

Research Studies Need Participants

Scientists looking for heart study subjects

College researchers are looking for men and women, ages 55-80, with high blood pressure and enlarged hearts (left ventricular hypertrophy) to study the effectiveness of a new drug in reducing the rate of fatal or disabling heart disease and strokes.

Co-principal investigators for the *Losartan Intervention for Endpoint Reduction in Hypertension or LIFE* study include Clarence Grim, MD, Professor of Medicine (Cardiovascular Medicine), and Mahendr Kochar, MD, Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education and Professor of Medicine (Cardiovascular Medicine).

It is a four-to-six year clinical trial to compare the effects of the drug Losartan with Atenolol in preventing the complications of high blood pressure and reversal of heart enlargement.

Participation involves 14 to 16 scheduled visits over the period to either the College's Cardiovascular Medicine Clinic at Froedtert or the VA Medical Center Hypertension Research Clinic.

Visits will be every one-to-four months initially, until blood pressure is controlled, and every six months for four-to-six years afterward.

Participants will receive free outpatient medical and nursing care as well as electrocardiograms, laboratory work, physical examinations and prescription blood pressure medications.

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News Briefs

CAIR grant studies savings of AIDS prevention models

Two Medical College researchers have received more than \$500,000 to study the economics of AIDS prevention.

David R. Holtgrave, PhD, Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine, has been awarded \$392,350 from the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH). Steven D. Pinkerton, PhD, Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine, will receive \$107,718 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Both researchers are based in the College's Center for AIDS Intervention Research (CAIR).

The scientists will look at the economics of HIV prevention interventions. Heretofore, little data have been available because few ongoing behavioral studies include an economic evaluation component.

Dr. Holtgrave and his colleagues will examine the cost-effectiveness of two existing HIV prevention strategies in a multisite NIMH study. That research compares a one-session cognitive-behavioral strategy with a similar intervention over seven sessions.

Dr. Pinkerton's project will estimate the effectiveness of HIV prevention interventions from eight selected National AIDS Demonstration Research (NADR) program sites.

He will use sexual and behavioral data including such factors as number of sexual partners, acts of unprotected sex and episodes of needle sharing to estimate the number of HIV infections prevented and the number of QALYs (quality-adjusted life year) saved by each intervention.

Gen. Powell to speak at HEALTHCARE 96 dinner

Retired General Colin L. Powell will be the guest speaker for *HEALTHCARE 96* on Dec. 9 at the Pfister Hotel.

Proceeds will support research for the Medical College of Wisconsin's Digestive Disease Research Center (DDRC).

The event is hosted by the DDRC Advisory Board of business and civic leaders who raise awareness and research funds for the College.

The response from business and civic leaders has been overwhelming, according to Jack Murray, the dinner's Chair for Corporate Sponsorship and Emeritus Trustee of the Medical College.

Carol Wuesthoff, Chair of the DDRC Advisory Board said, "This will be a most memorable evening, thanks in large part to our generous corporate underwriters."

For further information, contact Sally R. Peltz, Special Assistant to the President, 456-5895.

Faculty mark calendars for Assembly meeting

Faculty are reminded of the upcoming Faculty Assembly meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 20, at 4:30 pm in the Medical College Alumni Center.

An agenda was mailed to all members this past week.

For more information on Faculty Assembly activities, contact Mary Russell in the Office of the Dean, 456-4979.

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Dr. Wittmann speaks to Turkish surgical society

Abdominal compartment syndrome (ACS) was the topic of a plenary lecture by Dietmar H. Wittmann, MD, PhD, Professor of Surgery (General Surgery), at a summer meeting of the Turkish Surgical Society in Antalya, Turkey.

Abdominal compartment syndrome is a newly recognized clinical entity caused by increased intra-abdominal pressure that impairs pulmonary, cardiac, renal as well as liver function. It also impairs intestinal blood supply. ACS is an effect of abdominal surgery, trauma and intra-abdominal infections.

Good intestinal perfusion is important for healing of anastomosis, according to Dr. Wittmann.

His surgical team has developed an operative method to reverse the negative physiological effects of abdominal compartment syndrome.

