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Bassett by the Numbers

by Marianne Bez

Returning alumni, especially those from more distant decades, are often amazed at the growth of the Bassett campus in Cooperstown and the network that it developed in this region. Those who have attended a presentation by John S. Davis, M.D. on the evolution of Bassett or those who read his illuminating text on its history will know that it's come a long way from the community-based hospital of its origins.

Past articles in *The Cupola* have touched upon changes and growth. Topics such as school-based health, work of the Research Institute, and new programs have been featured. To more fully comprehend Bassett's development since you may have served as a resident or an attending, here are some comparative data in 20-year increments to provide a measure of where it's been and where it is today.

When Davis, a retired attending and former director of Medical Education, was an internal medicine resident in 1956-58, the Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital had an inpatient unit of approximately 90 beds, clinical space, as well as offices and laboratories in the fieldstone building. In this decade, a wing had been added to provide dedicated research facilities. The nearby Bassett Hall was converted to a residence primarily for nurses. Additionally, a canine facility with kennels, operating rooms and research labs was located a few miles from the hospital. It housed the beagles used in transplantation research conducted by E. Donnell Thomas, M.D. and his colleagues, including David Blumenstock, M.D., working on lung transplants and Rodman Carter, M.D., who worked on renal transplants.

By 1958, Bassett had begun to broaden its patient base drawing over 44 percent of inpatients from beyond Otsego County. There were 31 professional staff, including two female physicians, in six services: surgery, obstetrics-gynecology,

medicine, pediatrics, psychiatry and radiology. Eighteen residents were here in training. In addition to services on-site, Bassett staff provided 1,226 physicals to students in the Cooperstown schools during the first week of classes and made an additional 475 visits during the school year. Home nursing visits numbered 1,398.

Among the interesting items enumerated in the 1958 Annual Report, the number of tests performed in the laboratory was 133,300 including microbiologic tests on human specimens and sanitation tests on dairy products, water and sewage, and other liquids. The average length of stay reported as 7.8 days in 1958 was considerably lower than the previous year's 10.2 days. The hospital's leadership bemoaned that "a decline in clinical visits in 1957 and 1958 resulted in an operating deficit in 1958 of the rather staggering figure of \$350,469."

Two decades later, Bassett was in a very different stage of its lifecycle. In the spring of 1970, inpatient services moved into a new hospital with 183-beds. It was a time of re-organization as well as growth in many areas: staffing, research, medical education, patient volume and regionalization. The first off-site primary care clinic was opened in Edmeston in 1972, and in 1978, Bassett partnered in the establishment of the Community Health Center in Cherry Valley.

The attending staff numbered 65, including four women, the house officers numbered 40 residents, and by year-end, the total number of employees reached 909. The administration reported an expected deficit of \$200,000, which "represented a considerable improvement," but further stated that "continuing deficits should not be acceptable."

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Message from the President of the Medical Alumni Board of Directors

I don't know about you, but things have changed since I was at Bassett, back in the almost-dark ages. Like many other medical systems, Bassett's theme has been growth, growth, and growth.

The lead article in this edition of *The Cupola* details this expansion and provides good evidence of its many benefits. My practice, too, has grown, but we've tried to keep each physician 'small' within the bigger system so that she or he can interact with each patient as if that individual is the only patient of the day.

At Bassett, we can see the same commitment to



Kenneth Wilkins,
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excellence in patient care. This spills over into Bassett's other missions of medical education and research.

The wonderful honor accorded to Walter Franck, M.D., described elsewhere in this edition, really fits into any discussion of teaching here at Bassett. Walt was one of the best teachers I ever had, and the recognition of his contribution by Columbia is well-deserved.

I encourage you to also read the other articles here. One of my favorite sections is the Family Album. Please let us hear from you so we can include your latest doings in the next issue. ■

The Cupola is the newsletter of the Medical Alumni Association of Bassett Medical Center. The Association was founded to provide support and recommendations to Bassett's Medical Education Department; to assist in recruiting medical students, house staff and attending staff; and to provide financial support to develop and enhance medical education at Bassett.

