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## **Ambulatory Oncology Suite Dedicated**

The Division of Hematology and Medical Oncology in the Department of Medicine celebrated the opening of its new Ambulatory Oncology Suite with a dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony on November 29.

The Ambulatory Oncology Suite, occupying 20,260 square feet on the third floor, comprises four components: (1) the Hematology and Medical Oncology Faculty Practice, (2) the Ambulatory Infusion and Treatment Center, (3) the Catharine Margaret Pasmantier Center for Stem Cell Biology and Treatment, and (4) the faculty offices of the Division of Gynecologic Oncology (Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology).

Participating in the dedication ceremonies were Dr. Herbert Pardes, president of NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital; Dr. Ralph Nachman, chairman of the Department of Medicine; Dr. Roy Silverstein, the Mark W. Pasmantier Professor of Hematology and Oncology in Medicine and chief of the Division of Hematology and Medical Oncology; Dr. Michael Schuster, professor of clinical medicine and director of the Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation Program; Dr. Mark Pasmantier, clinical professor of medicine and member of the Cancer Care and Research Committee; and Dr. Thomas Caputo, professor of clinical obstetrics and gynecology and chief of the Division of Gynecological Oncology in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

“This new ‘Center of Excellence’ is designed for the changing needs of oncology patients, providing top-quality, comprehensive clinical care in an ambulatory setting, while facilitating clinical research,” said Dr. Silverstein. Included in the facility are chemotherapy treatment suites, transfusion suites, examination rooms, a stem-cell transplant center, pharmacy, doctors’ offices, reception area, and administrative space. The Ambulatory Oncology Suite is located in adjoining space on the third floor of the Payson, Starr, and F pavilions.

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Cutting the ribbon at the dedication of the Ambulatory Oncology Suite are (from left) Dr. Roy Silverstein, chief of the Division of Hematology and Medical Oncology; Dr. Ralph Nachman, chairman of the Department of Medicine; Dr. Mark Pasmantier, clinical professor of medicine and member of the Cancer Care and Research Committee; Dr. Michael Schuster, director of the Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation Program; Dr. Thomas Caputo, chief of the Division of Gynecologic Oncology; and Dr. Herbert Pardes, president of NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital.

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## **Carolyn Reid Named Acting Director of Medical Library**

Carolyn Reid, associate director of the Medical Library, has been appointed acting director for the Samuel J. Wood Library and the C.V. Starr Biomedical Information Center. Ms. Reid was appointed acting director following the retirement of Dr. Robert Braude as the Frances and John Loeb Librarian and assistant dean for Information Resources at Weill Cornell.

Ms. Reid joined the Medical Library in 1987 as associate director. She is a member of the Medical Library Association, the Association of College and Research Libraries, and the Library Administration and Management Association.

Ms. Reid received her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Missouri (Columbia).

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Carolyn Reid, acting director of the Samuel J. Wood Library and the C.V. Starr Biomedical Information Center.

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## **“To Know or Not to Know”** **Humanities and Medicine Program (January 9)**

Weill Cornell's Humanities and Medicine Program presents “To Know or Not To Know” with neuropsychologist **Nancy Wexler, Ph.D.**, and noted author **Richard Powers** on Wednesday, January 9, at 5 pm in Uris Auditorium.

Having contributed significantly to the work that led to the genetic marker for Huntington's disease, a disease that runs in her family, Dr. Nancy Wexler was faced with the painful dilemma of deciding whether to learn if she had inherited the disease. “To know or not to know? Is there a cost to our expanding search for knowledge?” These same questions arise in Richard Powers' novels, which strive to join narrative theory to scientific and other investigative discussion.

Dr. Wexler is the Higgins Professor of Neuropsychology in the Department of Neurology and Psychiatry at Columbia University's College of Physicians & Surgeons.

Mr. Powers, a MacArthur Foundation Fellow (1989), is the author of seven critically acclaimed novels. He is the Swanlund Professor of English at the University of Illinois.

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Nancy Wexler, Ph.D.

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Richard Powers

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## ***From Concept to Company*** **(Monthly Breakfast Series Presented by AMDeC and NYBA)**

The Academic Medicine Development Company (AMDeC) Foundation and The New York Biotechnology Association (NYBA) are presenting a special six-part monthly breakfast series – *From Concept to Company* – to provide practical information for biomedical scientists who may wish to take their discoveries from the laboratory to commercialization.

Monthly program sessions will be held from 8:00 am to 10:30 am on the second Tuesday of the month starting January 8 – and continuing on February 12, March 12, April 9, May 14, and June 11. The series

will be presented at the New York Business Forum, 40 West 57<sup>th</sup> St. (See individual session topics and speakers below.)

Each session workshop will begin with an hour-long “Networking and Continental Breakfast” (8-9 am) followed by a presentation and Q&A session with invited speakers (9-10:30 am).

The registration fee for the series is \$125.00. Individual session fees are \$25.00 in advance, or \$35.00 at the door.

