

THEN & NOW

A reminder of the pace of change, and of timeless truths, from a memoir by a past superintendent of the Woodsville, N.H., Cottage Hospital:

"One of the most exciting and happy moments [at] the old Cottage Hospital was in 1953 . . . when Avis Smith gave birth to triplets. It was also a very frightening time, as all the bassinets . . . were full, and we had just one small incubator. . . . At that moment the telephone rang. William Wilson, administrator of Mary Hitchcock Hospital . . . informed me that a truck had just left Mary Hitchcock with one large incubator. . . . I was to accept [it], free of charge, as long as it was needed."



1975

Year that DHMC began offering formal Perinatal Transport Conferences as a service to the region



SMILEY FACE: Dartmouth-Hitchcock's longest-serving volunteer, Kayo Sands, recently "retired" from the DHMC Auxiliary. Over the course of 28 years, the now-88-year-old Sands has totted up 20,343.5 hours of volunteer service—mostly as a smiling, helpful presence at the information desk.

Pharm-Tox chair says his "role . . . is service"

Ethan Dmitrovsky, M.D., has been named chair of the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology by DMS Dean Wiley Souba, M.D., Sc.D. Dmitrovsky served as chair of the department previously, from 1998 to 2008, when he stepped down upon being named an American Cancer Society Clinical Research Professor—a honor that carries extensive time and travel

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commitments. In resuming the post, he succeeds Joyce DeLeo, Ph.D., who is now vice president for academic affairs at Emmanuel College in Boston.

Easy: Dmitrovsky, who served as acting dean of DMS in 2002-03, says his appreciation for the School made the decision to resume the chair easy. "Dartmouth has been good to me," he says. "I would like to give back in any small way that I can."

Widely recognized as an expert in translational research, he has worked on basic science—including a study of retinoids as a potential treatment for lung cancer—and on moving discoveries into clinical trials.

He is active in the policy sphere, too, including as associate scientific director of the Samuel Waxman Cancer Research Foundation; chair of the National Cancer Institute Board of Scientific Counselors for Clinical Sciences and Epidemiology; and a Lance Armstrong Foundation advisory board member.

Since his previous term as chair, Dmitrovsky has worked

closely on research with a number of colleagues, which has increased his admiration for DMS. Dartmouth's collegiality, he says, is "distinct, if not unique."

From '98 to '08, Dmitrovsky oversaw a doubling of Pharm-Tox's research funding. His current goals include recruiting new researchers, to advance "basic scientific discoveries with a . . . decisive im-

pact, hopefully, on our understanding of the biology of a disease or even into new ways of treating it."

He admits that this is a challenging time to be involved in biomedical research, but he sees opportunities ahead. His job, he says, is to make sure everyone in the department—faculty, students, and staff—has every opportunity for success. "The role of a chair is service," he says. "It's not more complicated than that. Your goal is to help others."

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Dmitrovsky has been at DMS since '98.

Med School welcomes 191 new students to five degree programs

A total of 191 new students matriculated in DMS's five degree programs at the start of the 2011-12 academic year.

Facts: The Med School's five educational offerings are listed in the box on the facing page, along with some statistics about each one's entering class (as well as some facts, both interesting and amusing, about the new students in each program). The box is a so-called tree map, in which each block's size is roughly proportional to the number of students in that program.

The M.D. and M.D.-Ph.D. programs make up the largest cohort, but about the same total number of students are enrolled in the other four programs—about half of those in the M.P.H. and M.S. programs of the Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice.

New: One of the five programs is brand new this year: three students are in the inaugural class of a program in quantitative biomedical sciences. An interdisciplinary Ph.D. program, it encompasses work in bioinformatics, biostatistics, and molecular epidemiology. Dr. Jason Moore, a professor of genetics, is the director of the new program.

Members of the DMS faculty are also teaching in a brand new Dartmouth College degree program, in health-care delivery science; for insight into that program's first class, see page 16.

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