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RRC GRANTS INCREASE IN RESIDENT COMPLEMENT

A permanent increase in the yearly complement of residents in the New York Presbyterian Hospital program from 3 to 4 was approved by the RRC and ACGME beginning July 1, 2007. Such increases are rarely granted by the RRC, and only when the program directors provide strong evidence that such an increase is warranted by a substantive enhancement of resident experience in the operating room and outpatient settings.

Currently, the NYPH training program provides resident rotations to the Columbia University Medical Center (CUMC), the Weill Cornell Medical Center (WCMC), and the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center (MSKCC). The expansion of the program will allow additional rotations to WCMC in the PGY-1 year, to MSKCC in the PGY-2 year, to CUMC in the PGY-3 year and to St. Lukes Roosevelt Hospital (SLRH) in the PGY-5 year.

To achieve this residency program expansion, Dr. Close worked collaboratively with Dr. Michael Stewart, Professor and Chair at Cornell and co-program director, to present a very strong proposal to the RRC. The result will be a remarkably powerful program that includes the resources of two Ivy League medical schools and rotations to four outstanding hospitals.

Dr. Monica Tadros Joins The Faculty



Monica Tadros, M.D.

The Department is pleased to announce the appointment of **Dr. Monica Tadros** as **Clinical Assistant Professor of Otolaryngology and Director of Facial Plastic Surgery Education** at Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons.

Dr. Tadros is a graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Thomas Jefferson Medical College, and she did her residency training in Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery at Georgetown University Medical Center in Washington DC. She completed dual fellowship training in Cranial Base Surgery and Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at Roosevelt Hospital in Manhattan. Prior to her arrival at Columbia, she joined her preceptor, Dr. Peter Costantino, in practice and was appointed Director of Aesthetic Facial Surgery at the Center for Facial Reconstruction and Restoration at Roosevelt Hospital.

Dr. Tadros brings a fusion of her aesthetic and reconstructive talents to complex disorders of the nose, sinuses, and face to provide a comprehensive approach to restoration. Her expertise includes cosmetic rhinoplasty with or without ethnic preservation, functional nasal airway and medical and surgical treatment of sinonasal disorders, facial nerve rehabilitation and post-paralysis facial reconstruction, cranioplasty, and management of complex soft tissue craniofacial abnormalities, defects and scars.



RESIDENT RESEARCH DAY, 2006

The Sixth Annual Resident Research Day was held on June 22, 2006. The day began with the Howard W. Smith Lectureship in Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, "The Facelift Today" was delivered by Peter Adamson, MD. Dr. Adamson is a Professor of Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery at the University of Toronto. He also gave a second lecture, "A Personal Philosophy of Rhinoplasty." Resident lectures were delivered throughout the day. Winners in the competition were:

JEFFREY C. LIU, M.D. - First place for "Follicular Variant of Papillary Thyroid Carcinoma: A Clinico-Pathologic Study of a Problematic Entity"

MARK G. SHRIME, M.D. - Second Place for "Cost-Effective Diagnosis of Ingested Foreign Bodies"

SCOTT M. RICKERT, M.D. - Third Place for "Synechia Formation Following Endoscopic Sinus Surgery and Middle Turbinate Medialization"

PAUL E. JOHNSON, M.D. - Fourth Place for "Patient Controlled Comparison of Flexible Endoscopic Evaluation of Swallowing with Sensory Testing (FEESST) and VideoFluoroscopy."

The day ended with a celebration dinner at the Terrace In The Sky Restaurant, where graduating residents and their families were honored.

The Maxwell Abramson Memorial Teaching and Service Award was given to Michael Stewart, MD, MPH. The Malcom Schvey Clinical Teaching Award was given to Spiros Manolidis, MD. The graduating seniors were Dr. Andres Orjuela, Dr. Mark Shrimme, and Dr. Nooshin Parhizkar.



Resident competition winners with Dr. Adamson (center).



Graduating seniors Dr. Orjuela, Dr. Parhizkar, and Dr. Shrimme

PORTRAIT OF DR. ROBERT HUI UNVEILED



From left to right: Marion Lyon Housepian, Jean Carleton Housepian, and Edgar M. Housepian, MD.

A portrait of **Robert Hui, MD**, Acting Chairman of the Department of Otolaryngology from 1974 to 1979, was unveiled at a ceremony on October 24, 2006 in the department offices on Harkness Pavilion eighth floor.

