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THE NEW COOK COUNTY HOSPITAL

A new state-of-the-art Cook County Hospital, which serves as the tertiary hub of the Cook County Bureau of Health Services system, will open this fall. The facility will replace a sprawling 13-building campus, whose main pavilion was opened in 1914. The new hospital was designed to provide the most advanced medical care and increase efficiency.

Opening just a few yards away from the original hospital building, the 464-bed hospital will be anchored by 228 medical/surgical beds, with dedicated units for obstetrics (40 beds), pediatrics (40 beds), intensive care (80 beds), neonatal intensive care (58 beds), and burns (18 beds). Anticipating an increasing trend toward shorter inpatient hospital stays and procedures, approximately 40% of the hospital's space will be used for outpatient care, specialty diagnosis, and treatment.

Concurrently, the renovation of the 1900 West Polk Building, (formerly the School of Nursing) will improve electrical service, fire safety, water supply and elevator and HVAC systems. To facilitate parking for visitors, patients, and staff, a new multi-level garage with space for 2,100 cars will be located next to the new hospital. The new 1.2 million-square-foot Cook County Hospital will continue a tradition of community-focused hospital care that began in 1866, when the first county-owned hospital building was opened.

The New Cook County Hospital development has a total project budget of \$551 million. The primary components are a new parking structure, replacement hospital and the renovation of the 1900 W. Polk Street building (formerly the School of Nursing). The construction project was preceded by a \$9 million site preparation. The overall development also includes medical equipment, future demolition of the existing Children's Hospital building, and expansion of the parking structure.

HISTORY OF THE DIVISION OF DERMATOLOGY OF COOK COUNTY HOSPITAL

The Cook County Hospital Division of Dermatology has had a long and illustrious career going back to the time of Drs. Oliver S. Ormsby and William Allen Pusey, who in 1907 were the first civil service appointees. From then on many whose names are not recorded served in the division. By 1940, attendings at County were Drs. Theodore Cornbleet, Herbert Rattner, Michael Ebert, James Webster, David Omens, Samuel Bluefarb, David Cohen, and Harold Rodin. Theodore Cornbleet was Chairman of the Department from 1959 until 1967. From 1967 to 1985, Dr. Sidney Barsky was Chairman of the Department, and from then until now, Dr. Darryl Bronson has been Chairman. In recent times, Drs. Bruce Bennin, George Engel, Jonith Breadon, Scott Zahner, Lisette-Ortiz-Ferrer, Jerry Feldman, Lisa Kates, Kathleen Remlinger, and Harry Goldin have all served as attending physicians. To list all the names of devoted and dedicated dermatology staff, many no longer alive, who were "County people", would fill pages. To them, all of us owe heartfelt thanks for their mostly volunteer service. Without them, the hospital could not have maintained its position as a leading dermatological residency training center, where more than 150 graduates have completed their training.

The brand new hospital with its state-of-the-art facilities will be known as the John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County.

Sidney Barsky, M.D.

See the chronological history of Cook County Hospital in the outside columns of pages 2-8.



FREDERIC MOHS, M.D.
(1910-2002)

Dr. Frederic Mohs made a lasting contribution to the development of dermatologic surgery and to the care of millions who suffer from aggressive skin cancers. Fred was a surgeon at the University of Wisconsin, where he invented the technique that

bears his name. Because he shared his experience and taught the technique to many physicians from all disciplines, his influence became worldwide. The extensive dermatopathology training during our residency makes it possible for dermatologists to readily understand the advantages of the technique and learn how to perform the surgery. Fred invited all to come to Madison to learn with him, and dermatologists were the ones who most often made the pilgrimage. Fred trained many dermatologic surgery leaders. In the last 25 years, the surgical experience afforded by training in Mohs surgery became one of the building blocks of dermatologic surgery.

Frederic Edward Mohs was born on March 1, 1910, in Burlington, Wisconsin. His father died when he was three months old, and the family moved to Madison, where his mother ran a boarding house. After first wanting to become a radio engineer, he switched to medical studies in college. In 1943 he married Mary Ellen Reynolds, who died in 1995. He is survived by two sons, Frederic and Thomas, of Madison, and a daughter, Jane Shimming of Jupiter, Florida.

