The George Washington University Hospital's application for membership with the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) has been approved. That, along with our Certificate of Need (CON) to perform Kidney and Pancreas Transplants, makes it official. The GW Hospital Transplant Program is ready to begin expanded operations. This means we are able to start listing patients on the national UNOS transplant list and perform kidney transplants.

It's clear our community needs this service. That's just based on the large number of dialysis patients in the region. Nearly 2,000 individuals receive kidney dialysis treatments in the District of Columbia alone. Now, patients who need a transplant have another option and we expect to become the preferred option.

I'd like to especially congratulate the core team of people who've labored for more than a year to make this possible. Your patience and persistence have paid off. I'm sure it is just the first of many achievements we can expect from the entire transplant team.

This is great news. It sets a tone for a fantastic finish in 2014 and a bright New Year ahead.
### Department of Medicine

**December 2014 Grand Rounds**

- **Dec 4** “Approaches to Outpatient Weight Management”  
  Ginger Winston, MD  
  Associate Professor  
  Division of General Internal Medicine  
  Department of Medicine  
  GW Medical Faculty Associates

- **Dec 11** Pulmonary Hypertension  
  Gurusher Panjrath, MD  
  Assistant Professor  
  Division of Cardiology  
  Department of Medicine  
  GW Medical Faculty Associates

- **Dec 18** Mission Work  
  Khashayer Vaziri, MD  
  Associate Professor of Surgery  
  Department of Surgery  
  GW Medical Faculty Associates

- **Dec 25** Cancelled for Winter Holiday

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### Cardiology Grand Rounds

5:00 PM, Ross Hall, Room # 104

- **Dec 3** Mortality & Morbidity Conference

- **Dec 10** American Heart Association Annual Sessions

- **Dec 17** Jose Vargas, MD PhD  
  Assistant Professor of Medicine  
  Division of Cardiology  
  Department of Medicine  
  Georgetown University Hospital  
  Epigenetic Primer for the Cardiologist

- **Dec 24** No Conference – Winter Holiday

- **Dec 31** No Conference – Winter Holiday

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### Resident Lecture Series

**December 2014 Noon Conference**

- **Dec 1** Recruitment
- **Dec 2** Journal Club
- **Dec 3** GME Core Lecture
- **Dec 4** Medicine Grand Rounds
- **Dec 5** Recruitment
- **Dec 8** Recruitment
- **Dec 9** Clinicopathologic Conference – Drs. Nishant Magar and Paul Blair
- **Dec 10** Recruitment
- **Dec 11** Medicine Grand Rounds
- **Dec 12** Recruitment
- **Dec 15** Recruitment
- **Dec 16** Hepatorenal Syndrome - Dr. Ashte Collins
- **Dec 17** Recruitment
- **Dec 18** Medicine Grand Rounds
- **Dec 19** Recruitment
- **Dec 22** Holiday Week – No Conference
- **Dec 23** Holiday Week – No Conference
- **Dec 24** Holiday Week – No Conference
- **Dec 25** Holiday Week – No Conference
- **Dec 26** Holiday Week – No Conference
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The George Washington University Medical Center (GWUMC) is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to sponsor continuing medical education for physicians. GWUMC designates this continuing medical education activity on an hour-for-hour basis in Category I of the Physician’s Recognition Award of the American Medical Association. (AMA).
Dr. Muralidharan Jagadeesan joins the Division of Renal and Hypertension as the Medical Director of the Nephrology Transplant Program at GWUH. Dr. Jagadeesan comes to us at the Associate Professor rank from Medical College of Georgia, Georgia Health Sciences University, where he has been on faculty since 1997. He is also the Director of the Renal Transplant Fellowship.

Dr. Jagadeesan received his medical degree from Madras Medical College Chennai in Madras, India. He completed his Internal Medicine residency at Woodhull Medical Center in Brooklyn, New York and went on to do his Clinical Nephrology and Nephrology Transplant fellowship training at the University of Toronto in Toronto, Canada. He is board certified in Internal Medicine and Nephrology.

