre Robinson: Endocrinology fellowship at the NIH

Khalil Savary: Pulmonology fellowship at Columbia. Moonlighting on the bowtie service.

Damani Taylor: Clinical Fellow, Department of Hospice and Palliative Medicine at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

## 2014 Year-End Graduation and Awards Ceremony

Henry Barnett Housestaff Teaching Award: Amy Reichlin

Most Valuable Intern: Khyzer Aziz

Good Egg Awards (all-around service to the department): Juan Remon and Carissa Schneider

Infectious Diseases Award: Ebola. Honorable mention to Chikungunya

Housestaff Teaching Awards (voted by the medical students):

PGY-1: Khyzer Aziz, Ramya Natarajan

PGY-2: Carly Alexander, Megan Long

Leo M. Davidoff Society Awards for House Staff Excellence in Teaching: PGY-3's Tamar Baer, Adam Handler, and Erin Kim, as well as outgoing chief residents Natasha Nayak and Sari Toberman

### More Awards

Gary Igel, Chris Phang and Kirsten Roberts were inducted into the Leo M. Davidoff Society, which honors teachers who have made significant contributions to the education of students at the College of Medicine. They join other members of the department who have been inducted previously, including Auxford Burks, Bill Caspe, and Rachel Katz.

### Presentations at the Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting Vancouver, May 2014

Barzideh M, Gershel JC, Rivlin K. The Pediatric Prenatal Visit (PPV): A Health Impact Assessment (HIA).

Duchicela SI, Cunningham SJ. High-Concentration Nitrous Oxide (HC- N<sub>2</sub>O) vs. Standard Care Alone for Procedural-Induced Pain or Anxiety During Minor Pediatric Procedures.

Pertubal MVB, Diamantis PM, Silver EJ, Pina P, Rubin DH, Groisman-Perelstein AE. Are Socio-Demographic Characteristics Associated With Success in an Open Access Family Weight Management Program?

Romo N, Dupont-Reyes M, Fry D, et al: The Effect of Regular Exercise on Exposure to Violence in Inner City Youth.

Strier C, Rivlin K, McCann TA. Experiential Learning of Family Centered Care: the Effect of Resident-Run Family Centered Rounds on Resident Education.

Verma A, Blumberg S. Parental Preference of Metered Dose Inhaler With Spacer (MDIS) vs Nebulizer for Home Albuterol Administration.

Woo-Pierce C, Pratt C, Katz-Sidlow RJ. The "Jacobi Kids" Experience: Millennial Students Gain Empathy by Giving Back.

### For Some Reason It Was Purple Day on the Inpatient Service



## Recent Departmental Publications

Borrell LN, Nguyen EA, Serebrisky D, et al. Childhood obesity and asthma control in the GALA II and SAGE II studies. *Am J Respir Crit Care Med.* 2013 Apr 1;187(7):697-702.

Calderon Y, Chou K, Cowan E, et al. Analysis of HIV testing acceptance and risk factors of an adolescent cohort using emergency department-based multimedia HIV testing and counseling. *Sex Transm Dis.* 2013 Aug;40(8):624-8.

de Mulder M, Wiznia AA, Rosenberg MG, et al. HIV-1 drug resistance prevalence, drug susceptibility and variant characterization in the Jacobi Medical Center paediatric cohort, Bronx, NY, USA. *HIV Med.* 2014 Mar;15(3):135-43.

Drake KA, Torgerson DG, Serebrisky D, et al. A genome-wide association study of bronchodilator response in Latinos implicates rare variants. *J Allergy Clin Immunol.* 2014 Feb;133(2):370-8.

Duchicela S, Lim A. Pediatric nerve blocks: an evidence-based approach. *Pediatr Emerg Med Pract.* 2013 Oct;10:1-19.

Feldman JM, Steinberg D, Serebrisky D, et al. Perception of pulmonary function and asthma control: the differential role of child versus caregiver anxiety and depression. *J Pediatr Psychol.* 2013 Nov;38(10):1091-100.

Galanter JM, Gignoux CR, Torgerson DG, Serebrisky D, et al. Genome-wide association study and admixture mapping identify different asthma-associated loci in Latinos: The Genes-environments & Admixture in Latino Americans study. *J Allergy Clin Immunol.* 2014 Aug;134(2):295-305.

