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The hospital is pleased to announce the following:

Jonathan Wener elected hospital president



The hospital is pleased to announce the election of Jonathan Wener as President of the Centre Board.

Actively involved with the Jewish General Hospital for over a decade, Mr. Wener is Treasurer of the Foundation and Chairman of the current strategic planning process, which will establish the hospi-

tal's vision and direction for the next five years.

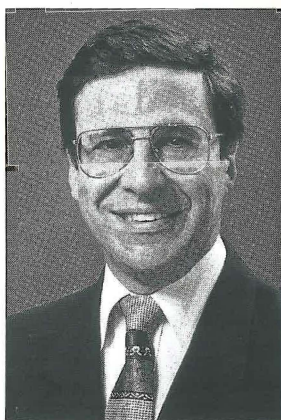
One of his duties as President will be to oversee the plan's implementation. When asked what he hopes to accomplish during his two year term, Mr. Wener said, "My primary goals are to put in place strategies that will ensure that we can continue to expand on the hospital's areas of excellence. We must always remember that our first priority is our patients, providing them with excellent medical attention and emphasis on humanization of care. I hope to see us launch considerable physical growth and renovation of the JGH in order to accommodate the expansion of our research and clinical needs. I want to see strategies implemented that will enable us to continue to excel in our academic mandate and build on the tremendous foundations of our research mission."

A native Montrealer, Jonathan Wener is a real estate professional with widespread experience in the commercial, industrial, retail, residential, recreational and hotel sectors. He earned his Bachelor of Commerce degree from Concordia University, and began his real estate career in Calgary in 1968 with the construction of major downtown office complexes. He then spent several years as a senior executive officer at one of Montreal's most active development companies.

In 1980, Mr. Wener began concentrating his energies on the expansion of Canderel, a company that he founded and incorporated in 1975. He is Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and principal shareholder of Canderel, a company that provides comprehensive development, management and asset management services. His highly professional team develops, builds and manages in excess of three million square feet of developed real estate and has under development an additional three hundred million square feet in Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto and the U.S.

Mr. Wener is the Founding President of the Urban Development Institute of Quebec and a past President of the Urban Development Institute of Canada. He is

Dr. Mark Wainberg appointed Director of Research



"The ramifications of research are far reaching, and extend to excellence in clinical care," asserts Dr. Mark Wainberg, newly appointed Director of Research.

In discussing his new position, he paid tribute to his predecessor, Dr. Samuel O. Freedman for his exceptional leadership. "I intend to build on the success and achieve-

ments established by Dr. Freedman. We've done extremely well in many areas, by using a thematic approach, where various labs work on a similar problem from different perspectives. My goal is to focus on our strengths while at the same time recognizing new opportunities," notes Dr. Wainberg.

Recruiting the best and brightest clinician-scientists to the hospital's Lady Davis Institute for Medical Research (LDI) is one of Dr. Wainberg's top priorities and he is committed to enhancing the interaction between clinicians and scientists within the hospital. A major challenge will be to continue to maintain the high level of grants and publications generated by the staff of the LDI. Dr. Wainberg also firmly believes that in order to continue to enjoy a high level of success, an expanded hospital research facility will be required.

"There is no question that maintaining our research and academic profile is essential to the short and long term success of our hospital. I would like the general Quebec community to recognize and appreciate that the Jewish General Hospital is an integral part of research at McGill," states Dr. Wainberg.

One of the world's foremost authorities in the study of AIDS, Dr. Wainberg has just completed a two year term as President of the International AIDS Society. In this capacity, he spent a great deal of time petitioning governments throughout the world to ensure reasonable funding for HIV and AIDS research as well as funding for prevention, awareness and education programs, particularly in the developing world, where access to treatment is limited.

Dr. Wainberg is Director of the McGill AIDS Centre, established in 1990 and based at the Jewish General Hospital. He was appointed Scientific Director of the LDI in 1991. He was the first scientist in Canada to work directly on HIV, and to establish a biocontainment facility equipped to handle this specialized research. He also was among the first scientists in the world to identify the problem of HIV drug resistance,

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Capital Campaign Update

We are very pleased to announce that the Capital Campaign, launched in November, 1998, has now reached the \$49 million mark. Thanks to the exceptional generosity and outpouring of support exhibited by all segments of the Montreal community — corporations, individual donors and charitable foundations — we are close to our goal of \$50 million. The campaign committee and canvassers are hard at work to bring us over the top.

Special Gifts Division holds cocktail reception



Standing left to right: Gary Ulrich, Harold Brownstein, Morton Brownstein, Dr. Hyman Schipper, Sylvan Adams, Henri Elbaz, Dr. Mark Wainberg, Steven Cummings, Mel Ellen, Marc Weinstein. Seated left to right: Evelyn Bloomfield-Schachter, Margaret Adams, Joyce Tanner. Missing from photo: James Alexander, Foundation President.

“JGH in the millennium — the latest discoveries” was the theme of a cocktail reception for the Special Gifts Division, held at the home of Margaret and Sylvan Adams.

Members of the division came out in full force, bringing new potential donors to the event. The evening featured noted JGH researchers Dr. Hyman Schipper, who spoke about a blood test for Alzheimer’s developed in his laboratory, and Dr. Mark Wainberg, whose topic was “AIDS in the twenty-first century.” In his introduction, Dr. Wainberg spoke about the link between excellence in research and high quality care, and delighted the audience when he doubled his pledge to the Capital Campaign.

A highlight of the evening was a moving speech by Marcel Adams, who shared his reasons for becoming involved with the hospital. Mr. Adams recalled his joy upon seeing Jewish signs and Hebrew posters when he arrived in Montreal after escaping from Rumania and living in Quebec City for two decades. “Away from the ashes of tired old Europe, it was so easy to appreciate the new environment in this great, free, democratic haven, where individual opportunities are virtually limitless.”

Marcel Adams discovered the Jewish General Hospital in 1966, and quickly became involved on many levels, serving as a member of the building committee in the 1980’s and later as a board member. When approached by Campaign Co-Chairmen Morton Brownstein and Steven Cummings, Mr. Adams readily agreed to give an exceptionally generous donation allowing the hospital to acquire an MRI (magnetic resonance imaging), an essential diagnostic tool. “Friends, it’s a privilege to open up our hearts and our purses to join this worthy cause. Together, we can help our hospital function properly in an age when we can no longer rely exclusively on government funding in order to fulfill our mission of delivering high quality medical care to one and all,” he concluded.

Many thanks to all who attended this event and to Margaret and Sylvan Adams for their gracious hospitality. ■



Golf tournament raises over \$700,000



One of the most successful golf tournaments just got better! The 8th Annual Sir Mortimer B. Davis - Jewish General Hospital Mercedes-Benz Golf Classic raised over \$700,000 for the hospital's Department of Radiology. Proceeds will go towards the purchase of sophisticated diagnostic equipment.