Dr. Wittmann and his colleagues have published several papers on the condition, including a page on the World Wide Web at <http://www.med-scape.com>.

Heart drug being tested for congestive heart failure

A 77-year-old Milwaukee man is the second person in the US to be given a new oral agent to treat congestive heart failure.

Researchers in the Medical College of Wisconsin Heart Failure/Transplant Program at the Froedtert Memorial Lutheran Hospital Cardiovascular Center are studying the drug, Levosimendan, in heart failure patients who currently rely on intravenous medication.

Since being on the medication, the man is free from a continuous IV infusion, according to Jeffrey Hosenpud, MD, Northwestern Mutual Life Professor and Chief of Cardiovascular Medicine and principal investigator.

"It is still very early to make any predictions or conclusions regarding the efficacy or toxicity of this new agent," said Dr. Hosenpud.

"However, if proven safe and effective, it could mean freedom from an IV pump, and better quality of life for many congestive heart failure patients in this situation."

Todd Wehr Library sets Thanksgiving hours

The Todd Wehr Library will reduce its hours for Thanksgiving weekend. The library will be open from 7:30 am-6 pm, Wednesday, Nov. 27, and closed Thanksgiving Day.

Friday hours will be from noon-6pm and Saturday, from 10 am-6 pm. Regular hours resume Sunday, Dec. 1. Branch libraries in Froedtert Hospital and Children's Hospital will be closed Thursday and Friday.

Medical College observes upcoming holidays

Following is the schedule for observing upcoming holidays.

<u>HOLIDAY</u>	<u>DATE OBSERVED</u>
Thanksgiving Day after	Thursday, Nov. 28
Thanksgiving	Friday, Nov. 29
Christmas	
Eve Day	Tuesday, Dec. 24
Christmas Day	Wednesday, Dec. 25

For more information, call Human Resources at 456-8242.

Processional cards due for spring commencement

Faculty who plan to participate in the academic procession during the 1997 Commencement on Saturday, May 17, should complete and return the card previously mailed to them. For information, call Meg Makal in the President's Office, 456-8225.

Dr. Hegmann discusses DOT medical issues

Kurt T. Hegmann, MD, MPH, Assistant Professor of Preventive Medicine, contributed to an Oct. 28 seminar on the Department of Transportation (DOT) medical certification process for bus and commercial drivers.

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Persons diagnosed with and currently being treated for heart failure or diagnosed with kidneys disease are not eligible.

All participants must be enrolled by Dec. 31, 1996.

For further information, call study coordinators, Teresa Edgemond at Froedtert Hospital: 257-8062; or Barbara Yug, RN, at the VA Medical Center: 384-2000, ext. 2074.

Breast cancer patients sought for fat intake study

Women who have undergone surgery for early breast cancer within the past year are needed for a national study concerning the effect of dietary fat intake on recurrence of the disease.

The Medical College of Wisconsin is one of 30 sites nationwide participating in the *Women's Intervention Nutrition Study (WINS)*.

Researchers are recruiting 2,000 women, ages 48 to 78, who have had surgery for early stage breast cancer within the past year and will or have received standard radiation, chemotherapy and or tamoxifen (Nolvadex) follow-up treatment.

Participants will be randomly assigned to one of two diet groups.

One group will be counseled to reduce fat intake to 15 percent of total calories and the other will maintain their regular diets.

All counseling and study supplies are provided free to participants. Both groups will meet and be assessed regularly for nutritional adequacy.

The College is the only Wisconsin site for the national study.

Co-principal investigators here include Janet Hosenpud, MD, Assistant Professor of Medicine (Hematology/Oncology), and Gordon Schectman, MD, Associate Professor of Medicine (General Internal Medicine).

For further information, call WINS study coordinators at 257-5046.

Welcome to the Medical College of Wisconsin

Welcome to the Medical of Wisconsin is a monthly feature recognizing faculty and staff who started employment in the previous month.

Faculty and staff are encouraged to save this page as an addendum to their *Medical College of Wisconsin Telephone Directory*.

Information for this column is provided by the Office of Human Resources. Following is a list of new employees hired between Sept. 1 and Sept. 31.