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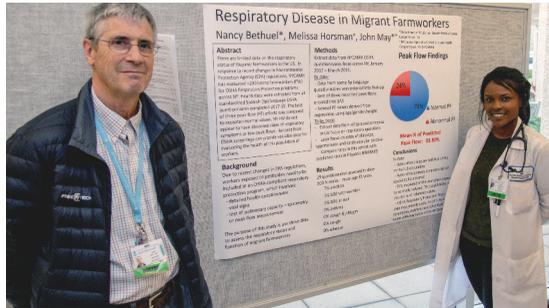
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E. Donnell Thomas Research Day at Bassett



Internal Medical resident Nancy Buthuel, M.D. (R) shared her research project in poster format with John May, M.D., Research Scientist for the Research Institute and NYCAMH, and other staff members on the 2019 E. Donnell Thomas Research Day. She was one of seven residents who participated.



(L-R) Omid Shah, M.B., Ch.B. (Internal Medicine resident PGY-1), Kristin Baker, M.D. (Internal Medicine resident PGY-2), with her poster project, "ICU Liberation: Practical Application of a Great Idea in the Real World," and Erik Riesenfeld, M.D. (Attending physician pulmonary/critical care)

2019 Streck Fellowships Awarded to Bassett Staff

The William F. Streck Fellowship in Health Policy and Management has been awarded to two individuals this year: Sierra Meads, R.N., who works at Bassett Healthcare Network's Gender Wellness Center, and Jennifer O'Reilly, M.D., who is a primary care physician and assistant regional director of primary care for Bassett Network's health centers in Norwich, Greene, Sidney, and Unadilla.

The fellowship was established in 2014 to honor then retiring Bassett president and CEO William F. Streck, M.D., to enable one or two clinical or administrative leaders to pursue relevant educational opportunities that enlarge their views on health-care management and policy. Fellows travel to conferences and/or engage in projects that allow them to return with insights and ideas that they can share with colleagues and use to advance health care in the rural populations they serve.



Jennifer O'Reilly, M.D.

O'Reilly, who has been at Bassett since 2011, specializes in internal medicine and family medicine. Her medical degree is from State University of New York Upstate Medical University, Syracuse, N.Y., and she completed a residency at the University of Massachusetts/Worcester Family Medicine Residency Program, Worcester, Mass. She will use the award to participate in the International Leadership Development Program for Physicians held at the Harvard School of Public Health in Boston. This program prepares physicians to direct change within their organizations and provides training in critical executive skills and leadership practices, which are not typically part of physician education. O'Reilly expects this opportunity will improve her management abilities and especially help in her role as

assistant regional director of primary care in the network's western region.

"I believe that this course will expand on the quality improvement work in which I now participate, and it will strengthen my management skills as I look towards a long future in Bassett's primary care department," states O'Reilly.



Sierra Meads, R.N.

Nurse Meads has an undergraduate degree in nursing from Hartwick College in Oneonta, N.Y., and has been working with the Gender Wellness Center since 2018. Her position involves a blend of patient care, care coordination, and work on special initiatives relating to such projects as staff training and developing patient-education materials. She will use her award to travel to the Human Rights Campaign headquarters in Washington, D.C., to gain a better knowledge of health policies, legal issues, and advocacy initiatives related to LGBTQ+ health care. She hopes to return with resources and knowledge that will advance and enhance the level of interdisciplinary care offered through the center.

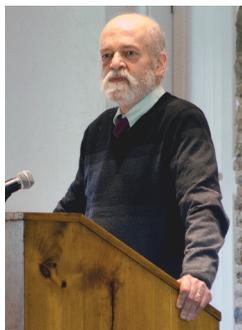
"This opportunity will position the Gender Wellness Center and Bassett Healthcare Network to serve as regional and national champions for this diversity-related cause, and it will further the excellence in care that we provide at our health center," shared Meads. She intends to use her new knowledge to build a comprehensive legal advocacy discipline within the Gender Wellness Center. She welcomes members of the Bassett community to contact her with any questions they may have on gender wellness.

The Streck Fellowship is an annual award funded through the generosity of donors. Applicants are reviewed by a committee, and the process is competitive. ■

Another Graduation for Columbia-Bassett Program



(L-R) Andrew Tuck, Alexis Fogel, Caleb Edmonds, Michelle Couret, Robert King, Emily Nuss, Christopher Clayton, Meaghan Jain, and Karel-Bart Celie. Each received their own commemorative engraved baseball bat as a graduation gift.



Lachlan Forrow, M.D.

