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ON THE COVER:
Director of the College of Human Medicine’s Cardiology Division George Abela, M.D., is gaining international attention for his research with cholesterol crystals. Abela’s work demonstrates, for the first time, that cholesterol crystals play a role in cardiac attacks. See story on page 2.
Welcome to our Spring/Summer issue of MD Magazine. I am pleased to report that the College of Human Medicine is making great strides on our expansion. We just received formal notification that we are accredited by the LCME as part of the seven-year accreditation cycle, specifically for our first expansion to 156 students per year and the addition of our seventh community campus in Traverse City. The notification letter was highly complimentary of the implementation of a curriculum across all campuses.

In this issue of MD Magazine, we showcase the research of Dr. George Abela, whose novel work with cholesterol crystals is challenging medicine’s accepted understanding of heart attacks and strokes. At press time, Dr. Abela’s paper on cholesterol crystals and cardiac damage had just been published in the American Journal of Cardiology. Dr. Abela’s research shows, for the first time, that cholesterol crystals play a role in cardiac attacks.

Also in this issue, we announce several faculty and staff appointments, including Kevin McMahon, executive dean for East Lansing and Rosemary Martino, executive dean for Grand Rapids. We also welcome Dr. Marc Basson who has been appointed chair of the College of Human Medicine Department of Surgery.

On the construction front, we celebrated another milestone for our new medical education building, the Secchia Center, when the last piece of structural steel was hoisted at our Topping Off Ceremony in October. Construction continues to be on schedule and on budget, with the opening planned for next summer, 2010. Our recent walk-through revealed construction of the highest quality and vibrant spaces in which we envision our students and faculty. In the center spread of our magazine, you will find a pull-out brochure of the Secchia Center. I invite you to take a glimpse of what’s ahead for our students and our college. It’s a very exciting time for our college. We look forward to sharing our accomplishments with you.

Marsha D. Rappley, M.D. (CHM ’84)
Dean, Michigan State University College of Human Medicine
Abela’s Crystals

The Changing Face of Cardiology

By Jason Cody

Dr. Abela’s research shows that crystallization of cholesterol is a significant factor in heart disease.

“When Michigan State University has given me a tremendous opportunity to help transform how we think about cardiac attacks and how to prevent them,” Abela said. “It has been a long struggle to present this research to the medical community.”

Abela’s novel work with cholesterol crystals, and the damage they can do the heart, will come to fruition this spring when a paper is published in the American Journal of Cardiology. That research shows, for the first time, that cholesterol crystals play a role in cardiac attacks.

Abela began working with the concept of cholesterol crystals in 2001, and getting the medical community to accept his research has been an uphill battle.

“Any time there is something completely new or unique in medical research, it is met with healthy skepticism,” he said. “But we have found something that can help dramatically change how we treat heart disease.”

Path to MSU

Abela, born in the Lebanese city of Tripoli, attended high school at the American Community School in Beirut, a school

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A year ago, the College of Human Medicine attracted Barbara Luke, Sc.D., M.P.H., one of the most important voices in the field of multiple births and fertility research.

“I came to Michigan State University because this is the environment where I can do the work that I want to do and the work that I’m good at,” Luke said.

Luke is a professor in the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Biology and is a leader in her field. Luke has published more than 50 research papers and more than 100 scientific abstracts concerning multiple births and infertility. She’s also a regular guest on national media programs, such as “Good Morning America.”

“Part of the responsibility as a scientist is to translate the information for the people to make it more effective,” she said. “My philosophy is that you’ve got to take it to the streets as well.”

New York to Michigan

After graduating from Columbia University with a bachelor’s degree in nursing, Luke began her career as a visiting nurse in some of the poorest areas of New York, working with patients who had chronic diseases and were at the end of their lives.

“As a 20-year-old fresh out of school, that was actually very discouraging,” she said. “I was at a crossroads. I wanted to go back and do something more preventative or get out of health care completely.”

Luke went on to pursue a master’s degree in Foods & Nutrition from New York University and founded a clinic in New York, where she studied the effects of maternal nutrition on fetal growth.

“It seemed to me to be the ultimate preventative medicine,” she said. “Even if a person was poor, but they ate well and gained a good amount of weight and took care of themselves, they could have a perfectly healthy baby.”
Luke took time off to support her family and raise her son, and when she returned to graduate school, she started researching the relationship between a mother’s health and fetal growth as it relates to multiple births, a topic that, up to that point, lacked research. She earned her doctoral degree from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland.

Luke wrote her dissertation on the ideal twin pregnancy, which she associated with seven to eight pound twins who are released from the hospital one-to-two days after birth.

Luke then co-founded the University Consortium on Multiple Births, a collaboration among four universities that pooled data on multiple births and furthered research efforts related to multiple births.

“One of the most important things we did was look at the pattern and amount of weight gain and how it affects birth weight,” Luke said about her work with multiples. “There are two big problems with multiple births. They’re born too early and their growth is restricted. Those two factors are strongly associated with the risk of dying.”

As a result of this research, Luke and her colleagues turned out a series of groundbreaking papers that resulted in several new guidelines. The guidelines helped doctors create weight gain recommendations based on a mother’s pre-pregnancy weight. They also changed the optimal gestation standard for twins from 39-40 weeks to 37-39 weeks.

“One of the most important things is to take all of that science and publish it for parents that are expecting,” Luke said. Luke is currently working on the third edition of “When You’re Expecting Twins, Triplets or Quads,” a book she first published in 1999.

Keeping a Full Plate


Luke works with the Society for Assisted Reproductive Technology (SART), which is a national data center for all U.S.-based infertility clinics. Some mothers carrying multiples lose at least one of the children early on. Luke is using very early ultrasounds to determine the long-term effect of these losses on the mother and the children.

Last year, Luke presented five papers related to infertility treatment and plans to present several more this year. She is also linking the SART data with work that’s being done in Michigan regarding maternal health.

Luke just wrapped up work on two National Institutes of Health grants. One grant addresses the impact new technologies have on infant death prevention. The other examines the impact of the upward tick in the average age of mothers carrying multiples.

Luke also has at least three more grants in the works. “We’re always working on grant applications,” she said.


For more information about Luke and her work, visit www.drbarbaraluke.com.

“Every Mother’s Day and Christmas I get many cards and letters...It’s amazingly rewarding.”
The College of Human Medicine celebrated a construction milestone Oct. 29, 2008, with the Topping Off of the Secchia Center medical education building in Grand Rapids.