Three hundred golfers and over 50 volunteers enjoyed brunch, an afternoon of golf at Hillsdale Golf & Country Club, followed by cocktails, a sumptuous dinner and fabulous door prizes. The event was chaired by Charles Larente of Scotia McLeod, hosted once again by Sam Eltes of Silver Star Mercedes-Benz and sponsored by Scotia Bank. A record sixty-nine corporate sponsors helped make the event a success.

Since its inception eight years ago, the Golf Classic has raised a total of \$3 million for the hospital.

This year's Classic was coordinated by the hospital Foundation and the Auxiliary. Committee members included Robert Carsley, Mel Ellen, Stephen Favor, Eileen and Jeff Fleischer, Debra Hendler (Director of Annual Giving and Special Events), Ellie Kadanoff, Harriet and Mark Krakower, Nan Lassner, Corine and Miles Leutner, Michael Shapiro, Evelyn Uditsky and Elaine Paperman Woolner (Auxiliary Co-Presidents), Ron Waxman and Marc Weinstein (Foundation Director).

Among those in attendance at the dinner were James Alexander, Foundation President; Brahm Gelfand, Hospital President; Jonathan Wener, incoming Hospital President; Henri Elbaz, Executive Director, and Dr. André Lisbona, Chief of the Department of Radiology, who expressed gratitude on behalf of his department.

New this year was a golf raffle, open to everyone, not just those participating in the Classic. The raffle itself raised \$100,000. The lucky winners were:

Guardian Group of Funds – 1st prize

– a two year paid lease on a Mercedes-Benz ML320 Elegance sport utility vehicle

Matthew Poplaw – 2nd prize

– a Caribbean cruise on Norwegian Cruise Line, including airfare and superior deluxe penthouse

Imperial Tobacco – 3rd prize

Callaway Hawk Eye woods and irons

A terrific selection of door prizes was awarded, including a holiday-golf package in Arizona from Gryphon Golf & Spa Experience, won by **Ralph Palmer**.



Left to right: Henri Elbaz, Jonathan Wener, Eileen Fleischer, Dr. André Lisbona, Debra Hendler, Charles Larente, James Alexander.



Left to right: Richard Dion, Charles Larente, Claude Larente, Gilles Rose.



Left to right: Sam Eltes, Jeff Budning, David Granofsky, Danny Taran.



Hats off to the Auxiliary volunteers who helped the day run smoothly.

We are pleased to announce that Mark Krakower will be the chairman of next year's Golf Classic, which will take place **June 11, 2001**, at Elm Ridge Country Club.

The hospital is grateful to all the participants for helping to make the year 2000 Golf Classic such a stellar success. ■

Researcher develops new blood test for Alzheimer's disease

Clinician-scientist Dr. Hyman Schipper recently announced the results of exciting research that may one day have profound implications for the early detection of Alzheimer's disease. In a three year study, published in the *Journal Neurology*, Dr. Schipper developed a blood test to detect non-familial Alzheimer's disease (sporadic AD).

Alzheimer's disease is a progressive neurodegenerative disorder that results in impaired memory,

thinking and behaviour. Sporadic AD is the most prevalent aging related neurodegenerative disorder, affecting approximately 10% of North Americans over the age of 65, and as many as 30-50% of individuals over 85 years of age. Although genetic tests exist to detect Alzheimer's in patients with a strong family history of the disease, in 90% of Alzheimer cases, there is no clear family history. As a result, early detection, which is a crucial first step in treating and

managing the disease, has been difficult.

The blood test developed by Dr. Schipper and his team represents a dramatic change from the usual lengthy and complex battery of tests currently used to diagnose AD. The test, which accurately detects AD in 88% of cases, is relatively inexpensive.

While further study is required, Dr. Schipper estimates that the test could be available to the general population within two years time. ■

Research shows promise in treating heart disease

Jewish General Hospital hematologist Dr. Jacques Galipeau, along with lead investigator Dr. Ray Chiu of the McGill University Health Centre (MUHC), made headlines with a research study that has implications for the treatment of damaged heart muscles. Normally, when a person has had a heart attack, the scarred tissue cannot regenerate itself. The two researchers discovered that bone marrow stromal cells taken from the hip and implanted into a damaged heart may repair scarred tissue.

This procedure, which has not yet been tested on humans, would have tremendous benefits for patients and the health care system. It does not require major surgery, and since the cells would come from the patient's own body, there is no risk of infection or rejection.

The researchers expect that human clinical trials to verify the benefits of this procedure could take place within a few years. ■

Canderel run



This year, the hospital was pleased to participate in the Défi Corporatif Canderel on May 5th, 2000. This 4 km fun run through downtown Montreal raises funds for cancer research at hospitals affiliated with l'Université de Montréal and McGill University, including the JGH.

Many thanks to the members of the JGH team for their spirited participation, left to right: Linda August, Chief, Social Service Department; Sherry Katz, Chief, Physiotherapy Department; Susan Cloran, Emergency Department; Dr. Michael Tamilia, Endocrinology Department; Debra Hendler, Director of Annual Giving and Special Events, the Foundation; Dr. Tina Kader, Endocrinology Department. ■

Federal Health Minister discusses the future of health care in Canada



Left to right: James Alexander, Foundation President; Brahm Gelfand, President; The Honourable Allan Rock; Jonathan Wener, incoming Hospital President; Senator E. Leo Kolber, Past President; Henri Elbaz, Executive Director.

The hospital was pleased to welcome Federal Health Minister Allan Rock, who was the guest speaker as part of the Annual Sheila Diamond Memorial Lecture, held on May 1st, 2000.

Mr. Rock praised the Jewish General for its tradition of strong leadership and its close connection with the community, a feature that distinguishes the JGH from other major urban hospitals across the country. He also noted the close collaboration between Health Canada and researchers at the JGH in areas such as care of the frail elderly, AIDS and cancer research.

Under the theme of "The Future of Health Care in Canada", Mr. Rock described the investments of the federal government in health care. Most notably, the newly created Canadian Institutes of Health Research, a network of shared inquiry linking biomedical and

clinical researchers across the country, is designed to lead to a better understanding of illness prevention and improved strategies of health

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care promotion. The Institutes will examine health care issues from the biomedical, clinical, health services and lifestyle perspectives. As well, the Canadian Foundation for Innovation is creating an environment for research excellence, funding the genome Canada project and the creation of research chairs around the country.