Held at The Farmers' Museum, this event was attended by faculty members and family. This year's guest speaker was Lachlan Forrow, M.D., Associate Professor of Medicine, Harvard

On May 19, preceding the formal ceremony at Columbia University in New York City, there was a graduation celebration in Cooperstown for the 2019 class of the Columbia-Bassett Medical

School.

Medical School; Director of Ethics & Palliative Care Program, Boston's Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center.

Each year the graduating class recognizes one faculty member who most exemplifies the traits that students hope to embody in the future. These traits might include dedication to teaching, patient care, scholarliness, and probity. The 2019 recipient of the Cupola Award to the Columbia-Bassett Teacher of the Year was Brian Barlow, M.D., attending physician in Emergency & Trauma Services.

On May 22, the Columbia-Bassett Class of 2019 medical students attended their graduation in New York City. ■

Awards Announced

The 2019 Golden awards were announced at year-end celebrations of the Departments of Medicine and Surgery.

As this year's recipients of the Golden Apples, the Internal Medicine residents selected Edward Bischof, M.D., attending hospitalist. Surgical residents chose Jeffrey Neitzel, D.O., attending general surgeon, and Eric Mooney, M.D., attending plastic surgeon.

Golden Stethoscope awards, given by medical students and residents to a senior resident for excellence in teaching, were presented to Benjamin Dao, M.D. (Internal Medicine) and Muhammad Idrees, M.B., B.S. (Internal Medicine) and Andrew Powers, M.D. (Surgery). ■

Columbia-Bassett Students Present Awards

Students of the Columbia-Bassett Medical School presented the Cupola Award for the C-B Resident of the Year in recognition of the residents who best exemplify dedication to teaching mentorship and patient care. Selected by the Class of 2019, the residents recognized are Du Nguyen, M.D. (Surgery resident) and Ahmad Nawaz, M.B., B.S. (Internal Medicine resident). ■



Franck Recognized by Columbia



(L-R) Columbia University Trustee Justice Rolando Acosta with Walter Franck, M.D., and Dean Lee Goldman, M.D.

Bassett trustee, Walter Franck, M.D., retired physician-in-chief and former senior associate dean for the Columbia-Bassett Medical School was awarded a Distinguished Service Award by Columbia University at their graduation ceremony in New York City. This award recognizes individuals who have served the Vagelos College of Physicians & Surgeons (VP&S) with the greatest distinction, bringing honor to the institution, to its alumni, and to the profession itself.

Franck received a B.A. in English from Yale University and an M.D. degree from VP&S in 1964.

He completed his training in internal medicine and rheumatology at the University of Michigan and Harvard/Mass General. In 1973, he accepted a position Bassett Hospital as a rheumatologist. For the next 41 years he held several leadership positions including physician-in-chief, director of medical education, and chief academic officer for Bassett Medical Center. He consecutively also served as senior associate dean for Bassett Healthcare and co-director of the Columbia-Bassett Medical School Program at VP&S.

At the graduation ceremony, Franck was lauded by Dean Lee Goldman, M.D., as "an extraordinary and compassionate clinician, revered teacher of medical students and residents, and influential chief of medicine." ■

THE BASSETT FAMILY ALBUM — ALUMNI NEWS

Please keep your notes and photos coming!

1970s

Douglas McKibbin, M.D.

(Surgery resident 1977-82; attending 1982-83) Since retirement, he continues teaching surgical residents at University of Virginia in fundamental surgical skills, endoscopy, colonoscopy, and manages a surgical scenario curriculum in their Medical Simulation Center.

Gary Hoffman, M.D.

(Attending in Rheumatology 1977-85) is retired and enjoying Emeritus status and is still involved with the vasculitis research program at the Cleveland Clinic. He writes, "I am pleased to report that after many years, we have established that neither aortas nor temporal arteries (TA) are sterile, but each contains a microbiome that is distinctly different in non-infectious-disease states compared to normal or non-inflammatory conditions (e.g. giant cell arteritis/GCA and clinically isolated aortitis/CIA vs. normal TA or non-inflammatory aortic aneurysms). We are hopeful

that this information will bring us closer to closing the circle of discovery of cause and cure for large vessel vasculitis." This research was published in the *Journal of Pathogens and Immunity* earlier in 2019. In addition, he and Diane are enjoying themselves. She is playing lots of tennis, working on her Spanish fluency and volunteering at the Cleveland Clinic. He's trying to improve his guitar and singing efforts.

