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Progress … Service Lines

Many in the Department have been involved with our institutional efforts initiating five robust service lines here at Jefferson. These service lines are co-directed by a physician and an administrator, supported by Executive Committees and Working Committees, and focused upon five specific areas of clinical activity:

- Cancer
- Cardiovascular
- GI/Transplant
- Neurology/Neurosurgery
- Musculoskeletal

Our surgeons touch each of these areas, serve on their committees, and have helped direct initiatives dealing with quality and outcomes, growth of services, recruitments, marketing, etc. These service lines cross the traditional departmental silos, bring together physicians, surgeons and administrators who are focused on care in the given clinical areas, and have proved, even early in their existence, to be valuable as we look to grow, expand our imprint, and prepare for Jefferson’s medicine of the future. Of note, these service lines also provide opportunities for focused multidisciplinary training of our residents, students and fellows … in one of the five clinical areas mentioned above.

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Additionally, a sixth, more “informal” service line deals with the Multidisciplinary Center for Critical Care. Recently new critical care beds have been built both at the Jefferson Hospital of Neuroscience (JHN) and on the 4th floor of the Gibbon Building, ushering in a more robust opportunity for us to care for the increasingly ill and complex patients that are being treated here. As Thomas Jefferson said in 1810, “As new discoveries are made ... institutions must advance also, and keep pace with the times.”

Boy, are there changes afoot!
The New Breast Care Center: Truly “Managed Care” for Women

In a few short months, the Jefferson Breast Care Center has already distinguished itself nationally. Formally launched on October 1, 2008, with the appointment of Gordon Schwartz, MD, MBA, FACS as Center Director, the Center also received a 3-year accreditation from the National Accreditation Program for Breast Care Centers (NABCC) after a rigorous evaluation.

Center Director Gordon Schwartz, MD, MBA, FACS and assistant director Sun Yong (Stacy) Loe, MD, FACS lead the multidisciplinary team of the new Jefferson Breast Care Center.

Joyce Hartmann, Physician Liaison for Liver Transplant Program

The fall marked the 25th anniversary of the region’s first liver transplant — performed at Jefferson — and since then, Joyce Hartmann has had the opportunity to represent Jefferson’s Liver Transplant Program to referring physicians throughout the Delaware Valley.

With 20 years of healthcare marketing and accreditation experience, Joyce was attracted to the position because of the chance to represent the multidisciplinary team of physicians and surgeons, transplant coordinators, social workers and support staff. Jefferson’s Liver Transplant Program consists continuously ranked among regional authorities for transplantation survival rates.

“NABCC accreditation ensures that their talents are known to referring physicians and patients receive the care that they need,” says Dr. Schwartz, a Professor of Surgery.

“The results have the potential to help us learn how to customize treatments for patients to improve outcomes and survival.”

Brody Recognized for Promising Pancreatic Cancer Research

One of three Career Development Awards granted to junior faculty at academic and medical institutions each year, Dr. Brody’s award is named for the philanthropist and Kelso Investments founder Dr. Stuart Kelso, who died of pancreatic cancer in 2003. Dr. Brody accepted his award at a formal ceremony held on April 20 at the annual meeting of the AACI in Washington, DC. He will receive $250K over the next two years.

Assistant Professor Jonathan Brody, PhD, has received a prestigious Career Development Award from the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PanCAN) and the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) for his initial research in pancreatic cancer.

“While the need for scientific and medical breakthroughs in pancreatic cancer research is urgent, there is a major shortage of federal funding for research on the deadly disease,” says Julie Fleshman, President and CEO of PanCAN. “Young, new PanCAN has been working to help fill this critical void. In 2010, we will dedicate nearly $2.3 million in funding for research grants. We are excited about this partnership with Dr. Brody and look forward to working with him as we make strides against this deadly disease.”