Dr. Mohs began developing his treatment in the 1930s while experimenting on animals. The breakthrough came when he discovered that treating cancerous tissue with zinc chloride (paste) allowed it to be removed surgically and examined under the microscope. He treated his first human patient in June, 1936. The approach evolved in the 1950s (with the advances made by Dr. Ted Tromovitch) when it became possible to cease using the chemical paste. Later, others improved aspects of the frozen section technique with more specific histopathologic stains.

Dr. Mohs died in his home in Madison, Wisconsin in July, 2002 at the age of 92. He spent his entire working life in Madison. He was a tireless advocate for the surgical procedure and taught it to doctors from all over the world. Fred, a man of few words, embodied the principle of the silent working of good. His life epitomized the principle that it is what one contributes, not what one gets, that is important in life. His legacy lives on in the hearts and minds of all that he trained and is expressed in the way that they train other physicians to provide care.

June K. Robinson, M.D.



PAUL LAZAR, M.D.
(1923-2002)

Dr. Paul Lazar died on September 24, 2002 from colon cancer at the age of 79. Born in Ellenville, New York, Dr. Lazar attended Northwestern University for two years before being drafted into the US Navy in 1943, where he served as a Pharmacist's Mate

at the Brooklyn Naval Yard. The Navy sent him to New York Medical College from which he graduated with highest honors in 1947. After completing a rotating internship at Michael Reese Hospital in 1948, he moved to New York City, where he trained in dermatology at New York University Skin and Cancer. He served as a preceptee of Dr. Marion Sulzberger from 1949-50. Paul served briefly in the United States Public Health Service before being sent to Japan for the Korean War. He was the Chief of Dermatology at the Osaka Army Hospital from 1951-53, which was the largest dermatology facility between Tokyo and Hong Kong. In July 1953, he returned to the States and joined Herb Rattner, M.D. in practice (for one year), assisting Dr. Rattner with editing the *Archives of Dermatology* and the day-to-day operations of the Dermatology Department at Northwestern University Medical School, where Dr. Rattner was chairman. Dr. Lazar then opened his own solo private practice in Highland Park and Chicago. In 1987, his son Andrew joined him in practice.

Dr. Lazar published 77 articles, served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Chicago Dermatological Society from 1966-69 and as its President in 1970. He held the same positions in the Dermatology Foundation from 1979-83, served on the Board of Directors of the AAD from 1984-87 and was the Vice-President of the AAD in 1990. The Chicago Dermatological Society awarded him their Practitioner of the Year award in 1993 and the Dermatology Foundation awarded him the distinguished Clark Finnerud Award in 1995.

Paul enjoyed playing the piano after his retirement, but was most proud of his involvement with Lamb's Farm, a residential community for the developmentally disadvantaged. He served on its board for 20 years and as its president for four years. He was instrumental in arranging for living quarters for 160 people to be built during his tenure as president. He was a strong advocate for the developmentally disadvantaged, going to Washington, D.C. on numerous occasions to lobby Congress for funding, laws to protect the disabled, and public awareness.

Dr. Paul Lazar is survived by his wife of 54 years, Miriam; his sons Dr. Andrew (Marda) and Jon; his grandchildren Michael and Jordyn; and a sister Jeanette.

Mark Gendleman, M.D.

The History of Cook County Hospital

1866

Cook County Hospital opens when 12 patients arrive from the Poor Farm and Mercy Hospital.

1874

The County Board purchases the property at Harrison, Wood, Polk and Lincoln Streets, for \$145,000, the location of the current hospital.

1876

The new hospital opens, consisting of two medical pavilions, laundry, morgue, kitchen, and boiler house.

1884

CCH expands to two additional pavilions, a clinical amphitheater, and an administration building. The hospital's bed capacity grows to 500-600.

OUR PRESIDENT

Michael D. Tharp, M.D. has been chairman of Rush Presbyterian-St Luke's Department of Dermatology since 1995. A native of Columbus, Ohio, Dr. Tharp graduated Cum Laude from Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware, Ohio, and attended medical school at Ohio State University in Columbus. He then completed an internal medicine residency at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas, Texas, and a dermatology residency and fellowship at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, North Carolina. He is board certified in both internal medicine and dermatology.