For more information or to register, call NYBA at 631- 444-8895 or visit **Error! Reference source not found.**

### **Session Topics and Speakers :**

**“What Is Entrepreneurship?”** (January 8)

Stephen Davis (Heller Ehrman White McAuliffe LLP)

**“Building a Productive Relationship with Your Tech Transfer Office”** (February 12)

Moderators: Kathleen Denis, Ph.D., Director of Technology Transfer, Rockefeller University; Patrick McGrath, Director of Technology Transfer, Mount Sinai School of Medicine; Matthew McCooe, Associate Director of New Ventures, Columbia Innovation Enterprise

**“What You Need to Know About Intellectual Property”** (March 12)

Paul Fehlner (Darby & Darby P.C.)

**“Starting the Company: Management, Materials, and, of Course, Money”** (April 9)

Richard Shanley (Deloitte and Touche LLP)

**“How to Write a Killer Business Plan”** (May 14)

Melissa Krinzman (President and CEO, Venture Architects, Inc.)

**“Venture Capital and How to Get It”** (June 11)

Barbara Dalton (Euclid SR Partners)

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## **“Day of Unity” for Medical Center Staff**

The Medical College and Hospital observed the three-month anniversary of the World Trade Center tragedy with a “Day of Unity” for staff and employees on December 11.

The “Day of Unity” program included five sessions in the cafeteria’s Cayuga Room, which was decorated with patriotic red, white, and blue balloons. The one-hour sessions were scheduled to accommodate employees’ work schedules on different shifts.

The dedication and unity of employees and volunteers who responded to the September 11<sup>th</sup> emergency was acknowledged in remarks by Dr. Antonio Gotto, dean of the Medical College; Dr. Herbert Pardes, president of the Hospital; and Dr. Michael Berman, executive vice president and hospital director.

All participants received a specially printed *Day of Unity* booklet with September 11 stories contributed by staff, volunteers, and departments. The *Day of Unity* booklets were dedicated to the memory of the three Hospital EMT’s who perished in the disaster – Keith Fairben, Mario Santoro, and James Pappageorge.

*Day of Unity* booklets are available in the Hospital Human Resources Department in Payson House, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor (while supplies last).

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Welcoming staff and employees to the *Day of Unity* program are (from left) Valerie Grubman, Weill Cornell Human Resources; Dr. Antonio Gotto, dean of Weill Medical College; Josephine Sanchez-Cooper, Weill Cornell Human Resources; and Myrna Manners, vice provost for Public Affairs.

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## **Honoring Our Community for Valor on September 11**

Weill Medical College and the Hospital co-hosted an “Honoring Our Community” reception on November 28 in the Griffis Faculty Club to recognize the courageous efforts of our local Police and Fire Departments and the Hospital’s EMS workers during the September 11 attacks on the World Trade Center.

The reception was co-sponsored by Dr. Antonio Gotto, dean of the Medical College; Dr. Herbert Pardes, president and CEO of New York-Presbyterian Hospital; and the Community Advisory Board at New York Weill Cornell.

Dr. Lisa Staiano-Coico, senior associate dean for research, made the introductory remarks for the Medical College: “The devastating attacks of September 11 forced us all to reflect on the fragility of life. As medical staff rushed to treat the many victims admitted to our Emergency Room and Burn Center, we also mourned the thousands who tragically perished in the disaster. Those of us who lost loved ones are still trying to cope with the tremendous sense of loss and despair... Yet, throughout our darkest hours, exist signs of hope... symbolized by those who risked their lives in order to save countless others. Members from the New York Police Department and Fire Department of New York are here to receive due recognition for their tireless and selfless acts... which give true meaning to the words “New York’s finest” and “New York’s bravest.”

Jonathan Altschuler, vice chairman of the Community Advisory Board, made presentations thanking Dr. Neal Flomenbaum, emergency physician in chief at New York Weill Cornell Medical Center; Jack Delaney, head of the Hospital’s Emergency Services; and Dr. Roger Yurt, director of New York Weill Cornell’s William Randolph Hearst Burn Center, for all their efforts in caring for victims of the disaster.

New York Weill Cornell also presented honorary plaques to local police officers and firefighters in recognition of their “extraordinary dedication and commitment to our community.”

In attendance were representatives from the offices of local elected officials, Deputy Inspector Howard Lawrence and police officers from the 19th Precinct in Manhattan, and firefighters from Engine 44 on E. 75<sup>th</sup> St.

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Firefighters from Engine 44 were among many local firefighters and police officers whose heroic efforts were recognized at the “Honoring Our Community” reception. From left: Firefighter Edward Kennedy; Firefighter Richard Boeri; Lt. Kevin Rice; Dr. Lisa Staiano-Coico, senior associate dean for research; Dr. Herbert Pardes, president of New York-Presbyterian Hospital; Jimmy Curran, president of the New York Firefighters Burn Center Foundation; and firefighter Kurt Rahner.