Grant R, Nozyce M. Proposed changes to the American Psychiatric Association diagnostic criteria for autism spectrum disorder: implications for young children and their families. *Matern Child Health J.* 2013 May;17(4):586-92.

Grossman D, Kunkov S, Kaplan C, Crain EF. Calling 911! What role does the pediatrician play? *Pediatr Emerg Care.* 2013 Jun;29(6):726-8.

Jolie A, Pitt B: Now we have to file a joint tax return. *French J of Celeb Marriage* 2014.

Kumar R, Nguyen EA, Serebrisky D, et al. Factors associated with degree of atopy in Latino children in a nationwide pediatric sample: the Genes-environments and Admixture in Latino Asthmatics (GALA II) study. *J Allergy Clin Immunol.* 2013 Oct;132(4):896-905.

Lee LK, Rogers AJ, Blumberg S, et al; (PECARN). Occult Pneumothoraces in Children With Blunt Torso Trauma. *Acad Emerg Med.* 2014 Apr;21(4):440-448.

Nishimura KK, Galanter JM, Serebrisky D, et al. Early-life air pollution and asthma risk in minority children. The GALA II and SAGE II studies. *Am J Respir Crit Care Med.* 2013 Aug 1;188(3):309-18.

Roberts S, Meltzer JA. An evidence-based approach to electrical injuries in children. *Pediatr Emerg Med Pract.* 2013 Sep;10(9):1-16.

Thakur N, Oh SS, Serebrisky D, et al. Socioeconomic status and childhood asthma in urban minority youths. The GALA II and SAGE II studies. *Am J Respir Crit Care Med.* 2013 Nov 15;188(10):1202-9.

## Revised Hematology-Oncology Schedule

As some of you know, Dr. Ken Rivlin is usually on-call 24/7/365. However, for September this was revised.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Dr. Spock	2 Dr. Doolittle	3 Dr. John (the Night Tripper)	4 Dr. Phil	5 Dr. Gregory House	6 Dr. Ruth
7 Dr. McDreamy	8 Dr. Frankenstein	9 Dr. Zhivago	10 Dr. Leonard McCoy	11 Dr. Strangelove	12 Dr. Hugo Hackenbush	13 Dr. No
14 Dr. Insano	15 Dr. Feelgood	16 Dr. Evil	17 Dr. Frank-N-Furter	18 Dr. Trapper John	19 Dr. Emmett Brown	20 Dr. Dre
21 Doc Holliday	22 Dr. Howard	23 Dr. Fine	24 Dr. Howard	25 Dr. Jennifer Melfi	26 Dr. Izzie Stevens	27 Dr. Frasier Crane
28 Dr. Nick Rivera	29 Dr. Cliff Huxtable	30 Dr. JD Dorian				

## Hello and Goodbye

A welcome back to **Noé Romo**, ex-intern, resident, and chief resident, after his two-year journey of self-discovery on the Isle of Manhattan. Noé completed a fellowship Primary Care Clinical Research Fellowship in Community Health in the Division of Child & Adolescent Health at Columbia University, earning an M.S in Epidemiology from The Mailman School of Public Health commencement. In addition, he was selected as the student speaker at Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health. His speech addressed inequities in care, as Noé said, “We must acknowledge and address the role that the roots of a fixed environment, chronic deprivation, and socioeconomic determinants play in the diseases that we so desperately work to prevent and eradicate.”

Noé is instituting the Bronx Stand Up to Violence program. This is Jacobi’s Comprehensive Violence Prevention Initiative that incorporates both community and hospital components. The community element is derived from the “Cure Violence” model, initially implemented in Chicago, and involves a team of community outreach workers and violence interrupters. The goals are to detect violence and intervene by working towards risk reduction and changes in behavior and community norms. The hospital component will consist of a physician, designated social worker, and community hospital worker who will respond to ED patients and inpatients <21 years of age who have been victimized by violent trauma (gun shot wound, stabbing, assault, etc.). The aims are to prevent retaliation, develop a better understanding of the circumstances surrounding the injury, and identify associated risk factors. These patients will subsequently be seen in the designated Pediatric Violent Trauma follow up clinic. The overarching goal of the program is to decrease the incidence and prevalence of violence-related trauma by intervening at the individual level in the hospital and at the community level.