Faculty

Judy E. Kim, MD
Clinical Instructor
Ophthalmology
257-7909

Lynda M. Biedrzycki, MD
Assistant Professor
Pathology
257-6201

John B. Gordon, MD
Associate Professor
Pediatrics (Critical Care)
266-3360

John L. Merritt, MD
Chairman
Physical Medicine & Rehab
479-9420

Hassane S. Mchaourab, PhD
Assistant Professor
Biophysics
456-4000

Ashwani Khanna, PhD
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456-8893

Sivasupramaniam Sriharan, MD
Visiting Instructor
Neurosurgery
454-5400

Gregory L. Whitcomb, DC
Assistant Clinical Professor
Neurosurgery
259-2700

Larry R. Myers, MD
Assistant Professor
Family and Community Medicine
548-6903

Ivan M. Lang, PhD, DVM
Associate Professor
Medicine (Gastroenterology and Hepatology)
259-2730

Staff

Kathleen Acevado
Patient Scheduling Coordinator
CPS-Clinical Services-Satellite Clinic
456-4785

Decorah A. Barbuto
Clerk Typist
Neurosurgery
454-5413

Jeaniffer Y. Benford
Patient Information Representative
CPS-Billing-Patient Accounts
456-5013

Andree R. Berengian
Laboratory Technician
Biophysics
456-4000

Jonathan A. Bresemann
Research Technician
Surgery (Otolaryngology)
454-5582

Michele A. Brogley
Research Technologist
Medicine (Rheumatology)
257-6356

Xiaoru Chen
Research Technologist
Cellular Biology and Anatomy
456-8659

Nixalys M. Colon
Clerk Typist
Pediatrics (Gastroenterology)
456-4160

Ravi R. Dammanna
Laboratory Technologist
Surgery (Cardiothoracic)
384-2000, ext. 1443

Felicia Davis
Sr. Administrative Assistant
Minority Student Affairs
456-7973

Peggy A. Dayton
Staff Assistant
Ophthalmology (Outpatient)
456-7973

Michele Durmin
Billing Specialist II
CPS-Billing-Physician Services
456-5013

Margaret A. Ehrmann
Administrative Assistant
Orthopaedic Surgery
257-5021

Shirley Ann Eskridge
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Biophysics
456-4008

Celia J. Fang
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Biophysics
456-4000

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456-4942

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Medical Libraries
456-8300

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Associate Director
Development
456-4704

Cindrea J. Gosh-Lee
Social Worker
Pediatrics (General Pediatrics)
277-8900

Jean A. Gurski
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CPS-Billing-Physician Services
456-5013

Ying Hu
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IBMTR-ABMTR
456-8325

Linda S. Koepf
Patient Information Rep.
CPS-Billing-Patient Accounts
456-5184

Angela J. Marciulionis
Clinical Assistant
HPI-Epidemiology
257-6880

Fedencia T. Medalle
Ophthalmic Nurse
Ophthalmology (Operating Room)
456-7888

Ana M. Mejias
Medical Records Clerk
CPS-Clinical Services-Med Records
454-5070

Amy C. Milne
Sr. Research Technician
Biochemistry
456-8435

Liqing Qian
Data Entry Assistant
IBMTR-ABMTR
456-8325

Anita L. Roberts
Patient Scheduling Coordinator
Surgery (General Surgery)
454-5800

Deanna Kaye Scharmer
Patient Scheduling Coordinator
CPS-Clinic Services-Registration
454-5506

Kathryn D. Scheets
Administrative Assistant
Public Affairs
456-4741

Joy M. Scherbarth
Patient Information Rep.
CPS-Billing-Patient Accounts
456-5192

Barbara A. Schmidt
Clinical Assistant
CPS-Clinical Services-Satellite Clinic
454-5510

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Dr. Hegmann was one of five speakers who discussed liability issues and the impact of complex medical problems on the certification process.

The seminar, titled *DOT Medical Certification Process: Avoiding Pitfalls and Problems*, was part of a conference of the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, Oct. 27-31 in Toronto.

New Staff...cont. from p.3

Linda M. Schneider

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IBMTR-ABMTR
456-8325

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456-5604

Cynthia C. Stickney

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267-2100, ext. 1533

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Laboratory Technologist
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384-2000

**Former College Chair
earns national slot**

The former Chair of Biochemistry at the Medical College is a new member of the prestigious Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences.

