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Dear Member of the Media:

The following is a list of faculty members or staff at Boston University School of Medicine (BUSM) and The University Hospital (UH) who have recently been honored with various grants, awards or appointments in recognition of their contributions to their respective fields.

- Wellesley Hills resident, C. Thomas Griffiths, M.D., clinical professor of obstetrics and gynecology at BUSM and associate director of gynecologic oncology at UH, recently served as a faculty member of the European School of Oncology (ESO) at a weeklong course on gynecologic oncology held in Radziejowice, Poland. The United States, Sweden, The Netherlands and the United Kingdom were represented on the faculty of five. Physicians from Poland, western Russian, the baltic states, and Hungary comprised the 35 participants in the course.

The ESO, which is sponsored by the European Community, exists for the purpose of informing practicing physicians of recent progress in the diagnosis and treatment of the malignancies that they are likely to encounter.

Griffiths founded the gynecologic oncology service at the Boston Hospital for Women and subsequently was appointed associate chief of gynecologic oncology at Brigham and Women's Hospital and the Dana Farber Cancer Institute. He served on the faculty of Harvard Medical School for 27 years. Griffiths, who received his bachelor's degree from Stanford University, completed his medical degree at Stanford University School of Medicine.

- Lynn A. Rosenberg, M.S., Sc.D., a resident of Brookline and a professor of epidemiology at Boston University School of Public Health (BUSPH), recently became president-elect of the Society for Epidemiologic Research, the largest epidemiology society in the country. Her term as president-elect began in June of 1991.

Rosenberg received her bachelor's degree from Barnard College and her doctorate in epidemiology from Harvard School of Public Health.

- Concord resident, Hugues J.P. Ryser, M.D., Dr. Med., a professor of pathology, pharmacology and biochemistry at BUSM and a professor of environmental health at BUSPH, recently received a three-year, \$234,000 Institutional Research Grant from the American Cancer Society on behalf of Boston University. The grant also includes a \$3,000 summer stipend each year for a medical student in order to encourage young faculty to engage in cancer research.

Ryser is also the recipient of a five-year research grant from the National Cancer Institute. The grant, totalling over a million dollars, will fund a study investigating the penetration of macromolecules into mammalian cells, and in particular, the cellular activation of macromolecular toxins of interest for site-directed cancer chemotherapy.

Ryser received his undergraduate degree from Gymnase de la Chaux-de-Fonds, Switzerland, and his medical degree and his doctorate in medicine from the University of Berne.

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- Baxter Healthcare Corporation's Renal Division recently named Brookline resident Martha Skinner, M.D., a professor of medicine at BUSM, an Extramural Grant Program (EGP) recipient at Baxter's second annual "Science for the Future" meeting, held on May 14 in Crystal Lake, Illinois.

Skinner and her colleagues will investigate the pathogenesis of Beta 2-microglobulin amyloidosis, a protein found in the blood. It is known that patients with kidney problems who use dialysis for a long period of time develop an excess amount of this protein, which then forms fibrils that deposit around joints. These fibrils are the source of aches and pains commonly experienced by patients on dialysis. Skinner hopes to learn more about the structure of the protein and why the protein forms fibrils.

Skinner received her undergraduate degree from Roberts Wesleyan College in Rochester, New York, and her medical degree from the Medical College of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

Baxter Healthcare Corporation awards \$1 million annually to leading kidney researchers worldwide. The EGP has committed \$5 million to advances in the treatment of kidney disease since 1989.

- Worcester resident, Stephen Jay Hirshberg, M.D., a recent graduate of BUSM, has received the sixth annual Joseph Cochin Award in Pharmacology and Medical Ethics at BUSM's commencement ceremonies held on May 12. Hirshberg was presented with the award for his involvement in Boston University Medical Center's Institutional Review Board where he served as a member for two years.

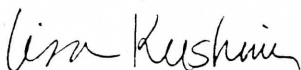
Hirshberg received his undergraduate degree in biology and computer science from Trinity College and was elected a member of Phi Beta Kappa. During medical school, Hirshberg conducted research in a pulmonary physiology occupational health laboratory. Hirshberg will begin a residency in surgery at the Temple University Hospital in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

- Newtonville resident Lewis D. Pepper, M.D., M.P.H., was recently awarded a Fellowship in Clinical Toxicology by the Agency for Toxic Substances Diseases Registry (ATSDR) and will be a research associate in the Department of Environmental Health at Boston University School of Public Health. Pepper will also join the faculty of UH's Occupational Medicine residency and clinical program. Pepper comes to BUSPH from Cambridge Hospital where he was the assistant director of the Occupational and Environmental Health Center.

Pepper received his bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin in Madison, Wisconsin; his medical degree from the University of California, San Francisco; and his master's in public health degree from the University of California, Berkeley. Pepper was a resident in internal medicine at Highland Hospital, Oakland, California, and an occupational medicine resident at the University of California, San Francisco. Pepper is board certified in occupational and preventive medicine. He currently is the occupational consultant for the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

If you would like to interview any of the honored recipients or would like additional information, please call me at (617) 638-8491.

Sincerely,



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