



Department of **UROLOGIC SCIENCES** UBC

2010 Winter Newsletter

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT HEAD

November 17, 2009 will be recorded as the inauguration date of the Mens Health Initiative of BC, the 6th program of the Department of Urologic Sciences. In the planning for almost 2 years, this project brings to fruition the strategic thinking of many individuals and a multitude of disciplines. The MHIBC will focus on improving men's health and quality of life through outreach, awareness, risk assessment, public health prevention strategies, public and professional education, diverse and collaborative research, and dissemination of best practices for clinical care in cardiac, bone, behavioural, mental, prostate, sexual and testosterone health. The first order of business of the new MHIBC was the commissioning of a Men's Health Report, a public health review which revealed that mortality from cardiovascular disease, suicide and motor vehicle accidents in young men account for the primary causes of Potential Years of Life Lost and the decreased average life expectancy of men, when compared to women. It is through this report's findings that we hope to set our agenda and priorities for research and public policy recommendations, ultimately to improve the health of men of diverse socioeconomic and cultural groups. I encourage everyone to check out the MHIBC website, www.aboutmen.ca, which is an interactive website highlighting important information about men's health for both the public and health care practitioners.



Special Interest Articles:

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Anita & Arnold Silber

Faculty Profile
Dr. J. Mickelson

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Dr. Goldenberg
- Order of Canada

Dr. Lynn Stothers
- Promotion to Full
Professor

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In this newsletter I am delighted to profile 2 very special benefactors who have generously supported our clinical research programs, Anita and Arnold Silber. Please read their profile and appreciate what wonderful individuals they are. The funds our Department raises through philanthropy is essential to the success of so many of our faculty.

Research highlight: **Dr Chris Nguan** collaborated with members of the Sauder School to develop an Excel-based mathematical model that analyzes data about organ donors and potential recipients to streamline organ matching by predicting the probable outcomes of different matches. Thanks in part to the success of this project, **Dr Nguan** and **Dr Steven Shechter** are partnering on several other projects to bring Operations Research into the Department.

Awards and Achievements: I would like to recognize **Dr Mike Hsing** who has recently defended his PhD thesis, under the mentorship of **Dr Art Cherkasov**, and has been offered a postdoctoral appt at Harvard Medical School effective March 2010. Congratulations to **Dr Jennie Mickelson** for taking the Second Prize Clinical Research Award in the American Academy of Pediatrics Section on Pediatric Urology, to **Dr Brian Mayson** who was recipient of the "Best of Session"

poster award at the WSAUA and to **Dr Ben Chew, Chelsea Elwood and Dr Dirk Lange** who won the Best Endourology Paper at this year's World Congress of Endourology in Munich, Germany. Special congratulations to **Dr. Paul Rennie** and co-investigators **Drs Emma Guns and Artem Cherkasov** whose project "Androgen Receptor Inhibitors" will receive \$150,000. They have used in-house developed computer-aided techniques for high throughput screening of AR activity to discover a completely unique class of AR inhibitors that act on a newly identified site on the AR. These findings allow them to proceed further into the preclinical pharmacological testing proposed and lay a foundation for the development of entirely novel and effective therapies capable of combating prostate cancer even in its deadliest hormone-resistant forms. And special recognition to **Dr YZ Wang** and colleagues who have received a very competitive CIHR grant for their project: "Prostate Cancer Metastasis-Associated Serum MiRNAs"



November 17, 2009
Mens Health Initiative of BC – Media Launch

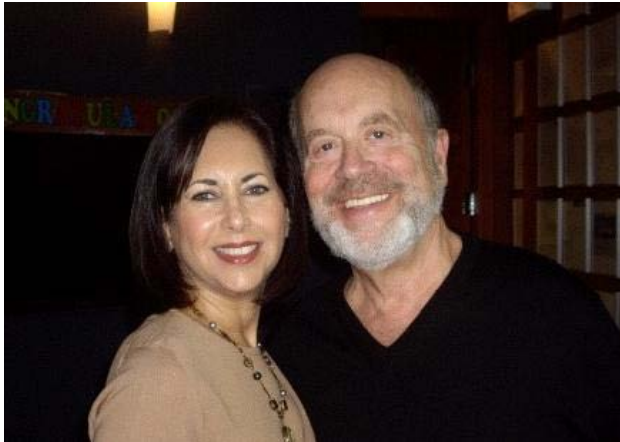
Professor Stephen Toope, Dr. Larry Goldenberg, Dr. Barry Rich, Dr. David Ostrow, Ms. Anne Sutherland Boal, Mr. Ron Dumoucelle



