Emeritus rank doesn’t necessarily equate with being “retired”

Two longtime Dartmouth Medical School faculty members were named by the Dartmouth Trustees to emeritus status during 2006. The word “emeritus”—which comes from the Latin emereri, meaning to serve out one’s term in an office or position—is often equated with the word “retired,” but that’s not necessarily always an apt association.

E. Robert Greenberg, M.D., who was the director of Dartmouth’s Norris Cotton Cancer Center from 1994 to 2001, has moved to Seattle, where he is an affiliate at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. “I still do some cancer prevention research and am trying to focus on health issues in the low- and middle-income countries of the world,” he wrote in an e-mail several months ago.

Greenberg earned his M.D. at the Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine and did his residency in internal medicine at Dartmouth. Soon after joining the DMS faculty in 1974, he began to devote himself to studying the causes and prevention of cancer. He is well known for his epidemiological studies of beta-carotene and its possible role in preventing cancer.

Now he is trying to initiate a large clinical trial studying gastric cancer prevention in Latin America. “It’s an immensely important, but largely ignored, health problem in much of Central and South America,” Greenberg says.

Robert Fairweather, M.D., Ph.D., after spending 10 years as a chemistry professor at the University of Connecticut, decided to give up chemistry in 1979 for a career in medicine. Now, after more than 20 years at DHMC, he’s ready for another change.

Fairweather received his doctorate in chemistry from Columbia University in 1967 and his M.D. from the University of Connecticut School of Medicine in 1983. He did his residency in anatomic and clinical pathology at Dartmouth from 1983 to 1987 and joined the faculty soon after.

He served as chief of the DHMC Section of Clinical Pathology from 1990 to 2000 and as medical director of the Hematology Laboratory from 1990 to 2006.

As part of his research on blood coagulation and clotting disorders, he helped to develop the D-dimer assay, which has become an important diagnostic tool for detecting blood clots in the lung.

Fairweather is now looking forward to playing golf, skiing, going to plays and concerts more often, and playing classical guitar at recitals and other gatherings.

Laura Stephenson Carter

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

Mark Israel, M.D., director of the Norris Cotton Cancer Center and a professor of pediatrics, was recently elected to the board of directors of the Association of American Cancer Institutes. The association promotes the common interests of the nation’s leading academic cancer centers.

Jennifer Loros, Ph.D., a professor of biochemistry, was elected a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, as a member of the Section on Biological Sciences.

Carolyn Kerrigan, M.D.C.M., a professor of surgery, was named president of the Plastic Surgery Educational Foundation, the educational and research arm of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons. She is also chief of plastic surgery at DHMC and director of the plastic surgery residency program.

Michael Zegans, M.D., an associate professor of surgery, was appointed to the board of directors of the Ocular Microbiology and Immunology Group, a society affiliated with the American Academy of Ophthalmology.

Anikó Náray-Fejes-Tóth, M.D., a professor of physiology, has been appointed associate editor of the journal Endocrinology.

Corey Siegel, M.D., an assistant professor of medicine, received a Research Excellence in GI and Liver (REGAL) Award for a paper he published in the journal Clinical Gastroenterology and Hepatology. The REGAL Awards are sponsored by the University of Kansas Medical Center and several pharmaceutical and medical device companies.

John Butterly, M.D., an associate professor of medicine and DHMC’s executive medical director, received the Medical Staff Award of the New Hampshire Hospital Association. The award recognizes outstanding service to hospital and community.

H. Worth Parker, M.D., an associate professor of medicine, has received the Robert Kerr Founder’s Award from the American Lung Association’s New Hampshire chapter, for his work to improve the lives of those with lung disease, especially cystic fibrosis.

Lee Witters, M.D., a professor of medicine, received Dartmouth College’s inaugural Linda and Annette Levine of Hanover, N.H, in recognition of their longtime financial support for nursing at DHMC.
Letters

Murals for the ages

I recently learned of the death of Sol Levenson, the fine artist who produced a number of large murals for the corridors of Dartmouth's Norris Cotton Cancer Center. When I was still teaching at DMS, I frequently watched him at work and admired his unusual skill.

I hope the murals are still in place, for they added much to the ambience of what can be a threatening environment for patients awaiting chemotherapy or surgery.

John Radebaugh, M.D.
Falmouth, Maine

The murals are still very much in place. See http://dartmed.dartmouth.edu/winter05/html/vs_levenson.php for more about Levenson and his artistic legacy.

Essence of caring

I was recently trying to find Dr. Ann-Cristine Duhaime on the internet. In my search, I found your Fall 2005 profile of her. I broke down and cried while reading it, it was such an accurate description.

Dr. Duhaime was my daughter's doctor from 1993 until she left Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. I miss her tremendously. Three neurosurgeons have been assigned to my daughter's case since then and none have lived up to her standards. The article absolutely captured her essence, and I thank you for publishing it. I hope your hospital appreciates her as much as I did.

Mary Ann D'Oria
Hamilton Township, N.J.

To read the profile of Duhaime, go to http://dartmed.dartmouth.edu/fall05/html/faculty_focus.php.

Cover to cover

As a public guardian for the Vermont Agency of Human Services, I accompany clients to DHMC about once a month and have done so for about 15 years. Whenever I'm there, the first thing I do is look for a copy of your magazine to take home, and I read it from cover to cover. Would you please add my name to your mailing list?

Sedney R. Ulrich
Hyde Park, Vt.

We’re happy to add interested individuals to our mailing list. See page 25 for details.