Nearly 200 past, present and future Secchia Center construction workers watched as the last beam was hoisted. An American flag, an evergreen tree, which symbolizes good luck and prosperity, and an MSU flag representing the spirit of the project stood atop the beam.

“The Secchia Center is more than a construction project. You are part of a team

Secchia Center construction workers enjoyed a picnic luncheon and each received a College of Human Medicine Spartan cap from Dr. Rappley at the Topping Off ceremony.
that is working towards something that is
greater than us all,” said College of Human
Medicine Dean Marsha D. Rappley, M.D.
“This state-of-the-art medical education
building will house a community of learners
– tomorrow’s physicians and scientists. You
can be proud to be part of this great health
science evolution in our city.”

Following the Topping Off ceremony,
The Christman Company and students and
staff held a celebratory picnic luncheon for
the dozens of trade workers who helped
the college reach its milestone safely, with
more than 65,000 hours logged since May
2008. Dean Rappley presented each worker
with a special College of Human Medicine
Spartan cap.

The event also welcomed the next wave
of project workers – the building trades who
will work on the project through to its comple-
tion, from the installation of the building’s
exterior skin to its interior finishes.
The College of Human Medicine Secchia
Center is on budget and on schedule for
completion summer 2010.

College of Human Medicine Dean
Marsha D. Rappley, M.D., explains how the
new Secchia Center will contribute to the
future of medicine.
“Some of the projects are very funny and some of them bring you to tears.”
—Janet Osuch, M.D.

Taking a stroll through the Student Learning Center in the Radiology Building at the end of fall semester was more like walking through an art fair than a medical school. Faux feather eyelashes, sculptures, Legos, board games, photographs and mirrors brightened up the traditional meeting place.

The end of the semester marks the moment when first-year students have to make a little room for their right brain so they can creatively demonstrate what it means to be a doctor. The students do this by creating Introduction to the Patient-Physician Relationship (IPPR) projects that speak, or in some cases, sing, to the patient-doctor relationship.

“Some of the projects are very funny and some of them bring you to tears,” said Assistant Dean of the Preclinical Curriculum and IPPR Course Coordinator Janet Osuch, M.D. (CHM ’79).
During the IPPR course, students learn to differentiate disease from illness, respect confidentiality, communicate with patients, cope with challenges pertaining to patient care and become aware of their own cultural beliefs.

Some students focus on overcoming cultural barriers, while others turn the mirror on themselves, displaying the life situations that will impact their professional life.

“We’re trying to get them to put their whole self into it,” Osuch said. “Medical school is primarily a left-brain experience, but when you’re a doctor, you need to put your whole being into the experience.”

A Watchful Eye

First-year student Jenny Lee used her project to look at herself, her world and the impact it all has on medicine. Lee was the mastermind behind two Frisbee-sized foam eyeballs adorned with multi-colored feathered lashes and photographs.

“Eyes appeal to me because I want to be an ophthalmologist,” she said. “They’re also the window to the soul and reflect who I want to be as a physician.”

Lee’s eyes focused on the integration of both Eastern and Western medicine as well as the cultural differences physicians must overcome when caring for a diverse population.

Lee’s mother is Chinese and believes in medical treatments that are steeped in Eastern culture, but not recognized in Western medicine. For example, Lee’s mother exposed Lee to “cupping” when she was a child, placing suction cups on Lee’s body to relieve her flu symptoms.

“It taught me to be more respectful and more understanding of where my patients are coming from,” Lee said about her IPPR coursework.

Beyond Borders

Several years ago, Jonathan Vander Slik, also a first-year student, took a mission trip to Mokono, Uganda, where he worked with local clinics and taught health education in local schools.

While Vander Slik certainly noted cultural challenges related to administering care in Uganda, his presentation, which included a photo collage of his Mokono experience, focused on access to care, education and the stark difference between both from village to village.

“This trip reinforced within me the need for competent, knowledgeable medical care internationally, as well as here in the U.S.,” Vander Slik said.

Building a Foundation

The Introduction to the Patient-Physician Relationship (IPPR) program is designed to build a foundation from which future physicians can relate to their patients. The methods students use to express this relationship are fascinating because they speak to how the student will handle professional challenges.

First-year student Lee Heeringa created a Lego medical facility in which the doctor literally had to change hats throughout the day to meet his patient’s needs.

“I figured it would be a good visual for the differences you need, or the changing faces you need, to create a more comfortable interaction with the patient,” he said.

Heeringa’s project demonstrates that he has the ability for out-of-the box thinking, a quality that bodes well when caring for a diverse population.

First-year student Michael Moffat expressed himself through song, composing and performing a piece based on “The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down,” a book about cultural differences between a physician and patient that IPPR students are required to read as part of their coursework.

Osuch said Moffat’s song was an accurate description of how the physician had to work through the pain of losing a patient due to a cultural impasse in treatment.

Students who shy away from artistic expression are allowed to write an essay verbalizing what others choose to put in scrapbooks, mobiles or Lego dioramas.

“Some students don’t feel they have a creative side,” Osuch says. “They do, of course, but they don’t all know it.”

(Above) Assistant Dean of the Preclinical Curriculum and IPPR Course Coordinator Janet Osuch, M.D., watches as students explain their projects. (Right) First-year student Michael Moffat expresses himself through song.
Student Research Center Opens in East Lansing

By Heather Picotte

The Bruce E. Walker Student Research Center is now open to all College of Human Medicine students for research-related activities. The Walker Center offers two computer stations with research software, study and meeting space, Webcams, Breeze and Skype.

The Walker Center was made possible through a generous donation by Lois Walker, in memory of her husband’s long and distinguished career as a faculty member and research scientist at the college. Her hope is that the center will honor Bruce E. Walker, M.D., Ph.D., by providing a place and resources for medical students to build the research skills, experience and professionalism that he prized and endeavored to teach.

The center is located at A210 East Fee Hall across from the CHM Office of Research. Center hours run Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and by special arrangement. Meeting and event reservations are also available. Please contact Maureen Cullen in the Office of Research at cullenm@msu.edu.

For more information on the center, visit: http://research.chm.msu.edu/walker-centerinfo.html.
Students at the College of Human Medicine’s Flint campus give a new meaning to the idea of “see one, do one, teach one,” offering their services to young women who have an interest in medicine through engineering.

In an effort to show these young women how engineering can be incorporated in medicine, eight MSU students sat down with roughly 40 students from Kettering University to help them with suture techniques. The third-year College of Human Medicine students participated in Kettering University’s annual two-week camp for 11th-grade girls. The Lives Improve Through Engineering (LITE) program introduces the young women to the engineering profession by hosting a series of workshops that demonstrate how engineering can be applied to other professions. The College of Human Medicine’s suturing workshop was a first for Kettering University.

