If asked to write about the most unusual person you have ever known, some of you might have to think a while before answering; but not me. I knew Dr. Tsung O Cheng. He was not the “most interesting man in the world,” but he was the most unusual.

Tsung O (which he told me is the correct way to refer to him) was born in 1925 in Shanghai, China. He received his B.S. and M.D from St. John’s University in Shanghai. He did a residency in internal medicine at Cook County Hospital in Chicago followed by years of additional cardiac training at Northwestern, GW/DC General, the University of Pennsylvania, Harvard and finally Johns Hopkins. His first job was as an assistant professor at Downstate before he came back to GW in 1970 as an Associate Professor.

In the 1970’s thru the early 1980’s Tsung O was the leading cardiac catheterizer in the Washington, DC area. He would be in to work at 6:30am every day and start cathing at exactly 7:30am. Every case was an adventure and every cath report was a small novel. T. O. coined those famous cath lab terms such as “hot shot,” “cough or you die,” “oh no look what you’ve done,” (a favorite among the fellows and patients) and “not like that.” (Many a fellow still has the scar on their shins from being kicked by T. O.) Remember, patients weren’t sedated although often they wished they were. These were only diagnostic caths, but I never remember T. O. having a complication. Except of course, the day the Hydrogen Balloon blew up in the lab while he was looking for an ASD. The fireball engulfed the pt. and burned off both the patients’ eyelashes. T.O. never broke scrub.

I first saw/met T. O. in the late 70’s when he was giving a lecture in Philadelphia on “Paradoxical Embolus.” When I reminded him of this a few years ago, he went down to his office and came back with the brochure from that lecture. He hoarded everything. He had pictures with Mao and letters from Nixon and Kissinger. He had signed pictures from Paul Dudley White, Eugene Braunwald and John Barlow from MVP fame who was a good friend. Tsung was asked to write Barlow’s eulogy. He was an honorary Professor at over 35 Universities in over 15 countries.

He published over 2,000 articles, abstracts, books and book chapters. I enjoyed his chronology of the spread of Coronary Disease in China. T. O. attributed this mostly to KFC and McDonalds as the epidemic of heart disease started 15-20 years after the introduction of junk food. He was an advocate of Mainland China and it took him a while to forgive me when I said that the Olympics of 2008 should be moved out of China because of the massacre at Tiananmen Square.

He had no interests other than his work. He was in early every morning working on his papers and books. Publications included a range of topics from “Bumpversion to Thumpversion” to “All Teas are not Created Equal, Chinese Green Tea and Cardiovascular Health,” to one that says it all about T.O., “No Apostrophe ‘s’ after Marfan in Marfan Syndrome.”

Every year at annual report time I would ask T. O. if I could make him Emeritus and each time he said no because it sounded too much like retiring. He said he didn’t need to be Emeritus and would “die with his boots on” and at 90 years of age, that is what he did on the way to work.

(T.O.’s last article had a quote from Yogi Berra, and when I said that I had a picture of me with Yogi he asked to see it. I brought it in but didn’t have a chance to show him. Knowing that T.O. would be frustrated, as he didn’t like things unfinished, here is the photo so we have closure.)

Alan G. Wasserman, M.D.
部 of Medicine  
February 2016 Grand Rounds

FEB 4 “Intracerebral Hemorrhage  
Management”  
Christopher Junker, MD  
Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology, Critical Care  
Medicine, and Neurosurgery  
Department of Anesthesiology  
GW Medical Faculty Associates

FEB 11 “Myositis”  
Rodolfo Curiel, MD  
Associate Professor of Medicine  
Director, Myositis Center  
Division of Rheumatology  
Department of Medicine  
GW Medical Faculty Associates

FEB 18 “Family Planning”  
Roxanne Jamshidi, MD  
Associate Professor of Obstetrics & Gynecology  
Director of the Division of General Obstetrics &  
Gynecology  
GW Medical Faculty Associates  
Jennifer Lesko, MD  
Assistant Professor of Obstetrics & Gynecology  
Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology  
GW Medical Faculty Associates

FEB 25 “Evolving Role of Epigenetic Agents in  
Breast Cancer: From Lab to Clinic and Back”  
Roisin Connolly, MBBS  
Assistant Professor, Oncology  
The Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions  
Baltimore, Maryland

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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).