Bettie Sue Siler Masters, PhD, now the Robert A. Welch Foundation Chair in Chemistry at the University of Texas, Health Science Center at San Antonio is among 55 new inductees.

Her research interests have included a class of intracellular, membrane-bound enzymes involved in the metabolism of therapeutic drugs, cancer-causing agents and hormonal mediators within organs such as the liver, lung and kidney.

Dr. Masters' work has helped to define the structure and function of these enzymes.

**Annual Product and Service
show scheduled for Nov. 19**

The Cell Culture Shared Facility's Annual Product and Service Show will be on Tuesday, Nov. 19, from 9 am -3 pm in room 441.

The Cell Culture Shared Facility (previously called MCW Research Services) provides products and services to researchers.

Representatives from Gibco-BRL, HyClone, Nunc, QIAGEN and SAFESkin will answer questions regarding their products.

For information, call 456-4436.

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In the Media

Richard Jacobson, MD, PhD, Associate Professor of Neurology (Pediatrics), and **Stephen M. Rao, PhD**, Professor of Neurology (Neuropsychiatry) discussing musical training as an intelligence booster for children, *WISN-TV 12*, Oct. 31.

Maureen E. Neitz, PhD, Associate Professor of Ophthalmology, and **Jay Neitz, PhD**, Associate Professor of Cellular Biology and Anatomy, discussing genetic test for color blindness, *Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel*, Nov. 1.

Clarence E. Grim, MD, Professor of Medicine (Cardiovascular Medicine), discussing hypertension and enlarged heart, *WITI-TV 6*, Nov. 4.

Richard M. Effros, MD, Chief and Professor of Medicine (Pulmonary) discussing asbestos hazards in Milwaukee Public Schools, *WTMJ-TV 4*, Nov. 7.

Kaup R. Shetty, MD, Professor of Medicine (Geriatrics), discussing the drug, DHEA, *WTMJ-TV 12*, Nov. 7, and **Rebekah Wang-Cheng, MD**, Associate Professor of Medicine (General Internal Medicine), discussing DHEA, *WISN-TV 12*, Nov. 8.

Arthur R. Derse, MD, JD, Associate Director for Medical and Legal Affairs in the Center for the Study of Bioethics, discussing mom's challenge of Waukesha School District's drug dispensing policy, *WITI-TV 6*, Nov. 8.

Steven B. Koenig, MD, Professor of Ophthalmology, discussing hazards of gluing eyes shut, *Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel*, Nov. 9.

John E. Moulder, PhD, Professor of Radiation/Oncology, discussing microwave oven safety, *WTMJ-TV 4*, Nov. 10.

Mark Roberts, MD, PhD, MPH, Associate Professor and Acting Chair of Preventive Medicine, discussing medicinal use of marijuana, *WITI-TV 6*, Nov. 7 and dietary soy products to alleviate menopause symptoms, *WITI-TV 6*, Nov. 11.

Russell Lawson, MD, Professor and Chair of Urology, discussing the success rates of impotence treatments, *Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel*, Nov. 10.

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Upcoming Events

Medical College of Wisconsin Calendar

World seeks to provide sufficient advance notice of events for readers. The goal is to publicize events two weeks before the event date. To do this, information about events during the week of Dec. 9 should be submitted to World by noon Monday, Nov. 18.

Coming Events for the Week of November 18

Department of Pediatrics Research Seminar

Topic: Mechanism of Erythrocyte Lysate Induced [Ca²⁺]_i Elevation and Contraction in Cerebral Smooth Muscle Cells: Significance for Cerebral Vasospasm.

Speaker: John Zhang, MD, PhD, from the University of Chicago and candidate for faculty position in the Department of Pediatrics.

Date / Time / Place: Nov. 19 / noon-1 pm / MACC Fund Research Center, room 3067.

For information / To register: Call 456-4950.

Biochemistry Seminar

Topic: Mechanism of Peptide Translocation in Protein Synthesis Involving Tight and Loose Couple Ribosomes.

