Upcoming Events

The Endoscopy Course: 6th Annual Harvard vs. Yale: Live Cases and Controversies in Endoscopy

Friday & Saturday, April 21-22, 2017, The Newport Marriott, Newport, Rhode Island

to register please visit http://www.cme.yale.edu

Transplantation and Organ Donation Awareness Event

On Tuesday April 18th from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm there will be an event at Yale to raise awareness regarding organ donation and transplantation.

This program is sponsored by the American Liver Foundation in collaboration with Yale New Haven Hospital Transplant Center, Hartford Hospital Transplant Center, Donate Life Connecticut, and New England Donor Services.

The location will be the 2nd floor atrium at YNHH York Street Campus.
Seminars & Conferences

Tuesday April 4, 2017
Liver Center Seminar
“Spontaneous and Induced Transdifferentiation in the Liver.”
Holger Willenbring, MD, PhD Professor of Surgery
Member, Eli and Edythe Broad Center of Regeneration Medicine and Stem Cell Research
Associate Director, Liver Center
University of California San Francisco
(Host: Dr. Mario Strazzabosco)
TAC S247 5:00 – 6:00 PM

Tuesday April 11, 2017 – No Seminar Passover

Tuesday April 18, 2017
“Epidemiology and Treatment of Chronic Hepatitis C in the Era of Second Generation Direct-Acting Antivirals Agents.”
Basile Njei, MD
Clinical Fellow in Medicine (Digestive Diseases)
Yale School of Medicine
TAC S247 5:00-6:00 PM

DDW Rehearsals
Tuesday April 25, 2017
TAC S247 5:00-6:00 PM

Friday April 28, 2017
TAC S247 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Multidisciplinary Pancreas Clinical Conference

Tuesdays (weekly)
7:00-8:00 AM Smilow Room 101B (breakfast and coffee served)

Pancreas Cancer Research Conference

Tuesdays (Bi-Weekly)
5:30-6:15 PM Smilow Room 101B

Cancer Genetics & Prevention Seminar

Thursdays (weekly)
2:30- 3:30 PM
330 Orchard Street, Suites 107-109
We are very proud to announce that Dr. Tamar Taddei will be this year’s recipient of the Alvan R. Feinstein award. This award is given each year to the faculty member who is chosen as the outstanding teacher of clinical skills by a committee that consists of the chairs of the clinical departments, faculty members, and students. Please join us in congratulating Tamar for this great accomplishment.

*If you missed Dr. Tamar Taddei this past Sunday (3/26/17) on WFSB Sunday morning news preview of the ALF Flavors of Connecticut Culinary Event, you can see a recap here: http://www.wfsb.com/clip/13202897/chefs-discuss-upcoming-flavors-of-connecticut-culinary-event

Photos from Medical Grand Rounds on Thursday, March 16th with Klatskin Lecturer Dr. Massimo Colombo visiting professor (from the University of Milan, Italy)

“Management of Hepatocellular Carcinoma: State of the Art”

Dr. Boyer’s introduction remembering the career accomplishments of the late Dr. Gerald Klatskin (left) Dr. Strazzabosco introducing Dr. Massimo Colombo (right)
The VA Corner

Welcome to the VA Corner!

We are fortunate to have a fantastic Digestive Diseases Section at our VA. This month we will talk about the liver folks and next month we will talk about the GI folks. The VA is the largest provider of Hepatology care in the United States. Over 84,000 patients with hepatitis C have been treated in the VA since the advent of DAAs in 2014. The West Haven VA can boast some unique contributions to the history of Hepatology. Dr. Gerald Klatskin, one of the “fathers” of Hepatology, learned to read liver biopsy slides from Dr. Averill Liebow, a pathologist at the VA. Dr. Klatskin was a WWII Veteran and received his medical care at the West Haven VA. The "West Haven Criteria" for grading hepatic encephalopathy was developed by Dr. Harold Conn and colleagues at the VA while they studied the efficacy of lactulose, contemplating the importance of the microbiome even back then in the 1960s and 70s. The work of Dr. Roberto Groszmann advanced the knowledge of the pathophysiology of portal hypertension and, together with Dr. Guadalupe Garcia-Tsao, contributed to defining the management of patients with cirrhosis and portal hypertension and the recognition of the importance of portal pressure measurements in the prognosis of cirrhosis. More recently, Dr. Tamar Taddei developed and implemented the HCC tracker that allows for the early identification and monitoring of Veterans with liver masses. The West Haven VA is a 5 star VA, achieving the highest level of distinction among VA Hospitals. We bring the best to Veterans with liver disease through excellent and dedicated faculty and staff and the strong academic affiliation with Yale.
Congratulations to **Rafaz Hoque** Assistant Professor, who was married to Adisada Dudic on December 2, 2016 in Richmond, VA.

Congratulations **Basile Njei** Clinical Fellow, and family on the birth of his son. Basile Njei II was born on March 8, 2017 at 8:45 am. He weighs in at 8 pounds, 10 ounces.

**Alumni News**

**Dr. Srinivas Seela.** His son Rithvik Seela, and his wife Aruna Seela came to visit the section and **Dr. James Boyer**

**Jonathan Dranoff update:** Dr. Dranoff sends his regards to current and past members of the section. He is the Jerome S. Levy Professor of Medicine and Director of the Division of Gastroenterology & Hepatology at University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. He and his wife Rachel have three children. The twins are now 7 and their youngest son is 3.

**Khalid Sakib update:** Dr. Khalid is partnered with collaborators on an artificial intelligence-based automation platform which predicts endoscopy patients at the risk of no-shows or cancels, provides waitlist to fill slots, sends automated reminders, and gives insights via dashboard to streamline clinics and improve patient-provider experience. You can reach him at [http://www.practimyze.com](http://www.practimyze.com)
New Awards

Grants
Mistry - Biomarkers and genetic mutations in Gaucher disease population in Argentina Sponsor: Laboratorio Chamoles

Nathanson - S10 shared instrument grant: A swept-field confocal microscope for live cell imaging Sponsor: NIH

Clinical Trials
Lim - Multicenter, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-controlled Trial of Emricasan Sponsor: Conatus Pharmaceuticals Inc.

Proctor - A phase 3, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled, Multicenter Study To Investigate The Efficacy And Safety of Mongersen (GED-0301) For the Treatment of subject with Active Crohn’s Disease Sponsor: Celgene Corporation

PubMed

This is a new section that will be in the newsletter quarterly. The publications below are from 1/1/17-3/31/17 of publications “in print” and does not include those ahead of print. We will continue to update newly indexed faculty publications in future editions


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