Grant to Address Shortage of Generalists

Toni Baker

The Medical College of Georgia School of Medicine is one of 18 medical schools to receive The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Generalist Physician Initiative, an effort by the nation's largest health-care philanthropy to increase the number of physicians providing primary health care to Americans.

The MCG School of Medicine will use the $150,000 grant to help design far-reaching changes in its admissions process and curriculum, said MCG President Francis J. Tedesco. The bottom line will be increasing the number of physicians who choose to enter a primary-care specialty — family medicine, internal medicine and general pediatrics. MCG's interest in such an effort reflects the state's and nation's needs for primary-care physicians, Dr. Tedesco said.

"In our own state of Georgia, 105 of the 159 counties have been classified by the State Health Planning Agency as medically underserved, and, in some of our counties, the infant mortality rate exceeds that of developing countries," Dr. Gregory L. Eastwood, dean of the MCG School of Medicine, said in the grant proposal for the Generalist Physician Initiative.

MCG's goal is for half of each MCG School of Medicine class — 90 students — to enter into primary care. Present efforts result in about a third of the students, approximately 54 per year, entering primary care. With a class size of 180 students, MCG has the largest medical school class in the Southeast.

Nationally, generalists account for about a third of all physicians, a figure expected to drop to 25 percent by the turn of the century, with current trends toward more subspecialization and fewer students pursuing primary-care careers.

MCG was one of 83 medical schools to apply for the Generalist Physician Initiative. As one of 18 planning grant recipients, MCG is now eligible for a six-year, $2.5 million implementation grant from The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to carry out its plans to help reverse the trend away from primary care.

"We need a history of being concerned in providing primary-care physicians," Dr. Eastwood said. "But we could do better. And we will."

MCG's plans include reviewing and revising admissions procedures to better identify and recruit students likely to enter primary care. The school also will change the medical school curriculum so that as early as their first year, students work alongside primary-care physicians at MCG in community practice, caring for patients and learning early about physician-patient relationships.

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Physicians and respiratory therapists at the Medical College of Georgia Children's Medical Center are looking to increase survival rates of full-term babies born unable to breathe on their own while decreasing the need for aggressive medical care. They are participating in a national study of an artificial version of a chemical surfactant that keeps the lung's thousands of tiny alveoli — called alveoli — ready to take in oxygen.

"Surfactant allows the alveoli, which is where all the oxygen exchange takes place, to stay open," said Mike Frentzel, respiratory therapist and coordinator of neonatal respiratory services at the MCG Children's Medical Center. "When there is no surfactant present, you get a collapse, so you can't get oxygen into the blood."

"Normally when you inhale, the alveoli become smaller in our lungs," said Dr. William P. Kanto Jr., chief of neonatology and interim chairman of the MCG Department of Pediatrics. "Think about a bubble or a balloon when you blow it up. As it becomes smaller, it will tend to collapse. What surfactant does is keep the alveoli from collapsing so when air comes back in, (the sac is) ready."

When a full-term baby is born, he begins the lifelong job of producing surfactant, making more as he gets older. But some newborns, even though their lungs are mature, have problems with oxygen exchange.

One such problem is meconium aspiration. A fetus releases a waste product, meconium, into the amniotic fluid. Normal sucking and breathing motions can get that waste product into the lungs, where doctors believe it either inactivates existing surfactant or damages the lungs and interferes with surfactant production. Either way, the baby is born in respiratory failure with a much better chance of dying than living.

Other problems that compromise respiratory function and that may respond to artificial surfactant include pulmonary hypertension, a syndrome in which, for some reason, the tiny blood vessels that supply the lungs spasm.

Also sepsis, an infection acquired after birth, likely from the natural contents of the birth canal, also appears to diminish surfactant levels.

MCG doctors and respiratory therapists already have used artificial surfactants very successfully in premature babies. These babies are born before their bodies are ready to produce surfactant.