1980s

Lewis Zulick, M.D. (Surgery

resident 1984-89) reports that after working for many years as a general surgeon in the Finger Lakes in Canandaigua, Clifton Springs and Newark N.Y., now he is also working part time in the north country at the Carthage Area Hospital in Carthage, N.Y. This new location allows him to spend more time at their family cottage on Wellesley Island. Cheryl spends the summer there and has a growing real estate business going. He states, "Over the years I have

worked with multiple Bassett grads including **Charlie Stackhouse, M.D.** (General Surgery resident 1979-84, **Kitima Boonvisudhi, M.D.** (General Surgery resident 1994-2000), and **Paul Heasley, M.D.** (Internal Medicine resident 1983-87).

Joseph R. Sellers, M.D.

(Attending in Internal Medicine 1989-present) was recently elected to serve as Vice President of the Medical Society of the State of New York. Board-certified in internal medicine and pediatrics, Sellers is the eastern region medical director for Bassett Healthcare Network. He has participated in medical missions in Haiti and Kenya. As a volunteer physician with the Boy Scouts of America he will provide medical care at the 2019 World Scouting Jamboree.

1990s

Richard McIncrow, D.O.

(Internal Medicine resident 1997-2000; chief resident 2000-01) sends greetings

from Savannah, Ga., where he and his family are doing well. His wife Debbie created and ran a farmer's market locally. Their two daughters are both at universities, one pursuing a master's in social work and the other majoring in chemistry undergraduate. He reports that he is a hospitalist at St. Joseph's/Candler Healthcare and current president of the Medical Staff. He writes, "I routinely have third-year Medical College of Georgia students on rotation with me and I tout Bassett with a loud trumpet. I fondly reminisce about our time in training there."

Damon Korb, M.D.



Damon Korb, M.D.

(Attending in Pediatrics 1997-98) is the author of a new book, *Raising an Organized Child: 5 Steps to Boost*

Independence, Ease Frustration, and Promote Confidence due out in June 2019 and published by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

2010s

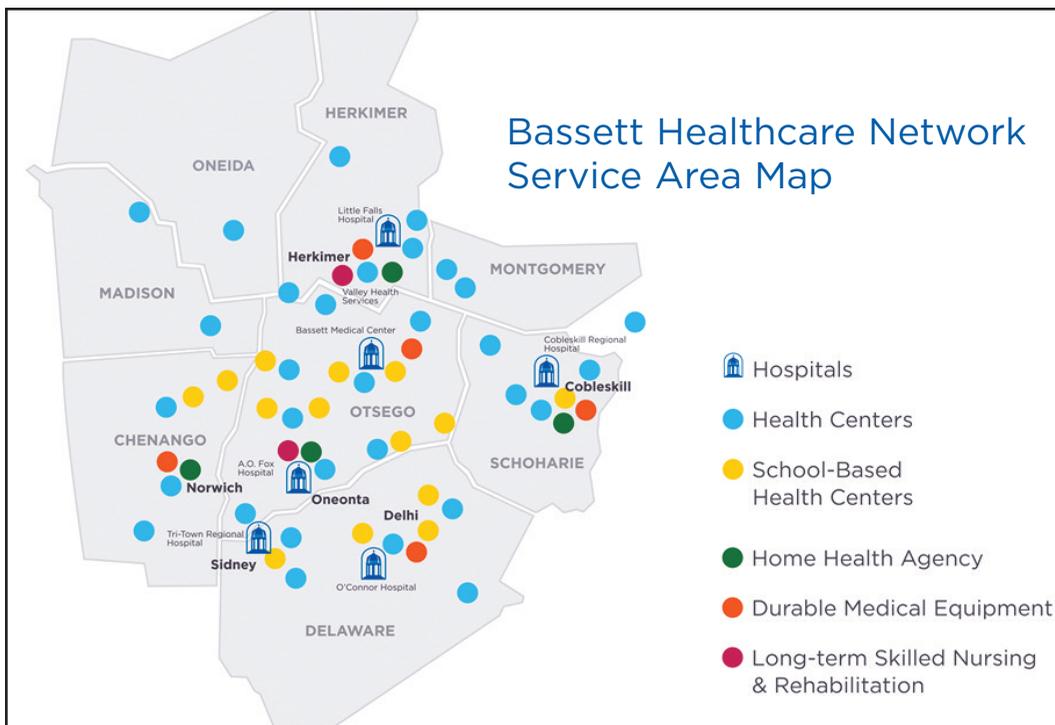
Karn Wijarnpreecha, M.D.