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## American Society of Hematology Annual Meeting

Weill Cornell was well-represented at the 43rd annual meeting of the American Society of Hematology (ASH) held in Orlando, Florida, December 7-11.

Dr. Roy Silverstein, Dr. Leif Bergsagel, Dr. John Leonard, and Dr. James Bussel were special invited speakers who gave educational presentations on grant writing, non-Hodgkins lymphoma, multiple myeloma, and platelets, respectively.

Other presenters included Dr. Kathleen Hajjar, a member of ASH's Scientific Committee on Thrombosis and Vascular Biology; Dr. Patricia Giardina; Dr. Aaron Marcus; Dr. Richard Silver; Dr. Morton Coleman; Dr. David Lyden; Dr. Elaine Schattner; Dr. Ronit Simantov; and Dr. Asher Winder.

Many more co-authored accepted papers and posters but did not present. Media coverage included local Orlando, Orange County, and Florida print outlets.

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## Weill Cornell Faculty in the News

**Dr. David Becker** (radiology) was interviewed by the *Washington Post*, CBS Early Show, and WLNG-FM (Sag Harbor) about the use of potassium iodide to protect against cancer in the event of a nuclear disaster.

**Dr. Lauren Broch** (psychology in psychiatry) was interviewed live by ABC's Good Morning America about the Westchester Division's Sleep/Wake Disorders Lab.

**Dr. Frank Chervenak** (obstetrics and gynecology) was interviewed by the *Daily News* about the evolutionary/biological basis of morning sickness.

**Dr. Marylene Cloitre** (psychology in psychiatry) was interviewed by the *Daily News* about long-term indicators of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

**Andrea Dmtruk, RD**, was interviewed by *Country Register* (of Red Wagon Press) about her suggestions for a more heart-healthy and diabetic-sensitive afternoon tea.

**Dr. Dennis Fowler** (surgery) had his photo taken by *New York* magazine for an article about the frontiers of medicine -- his "frontier" being minimally invasive surgery.

**Debra Gillers** (academic affairs) was interviewed by *Veja*, a Brazilian publication, about medical students learning the skills of observation by studying art.

**Dr. Claudia Henschke** (radiology) was interviewed by WCBS-TV and *Newsday* about smokers giving up the habit after undergoing CT screening for lung cancer as part of the NY-ELCAP program (engendered by her article in the December issue of *Preventive Medicine*).

**Dr. Samie Jaffrey** (pharmacology) was profiled by *Crain's New York Business* in a special "40 Under 40" feature (promising leaders who are under 40 years old).

**Dr. Paul Kligfield** (medicine) was interviewed by Emily Senay of the CBS Early Show, who is writing a book about women's roles in their husbands' cardiac health and recovery.

**Dr. Mark Lachs** (medicine) and **Dr. Jay Edelberg** (medicine) were interviewed for an Aging-AMFAR recruiting video, featuring doctors who specialize in geriatrics.

**Dr. Noel Maclaren** (pediatrics) was interviewed by Bloomberg Radio about adolescent obesity (engendered by a recent *JAMA* article and the Surgeon General's December 13 announcement on the alarming rise in obesity in America).

**Dr. Alan Manevitz** (psychiatry) was interviewed by *First for Women* about the effects of financial and job setbacks on men.

**Dr. Shari Midoneck** (medicine) was interviewed by NBC's Today Show (Weekend Edition) about women's health.

**Dr. Robert Millman** (psychiatry and public health) was interviewed by the *Medical Herald* about a University of Florida study on physicians battling drug and alcohol addiction.

**Dr. Margaret Moline** (psychiatry) was interviewed by Healthscout.com about gender differences in sleep apnea.

**Dr. John Moore** (microbiology and immunology) was interviewed for a Roche Pharmaceuticals media film for the Interscience Conference on Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy (ICAAC), about HIV fusion inhibitors and the new AIDS drug T-20.

**Dr. Alvin Mushlin** (public health) was interviewed by *The New York Times Magazine* about how diseases are named.

**Dr. Mark Pochapin** (medicine) was interviewed by *The New York Times* about Medicare coverage for routine colonoscopies.

**Dr. Norman Relkin** (neurology and neuroscience) was interviewed by *Woman's World* about lowering one's risk of Alzheimer's disease.

**Dr. Zev Rosenwaks** (obstetrics and gynecology) was interviewed by Healthscout.com about preimplantation genetic diagnosis (PGD).

**Dr. Gail Saltz** (psychiatry) was interviewed by *Woman's World* about helpful ways to ward off mental fatigue.

**Dr. William Stubenbord** (surgery) was interviewed by *Medical Crossfire* about improving the process of organ donation.

**Dr. Roger Yurt** (surgery) was interviewed by *The New York Times* for an article about one of the patients from the World Trade Center who was being released from the Burn Center.

**Dr. David Zackson** (medicine) was interviewed by Bloomberg Radio about osteoporosis detection and treatment (engendered by a *JAMA* article reporting that osteoporosis is critically underdiagnosed).