"We dropped our mortality rate in this hospital in half with the use of (artificial surfactants) in pre-term babies," Dr. Kanto said. "It used to be that hyaline membrane disease or respiratory distress syndrome was the leading cause of death in this hospital for newborns. That is no longer the case." He also believes that the incidence of chronic lung disease these babies can develop after weeks or months of artificial ventilation is on a downward trend.

Dr. Kanto and Mr. Frentzel hope that by treating full-term babies in respiratory distress with artificial surfactant, they can reduce the need for long-term ventilation and for even more invasive procedures such as extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO). ECMO removes blood from the body, oxygenates it, then returns it.

Grant to Fund Herpes Study

Dr. Gretchen Caughman, Jill Lewis and Yeimi Thompson of the Department of Oral Biology/Microbiology at the Medical College of Georgia have received more than $380,000 in funding through 1994 to study persistent herpes infections.

The study, funded by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, focuses on the equine herpes virus type 1, a virus commonly found in horses. The researchers will evaluate the characteristics of the virus that makes herpes virus infections so hard to eradicate. "(The study) will address basic molecular questions which will provide a foundation for further investigations," said Dr. Caughman. "It offers a fairly unique model for investigating these questions."

The EHV-1 virus was chosen because of its persistence and virulence. "It has been known to wipe out a year's worth of foals in stud farms," Dr. Caughman said.

Although research is very important to the veterinary profession, Dr. Caughman and her colleagues are concentrating on applications to people, who also are at risk for contracting the virus.
Plays Lay Groundwork for Ethics Discussion

Tom Baker

These people aren't real, but their stories could be.

Dr. Lowell M. Greenbaum, dean of the Medical College of Georgia School of Graduate Studies and vice president for research, wrote the following real-life scenarios because in today's competitive, aggressive research arena, he doesn't want MCG's graduate students starring in a situation they can't handle.

George is a Ph.D. candidate in his final year.

John Livingston is a faculty member and George's major advisor.

Florrie is a postdoctoral fellow also working in Dr. Livingston's laboratory.

And Dr. Livingston is excited.

"I think we've hit the jackpot," he tells George, referring to all the excitement George's research has generated and how he can't wait for the big presentation of that research the next week.

He looks ahead and sees more grant support.

George looks ahead and sees disaster.

For the past month he hasn't been able to duplicate some of the experiments his presentation is based on; in fact, some of his results have netted opposite findings.

George is worried, but has been unwilling to bring this up with Dr. Livingston. He finally mentions this to Florrie. "Hey, my name is on the abstract, too. Should I tell him?" she asks George.

George starts trying to rationalize.

A slightly different version of the story has George sitting on what he knows until after the big presentation.

It's then that the still-enthusiastic Dr. Livingston is congratulating him and mentions how a few people had tried to duplicate his findings just after the conference and hadn't been able to.

"That's when George decides he better talk to Dr. Livingston.

"A mistake, which may seem simple at first, can result in a significant problem for your future in academia, government, industry or wherever your position is," Dr. Greenbaum told students and faculty gathered for the Oct. 27 MCG Research Report seminar on ethical dilemmas in research.

"Once one of our professionals gets a reputation of not being honest, it's very difficult to shed that particular role."

Dr. Greenbaum, who also teaches a class on scientific communication and ethics and who — as a research dean and vice president — must deal with issues of research misconduct in his profession, reasoned that these miniplays would help MCG graduate students think about dealing with such scenarios before the fact.

Please see "Ethics Discussion," page 4.
He attributed the idea to work he'd seen at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. During the hour-long forum, faculty and staff starred in the mini-plays and, later, a panel of discussants began the conversations about how the situations could have been best handled.

"The public has become rather cynical, I say this broadly, in that we are here to feather our nests, to get large grants and we don't care much about honesty when it comes to the need for publications, the need for grant support and for promotion and tenure," Dr. Greenbaum told the group.

The result is diminished research funding by state and federal lawmakers who have become concerned about those dollars, he said.