Minister Rock acknowledged that Canadians are worried about the future of medicare, concerned over whether its core principles such as universality and accessibility are sustainable into the future. "Medicare is the centerpiece of our social system and a tangible expression of our values. A nation that had the wit to invent it can find the will and the ways to preserve it," he concluded. ■

Dr. Schondorf wins award

Congratulations to Dr. Ronald Schondorf, winner of the 3rd John J. Day Prize for excellence in research, awarded by the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Quebec. A neurologist at the JGH, the focus of Dr. Schondorf's research is syncope, more commonly known as recurrent fainting. Syncope is present in three percent of all individuals admitted to hospital emergency wards. Dr. Schondorf, who heads the physiology laboratory in the Department of Neurology, encourages physicians to refer young patients who suffer from recurrent fainting to the lab, where they can be properly tested and treated. ■

Dr. Gold honoured by McGill

Congratulations to Dr. Michael Gold, this year's recipient of the Osler Award. This prestigious award is presented by the McGill University Faculty of Medicine to a physician who has demonstrated dedication and excellence as a clinical educator. Dr. Gold is a distinguished member of our medical staff who has been practicing medicine at the JGH for 50 years. He was Medical Director from 1968-1972 and is currently Director of Undergraduate Medicine at the JGH and Associate Professor in the McGill University Faculty of Medicine. ■

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The practice of nursing has changed dramatically in the past two decades. "The knowledge base is so vast now, and so is the responsibility. It's a 24 hour responsibility," says Mona Kravitz, Associate Executive Director (Nursing). Patients admitted to the hospital are often very ill, with multiple health care problems. Moreover, patients and families are more sophisticated in terms of their own knowledge and involvement in their care. Nurses work very closely with families in devising appropriate treatment plans.

Recently, the JGH News interviewed eight nursing professionals: Mona Kravitz, Lynne McVey, Nursing Director - Medicine, Geriatrics, Psychiatry and Ambulatory Services; Valerie Frunchak, Nursing Director - Maternal Child Health and Hospital Training and Staff Development; Alison Milligan, Nursing Director - Surgery and Critical Care; Myriam Skrutkowski, Clinical Nurse Specialist - Medicine and Oncology; Valerie Vandal, Head Nurse, 7NW (Medicine) and acting Head Nurse, 4 Main; Denise Bédard, Clinical Nurse Specialist - Surgery; Johanne Boileau, Head Nurse, Intensive Care Unit. Here, in their own words, are their thoughts on the nursing profession.

JGH News: What would you say is the most important role of the nurse today?

VV: The knowledge to recognize subtle changes and act on them immediately. Let's take the case of a young woman who is receiving chemotherapy treatments for leukemia and requires a blood transfusion. If she develops a rash, an expert nurse will notice the changes on her skin, be able to give a complete description to the doctor, prepare the appropriate medication, stop the infusion immediately.

MK: That particular type of patient is so vulnerable that small changes missed can be very serious. The nurse organizes the whole team to be in the right place at the right time. Without being too dramatic, the patients' lives are in the hands of observant nurses.

DB: You need to have the skills to assess, anticipate and respond quickly. For example, on the surgical unit, if a patient's blood pressure drops, the nurse must initiate the intervention — give oxygen, start the IV, call a pre-code and at the same time, communicate what she is doing to a terrified patient and family.

VF: There are certain things that have never changed in nursing — we're there for the comfort, caring and support of patients. But the science is evolving so quickly, and this means that more than ever, nurses need to draw on a broad knowledge base and skills to link what they see, articulate observations clearly, anticipate critical interventions, know who has to intervene in what time frame, all the while, supporting the patient and the family.

JGH News: How do nurses gain all of these skills during their training?

MK: The way the curriculum in Health Sciences is set up now, doctors and nurses take most of the same courses in basic science. The stage is set early for close interdisciplinary teamwork.

VF: We are members of the McGill School of Nursing and welcome over 200 nursing students from the University of Montreal and many CEGEPs.

JGH News: We hear a lot about nursing shortages. Is recruitment difficult?

MK: We're presently facing the most serious recruitment and retention challenge. Ten percent of nursing graduates leave for the United States and other provinces. Another ten percent leave the profession altogether.

Talk about all the skills that nurses have — they're being snapped up by industry and are paid two or three times more than they earn as nurses.

It must be recognized that medical excellence requires nursing excellence. Our academic future is at stake. Every effort must be made to provide a supportive work environment. Our cornerstone strategy is to offer not just a job but a customized career path for each new recruit. We offer in-house staff development, courses and workshops, and, within the limits of budget, send nurses to national and international conferences and symposia.



JGH News: Let's talk about the caring aspect of nursing.

MS: In the outpatient oncology clinic, nurses meet newly diagnosed patients and their families from day one and follow them throughout their treatment. We provide support and help them cope with the trauma of diagnosis, explain the difficulties they may experience during their treatment, make follow-up phone calls and generally make ourselves available to patients and their families.

Nurses are constantly arming patients and their families with knowledge and information, and assessing their readiness to accept all this information. Time isn't always measured in minutes or hours — it's the quality of attention that's paid.

MK: The vast majority of cancer patients, years ago, would have been admitted to hospital. Today, they stay at home most of the time. This requires a tremendous amount of knowledge on the part of the patient and the caregiver. So the nurse has to work through complex information with the caregivers, to be safe and to feel secure.

VF: Patients and their families demand more information now. They want to be more involved in their care. They've done their own research. So the interactions between nurses and patients and families are more sophisticated.

MK: The locus of control has shifted. Today, there is an egalitarian partnership between the health care team, patients and families.

AM: When you talk about caring, you see it everywhere, from the clinics to the wards. It happens every day, often in subtle ways

from one-day surgery, when the nurse asks the patient "Who's taking you home?," right through to nurses holding the hand of a young woman who has just had a colostomy.

LM: Getting back to the example of an elderly patient who's just had one-day surgery, and especially someone who lives alone, the question of "Who's coming to pick you up?" poses an enormous challenge. Sometimes a whole series of family issues get sparked by this surgery. It is the nurse who will put together an appropriate action plan.

AM: Today, you're looking at the family situation as well as the patient who is sick. It's the nurse who brings that information to the treating team.

VF: Situations can be enormously complex, much more so than a decade ago. For example, in maternal-child health, we treat many high risk families — socio-economic issues, youth protection issues, spousal abuse, drug addiction. The nurses at the bedside have to identify very clearly what the issues are, initiate appropriate multidisciplinary intervention, carefully plan discharge and follow up care.

AM: This is a good example of the societal shifts that have such an impact on nursing practice. The profession continues to evolve hand-in-hand with societal change.

JGH News: Why did you go into nursing?

AM: I was going to travel the world and one of the ways to do it was to go into nursing because there were opportunities world-

wide. I did my midwifery training and went off to Africa. I spent six years there, mostly in Zambia and Nigeria.

LM: I chose to go into nursing after having earned an undergraduate degree in science. I was a research assistant and visited mothers at home a couple of weeks after they had given birth. What I liked most was talking to the mothers. And I decided that I wanted to go into nursing.

VF: I'm a nurse because I have a wonderful aunt who's 70 years old and still nursing. She would regale me with fascinating stories and it became so clear that nurses had autonomy and the power to impact people's lives.

MS: I had been a patient, and that experience gave me a good perspective on the importance of quality nursing care.

