



Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine

Progress Notes

1950s

William “Bill” Ziering, ’56 MD, will represent the United States at the International Triathlon Unions Age Group World Championship for the Olympic class division of ages 85 to 89 this fall in Australia. Ziering anticipates retaining the titles he won last year in Rotterdam and the prior year in Chicago.

1970s

George J. Dohrmann, ’70 PhD, ’71 MD, received the Neuro Spinal Surgeons Association’s Lifetime Achievement Award at the annual meeting held in New Delhi, India. Dohrmann is currently a professor of Neurosurgery at the University of Chicago.

Robert C. Rankin, ’75 MD, has decided to discontinue specializing in obstetrics and gynecology after 40 years of full-time private practice (and more than 6,000 deliveries and at least 6,000 nights on call). Rankin says, “Although I am certainly not retiring, this decision will allow me more free time to travel and do other things.”

We’d love to hear from you! Please share your recent news, accomplishments and important milestones with us.

Submit your updates and high-resolution photos to the linked form [here](#). We will publish them in an upcoming issue of the magazine.

Richard A. Moscicki, ’76 MD, was appointed to the board of directors of Akcea Therapeutics. Since 2017, Moscicki has served as the executive vice president for science and regulatory advocacy and the chief medical officer at Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America.

Pierre C. Gilles, ’77 MD, has joined the staff of Touchette Regional Hospital in Centreville, Illinois. Gilles is a general and laparoscopic surgeon with extensive teaching experience in

surgery and with family medicine residents, as well as nurse practitioners and other ancillary medical services.



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1980s

Jennifer Lim, '86 MD, '87 GME, received the Department of Ophthalmology Faculty of the Year Award at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC). This year she was also inducted into the American Ophthalmological Society and given the American Academy of Ophthalmology Lifetime Achievement Award. In October 2017, she was the Inaugural Sweeney Lecturer at the

UIC Medical School Alumni Day in October 2017. She is currently secretary of the Retina Society, retina service director at UI Health and the Marion H. Schenk chair and professor of Ophthalmology at UIC.

Charles S. Modlin, '87 MD, has developed the African-American Male Biobank, a division of the Minority Men's Health Center and annual Minority Men's Health Fair at the Cleveland Clinic. One of only a select few African-American biobanks in the nation, the African-American Male Biobank will help prove that genetic susceptibility to cancer, hypertension and other conditions combines with environment to trigger certain disease in minorities, with the intention to identify new and more effective medical therapies.

Scott Sagerman, '87 MD, is celebrating 25 years in private practice at Hand to Shoulder Associates in Arlington Heights, Illinois, where he also serves as chairman of the Department of Orthopedic Surgery at Northwest Community Healthcare. He resides with his wife Stephanie and four children in Long Grove, Illinois.



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Scott Sagerman, '87 MD

1990s

Cynthia Kertesz, '92 MD, pediatrician and mother of two, was featured in *Right as Rain*, a publication by the University of Wisconsin Medicine. The article is a personal narrative about the untimely and sudden passing of her otherwise healthy 44-year-old husband, Scott. Shortly after a routine outdoor hike, Scott experienced concerning symptoms that led to a doctor's visit and a diagnosis of myeloma syndrome. He passed away just under four months later.

Kertesz shares her story with patients to highlight how important it is that parents have their affairs in order, including a will, life insurance and documentation of important accounts, when planning for a family. Read the full story [here](#).

Barbara L. Byrne, '93 MD, '96 GME, MBA, was named chief information officer of Advocate Aurora Health. Byrne first joined Advocate Aurora Health in 2017.

George P. Yang, '94 MD, PhD, a member of Feinberg's Medical Alumni Association board, joined the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine in the Division of Gastrointestinal Surgery as professor and vice chair of Surgery. Yang will also serve as the associate chief of staff for surgical services in Veterans Affairs.

John M. Santopietro, '95 MD, joined Silver Hill Hospital in New Canaan, Connecticut, as its new president and medical director. He was also appointed the first director of behavioral health for the town of New Canaan. Santopietro previously served as chief clinical officer of behavioral health and chair of the Department of Psychiatry at Carolinas Healthcare System in Charlotte, North Carolina.



Cynthia Kertesz, '92 MD, and her family.