"The lack of public trust will directly affect our profession, your positions, your training, your promotion, your tenure in the future," he said. "I think the point that I would try to get through to the graduate student is you are a person, an individual, a professional and you have to watch your profession and take care of yourself."

"Florrie must make a decision here. She or the student has to go the professor. If you know something is wrong in research in your laboratory, you have to report it, to a dean, chairman, or, in this case, to a professor."

"The dean thinks Julie is making a big deal. He's offering up an apology from the junior faculty member, saying she's just trying to thank Julie for her past support. Julie is saying the journal has to be told. I don't see any reason to do that. Another publication can't hurt your CV and it could prove embarrassing to MCG to publish a retraction. Nobody will question you as a secondary author. Why not just let it alone? I will personally see that it doesn't happen again," John tells her.

Then it comes up that the publication probably helped secure some National Institutes of Health funding for the junior faculty member. Again, Julie thinks the NIH has to be told. Again, John says she's making a big deal.

"I've heard of similar situations," said real-life MCG nursing professor Joyceen S. Boyle, a discussant for the mini-plays. "It's hard to imagine that a student or anyone would put your name on an article and not let you know about it, but I've heard that it can happen. I would be furious, too. I thought the chairperson had a really rotten attitude. I guess if I were Julie, I would take matters into my own hands; I'd talk to someone else."

Dr. Biagio J. Vericella, dean of the MCG School of Allied Health Sciences and another discussant, agreed.

"I think before Julie left that meeting, she should have demanded that the chair handle it or (she should have) informed the chair that she was going to the dean," Dr. Vericella said.

Dr. Greenbaum agreed with his real-life co-workers.

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Posts Filled

Trudy Meehan has joined MCG as the new assistant director of emergency services. Ms. Meehan earned a bachelor's degree in health-care management to perform cerebrovascular and venous ultrasound by the Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Vascular Laboratories. Cerebrovascular ultrasound produces pictures of carotid arteries to identify narrowing that can lead to problems such as stroke. Venous ultrasound identifies blood clots. These techniques use soundwaves to produce images, do not require radiation and are generally less expensive than X-rays.

Grand Rounds

Dr. Kathy Boyle Ward, fourth-year MCG resident in obstetrics and gynecology, will discuss "Preterm Labor in a 33-Week Pregnancy" at Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology Grand Rounds Dec. 3. Capt. Thomas Page, chief of the Dwight David Eisenhower Army Medical Center obstetrical service, will discuss "Group B Strep and Neonatal Septicemia" Dec. 10. Dr. Mark Johnson, a fellow in the Section on Developmental Gene Regulation, Laboratory of Mammalian Genes and Development of the National Institutes of Health, will discuss "Manipulating the Mammalian Genome: Trapping and Targeting Genes in Mouse Embryonic Stem Cells" Dec. 17. The rounds are held at 7:30 a.m. Thursdays in the surgical amphitheater on the fourth floor of the hospital. No grand rounds will be held Dec. 24 or Dec. 31.

Flu Vaccines

Employee health (temporarily located on 4-North at the nurses’ station) offers flu vaccinations to MCG employees Fridays through Dec. 4 from noon to 3:30 p.m. for $3.

Tree-Lighting Slated

The hospital’s tree-lighting ceremony will be Dec. 11 at 10 a.m. in the Sydenstricker lobby. The T.W. Josey High School chorus will perform.

Tuition Reimbursement

Tuition reimbursement forms for winter quarter are available through Dec. 4 in room 1144 (training and development) of the MCG Center lobby. Continued on page 8.
Classifieds

Editor's Note: Beeper classifieds are free to MCG employees and their families. Ads will run in the three editions following submission, space provided, then must be re-submitted to be continued. No classifieds will be accepted over the phone. Any changes to ads or requests for withdrawals (prior to three-time run) must be submitted in writing and will not be accepted over the phone. Ads may not include an MCG extension. Mail ads to Christine Deriso, Fl-1050.