Karn Wijarnpreecha, M.D.

(Internal Medicine resident 2015-18) received the academic ranking of assistant professor of Medicine from Mayo

Clinic. He writes, "I enjoyed my GI fellowship training at Mayo Clinic Florida and will be back to visit Cooperstown when I have an opportunity." ■



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Bassett Year-End Results: Comparative Data 1958-2018

	1958	1978	1998	2018
Admissions	3,416	5,161	8,378	10,657
No. of patient days	28,184	51,868	39,993	50,336
Average length of stay	7.8	9.4	4.6	4.7
Births	323	331	587	1,072
Total outpatient visits	36,105	111,231	603,239	1,257,579
Total operating expenses	\$1,578,587	\$20,016,000	\$148,045,317	\$548,811,048

Statistics reported in the *Annual Reports of The Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital* 1958, 1978, 1998, 2018 data provided by Business Analytics, Bassett Healthcare Network and published financial statements.

Twenty years later, the 1990s were marked by extraordinary growth beginning with the opening of the Bassett Clinic, a five-story, 136,000-sq.-ft. structure dedicated to outpatient services. It quadrupled the organization’s clinical space in Cooperstown and cost \$34 million to build. By this time, clinical services were offered at 15 community health centers beyond Cooperstown. This period saw the introduction of school-based health care initially in Delhi and then spreading to other school districts. It was the era of Bassett’s first affiliations/mergers with smaller community hospitals starting with O’Connor Hospital in Delhi and Community Hospital of Schoharie in Cobleskill. At the Research Institute there was a shift to population studies and epidemiology, and a focus on farm safety led to the establishment of the New York Center for Agricultural Medicine and Health. In 1994, the organization adopted a new name, Bassett Healthcare Network, to more accurately reflect the integrated system that it had become.

By 1998, the professional staff had grown to include 171 physicians, pharmacists and medical researchers. The Surgery department was comprised of 31 surgeons, one podiatrist, three optometrists and three audiologists, as well as 12 physician assistants, who offered specialty services in seven communities beyond Cooperstown. The house staff now numbered 50. At year-end the workforce was 2,136 employees or a total of 1,899 full-time equivalents (FTEs). The financial performance at year-end was estimated at a \$100,000 gain from operations.

The annual reports of this era reflect the broader range of activities required to support the level of services provided. Finance, information services, fund development, marketing, human resources and other departments emerge as critical functions to sustain the network. By 1998, the Department of Facilities Management provided maintenance and services to more than 50 structures, including residential and institutional properties comprising 1,100,000 sq. ft. of buildings and 25 acres of parking lots, grounds and landscaping.

Today, Bassett Healthcare Network is an integrated health care system that provides care to people living in an eight-county region covering 5,600 square miles. The organization includes five corporately affiliated hospitals, as well as skilled nursing facilities, community and school-based health centers, and health partners in related fields. Alumni may be surprised to learn that Fox Hospital in Oneonta is one of the five hospitals that comprise Bassett Healthcare Network. It formally became a part of the network in 2009 and since then Fox and Bassett have consolidated programs and collaborated on meeting the needs of patients.

The hospital in Cooperstown, now called Bassett Medical Center serves as the hub of the network. In addition to traditional hospital-based care, it provides advanced care, such as open-heart surgery and specialized cancer treatment.

The Bassett Medical Group has a full-time, salaried staff numbering more than 400 physicians and other advanced practice clinicians (APC) who provide primary and specialty care at Bassett Medical Center, the clinic in Cooperstown, and over two dozen community-based primary care centers as well as 20 school-based health centers.

The 2018 statistics reflect changes in the delivery of health care across the nation. Outpatient numbers, which include 2,492 telemedicine visits, seem staggering for a rural region characterized as declining in population. The current count of FTEs is over 2,800 working directly for Bassett Healthcare Network, excluding those employed at Bassett’s subsidiary hospitals. The education mission continues to be strong. In 2018, Bassett hosted 62 residents. Over the decades, it provided training for medical students from a host of schools. In 2010, Bassett welcomed its first class of 10 medical students of the newly established Columbia-Bassett Medical School with a unique curriculum track.