Dr. Tharp has written over 100 papers and abstracts and has authored or co-authored fifteen books and book chapters. His research throughout his career has focused on mast cell biology. This interest has extended to a number of clinical situations such as urticaria, atopic dermatitis, mastocytosis, and eczematous dermatoses.

Mike is the editor of the journal *Dermatologic Therapy*. He is the Secretary-Treasurer for the Executive Committee of the Dermatology Foundation and the

Chair of the Dermatology Foundation Leaders Society Committee and campaign for the last four years. He has served as the Director of the Chicago Dermatology Board Review course for the last four years.

Dr. Tharp is married to Robin, who is also an Ohio native. She graduated from Miami University of Ohio in speech therapy. Robin works part time in a store in Hinsdale called "Robins Egg Blue". Like Mike, she enjoys art and antique collecting. The Tharps have three daughters: Kristin (22), Kelly (20), and Kathryn (18). Kristin is also a graduate of Miami University and is currently working in Chicago. Kelly is a junior at Miami University majoring in marketing, and Kathryn is a senior at Hinsdale Central High School.

The Tharps have thoroughly enjoyed their last seven years in Chicago, and have tried to take advantage of all it has to offer. Professionally and personally, Mike has found it particularly gratifying to be surrounded by such a wonderful array of talented faculty at Rush. He states that he cannot remember working with a nicer group of people.

NEW MEMBERS

LINDA COOK, M.D.

As the young mother of two children, I decided to enter college. I was in my second year of college when I considered a career in medicine. I was accepted into the pre-med program and later received my B.A. degree from St. Louis University. I attended medical school at the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences (USUHS) from 1989 to 1993. After my internship, I decided to take the Navy slogan "It's not just a job, it's an adventure" seriously. I went through flight surgery training, including water survival, and learned to fly on a T-34. I was then stationed just north of Malibu, California, as a flight surgeon. I was responsible for the medical care of the Navy pilots and flight crew, and had the opportunity to fly in F-4s, F-14s, F-18s, P-3s and helos. I met my husband during my flight surgery tour and we had our first child together before I started residency. I did my dermatology residency from 1998 to 2001 at Naval Medical Center-San Diego. I had my fourth child during my residency. I am currently stationed at Great Lakes Naval Hospital and will complete my obligation to the Navy in 2½ years. As far as hobbies go, I have four kids, remember?

LISA KATES, M.D.

Dr. Lisa Kates was born and grew up in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She attended Nazareth Academy High School in Northeast Philadelphia and received her Bachelors of Science in biology and psychology from Ursinus College.

She acquired her Masters in Human Physiology from Hahnemann University in Philadelphia where she also received her Doctorate of Medicine from Hahnemann University School of Medicine.

Dr. Kates completed her internship in internal medicine and residency in obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Maryland Hospitals in Baltimore, Maryland. She then did her residency in dermatology at Cook County Hospital. Currently, she works in Chicago at Aesthetic Dermatology of Lincoln Park. Dr. Kates will also act as a consultant for laser surgery at Cook County Hospital.

SARAH L. CHAMLIN, M.D.

Dr. Sarah Chamlin is a full-time pediatric dermatologist at Children's Memorial Hospital. She received her medical degree at Rush Medical College, Chicago, Illinois in 1993. She completed her pediatric residency and chief residency at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago, Illinois in 1997. Subsequently, Dr. Chamlin completed a dermatology residency and a pediatric dermatology research fellowship at the University of California, San Francisco, California.

Sarah's research focuses on quality of life issues faced by children with skin disease. She is currently field testing a quality-of-life measure for young children with atopic dermatitis. Her interests include vascular and pigmented birthmarks, hair and nail disorders, and laser and skin surgery.



1910

The hospital treats 34,000 patients. Overcrowding is a problem and the facility is old and needs repairs. The County Board votes to build a new 656 bed hospital at a cost of \$3 million.

1914

The new facility opens and is the current main building of CCH. Karl A. Meyer, M.D. heads the hospital from 1914-1967. Dr. Meyer sets the standard for excellent medical training programs and medical advancements.

1917

The Main Building adds two new pavilions, giving the hospital a total bed capacity of 2,000.