**Aida LiBasci**, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, retired this summer after forty plus years of service with Jacobi Medical Center. Aida worked in the Pediatric Emergency Room Follow Up Office, serving as an inspiration and mentor to numerous Jacobi nursing and medical staff members and students. Aida has seen the Children Health Service evolve and has been an integral part of its development. Over the years Aida has always been willing to go the extra mile for our patients and has always been willing to pitch in and work on new initiatives. Aida will be missed by staff and patients alike.

**Marilyn Ho** retired on May 2, 2014 after 38 years of service to Jacobi Medical Center. While at Jacobi, Marilyn worked in various units and held a number of positions. Most recently, Marilyn was Supervisor/Educator of Nursing for the Pediatric Emergency Department. Marilyn will be missed and we wish her happiness with her retirement. But, her son, Kevin Ho of the LEAN office, will carry on the family tradition at Jacobi.

On August 4, 2014, **Saidah Bowden** RN, BSN joined us as the night shift head nurse for the Pediatric ED at Jacobi. Ms. Bowden comes to Jacobi from Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center, where she was the Nursing supervisor and educator. Ms. Bowden has a variety of pediatric nursing experiences, including PICU, acute inpatient, home care, and long term care. Please welcome Saidah Bowden to Jacobi.



After more than 35 years together, **Irving Zoltan** and **Gary Igel** have closed their practice (= the PRACTICE). Over the last 15 years or so, this was the site for the PGY-2 private practice rotation, where our residents learned how it was done in the real world. For those of you of a certain age, they were the Mezey/Agre/Bomback of the 21st century. Irving is an AECOM grad who did all of his training at Jacobi, including being chief resident (with Dave Wisotsky) in 1977-78. He is retiring, although he is frequently spotted at Chairman’s rounds. Gary is a graduate of the second class from the Sackler School of Medicine and was the first from his



school to train with us, in the famous class of 1984, profiled elsewhere in this issue. Gary has accepted a position with the Montefiore Medical Group at their Astor Avenue office.

## Family Advocacy News

Our Family Advocacy Program (FAP) has been awarded a three-year grant, worth in excess of \$400,00, from the Office of Victims Services. This grant will allow our social worker and one of our psychologists to continue providing individual, group and family therapy services for our patients and their families.

Catherine Guzman, one of the FAP social workers, obtained a grant from The Max and Victoria Dreyfus Foundation. This grant helped to provide for an Art Quilting Therapy Group for our patients (girls and their mothers). They attended a one-day Holiday Quilting group in December and one day session during the summer. They created beautiful ornaments, flowers and other nice crafts.

On June 27, FAP psychologists Drs. Amy Vigliotti and Whitney Maynor, provided a mini workshop for 40 teenagers who have been victimized. The workshop theme was "Find Your Voice." They shared their experiences through poetry, music, and writing.

## Where Are They Now? The 2004 Graduates Ten Years After

Allison Atherley-Ward: Pediatric outpatient practice, Bronx Lebanon Hospital Center

Matt Cohen: Private practice (solo!) in Long Beach, New York (<http://www.matthewcohenmd.com/about.html>)

Melissa Diaz: Private practice, Freehold, New Jersey (<http://pediatrichealthpa.com/meet-us/index2.php#melissa-bonilla>)

Stacie Fokas: Jamaica Hospital's Ambulatory Care Center

Beatrice Goilav: Pediatric nephrology at Children's Hospital at Montefiore ([http://www.montefiore.org/body\\_mobile.cfm?id=1743&action=detail&ref=3544](http://www.montefiore.org/body_mobile.cfm?id=1743&action=detail&ref=3544))

Eric Goldstein: Private practice (solo!) in Rockville Centre, New York (<http://kidcarepeds.com/>)

Derek Jeter: Early retirement, may now have to get married

Jen Lighter: Pediatric infectious diseases, NYU (<http://pediatrics.med.nyu.edu/pedsid/jennifer-lighter>)

Vincent Pinedo: Pediatric practice, Thousand Oaks, California (<http://www.lrpmg.com/48.html>)

Elisheva Poupko: Pediatric emergency, Hollywood, Florida

Vladimir Putin: Crimean Pediatric Group

Christina Salvatore: Pediatric Infectious Disease, Cornell (<http://weillcornell.org/csaltadore>)

Karen Scott: Neonatology, Northern Westchester Hospital Center, Mt. Kisco, New York

Sima Toussi: Pediatric Infectious Disease, Cornell (<http://weillcornell.org/stoussi>)

Nirali Vakil: Pediatric practice, Kaiser Permanente, Los Angeles

Debbie Vasquez: Pediatric practice at the Whitney Young Health Center in Albany, New York

Taryn Weissman: Director of Medical Affairs, Forest Laboratories





## Where Are They Now? The Class of 1984!!!

Ed. Note: This was the last group who trained exclusively at Jacobi, prior to the merger of the East and West campuses. We have tried to confirm all of the information, but some of it is a “best guess.” We apologize for any errors.