“It was a good experience for us, because we were teaching something and we were also learning, so it helped with our learning process as well,” said third-year College of Human Medicine student Viola Hysa.

Kenneth Yokosawa, M.D., Family Medicine Clerkship director at Genesys Regional Medical Center, led the LITE group while the College of Human Medicine students assisted the LITE attendees.

Yokosawa first introduced the students to knot tying techniques, which utilizes a knot board. Once the students were confident with this method, Yokosawa led them through the steps for determining a “safe zone” for passing sharps and demonstrated how to properly utilize needle drivers, scalpel and needle and suture.

“For me, it was more of a confirmation that I am really doing what I want to and love to do,” said third-year College of Human Medicine student Ifeoma Ugonabo about her experience.

The culmination of this learning experience is reached when students perfect their skills on a pig’s foot by stitching a pre-made laceration.

“The pig’s skin most closely resembles human skin in texture and layers, thus being a more natural teaching surface in which students and residents can learn,” Yokosawa said.

The Kettering LITE students thoroughly enjoyed the workshop, but so did the College of Human Medicine students.

“The suture workshop was lots of fun,” said third-year College of Human Medicine student Brian Allen. “I thought that I was really able to learn how to suture by teaching.”

Third-year student Sharon Chan said she felt like she was helping shape the future of younger students.

“It was a nice opportunity to be able to interact with kids of that age, from all over the country, in the stage of life when they are attempting to figure out their career goals, and to participate in a community service event in which I feel we were able to make a difference,” she said.

LITE participants watch as College of Human Medicine and Kettering University students demonstrate suture techniques.
Grand Rapids parents with sick children are accustomed to getting special treatment from College of Human Medicine students at the Grand Rapids campus. Second, third and fourth-year medical students who participate in the Pediatric interest group read to their children, make meals for their families and raise money to support families in need.

We identify a family who may be struggling...and donate the money we raise....

Grand Rapids Pediatric
Students reach out with Stories, Crafts, Cards and Cooking

Cooking in the kitchen, left to right: Sanjeet Rangarajan, Nick Aloisio, Kristy Pahl, Maysee Salleva, Angela Lai, Amiiee Tow, Amber Loyson and Peter Freswick.

which is organized by the Pediatric Interest Group.

“We identify a family who may be struggling because of an illness, death, accident or job loss and donate the money we raise by selling the cards and giving the proceeds to the family,” VanderLaan says.

The Pediatric Interest Group also hosts dinners at the Renucci Hospitality House, which is a home away from home for families who have relatives staying at the Helen DeVos Children’s Hospital and Spectrum Health.

“We want to teach them about different parts of the human body to decrease their fear of going to doctors,” VanderLaan said.

The program with the Pediatric Interest Group is growing in popularity. Once the Secchia Center is complete, VanderLaan anticipates that first-year College of Human Medicine students will be motivated to participate in the group’s activities, which involve hospitalized children and their families, as well as children in the Grand Rapids community.

“As medical students, it’s very important that they incorporate community service into their lifestyle,” VanderLaan said. “This is a great opportunity for these students.”
Every Saturday in October, the two hospitals in Kalamazoo paint the county pink during breast cancer awareness month to help screen Kalamazoo County uninsured or underinsured women 40 years old or older for breast cancer.

Also helping the cause are College of Human Medicine students and Michigan State University Kalamazoo Center for Medical Studies (MSU/KCMS) residents who assist physicians with follow-up diagnostic treatment and surgery.

“We noticed that breast cancer still has a very high percentage rate in Kalamazoo County,” said Dorothy Bennett, R.N., M.B.A., director of Nursing Services and Quality Improvement at MSU/KCMS. “Breast cancer can be treated if it’s caught early on. In Kalamazoo County, we have many women who are uninsured or have coverage that may not cover breast cancer screening.”

Bennett sits on the Pink Saturdays for the Cure steering Committee and has been involved with the program since it started in Kalamazoo County in 2007. Pink Saturdays for the Cure is a project organized and financed by the Southwest Michigan Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure, which aims to increase mammography rates in southwest Michigan.

Early detection and treatment for breast cancer saves lives.

“We received 7,209 calls last year and scheduled 1,519 free mammograms,” said Bennett. “By the time we closed our phones, we had 335 additional patients on a waiting list.”

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Dorothy Bennett, R.N., M.B.A., Mary Jo Houghtlen, Robert Osmer, M.D.
Why Not?

Lansing Campus

Right before Barry Saltman, M.D., Family Medicine assistant professor for the College of Human Medicine (CHM ’77) retired from his family practice in Mason, he had an idea, an idea that didn’t involve palm trees, beaches or fruity cocktails.

It was a simple idea, but one that would launch a second career for Saltman and his wife, Suzanne, who is a nurse practitioner. Though the idea pushed them far from a tropical existence, it guided them toward one that would warm their hearts and help thousands of Lansing and Mason residents.

“We thought, why not try to make health care accessible to everyone in our community?” Saltman said. So, in 2004, he and dentists, two optometrists, seven physician assistants and nurse practitioners and 25 dental hygienists.

They have also benefited from a plethora of College of Human Medicine and College of Osteopathic Medicine student volunteers, who signed on to Saltman’s program just as soon as he got started.

“We got many calls from students both pre-med and med asking to volunteer and I thought, why say no to that?” Saltman said. “We want the students to understand that they don’t have to wait until they’re retired to do this.”

Second-year College of Human Medicine student Inna Lobeck volunteers at the clinic. Lobeck has been volunteering at the Mason Care Free Medical clinic since it opened in 2004.

Lobeck and her sister-in-law, Molly Lobeck, who is a third-year student at the College of Osteopathic Medicine, started a pharmaceutical assistance program at the clinic. In the five years that the Lobecks have been involved with the program, they’ve administered more than $2 million worth of donated pharmaceuticals to more than 5,000 people.

“The success rate has been phenomenal,” Lobeck said. “Helping so many underserved people and working with a passionate physician like Dr. Saltman has been truly amazing.”

The pharmaceutical program has been especially helpful in giving patients access to psychotropic medicines, which are often very expensive and in high demand among the Care Free Medical clinic population.

“This is not only a good educational experience, it’s also socially rewarding,” Saltman said.

The clinics wouldn’t function without volunteers like the Lobecks, who often take their work home with them.

“Dr. Saltman has definitely shown me that it’s possible to be a physician and still give back to the community,” Lobeck said.
This year, the third-year medical students participating in the Leadership in Medicine for the Underserved program at the College of Human Medicine’s Saginaw campus, will start a health education program in an area soup kitchen.

