Letter from the Dean

In this issue of New Faculty Faces, Albany Medical Center’s Neurosciences Institute proudly welcomes several distinguished physicians. Each doctor and his or her areas of expertise are profiled, and I would encourage you to contact them about a procedure or consultation if your patients are in need of specialized services.

Please join me in welcoming endovascular neurosurgeon Dr. John Dalfino to the Division of Neurosurgery. Dr. Dalfino specializes in the surgical and endovascular management of cerebrovascular disorders including stroke, cerebral aneurysms, carotid and intracranial vessel disease. In addition to his cerebrovascular practice, Dr. Dalfino has training in functional neurosurgery and complex spine surgery.

I am also pleased to introduce pediatric neurologist Dr. Daniel Greenblatt and neurologists Dr. Rose Domingo and Dr. James Wymer to the Department of Neurology. These specialists will prove to be a valuable resource to the physicians and patients of Albany Medical Center and our region. Dr. Greenblatt, one of only a few pediatric neurologists in the region with a special focus in early-onset multiple sclerosis, specializes in general neurology and demyelinating diseases in children. Dr. Domingo specializes in a wide range of nerve and muscle disorders and will be working closely with Dr. Wymer, who previously served as medical director of Upstate Clinical Research, LLC and a neurologist at Upstate Neurology Consultants, LLP in Albany. Dr. Wymer specializes in the diagnosis and management of neuromuscular diseases and neuropathic pain.

Albany Medical Center is also working to bring our specialists closer to you and your patients. Drs. Dalfino, Domingo and Wymer are now seeing patients on certain days in our new office location at the Capital Region Health Park in Latham at 713 Troy-Schenectady Road. Appointments are available.

Please join me in welcoming this outstanding team of physicians, who will reinforce our commitment to providing quality health care, educating tomorrow’s physicians and paving the way for advancements in research.

Sincerely,

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Executive Vice President for Health Affairs, Albany Medical Center
John C. Dalfino, MD

Assistant Professor of Surgery
Albany Medical College

BOARD ELIGIBLE
American Board of Neurological Surgery
(Neurological Surgery)

FELLOWSHIP
Endovascular Neurosurgery
Albany Medical Center
Albany, New York

RESIDENCY
Neurosurgery
Albany Medical Center
Albany, New York

MEDICAL SCHOOL
Jefferson Medical College
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Rose M. Domingo, MD

Assistant Professor of Neurology
Albany Medical College

BOARD CERTIFICATION
American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology
(Neurology)

BOARD ELIGIBLE
American Board of Electrodiagnostic Medicine
(Neuromuscular Medicine and Electrodiagnostic Medicine)

FELLOWSHIP
Neuromuscular Medicine
Cleveland Clinic Foundation
Cleveland, Ohio

RESIDENCIES
Chief Resident, Neurology
Albany Medical Center
Albany, New York

Neurology
Albany Medical Center
Albany, New York

MEDICAL SCHOOL
St. George’s University School of Medicine
Grenada, West Indies

Daniel Greenblatt, MD

Assistant Professor of Neurology
Albany Medical College

BOARD ELIGIBLE
American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology
(Neurology)
American Board of Pediatrics
(Pediatrics)

FELLOWSHIP
Multiple Sclerosis
National Pediatric MS Center
Stony Brook University
Stony Brook, New York

RESIDENCIES
Pediatrics
Schneider Children’s Hospital
New Hyde Park, New York

Chief Resident, Child Neurology
Downstate Medical Center
Brooklyn, New York

MEDICAL SCHOOL
Medical College of Ohio
Toledo, Ohio
James P. Wymer, MD, PhD

Associate Professor of Neurology
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BOARD CERTIFICATION
American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology (Neurology)
American Board of Electrodiagnostic Medicine

FELLOWSHIP
Neuromuscular Disease
University of Rochester Medical Center
Rochester, New York

RESIDENCY
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General neurology, multiple sclerosis, demyelinating diseases, such as Devic’s disease, acute demyelinating encephalomyelitis (ADEM)

Karen M. Powers, MD
Pediatric neurology, pediatric headaches, pediatric neuro-oncology

Anthony Ritaccio, MD
Epilepsy, seizure disorders

James P. Wymer, MD, PhD
General neurology, neuromuscular diseases, neuropathic pain

Jennifer Yanoschak, MD
Stroke, neurology, critical care, thrombolysis for acute stroke, transcranial Dopplers

Earl Zimmerman, MD
Alzheimer’s disease, dementia, behavioral neurology

Delivering Quality

Albany Medical Center and the Neurosciences Institute are committed to providing the highest quality care possible—delivering the right care to the right patient at the right time, every time. In fact, the high standards and outcomes of our stroke team continue to be recognized by the Joint Commission, the New York State Department of Health and the American Stroke Association.

This spring the Neurosciences Institute launched a new electronic health record (EHR) system in our Faculty Practice outpatient clinic and in the Hospital. The EHR system provides our physicians with access to comprehensive patient information and improves quality by identifying allergic reactions, drug interactions and medical errors. The EHR contains immediate tracking from our physicians and nurses down to our administrative staff. There is no longer a need for clinical staff to pull patient charts or wait to call in prescriptions. And when diagnostic tests are ordered by our physicians, the results come through the EHR rather than through mail or fax. Communication with referring physicians has also become more streamlined and efficient since the launch of the new system.

Electronic health records improve how patient care is delivered with innovative tools to increase patient safety and help to reduce medical errors. The physicians and providers of our Faculty Practice and Hospital, including those of the Neurosciences Institute, have already seen tremendous benefits and results since the launch of EHR impacting the way we deliver care to the patients of our region.

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