Graduates of 2005: Kalpana Natrajan and Lisa Valdivia

Kalpana is in a practice of Infectious Diseases in San Diego, CA and her main hospital is Alvarado Hospital. She and her husband, Sodhan Parikh, are working on babies. She presented a hospital outbreak of Norovirus at the California Infectious Diseases annual meeting. She will also have a book dedicated to her by a patient she cared for with necrotizing fasciitis. Lisa’s main hospital remains Tucson Medical Center.

Graduate of 2006: John Mourani

John’s main consultation hospital is Pomona Valley Hospital in Pomona, CA. He and his wife, Maria, live in San Dimas, CA. He is giving lectures to Family Practice residents and writes that he is really busy in his group practice.

Graduates of 2007: Brian Chasin and Andrea Giblin

Brian is in practice at Northwest Hospital Oro Valley and is very busy. He is partnering with Larry Rumens. Andy has joined the Tucson Medical Center group, sharing her time with Larry Lincoln. She is awaiting an assignment to go overseas to mentor doctors on HIV. She is already busy with consults.

Current Fellows (graduation dates):
Clifford Martin (6/08) and Shannon Thorn (12/08),
Fares Masannat (6/09) and Larissa Szeyko (12/09).

Cliff is working on HIV infection in the elderly (mentors: Fain and Klotz). Shannon is establishing a telemedicine clinic for the state of Arizona for HIV and Infectious Diseases consultations (mentors: Lopez, Petersen, Klotz) and developed a database for Nocardia infections (mentors: Petersen and Klotz). Shannon presented a case of drug resistant amebiasis at the 2008 AIDS meeting in Sedona. Fares is currently working on coccidioidomycosis and HIV (mentor: Ampel). He presented a case of chronic pulmonary mucormycosis successfully treated with interferon gamma and posaconazole at Sedona. Larissa has chosen as a research topic, clinical presentations of disseminated coccidioidomycosis, with mentors: Adam and Hoover.

Other Activities:
Cliff attended Gorgas Course of Clinical Tropical Medicine in Lima, Peru and was awarded a DTMH, attending the school from February to March.
Upcoming Fellows:
Vicki Iannas (7/08), and Geoffrey Smith (1/09),
Amber Carpio (7/09) and James Yanes (12/09).

Vicki is currently a hospitalist in Phoenix, AZ. Geoff is a resident in Internal Medicine at The University of Arizona and will be doing hospitalist work temporarily while awaiting the beginning of his fellowship. Amber and Jim are soon to begin their third year of Residency at The University of Arizona.

Faculty and Staff
Susan E. Hoover MD, PhD is the main consultant for University Physicians Hospital but will soon be moving her operations to Comstock and taking a greater role in UMC consultation attending. She continues to work with John Galgiani on a nikomycin study and both have established a specialty clinic dealing with coccidioidomycosis at UPH Hospital.

Friday morning Case Conference has moved to the Radiology Conference Room which provides more room and ability to access all radiology procedures for viewing. Here you see Sean Elliott holding forth and everyone talking at once. Sean and Ziad Shehab presided over a year of excellent case conferences. The discussion shown above concerns a measles outbreak in Tucson.

Eskild Petersen is retiring in September 2008 to devote more time to his photography. He will splitting his time between homes in Portal, Arizona and British Columbia. We are hoping we can set up a telemedicine site in his homes so that the consults can continue (humor). Eskild just finished a Grand Rounds presentation on Nocardia in May.

We will have a dinner/lecture at the Desert Museum on July 19 from 5-9 o’clock. Everyone will be assigned an animal/disease to discuss as we walk around the grounds and then head for the fine restaurant.

Rich Sobonya continues with the ID/Pathology conference the first Friday of every month, presenting interesting ID cases. This past year we have seen a rich assortment of mycobacterial and fungal infections.

George Ray continued with his excellent lecture series on Friday mornings that has been attended by Shannon Thorn. Core curriculum lectures were presented by faculty and fellows. Lectures by Bob Kalinske, Cal Kunin and Mark Brown were especially welcome.
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The Ryan White Early Intervention Services grant was site visited by HRSA in March 2008. Floyd Meeks, Martha Aragon, Patty McCracken, and Carol Scheiderman all continue in their positions providing excellent primary care to over 300 HIV patients. There are five different half day clinics involving 10 physicians at UMC and UPH Hospital.

John Galgiani has moved his laboratory to the new BIO5 Building near Comstock and is busy working on coccidioidomycosis.

Neil Ampel is busy attending VA consults and continuing his research of disseminated coccidioidomycosis, HIV and the mannose binding lectins.

Rod Adam has been in Kenya a good portion of the year and will soon return to the UMC consult service and his travel immunization and outpatient clinic.

Rick Mandel continues as Medical Director at UPH Hospital where things are improving immensely. An independent internal medicine residency is in the works at UPH Hospital and ID consults are becoming more frequent.

Steve Klotz continues to work on candidiasis as well as HIV and Fellowship Director.

Letty Gastelum, Patty McCracken, Carol Schneiderman and Martha Aragon all continue to provide invaluable support to both ID staff members and patients on a daily basis.

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· Also, Fellow Curriculum Sponsorships were provided by Pfizer, Merck, Schering-Plough, Cubist, Enzon, and Astellas in the form of meals for the various noon meetings, books and materials.

· These grants have been invaluable in obtaining our objectives to provide the Fellows with an excellent education.

There will be a welcoming luncheon for Vicki Ianas and graduation ceremony for Cliff Martin at noon on July 17, 2008 at Pastiche Restaurant.

Fellow Publications/Abstracts


Fellow Publications/Abstracts Continued