1928

CCH adds a children's hospital, men's hospital, new morgue, and a receiving/admitting building. The hospital's bed capacity increases to 3,400.



1929

The Cook County School of Nursing opens in the former Illinois Training School for Nurses, now the site of Pasteur Park.

1935

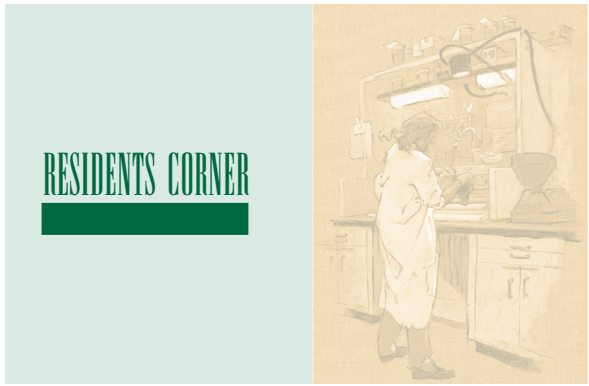
The School of Nursing moves to 1400 W. Polk. The school provides nursing services until 1971, when the department transfers to the hospital. A diploma program in nursing education is available until it closes in 1980.

1937

The world's first blood bank opens at Cook County Hospital. Blood bank founder Dr. Bernard Fantus opens a blood bank preservation laboratory.

1940

The County reopens the West Side Hospital at Fantus Out-Patient Clinic, named in memory of Dr. Bernard Fantus.



RESIDENTS CORNER

COOK COUNTY

NEW RESIDENTS

SHIRLEY CHI, M.D. was born in Brooklyn, New York and raised in Anaheim, California. She attended Northwestern University, majoring in philosophy, then went to Northwestern University Medical School. She completed a preliminary year in medicine at Evanston-Northwestern Healthcare. Her hobbies include international travel, film, and bargain-hunting. She can usually be found in a dimly-lit diner in Chicago's Chinatown.

ANNE SNIDER, M.D. grew up in Osage, Iowa. She completed her B.A. in chemistry and biology at Central College in Pella, Iowa. While at Central College, she played varsity volleyball, helping her team qualify for the NCAA tournament for the first time in school history. She received her M.D. degree from the University of Iowa and remains an avid Hawkeye sports fan. She completed her internship at West Suburban Hospital in Oak Park, Illinois. She enjoys all types of sports, running, cooking, traveling, and spending time with her niece, Olivia.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

DEBORAH (HUEBBE-)YOUHN, M.D. is in private practice with Drs. David Lorber and Nona Craig in Evanston, Illinois.

ROBERTA (O'DEA-)LUCAS, M.D. is in private practice with Drs. Darryl Bronson and Bonnie Barsky in Highland Park, Illinois.

HILLARY SIEBENECK, M.D. is in private practice in Albany, New York.

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

NEW RESIDENTS

LISA CARROLL, M.D. obtained her B.A. in history at Princeton University, then attended Stanford University School of Medicine. During medical school, her clinical research involved examining the efficacy of the PET scan for detecting metastases in patients with melanoma. The results of this research were recently published in the *Annals of Surgical Oncology* (August

2002). Her interests within dermatology include both pediatric and adult general dermatology as well as dermatologic surgery. She is especially interested in melanoma.

MICHAEL JUDE WELSCH, M.D. graduated from the University of Illinois at Chicago School of Medicine in 2000. He completed a transitional internship at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas. After internship, he served a one-year tour as an Army General Medical Officer in South Korea. He will reenter active military duty upon completion of his training in dermatology. After military service, he and his wife (of two years) plan to return to their hometown of Chicago.

MARIO E. LACOUTURE, M.D. was born in Colombia, South America. After graduating from medical school at Javeriana University in Bogota, he decided to embark on a research fellowship at the Division of Rheumatology, Immunology, and Allergy at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. He completed his internship in General Surgery at the Cleveland Clinic, in Ohio. He plans to pursue an academic career focusing on basic genetic and immunological mechanisms of dermatologic diseases.