Jeff Amer: “[I have] been enjoying the good life as a primary care pediatrician in Syosset ever since graduating the Jacobi program in 1984, initially with a large group, and for the last 13 years, bucking the trend and doing it all alone as a solo practitioner!”

Zvi Avigdor: Private practice, Brooklyn

Brenda Berry: Child psychiatrist, Riverdale Mental Health Association, Riverdale, New York

JoAnn Carson: Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics at the University of Massachusetts in Worcester. Along the way JoAnn earned an MPH. ([http://physicians.umassmemorial.org/directory/profile.asp?dbase=main&setsize=40&display=Y&view=ummc&last=Carson&pict\\_id=1839](http://physicians.umassmemorial.org/directory/profile.asp?dbase=main&setsize=40&display=Y&view=ummc&last=Carson&pict_id=1839))

Anna Fitz-James: Pediatric practice at Northwest Pediatrics in the St. Louis area. Anna also has earned an MPH. (<http://nwpedsmo.com/doctors.php?req=5>)

Gary Igel: As noted elsewhere in this Issue, Gary spent 35 years in private practice with Irv Zoltan on Tenbroeck Avenue in the shadow of HAECOM (= Weiler to a younger generation). Gary is now with the Montefiore Medical Group at their Astor Avenue office.

Margaret Jackson: Pediatric practice, Harlem

Ted Kastner: “For 11 years (1986-98) I was Director for the Center for Human Development at Atlantic Health System (New Jersey). I got an MS in population health from Wisconsin in 1997. In 1998 I started an organization called Developmental Disabilities Health Alliance, Inc. which provides health care services to persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities . . .we are working on the third year of our Health Care Innovation Challenge Award from CMS. One site is located at CERC. I can usually be found on Mondays at Sorrento’s.”

Alma Klein: Private practice in Fresh Meadows, New York...with spouse Andrew Klein

Iris Lesser: “I am still the director of the School-Age Unit at CERC, but am now full-time (Asst. Professor).” (<http://www.einstein.yu.edu/faculty/4689/iris-lesser/>)

Steve Levine: Private practice in Mt. Kisco, New York. Back in the 1900’s, Jeff Gershel, Jamie Hoffman, and Anne Nucci all worked with Steve. (<http://www.westchesterhealth.com/wh/levine>)

David Matar: Private practice, Jerusalem, Israel.

Marion Miller: No information.

Ron Nagel: Pediatric and pediatric endocrinology (double-boarded) at La Peer Pediatrics in Beverly Hills, California. ([http://lapeerpediatrics.com/office\\_doctors.htm](http://lapeerpediatrics.com/office_doctors.htm))

Anne Nucci: “I am currently the Medical Director at the Mount Sinai Adolescent Health Center. I have been at Mount Sinai for almost 12 years. I am adolescent medicine subspecialty trained and certified.” (<http://www.mountsinai.org/profiles/anne-t-nucci>).

Jamie Rosenfeld (Hoffman-Rosenfeld): “I have been doing exclusively Child Abuse Peds for 20 years. I am sub-boarded and have been the Medical Director of the Queens Child Advocacy Center for almost 10 years. I am [also] the Child Abuse consultant for Cohens/NSLIJ.” (<http://find-a-doctor.northshorelij.com/physician/pediatrics/dr-jamie-lyn-hoffman-rosenfeld-md-11316557>)

Nan Salamon: Pediatric practice, Manhattan



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Angela Tangredi: “. . . after years at BLEB and some time at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh (2 as a fellow and 3 as an attending) I have been the director of pediatric emergency at St. Luke's since 2000.” Angela is boarded in Pediatric Emergency Medicine. (<http://www.slremresidency.org/pages/Faculty.html>)