Cardiology Grand Rounds  
5:00 PM, Ross Hall, Room # 104

FEB 3  
Mortality & Morbidity Conference

FEB 10  
Patricia Latham, MD  
Professor of Pathology and Medicine  
Chief, Autopsy Service Internist (Hepatology)  
Division of Gastroenterology  
Department of Medicine  
GW Medical Faculty Associates  
Tetrology of Fallot M&M

FEB 17  
Steven Farmer, MD  
Associate Professor of Medicine  
Division of Cardiology  
Department of Medicine  
GW Medical Faculty Associates  
Payment Reform for Cardiologists:  
Pitfalls and Opportunities

FEB 24  
TBA

Resident Lecture Series  
February 2016 Noon Conference

FEB 1  
TBD

FEB 2  
Journal Club

FEB 3  
GME Core Lecture

FEB 4  
Medicine Grand Rounds

FEB 5  
Chairman’s Rounds

FEB 8  
TBD– Dr. Suzanne Adler

FEB 9  
Clinicopathologic Conference-  
Drs. David Zarkowsky and Nick Dallas

FEB 10  
GME Core Lecture

FEB 11  
Medicine Grand Rounds

FEB 12  
“Care of the Agitated Patient”– Dr. Baiju Gandhi

FEB 15  
TBD

FEB 16  
TBD

FEB 17  
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FEB 18  
Medicine Grand Rounds

FEB 19  
TBD

FEB 22  
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FEB 23  
Clinicopathologic Conference-  
Drs. Vlad Tsalttskan and Dianne Thompson

FEB 24  
TBD

FEB 25  
Medicine Grand Rounds

FEB 26  
Chairman’s Rounds

FEB 29  
TBD

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Please Join Us In Welcoming Our Newest Additions to the Medicine Faculty

Alison M. Donovan, NP-C will join the Division of General Internal Medicine this month as a Certified Nurse Practitioner. Alison received her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing at Western Michigan University in 2010 and her Master of Science degree in Nursing at Michigan State University in 2014. She is board certified as a Family Nurse Practitioner by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) and is licensed in the District of Columbia and Michigan.

Alison’s experience as a healthcare provider started in 2010 at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center in 2009, where she was a Student Nurse Intern. In 2010, she was employed as a Registered Nurse at Allegiance Health in Jackson, Michigan and in 2011 at the Department of Veterans Affairs in Ann Arbor, Michigan. In 2014, Alison was employed with Minute Clinic as a Nurse Practitioner, where she autonomously managed the Walk-in Clinic, conducted physical assessments, performed and interpreted diagnostic tests, diagnosed and treated common conditions, provided screenings, counseled patients on healthy lifestyle choices, and prescribed medications as needed to patients.

Her special interests include Family Medicine and the promotion of Health.

Sarah K. Harris, FNP will join the Division of Rheumatology this month as a Certified Nurse Practitioner. Sarah received her first Bachelor of Science degree at Oregon State University in Home Economics-Dietetics option in 2001. She then earned her second Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing at The Oregon Health and Science University in 2003. In 2015, Sarah completed a Master of Science degree in Nursing. She is board certified as a Family Nurse Practitioner by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) and is licensed in the District of Columbia and Oregon.

Sarah’s experience as a healthcare provider spans over a thirteen year period, starting in 2003 as a staff Nurse in a rehabilitation and intermediate care unit where she started to build on the nursing and leadership skills. Other positions have allowed her to experience a diverse patient load, build on her customer service skills and teach. In her most recent role as a Family Nurse Practitioner student, here at The George Washington University, she has been able to further strengthen her abilities as a healthcare provider, with the completion of 672 hours of clinical rotations and a wealth of knowledge.

Her special interests include Family Medicine and computerized and paper documentation.

Condolences

To the family of Michael Adams, MD FACP, program director at Georgetown University Hospital, who passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family and friends on Sunday January 10th. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family.

Medical Society of The District of Columbia

For the last 10 years the MFA has joined the Medical Society of The District of Columbia (MSDC) with a group rate for all our physicians. We did this because we felt it is important to be part of the only advocacy group that DC Physicians have in our community. I have been a member of the MSDC for over 25 years because of how important I feel it is to have an organization lobbying on behalf of the physicians in Washington, DC.