The Leadership in Medicine for the Underserved program gives students an opportunity to view the challenges and rewards of helping patients in rural, urban and international settings.

“They’re getting their traditional medical education and they’re also developing skills in addressing the unique needs of populations in underserved rural and urban settings,” said Curriculum Development Specialist Catherine Macomber, M.S.W., about the program.

Students get experience aiding rural and urban populations both at home and abroad.

“It’s my job to enhance their experience in rural and urban settings,” she said. “As part of that, we wanted them to have some experience in volunteering. We also wanted them to have interactions with individuals in the Saginaw community.”

One of the best ways to help an underserved population is to get involved with soup kitchens and other volunteer organizations.

Saginaw has a number of soup kitchens. The East Side Soup Kitchen serves 300 people a day and has a clinic that assists those who attend the soup kitchen. One of the city’s other soup kitchens, the Old Town Soup Kitchen, doesn’t have a clinic or a health education program.

“It’s a faith-based kitchen and they did not have any kind of medical assistance or programming within their organization,” Macomber said.

So, students decided to help bring health care into the facility. Rather than creating a health care program based on what they assumed the population would want, they met with soup kitchen operators and clients and asked them a variety of questions about their needs and wants. Within a four-week period, the students collected 120 valid questionnaires.

“We found some surprising things that didn’t necessarily fit our assumptions,” Macomber said.

For example, the population was extremely interested in dental services, an area that Macomber and the students hadn’t pegged as a top priority. Information concerning diabetes and cold weather issues also topped the list.

As part of the Leadership in Medicine for the Underserved program, third and fourth-year students travel to international medical settings. This year, the students traveled to Costa Rica in January and February. While they were away, Macomber set up several informational presentations for Old Town Soup Kitchen clientele.

Now that the students have returned, they are creating a program that’s appropriate for the Old Town Soup Kitchen.
Munson Medical Center and the College of Human Medicine will celebrate their recent partnership with the arrival of the first students at the Traverse City community campus this summer. The Traverse City campus marks the College of Human Medicine’s seventh community campus location.

“This represents an exciting opportunity for hospitals in the Munson Healthcare System and other regional health care providers,” said Doug Deck, president and CEO of Munson Healthcare. “We welcome the MSU College of Human Medicine’s plans to expand in northern Michigan.”

This is the college’s first new campus in 30 years and is the only campus in lower northern Michigan.

Plans call for the first medical students to start studying at the Traverse City campus in July. Students will rotate through various medical disciplines and specialty areas at partnering hospitals across the region.

Munson Medical Center President and CEO Ed Ness said the new campus will strengthen the hospital’s ties to the university and open new possibilities for physician retention and recruitment.

“At Munson Medical Center, we’re already collaborating with MSU for our Family Practice Residency program,” he said. “This new effort will provide third- and fourth-year medical students with a chance to study and live in an area of the state that they may wish to return to someday.”

MSU College of Human Medicine recently appointed Dan Webster, M.D., of Munson Medical Center, as community assistant dean for the Traverse City campus.

Dean Marsha D. Rappley, M.D., believes the partnership benefits the college as well, as the expansion helps to meet health care issues such as projected physician shortages.

“We believe community-based medical schools are part of the solution to the challenges facing health care across this nation,” she said. “MSU College of Human Medicine is recognized nationally for advancing this concept into the next era of health care and we’re delighted Munson has agreed to become an anchor for our newest campus.”

Initial talks about the campus began in August 2007. A survey of physicians from across northern Michigan revealed nearly 400 were interested in becoming involved with the school.

In addition to Munson Medical Center, students may train at partnering hospitals throughout the region, including Kalkaska Memorial Health Center in Kalkaska, Mercy Hospital in Cadillac, Mercy Hospital in Grayling, Otsego Memorial Hospital in Gaylord, Paul Oliver Memorial Hospital in Frankfort, West Shore Medical Center in Manistee, Alpena Regional Medical Center in Alpena, Cheboygan Memorial Hospital in Cheboygan and Northern Michigan Regional Hospital in Petoskey.

Munson currently hosts five third- and five fourth-year medical students from MSU’s College of Osteopathic Medicine for training. Since 1996, Munson Medical Center and the MSU Colleges of Human Medicine and Osteopathic Medicine have collaborated on a Family Practice Residency Program that annually trains 15 residents at the Munson Family Practice Center.

“We believe community-based medical schools are part of the solution to the challenges facing health care across this nation.”

——Dean Marsha D. Rappley, M.D.
The four cancers that take the most adult lives are breast, prostate, lung and colorectal. Of those four killers, two can be prevented.

“We don’t know how to prevent breast or prostate cancer, but we do know how to prevent the other two,” said James A. Surrell, M.D., associate clinical professor of surgery at the College of Human Medicine and director of the Digestive Health Clinic for the Marquette General Health System. “We can prevent those cancers with two words. For lung cancer, those words are ‘don’t smoke.’ For colon cancer, those two words are ‘get checked.’”

Surrell is working with the Upper Peninsula campus to screen as many citizens who are eligible for colorectal screening as possible. Surrell has been on this mission since 2006, which is when he was recruited to go to the U.P. to start the Marquette General Digestive Health program, with a major emphasis on colorectal cancer screening.

“What we try to do is communicate with primary care referring physicians,” Surrell said. “They have been very receptive to me and continue to do an outstanding job getting their patients in for appropriate cancer screening procedures.”

The physicians refer patients to Surrell, who then performs a colonoscopy exam, the most effective colorectal cancer screening measure.

This year, Surrell and Jody Lindberg, M.A., research and grant coordinator with Upper Peninsula Health Education Corporation (UPHEC), hope to expand the scope of his work by reaching out to the Native American community. Surrell and Lindberg have applied for a $25,000 grant that would allow them to target 5,000 of the Upper Peninsula’s Native American population in need of colorectal cancer screening.

The state’s Native American population is less likely to receive colorectal screening than the rest of the state’s population. Only 38.6 percent of Native Americans who are 50 years old have had appropriately timed colorectal cancer screenings compared to 54.7 percent of Michigan’s general population, according to the Michigan Public Health Institute.

“We need to work with our Native American medical colleagues to increase awareness of the need for colorectal cancer screening in the Native American population,” Surrell said.

The grant would help fund an awareness and education campaign specifically targeted at the Native American population in the Upper Peninsula.

“People don’t get screened because they’re reading Health magazine or because they saw Katie Couric do it on the ‘Today Show,’” he said. “They get screened because their health care providers told them to do it.”