Bruce Trigg: “Mopsy and I moved to Crownpoint, NM in 1983 where we [worked] at a small Indian Health Service hospital for two years . . . I finished my peds residency at the University of NM. Then [spent] 23 years with the NM Department of Health where I was STD Medical Director in Albuquerque for 15 years. [After] I retired I've been working as an addiction doc in Opioid Treatment Programs where I prescribe methadone and buprenorphine. For the past three years I've been doing short-term consulting work on methadone in Cambodia, Vietnam, Indonesia and Myanmar.” <http://www.pnhp.org/states/new-mexico>)

Marc Wager: Private practice with Pediatric Group of New Rochelle. Marc's partners are ex-Jacobi-ites Bill Meyers and Kim Abrams (<http://www.pediatricgroupnewrochelle.com/physicians.html>)

## Joseph Point du Jour (Class of 2015) spent his free elective in Haiti. He tells us about his experiences:

Since the catastrophic earthquake that occurred in Haiti in January 2010, the Committee of Interns and Residents (CIR) has been sending residents to the country as part of an education initiative/volunteer program in collaboration with Project Medishare, a volunteer organization based at the University of Miami School of Medicine. This year, CIR chose 20 scholars to send to Hospital Bernard Mevs in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, to work side-by-side with a team of local medical professionals at the only critical care and trauma hospital in the country.



I used my free elective month in July 2014 to join the team there. My weekly schedule was similar to a typical Jacobi Peds schedule which comprised of various 12-hour shifts in the ED, the adult ICU (my Step 3 knowledge was actually very useful), Med/Surgery floors, Pediatric floors, and NICU/PICU. The hospital is mainly run by a surgical team led by Haitian doctors (General surgery, Orthopedics, ENT and Neurosurgery) with a few Haitian interns and residents that rotate there. Most of the care is provided by volunteers (attending physicians, residents, nurses and medical students) from the U.S. and Canada that come to work throughout the year.

Many of the cases I saw resemble what I usually see at Jacobi (osteogenesis imperfecta, seizure disorders, electrical burn, motor vehicle accidents, gunshot wounds, endocarditis, ALL, fever in a baby, respiratory distress in neonates, DKA) and others are not so common (machete wounds, endocarditis, metastatic breast cancer to the brain, pulmonary and disseminated TB, and given the time period I was there, Chikungunya). I did return without catching Chikungunya myself, but heard that previous volunteers had left the country earlier after contracting the virus.

The challenges, however, were not how to treat the uncommon illnesses, but the lack of resources to treat even the common ones. For instance, a 12 year-old boy who has a history of prosthetic valve placement at Mayo clinic as part of a charity work was admitted to the hospital for presumed endocarditis, but never had a blood culture drawn because there were no blood culture bottles available in the whole country. Thus, he was treated based on his clinical presentation. Another example was when we lost power especially during my shifts in the ICU. We were told the ventilators have a 45-minute back-up battery, which should give enough time until the next generator starts working again. Fortunately, I never had to bag multiple patients at one time due to lack of electricity. Since there were no monitors during those black-outs, we counted the heart rates and the respiratory rates ourselves until power was restored. I was comforted that Jacobi prepared me very well in how to think critically, take charge of my patients, use my history and physical exam skills to make clinical decision, and to be prepared for the worst and plan accordingly. Overall, it was a great learning experience.

## Weddings, Engagements, Babies, Oh My!

Robyn (Epstein) Kreiner (Class of 2013) and Jason Kreiner welcomed Jordyn Brooke on June 18, 2013.

Neha Maniar Malhotra (Class of 2011) had a baby boy Niam Singh Malhotra on Dec 20, 2013.

Michelle Edelman (Class of 2011) and Andrew Tobin welcomed Cameron John Tobin on July 31, 2014.

Vargabi Ghei (Class of 2014) had a baby boy, Jagat Ghei, on July 5, 2014.

Stephanie Lichten (Class of 2005) and Michael Jennings welcomed Elijah Milton on May 24, 2014.

Megan Long (Class of 2015) had a baby girl, Violet Imani Long, on May 10, 2014.

Scott (Class of 2008) and Kristina Miller welcomed Keegan Scott Miller, on April 21, 2014

Rushita Mehta (Class of 2015) had a baby boy, Arun Jay Mehta, on December 5, 2013.