JGH News: Despite all the challenges, what keeps you in nursing?

VF: There is nothing that makes more sense or has more value to me than being a nurse

DB: I have a passion for the profession, compassion for patients and believe that as a nurse, I make a difference.

VF: The opportunity to work with patients is a very powerful position to be in — to be involved so intimately in such a broad range of human experience. People are relying on your skills and abilities. Good, expert nursing is a very powerful job. We have an opportunity to protect patients and fight for their rights to quality care.

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Hospital hosts two ophthalmology conferences

Two conferences organized by the McGill University Department of Ophthalmology took place at the hospital in May.



Back row left to right: Dr. François Codère, Dr. Alan Cruess, Dr. Miguel Burnier, Chief, JGH Department of Ophthalmology, Lillianne Marcon. Front row left to right: Franca Minchella, Deborah Williams, Carmen Arsenaault, Karen Hahn, Jacqueline Bureau.

Images of the Eye was a one and a half day continuing education event that provided a unique opportunity for participants to broaden their understanding of new and evolving techniques in the field of ophthalmology. Topics explored included the use of telemedicine in pathology and in screening the diabetic population.

The 23rd Annual McGill Ophthalmology Clinical and Scientific Research Day featured a poster session, lectures on a variety of topics and presentations by ophthalmology residents. ■

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JGH News: Are you proud to be a nurse today?

JB: If I had to choose now, I would do it again. I feel I can make a difference in people's lives when their life is in crisis.

MS: I find it very rewarding to be a nurse. It's a privilege to take care of people who allow me into their world.

DB: I really believe that I can make a difference and provide good quality patient care.

AM: I'm proud to be a member of the Nursing Department at the JGH because this department has chosen to fight for quality nursing and quality care.

LM: I'm proud that I chose nursing, mostly because there's really very little else that makes me feel alive. I especially enjoy interacting with patients.

MK: We have a shared ethos, which is very clear — our public health care system is at risk, and we are determined to make it work. ■

IN MEMORIAM

Henry Kravitz

It is with great sorrow that the hospital announces the passing of Dr. Henry Kravitz, Emeritus Chief of Psychiatry at the Jewish General Hospital.



As Chief of the Department of Psychiatry from 1967-1988, Dr. Kravitz was instrumental in establishing the JGH as a centre of excellence in psychiatric research, teaching and clinical care. Under his visionary leadership, the department developed innovative hospital-based outreach programs such as the psychogeriatric service, which enables isolated, elderly patients to maintain their autonomy in the community, and, as much as possible, avoid hospitalization.

Dr. Kravitz made history when he became the first JGH staff member to be appointed full professor at McGill University. As well, his department was the first in the hospital to be recognized as a full teaching partner at the university.

As Chairman of the Medical Executive Committee of the Council of Physicians, Dentists and Pharmacists, Dr. Kravitz oversaw the implementation of many important decisions. His colleagues were inspired by his wisdom, his ability to clearly analyze problems and devise solutions, and his capacity for listening and taking into account different points of view.

In an interview with the JGH News last year, Dr. Kravitz spoke with great pride of his long and productive association with the hospital, and his role in developing a department with a legacy of excellence in psychotherapy and international recognition in many areas. "We were always attractive to residents and young professionals because we had a reputation for being a desirable training centre and a good place to work," he said.

Dr. Kravitz will be remembered for his compassionate approach to patient care, his profound influence on the development of the hospital and his remarkable contributions to the field of psychiatry. ■

Social Service Department educates staff and public

In celebration of National Social Work Week, held each year in March, the JGH Department of Social Service organized two events. The first, primarily for staff, was a lecture entitled "Responding to the Needs of Patients from Diverse Backgrounds."

Guest speakers Dr. Pierre Dongier, an expert in post traumatic stress disorders and director of Clinique Santé Accueil, CLSC Côte des Neiges, Dr. Jaswant Guzder, child psychiatrist and



Congratulations to the organizing committee, pictured here.

Standing, left to right: Johanna Salvanos, Linda August, Sheila Thompson, Jennifer Prud'homme, Julie Caron. Seated, left to right: Karen Rotenberg and Judith Malik, co-chairs.

Co-Director of the JGH Cultural Consultation Team, and Judith Malik, from the Social Service Department, gave thoughtful and informative presentations, followed

by a lively discussion. The second event was a booth featuring information about social service resources both in the hospital and in the community. ■

Where there's a will, there's a way

Making end of life decisions can be very traumatic for family members when a patient is critically ill and incapable of expressing his or her wishes. Anguished family members do not know how to proceed, or have differences of opinion. The result is conflict that potentially could be avoided if more people had what is known as a living will.

"Respecting End of Life Decisions — The Living Will" was the theme of Clinical Ethics Week, held May 1-5 at the hospital. Activities included Medical and Nursing Grand Rounds devoted to various aspects of the topic as well as a public lecture entitled "The Living Will — Where There's a Will, There's a Way."

The lecture featured representatives from hospitals and community agencies that work closely with the JGH. Panelists included Dr. Earl Edelstein, Jewish Nursing Home and Jewish Hospital of Hope; Estie Kleinfeld, the Cummings Jewish Centre for Seniors; Paula Levinson, Maimonides Hospital; Alana Myerson, Mount Sinai Hospital, and Eva Haber, who provided a patient's perspective. The discussion was moderated by Dr. Michael

Dworkind, a physician in the JGH Department of Family Medicine and Chairman of Clinical Ethics Week.

The panelists all agreed that the best time to make a living will is long before one is hospitalized, so that decisions can be made calmly and rationally. Otherwise, the burden is on family members to try to guess what their loved one would have wanted regarding end of life care.

In order to facilitate the process of making a living will, a JGH Clinical Ethics Sub-Committee has prepared a document entitled "Living Will". This comprehensive document includes a guide for completing the will, a mandatary, which names the person designated as the health care proxy to carry out one's wishes and which must be

signed by two witnesses, an actual living will, also called advance medical directive, with detailed treatment options to be checked off and a space for further instructions, a glossary explaining the medical terms used in the will, and a mandate alert, to be sent to the JGH Medical Records Department. This last form will be put in the patient's chart, so that staff will be aware that the patient has a living will.

As Dr. Dworkind and the other panelists pointed out, if you are interested in completing a living will, it is important to go over the medical options with your doctor, discuss the will with your family, send copies to the mandatary, and review the will on an annual basis. All of these steps are crucial, because your wishes will only be respected if your family, your mandatary and the institution where you are hospitalized know about the existence of the will. According to the Quebec Civil Code, the mandatary is bound to respect the wishes set out in the living will. ■

Copies of the JGH Living Will are available at the Herzl Family Practice Centre, the Admitting Office and the Social Service Department.