The portrait was commissioned by Dr. Edgar Housepian, and was painted by Dr. Housepian's daughter, Jean Carleton Housepian.

Dr. Hui joined the faculty of P&S as an instructor of Otolaryngology in 1954. Dr. Hui also served as Chief of the ENT out-patient clinics and as Medical Director of the Speech and Hearing Clinic.

SUPPORT OF NAMED LECTURESHIP

The Department is proud of the 5 named lectureships currently held in honor of past and present faculty. The lectureships are held on a rotating basis and are named after the following individuals: **Maxwell Abramson MD** (*Otology/ Neurotology*), **Daniel C. Baker Jr MD** (*Laryngology*), **John Conley MD** (*Head & Neck*), **Lawrence Savetsky MD** (*Pediatric Otolaryngology*) and **Howard W. Smith MD** (*Facial Plastic & Reconstructive*). At the contribution level appropriate for you, please join us in honoring these faculty and their Otolaryngology subspecialties. Alumni donations are necessary to continue the support of each of these lectureships. Donors are recognized both on the lectureship brochures and verbally at the event as follows:

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PAST LECTURESHIPS:

- **Lawrence Savetsky Lectureship** in Pediatric Otolaryngology was held November 17, 2005. George H. Zalzal, MD, FACS, FAAP Professor of Otolaryngology and Pediatrics at George Washington University presented two lectures, "Pediatric Laryngotracheal Stenosis: Evaluation and Management" and "Stridor and Congenital Airway Disorders."
- **Maxwell Abramson Lectureship** in Otology was held April 20, 2006. Richard Chole, MD, PhD, Lindburg Professor and Chairman at Washington University School of Medicine, President of the American Otological Society and Director of the American Board of Otolaryngology presented "Bacterial Biofilms – A mechanism of tissue destruction in chronic ear disease" and "Cholesteatoma Pathophysiology."
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- **John Conley Lectureship** in Head & Neck Surgery was held November 30, 2006 and delivered by Randal S. Weber, MD, FACS the Hubert L. and Olive Stringer Distinguished Professor and Chairman of the Department of Head and Neck Surgery at University of Texas. He presented two lectures, "The Evolution of Head & Neck Cancer Treatment from the Scalpel to Targeted Therapy" and "Management of the Neck in Differential Thyroid Cancer."



Dr. Weber, Dr. Close, and a portrait of Dr. Conley.

UPCOMING LECTURESHIPS:

March 29, 2007 – Gayle Woodson, MD Chair and Professor of Otolaryngology, Residency Program Director for the Division of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery at the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine and Director of the SIU Voice Center at St. John's Hospital will be presenting at the **Daniel C. Baker, Jr Lectureship** in Laryngology.

May 24, 2007 – The **Lawrence Savetsky Lectureship** in Pediatric Otolaryngology will be presented by Scott C. Manning MD Professor, and Chief of Otolaryngology at Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center, University of Washington School of Medicine.

FACULTY HONORS AND AWARDS

Jonathan Aviv, MD was named a Lifetime Honorary Member of the Israeli Society of Otolaryngology/Head & Neck Surgery. **Dr. Aviv** has also been elected President of the ABEA (American Broncho-Esophagological Association).

Lanny Garth Close, MD has been elected the Vice-President of the Triological Society. Dr. Close has also been elected as a Fellow in the Royal Society of Medicine.

Soha Ghossaini, MD was named a Clinical Scholar in the American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery Foundation.

Thomas Murry, PhD was awarded the Presidential Citation from the ALA (American Laryngological Association).

Elizabeth Olson, PhD was selected as an Associate

Editor of the Journal of the Association for Research in Otolaryngology JARO (Journal of the Association for Research in Otolaryngology).

Jaclyn B. Spitzer, PhD, Director of Audiology, working with a multidisciplinary team of researchers, was awarded the Gatsby Initiative grant for their project entitled, "Neural Plasticity in Auditory Cortex Induced by Deafness and Cochlear Implantation". The purpose of this proposal is to evaluate how the auditory cortex undergoes plasticity in late-deafened adults and whether the degree of plasticity can be used to predict the surgical outcome of electrical stimulation via cochlear implants (CIs).

Gloria Su, PhD was selected to serve on the Executive Board of the Pancreas Center at Columbia University Medical Center.

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