Naomi Cohen (Class of 2015) had a baby girl, Sadie Belle Cohen, born on October 23, 2013.

Hima Raju (Class of 2017) is expecting a baby girl on November 6, 2014!



Natasha Nayak (Class of 2013, former Chiefette) married Mike Francisco on May 24, 2013 in Long Island.



Liz Alexander (nee Thottukadavil, Class of 2015) married Jason Alexander on July 27, 2013 in New Jersey.



Max Halpern (Class of 2016) married Joanna Halpern on March 27, 2014 in Five Towns, New York.

Ning Chan (Class of 2014) got married to Alex Maybury on May 17, 2014 in Beacon, NY. Their wedding was officiated by Adam Handler (Class of 2014)!



Lena Krause (Class of 2016) married to Can Olgun, on May 24, 2014 in Germany

Hima Reddy (Class of 2014) is getting married on August 9, 2014 to Sateesh Prakash. Pictures to come!

Sam Knee (Class of 2015) is about to get married, on August 18, 2014, in Israel. His fiancée's name is Ilana Visotsky.

Lola Babalola (Class of 2015) is engaged to Tim Okito, and they are getting married on October 11, 2014 in New Jersey.

Erin Kim (Class of 2014) is getting married to Derek Kim on May 23, 2015 in Malibu, CA.

Sari Toberman (Class of 2013, former Chiefette) got engaged to Chad Kay in June in a hot air balloon.

Kathleen Perez (Class of 2016) got engaged to Jeffrey Dela Cruz in July in California after he almost forgot to bring the engagement ring!

Irini Batsis (Class of 2015) got engaged to Yanni Hatzaras in July. Wedding to be held on a Greek Island!

## A Few Minutes with Dr. Kishwar Dhingra, Avid Bridge Player and World Traveler. By Tamar Baer

Dr. Dhingra was born in Ambala in India, just prior to the partitioning of India into West Pakistan and East Pakistan (now Bangladesh). When she was a few months old, her family moved to West Pakistan, and then continued the journey, first to Hong Kong and then to Bangladesh. Dr. Dhingra attended a boarding school in Bangladesh which was managed by Catholic Nuns from Louisiana. There she read the entire works of Shakespeare in Olde English!



After high school, Dr. Dhingra attended the Fatima Jinnah Medical College for women in Pakistan, which enrolled 100 women per year into the 5-year program. She continued on, completing her residency at King Edward Medical College (now King Edward Medical University), the oldest medical school in Pakistan. There she did one-year of Internal Medicine, followed by a residency in cardiothoracic surgery. As per Dr. Dhingra, it was much easier for a woman to get into cardiothoracic than orthopedics. Still, she was the only woman among 14 residents. Many of the surgeries she performed were in the setting of rampant tuberculosis in her area, including lobectomies and pulmonary cyst removal. She also performed mitral valvulotomies and PDA ligations.

After three years, Dr. Dhingra moved to Tripoli, Libya. In order to learn Arabic, she took a language course, where she met her husband who was working for the United Nations. They married in Turkey and then moved to Yemen, where she worked as a physician for the UN staff, doing primary care. From there they moved to Kabul, where Dr. Dhingra started to focus more on pediatrics. She completed further training in London and later moved to Laos with her husband and two sons. Subsequently, they decided it was time to move again, this time to Chicago, and then finally to New York. She completed a three-year pediatric residency at the Brooklyn Hospital Center. When asked if it was difficult to go back to residency after going through so much prior training, she said no, she was just excited to be doing it.

Dr. Dhingra has been working at Jacobi for the past 22 years, and on the day she interviewed here she was accompanied by one of her sons! She now has two grandsons whom she sees frequently throughout the week. She usually spends her Sundays cooking, preparing for the week ahead. She is a voracious reader and likes all the bestsellers. Among her favorite novels are *Gone with the Wind* by Margaret Mitchell and *The Good Earth* by Pearl S. Buck.

## Grant News

Ken Rivlin informs us that Jacobi will represent New York State as part of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) 2014 Sickle Cell Disease Treatment Demonstration Program. "We will be working closely with the NY Chapter of SCDA. Our Northeast Regional collaborators include the Johns Hopkins Medical Center, the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, and our region's State Title V Maternal and Child Health Programs. The goal of the grant is to improve the care of individuals affected by sickle cell disease." The award is for \$90,000/year for three years/



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