BEST HALLOWEEN COSTUME ON THEwards!!

Where's Dr. Mehta?

Rodham Institute: Summit 2014

On October 30th, the Rodham Institute hosted its 2014 Summit to promote health equity. Attendees included leaders from local and national health advocacy organizations, as well as Hillary Rodham Clinton and Clinton Health Matters Initiative Chief Executive Officer Rain Henderson. The Institute, which is housed within the George Washington University (GW) School of Medicine and Health Sciences (SMHS) and supported by the GW Medical Faculty Associates, seeks to apply the transformative power of education to help future and current health care providers achieve health equity in Washington, D.C.

“Over the last year, the Rodham Institute has worked toward identifying sustainable solutions to promote health equity through education and training,” said Jehan ‘Gigi’ El-Bayoumi, M.D., founding director of the Rodham Institute and associate professor of medicine at SMHS. “Having an open dialogue and working with leaders of existing community programs and organizations, as encouraged in today’s Summit, is paramount to meeting our goals.”

At the Summit, the Rodham Institute awarded a $5,000 grant to Breathe DC, an organization dedicated to reducing asthma and lung disease in D.C., for their proposal to create a parent advocacy group to improve housing and health conditions for children and their families.

Poster presentations by the Institute's community partners and students involved in the Rodham Institute's Health Education Leadership Programs, a comprehensive pipeline program designed to cultivate student interest in diverse health professions among underrepresented minority youth, were exhibited during the event. Discussions on health professions training, workforce development, and community collaboration were also an important part of the Summit.

“It’s an incredible honor to have this Institute named in memory of my mother,” said Clinton. “The mission of the Institute is so much in line with what we are doing at the Clinton Foundation and is also in line with my mother’s own upbringing and her concerns about caring for people who are left out and left behind.”

Founded in 2013, in honor of the late Dorothy Rodham, the Rodham Institute’s focus is partnering with the D.C. community to achieve health equity through the education and cultivation of the next generation of community-oriented health care providers. Through creating and supporting programs, such as a new health equity elective at SMHS, the Rodham Institute is training future and current health care providers how to use innovative strategies to improve health care for all. In the years ahead, the Rodham Institute hopes to establish practices that will serve as a benchmark for other medical and health sciences schools across the country.
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# Congratulations

**Congratulations** to Dr. Alan Greenberg for being awarded the Alvan R. Feinstein Memorial Award from the American College of Physicians. The award is given to an American physician who has made a major contribution to the science of patient care in activities that Dr. Feinstein (internationally recognized as the father of clinical epidemiology) has broadly defined as clinical epidemiology or clinimetrics, involving the direct study of patients’ clinical conditions. Dr. Greenberg was nominated by Drs. Wasserman and Simon. Way to go!

**Congratulations** to Dr. Geraldine Schechter, Professor Emeritus, for being recognized with the 2014 Henry M. Stratton Medal for her seminal contributions in the areas of clinical hematology at the Annual American Society of Hematology meeting in early December.

**Congratulations** to Dr. Jun Shoji, PGY 5, in the Division of Nephrology, for being accepted into UCSF’s Transplant Nephrology Fellowship. Great Job!

**Congratulations** on the recently published book titled, “Chronic Renal Disease” which was edited by Drs. Paul Kimmel and Mark Rosenberg. It is authored by renal faculty including Drs. Ashte Collins, Maria Wing, Scott Cohen, Samir Patel, Lakmir Chawla, Susie Lew, Manual Velasquez and Dominic Raj.

**Congratulations** to Dr. Adam Possner, DGIM, and his wife Marci Possner, on their newest addition to their family, Ezra Reuben Possner, born on October 27th weighing 8 lbs.

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**Announcement**

It is with sadness that I write that Dr. Patrick Alan Gorman, former Professor Emeritus of Cardiology, passed away on November 8th.

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**Rheumatology Academic Conference Schedule**

**December 2014**

*Please note new conference locations:

**ACC Building 6B-411B** (8:00 am - 9:00 am)

Questions? Call (202) 741-2488

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**See you next month! The Editor**