LUCILLE WHITE, M.D. is from Petoskey, Michigan. She attended Princeton University for her undergraduate education. After a year of health policy research in Washington, D.C., she attended the University of Chicago for medical school and graduated in 2001.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

AMY BRODSKY, M.D. is in private practice with Dr. Scott Glazer in Buffalo Grove, Illinois.

SCOTT DALE, M.D. was appointed to the medical staff of Flagstaff Medical Center in Arizona.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

NEW RESIDENTS

TODD JOHNSON, M.D. attended Miami University of Ohio as an undergraduate and medical school at the University of Illinois at Chicago. He enjoys snowboarding and playing the drums.

MARIANNE SCHACHTER, M.D. completed her undergraduate education at the University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign and medical school at Northwestern University in Chicago, Illinois. She loves spending time with her husband David and her 5-month-old son Jacob.

FRANK TOBIN, M.D. completed his undergraduate education at Northwestern University and medical school at the Loyola University. He is married to Elisabeth Gutierrez, a law student at the University of Chicago.

ROOPAL VASHI KUNDU, M.D. went to Northwestern University for both undergraduate education and medical school. He was raised in Michigan before moving to Chicago. He is married to Som Kundu, a urology resident at Northwestern.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

CRISTINA CAMARA, M.D. is in private practice with Dermatology Limited in Joliet, Illinois.

BHARATI CHITTINENI, M.D. is in private practice with Dr. Giulio Leone in Arlington Heights, Illinois.

TANYA EVANS, M.D. is in private practice in Oakland, California.

JUDY NG, M.D. is in private practice with Drs. Tuffanelli and Epstein in San Francisco, California.

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

NEW RESIDENTS

My name is **KEREN HORN, M.D.**, and I have just completed my internship in Internal Medicine at the University of Chicago. I am originally from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the middle of three sisters and the daughter of two Israeli parents. I spent my undergraduate years in New York City, at Barnard College, and moved to Chicago to begin my medical training at the University of Chicago, Pritzker School of Medicine. I feel most content when I have a creative outlet to complement the rigorous responsibilities of residency, and find cooking, baking, reading, and the occasional art project thoroughly enjoyable. I was recently married to fellow Northwestern resident Meyer Horn.

Hi, my name is Buster! I'm a pug and I live with **KIM NUSSBAUM, M.D.** I'm practically famous because I'm even cuter than the pug in *Men in Black II*; people stop us on the street all the time and ask about me. I love all that attention! Anyway, this is supposed to be about Kim, not me. She graduated from the University of Chicago's Pritzker School of Medicine in 2001, and completed her Medicine Internship at Evanston Hospital (I didn't see too much of Kim during those years!)

Prior to medical school, Kim spent 10 years as an executive in the healthcare industry, after obtaining her MBA from Northwestern's Kellogg School of Management. She worked in hospital administration, the pharmaceutical industry, and managed care consulting – all with an emphasis on corporate strategic planning, business development, and marketing; She wants to combine her interests in clinical dermatology and healthcare management after she finishes her residency. When Kim is not working, she loves to spend time with her husband Ron, and me. They met on a trip to Mexico a few years ago, and still love to travel and do things outdoors, like hiking or biking.

Hi, I'm **PRASHANT SINGRI, M.D.** I grew up in Dayton, Ohio as a son of an internist and younger brother to a soon-to-be nephrologist. My undergraduate studies were at Youngstown State University as part of a six-year combined undergraduate/medical program with Northeastern Ohio University. There, I was witness to the upcoming greatness of the current Ohio State coach Jim Tressel, who will lead the Buckeyes to a national championship in the near future.

After completing my internship at Rush-Presbyterian-St Luke's Medical Center I joined Dr. Kenneth Gordon for two years as a clinical research fellow at Northwestern University. Now that I have survived his mentorship, I am excited to finally start my dermatology residency. In my free time, I enjoy eating out, movies, and getting good bargains on electronics.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

ALEX HIRSH, M.D. joined his father, Dr. Fred Hirsh, in private practice in Cleveland, Ohio.

RACHEL QUINBY, M.D. joined the staff of Loyola University Health System as an instructor of dermatology under Dr. June Robinson.