November 17, 2009
Mens Health Initiative of BC Event



September 24, 2009
Groundbreaking Event:
The Robert H.N. Ho Research Centre

Benefactor Profile - Anita and Arnold Silber

Anita and Arnold Silber have been instrumental in the development of the Department of Urologic Sciences. The Silbers understand the importance of investing in infrastructure to provide the necessary resources upon which to build a successful program and remain at the forefront of medical innovation.

Through their philanthropic leadership, a number of important initiatives have been realized, including the recruitment of several prominent researchers, ongoing staff training and education, and the development of ground-breaking medical technologies to improve treatment. The faculty members of the Department of Urologic Sciences, as well as patients with kidney stone disease, prostate and bladder cancer, and organ transplants, continue to benefit greatly from the Silbers' generosity.

As founding partners of the Men's Health Initiative (MHIBC) – the first of its kind in Canada - Anita and Arnold Silber made the first gift to support this program. The Silbers' act of generosity has helped to leverage additional funding which will foster this world-class initiative dedicated solely to the pursuit of excellence in men's health.

Anita and Arnold Silber are passionate about contributing to their community, and don't hesitate to respond when a need arises or an issue is identified. They act as advocates for causes which are dear to them, becoming directly involved to ensure that their gifts have a direct and meaningful impact.

The Anita and Arnold Silber Urology Research Unit, named in their honour, serves as a testament to their founding vision and tireless efforts to advance world class health care for British Columbians.

New Faculty Profile – Dr Jenny Mickelson

Dr. Mickelson is a graduate of the UBC Medical School and UBC Urology Program. She completed a two-year fellowship in pediatric urology through Northwestern University at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago. She joined BC Children's Hospital in October 2009. Dr Mickelson was recently appointed to be the co-director of the Undergraduate Committee for the Department of Urologic Sciences for 2010.

Dr Mickelson is currently completing a Master's of Health Professions Education through the University of Illinois at Chicago. Her thesis and research focus is a qualitative analysis on the role of mentoring in post-graduate medical education. She has been working with Dr Glenn Regehr (Associate Director of CHES) and CHES – the Center for Health Education Scholarship on developing her thesis ideas. Recently, she was an author on the project titled "*Residency Training in Neonatal Circumcision: a needs assessment and pilot project*" that was awarded the Second Clinical Prize in the Section of Pediatric Urology at the 2009 American Academy of Pediatrics meeting.

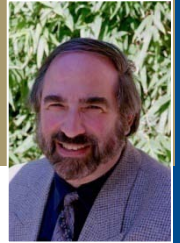


TELUS Award Cheque Presentation
Dr. J. Mickelson, Dr. MacNeily, Mr. Kenn Hamlin (TELUS)

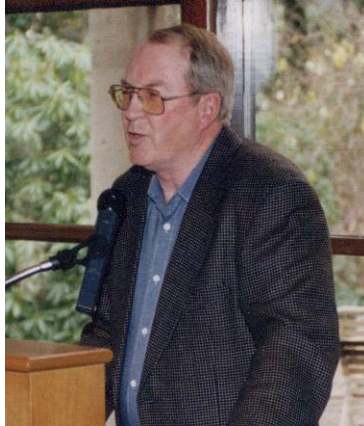
As well she was awarded the Northwestern University Clinical and Translations Sciences (NUCATS) – Clinical Research Education Conference – 2009 Poster of Distinction for "*Evaluating rater reliability in assessment of psychomotor skills for Computer Enhanced Visual Learning (CEVL)*". Dr Mickelson continues to be active working with colleagues in Northwestern University on developing education research ideas.