Because of budgetary issues this year the MFA is not in a position to join as a group, but I want to vigorously encourage YOU to join. The MSDC has given MFA physicians an attractive discounted rate and has arranged that it can be paid through payroll deduction if you would like.

We need the MSDC to be there for us to lobby the City Council and to provide vital resources to the physician community. This organization does so much, not just looking after financial issues, but addressing the health and well-being of DC physicians. The MSDC Physician Health Program is a private, confidential, non-disciplinary program that works to advocate for the health and well-being of all physicians in metropolitan Washington, DC, and to safeguard the public. The Program is HIPAA compliant and protects the confidentiality of participant records as set forth under DC and Federal law. The program is administered by the Medical Society of DC and is separate from the DC Board of Medicine. The MFA has used the services of the Physician Health Program on multiple occasions.

The Medical Society ensures that physicians have up-to-date information, including regular and special notices alerting physicians to timely items about MSDC and health care, legislative and other urgent matters, such as licensure and public health issues. They have assisted the MFA with licensure and billing issues over the years.

I am a major advocate of the work that the MSDC has done for all of us over the years and I hope that we can continue to show our support by individually joining this year. It is important to all of us to have a strong community voice and that is what MSDC represents.

Please visit: https://msdc.site-ym.com/?MFARENEW or call MSDC at 202-466-1800.

- Alan Wasserman, MD, MACP

Chairman’s Rounds

GWU Hospital Auditorium, 12:00 Noon
All Faculty Invited to Attend

Feb 5 Dr. Angela Pham
Dr. Suneeta Ganji
Feb 26 Dr. Paul Blair
Dr. Kelli Gilmer
Rheumatology Academic Conference Schedule
February 2016

ACC Building 6B-411B (8:00 am - 9:00 am)
Ross Hall: Room 201C (9:30 am – 11:30 am)
Questions? Call (202) 741-2488

FEB 4:  Foot Disorders
         Farah Siddiqui, DPM

FEB 4:  Didactic Sessions

FEB 11: Radiology Conference
Dr. Kathleen Brindle,
Associate Professor of Radiology
Chief, Musculoskeletal Radiology
NOTE LOCATION: GWU Hospital
Radiology Conference Room

FEB 11: Didactic Sessions

FEB 18: Intra-City Rheumatology Grand Rounds
NOTE LOCATION: Children's NMC
NOTE TIME: 7:30 AM

FEB 18: Faculty Meeting

FEB 25 Journal Club
Sam Serafi, MD

FEB 25: Didactic Sessions

Kudos and Congratulations

Kudos... to Dr. Antoinette Saddler and the Gastroenterology division on receiving a letter of praise, “you and your team were so warm and professional with me that I keep thinking of that experience and using it as a model in my own life.”

Kudos... to Dr. Danielle Doberman, Palliative Care, a patient writes, “she returned my call promptly and provided excellent information, her warmth and generosity were notable.”

Kudos... to Drs. Kanika Gupta, PGY2, and John Tiu, PGY1, for having their manuscript, “The promising role of nivolumab in renal cell cancers,” accepted for publication in Cancer Biology & Therapy.

Kudos... to Dr. Richard Simons, Professor of Medicine and Senior Associate Dean for MD Programs at the GWSMHS, who has been elected to serve a two-year term as Regent of the American College of Physicians.

Congratulations... to Dr. Christian Nagy, Cardiology, on passing the adult congenital board certification exam! ACHD was recently approved by ABIM as a new subspecialty in cardiology and the first board exam was administered this year. Way to go!

Congratulations... to Dr. Suzanne Chang and her husband, Mike, on the newest additions to their family; Benjamin Qing-Tian Alpern (6 lb 12 oz) arrived just before 1 AM on 1/5/16, followed by his sister Lily Qing-Li Alpern (6 lb 1 oz) just 20 minutes later.

Congratulations... to Drs. Sumugdha Rayamajhi and Shailendra Sharma on the newest addition to their family, healthy baby boy Aryav arrived on January 7 lbs 2 oz.

Congratulations... to Dr. Jehan El-Bayoumi, General Internal Medicine, on being invited to speak at the Milken Institute Public Health Summit in March on Inner-City and Rural Care: Bridging the Gap in Health Disparities.

See you next month! The Editor

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