Letter from the Dean

In this issue of New Faculty Faces, I am pleased to announce the addition of nine distinguished physicians to Albany Medical Center. Each doctor and his or her areas of expertise are profiled, and I encourage you to reach out to them regarding procedures or consultations if a patient of yours is in need of specialized services.

Thomas Fabian, M.D., F.C.C.P., thoracic surgeon, has joined the Department of Surgery, where he will serve as chief of thoracic surgery and director of the thoracic oncology program. Harry J. DePan, M.D., a well-known cardiothoracic surgeon in the Capital Region, has joined the Department of Surgery at Albany Medical Center, where he will continue his practice of cardiac surgery. Dr. DePan joins the highly regarded cardiac and surgical teams at Albany Medical Center, which was recently named as one of the top 100 U.S. hospitals for cardiovascular care by Thomson Reuters. Both surgeons will be part of multidisciplinary teams dedicated to performing advanced surgical procedures and providing complete and coordinated care to patients.

I am also proud to announce the appointment of Bruce D. White, D.O., J.D., who will serve as director of the Alden March Bioethics Institute at Albany Medical Center and professor of pediatrics at Albany Medical College. The back page of this publication features additional information on his appointment and the important role of the Alden March Bioethics Institute. We cordially welcome Dr. White to our institution. He will be invaluable as we continue working to advance our mission.

Other physicians profiled in this issue include Dr. Katherine Dougherty, Dr. Bridget Frawley, Dr. Tabitha Kane, Dr. Ann Michalek, Dr. Sulagna Mookherjee, and Dr. Michael Mulligan.

Albany Medical Center’s interdisciplinary teams of physicians, surgeons, and other health care professionals are committed to providing the highest quality care possible, everyday. In fact, our quality initiatives continue to be nationally recognized. In January of 2010, our Coronary Care Unit received the Beacon Award for Critical Care Excellence, an award given by the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN). The award is specifically designated to recognize the nation’s top pediatric, progressive, and adult critical care hospital units. The recognition represents extraordinary commitment to high-quality critical care standards, and dedication to the exceptional care of patients and their families.

Please join me in welcoming these new physicians, who will reinforce our commitment to providing quality patient care, advancing medical education, and pioneering biomedical research.

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The Alden March Bioethics Institute at Albany Medical College (AMBI) was founded in 1993 by John Balint, M.D., a strong believer in the value of incorporating formal ethics training into medical education and patient care.

Today, “Health, Care, and Society” is a required course at Albany Medical College, and a Scholar’s Program in Bioethics is available to medical students who have a serious interest in the fields of medical ethics and bioethics, particularly in regards to the physician-patient relationship. The Institute also boasts one of the nation’s most prestigious master’s programs in bioethics, available in a traditional, on-site format, as well as online for students across the nation.

One of the keystones of AMBI’s commitment to quality health care is providing bedside clinical ethics consultations. Led by an expert team of bioethicists, this complimentary service is designed to assist patients, families, and care providers in resolving complex ethical dilemmas that modern medicine can present. It also adds yet another dimension to medical education at Albany Medical College, creating opportunities for students to have practical experience handling bioethical issues.

In harmony with Albany Medical Center’s tripartite mission, AMBI is also dedicated to producing high quality research on prominent ethical issues. Examples of recent initiatives include the analysis of the effect of a hospital-based family support intervention on organ donation consent rates and the experiences of next of kin during the decision making process, as well as the examination of the ethical basis for informed consent among patients preparing for bone marrow transplants.

On January 4th, 2010, Bruce D. White, D.O., J.D., was appointed director of the Alden March Bioethics Institute. In his new role, he continues to advance AMBI’s mission, with a special focus on physician-patient relationships. Dr. White is a board-certified pediatrician, an attorney with fellowship training in clinical medical ethics, and a pharmacist. He applies the knowledge he has gained in all three fields to tackle the ethical questions and issues inherent in modern medicine and health care policy and delivery.

Dr. White says the details of his involvement vary from case to case, but that he always “plays the role of mediator, listener, and excellent communicator.” No matter how tragic the circumstances are, he believes decisions should always be made in the best interest of the patient, maintaining his or her dignity, and taking into account quality of life for all parties involved.

“I am fortunate to be a part of such a forward thinking program and am excited to help advance the missions of this great institution,” says Dr. White. In addition to holding the John A. Balint, M.D., Chair of Medical Ethics at Albany Medical College, he will serve as professor of pediatrics and will pursue clinical responsibilities in general pediatrics.

For more information on the Alden March Bioethics Institute, visit www.amc.edu/bioethics