Dr. James Cooper Retires

After 14 years at the GW Medical Faculty Associates, Dr. James Cooper, Division of Geriatrics, has decided to retire from clinical practice. He holds the rank as Clinical Professor of Medicine.

Dr. Cooper is a graduate of Vanderbilt University School of Medicine. He went on to do his internship and residency at the University of Kentucky Hospital and George Washington University Medical Center. James then went on to do his fellowship in Geriatrics at Harvard Medical School.

His previous professional experience includes: Senior Gerontology Advisor, Office of Clinical Standards and Quality (Medicare) and Director of Cardiovascular Programs, Geriatrics Program at the National Institute on Aging at NIH.

He founded the GW MFA Memory Clinic and has been a member of the Division of Geriatrics since 2001.

He has over 100 publications including recently the lack of efficacy of diet on Alzheimer’s disease.

We are sad to see him go.

From the Chairman

Have no illusions about the next Presidential election as the Republicans are already fighting each other to get the most extreme position on social issues. Senator Claire McCaskill had to be the luckiest woman in the world in 2012 when her opponent and sure winner in Missouri, Republican Representative Todd Akin talked about “legitimate rape” rarely causing pregnancy. Mr. Akin knew that “the female body has ways to try to shut the whole thing down.” So after pandering to his base he apologized; his conservative base first tried to disavow him but then later embraced him after he wouldn’t step down as a candidate. After losing with only 39% of the vote, Akin said that he regretted apologizing and defended his original comments. So much for believing apologizes. (At least when Cheney said he was a draft dodger from Vietnam because he had better things to do, he never apologized. Good for him as he spoke honestly, unlike his running mate who said he joined the National Guard to serve his country [in Texas].)

But once again, I digress. Now the years have changed but the jargon remains the same. This time the Republicans are attacking the Hood: Planned Parenthood, while they embrace Personhood. Planned Parenthood has been demonized as the Abortion Haven of America. The truth is, it is the largest U.S. provider of reproductive health services, with 97% of its clinical interactions focused on breast and cervical cancer screening, HIV screening and counseling, contraception, and 3% on abortion. Recent accusations regarding a Planned Parenthood executive discussing selling fetal body parts have caused resurgence in opposition; Planned Parenthood has countered that it donates the tissue for scientific research and receives only reimbursement for its expenses. Remember 3%! How many women would be disadvantaged from receiving needed preventive medical care if it were defunded?

Recently a member of our fraternity, Dr. Ben Carson has not only taken on Planned Parenthood but its founder Margaret Sanger. Calling her a racist and a Nazi sympathizer, he states that it is no wonder that most Planned Parenthood clinics are in black neighborhoods. The Washington Post recently reported that of the 800 clinics only 110 reside where the black population is greater than 25%. But don’t let facts get mixed up in politics. I recently read a book entitled “The Birth of The Pill” by Jonathan Eig that reviews Margaret Sanger’s tireless efforts over 50 years to bring a safe method of contraception to women. The FDA approval of Enovid, the first oral contraceptive, in 1960 was a direct result of her work. However, Connecticut law prohibited any person from using any drug for the purpose of preventing conception. So it wasn’t until 1965, when the Supreme Court, in Griswold v. Connecticut, ruled that the private use of contraceptives was a constitutional “right to marital privacy” that Ms. Sanger’s work was really done.

Every Republican candidate has called for defunding Planned Parenthood and some like Jeb Bush have bragged how they had already “defunded the abortion giant” in their states as governor. He also has said, ”I’m not sure we need half a billion dollars for women's health issues.” Of course he then apologized for his ‘misstatement’. So did Todd Akin.  

Alan G. Wasserman, M.D.
**Department of Medicine**  
**September 2015 Grand Rounds**

SEPT 3 “Critical Thinking: Implications for Clinical Practice and Medical Education”  
Richard Simons, MD  
Senior Associate Dean for M.D. Programs  
George Washington SMHS  
Professor of Medicine  
Division of General Internal Medicine  
Department of Medicine  
GW Medical Faculty Associate

SEPT 10 “Bariatric Surgery”  
Khashayar Vaziri, MD  
Associate Professor of Surgery  
Associate Program Director  
General Surgery Residency Program  
Department of Surgery  
GW Medical Faculty Associates

SEPT 17 “B Cell Lymphoma”  
Eduardo Sotomayor, MD  
Professor of Medicine  
Director, GW Cancer Center  
Division of Hematology/Oncology  
Department of Medicine  
GW Medical Faculty Associates

SEPT 24 “Acute Kidney Injury”  
Chirag Parikh, MD, PhD  
Associate Professor of Medicine  
Division of Nephrology  
Associate Professor of Investigative Medicine  
Director, Program of Applied Translational Research  
Yale School of Medicine  
New Haven, CT

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).

