



University of Washington Rehabilitation Medicine Newsletter

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1. Rehabilitation Medicine faculty to be promoted July 1, 2007.

We are happy to announce that three faculty members have been approved by the School of Medicine Appointments and Promotions Council for promotion effective July 1, 2007. While there are several additional University approvals required, these three faculty have passed all the major hurdles towards promotion. The promoted faculty with their new ranks include:

Karen Barr, M.D., to Associate Professor - barrk@u.washington.edu
Mary Pepping, Ph.D., to Professor - mpepping@u.washington.edu
Janet Powell, Ph.D., to Associate Professor - jmpowell@u.washington.edu .

We extend our sincere congratulations to these faculty.

2. Dr. Teresa Massagli chosen to receive the AAP Outstanding Service Award.

We are pleased to announce that Teresa Massagli, M.D., has been chosen to receive the Association of Academic Physiatrists (AAP) Outstanding Service Award in acknowledgement of her major contributions to the organization or to the field of Physiatry.


Based at Children's Hospital & Regional Medical Center, Dr. Massagli's clinical interests include pediatric spinal cord injury, pediatric brain injury, and trauma rehabilitation. She is also the director of the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine's PM&R Residency Training Program.

Please join us in offering Dr. Massagli congratulations by sending her an email:
massagli@u.washington.edu.

3. Joel DeLisa, M.D., M.S., selected as 2006 Alumnus of the Year.

Dr. Joel DeLisa has been chosen to receive the 2006 Alumni of the Year Award from the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine at the University of Washington. This distinguished honor





recognizes Dr. DeLisa's outstanding achievements in the field of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

Dr. DeLisa completed his PM&R residency at the UW in 1975. His distinguished career has included service on the faculty of the University of Washington, a lengthy affiliation with the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and the publication of over 120 articles and 36 chapters and books. Dr. DeLisa is currently the Chairman of the UMDMJ-New Jersey Medical School's Department of PM&R, as well as President and Chief Executive Officer of Kessler Medical Rehabilitation Research and Education Corporation.

Congratulations may be sent to Dr. DeLisa at: <delisaja@umdnj.edu>.

4. MOT students featured for work on children's therapy garden.

Shawna Evans, Kim Lewis, and Tuan Nguyen, all Master of Occupational Therapy students, and their advisor, Elizabeth Kanny, Ph.D., OTR, were featured in the March 5, 2007, edition of University Week for their work on the Carol J. VanRoekel Children's Garden at the Experimental Education Unit, the small school located just south of the UW Medical Center.

The creation of the garden has been a master's project for about a year and a half. Last year MOT students Diane Sumter and Rosie Kramer partnered with 2 landscape architecture students and their advisor Daniel Winterbottom to design and construct the garden while this year's focus has been on planting and preparing to implement gardening lesson plans into the EEU classes.

A state-certified special education program, the Experimental Education Unit provides classes and services to over 200 children each year. The new garden will help the school's children develop gross motor skills, dexterity, and coordination, as well as provide a dynamic outside space for learning, exercise, and fun.

For more information on the garden, please email Dr. Kanny: <ekanny@u.washington.edu>.

5. Reminder: Plans are in full swing for the 22nd Annual Justus F. Lehmann Day Symposium and 50th Anniversary Gala being held June 1 – June 2, 2007.

The 22nd Annual Justus F. Lehmann Day Symposium and 50th Anniversary Gala are promising to be the two biggest events for the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine this year. Attendees can look forward to two days packed with informative seminars and fun events, culminating in a Gala Dinner and Dance the evening of June 2, 2007, at the Palace Ballroom in downtown Seattle.

For more information about the weekend, including downloadable forms of a Registration Form and the Symposium's Presentation Schedule, please visit the website: <<http://depts.washington.edu/rehab/50history.html>>.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the co-chairs of the 50th Anniversary Committee: Marjorie Anderson, Ph.D. at 206-543-7030 or Elizabeth Kanny, Ph.D., OTR at 206-598-5393; emails may be sent to <rehab50@u.washington.edu>.





6. Grand Rounds Schedule for April 2007.

Unless noted otherwise, all seminars and conferences are held in RR-134 in Health Sciences at the University of Washington Campus. For the most up-to-date Grand Rounds schedule, please visit the Grand Rounds web page at <http://depts.washington.edu/rehab/education/rounds.html>.

April 2, 10:30 a.m. – Carrie Hall, P.T., M.H.S., “Shoulder Issues”

April 2, 11:30 a.m., Room BB938 - Jennifer Hastings, PT, Ph.D., “Effectiveness of Postural Intervention via Manual Wheelchair Change; Feasibility of Teleconsultation Deliver”

April 9, 10:30 a.m. – Claire Yang, M.D., “Urology in Rehabilitation Medicine”

April 16, 10:30 a.m. – Larry Robinson, M.D., “Exam Review for the Training Program Self-Assessment”

April 16, 12:00 p.m., Room BB938 – Chester Ho, M.D., "Pulsatile Lavage for the Enhancement of Pressure Ulcer Healing: A Randomized, Controlled Trial"

April 23, 10:30 a.m. – Kathryn Yorkston, Ph.D., “Copenhagen Talk”

April 30, 11:30-12:30, Room BB938 – Kristie Bjornson, PT, Ph.D., TBA

Please note that our Grand Rounds Conferences are available for continuing education credits; contact Pamela Graber at <pamelaq2@u.washington.edu> for more information.

For information on other Continuing Education opportunities through the University of Washington Department Of Rehabilitation Medicine, please visit our Continuing Education web page at <<http://depts.washington.edu/rehab/education/ce.html>>.

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<bennesa@u.washington.edu>.

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<<http://depts.washington.edu/rehab/news.html>>.

