

Center for Ethics, Humanities and Palliative Care

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WEDNESDAY NOON CONFERENCE SERIES

- **Wednesday, June 3 – MEDICAL HUMANITIES CONFERENCE.** “The Study of the Human Voice Throughout History” presented by **George Charpied, MS, CCC-SLP, Director of Speech and Audiology, URM.** Noon – 1 pm, K-207 (2-6408). You are welcome to bring your lunch. For further information, contact Andrea Ehmann at 275-5800 or andrea_ehmann@urmc.rochester.edu.
- **Wednesday, June 10 – INTERDISCIPLINARY CLINICAL ETHICS CONFERENCE.** “Ethics, Assisted Reproductive Treatments and Unconventional Families” presented by **Timothy Murphy, PhD,** Professor of Philosophy in the Biomedical Sciences, Dept. of Medical Education, University of Illinois College of Medicine. Noon – 1 pm, K-207 (2-6408). You are welcome to bring your lunch.
- **Wednesday, June 17 – SCHWARTZ CENTER CONFERENCE.** “Intelligence and Capacity: Not Always on the Same Track” Noon – 1 pm. Whipple Auditorium (2-6424). Lunch will be provided.
- **Wednesday, June 24 – PALLIATIVE CARE CONFERENCE.** “Physician Barriers to Early Hospice Referral” presented by **Meg Seaver, MD,** Palliative Care Fellow; and “Prenatal Palliative Care” presented by **Erin Denney, MD,** Palliative Care Fellow. Noon – 1 pm, K-207 (2-6408). You are welcome to bring your lunch.

URMC ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

- **Family Research Roundtable.** No June meeting. Roundtable will resume October.
- **Bioethics Reading Group.** No June meeting. The Reading Group will resume in September.
- **Wednesday, June 3 – 2009 URM Faculty Development Colloquium.** This colloquium is intended for faculty who teach medical students and residents. Guest faculty are Hilliard Jason, MD, EdD from the Denver School of Medicine and Susan R. Johnson, MD, MS, from the University of Iowa. For further information, contact [Andria Mutrie@urmc.rochester.edu](mailto:Andria_Mutrie@urmc.rochester.edu) or go to www.urmc.rochester.edu/education/faculty-development/
- **Tuesday, June 16 - Integrative Oncology Lecture Series** sponsored by the Wilmot Cancer Center. “Yoga” presented by **Dr. Joanne Wu.** 6:30 – 8:00 pm at the Cancer Center. All events are free and open to the public. The series is the 3rd Tuesday of the month. For further information on location and to register, please call Carmen at 275-6426.
- **Geriatric Medicine Grand Rounds** at Monroe Community Hospital.
 - Wednesday, June 3 - “Acupressure”** presented by **Brian Dailey, MD.**
 - Wednesday, June 17 – “Elder Mistreatment and Abuse”** presented by **Naveed Shahid, MD.**
 - Wednesday, June 24 – “Perspectives of a Developmental Disabilities Geriatrician”** presented by **Mike Henderson, MD.**11 am – 12 pm. Auditorium A at MCH. For further information, contact Judy Hazelden at 760-6352.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- **Palliative Care Fellowship** – The Palliative Care Program at URMC is currently offering physicians a one-year ACGME certified Palliative Medicine Fellowship beginning July 1, 2010 with opportunities for an additional 1-2 years of formal research training if desired.

The one-year fellowship includes multidisciplinary clinical training, course work, mentored teaching and scholarship, and special emphasis on the physician / patient / family relationship. The fellowship also features effective collaboration with other disciplines, the opportunity to work with experienced palliative care physician mentors and collaboration with community partners and institutions. The trainee will be responsible for care of inpatients and outpatients in varied settings, including a busy consultation service at Strong Memorial Hospital, hospice and palliative care inpatient units, hospice-related home care, and nursing home palliative care. An individualized learning plan provides opportunities within the curriculum that includes supervised clinical experiences, tutorials, seminars, teaching opportunities and formal course work. The one-year fellowship includes protected time to pursue a mentored scholarly project. Those interested in a more research-oriented career have the potential to spend an additional 1-2 years enhancing these skills.

Address inquiries to maria_milella@urmc.rochester.edu. For further information, go to www.urmc.rochester.edu/palliative.

- **Palliative Care Volunteer Opportunities** – The Palliative Care Program is looking for a “few good men and women” to help provide support to patients and their families by becoming a patient and family volunteer. There are a variety of ways to get involved:

- **Friendly Visitor Program:** Often our patients feel isolated and long for companionship. Visit with palliative care patients and their families in the hospital, or provide patients a change of scenery.
- **Bereavement Support:** Extend the Program’s caring and support to family members after the patient’s death with follow-up phone calls and assistance with the annual Memorial Service.
- **Legacy Project:** Meet with patients, listen to their stories and life experiences, and assist them in crafting a tangible message to leave behind for their family and friends. Volunteers can help patients write cards and letters, make audio or video recordings, or other creative expressions that often become treasured remembrances.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer and would like to attend the **June 11th Volunteer Training Session**, please contact Patty DiGiorgio at 273-1154 or Patricia_Digiorgio@urmc.rochester.edu. To learn more about the program, go to www.urmc.rochester.edu/palliative.

MEMBERS’ CORNER

The Members’ Corner is designed to share information with our readers on **grants, published articles, awards, interesting articles/websites, etc.** Please send your news to maria_milella@urmc.rochester.edu by the 20th of each month.

- The NEW Albert and Phyllis Sussman Palliative Care Unit on 4-1200 caters to whole families. www.urmc.rochester.edu/pr/pulse/may-june-2009/story3.cfm
- **Susan H. McDaniel, PhD**, was formally installed as the first Dr. Laurie Sands Distinguished Professor of Families and Health at the URMC. She is the Director of the Institute for the Family in the Department of Psychiatry and Associate Chair of the Department of Family Medicine. The professorship was endowed by a gift of \$2 million from the Sands Family Foundation. www.urmc.rochester.edu/pr/news/story.cfm?id=2475



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