

For the fourth year in a row, the Internal Medicine Residency Program has a 100% ABIM board pass rate. Such results are but one reflection of the dedication of our residents to the practice of Internal Medicine. This fact, along with residents' successes in achieving their personal goals through further training in Fellowship or other work environments, is outstanding and a result of the excellent teaching they receive from our faculty at Memorial Hospital of RI.

### Fall 2011 Newsletter

Congratulations to the Class of 2011! We wish them every success as they begin the next important step in their careers.

#### **Mazen Al-Qadi, MD**

Chief Resident, Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island 2011/2012

Pulmonary/Critical Care Fellowship at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, 2012

**Anas Al-Sadi, MD** Pulmonary and Critical Care Fellowship at Scott and White/Texas A&M, Temple, TX

**Pavan Kumar Annamareddy, MD** Hematology Fellowship at Loma Linda University Medical Center, Loma Linda, CA

**Mosaab Bagegni, MD** Pulmonary and Critical Care Fellowship at the University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

**Zeeshan Chauhan, MD** Academic Hospitalist position at Yale-New Haven Hospital, New Haven, CT

**Natasha Esber, MD** Academic Hospitalist position at Kent County Hospital, Warwick, Rhode Island

**Aruna Gavini, MD** Hematology and Oncology Fellowship at Roger Williams Medical Center, Boston University School of Medicine, Boston, MA

**Navin Kaini, MD** Pulmonary and Critical Care Fellowship at the University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio

**Feras Karadsheh, MD**

Nephrology Fellowship at the University of Maryland, Baltimore, Maryland

**Sajid Saraf, MD**

Academic Hospitalist at Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island, Brown Medical School, Pawtucket, Rhode

Outgoing Chief Resident Omar Zmeili, MD, a graduate of the Internal Medicine Residency Program at Memorial Hospital of RI, has entered Endocrinology Research Fellowship at Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan.

**Intern Orientation**

The Internal Medicine Residency Program welcomed ten new interns on June 24, 2011. The comprehensive orientation program for incoming Housestaff provided an in-depth overview of the institution, our community, and the residency learning environment. Not all orientation activities took place indoors. New interns, housestaff, faculty members, program staff, and families gathered for a welcoming picnic and soccer game. The weather was beautiful, and having the time to relax and get to know one another extended a warm welcome to the incoming class. The annual Intern Retreat was held on September 24 and 25. This event includes a dinner at the Brown Faculty Club, and workshops at a site away from the hospital. This year we held the retreat workshops at the Blanding Library and Goff Hall in Rehoboth, MA. The library provided an open and quiet spot for the faculty and interns to reflect on the intern year up to this point.

**Cardiovascular Division**

Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island's new clinical affiliation with Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts will enhance the care of our patients as well as the educational opportunities for our residents. The Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island Cardiovascular Center re-opened in July 2011 after undergoing extensive renovations. David O. Williams, MD has been appointed the Director of the MHRI Cardiovascular Catheterization Laboratory. In addition to his extensive experience in interventional cardiology, Dr. Williams is the recipient of many professional awards. He holds an academic appointment at the Harvard University School of Medicine. Memorial Hospital of RI also welcomes Ryan Broderick, MD and Priya Kohli, MD to the Division of Cardiology. Dr. Broderick is a Clinical Instructor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School, Boston, in addition to holding a Cardiologist position in the Division of Cardiovascular Medicine at Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island. Dr. Kohli is a recent graduate of the Fellowship in Cardiovascular Diseases and Echocardiography at Northwestern University, Chicago, IL.

**Pulmonary Division**

In August, Dr. Dennis McCool stepped down after serving as Chief of the Pulmonary Division at MHRI since 2000. He will continue to serve in a faculty and mentorship role in addition to pursuing his research interests. We would like to welcome Dr. Jigme Sethi who has assumed the role of Chief of Pulmonary, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine. He is an Assistant Professor of Medicine at the Alpert Medical School of Brown University. His research interests include interstitial lung disease, sepsis, and acute lung injury. The Pulmonary Division has also welcomed Eric Gartman, MD, a recent graduate of the Alpert Medical School of Brown University Pulmonary Fellowship Program.

### **Sleep Laboratory Certification**

The Pulmonary Medicine Sleep Laboratory at MHRI was recently certified by the American Academy of Sleep Medicine. This certification reflects the commitment of the hospital and the Pulmonary Department to providing quality diagnostic services and longitudinal care of sleep disordered patients.

### **Stroke Center Certification**

Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island has been certified as a Primary Stroke Center by the Joint Commission since 2009, and received its recertification earlier this year.

The hospital is an American Heart Association/American Stroke Association "Get with the Guidelines" hospital. Neurologist Mason Gasper, DO, directs the Stroke Center. He is an Assistant Professor of Neurology (Clinical) at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University. The Stroke Center utilizes a multidisciplinary and collaborative Acute Stroke Team approach to respond to patients with stroke symptoms or acute onset of stroke via time sensitive diagnosis and treatment of stroke. The fourth annual Stroke Conference was held at Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island on September 21, 2011. Featured speakers were Karen Aspry, MD, Rhode Island Cardiology Center, Mason Gasper, DO, Director of the Stroke Center, Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island, and Sheila Blumstein, PhD, the Albert Mead Professor of Cognitive and Linguistic Sciences, Brown University.

### **Horn of Africa Famine**

The Senior residents of the Internal Medicine Residency Program encourage donations to UNICEF for the famine in Africa. Certainly, all of us have been affected by the photos of the hardships in Somalia, and our PGY 3 residents are to be commended for their commitment.