Current UBC projects that Dr Mickelson is actively involved in include a qualitative analysis of the use of the iClicker™ technology in the medical undergraduate curriculum with Dr John Masterson. She has also been working with Dr Andrew MacNeily on an analysis of trends in exposure of American and Canadian urology residents to index surgical cases during residency training.

Great Moments in Urological History . . . Were You There ? Dr. Lorne Sullivan's Retirement Party – June 1999 Dr. Howard Fenster, Editor



Dr. M. Gleave



Dr. J. Wright



Dr. L. Goldenberga



Dr. R. Baverstock



Dr. J. Ankenman



Dr. H. Johnson



Dr. M. Nigro, Dr. L. Sullivan, Elaine Sullivan



Elaine Sullivan, Dr. L. Sullivan



Dr. P. Rennie, Dr. L. Sullivan, Elaine Sullivan

“LDS: John Ankenman Reminisces”

I have known Lorne for such a long time this “old guy” was asked to reminisce. I will not elaborate on his well recognized surgical & academic achievements. I have many tales to tell but for the sake of brevity will relate a few stories.

Going back a long way I recall one of my patients had season’s football tickets which he would turn over to me when he was not using them. I, in turn might give them to Lorne. As a former football player & fan he was always delighted and took great pleasure in parking his small humble resident’s car in my patient’s VIP reserved parking space.

Again many long years ago when I was on staff at Shaughnessy Hospital & Lorne was a resident we had a patient with metastatic carcinoma of the prostate. It was decided an orchiectomy was indicated. The night before planned surgery Lorne sat down with the patient to explain the procedure and indications. The patient had a quick fiery response. “Sonny you get a knife & I’ll get a knife and we’ll see whose come off first.”

For many years, Lorne & I had adjacent offices in the Laurel Medical Building. I was always late getting away from the office but invariably Lorne would still be seeing patients as I left. I suspect he was usually the last doctor out of the building. But as with all of us, he was not infallible. One night after a busy day, he left the office. At some indefinite time later, the cleaning staff came into his office to find an elderly undressed patient sound asleep on the examining table!

I have enjoyed my association with Lorne over these many years as a resident, my former personal urologist, colleague but most of all as a friend.

John Ankenman



Dr. R. Paterson, Meredith Cushing, Dr. R. Baverstock, Dr. G. Palmer, Dr. K. Poon, Dr. L. Sullivan

Awards and Recognition

Student / Faculty	Name		Academic Rank	Sponsor/Donor	Year of Award	Name of Award/Prize
Faculty	Afshar	Kourosh	Assistant Professor	OPSEI	2009	STELLA*
	Black	Peter	Assistant Professor	VCHRI	2009	in it for life Mentored Clinician Scientist Award
	Gleave	Martin	Professor	Pfizer	2009	\$9 million Research Collaboration with BCCA and Vancouver Prostate Centre
	Goldenberg	Larry	Professor	CFI	2009	Leading Edge Fund**
	Goldenberg	Larry	Professor	American Urological Association	2010	Distinguished Service Award
	Goldenberg	Larry	Professor	American Urological Association	2009	Honorary Member
	Goldenberg	Larry	Professor	Governor General of Canada	2010	Member - Order of Canada
	MacNeily	Andrew	Associate Professor	British Columbia Pediatric Society	2008	British Columbia Pediatric Society Dr. Parminder Singh Award
	MacNeily	Andrew	Associate Professor	Distinguish Achievement Award	2009	Faculty of Medicine
	MacNeily	Andrew	Associate Professor	Killam Teaching Prize	2009	UBC
	MacNeily	Andrew	Associate Professor	OPSEI	2009	STELLA*
	Mickelson	Jenny	Assistant Professor	American Academy of Pediatrics	2009	Second Prize Clinical Research Award
	Nguan	Christopher	Assistant Professor	UBC	2009	Martha Piper Research Fund
	Nelson	Colleen	Associate Professor	Smart Futures Premier's Fellowship	2009	Queen's Provincial Government
	Paterson	Ryan	Assistant Professor	The Department of Urologic Sciences	2009	Teacher of the Year
	Pommerville	Peter	Clinical Associate Professor	Faculty of Medicine	2009	Significant Impact in the Community Award
	So	Alan	Assistant Professor	The Department of Urologic Sciences	2009	Undergraduate Teacher of the Year