As Merriam-Webster defines the idiom, to come a long way, is “to rise to a much higher level of success: to become very successful.” By many means, Bassett continues to rise and achieve success in the difficult landscape of providing health care in rural America. The organization’s progress and visionary developments reflect a history of transformation in response to the forces at work in the field. While morphing as needed, Bassett and its staff remain committed to the basic missions of patient care, education and research that were embraced at its founding. ■

Physician Employment Opportunities in the Bassett Healthcare Network

<p>Anesthesiology</p> <p>Digestive Diseases</p> <p>Family Medicine</p> <p>Internal Medicine</p> <p>Interventional Radiology</p> <p>Neurology</p> <p>Non-invasive Cardiology</p>	<p>OB/GYN Generalist</p> <p>Otolaryngology</p> <p>Orthopedic Surgeon—Shoulder</p> <p>Plastic Surgery</p> <p>Pediatrics</p>
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For more information visit:
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or call the Medical Staff Affairs office at 607-547-6982.

Residents Announce Future Plans

Members of the house staff have completed their training at Bassett and moved on to new endeavors. Departing residents, their programs at Bassett, and their plans:

Nurlan Aliyev, M.D. (Internal Medicine), Hospitalist, University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, Neb.

Satish K. Boddhula, M.B., B.S. (Internal Medicine), Hospitalist, Grandview Medical Center, Dayton, Ohio

Eugene H. Carragee, M.D. (Transitional Year), Anesthesiology residency, University of California-San Francisco, San Francisco, Calif.

Balpreet Chouhan, M.B., B.S. (Internal Medicine), Hospitalist, Kaiser Permanente Modesto Medical Center, Modesto, Calif.

Benjamin B. Dao, M.D. (Internal Medicine), Cardiology fellowship, Marshall University, Huntington, W. Va.

Connor S. Davenport, M.D. (Transitional Year), Ophthalmology residency, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, N.C.

Andrew S. Ea, D.O. (Transitional Year), Interventional Radiology residency, Louisiana State University, New Orleans, La.

Bishoy ElBebawy, M.B., B.Ch. (Internal Medicine), Cardiology fellowship, Arnot-Ogden Medical Center, Elmira, N.Y.

Brandon J. Garcia, M.D. (Transitional Year), Anesthesiology residency, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah

Matthew M. Habib, M.D. (General Surgery), Ophthalmology residency, Albany Medical Center, Albany, N.Y.

Muhammad Idrees, M.B., B.S. (Internal Medicine), Hospice and Palliative Care fellowship, NYU/Winthrop Hospital, Mineola, N.Y.

Victor A. Janmey, M.D., (General Surgery), Diagnostic Radiology residency, Montefiore Hospital, Bronx, N.Y.

Ahmed A. Khan, M.B., B.S. (Internal Medicine), Infectious Diseases fellowship, Southern Illinois University, Springfield, Ill.

Jennifer M. Kramer, M.D. (Transitional Year), Diagnostic Radiology residency, University of Arizona, Tucson, Ariz.

Ahmad Nawaz, M.B., B.S. (Internal Medicine), Hospitalist, Yale-New Haven Hospital, New Haven, Conn.

Du Nguyen, M.D. (General Surgery), General Surgery practice, Jones Memorial Hospital, Wellsville, N.Y.

Rupin N. Parikh, M.D. (Transitional Year), Ophthalmic Pathology fellowship, Wilmer Eye Institute/Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md.

Garrett M. Pool, M.D. (General Surgery), General Surgery practice, Silverton Hospital, Silverton, Ore.

Konika Sharma, M.B., B.S. (Internal Medicine), Clinical Nutrition fellowship, Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, New York, N.Y.

Lynn Shi, M.D. (Transitional Year), Ophthalmology residency, University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, Calif.

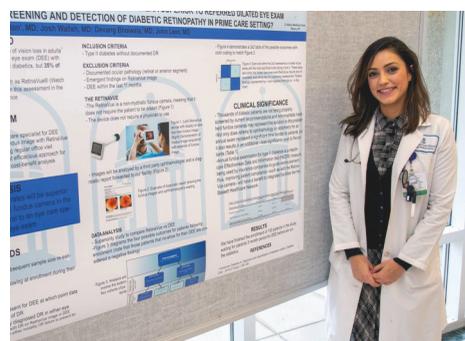
Sarah E. Smith, M.D. (General Surgery), Hepatobiliary Surgery fellowship, Auckland City Hospital, Auckland, New Zealand

Chhitiz Subedi, M.B., B.S. (Internal Medicine), Hospitalist, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Wis.