Homes

Hammond Hills Sub., N. Augusta, 2900 Sq. Ft., Dr.; Den w/FRP; (gas logs) lg. Sunroom, Swim Pool; 3 BDR; 2 BA; Well maintained w/many extras. Exc. neighborhood & schools. $142.9 Appt. only. 279-2395 or 724-1859.

For rent: North Augusta, 10 min. from MCG, split-level home, 3.4BR, LR, DR, KIT, storage area, ceiling fans. Carpet throughout, central H/A, fenced yard, $675/mo. Call collect: 803-449-2886.

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APARTMENT for rent on the Hill, less than 2 miles from MCG. Cottage studio w/kitchen, private bath, behind resident’s home. Quiet, off-street parking. $2235/mo. 728-2971, leave message.

Lease/purchase: North Augusta, Aiken County area near Sweetwater Baptist Church on Five Knotch Road. 4BR, 2.5BA, doublewide on approx. 1 acre lot. 1,660 sq.ft., residential area, county water, septic tank, security light, propane heat, new central A/C and elec. W/H, phone/cable TV ready, wired work shop. 9.2 mi. MCG campus. 863-4241.

3BR, 1.5BA, family room, dining room, ceiling fans in each room, enclosed patio, large fenced yard w/fruit trees, $55,900 in Hephzibah, 15 min. to Augusta. 592-9834.

Ask for Don or leave message.

3BR, 1.5BA, great room—frame house on half-acre wooded fenced lot. Lg. shop, close to 2 shopping centers, schools & hospital. $25,500 (neg) 790-8689 after 5 p.m. or leave message.

Vacation Rentals

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For sale: 1991 Ford Escort LX station wagon. Silver, automatic, 30,000 miles, $8,800, 863-8108 after 7 p.m.

Please see "Classifieds," page 7.

Vehicles


1990 Toyota Camry DX, power window van V-6, cruise, dual AC units, am/fm stereo, power windows, warranty, $10,800 neg, Diane, 868-1860.

1986 Ford Aerostar window van V-6, cruise, dual AC units, am/fm stereo, power windows, $1,200. 736-0781.

1985 Ford Tempo, automatic transmission, A/C, 71+K miles, new tires, exc. condition. $2,500 OBO. 736-2525 evenings or weekends.

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1986 Toyota Tercel, AM/FM stereo radio, automatic transmission, A/C, hatchback, 5-dr., rear window (shade, defog, wiper), etc., exc. cond. $4,200, 863-8161.

1989 Ford Probe, $6,000. Metallic gray, exc. cond., a fun car to drive. Call Jim Vallery, 863-3656.

1987 Ford Escort, $2,250. White with grey interior, automatic and air, good transportation. Call Jim Vallery, 863-3656.

1986 Dolphin motorhome, 20 ft., 1 owner, exc. condition, new tires, low mileage. $14,500. 790-8689 after 5 p.m. or leave message.

Roommates

Roommate needed to share beautiful Walton Way home w/medical students. 3.5 miles from MCG. 3-acre property, pool, tennis court, 4BR, 3.5BA, 4,000 sq. ft. of living space. Choice of 2 rooms. $238/mo. plus fourth of utilities (very low.) Through early June. 736-1361.

Wanted: roommate to share apartment or house in Hill area beginning mid-December/early January w/new MCG faculty. Call Frank at 736-4738.

Pets

Attractive and kind dappled gray thoroughbred mare for lease (free). 8 yrs. old, needs intermediate rider. 803-649-9514 after 6 p.m. only.

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7-week-old AKC Chow puppies, shots & wormed, $125. Parents on site. 790-8689 or 793-4258, leave message.

Male Siamese, neutered, declawed, extremely affectionate, looking for good family home. 855-7137.

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Lost: Large blue topaz ring, size 9, in ob/gyn clinic (outpatient building) or vicinity. Great sentimental value, reward offered. 912-272-4821, call collect.

Found: Female black lab puppy (few months old) on June 12 at MCG. Call Marie at 733-5315.

