The past quarter was a big one for URMC Pathology and our contributions to global health. In March, Dr. Majed Refaai, the Associate Director of the Transfusion Medicine program at URMC, was named as the temporal leader in pathology for the University of Rochester School of Medicine. He serves as Associate Professor of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine, Director of the Thrombosis and Hemostasis Laboratory, Associate Director of the Division of Blood banking, and Associate Director of the Division of Hematology. Dr. Majed Refaai is also a well-regarded Bone Marrow Transplant Program director. He is the principal investigator of several active pharmaceutical and scientific clinical trials. Along with Dr. Charles Frohlich, Majed also manages a basic research laboratory with the late Dr. William C. Mayer. Majed’s research focuses on platelet function, and he’s authored or co-authored over 45 articles, including a 2015 paper, ABO matching of platelet transfusions - “Start Making Sense,” with Dr. Neil Blumberg, professor of Medicine. Majed also is our newly developed blood management program director. He’s a partner in our capacity building in Vietnam (and a graduate working in Ethiopia), a partner in our capacity building in Haiti. Plans are afoot for a significant collaboration with the University of Texas Southwestern in Dallas, TX. He then joined us in 2007 as Assistant Professor of Pathology. “In medical school in Syria, I became very interested in research. Mayer immediately engaged me in clinical research and encouraged me to pursue a career in academic medicine.” Majed also is our newly developed blood management program director. He’s a partner in our capacity building in Vietnam (and a graduate working in Ethiopia), a partner in our capacity building in Haiti. Plans are afoot for a significant collaboration with the University of Texas Southwestern in Dallas, TX. He then joined us in 2007 as Assistant Professor of Pathology. “In medical school in Syria, I became very interested in research. Mayer immediately engaged me in clinical research and encouraged me to pursue a career in academic medicine.”

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Rick Hodes, a 1982 UR School of Medicine alumnus, is the ultimate collaborator for all of us. He serves as the founding member of the Vietnam Vasculitis Anomalies Clinic, and his efforts to raise the bar for the practice of histology and medical education are truly unprecedented in my experience, and left me with a lasting feeling of having “made a difference.”

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- Mortiz Stolla, M.D. - Boston, Brigham Women Hospital/ DEPARTING RESIDENTS/FELLOWS (LEAVING IN JULY):
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- Lourdes Ylagan, director of the cytotechnology lab at Roswell Park, was elected as President-elect for 2017-18 for the Chinese American Pathologists Association. She is Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, is also Director of Education.

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- Thuy Phan, M.D., Ph.D., Baylor College of Medicine and Texas Children’s Hospital
- John Mulena, M.D., University of Maryland School of Medicine
- Donna Russell, M.D., CT (ASCP) HEM, Johns Hopkins Cancer Institute. For the right reasons.
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- HT is going to Roswell Park Cancer Institute. She will be teaching students several days each month at Roswell Park. While she will continue her teaching and clinical duties at URMC, Donna will still maintain a strong research presence in the Department.

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