Stephanie A. Sutter, M.D. (Transitional Year), Anesthesiology residency, University of California-San Francisco, San Francisco, Calif.

Marissa Tan, D.O., M.P.H. (Transitional Year), Preventive Medicine residency, Johns Hopkins/Bloomberg School of Public Health, Baltimore, Md. ■

E. Donnal Thomas Resident Research Winner Selected



Konika Sharma, M.B., B.S.

On May 1, Bassett Medical Center residents presented the culmination of their research at the Bassett Research Institute's annual E. Donnal Thomas (EDT) Research Day Outstanding Research Presentation.

Konika Sharma, M.B., B.S. is this year's winner of the EDT Resident Research Poster Presentation for conducting exceptional research during her residency, where she addressed the question: "Is a hand-held non-mydratric fundus camera superior to the referred dilated eye exams for the screening and

detection of diabetic retinopathy in prime care setting?"

"The hypothesis behind our study is, in type II diabetic patients without documented retinal pathology, a hand-held non-mydratric [no dilation required] fundus camera is superior to referred dilated eye exams for screening and detection of diabetic retinopathy," says Sharma. "The aim is to compare the detection of diabetic retinopathy using the RetinaVue camera when the patient comes for a primary care annual health care maintenance visit to a traditional referral-basis dilated eye exam. The long-term goal is to improve the detection of diabetic retinopathy in our community through better quality measures of patient compliance and screening in the prime care clinic."

Residents who presented research posters included: Ethan Talbot, M.D.; Konika Sharma, M.B., B.S.; Kanjit Leungsuwan, M.D.; Nancy Bethuel, M.D.; Levi Smucker, M.D.; Colin Kennedy, MD; Benjamin Dao, M.D. ■

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IN MEMORIAM: BASSETT REMEMBERS

Robert “Bob” H. Ackerman, M.D.

Robert “Bob” H. Ackerman, M.D. died in Gloucester, Mass., on December 18, 2018 at age 83. He received his B.A. degree from Brown University in 1957 and his M.D. from the University of Rochester School of Medicine in 1964. After a rotating internship at Bassett (1964-65) he trained in neurology and radiology at the Massachusetts General Hospital. From 1970 to 1971, he was the Massachusetts General Hospital Dalton Scholar at the Neurological Institute in London. His research through the years was in the fields of stroke imaging and prevention, and in 2013 the Massachusetts General Hospital renamed the MGH Neurovascular Laboratory the R.H. Ackerman Neurovascular Lab. He was an associate professor of Radiology at Harvard Medical School and a member of their medical school admissions faculty for many years. He was certified by the American Board of Radiology (Diagnostic Radiology) and the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology (Neurology.)

In the spirit of a true renaissance man, Ackerman was an avid rower, and was known for his love of creating and growing beautiful gardens, writing stories, and playing the piano. He is survived by his stepbrother Alan Rosenthal (Bethesda, Md.) and many other relatives.

Larry D. Hull, M.D.

Larry D. Hull, M.D., age 80, died on April 28, 2018, in San Antonio, Texas. He was born to a large farming family in Texas, and after obtaining his B.A. from Northwest Nazarene College in Idaho, he received his M.D. from the University of Washington School of Medicine in 1964. He and his wife Aarlie then came to Bassett for his rotating internship (1964-65) which included the birth of their first child. Larry then served three years as a medical officer in the U.S. Army followed by a residency in orthopedics at the University of Washington. His orthopaedic career included founding the Washington Orthopaedic Center where he worked for 35 years and went on dozens of overseas missions. He is survived by his wife Aarlie and a large family.

Malcolm I. Page, M.D.

Malcolm I. Page, M.D. died in Florida April 11, 2019 at age 88. Page was born in Detroit, Mich. A graduate of Wayne State University, he received his M.D. from the University of Chicago in 1956. He interned at Boston City Hospital and then joined the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as epidemiologist in the Polio Research Unit, followed by service in Pakistan with the unit studying smallpox, and then a stint in Atlanta as chief of the CDC Diphtheria Division. He was then assigned to Bassett Hospital for three years of residency training in Internal Medicine (and was chief resident 1961-62). Following work in Atlanta as assistant chief of the Epidemiology branch of the CDC and instructor in Medicine at Emory University School of Medicine, he rejoined Bassett in 1965 as physician-in-chief. Soon after the new hospital opened in 1970, he established a two-bed cardiac monitoring unit on the medical floor, the forerunner of the eventual intensive care unit, and strengthened Bassett as a multi-specialty referral center. In 1972 he left Bassett to become professor of Medicine at the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta.



