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NEW PEDS CHAIR SHAPES STRATEGY

Margaret (Peggy) Kendrick Hostetter, MD, has been appointed Chair, Department of Pediatrics and Physician-in-Chief, Yale-New Haven Children's Hospital. Hostetter's accomplished research, academic, clinical practice and administrative career, spans twenty-seven years, beginning with medical school at Baylor College of Medicine, Texas. She completed a pediatrics residency, a fellowship in infectious diseases (ID), and two years as an instructor in pediatrics at Children's Hospital Medical Center, Boston. Sixteen years followed at the University of Minnesota Medical School, initially as an instructor in both medicine and pediatrics. Later she received concurrent appointments as Director of the Division of Pediatric ID, Associate Head for Research, and Professor, American Legion and Auxiliary Heart Research Chair. Hostetter joined YSM in 1998 as Professor of Pediatrics, Director, Yale Child Health Research Center (YCHRC) and Chief, Section of Immunology. She was subsequently appointed as Professor, Microbial Pathogenesis.

Hostetter has received numerous awards and recognition for excellence in academics and pediatric research. She has been cited in "Best Doctors" lists by American Health magazine and Castle & Connolly surveys. Hostetter is currently a member of the Institute of Medicine and the National Academy of Sciences. She is a frequent lecturer throughout the USA and internationally in England, France, Austria, Portugal, and Argentina.

Recently, Hostetter discussed her vision for her department: "Different rankings tell us that the clinical aspects of our activities are not as well known, nor as visible as our research domain. My goal is to raise the prominence of clinical activities at the Yale-New Haven Children's Hospital and to

heighten the clinical profile of our faculty, while extending our dominance in research." Hostetter cited examples of where advances in therapies have enabled creative new programs to emerge (with financial support from the New Clinical Program Development Fund). These include **Dr. Susan Moyer's** Inflammatory Bowel Disease Center and **Drs. George Lister** and **John Fahey's** program for adults with congenital heart disease. Other innovative programs are **Dr. Bill Tamborlane's** diabetes program, a pioneer in the use of insulin pumps, which is now testing the effectiveness of glucose sensors. A new collaboration between **Nina Kadan-Lottick, MD** and **Sheila Santacroce, APRN**, Yale



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School of Nursing, will establish a program for survivors of childhood cancer. Hostetter stated: "We can take our research findings and translate them from what we do in the hospital to what parents can do for children at home. We have a vigorous research emphasis that allows us to push the frontier of discovering the causes and cures of childhood disease." For more information on pediatric initiatives contact Ann Palmeri 785-6668 or ann.palmeri@yale.edu.

SPINE SURGEON STUDIES NEW DISC REPLACEMENT



James J. Yue, MD, Chief of the Center for Comprehensive Spinal Disorders and Research (Department of Orthopaedics) is leading an FDA clinical trial which will be the only one of its kind in Connecticut, and the 15th location in the country. The study offers an innovative lumbar disc replacement arthroplasty for sufferers of severe degenerative lumbar disc disease. Yue recently trained under Dr. Bertagnoli of Germany, one of the inventors of the Prodisc® implant technique. Phase I of the clinical trial will begin in the middle of November. This will be a one to three year blinded trial of fifty patients and Phase II will expand to 300 patients. Compared to

disc fusion, which leaves limited range of motion, takes up to a year to heal, causes the adjacent discs to wear out faster, has surgical incisions front and back, and may damage muscles, an arthroplasty typically leaves almost full range of motion, heals within 6 weeks, only requires a single incision with less risk of damage to muscles, and there are no screws in the vertebra. The implants are made of cobalt, chromium and polyethylene, the same material used in other joint surgeries.

Yue seeks highly motivated patients who meet the qualifying criteria. For more information contact james.yue@yale.edu or call 737-5662.

SURGERY RECRUITS BREAST AND PEDIATRIC EXPERTS



YMG is delighted to welcome **Donald Lannin, MD.** He joins Yale as Professor of Surgical Oncology and Executive Director and Co-Medical

Director of the Yale Comprehensive Breast Center (YCBC). He completed medical school and a general surgery residency at the University of Minnesota, and concurrently participated in a NIH funded National Research Service Fellowship. During twenty years in the Department of Surgery at East Carolina University, North Carolina, he developed a highly successful comprehensive breast center program. Speaking of his plans for the YCBC, Lannin explained: "The goal is to be much more patient friendly, coordinate visits to multiple specialists, shorten waiting time for appointments and at the same time offer state-of-the-art care. Patients will have access to the new protocols and ideas being developed for breast cancer." The management of breast cancer requires a collaborative multi-disciplinary model, with breast surgery and radiology as the 'front door'. "Mammography and surgery will work together to expedite the diagnosis and biopsy," explained Lannin. "Once the diagnosis is made, surgery will work with medical oncology, radiation oncology and plastic surgery to transition the patient through the system so that she receives coordinated, multidisciplinary care." Questions may be direct-

ed to Maureen Lillis, Coordinator, at 785-2328, or maureen.lillis@yale.edu



YMG is also pleased to welcome **R. Lawrence Moss, MD,** who joins Yale as an Associate Professor, Pediatric Surgery, and Surgeon-in-Chief of Yale-

New Haven Children's Hospital. Moss completed medical school at the University of California and a general surgery residency at Virginia Mason Medical Center, Washington. He served fellowships at Northwestern University in surgical critical care, pediatric surgery and extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO). He specializes in general, thoracic and laparoscopic pediatric surgery with a special interest in separating conjoined twins, the surgical repair of complex pelvic malformations, minimally invasive pediatric surgery, and ECMO, a sophisticated infant life support system.

Moss is known nationally for leadership in clinical research in children's surgery and the development of evidence-based surgery. He is spearheading a clinical trial that investigates different ways to treat premature newborns suffering from necrotizing enterocolitis (NEC). This study, now based at Yale, is in 13 centers across the country. The NIH will also support his work in developing a Yale-based clinical research-training program for surgeons. He is a member of the steering committee of the American Pediatric Surgical

Association Outcomes and Clinical Trials Center, and Director of Children's Surgical Research for the Glaser Pediatric Research Network. Moss commented: "We've made tremendous progress in surgery over the years but very little of what we do in pediatric surgery is supported by hard evidence. The field has grown up on tradition and anecdote. As we learn to rigorously evaluate our outcomes, we will take better care of the children we serve." It is expected that his addition to the faculty will allow the Section to expand and grow into a world-class pediatric surgical section. He may be contacted at larry.moss@yale.edu or 785-2701.

NEW YMG GUIDE DISTRIBUTED

The new YMG Referring Physician Guide was distributed to YMG faculty and staff the week of October 7th. Previously it was mailed to several thousand Connecticut physicians. The current plan is to issue 2003 updates in January/February and to subsequently provide a new print issue at the beginning of every calendar year. To meet this time frame, we ask that revisions, additions, and deletions be submitted **no later than October 31st, 2002.** Your changes may be emailed or faxed to 785-6597.

The on-line version at yalemedicalgroup.org/referral, will continue to reflect changes as they are received. If you have not yet received your copy of the Guide and would like to request one, please contact ann.freeman@yale.edu, or call 5-6592.

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