Hope & Cope charts future direction



The Executive Committee of Hope & Cope met recently to discuss future planning. Hope & Cope, a cancer support network, based in the Oncology Department at the hospital and emulated at cancer centres and hospitals around the world, will be celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2001. Front row, left to right: Jean Remmer, Sylvia Vogel, Diane Guerrero, Jessica Miller, Sheila Kussner, Marjorie Bronfman, Frances Isenberg, Sandy Rosenoff. Back row: Joey Basmaji, Huguette Batshaw, Salvatore Guerrero, Marvin Corber, Marvyn Kussner, Marta Riddell, Jacques Misrachi, Marc Weinstein, Suzanne O'Brien, Henri Elbaz, Dr. Richard Margolese, Marvin Rosenbloom.



At the Hope & Cope Annual Social, held at the home of Brenda Blatt, Chairman Sheila Kussner (left) looks on as the gavel was passed from Jessica Miller (centre) to Sandy Rosenoff (right), who begins a two year term as President. ■

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also active on various community, business and charitable boards. Among others, he is an active member of the Board of Governors of Concordia University and the Foundation of the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, a member of the Advisory Board for the YMCA Foundation, a member of the Board of Directors of Camp B'nai Brith, a director on the boards of the Fondation du maire de Montréal pour la jeunesse, and a member of the Board of Directors of Mitel Corporation, the Laurentian Bank and a number of private companies. ■

New service teaches cancer patients how to navigate the Internet

Hope & Cope, in conjunction with the Health Sciences Library of the hospital, has launched a new information service for patients dealing with cancer and their families. "Finding quality health and medical information "on-line" is not always easy, but it is an important way of keeping up to date about the latest information on treatments, medical conditions and health," explains Arlene Greenberg, chief medical librarian.

This innovative service offers instruction in using the Internet to access medical information and guidance on how to discriminate between credible and unreliable information. Participants practice on a computer and are given assistance in carrying out a search on a topic of special interest. The sessions, which are usually offered individually, take place at specific times in the quiet and comfort of the library.

The Internet is the world's largest public computer network. In a relatively short time, it has become one of the major sources of information on health issues. In fact, health is one of the most frequently requested categories on the web. Cancer is the most frequently sought disease category, followed by heart disease.

While knowing how to navigate one's way along the Internet is important, it is also essential to be able to determine whether the information received is reliable, up-to-date and objective. This new service is designed to help with this daunting task. Information found on the Internet is not meant to replace the advice of health care professionals, but can be used as a basis for keeping informed, helping individuals make decisions about their treatment and care, and giving them a greater sense of control over their illness.

This information service will be carefully evaluated to ensure that it responds to the needs and interests of cancer patients and their families. ■

For more details, please call Hope & Cope at 340-8255.

Program for elderly at risk of losing their autonomy

What happens to elderly patients who, for various reasons, are at risk for loss of autonomy? Thanks to a program called "guichet unique", coordinated by the CLSC's in cooperation with hospitals, these patients are identified early on so that they receive appropriate care once they are discharged from the hospital.

The "guichet unique" is a process used to identify elderly persons whose geriatric profile places them at risk for loss of autonomy. The goal is to help the elderly maintain their autonomy and function in the community for as long as possible, thereby avoiding or delaying institutionalization. In 1996, the Regional Council gave CLSC's the mandate to look after the needs of this special population.

Here at the Jewish General Hospital, an in-house committee, chaired by Tanya Nemiroff, social work supervisor, has been hard at work educating staff about this process. Members are nurses Joanne Pike, Brenda Pelton and Stephanie Alain, social

workers Christine Iorio and Karen Rotenberg, and geriatrician Dr. Sylvia Windholz. In addition to providing staff with information about the "guichet unique", committee members are available for consultation for more complex cases.

The goal is to help the elderly maintain their autonomy and function in the community for as long as possible.

Identifying patients who fit the "guichet unique" description and contacting the local CLSC as soon as possible is the crucial first step in ensuring continuity of care and coordination of

services before the patient is discharged.

At an education session held last March for staff on the 6th floor of the hospital, nurse Tsiporah Charzan and social worker Joanne

Besner, from the CLSC René-Cassin, explained the importance of informing the CLSC about the patient's medical condition and what services will be required in the home. Often, these elderly patients already have a case manager at the CLSC who is familiar with their situation, the extent of their support network etc. Elderly individuals who are not known to the CLSC will be assigned a case manager.

This education session was attended by JGH staff members from nursing, physiotherapy, occupational therapy and social work. The CLSC René-Cassin is working closely with the hospital's in-house committee, helping to educate staff about the procedure to follow once "guichet unique" patients have been identified. ■

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and played a key role in the discovery of 3TC, a treatment for AIDS. As a result of this important breakthrough, Dr. Wainberg was a co-winner of the 1996 Canadian Prix Galien Award for Excellence in Research.

Throughout his career, Dr. Wainberg has received numerous honours and awards, including chercheur boursier — research scholar (1975-1981) and chercheur — research associate (1981-1987) from the Fonds de la recherche en santé du Québec, a National Scientist Award for AIDS Research (1990) from Health and Welfare Canada, and the Award of Distinction (1993) from the Canadian HIV Trials Network. This winter, he was one of 20 Quebec doctors honoured as a doctor of merit by the

journal L'Actualité Médicale.

A native Montrealer, Dr. Wainberg received his Bachelor of Science Degree from McGill University and earned a Ph.D. from Columbia University in New York. He worked at the Hebrew University Hadassah Medical School in Jerusalem as a post-doctoral research fellow and lecturer before joining the Jewish General Hospital as a staff investigator in 1974.

A professor in the Departments of Microbiology and Immunology, Pediatrics, and Medicine at McGill University, Dr. Wainberg has authored or co-authored over 300 publications in prestigious medical journals. He has been invited to present his work at international conferences and has organized a number of national and interna-

tional scientific meetings.

Dr. Wainberg succeeds Dr. Samuel O. Freedman, O.C., who has retired from the position of Director of Research at the JGH after a nine year tenure. Under his leadership, the hospital solidified its reputation for excellence in research and its ranking as one of the best research institutes in Canada. In recognition of his brilliant scientific and medical career, Dr. Freedman was awarded *le Prix du Québec dans le domaine scientifique*, the highest distinction awarded by the Quebec government. Thankfully, we will continue to benefit from Dr. Freedman's expertise, as he will remain at the hospital as a senior advisor. ■

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Co-Presidents Evelyn Uditsky and Elaine Paperman Woolner presented the **64th Annual Report** of the Auxiliary on May 9th. Left to right: Ruth Ballon, Eileen Fleischer, Auxiliary Vice-Presidents; Elaine Paperman Woolner; Henri Elbaz, JGH Executive Director; Evelyn Uditsky; Brahm Gelfand, Hospital President and keynote speaker; Debby Vineberg and Sharon Spiegel, Auxiliary Vice-Presidents; James Alexander, President, JGH Foundation. Absent from photo: Iselott Gasman, Auxiliary Vice-President. ■