UP Campus Expands Colorectal Cancer Public Awareness Campaign

“Dr. Surrell has always had an eye for how students can play a role in helping...He’s very open to collaboration and sharing.”

—David Luoma, M.D.
Assistant Dean, Upper Peninsula Campus
Dear Fellow Graduates and Friends of the College of Human Medicine,

It is rare for an institution like our College of Human Medicine to acquire a new home, but it is about to happen. In a little more than a year from now, summer of 2010, the Secchia Center will open in Grand Rapids.

Take a look at the brochure that follows. It is breathtaking to think that our College of Human Medicine will be in this beautiful building. It is a testimony to everyone who has been involved in this school, from 1964 when Andy Hunt was appointed our first dean, to now. That legacy will live on and flourish in our new home just as it continues to grow in all of our campuses and, of course, in East Lansing.

Needless to say, structures like the Secchia Center don’t rise up out of thin air. The cost for such a building is significant, though that cost is not focused merely or even primarily on aesthetics. This will be a state-of-the-art teaching facility with an outstanding anatomy teaching suite, simulation rooms and examination rooms, as well as numerous traditional teaching spaces, such as lecture halls and seminar rooms.

We have made our commitments to the Secchia Center campaign. We invite you to join us. Gifts are payable over a five-year period and are tax deductible. Some excellent naming opportunities are still available in the new building for $25,000 and above — and all gifts will be recognized.

If you have questions, please contact one of the College of Human Medicine Advancement Office staff listed following this brochure.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this outstanding project. We look forward to seeing you at the grand opening of the College of Human Medicine’s new home.

Sincerely,

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Susan Lane is senior director of advancement for the College of Human Medicine. Her team is responsible for all fundraising and alumni programs for the college. Susan previously served MSU as a regional director of major gifts for University Development. She has a 27-year career in philanthropy, marketing and communications. Previously, she was vice president for Fidelity Charitable Services, director of Estate and Asset Services for the American Cancer Society and vice president of Easter Seals Michigan. She is a MSU alumna.

Doug Moffat is director of major gifts for the College of Human Medicine. As such, he focuses on cultivating relationships with and securing gifts from the college’s top tier donor prospects. Doug joined the MSU development team as director of Development for the College of Human Medicine in July 2001. Previously, he served the University of Michigan for a number of years both as a fundraiser and as an academic researcher. He holds a doctorate in Medieval English Language and Literature from the University of Western Ontario.

Joanna Williams, assistant development director for the College of Human Medicine, is responsible for cultivating relationships with individuals, corporations and foundations to raise funds for scholarships, programs, research and capital projects. She is a licensed fundraising professional. In her former position as president of Impact for Success, she provided strategic philanthropy coaching and consulting to nonprofit organizations throughout Western Michigan. Joanna has achieved extensive success over the past 18 years, creating revenue generating opportunities while embracing innovation and creativity.
**Scholarships**

**make summer Cancer Research possible**

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— Clare Luz, Ph.D.

Second-year student Inna Lobeck describes her “Effect of CDX-110 on Lymphocytes in Patients with Glioblastoma Multiforme” to peers and mentors.
To spend the summer working in a non-research related endeavor, or spend the summer engaged in cancer research? Such is the question many College of Human Medicine students ask themselves every year. Though many students prefer research, only the best of the best acquire scholarship funding that allows them to choose research over other types of paid work.

“These scholarships allow students the chance to engage in mentored research, which is an opportunity they might not otherwise have,” said Clare Luz, Ph.D., research adviser for the Dean’s Office of Research. “Some students want to participate in summer research, but have to consider financial obligations. The scholarships allow those at the very top to engage in research rather than taking a non-research related job to make ends meet.”

In 2008, 11 students were awarded cancer research scholarships through the college’s Office of Research. Ten of them received $2,500 from either the Ruth A. McIlnay or Barbara J. Guthrie/Gale Sanborn funds. These students studied a variety of cancer-related topics, including patient well-being and spirituality, innovative strategies for cancer therapy and cutting edge pharmaceuticals.

Second-year student Jay Shah was the first student ever to receive the $2,000 Helen and Verne Beilfuss student award for cancer research.

Shah spent his summer at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, where he looked at a very different aspect of cancer research, exploring the prevalence of chronic rhinosinusitis in sinonasal tumor patients.

Scholarship recipients presented their work to peers and College of Human Medicine advisers at the end of the 2008 fall semester. Though much of the work is ongoing, the students all hope to have their work published before they graduate.

For information about establishing additional cancer and disease-related scholarships, please contact Doug Moffat, Ph.D., at 517-353-5153.
The College of Human Medicine has secured $57 million in funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to expand its role in the largest children’s health research project to date. The funds will allow researchers to study children’s health as well as the causes of ailments such as autism, cerebral palsy and asthma.

The college is leading the National Children’s Study, which will monitor more than 100,000 children in Genesee, Grand Traverse, Lenawee and Macomb counties from before birth to age 21. An additional $18.5 million in funding was announced last fall to fund similar work in Wayne County.

“This is the largest human health study ever undertaken,” said Principal Investigator Nigel Paneth, M.D., M.P.H., professor of epidemiology, pediatrics and human development. “By following children from before birth and studying their environment, we will be able to seek out ways to prevent many of the diseases children now suffer from.”

Researchers will follow an estimated 1,000 participants in each of the five counties, studying the environmental influences that affect them, including toxins, nutrition, physical living conditions and socioeconomic factors, Paneth said.

The college is working with the University of Michigan, Wayne State University, the Children’s Hospital of Michigan, the Henry Ford Health System, the Michigan Department of Community Health and the health departments of each of the five participating counties.

Planning for this project began in 2002 when MSU and the other partners formed the Michigan Alliance for the National Children’s Study.

Study participants will be enrolled in 2010 in Wayne County; 2011 in Grand Traverse and Lenawee counties; and 2012 in Genesee and Macomb counties.

For more information, please visit www.epi.msu.edu/mancs/ or www.nationalchildrensstudy.gov.
The following faculty members have been awarded a total of $4.06 million in federal grants over a three-year period from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

Henry Barry, M.D., M.S., Family Medicine Department associate chair and associate professor, received a Title VII Pre-doctoral Medical Education HRSA award for $450,000 to create a curriculum introducing safe prescription practices to third-year medical students. Students will learn a systematic approach to preventing, identifying and correcting medication errors.