RUSH PRESBYTERIAN-ST.LUKE'S MEDICAL CENTER

NEW RESIDENTS

DARRELL GONZALES, M.D. was raised in Southern California. After completing his undergraduate education at the University of California, Los Angeles, Darrell joined the RAND Division of Public Health where he participated in research on drug rehabilitation programs. After completing this project, Darrell moved to Chicago where he helped manage a branch of the nation's largest medical equipment rental distributor. He obtained his medical degree at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. After developing a love of Chicago from his first visit, Darrell has enthusiastically returned. Outside the realm of dermatology, Darrell continues his passions for mountain bike riding, backpacking, running, and rowing.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

TODD PERKINS, M.D. successfully retired from his position as Chief Resident for the Rush Presbyterian-St. Luke's Dermatology Department. Shortly after Todd's residency, he joined the staff of the Dermatology & Clinical Skin Care Center in Bethesda, Maryland. As a former native of this area, Todd was excited at the prospect of moving nearer his family and friends with his wife and daughter.



1943

Hektoen Institute opens in the former John McCormick Institute for Infectious Diseases, on South Wood Street. After razing the building in 1961, the current Hektoen Institute opens in 1964, at the same location.

1953

The Midwest's first cobalt-beam therapy unit opens for cancer patients at Cook County Hospital. It was only one of three in the U.S.

Karl A. Meyer Hall opens, providing residence facilities for house staff physicians.

1955

A new central diagnostic x-ray department opens with the world's first radiographic rooms especially designed for highly technical examinations of the chambers of the heart, blood vessels, and brain.

The hospital receives its first three-year accreditation from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

REGIONAL DERMATOLOGY TRAINING CENTER – MOSHI, TANZANIA

The Regional Dermatology Training Center (RDTC) was founded in 1990 on the campus of the Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Center in Moshi, Tanzania. The purpose of the RDTC is to train assistant medical officers in basic dermatology during a two year course. The assistant medical officers are equivalent to something between a physician assistant and old time general practitioner. After two years at Moshi, they return to their villages and dispense dermatological care, teach dermatology to local practitioners, and advocate better care to their local health ministries. These dermatology officers, as they are called, have a tremendous “ripple effect” in their regions,

There are 12 students per year with 75 graduates already at work in an area of Africa where there are essentially no dermatologists. Skin disease is a particularly disabling problem in sub-Saharan Africa. There are the usual skin problems such as eczemas, psoriasis, fungal, and bacterial skin infections as well as parasitic diseases. Leprosy continues to be a major skin problem in Africa as well as all the skin manifestations of AIDS, which affects 20-30% of sub-Saharan Africans. Albinism is ten times more prevalent in Africa than in western countries, and lack of pigment causes severe eye problems as well as skin cancer. Except for a few dermatologists in South Africa and in major cities, there are no dermatologists in rural Africa. The graduates of the two-year RDTC program are the only hope of bringing continuous dermatologic care to rural Africa.

The RDTC is owned by the International League of Dermatology Societies and is administered by the International Foundation for Dermatology. The average cost for tuition and room and board for a student is \$4,700/year. Students come from many countries, including Kenya, Malawi, Botswana, Swaziland, Uganda, Ghana, and Sierra Leone, as well as Tanzania.

This is an outstanding international project that deserves the support of all dermatologists.

James O. Ertle, M.D.

CHICAGO DERMATOLOGICAL SOCIETY RESEARCH GRANTS

As part of the educational and scientific mission of the Chicago Dermatological Society, we have established a program to fund research by our members or in the local academic institutions. The Chicago Derm Society grants are meant to support projects from our members in practice or in our academic institutions that answer questions regarding the practice of clinical dermatology or the biology of the skin. These grants provide an excellent opportunity for a clinician who is looking for support to ask a specific clinical question that otherwise would go unanswered, or for a young investigator to start a project that may be central to an academic career.

In the past, we have provided funding for grant applications in both academic centers and private practice.

This year, we have funds available to provide a number of grants of between \$5,000-\$10,000 for one year (not renewable). These grants do not include indirect costs. Our grant deadline will be February 1, 2003, with the awards to be announced at the final meeting of the academic year. We request that any individual who receives an award in 2003 present their preliminary results at the final meeting in 2004.

Applications are available through the CDS office at 312-670-2582. Please feel free to contact In Yung Kim at the CDS office or Mark D. Hoffman, M.D. at 312-942-6096.