To encourage younger women to become involved in the Auxiliary, the **Outreach Committee** held a parlour meeting on March 8, 2000. Guest speaker Dr. Jeffrey Derevensky, Ph.D. (centre) spoke about "Adolescent Peer Pressure". He is pictured here with Chairpersons Marla Ptack Weinstein (left) and Judy Kleinman Sanft (right). ■



"Aging – Myth and Reality" was the topic of the **Roslyn Liebling Memorial Lecture** Body & Soul Health Series, held on three consecutive Mondays in March. Speakers were Dr. Henry Olders, JGH psychiatrist; Dr. Howard Bergman, JGH Director of the Division of Geriatrics; and Dr. Joe Schwarcz, Director of the Office of Chemistry & Society, McGill University. Pictured here are the committee members with the Liebling family, left to right: Iselott Gasman, Hela Boro, Lucy Wolkove, Rona Small, Chairperson; Dr. Henry Olders, Ruth Costin, Hillel Liebling, Rosalie Gordon, Diane Liebling Mendel, Evelyn Uditsky, Auxiliary Co-President; Rachel Hyams, Francess Finesilver. Absent from photo: Rona Miller, Joanne Costom, Elaine Paperman Woolner, Auxiliary Co-President. ■



The **Annual Bridge Luncheon**, generously sponsored by the Raby family in memory of Dorothy Raby, took place on May 3rd. Proceeds will help subsidize the Auxiliary's kosher Meals-On-Wheels project. Rachelle Douek (centre), Auxiliary Past President, was presented with an award thanking her for founding the bridge event 20 years ago. The presentation was made by Elaine Paperman Woolner (left), Auxiliary Co-President, and Phyllis Waxman (right), Past President. ■

HOLD THESE DATES

Fall Fair & Raffle

Sunday, October 29th 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. and
Monday, October 30th 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Pavilion 'A' Auditorium

Proceeds will be used to purchase much needed equipment for the hospital.

Fall Health Forum - November 1, 2000

(Sponsored in part by the Boidman Family in memory of Rose Boidman)

Featuring: Maureen A. McTeer, lawyer and author
Topic: Ethical Dilemmas in Modern Medicine
Lecture 7:45 p.m., Block Amphitheatre, JGH
\$15 advance registration only: 340-8216

The Kahn Family honours memory of their parents Fredrick Kahn and Helen Weinstein Kahn

When Fred and Tom Kahn and family decided to give a generous endowment to the hospital, they wanted to make sure that their donation would honour the memory of their parents. They chose the Herzl Family Practice Centre (HFPC), which has a rich history of caring for the Jewish community as well as successive waves of immigrant populations. They also stipulated that their gift have an immediate impact on patient care.

In consultation with Dr. Michael Malus, Chief of the Department of Family Medicine and Director of the HFPC, it was agreed that the gift would be put towards faculty development, enabling Herzl physicians and nurse practitioners to learn new techniques and approaches and bring these skills back to the clinic.

The Herzl Dispensary, which opened in 1912, was a medical and social service centre established by the Jewish community to meet the needs of immigrants arriving from

Eastern Europe. During the next four decades, it became the major medical centre for the Jewish community and housed the newly formed CJA as well as a group of doctors and lay leaders who were instrumental in the establishment of the JGH in 1934.

True to its tradition of tending to the urgent needs of newly arrived and recently settled immigrants, the Herzl played a key role in the absorption of post Holocaust, World War II and Hungarian Revolution immigrants as well as

those from the Arab world, mainly Morocco and Algeria.

In 1975, the Herzl Health Centre merged with the Family Medicine Unit at the Jewish General Hospital to form the Herzl Family Practice Centre. Today the HFPC, while serving the needs of the Jewish community, notably a large elderly population, is still a dockside clinic for newly arriving immigrants, many of whom live in the Côte des Neiges district. At present, 72 languages are spoken amongst the Herzl's 29,000 outpatients.

"We are grateful to the Kahn family for their exceptional generosity. With this gift, they have come full circle in honouring their parents interest in helping immigrants," said Dr. Malus. ■

Students from Roslyn School help the hospital

When Grade four students at Roslyn School were asked by their teacher what they wanted to do in their Morals course, they came up with an innovative response: to help patients at the Jewish General Hospital.

During the course of the year, the students came up with creative ways to raise money. They made their own piggybanks where they deposited their change, collected 4188 cans, reserved a table at their school's annual garage sale and brought objects from home to sell.

The students collected a total of \$382.40, which they proudly presented to Foundation President James Alexander. After the presentation, they were taken on a tour of the hospital and treated to refreshments.



Three cheers for the Grade Four class at Roslyn School, seen here with Marc Weinstein, Foundation Director, (back row, far left) and James Alexander (back row, far right).

The hospital would like to express heartfelt thanks to this terrific group for their hard work, their caring attitude and their great spirit. ■

National Bank of Greece supports the JGH

For the last two years, the National Bank of Greece (NBG) has sponsored a popular Golf Tournament to raise funds for the hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). This year, Demetris Yantsulis, Senior Vice President, Finance and Operations, proudly announced that the bank will match all direct donations by participants in the tournament.

To thank the bank for its steadfast support, a reception was held at the hospital, attended by Mr. Yantsulis as well as other representatives from NBG.

JGH Executive Director Henri Elbaz expressed his gratitude to the bank for their generosity. "We are able to offer high quality care in state-of-the-art facilities thanks to the commitment of our lay leaders,



Left to right: Ron Bellows, Peter Caloudis, Demetris Yantsulis, Dr. Apostolos Papageorgiou, Nicholas Avgoustakis, Henri Elbaz, Marc Weinstein, Sharon Harvie.

corporations and our wonderful team of health care professionals."

Dr. Apostolos Papageorgiou, Neonatologist-in-Chief, and Head Nurse Sharon Harvie also expressed their deep appreciation to the bank. A plaque installed in the NICU reads as follows: "The Sir

Mortimer B. Davis - Jewish General Hospital gratefully acknowledges the National Bank of Greece for their generous contributions to the Department of Neonatology." ■

Gift provides comfort for oncology patients

What happens when a group of dynamic young businessmen get together for a celebratory lunch at the end of the year and decide to share their good fortune with others? In the case of David Salzman, of the Claireview Group, and friends, the result was a generous donation to the hospital.

At a reception held to thank the group, Foundation Director Marc Weinstein noted that the hospital depends on the generosity of the community to help provide funding for specialized equipment, recruitment of clinician scientists and research programs, all of which have a dramatic impact on patient care.

Specifically, the gift was used to purchase a specially designed chair that allows for the comfortable transfer of patients, facilitates their mobility and improves the quality of their care. Dr. April Shamy,



Left to right: Lise Fabris, Marc Weinstein, Dr. April Shamy, David Salzman, Brad Steinmetz, Warren Chisling, Norm Lutfy, Ron Salzman, Stanley Cohen, Maurice Kasy, Valerie Vandal.