Speaker: D.P. Burma, PhD, from the Institute of Medical Sciences at Banaras Hindu University and candidate for a faculty position in the Department of Pediatrics.

Date / Time / Place: Nov. 19 / 3:30 pm / Biochemistry Library, room 376.

For information / To register: Call 456-8435.

Practical Clinical Pharmacology and Toxicology Forum

Topic: Occupational Lead Poisoning Cases.

Speaker: Kurt Hegmann, MD, MPH, Assistant Professor of Preventive Medicine.

Date / Time / Place: Nov. 20 / 3:30-4:30 pm / Pathology Building, room 102.

Accreditation: The Medical College designates this program for 1.0 credit hour in Category I of the Physician's Recognition Award of the American Medical Association.

For information: Call 456-7617.

Cardiovascular Research Center Seminar

Topic: Effects of FGF in the Heart: Myocyte Communication, Projection and Growth.

Speaker: Elissavet Kardami, PhD, Associate Professor of Anatomy and Physiology at the University of Manitoba.

Date / Time / Place: Nov. 20 / 4-5 pm (A reception will follow.) / room 441.

For information: Call 456-5611.

Seventh Annual Spine Symposium

Topic: Spinal Deformities.

Speaker: Keith Bridwell, MD, Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at Washington University School of Medicine.

Date / Time / Place: Nov. 20 / 8 am-noon / Children's Hospital, second-floor auditorium

Fee: The \$20 fee includes continuing medical education credit and materials.

For information / To register: Call 257-4819.

Department of Pediatrics Research Seminar

Topic: Oncogenic Transformation by HTLV-1 Tax: Transcriptional and Cell-cycle Dereglulation.

Speaker: Kenneth Low, PhD, from New England Biolabs and candidate for faculty position in the Department of Pediatrics.

Date / Time / Place: Nov. 21 / noon-1 pm / MACC Fund Research Center, room 3067.

For information / To register: Call 456-4950.

Biophysics Research Institute Seminar

Topic: Cardio-Protection by Constitutive Nitric Oxide During Chronic Myocardial Hypoxia.

Speaker: John E. Baker, PhD, Associate Professor of Surgery (Cardiothoracic Surgery).

Date / Time / Place: Nov. 22 / 4 pm / MACC Fund Research Center, room 2063.

For information: Call 456-4000.

Coming Events for the Week of November 25

Bioethics Presentation

Topic: A Community-Wide Project for Advance Directives.

Speaker: Bud Hammes, PhD, Director of Medical Humanities at Gundersen Lutheran Medical Center in LaCrosse.

Date/Time/Place: Nov. 27/Noon-1 pm/Alumni Center balcony.

Registration: Preregistration is requested because seating is limited.

For information/To register: Call 456-8498.

Coming Events for the Week of December 2

Library / Medical Information Network Classes

The following classes are offered to all Medical College, CHW and FMLH faculty, staff and students. Advanced registration is required. (Class fees, if required, are indicated below.)

If class times are not convenient, individualized instruction may be arranged. To make an appointment for individualized instruction and register for classes, call the Todd Wehr Library Reference Desk, 456-8302. Classes are designed to support the IAIMS (Integrated Advanced Information Management Systems) process.

• World Wide Web

Topic: This course will cover using the Netscape software to access World Wide Web (WWW) sites and gopher servers. Topics will include how to use the software, how to connect to sites and the College's home page.

Date / Time / Place: Dec. 2 / 1 pm-3 pm / room S014-A.

• Getting Connected

Topic: This course describes the options and recommendations for connecting your computer to the library (Medline and other databases) and Post (e-mail and WWW).

Date / Time / Place: Dec. 3 / noon-1 pm / Todd Wehr Library History of Medicine Room.

• Basic Web Publishing

Topic: A discussion of Hypertext Markup Language (HTML) and how to write documents for the World Wide Web. Participants will learn basic HTML codes, how to create different styles of text and links, and how to use images. Class participants will create a sample Web page.

Prerequisite: A Microsoft Windows and a World Wide Web class of equivalent knowledge.

Date/Time/Place/Fee: Dec. 6/10 am-noon/room S014-A. There is a \$20 fee for this class.



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