

IN TOUCH with the Department of Psychiatry



Message from the Chair . . .

I'm delighted to introduce, *IN TOUCH*, a new bi-monthly communication from Georgetown University Hospital's (GUH) Department of Psychiatry. Last July, Georgetown was recognized in the 2005 *US News and World Report's* list of best psychiatric hospitals for the second consecutive year. I'm proud of the outstanding faculty and clinicians that have helped contribute to the national recognition our department received.

IN TOUCH will offer updates on: departmental initiatives; new members of our faculty and clinical staff; Psychiatry's Grand Rounds calendar; ongoing research; and, the important work we do in the community. It is a vehicle for us to stay connected with friends, faculty, residents, staff, alumni, community and organizational leaders, patients and their families. And, it is a way for you to stay informed.

In particular, *IN TOUCH* will feature a regular update on the activities of the **Center for Mental Health Outreach**. Through a generous gift made by the **Naomi and Nehemiah Cohen Foundation** and other charitable contributions from individuals, foundations and institutions, "the Center" addresses the mental health needs of diverse underserved populations in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. While we are committed to provide compassionate, ethical and scientifically competent patient care at the hospital, our Center serves as a vehicle to advance mental health knowledge, training, education and services to organizations and individuals throughout our community.

Focusing on the Community Mental Health Services in Primary Care Settings

On April 27, the **Georgetown Center for Trauma and the Community** under the leadership of Director, **Bonnie Green, PhD** (based in the **Department of Psychiatry** at the **GU School of Medicine**, sponsored by the **National Institute of Mental Health**), along with the Department of Psychiatry, hosted a conference of more than 160 attendees, including many local clinicians and administrators on the topic of: *Trauma Survivors in Our Community: Integrating Mental Health into Primary Care*. The conference director was **Janice Krupnick, PhD**. Presenters and topics were: **Stacey Kaltman, PhD**, Collaborative Care: A Model for Treating Mental Health Problems in Primary Care; **Randall Reitz, PhD, LMFT**, "Real World" Experiences with Collaborative Care in the Community; and, **Matthew J. Friedman, M.D., PhD**, PTSD and Depression: A Psychopharmacology Update.

In future issues, *IN TOUCH* will feature the **Center for Mental Health Outreach** and its partnership with the **Montgomery County Department of Health** and the **Primary Care Coalition, Inc** resulting in the design of a "real world" collaborative care model being implemented in a primary care setting serving a low income population.

Please contact the CENTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH OUTREACH for additional information and donations.
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Department News

- **Wendy Zack, LICSW** joined the department in March providing outpatient psychotherapy, assessments and assisting in clinical administration
- On May 1, **John Little, M.D.** assumed the position of Medical Director of the Psychiatric Partial Hospitalization program. In addition, he will provide outpatient care, geriatric consultation to The Washington Home and conduct research in conjunction with his Memory Disorders program in the Department of Neurology. Dr. Little has been Assistant Professor of Psychiatry in the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. At Hopkins, Dr. Little provided Geriatric Psychiatry inpatient, partial hospitalization, and outpatient care.

Psychiatry Grand Rounds (*open to the public)

- *June 1, Resident Poster Session
- *June 8, Gene Profiling – James Hudziak, M.D.
- June 15, Clinical Case Conference – Giovanna Morena, M.D.
- *June 22, Psychiatry: Past, Present, and Future – Allen Frances, M.D.

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