Gary Ferenchick, M.D., M.S. (CHM ‘84) associate professor of Internal Medicine, chief of the Division of General Medicine and Internal Medicine Clerkship director, received a $480,000 Title VII Pre-doctoral Medical Education HRSA award to develop an electronic health record (EHR) systems training program for third-year internal medicine students. Michael Zaroukian, M.D., Ph.D. (CHM ‘80) (Department of Medicine), Asad Mohmand, M.D. (Department of Medicine), David Solomon, Ph.D. (Department of Medicine and Office of Medical Education Research and Development), Julie Randall, Steven Sneed (Department of Medicine), Dave Weismantel, M.D. (Department of Family Medicine), Mary Burns, M.S., R.H.I.A. Health Information Technology (HIT) and others from HIT will assist with the project.

Wanda Lipscomb, Ph.D., associate dean for Student Affairs, Diversity and Outreach and associate professor, received a $2.2 million federal Health Career Opportunity Program grant from the HRSA. The grant will fund the establishment of the Health Professions Achievement Pathway Alliance, allowing for the development of a competitive applicant pool to build diversity in medicine and other health professions.

William Wadland, M.D., M.S., Family Medicine department chair and professor, received a $935,982 Title VII Administrative Division HRSA award to establish an administrative division of Geriatrics and Gerontology within the Department of Family Medicine. The new division will help members of the MSU-affiliated Family Medicine residency Program Network develop geriatric fellowship training programs and improve elderly care in many of Michigan’s underserved communities. Carlos F. Rios-Bedoya, Sc.D. (Department of Family Medicine), will help examine the impact of the project while David Solomon, Ph.D. will design and implement a consortium-wide didactic curriculum and organize joint case conferences and the journal club. The Learning Assessment Center in East Lansing and the Grand Rapids campus will be used for skills training and assessment.

Ade Olomu, M.D., M.S., (Principal Investigator), and Margaret Holmes-Rovner, Ph.D., (Co-investigator) were awarded a Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Foundation one-year grant for a project designed to improve cardiovascular care and narrow the disparity gap in secondary prevention for minority and low-income populations in outpatient clinical settings. The study will focus particularly on translating research into practice and optimal engagement of patients in managing their heart disease. The research builds on innovative work at MSU in patient-centered care and decision support as well as the American College of Cardiology Guideline Applied to Practice (GAP) initiative in Michigan. The study will be conducted at the Ingham County Health Department in Lansing beginning in July, 2009.
Doctors have a reputation for helping those in need, but many areas of the country have a difficult time attracting the doctors or specialists they require.

At the start of this year, the MSU College of Human Medicine and Grand Valley State University signed an agreement giving admissions priority to underserved students and pre-med students interested in pursuing underserved areas of health care.

The agreement, which is referred to as the MSUCHM-GVSU Early Assurance Program for admission, allows certain Grand Valley pre-med students to apply to the College of Human Medicine before other student are allowed to apply.

“Several medical schools have an early assurance program,” said Christine Shafer, M.D., assistant dean for admissions. “I think a distinguishing factor of ours is that it’s a mission based program.”

The college’s Early Assurance Program seeks pre-med students at Grand Valley who are interested in serving underserved populations.

“Geographically, underserved areas include deeply urban and deeply rural areas,” Shafer said. “Interest in primary care is desirable, but someone who wants to work as a surgeon in a deeply rural area could reasonably apply to this program.”

The Early Assurance Program also gives preference to students who want to pursue underserved health care specialty areas, such as family medicine, geriatric medicine and pediatric medicine.

Preference for admission is also given to students who are considered disadvantaged. This may include students who are the first in their family to attend college, students who graduated from a low-income high school and those who are eligible for Pell Grants.

Students who participate in the Early Assurance Program are not required to practice in an intensely rural or urban area when they graduate.

“If a student is from an area that’s urban or rural, he or she might be more likely to go back to those areas after graduation,” Shafer said.

Grand Valley students who excel in their university’s pre-med program may apply for the Early Assurance Program for admissions during their junior year. Other pre-med students typically apply to the college after their junior year, but Admissions responds to Early Assurance Program students by early June. Traditional applicants will not hear from the college until after October at the very earliest.

Five seats are reserved for the Early Assurance Program. The first class of Early Assurance Program students will submit their applications this spring for admission to the college in 2010.

These students do not receive tuition reimbursement, but Shafer noted they each save “hundreds to thousands of dollars by not going through the traditional application process.”

The MSUCHM-GVSU Early Assurance Program for admissions is a three-year pilot program. It will be reviewed annually by both universities.
for international students mostly from Western countries. He then studied at the American University of Beirut, where he received his bachelor’s, master’s and medical degrees. After receiving postdoctoral training at Emory University in Atlanta, Abela joined the University of Florida, where he eventually became a tenured professor.

Abela then spent time at Harvard Medical School in Boston from 1990 to 1995. A job advertisement in the New England Journal of Medicine led him to pursue a career at MSU.

“We are very fortunate to have Dr. Abela on our team,” said Mary Nettleman, chairperson of the college’s Department of Medicine. “He is a nationally recognized expert in cardiovascular research and his work opens new opportunities for treatment and prevention of heart disease.”

**Cholesterol Crystals**

Once arriving at MSU, Abela began studying the crystallization of cholesterol, which had not been seen before in medical research. Abela and his colleagues found a new way to preserve tissue after an autopsy by using a vacuum dry method instead of an alcohol solution. This allowed Abela to see the extent of cholesterol crystals in the inner lining of many heart attack victims’ arterial walls. Abela and colleagues found that heart attacks and strokes occur when cholesterol, which has built up on the wall of an artery, crystallizes from a liquid to a solid state, expands by as much as 45 percent and bursts, sending material into the bloodstream. It is the presence of this material, as well as artery damage, that triggers clotting, which is the body’s natural defense mechanism. This can lead to dangerous, if not fatal, clots.

Abela also found that cholesterol crystals released in the bloodstream during a cardiac attack or stroke can damage artery linings much further away from the site of the attack, leaving survivors at even greater risk.

“As the cholesterol crystallizes, two things can happen,” Abela said. “If it’s a big pool of cholesterol, it will expand and just tear the cap off the deposit in the arterial wall. Or the crystals, which are sharp, needle-like structures, poke their way through the membrane covering the cholesterol deposit like nails through wood.”

College of Human Medicine Dean Marsha D. Rappley said the impact of Abela’s work cannot be overstated.

“Dr. Abela’s research with cholesterol crystals and their impact on the heart is a scientific breakthrough in the field of cardiology,” she said.

Abela’s research means that in the long run, health care providers will have another weapon in their arsenal against cardiovascular diseases.