* Joint recipients

** co-applicant with Applied Science (ISIS)

Student (Resident/fellow/PhD)	Lehman	Melanie	Graduate Student	Department of Urologic Sciences	2009	Best Basic Science Paper
	Longpre	Michelle	Resident	Department of Urologic Sciences	2009	Best Pediatric paper
	Marks	Andrew	Resident	Department of Urologic Sciences	2009	Best Clinical Paper
	Faddagon	Stephen	Resident	Western Section AUA	2009	Resident's Scholarship
	AbuGhosh	Zeid	Clinical Fellow	Canadian Uro-Oncology Group (CUOG)	2009	Astra Zeneca Research Fellowship
	Mayson	Brian	Resident	Western Section AUA	2009	Best of Session Poster
	Lange	Dirk	Postdoctoral Fellow	World Congress on Endourology	2009	Best Endourology Paper*
MD Undergrad Student	Elwood	Chelsea	MD Undergrad (3rd year)	World Congress on Endourology	2009	Best Endourology Paper*
	Hoag	Nathan	MD Undergrad (in 4th year)	Department of Surgery	2009	Chambers Prize
	Wallis	Christopher	MD Undergrad (2nd year)	Department of Urologic Sciences	2009	Balfour Scholarship

Balfour Scholarship Presentation



September 30, 2009
Dr. Goldenberg, Chris Wallis

Report from Education Coordinator

Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons 2009 International Conference on Resident Education Program Administrator's Track September 23 -27, 2009.

The International Conference on Residency Education "ICRE 2009: Inspire-Imagine-Innovate" presented by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada was held in Victoria, BC, from September 23-27, 2009. Program Directors and Program Administrators from Canada and abroad attended the "2009 Innovations in Residency Education" meeting. The UBC Postgraduate Deans' office kindly provided monetary assistance to allow 46 program administrators from the UBC Faculty of Medicine to attend the meeting. Dr. William Gourlay attended the New Program Directors' meeting.

Faculty and Student



2009 World Congress of Endourology
Best Endourology Paper Recipients
Dr. Dirk Lange, Chelsea Elwood, Dr. Ben Chew

Fern Rushton was able to attend the 5th Annual Administrators Track meeting on September 23-24. The morning session on September 23 included two separate meetings: "New Program Administrators" and "Best Practice Presentations for Seasoned Program Administrators". The first afternoon included a session on "National Designation for Program Administrators" followed by a whole group discussion workshop on various topics on technology with short info spots from panelists including CaRMS, One45, T-Res, librarians addressing web-based manuals, e-reference, etc. The second day started off with an address from Dr. William Fitzgerald, CM, MD, FRCSC (President, Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons) followed by an interesting presentation and workshop from Dr. Peter J. Minich (urologist from Toronto) regarding "Positive Psychology for Program Administrators – Keeping Your Motivation High". The afternoon was spent in two workshops "One45 – New Developments" and "CaRMS – New Innovations in the CaRMS PWS".

Fern Rushton
Education Coordinator

CME Activities



November 2009
CME Event: "My First Year Clinical Practice"
Presented by Dr Jeff McCracken and Dr Derek Ottem.

Upcoming Events

Get to Know Urology Day – March 6, 2010

AUA Annual Meeting, San Francisco – May 29-June 3, 2010

Lorne D. Sullivan Annual Lectureship and Research Day – June 8, 2010

CUA, Charlottetown – June 27-29, 2010

New Additions to Families



Toby Charles Buchan (born December 9, 2009)
Second son of Nick and Kate Buchan



Èveline Marie Mayson (10 lbs 13 oz)
joins sister **Téa** on February 16, 2010
Daughters of Brian and Tanja Mayson

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