Furniture, Appliances

New beautiful teal and burgundy pin-striped sofa w/matching floral throw pillows. Fabri-coated. Asking under purchase price. $575. 855-9485 after 5 p.m. or leave message.

Wicker furniture: double Papasan and rocking chair. Peach-colored cushions. $150. 855-1176 after 6 p.m.

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Magnavox 25" console TV, exc. condition, $200. 863-8161.

CVS Stairclimber w/10 settings, computerized timer. 1 year old. Paid $425, will sell for $250. Call Jennifer at 737-4736.

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Christmas sweatshirts, handpainted, much time taken w/each shirt, adult and children designs. Diana, 868-1860.

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Half price on vinyl golf bag. Brand new. Not $100, but $50. Call 736-1506 after 7 p.m., ask for Ed.

Miscellaneous

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Training Project Will Bolster AIDS Resources

Christine Hurley Deriso

Editor's Note: This is the second in a series of articles featuring School of Nursing alumni in commemoration of the school's 50th anniversary.

A Medical College of Georgia alumnus will oversee a project to train nurses in rural areas to provide primary care for AIDS patients. Dr. Richard Sowell, a 1990 graduate of MCG's nursing doctoral program, is project coordinator for a $569,000 grant to supplement health care for rural AIDS patients. Dr. Sowell is director of Health and Social Services for AIDS Atlanta Inc., a community-based organization in Atlanta that meets the needs of AIDS patients. The grant, funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Division of Nursing, will train 150 nurses — many of them nurse practitioners in Georgia public health clinics — to treat HIV-positive patients.

The three-year grant will offer six-week teaching sessions throughout Georgia. “We will present the information to nurses on site so they don’t have to leave their areas,” Dr. Sowell said. The sessions will be followed by three- to four-week internships at AIDS clinics. MCG will participate in the training and Dr. Barbara Fuszard, professor of nursing administration at MCG, helped develop the program.

Currently, rural AIDS patients often have to travel long distances to obtain treatment because of inadequate resources in their communities. “I’ve had patients tell me they get on a bus at 3 a.m. to get to (MCG’s) clinic, and they get home at midnight,” Dr. Fuszard said.

She anticipates that by teaching nurse practitioners throughout the state to deliver much of the care offered at AIDS clinics, patients will be relieved of the transportation burden. Nurse practitioners have advance training in nursing but generally have little training or no experience with AIDS, she said.

The courses will teach subjects such as AIDS symptoms and epidemiology.

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**Nurses to Probe Effect of AIDS on Families**

**Christine Hurley Deriso**

The Medical College of Georgia School of Nursing is part of a multi-institutional effort to study how families touched by AIDS cope with their stress.

The Centers for Disease Control has provided approximately $850,000 to nurse researchers from MCG, Georgia State University, Emory University and AID Atlanta Inc. — a community-based organization in Atlanta that meets the needs of AIDS patients — to study the subject. AID Atlanta will house the grant.

"This is one of the CDC's first forays into the psychosocial aspects of AIDS," said Dr. Leland Cohen, assistant professor of nursing administration at MCG and co-principal investigator of the grant. Other researchers are Dr. Richard Sowell, director of health and social services for AID Atlanta; Dr. Alice Demi of Georgia State University; and Dr. Linda Moneyham of Emory University.

Researchers will study 200 families throughout Georgia who have a relative with the AIDS virus. The AIDS patients and at least one family member will be interviewed and asked to fill out questionnaires about their experience. Questions will include all aspects of coping with the disease, including those addressing the social stigma of AIDS.

"We'll ask who they told and how they told them," Dr. Cohen said. "We know there are cases in which the greatest fear is not of the disease itself but of community rejection. Some people go to great lengths to hide it to escape the stigma. The prejudice out there is very strong."

Most interviews will take place at HIV clinics; researchers also will make home visits as needed. The format should enable researchers to establish rapport with the participants.