“So far, treatments have not been focused on this process,” Abela said. “Now we have a target to attack with the various novel approaches. In the past, we’ve treated the various stages that lead to this final stage, rather than preventing or treating this final stage of the condition.”

Ruiping Huang, Ph.D., and Umesh Tamhane, M.D., team with Dr. Abela in the lab to study cholesterol crystals and their impact on cardiology.
With an extensive background in research, administration and mentorship, Marc Basson, M.D., Ph.D., has taken over as chairperson of the College of Human Medicine’s Department of Surgery. 

His first priority: Building on what he calls an “amazing level of enthusiasm” to recruit several new doctors to the department who can excel both at clinical work and research duties.

“I wanted to be in a position where I could build and grow a department,” said Basson, who comes to MSU after working with Wayne State University and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. “We have a great base to work from, and I am confident we can grow this department tremendously.”

Basson joined the department, which has about a dozen members, in January. He will also serve as assistant dean for faculty development in research. Basson said the challenges and opportunities the position offers are what drew him to MSU.

“Once I saw the support the department had from the college, university and Sparrow Hospital, I knew there was a unique opportunity to have a major impact on the health care standard in this community,” he said.

By growing the department and bringing in specialty physicians at the top of their respective fields, MSU can significantly improve not only the region’s health care, but also enhance the medical education the College of Human Medicine offers, he said.

Basson comes to MSU with several studies already under way, including his research on cancer cells and why they stick to normal cells during metastasis. That research, funded by a National Institutes of Health (NIH) grant, has shown for the first time in laboratory trials, that researchers can slow tumor growth by disrupting that adhesion process. That work, along with other research studies, will continue at MSU.

Marsha D. Rappley, dean of the College of Human Medicine, said bringing Basson to MSU will have a huge impact.

“Dr. Basson brings a strong research portfolio in cancer and gastrointestinal disease and a national stature that allows our college to vigorously build a strong Department of Surgery,” Rappley said.
Arrivals & Promotions

Rosemary A. Martino, M.B.A., has been appointed executive dean for the Grand Rapids campus. She comes to MSU College of Human Medicine from New York Medical College (NYMC) where she was senior associate dean for Academic Administration and Research Development.

Kevin McMahon, M.B.A., joined the College of Human Medicine as the executive dean for East Lansing. Prior to that, he served as the vice president of Fiscal and Analytical Services for the University of Wisconsin Medical Foundation and chief financial officer of the 900-physician Faculty Practice Plan for the University of Wisconsin Medical School.

Other new faculty appointments at the College of Human Medicine include: Gina R. Chacon, M.D., assistant professor, Medicine, Division of General Internal Medicine; Qing Lu, Ph.D., assistant professor, Epidemiology, Division of Biostatistics; Adnan Safdar, M.D., assistant professor, Neurology, Department of Neurology & Ophthalmology; and Brian C. Schutte Ph.D., associate professor, Microbiology and Molecular Genetics; Pediatrics and Human Development.

David Kaufman, D.O., chair, Department of Neurology and Ophthalmology, will serve a three year appointment as medical director for Saint Mary’s Health Care neuroscience programs in Grand Rapids while also maintaining his department chair position at the Colleges of Human Medicine and Osteopathic Medicine.

Four faculty members in the network of affiliated Family Medicine residencies have received a promotion in their academic rank. Daniel Webster, M.D., associate professor and director of the Munson Family Practice residency program in Traverse City, has been appointed community assistant dean for the new College of Human Medicine Traverse City community campus; Edward Jackson, M.D., director of the Synergy Medical Education Alliance Cooperative Family Medicine residency program in Saginaw, was promoted to professor; John VanSchagen, M.D., (CHM ’88) director of the Grand Rapids Family Medicine residency, was promoted to associate professor; Ron Hunt, M.D., associate director of the McLaren Medicine Practice Residency program in Flint, was promoted to associate professor.

Awards & Achievements

Mary Nettleman, M.D., M.S., M.A.C.P., chair, Department of Medicine, and her colleagues from Project CHOICES research group, won the prestigious 2008 Charles C. Shepard Award for scientific excellence sponsored by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Dr. Nettleman was also the recipient of the Laureate Award from the Michigan Chapter of the American College of Physicians.

Karen Ogle, M.D., professor in the Department of Family Medicine, has been named...
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a State Pain Initiative Champion for her work benefiting Michigan residents dealing with pain management. The 2008 award was given by the national Alliance of State Pain Initiatives, a network of state-based pain initiative organizations that work to remove the barriers that impede pain relief through education, advocacy and institutional improvement. Ogle is a national leader in palliative medicine and has served on the American Board of Hospice and Palliative Medicine, the National Board of Medical Examiners and the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine. She serves as president of the Michigan Cancer Pain Initiative.

Tom Tomlinson, Ph.D., director, Center for Ethics and Humanities in the Life Sciences and co-director, Bioethics, Humanities & Society program has been elected treasurer for the American Bioethics Program Directors.

Gerald S. Schatz, J.D., assistant professor, Center for Bioethics and Humanities in the Life Sciences, was elected to the Board of Directors of Citizens for Responsible Care and Research.

Kenneth Rosenman, M.D., chief, Division of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, and professor of medicine, was inducted into the honorary medical fraternity Alpha Omega Alpha.

Anthony Paganini, Ph.D., assistant professor, Radiology, Anatomy and Physiology, has been voted winner of the Golden Apple Award from the Class of 2012. Dr. Paganini was honored at a class meeting Feb. 11, where he was recognized for his enthusiasm and dedication toward teaching.

James Pivarnik, Ph.D., professor, Kinesiology and Epidemiology, and director, MSU Human Energy Research Laboratory, was elected president of the American College of Sports Medicine, a post he begins in June.

Karen Patricia Williams, Ph.D., Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Biology, with NICHD colleague Mary L. Hediger, developed BMI-specific weight gain guidelines for women pregnant with twins based on more than 3,500 twin pregnancies from eight universities around the country. These guidelines will be included in the Institute of Medicine’s upcoming report, “Reexamination of IOM Pregnancy Weight Guidelines.”

David Solomon, Ph.D., associate professor, OMERAD, co-founded the Open Access Scholarly Publishers Association, an international organization devoted to publishers of scholarly open-access journals.