Medical Director of 7NW, and Valerie Vandal, Head Nurse, expressed gratitude on behalf of the staff and explained that this particular chair had been on the unit's wish list for a long time. "It takes special people to have an awareness of patients' needs, and we feel

fortunate to be the recipient of your generosity," noted Dr. Shamy.

"We chose oncology because, unfortunately, cancer is very common and we wanted to do our part to help people fight this disease," said Mr. Salzman. ■

Berman gift for Hematology



Left to right: Réjeanne Bergeron, Donald Berman, James Alexander, Foundation President, Dr. Stephen Caplan.

Donald Berman was living and working in Hong Kong when he became seriously ill. He decided to return to Montreal, but his doctor would not give him permission to leave until he found a stellar doctor here in Montreal. Fortunately for Mr. Berman, he was put in touch with Dr. Stephen Caplan, Chief of the Division of Hematology at the JGH.

Today, thanks to the expertise of Dr. Caplan and his team, Donald Berman is healthy again. Grateful for the care he received, particularly from the nurses, whom he praised for their compassion and skill, Mr. Berman gave a generous donation for hematology research.

At a reception held recently at the hospital to thank Mr. Berman, Dr. Caplan expressed his deepest appreciation for this exceptional gift. It is a testament to Mr. Berman's character that the reception was attended by many of his business competitors, who obviously consider him a friend. ■

Gutherz gift funds Cardiology research



Left to right: Dr. Leonidas Dragatakis, Joanne Côté, head nurse 2NE, Irena Gutherz, Dr. David Langleben, James Alexander, Marc Weinstein, Foundation Director.

In appreciation for the excellent care she received at the hospital, Irena Gutherz gave a most generous donation to the Division of Cardiology. This gift, in memory of her husband, Leon Gutherz, will provide ongoing support for research into heart disease.

At a reception thanking Mrs. Gutherz for her generosity, Dr. David Langleben, Chief of the Division of Cardiology, said, "We are grateful for this remarkable gift which will allow us to pursue our academic mission and ensure that we continue to provide excellence in patient care."

Foundation President James Alexander expressed gratitude to Mrs. Gutherz on behalf of the entire hospital. "Unsolicited gifts like these are especially appreciated, and I can't think of a more significant way to perpetuate your husband's memory." ■

5 K-ish offers fun for the entire family

Summer time means family fun, and the 5 k-ish is a perfect way to enjoy outdoor activities while raising money for the hospital.

This second annual event, a combination walk/run/roller blade/beach party, will be held on **Sunday, August 27, 2000** at Plage Tessier in scenic Ste. Agathe. Highlights of the day include various activities, prizes, lunch and a free T-shirt. Tickets are limited, so get yours now by calling the Foundation office (514) 340-8251. The cost is \$25 per person (free for children aged 3 and under).



Mid Summer Night Bash

You're invited to have a blast at the Mid Summer Night Bash, the culmination of the Leadership JGH 3rd Annual Tennis Classic on **Monday, August 7th, 2000** at Jarry Park Tennis Centre, 284 Faillon Street West.

The fun begins at 6:30 p.m. with cocktails, followed by a superb meal catered by Java U, desserts by les Délices de Dawn, a silent auction with great items up for grabs, music guaranteed to get everyone out on the dance floor, fabulous photos to be taken by Lenore Goldfarb Photography for the Souvenir Book, and a martini bar.

Tickets are \$50 per person, and may be purchased by calling the Foundation office at (514) 340-8251.

See you there!

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Kandil, H.L., Chartier, L., Beaumier, L., Kovacs, L., Usher, R.: Poster presentation. Top-up parental nutrition in the management of severe intrauterine growth retardation. Annual Meeting of the Society for Pediatric Research, Boston, May 2000.

Kirmayer, L.J.: Re-visioning psychiatry with indigenous peoples. Royal College of Psychiatry for Australia and New Zealand, Adelaide, Australia, April 2000.

Kong, M., Mounier, C., Wu, J., Posner, B.I.: Identification of GAB2 as the major molecule responsible for EGF-induced PI3-kinase activation and DNA synthesis in rat hepatocytes. The Endocrine Society, Toronto, June 2000.

Langleben, D.: Heparin reduces LPS-induced lung proliferation in vitro. American Thoracic Society, Toronto, Ontario, May 2000. Heparin sulfate in basement membrane reduces but does not completely inhibit LPS-induced lung pericyte proliferation in vitro. Experimental Biology 2000, San Diego, California, April 2000.

Looper, K., Kirmayer, L.J.: Stigma in functional syndromes and comparable medical conditions. American Psychiatric Association, Chicago, Illinois, May 2000.

Ma, N., Tabrizian, M., Petit, A., Huk, O.L., Yahia, L.H.: Cytotoxicity evaluation of resterilized catheters. Society for Biomaterials, Kamuela, Hawaii, May 2000. Recyclage des thétères à base de polyuréthane: étude de cytotoxicité, Congrès de l'ACFAS. Montreal, May 2000.

Mounier, C., Lavoie, L., Band, C.J., Posner, B.I.: Insulin-dependent activation of glycogen synthase in rat hepatocytes: evidence for a novel unidentified signaling pathway. 2nd International Conference on Signal Transduction, Dubrovnik, Croatia, May 2000.

Olders, H.: Invited lecture. Fatigue and sleep in cancer: can too much sleep be bad for you? L'Esprit International Cancer Rehabilitation Conference, Montreal, Jan. 2000.

Parniak, M.A.: Nonnucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors as anti-HIV microbicides. Microbicide 2000, Washington, D.C., March 2000.

Paris, J.: 1. A multidimensional view of personality disorders; 2. A twenty-seven year follow-up of borderline patients. University of Iowa, Iowa City, March 2000.

Petit, A., Zukor, D.J., Huk, O.L.: Differential cellular macrophage response to alumina ceramic and ultra-high-molecular-weight polyethylene particles. Orthopaedic Research Society, Orlando, Florida, March 2000.

Phillips, N.A., Arbuckle, T., Pushkar, D., Lesperance, D.: Age-related differences in inhibition during reading: Support from event-related brain potentials. Eighth Biennial Cognitive Aging Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, April 2000.

Phillips, N.A., Auchterlonie, S., Chertkow, H.: Robust word-picture priming in aging: Evidence from event-related brain potentials and application to dementia. Eighth Biennial Cognitive Aging Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, April 2000.

Piuzé, G., Bardin, C., Papageorgiou, A.: Poster presentation. Growth and development at 5 years of age

of infants born between 22 and 25 weeks gestation. Annual Meeting of the Society for Pediatric Research, Boston, May 2000.