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

SEPT 2  
Mortality & Morbidity Conference

SEPT 9  
Marco Mercader, MD  
Associate Professor of Medicine  
Division of Cardiology  
Department of Medicine  
GW Medical Faculty Associates  
*Update on Catheter Ablation for AF*

SEPT 16  
Manuel Cerqueira, MD  
Chairman, Nuclear Medicine  
Cleveland Clinic  
Cleveland, OH  
*Nuclear Cardiology*

SEPT 23  
No Conference

SEPT 30  
Elliott Antman, MD  
Professor of Medicine  
Associate Dean, Clinical and Translational Research  
Harvard Medical School  
Senior Physician, Cardiovascular Medicine  
Brigham and Women’s Hospital  
Boston, MA  
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**Resident Lecture Series**  
**September 2015 Noon Conference**

SEPT 1  
Journal Club

SEPT 2  
GME Core Lecture

SEPT 3  
Medicine Grand Rounds

SEPT 4  
Chairman’s Rounds

SEPT 7  
Holiday

SEPT 8  
Clinicopathologic Conference-  
Drs. Aneesha Housein and Kanika Gupta

SEPT 9  
“Common Disorders of the Foot”- Dr. Zung Le

SEPT 10  
Medicine Grand Rounds

SEPT 11  
Chairman’s Rounds

SEPT 14  
“Peritoneal Dialysis”- Dr. Susie Lew

SEPT 15  
“Dermatology”- Dr. Adam Friedman

SEPT 16  
“Pre-Op Risk Stratification”- Dr. Mihir Patel

SEPT 17  
Medicine Grand Rounds

SEPT 18  
Chairman’s Rounds

SEPT 21  
“Crystalline Arthropathy”- Dr. Nora Taylor

SEPT 22  
“Movement Disorders”- Dr. Aviva Ellenstein

SEPT 23  
“Geriatrics Home Visit”- Dr. Robert Jayes

SEPT 24  
Medicine Grand Rounds

SEPT 25  
Chairman’s Rounds

SEPT 28  
“Perioperative Anticoag/Antiplatelet Management”- Dr. Mihir Patel

SEPT 29  
“Morbidity and Mortality”-  
Drs. Freba Farhat and Alexis Pavle

SEPT 30  
“Pulmonary Hypertension”- Dr. Amandeep Bawa

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

Pedro A. Jose, MD, PhD joins the Division of Kidney Disease and Hypertension. Dr. Jose received his medical degree from The University of Santo Tomas, Philippines in 1965. He completed his Residency in Pediatric Medicine at State University of New York, Downstate Medical Center. He then completed two Fellowships in Pediatric Nephrology at Georgetown University Medical Center. He is board certified in Pediatrics and Pediatric Nephrology and is licensed in Virginia and the District of Columbia.

Dr. Jose has held many academic appointments, most recently as Professor of Medicine and Physiology at The University of Maryland, School of Medicine. He was the Director, Center for Molecular Physiology Research, Children’s Research Institute.

He is very active in his research endeavors: he has been Principal Investigator on over fifteen projects, five of which are still active. He has been co-principal investigator on numerous other projects. He has administered more than $35 million in grants with at least three simultaneously active NIH grants since 1991.

Dr. Jose’s current work investigates the pathogenesis of salt-sensitive and salt-resistant hypertension, pharmacogenetics and pharmacogenomics of essential hypertension, and insulin resistance. Studies range from molecular biology to integrative physiology in mice, rats, and humans.

Dr. Jose is viewed as one of the leading biomedical physician-scientists in the world whose work will become the keystone for the treatment of hypertension in our lifetime.

Aileen Chang, MD joins the Division of General Internal Medicine this month. Dr. Chang completed her Medical Degree at Columbia University, College of Physicians and Surgeons in 2010. She completed her Residency training in Internal Medicine at the University of Miami, where she also earned her Master of Science degree in Public Health. In June of 2015, Dr. Chang completed a General Internal Medicine Fellowship at the University of Miami. She is board certified in Internal Medicine.

Dr. Chang is active in her scholarly works, with Nine publications, a number of posters and number of presentations, regionally and nationally. She has also reviewed Journals for several well reputed industry publications.

She has participated in ten funded research projects, two of which are still active. Her research focuses primarily on three domains: Health Disparities using Community Based Participatory Research Methods, and Tropical Medicine. She is currently working on Hispanic Health Disparities and Dengue Fever Management Strategies.

Dr. Chang has been the recipient of many awards, most recently the National Institute of Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD) Translational Health Disparities Scholarship and Excellence in Reviewing from Acta Tropica in recognition of an outstanding contribution to the quality of the journal.

