Faculty and Student Accomplishments 2013*

Michael Golberg, MD, Associate Dean for Education and Chair of the Department of Anesthesiology, was part of a team of researchers who have identified a biomarker that may predict the effect of ketamine in treatment of patients with bipolar depression. This important research was presented at the American Society of Anesthesiologists 2013 Annual Meeting.

Robert T. Brown, MD, Professor of Pediatrics, was selected as the 2014 Adele Hofmann Visiting Professor in Adolescent Medicine and Health by the Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine (SAHM). In addition, Dr. Brown presented at national and international professional meetings, including: The 10th World Congress on Adolescent Health in Istanbul, Turkey, where he was a member of the Scientific Organizing Committee and presented "Young Men's Responsibility in Reproductive Health"; and at the National Conference & Exhibition of the American Academy of Pediatrics, where he presented talks on "Consent & Confidentiality in Adolescent Health Care" and "The Tired Adolescent."

Imoh Ikpot, medical student, was awarded the 2013 Medical Student Rotation Award by the Conquer Cancer Foundation.

Warren Heymann, MD, Professor of Medicine, was named 2013 Dermatologist of the Year by the Pennsylvania Academy of Dermatology and Dermatologic Surgery.

Jeffrey Brenner, MD, a member of the clinical faculty at CMSRU, was named a MacArthur Fellow by the James D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.

CMSRU Dean Paul Katz, MD, was named "Who's Who in Healthcare" by South Jersey Biz. The publication published its’ first-ever list of the most influential names in local medicine. Also on the list were; John Sheridan, President and CEO of The Cooper Health System; Dr. Adrienne Kirby, CEO of Cooper University Health Care; and Dr. Michael Christman, President and CEO of CMSRU affiliate Coriell Institute for Medical Research.

Marc J. Laufgraben, MD, Associate Professor of Medicine at CMSRU and Head of the Division of Endocrinology at Cooper, co-authored the recently released Tarascon Adult Endocrinology Pocketbook.

A Letter to the Editor by James B. Alexander, MD, Associate Professor of Surgery, Vijay Rajput, MD, Assistant Dean for Curriculum Phase II, and Dean Paul Katz, MD, was published in the June 2013 edition of Academic Medicine, discussing CMSRU’s mission to create a culture of respect, and note specific strategies the school is employing to achieve that mission.

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The Cochrane Collaboration published a systemic review on the use of pulmonary artery catheters (PAC) in adult ICU patients by a team that included several experts from Cooper. Authors include: S. Sujanthy Rajaram, MD, MPH, Associate Professor of Medicine; Cooper resident Nayan K. Desai, MD; former Cooper residents Ankur Kalra, MD, and Mithil Gajera, MD; and CMSRU medical librarian Susan K. Cavanaugh.

Andrés J. Pumariega, MD, Professor of Psychiatry and Chair of the Department of Psychiatry, was lead author of "Practice Parameters for Cultural Competence in Child Psychiatric Practice," which was accepted by the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP). Rama Rao Gogineni, MD, Associate Professor of Psychiatry, was a co-author.

John F. McGeehan, MD, Associate Dean for Student Affairs and Admissions, was lead author on “A community continuity programme: volunteer faculty mentors and continuity learning," a paper published in the British medical education journal The Clinical Teacher.

Paul Katz, MD, CMSRU Dean, led two breakout sessions at the annual AAMC Council of Deans meeting in Scottsdale, AZ.

Thomas P. Drake, MD, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, authored a chapter in the recently released medical book Pediatric Neurocritical Care. The chapter is entitled "Rehabilitation: Indications, Management, and Timing."

Michael E. Goldberg, MD, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Cooper's Chief of Anesthesiology, and Muhammad Muntazar, MD, Associate Professor of Anesthesia and Head of the Division of Cardiothoracic Anesthesia at Cooper, published a Case Study in the March 2013 issue of Anesthesiology News.

Pediatric resident Merrian Brooks, MD, was one of seven nationwide residents selected to be a New Century Scholar by the Academic Pediatric Association.


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CMSRU students Gita Byraiah, Micheal Coletta, Lena Fan, Gururaj Shan, Erica Schramm, Kathryn Gussman, and Joshua Weinstock attended the 2nd Annual Philadelphia Emergency Medicine Medical Student Symposium at Temple University where they took first place in the Clinical Case Simulation Competition.

Stephen W. Trzeciak, MD, MPH, Associate Professor of Medicine and Emergency Medicine, was the recipient of a $2.4 million grant from the National Institutes of Health for a Research Project Grant (R01) to study neurological and cognitive effects of hyperoxia after cardiac arrest.

Saifudden T. Mama, MD, Assistant Professor of OB/GYN, participated in a roundtable discussion 2013 Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics Faculty Development Seminar entitled "Lessons from Abroad: Shared Learning in Three African Countries”.

Drs. Brian W. Roberts, Jessica Mitchell, J. Hope Kilgannon, Michael E. Chansky and Stephen Trzeciak from the Department of Emergency Medicine and the Division of Critical Care Medicine, Department of Medicine on published the lead article in the March 2013 issue of SHOCK entitled "Nitric Oxide Donor Agents for the Treatment of Ischemia/Reperfusion Injury in Human Subjects: A Systemic Review."