Film chronicles the impact of chronic illness

D r. James Filiano could take samples of skin and blood and other bodily fluids from Samuel Habib, and then show them analyzable clues to what was causing the little boy’s cerebral palsy.

He could recommend ways to regulate Samuel’s metabolism and of timeless truths, from the need that support as Samuel approaches age 9—and an uncertain future. We will never stop looking for ways to keep Samuel healthy,” Habib says. “So, Dr. Filiano is just like a dog with a bone and will not let go until he figures out what’s going on. At the same time, he’s a very spiritual person. He understands the idea of living every day. As a human being, he’s really helped us come to terms with this. It’s a matter,” Habib observes, “of being a faith-based person. I think that’s why you have right now.”

David Corkrave

Worthy of note: honors, awards, appointments, etc.

Peter Wright, M.D., a professor of pediatrics, was named chair of the World Health Organization’s Polio Data and Safety Monitoring Board. He previously chaired the WHO’s Steering Committee for Measles, Polio, and Acute Respiratory Infections.

Richard Rothstein, M.D., a professor of medicine and chief of the Section of Gastroenterology, was awarded the George W. Beadle Award for his contributions to genetics research.

Robert Drake, M.D., a professor of orthopaedic surgery and director of the Dartmouth Institute for Health Care Policy and Clinical Practice, was named the Outstanding Physician in Practice by DMAA: The Dartmouth-Hitchcock Ambulance United Kingdom, D.O., a professor of orthopaedic surgery, was ranked among the top five physicians in the Northeast in his respective speciality in the “America’s Top Doctors for Women” issue of Women’s Health magazine.

William A. Nelson, Ph.D., an associate professor of psychiatry, received the COMMISS Medal for his contributions to health-care ethics scholarship, teaching, and advocacy. The COMMISS Network was formerly known as the Council on Medicine in Specialized Settings.

John Ross, Ph.D., an associate professor of psychology and toxicology, was the inaugural recipient of a special American Heart Association award for research on coping with cancer.

Pamela Jenkins, M.D., Ph.D., an associate professor of pediatrics, was named a Fulbright Scholar; she will work on quality improvement at St. John’s Medical College in Bangalore, India.

Art Saw, Ph.D., a research assistant professor of pediatrics, was granted the National Brain Tumor Society’s 2008 David Paul Bogert Chair of Research.

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150 Numbers of slides per student in 2008-09, when numerous “virtual microscopy” slides were available on the web.

139 Hours in the equivalent course in 2008-09.

137 Hours in the 1957-58 course.

10,510 Number of outpatient psychiatric visits in 1979.

38,293 Number of outpatient psychiatric visits in 2007.