

# PM&R ALUMNI UPDATE

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## VCU PM&R Department Updates

### Cifu Elected AAPM&R

#### Treasurer:

**Dr. David Cifu**, professor and Chairman of PM&R has been elected to the position of Treasurer on the AAPM&R Board of Governor's for 2003. For the past 3 years, Dr. Cifu has served as a Member-at-Large in the Academy.

### Kreutzer Receives Award:

Congratulations to **Jeffrey Kreutzer, PhD** on being chosen to receive the **2003 Roger Barker Award** from the APA. This award recognizes Dr. Kreutzer for his outstanding lifelong contribution to rehabilitation psychology.

### Division of Pediatric

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### PM&R:

The **Division of Pediatric PM&R** was established within Dept PM&R in partnership with the Children's Hosp of Richmond. This unique Division brings together faculty from the VCU Depts of PM&R, Pediatrics, Neurology, Neurosurgery, BioMedical Engineering and Orthopedics, and creates the nucleus for future NICHD/NIH grants, collaborative educational opportunities, and state-of-the-art clinical care for children with disabilities.

### PM&R/Peds Residency:

The Department (under the leadership of the newly formed Division of Pediatric PM&R) is one of only 5 PM&R departments in the country with a **combined PM&R and Pediatrics residency training program**.

### SCI/TBI Model Systems:

Since 2002, the VCU PM&R Dept has been one of the only PM&R depts in the country with federal designation and grant funding for the NIDRR (National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research) as Model Systems of Rehabilitation Care for Individuals with Spinal Cord and Traumatic Brain Injury.

### Pain Medicine Fellowships:

In 2001, the Department established the first **PM&R Pain Medicine Fellowship** training program in the country and, in collaboration with the McGuire VAMC and Sheltering Arms Rehab Hosp currently has 3 fellows for 2003.

### Rehab Institute to Form:

The Dept of PM&R is formulating plans to unveil **The Rehabilitation Institute of Virginia (RIVA)**, a major interdisciplinary institute, that will promote and establish VCU as a pre-eminent leader in PM&R research. RIVA will consolidate more than \$6 million in existing rehabilitation-related research grants and aim for more than \$10 million in research support in 3 years.

### VCU Awarded Commonwealth Neurotrauma Initiative Grant:

The Dept of PM&R, in collaboration with researchers from African American Studies and The Survey and Evaluation Research Lab at VCU, has received an exciting grant from the Virginia Commonwealth Neurotrauma Initiative (CNI) which will improve the range and quality of services available to SCI patients and their families. The project involves a statewide needs assessment of Virginians with traumatic SCI to identify their current met and unmet needs. The principle investigators for this project are Drs. **Michelle Meade, Njeri Jackson and Kirsten Barrett**.

**FACULTY/RESIDENTS PRESENT AT NATIONAL MEETINGS**

**AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PM&R (Chicago, Oct. 9-12, 2003)**

"Determining Nutritional Needs in a Child in Persistent Vegetative State" (**Enders, Monasterio**)

"Work Related Low Back Injury: Analysis". (**Enders, Walker**)

"Outcomes of Surgical vs non-surgical Following Acute SCI" (**Barnard, McKinley, Meade**)

"Outcomes of a day feeding program in children with CP" (**Irwin, Monasterio, Meade**)

"Occupational categories and RTW after TBI" (**Orr, Walker, Marwitz, Kreutzer**)

"Effect of Medical Complications on Return to Work After SCI" (**McKinley, Hess, Bridges**)

"Rehab Outcome of 2 Patients with Neurological Complications from West Nile Virus" (**DeMordaunt, Bridges, McKinley**)

**American Psychological Assoc. (August, 2003)**

"Productivity After SCI: Characteristics and Quality of Life of Homemakers", (**Meade, Brooke, Hess, Kreutzer**)

**Rehabilitation Psychology (Tucson, April, 2003)**

"Psychological well-being and Intensity of Employment Following SCI". (**Meade, Forchheimer, Tate, Hess**)

"Personality Assessment Scores in Individuals with SCI". (**Hess, Jehl**)

**APS MEETING (LAS VEGAS, Sept. 2-4, 2003)**

"Racial Disparities and SCI: Examining Medical Procedures, Complications and Outcomes". (**Meade, Cifu, Seel, McKinley, Kreutzer**)

"Assistive Technology and Computer Accommodations in SCI" (**Tewksbury, McKinley**)

**PM&R FACULTY UPDATES**

**David Hess, PhD** has recently received an American Cancer Society Institutional Research Grant to study apathy and depression in brain tumor patients. Dr. Hess was also recently selected as Panel Chair for an NIDRR Field-Initiated Grant and an invited reviewer for the PVA Clinical Practice Guidelines

**Li Li, MD** has joined the VCU Dept of PM&R. She will primarily provide services at the McGuire VAMC, where she will focus on her electrodiagnostic, musculoskeletal, and prosthetics expertise. Dr. Li will also serve as Rehabilitation consultant at the Cumberland Hospital for Children and Adolescents.