Donna Wang, M.D., professor of medicine and chief, Division of Nanomedicine and Molecular Intervention, served as chair for the session on cardiac and vascular remodeling and dysfunction, at the American Heart Association’s 62nd annual fall conference and scientific sessions of the Council for High Blood Pressure Research.
Marci Muller has joined the College of Human Medicine as Alumni and Advancement Services coordinator. Her responsibilities include alumni relations, events and communication. Marci serves as liaison to the Alumni Board and coordinates Advancement Services, including data management and constituency outreach. She came to MSU in October 2008 after serving four years as the Foundation and Membership director and assistant division head for the Home & Building Association of Greater Grand Rapids. Marci’s previous positions include: associate director of the World Affairs Council of Western Michigan and coordinator of Special, Directed and Planned Gifts for Aquinas College. Marci holds a B.S. in Business Administration and Communication from Aquinas College, where she graduated Cum Laude in 2000. Welcome Marci!

Attention Alumni:
As a College of Human Medicine alumnus, we know you have accomplishments, awards, exciting stories and news updates. Please send your news to Marci at marci.muller@hc.msu.edu.

Also, please send Marci your updated contact information. This will allow the college to keep you informed on exciting event opportunities and news updates.

Mark Your Calendar for Homecoming 2009

At the start of the Friday, Oct. 16, 2009 homecoming weekend events, College of Human Medicine alumni and guests will be given a tour of the new Skandalaris Football Center and the club seat space. A drawing will be held for one lucky CHM alumnus to receive a pair of tickets to sit in the stadium club during the homecoming game compliments of the Spartan Fund.

At 6 p.m., College of Human Medicine alumni are invited to attend a social event in the Varsity S Club room, which is located in the Spartan Way stadium. Beer, wine and hors d’oeuvres will be served.

For more information about College of Human Medicine homecoming events and to register, please contact Marci Muller at marci.muller@hc.msu.edu.

Tours
Tickets
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Fun!
Front Row: Steve Hickner, M.D., (CHM ’87); Gilbert Padula, M.D., (CHM ’97); Carrie Fales, Year III; Prashant Vaishnava, M.D., (CHM ’05); Dawn Springer, M.D., (CHM ’77); Kristin Busch, Year III; Back Row: Ken Lane, M.D., (CHM ’75); Jeffrey Wentzloff, M.D., (CHM ’01); Peter Graham, M.D., (CHM ’98); Jennifer Webb Holt, M.D., (CHM ’84); Randy Hillard, M.D., MSU Associate Provost, Human Health Affairs; Linda Mercado Peterson, M.D., F.A.P.M., (CHM ’88)
Andrew D. Hunt Endowed Lectureship

Valerie Montgomery Rice, M.D., nationally renowned educator, clinician and researcher in women’s reproductive health, addressed nearly 150 College of Human Medicine students, professors, alumni and administrators at the annual Hunt Lecture in October. Rice is senior vice president for Health Affairs and dean of the School of Medicine at Meharry Medical College, the nation’s largest private, independent historically black institution dedicated solely to educating health science professionals. Her speech was entitled “The Healthcare Realities for Diverse Populations.”
Homecoming Alumni Reception

Kathleen Connell (CHM '82)

Carol Levin (CHM '78)

Leonard Johnson (CHM '93), Ellen Kruggel (CHM '93) and Jeff White

Doug McKeag (CHM '73)

Kris Steensma (CHM '77)

Bill Freimuth, Ph.D., and Deb Malkovich (CHM '78)
Enduring Materials

National Family Medicine Board Review Course and Self Study (41 CMEs)
DATE: July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2011
CONTACT: Geraldine Hasapes
Center for Medical Education Inc.
800.458.4779
GerCME@aol.com
http://ccme.org/home.html

Primary Care Medical Abstracts (4 CMEs/quiz/newsletter- Maximum of 48 credits annually)
DATE: July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2011
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Emergency Medicine Educational Enterprises, Inc (EMEE) Preparing for the Written Board Exam in Emergency Medicine (50 CME hours for the entire program)
DATE: Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2009
Continuation of event beginning January 2006.
CONTACT: June M. Hodge
513.831.7077
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Regularly Scheduled Series

Pediatrics Grand Rounds Online: DeVos Children’s Hospital (1 CME credit per session)
DATE: Jan. 1, 2009 to Dec. 31, 2009
Online
CONTACT: Kim Eddy
kim.eddy@spectrum-health.org
www.devoschildrens.org

Geriatric Grand Rounds—Michigan Center for Rural Health (1 CME credit per session)
DATE: April 1, May 6, Sept. 2, Oct. 7, Nov. 4, Dec. 2
LOCATIONS: Various WKAR
Tele-health Network Sites
CONTACT: Phyllis Ball
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Department of Medicine Grand Rounds (1 CME credit per session)
DATE: Weekly through December
LOCATION: Sparrow Hospital
CONTACT: Tammy Dohm
517.353.3128
dohmta@msu.edu

Psychiatry Grand Rounds—Michigan Center for Rural Health (1 CME credit per session)
DATE: April 22, July 22, Oct. 28
LOCATIONS: Various WKAR
Tele-health Network Sites
CONTACT: Phyllis Ball
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Spectrum Health Health Care Performance Improvement (71 CME credits per 3 day session)
SESSION 2: March 31, April 14-17; May 12-14; June 9-11; July 21
SESSION 3: Sept. 1; Sept. 15-17; Oct.13-15; Nov. 10-12; Dec. 17
CONTACT: Paula Cersosimo
616.391.1814
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Dermatology Grand Rounds (1 CME credit per session)
DATE: April 1, May 6
LOCATION: Sparrow Hospital
CONTACT: Sheila Ballet-Miles
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Michigan State University College of Human Medicine is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCMCE) to provide continuing medical education for physicians. For more information on CME programs, see chm.msu.edu/medical_education/continuing_ed or contact the office of Continuing Medical Education at (517) 353-4876.
Featured Speaker Michael Bennish, M.D., executive director and founder, Mpilonhle, South Africa

Mpilonhle (A Good Life) is a new community-based non-governmental organization that focuses on HIV prevention and health promotion activities in schools. Mpilonhle has successfully raised $1.7 million during its first year of activities and will serve as a base for examining the effectiveness of school-based interventions in improving health and development of adolescents in rural South Africa.

The Andrew D. Hunt, M.D., Endowed Lectureship honors both the founding dean of the College of Human Medicine, Dr. Andrew D. Hunt, and the proud legacy and accomplishments of the college. Each fall, a distinguished scholar in medicine and the humanities delivers a lecture relating Dr. Hunt’s vision of medical education to the country’s evolving health care system. For information on supporting the Hunt Endowed Lectureship, please contact Douglas Moffat, Ph.D., at 517-353-5153 or moffat@msu.edu.

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Friday, Oct. 16, 2009
Wharton Center—Pasant Theatre
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.