Sudip K. Bose, '99 MD, was recently profiled on the Texas Country Reporter, a nationally syndicated television show. The show follows Bose on his shift in the emergency room at the Odessa Medical Center Hospital in Odessa, Texas. Bose shares his experiences both in emergency medicine and as a combat physician in Iraq. While serving in Iraq, Bose was the physician selected to provide medical care to Saddam Hussein after his capture. He holds the record as the longest-serving frontline physician since World War II. Bose is a clinical professor at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, associate professor of Emergency Medicine at the University of Illinois at Chicago and director of paramedic training for the city of Odessa.



Anne M. Lipton, '92 PhD, '95 MD



George P. Yang, '94 MD, PhD



John M. Santopietro, '95 MD



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2000s

Paul Chung, '02 MD, has joined Weill Cornell Medicine as an assistant professor of Clinical Pediatrics and the site medical director for their Brooklyn Heights location. Prior to joining Weill Cornell, Chung was an attending in pediatric hospital medicine at Maimonides Medical Center, as well as associate medical director of the pediatric inpatient unit, director of the pediatric simulation program, site director for the medical student pediatric clerkship and a faculty member at Albert Einstein College of Medicine and NYU School of Medicine. Chung also previously served as a pediatrician and officer in the United States Army and was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal at the rank of major.

On April 22, 2018, an incredible Northwestern alumni effort took place in support of **Alexis Dunne Macaluso, '05 MD, '09 GME**. Macaluso is a former Department of Medicine chief resident who now practices general internal medicine in the western suburbs. One year ago, her husband, Steve, was diagnosed with stage IV angiosarcoma.

The Northwestern Department of Medicine LadyCats, comprised of **Diane Wayne, '91 MD; Clara Schroedl, '06 MD, '09 GME, '13 MSc; Meg Fitzpatrick, MD, '10, '14 GME; Jane Wilcox, MD, '10, '14, '15 GME, '15 MSc; Lisa VanWagner, MD, '10, '11, '14, '15 GME, '11 MSc**; and Elizabeth Wayne quickly formed, and alongside 146 additional runners, stormed

the Naperville Women's Half Marathon & 5K to show support and raise awareness for angiosarcoma.

According to VanWagner, "This experience has instilled in all of us the importance of family, friends and, most importantly, the incredible unwavering spirit and support of the Northwestern alumni community. Once a Wildcat, always a Wildcat."



Alumni at the Naperville Women's Half Marathon & 5K to show support and raise awareness for angiosarcoma.

Aderonke Bamgbose Pederson, '15 MD, a third-year resident in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, was selected for a Minority Fellowship Award funded by the American Psychiatric Association and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for her proposal: "Examining mental health stigma among racial/ethnic minority populations within federally qualified health centers." Pederson will develop and implement interventions that facilitate participation in mental health treatment and improve mental health outcomes within underserved communities of Chicago.

Richard Adrian Greendyk, '17 MD, was recently awarded the 2018 John Loeb Intern of the Year Award at the Columbia University Department of Medicine.

GME

Robert Buckingham, '79 MD, announced his third book, *Trafficking*, published June 2018. He writes, "The book tackles the problem of chronic interstitial space inflammation and how it blocks the capillary cell dance to disable capillary cell control of the feedback loop signaling system between all cells within the interstitial space. Once capillaries lose control of immune arsenal choreography, chronic inflammation will have sway on the interstitial space and dark outcomes will inevitably occur. White blood cells, cytokines, platelets and immunoglobulins will now listen to the beat of a different drummer as the interstitial spaces of different end organs become a harbinger for cancer, thrombosis, scarring, infections and autoimmune disease."

Rose Gomez, MD, '81 GME, was inducted into the American College of Psychiatry. Gomez is a distinguished fellow of the American Psychiatric Association and operates a private practice at the John Hancock Center in Chicago.



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PA

Laura (Thometz) Puglessi, '13 PA-C, was awarded a Certificate of Added Qualifications (CAQ) specialty credential in orthopaedic surgery from the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA). Dawn Morton-Rias, EdD, PA-C, president and CEO of NCCPA, states that “Certified PAs who earn the CAQ demonstrate a strong commitment to lifelong learning and attention to evolving medical advancements in their area of practice. Not only have they maintained certification through continuing medical education programs and assessments throughout their careers, they have pursued and been awarded this additional credential that attests to their knowledge and skills in their specialty.” Puglessi is on staff at Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood, Illinois.

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