**Jan Niemeier, PhD** recently passed her board examinations in Rehabilitation Psychology (RP). Dr. Niemeier presented a workshop at the VCU Annual TBI Rehab Conf. on "Acute Neurobehavioral Intervention". She is also Project Director for the new NIDRR TBI Models System Grant Acute Neurobehavioral and Cognitive Intervention Program Project and Symposium Chair for the upcoming APA Convention in Toronto presenting with Drs. **Ron Seel** and **Richard Kennedy**.

**Jay Neufeld, MSPH, MD** recently accepted a 2-year appointment to the RMA's Residency Review Committee for PM&R.

**William McKinley, MD** recently received a VCU research recognition Award for 2003. Dr. McKinley will serve as moderator for SCI scientific paper pres. at AAPM&R.

Drs. **Dan Slater** and **Michelle Meade** have co-founded the **Virginia Adaptive Recreation and Resource Center (VARRC)** with the belief that recreation should empower individuals of all abilities to achieve greater independence, to contribute to their communities, and to improve the quality of their lives. To this end, **VARRC** proposes to:

1. Educate the community at large about the importance & availability of accessible recreation in their community.
2. Serve as a liaison between existing recreation programs and potential users, by organizing activities and disseminating information.
3. Create communities inclusive of those with varying abilities.

**VCU DEPT OF PM&R CONFERENCE UPDATE**

The 27th annual **Williamsburg Brain Injury Conference** was held June 6-8, 2003, co-sponsored by VCU Department of PM&R and TBI model system. **Dr Jeff Kreutzer** served as course facilitator.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> bi-annual **Prosthetic/Orthotic Symposium** was held at VCU in March. This conference serves as an educational experience for PM&R and orthopedic residents and faculty.

VCU/MCVH will host its 12th annual **SCI Symposium**, Sept 28-29 in Virginia Beach and will feature keynote speakers Stan Ducharme and Billy Perkins. For more info please contact conf manager Brenda Kitchen at 804-828-0861.

**2002-03 PM&R ANNUAL AWARDS**

Several annual dept awards were conferred at the PM&R Resident Graduation Dinner in June, including:

"*H.J. Flax Resident Academic Leadership Award*" - **Dan Slater, MD**

"*Resident Clinician Award*" - **Lisa Enders, MD**

"*Faculty Teaching Excellence Award*" - **Jeffery Ericksen, MD**

"*Chairman's Initiative Award*" - **Wade Broussard & David Drake MD**

"*Friends of the Dept Award*" - **Brian McMahon, PhD**

## Alumni In The News!!!

**Brian Greenwald** and wife Cheryl welcomed Molly Emma to the Greenwald family on 1/16.

**Darryl Kaelin** (95) is enjoying coaching his children to the city basketball championship along with doing lecture tours, Aventis, Pfizer, Caphalon and Allergan.

**Dallin DeMordaunt** (05) - Congrats to Dr. D and Claudia on the birth of their son Jacob Dallin, 4/03.

**Andrew Hou** (06) - Congrats on new baby.

**Todd Rowland** - Congrats on arrival of daughter, Elyse (6/03)

**Herb Park** - Get Well Soon!

### Dr Policoff, First PM&R Resident, Remembered:

(Thanks to the effort of PM&R Emeritus Prof, Herb Park MD, we have recently reunited with the Dept's first PM&R resident alumnus.)

**Leonard D. Policoff, MD** graduated AOA from MCV in 1942. Following Internship and active duty in WWII (Army Major), he trained in Int Med then PM&R. In 1954, Dr. Policoff became the first PM&R resident to graduate from the MCV/VCU Dept PM&R. (Dr. Park served as his Chairman.)

Dr. Policoff went on to a distinguished career in academic PM&R. He was Prof and PM&R Chairman of Albany Med Coll (1955-7), Prof and Chair of Temple Univ & Med Dir of Moss Rehab Hosp (1967-71). He served as President of the Amer Congress of Rehab Medicine (1971-2) and Chair of Rehab Med at Princeton Univ (1971-8). He then went on to serve in clinical and admin positions in northern Cal (1978-92) until his retirement., including Clin Prof PM&R at Univ of Cal Davis. He is presently living in Berkley, Cal. Dr. Policoff was pleased to hear from his Dept sends his warmest regards to his PM&R "family".