Malcolm Page, M.D. leads bedside rounds in 1968. Pictured with him are, (L-R) resident Jeffrey Crandall, M.D., James Pinkham, M.D., Thomas Ruebel, M.D. and patient.

multiple family members including son Malcolm I. Page Jr.

Outside of medicine, Malcolm Page was an Anglophile with a deep interest in Sir Winston Churchill and was an avid golfer. Page was preceded in death by his wife Madge and his daughter Cheryl Lynn Goddard. He is survived by

Gary A. Weaver, M.D.

Gary A. Weaver, M.D. died in Brunswick, Maine, May 5, 2019 after a difficult course with Parkinson's Disease. Born November 18, 1943 in Kansas City, Kan., he was a graduate of Goshen College and received his M.D. from the University of Kansas School of Medicine in 1969. After interning at the Philadelphia General Hospital, he served at Hospital Mennonita in Puerto Rico from 1970 to 1972. He came to Bassett to complete his residency in Medicine (chief resident 1973-4). He then went to the University of Rochester School of Medicine for a Gastroenterology Fellowship and rejoined Bassett in 1976 as attending physician. Along with his superb clinical skills he also carried out important research with gastrointestinal flora and their relationship to chronic diseases. Board-certified in Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology, in 1996 he moved to Maine for his remaining gastroenterology career.

Gary was a camper and hiker, especially in the Grand Canyon where he hiked over the years with family, friends and solo. Gary and wife Susan's daughter, Elizabeth, died in 1996 in a tragic accident in Taiwan. He is survived by his son, Christopher Weaver of Lamoine, Maine, and many other relatives.

Leonard A. Sauer, M.D., Ph.D.



Leonard A. Sauer, M.D., Ph.D.

Leonard A. Sauer, M.D., Ph.D., Bassett Research Institute scientist emeritus since retiring in 1996, died at age 88 on April 15, 2019 at his home in Mont. After high school in Schenectady, N.Y., he spent four years in the Army Signal Corps, and in 1956 earned a B.S. degree from Cornell University. In 1961 he obtained his M.D. from the University of Rochester School of Medicine, followed in 1966 by a Ph.D. from Rockefeller University. After several years doing research at Yale, he joined Bassett in 1974 as research physician. For the next 22 years, his seminal bench research focused on pathways of energy metabolism in cancer.

When Len retired, he started a new life in Montana and began woodworking and continuing his lifelong love of fly fishing. He is survived by his wife Mimi and an extended family. ■



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--Douglas DeLong, M.D.

To grow the medical education endowment and the Columbia-Bassett Medical School scholarship fund, the Friends of Bassett and the Bassett alumni group are asking those who have benefited from medical education here to help support its viability for the future.

Medical Education Endowment Fund

The medical education endowment was established in 1997 through the generous contributions of alumni to provide support for enhancements to the medical education program. The endowment currently has \$4 million in assets. The goal is to increase that asset base to at least \$10 million within the next 10 years in order to provide financial resources for this critical Bassett mission.

A well-funded education program can give Bassett an advantage in attracting high-caliber students and residents as well as clinicians and medical administrators who serve as faculty. A larger endowment will provide the income to enable Bassett to bring in specialists to help design curriculum and to help create objective measurements to demonstrate competencies. Ongoing faculty development will ensure that Bassett's medical education programs will continue to be sophisticated and in-demand.

Medical School Scholarship Fund

Education at Bassett has evolved from a fourth-year elective program for a few students to a sophisticated joint medical school program with Columbia's College of Physicians and Surgeons.

The Columbia-Bassett Medical School Program recruits students with an interest in providing care in underserved rural communities and in learning how to manage health-care systems that promote both quality and cost-effective delivery of care. The program provides a longitudinal curriculum and course of study focused on ethics, evidence-based medicine, health care system management, and leadership for 40 exceptional medical students.

Bassett Medical Center underwrites the cost of education for the students, providing \$30,000 in scholarships per year per student. The scholarship fund supports Bassett's goal of offering financial aid to every student in the Columbia-Bassett program.

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