"The interviews will be face to face. It's important to be able to gauge the nuances that don't come across on a questionnaire," Dr. Cohen said. Participants will represent a demographic cross-section — black, white, urban and rural, he said. "Women and heterosexuals are among the fastest-growing group of new AIDS patients," Dr. Cohen said. There may be some very real differences in the needs of these groups and their families. The interviews will be repeated at six, 12- and 18-month intervals. Dr. Cohen hopes the results will shed light on how to tend to the emotional needs of those with the AIDS virus.

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**Dr. Cohen Named President-Elect of Nursing Group**

Dr. Leland Cohen, assistant professor of nursing administration at the Medical College of Georgia, has been named president-elect of the American Assembly for Men in Nursing. He will begin his two-year term during the association's annual meeting in Atlanta Dec. 3-5. The association has some 700 member nationwide. Its goals are to encourage men to enter the nursing profession and to help them advance professionally.

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Dr. Sanders Named Director of Telemedicine Center

Dr. Jay H. Sanders, president and chief executive officer of Interactive Telemedical Systems in Coral Gables, Fla., has been named director of the Medical College of Georgia Telemedicine Center.

The MCG Telemedicine Center focuses on better meeting rural health-care needs by making medical consultants readily available to rural physicians and their patients.

The long-distance communications system enables patient examination and diagnosis often without patients ever having to leave their hometown.

Telemedicine also works to address the issue of physician isolation in rural areas by giving doctors frequent, face-to-face exchanges of ideas and information with their colleagues at the medical college.

As director of the MCG Telemedicine Center, Dr. Sanders will oversee development of the system. Planned expansions include a transportable unit that can travel throughout rural Georgia as well as permanent base stations with medical facilities for prisoners and with other rural hospitals throughout the state, said Dr. Gregory L. Eastwood, dean of the MCG School of Medicine.

The pilot project for the MCG center, initiated in November 1991, is a hookup between MCG and Dodge County Hospital, 130 miles away in Eastman, Ga.

Dr. Sanders also will oversee expansion of the system's capacity in areas of education and research.

Telemedicine can be used as an educational tool by making information and consultants in areas of medical facility management readily available to hospitals in rural areas facing projects such as hospital accreditation.

Dr. Daniel F. Ward, chief of the MCG Section of Emergency Medicine, and clinical director of the Telemedicine Center since it began, will remain in charge of the day-to-day patient examinations via telemedicine, Dr. Eastwood said.

Dr. Sanders is a 1963 graduate of Harvard Medical School. He completed a residency in internal medicine and a fellowship in hematology at Massachusetts General Hospital. He was a clinical associate with the U.S. Public Health Service at the National Cancer Institute from 1965-1967.

Dr. Sanders joined the faculty of the University of Miami School of Medicine in 1972, became a tenured professor in the Department of Medicine in 1976 and remained as a full-time faculty member there until 1983, when he became a clinical professor, an appointment he still holds.

Bowman Gray Honors Dr. Webster

Dr. Paul D. Webster
III, gastroenterologist and professor of medicine at the Medical College of Georgia, has received the 1992 Distinguished Achievement Award from the Medical Alumni Association of the Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest University.

Dr. Webster, a 1956 graduate of Bowman Gray, was selected for his "outstanding accomplishments and contributions to the profession of medicine."

He received the award at the Medical Alumni Association's annual fall dinner Oct. 23 in Winston-Salem, N.C.

After medical school, Dr. Webster completed his medical internship at Boston City Hospital, followed by a residency in medicine at the Veterans Administration Medical Center and the University of Minnesota Hospital in Minneapolis.

That training was followed by two clinical fellowships, in hematology at the University of Minnesota Hospital and in gastroenterology at Duke University School of Medicine, and a research fellowship with the U.S. Public Health Service.

He was a general medical officer with the U.S. Army 33rd Field Hospital in France from 1957 to 1959 and commanding officer of the U.S. Army Hospital in Fountainbleau, France from 1959 to 1960.

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