### 2003 PM&R RESIDENT GRADS



**Congratulations to  
our VCU PM&R  
resident grads who  
will begin their new  
careers:**

**Jake Brokaw, MD** - Pain Fellowship,  
Dartmouth SOM

**Matt Gibellato, MD** - Michianna Sports,  
Spine and Occupational Rehab (St. Joseph's,  
Michigan)

**Chris Godbout, MD** - Medical Director  
NASH Pain Clinic (Rocky Mount, NC)

**Dan Slater, MD** - Medical Director, Virginia  
NeuroCare (Charlottesville, VA)

**Rob Walker, MD**

### PM&R FELLOWSHIPS FILL FOR 2003-04

**PAIN FELLOW:** David Berkower

**PAIN FELLOW:** Antonio Quidgley-Nevaras

**PAIN FELLOW:** Craig Neleson

**PARKINSON'S FELLOW:** Abu Qutubuddin

**SCI FELLOW:** Kamalendra Mondal

**TBI FELLOW:** Daniel Slater

### PM&R ALUMNI GET PUBLISHED!

(Recent publications by VCU PM&R alumni)

- ◆ **Greenwald B, Burnett D, Miller M.** "Brain Injury: Epidemiology and Pathophysiology." Arch PM&R 84:S3, 2003
- ◆ **Burnett D, Greenwald B.** "Brain Injury Rehabilitation: Medical Management." Arch PM&R 84:S8, 2003
- ◆ **Miller M, Burnett D.** "Rehabilitation Interventions: Cognitive, Behavioral, and Community Reentry." Arch PM&R 84:S12, 2003
- ◆ **Miller M, et al.** "Outcomes After Acquired Brain Injury." Arch PM&R 84:S23, 2003
- ◆ **Tran T, et al.** "2003 SAE-P: Congenital and Acquired Brain Injury." Arch PM&R 84:S28, 2003
- ◆ **Ericksen J.** "New Frontiers in Pain Management: Complementary Techniques." Arch PM&R 84:S45, 2003
- ◆ **Ericksen J, et al.** "Medications in Pain Management." Arch PM&R 84:S50, 2003
- ◆ **Ericksen J.** "Disease-Specific Issues in Chronic Pain." Arch PM&R 84:S57, 2003
- ◆ **McKinley W, Cifu D, Seel R, et al.** "Age-related outcomes in persons with SCI." NeuroRehabilitation, 18(1), 83-90, 2003
- ◆ **Niemeier J.** "Cultural Competence in the Rehabilitation Setting." Arch PM&R

## RESIDENTS' CORNER

### FACULTY REGAIN "CHALLENGE CUP"

Congratulations to the PM&R Faculty for successfully regaining the "PM&R Sports Challenge Cup" in a closely contested Darts Contest led by Jeff "needle jockey" Ericksen and Bill "Bullseye" Walker. Stay tuned for next year's challenge...

### LISA ENDERS PM&R CHIEF RESIDENT 2003-04

VCU/MCV Dept. PM&R is excited to announce **Lisa Enders, MD** as PM&R Chief Resident for the upcoming year. Dr. Enders received her MD (2000) from Virginia Commonwealth University. She brings to this position a solid history of clinical, academic, interpersonal and research skills. Congratulations Lisa! (PS our sincere thanks to **Dan Slater, MD** for his exceptional efforts as Chief Resident 2002-03. Thanks Dan!)

### VCU DEPT PM&R WELCOMES NEW PGY-2 RESIDENTS (CLASS OF 2006)

**SHIMUL BANSAL**, (NORTHEAST OHIO)

**JEREMY BECKWORTH**, (LOMA LINDA)

**ANDREW HOU**, (VCU)

**SHANE MCNAMEE**, (MED COLL OF OHIO)

**BENJAMIN SEEMAN**, (DES MOINES UNIV)

**KATIA SANTOS**, (UNIV OF LOUISVILLE)

### PM&R MATCHES CLASS OF 2007 (TO BEGIN 7/2004)

ZACHARY HAUSER (UNC)

CHRIS MERRELL (OSU)

REBECCA MUMPOWER (VCU)

RAJ SUREJA (VCU)

COLIN WOZENCRAFT (VCU)

Congratulations, **Dallin DeMordaunt** who has taken over regional managing editor for Rehab in Review a Harvard-based monthly newsletter which summarizes PM&R-relevant articles found in a variety of journals. Each month, VCU submits 5 articles to Rehab in Review for possible publication.

### UPDATE US !!!

Please take a moment to tell us noteworthy news about you, your job, and/or your family, new practice opportunities, certifications, grants, presentations, papers, relocation, travel, etc.). Send updates to Dr. Wm. McKinley, MCV/PM&R, Box 980661, Richmond, VA 23298-0661 FAX# (804) 828-5074 E-MAIL [wmckinle@hsc.vcu.edu](mailto:wmckinle@hsc.vcu.edu)

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