Dr. Chang’s linguistic skills are impressive; she is fluent in Spanish and conversational Chinese.

Washingtonian’s Top Docs 2015

Congratulations to all the physicians below for being selected to Washingtonian’s Top Docs 2015:

**Allergy:**
- Janine Van Lancker

**Cardiology:**
- Brian Choi
- Richard Katz
- Scott Shapiro
- Allen Solomon
- Cynthia Tracy
- Alan Wasserman

**Cardiology Interventional:**
- Ramesh Mazhari
- Christian Nagy
- Jonathon Reiner

**Endocrinology:**
- Suzanne Adler
- Joshua Cohen
- Michael Irwig
- Jill Paulson

**Gastroenterology:**
- M.Aamir Ali
- Showkat Bashir
- Marie Borum
- Sands Irani
- Antoinette Saddler
- Steven Zeddun

**Geriatrics:**
- Elizabeth Cobbs
- Danielle Doberman
- Robert Jayes
- Christina Puchalski
- Katalin Roth

**Infectious Diseases:**
- David Parenti
- Afsoon Roberts
- Marc Siegel
- Gary Simon
- Carmenita Tuazon

**Internal Medicine:**
- Sharon Baratz
- April Barbour
- Jillian Catalanotti
- Jehan El-Bayoumi (Gigi)
- Robert Jablonover
- Parvinder Sheena Khurana
- Matthew Mintz
- Brad Moore
- David Popiel
- Adam Possner
- Paul Silver

**Nephrology:**
- Scott Cohen
- Ashte Collins
- Susie Lew
- Samir Patel
- Dominic Raj

**Oncology/Hematology:**
- Rebecca Kaltman
- Frederick Rickles
- Robert Siegel
- Imad Tabbara

**Pulmonology:**
- Jalll Ahari
- Morgan Delaney
- Guillermo Gutierrez
- Vivek Jain

**Rheumatology:**
- Rodolfo Curiel
- Mandana Hashefi
- Nora Taylor

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Chairman’s Rounds
GWU Hospital Auditorium, 12:00
All Faculty Invited to Attend

SEPT 4
- Dr. Erica McBride
- Dr. Emily Lo

SEPT 11
- Dr. Saria Izzeldin
- Dr. Ashley Noisette

SEPT 18
- Dr. Nika Safaie

SEPT 25
- Dr. Raza Yunus
- Dr. Aung Myint
Rheumatology Academic Conference Schedule
September 2015

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

SEPT 3: “Osteoporosis”
Nicole Ehrhardt, MD

SEPT 3: Rheumatology Fellowship Interviews

SEPT 10: Radiology Conference: Radiographic Features of Chronic Arthropathies Part I
Dr. Kathleen Brindle, Associate Professor of Radiology
Chief, Musculoskeletal Radiology
Location: GW Hospital, Radiology Conference Room

SEPT 10: Rheumatology Fellowship Interviews

SEPT 17: Intra-City Rheumatology Grand Rounds
NOTE LOCATION: Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (WRNMMC)
NOTE TIME: 7:30 AM

SEPT 17: Didactic Sessions
10:30-11:30 AM GW Hospital, 6th floor

SEPT 24: Radiology Conference: Radiographic Features of Chronic Arthropathies Part II
Dr. Kathleen Brindle, Associate Professor of Radiology
Chief, Musculoskeletal Radiology
Location: GW Hospital, Radiology Conference Room

SEPT 24: Didactic Sessions
9:30-11:30 GW Hospital, 6th floor

Kudos and Congratulations

Kudos... to Drs. Marie Borum, Gastroenterology, Drs. Jessica Davis, PGY4, and Brandon Rieders, PGY3, on their publication, “Clinical Practice Patterns Suggest Female Patients Prefer Female Endoscopists” in Journal of Digestive Diseases and Sciences.

Kudos... to Drs. Talal Alzahrani, PGY2, Dana Kay, PGY2, Saeed Alqahtani, Neurology resident, Yamane Makke, Neurology resident, Linda Lesky, Hospital Medicine, and Mohammad Koubeissi, Neurology, on their publication “Levetiracetam-induced Pancytopenia” in Epilepsy & Behavior Case Reports.

Congratulations... to Regina Smeraglinolo, Pharmacy Manager, and her husband on the new addition to their family, James Victor Smeraglinolo born on July 20th weighing in at 6lbs 10ozs.

Announcement

Dr. Mitchell Rosner MD, FASN, Professor of Medicine and Chairman of Medicine at the University of Virginia will be giving a Renal Grand Rounds titled “Acute Kidney Injury Associated with Cardiac Surgery and Prevention Approaches” on September 15 at 4 PM at Ross Hall, Ground Floor Lobby C.

See you next month! The Editor

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