MY MOST MEMORABLE PATIENT

A somewhat grumpy elderly Russian man wearing a cap that was clearly hiding something came to our busy, understaffed, and poorly equipped clinic for mostly indigent patients at Mt. Sinai Hospital in Chicago. He gave a vague history through a poor interpreter. Perhaps it was the fact that he was wearing his cap inside, or that a wool cap was a bit too warm for the weather, or my insatiable desire to see just what was hidden by those bandaids. Something told me that he was hiding some pathology on the alopecic scalp under the wool cap.

It took some coaxing for him to show me “the problem”, but I would not soon forget the encounter. Several layers of gauze and tissues under the cap confirmed my suspicion of significant pathological findings. Gentle coaxing of the crusted and adherent bandages revealed the most advanced scalp tumor that this Mohs surgeon has ever seen. Gross tumor occupying the full vertex with destructive extension through the skull to pulsating meninges. Some members may recall his presentation at a CDS meeting at Rush.

Palliative efforts were undertaken with limited radiation therapy and topical care. Neurosurgical consultation was sought but with no heroic surgical options available. I kept in touch with this man for several months and then lost contact. He had limited family support and it turns out that he was certainly a victim of self neglect and poor medical treatment in Russia. I assume he succumbed to massive infection or exsanguination from his tumor. While his gross pathology was certainly fascinating, pursuing treatment and exploring such advanced cases helped me to reach for the toughest cases and examine their causes and seek to push the limits on our curative options.

Jeffrey Altman, M.D.

We hope that other members of CDS will submit brief vignettes of their own “most memorable cases” to share with other members of the Society in a regular column to appear in the CDS newsletter.



1961

Fantus Out-Patient Clinic moves to Harrison and Winchester Streets and reopens as Fantus Health Center in 1972. The current facility houses 99 clinics.

1967

Robin Dean Heliport opens, named after a former five-year-old female patient.

1968

The country's first trauma unit opens, rendering special treatment to accident and violence victims.

1973

A separate Emergency Room opens.

Dr. Boone Chunprapah becomes the first doctor to successfully reconnect four completely severed fingers from a man's hand.

CCH becomes the first hospital to use an all frozen blood banking system.

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1991

The Adult Emergency Room is renovated. It is one of the nation's largest and busiest. Adult Emergency Room treats over 110,000 patients annually; Pediatrics Emergency Room treats 45,000 children and adolescents each year.

1993

The HIV/AIDS clinic was re-named the Sable/Sherer Clinic. The clinic treated one-third of Cook County's HIV/AIDS patients.

1994

Cook County Hospital establishes a medical school affiliation with Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Hospital.

The Trauma Center receives a renovation. CCH is home to the city's busiest trauma center.

Cook County receives a Certificate of Need (CON) from Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board approving construction of a new hospital.

SKIN CANCER SCREENING AT THE BEACH

On July 13, 2002, 78 volunteers – 36 Chicago Dermatological Society members, 13 dermatology residents, and 29 staff – made our second CDS Skin Cancer Screening at North Avenue Beach in Chicago a success. Through screening, public education, and media coverage, this event has done much to raise public awareness of skin cancer.

Number of people screened at the beach: 568

- *Malignant Melanoma: 7*
- *Basal Cell Carcinoma: 17*
- *Squamous Cell Carcinoma: 1*
- *Actinic Keratosis: 15*
- *Dysplastic Appearing Nevi: 101*
- *Other Diagnosis: 62*

MEDIA: Segments about the skin cancer screening and coverage of the event were provided by the Chicago Tribune, The Reader, WBBM Radio (780), WRMN Radio (1410 AM) and local television network channels 2, 7, 9 and 32.

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*Cook County Hospital
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Memorial Lecture
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Silas Walk Seminar*

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The Cook County Board of Commissioners takes the final steps in the approval process, voting to accept a contract to construct a new hospital. County government, elected officials, health, and civic leaders hold groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Cook County Hospital.

Cook County Hospital addresses its chronic parking problems with the completion of a 1,340-car parking structure, known as Phase I. Future plans include Phase II, that will add two floors, creating 2,100 total parking spaces.