Pollak, M.: Hormonal issues in cancer prevention. Tumor Prevention and Genetics 2000 Symposium, St. Gallen, Switzerland, February 2000. Interaction between IGF-related cancer risk and other cancer risk factors. M.D. Anderson Hospital, Houston, Texas, March 2000. Novel molecular targets for cancer prevention and treatment. Bristol Myers-Squibb Pharma, New Jersey, April 2000. IGF physiology and cancer risk. 19th International Meeting on Endocrinology and Development, Sorrento, Italy, May 2000. Safety of GH therapy. 3rd International Workshop of the Growth Hormone Research Society, Washington, DC, May 2000. Interaction of hormonal cancer risk with carcinogen or radiation exposure-related cancer risk. Hormonal Carcinogenesis International Conference, St. Petersburg, Russia, May 2000.

Posner, B.I.: Non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus: Something old and something new. David M. Kovitz Visiting Professor, Faculty of Medicine, University of Calgary, Alberta, April 2000. Chair of Symposium. Phosphatases in signaling pathways. Endocrine Society, Toronto, Ontario, June 2000.

Rabucks, C., Azoulay, L.Y., Kahn, S.R.: When the clinical impression is deep vein thrombosis vs. cellulitis: Do patient characteristics predict the duplex diagnosis? International Conference on Emergency Medicine, Boston, Massachusetts, May 2000.

Schipper, H.M.: The role of heme oxygenase-1 in brain aging and neurodegeneration. Sergievsky Center, Department of Neurology, Columbia University, New York, March 2000. The role of heme oxygenase-1 in brain aging and neurodegeneration. Neurology Grand Rounds, New York University, New York, March 2000. Heme oxygenase-1: Role in brain aging and neurodegeneration. Euroscop Conference on Biological Aging, Spa, Belgium, May 2000.

Sigal, J., Robbins, J., Perry, J.C., Gagné, M.-A.: Predictors of emotional and behavioural problems in children of mothers with breast cancer. International Meeting of Psychosocial Oncology, Vancouver, B.C., April 2000.

Sigal, J., Perry, J.C., Néron, S., Margolese, R.: Some overlooked determinants of accrual rates in cancer and prevention trials: Implications for accrual rates and patient care. International Meeting of Psychosocial Oncology, Vancouver, B.C., April 2000.

Steinert, Y.: Invited Plenary Address. Implementing community-based education: a focus on teaching and learning. Annual Meeting of the Canadian Association for Medical Education, Whistler, B.C., April 2000.

Steinert, Y., Nasmith, L., McLeod, P., Conochie, L.: Poster presentation. The McGill teaching scholars program for educators in the health sciences. Annual Meeting of the Canadian Association for Medical Education, Whistler, B.C., April 2000.

Steinert, Y., Nasmith, L.: Workshops. 1. Leadership and change. 2. The "Problem" resident. Conference on Residency Education. Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, Montreal, Sept. 1999. Invited workshop. Leadership 2000. Strategies for managing change. Annual Meeting of the Section of Teachers, College of Family Physicians of Canada, Montreal, Oct. 1999. Workshop. Working with "problem" faculty: strategies for collaboration and change. Annual Meeting of the Canadian Association for Medical Education., Whistler, B.C., April 2000.

Steinert, Y., Snell, L., Lockyer, J.: The use of focus groups for continuing medical education and faculty development. Group discussion. Annual Meeting of the AAMC, Washington, D.C., Oct. 1999.

Steinert, Y., Snell, L.: Workshop. Transforming the CME lecture: making traditional presentations more interactive. Annual Meeting of the Alliance for CME, New Orleans, Jan. 2000.

Steinert, Y., Nasmith, L., Snell, L.: Poster presentation. Promoting interactive lectures in medical education: a workshop evaluation. Annual Meeting of the Alliance for CME, New Orleans, Jan. 2000.

Triki, I., Bachand, F., Autexier, C.: Human telomerase RNA-protein interactions. Second Canadian Telomere Workshop, Montreal, May 2000.

Wainberg, M.A.: 1. Global challenge of the HIV epidemic; 2. Compensatory mutagenesis in the HIV genome: Lessons for development of attenuated vaccines. Center for Comparative Medicine, University of California, Davis, California, February 2000. Why we need microbicides. Microbicides 2000 Conference, Alexandria, Virginia, March 2000. Novel mechanisms of HIV drug resistance. 2nd Consensus Symposium on Drug Resistance Testing in HIV Clinical Care, Madrid, Spain, March 2000. Global challenges in the fight against AIDS. Canadian Association for HIV Research, Montreal, April 2000. Is the M184V mutation in reverse transcriptase beneficial for patient therapy? North Shore University Hospital, Manhasset, New York, May 2000. HIV/AIDS in India. Lessons from other countries and bridging the gap. Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, May 2000. Reverse transcriptase. Conference on New Viral and Cellular Targets for Antiretroviral Therapy, Boston, Massachusetts, May 2000.

Yuan, Z.Q., Beitel, L., Wong, N., Lasko, D., Foulkes, W.D., Gordon, P.H., Trifiro, M.: Functional domains of hMLH1 and hPMS2 DNA mismatch repair proteins and then relevance to HNPCC - Association with frequent frame shift mutations in exon 16 of hMLH1. 91st Annual Meeting of the American Association of Cancer Research. San Francisco, Cal. April 2000.

Zelkowitz, P., Bardin, C., Papageorgiou, A.: Medical and psychological factors related to parental behavior with very low birth weight infants. Annual Meeting of the Society of Pediatric Research, Boston, May 2000.

PRIX / HONORS, AWARDS

Freedman, S.O.: Granted Emeritus Professor, Department of Medicine, McGill University. This is the highest academic rank in the University.

Gold, M.: Osler Award, Faculty of Medicine, McGill University. This award is given on an annual basis to a physician who has demonstrated dedication and excellence as a clinical educator.

Gordon, P.H.: Cited in Who's Who in Medicine and Health Care. Millennium Edition of Marquis Who's Who, 3rd edition.

NOMINATIONS / APPOINTMENTS

Batist, G.: Member, Investigational New Drug Committee Executive, National Cancer Institute of Canada. Member, Research Subcommittee, Canadian Strategy for Cancer Control, Development Therapeutics.

Gordon, P.H.: Reviewer, British Journal of Surgery. Colorectal Committee and Colorectal Committee Working Group, National Surgical Adjuvant Breast and Bowel Project.

Kleinman, J.: Member, Editorial Board, Health Care Executive. American College of Health Care Executives.

LeBlanc, A.: Member of FCAR Comité d'évaluation scientifique du programme stratégique de professeurs-chercheurs.

Martin, M.: Elected to the Council of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

Miller, W.H., Jr.: Scientist Award, Medical Research Council of Canada.

Parniak, M.A.: Full Professor, Department of Medicine, McGill University. Member, Board of Directors, Anagenis Inc.

Schondorf, R.: Elected President of the Section on Autonomic Disorders, American Academy of Neurology.