Overview

The past two years of the Division under Dr. Besdine’s leadership have been dynamic; although clinical and educational growth begun in 2000 have continued, major changes have occurred. Division faculty since Dr. Besdine’s arrival have grown from two full-time geriatricians in 2000 to 6, with the recruitment of Drs. Besdine, Burrill, Nanda and McNicoll (FT) and Dr. Teno (part time). One additional Nurse Practitioner, Robin Ferreira, was also recruited. In June of 2002, Dr. Burrill left for a new non-clinical position, and Nurse Ferreira left a few months later. In May of 2002, it was announced that Dr. Besdine had been appointed Interim Dean of Medicine and Biological Sciences at Brown University, and on July 1, 2002, he began serving, retaining leadership responsibilities for the Division and for the Center for Gerontology and Healthcare Research. This year, Dr. John Murphy, Professor of Family Medicine and a national leader in aging, has been recruited (begins 7/03) as Associate Division Director, and David Dosa, M.D., MPH, has been recruited as Assistant Professor of Medicine. A geriatric medicine fellowship program was developed and implemented; full accreditation was granted 6/02, and three fellows have successfully completed their first year of fellowship. Clinical sites for training include RIH, TMH, Memorial and Butler Hospitals, Steere House Nursing Home, CareLink, Hospice Care of RI, East Avenue geriatrics primary ambulatory care clinic, and multiple sites of ambulatory specialty care. Newly established clinical programs in geriatrics include ambulatory primary and consultative care at the East Avenue office, in-patient primary and consultative care at RIH and TMH, and a physician-led home care program. A pilot in-patient program to enhance geriatrics care was begun on one nursing unit at TMH in the fall of 2002, under Dr. McNicoll’s leadership; 6-month outcome data are very positive, and plans are underway for dissemination hospital-wide. The division continues to participate in other quality improvement initiatives at TMH and RIH to improve quality of care for older hospitalized patients. The Division’s nursing home practice has doubled, and major enhancement of care at Providence Housing Authority sites has been achieved.

Research productivity of the Division has been concentrated in the Center for Gerontology and Healthcare Research (primarily health services research), one of the Public Health-related research centers at Brown. Research activities of Drs. Besdine, Gifford and Teno occur in the setting of the Center; its productivity has increased substantially over the past two years in spite of no new faculty additions since 2000. Its 13 full-time faculty hold more than 40 active grants, funding is more than $5 million, and publications 7/00-6/02 number nearly 200 (unduplicated >125). The competitive renewal application for the federally funded post-doctoral research fellowship training grant in aging and healthcare services was successful, bringing in $300,000/year for 5 years; in addition, a 5th fellow slot was awarded to the program in a funding
Faculty Members

FULL-TIME FACULTY
(Hospital and Foundation Based)

Richard W. Besdine, M.D., Director, Professor of Medicine, RST, Rhode Island Hospital, University Medicine Foundation
James D. Burrill, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine, Miriam Hospital, University Medicine Foundation
David R. Gifford, M.D., M.P.H., Assistant Professor of Medicine, Rhode Island Hospital, University Medicine Foundation
Lynn McNicoll, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine, Rhode Island Hospital, University Medicine Foundation
Aman Nanda, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine, Rhode Island Hospital, University Medicine Foundation
Tom J. Wachtel, M.D., Professor of Medicine, Rhode Island Hospital, University Medicine Foundation

VOLUNTEER FACULTY

Marvin Kerzner, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor, Miriam Hospital
Henry Izeman, M.D., Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine, Miriam Hospital
Janet Manes, M.D., Clinical Instructor, Memorial Hospital of RI

National and International Honors and Recognition of Faculty

Richard W. Besdine, M.D.

- Greer Professor of Geriatric Medicine, Brown Medical School
- Interim Dean of Medicine and Biological Sciences, Brown University
- Member, Board of Directors and Executive Committee of the Board, American Geriatrics Society
- Secretary, American Geriatrics Society 2001-02
- President-Elect, American Geriatrics Society 2002-03
- President, American Geriatrics Society, 2003-04
- Member, Board of Directors, American Federation for Aging Research
- Chief Scientific and Clinical Officer, Quality Partners of Rhode Island
- Member, Board of Trustees, Education and Research Foundation, American Society of Consulting Pharmacists
- Invited Speaker, “Preventative Services for Medicare Beneficiaries”, 2 Medical Grand Rounds
- Plenary Speaker, NHLBI National Conference on Cardiovascular Prevention
- Speaker, “Geriatric Assessment”, The Miriam Hospital Residents Noon Conference
- Speaker, “History & Physical Examination of the Elderly Patient”, The Miriam Hospital Residents Noon Conference
- Top Doc Award, Geriatrics, Rhode Island Monthly Magazine 2002, 03

FACULTY TRANSITIONS

Departing Faculty

James Burrill, M.D.

New Faculty

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James D. Burrill, M.D.
• President, Rhode Island Medical Directors Association, Rhode Island Chapter of the American Medical Directors Association (AMDA)
• Executive Council Member, American College of Physicians: Rhode Island Chapter
• Member, Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee, Lifespan Academic Medical Centers, Inc.
• Member, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Rhode Island Medicare Advisory Committee, Providence, Rhode Island
• Member, Blue ChiP of Rhode Island Credentials Committee, Providence, Rhode Island
• Top Doc Award, Geriatrics, Rhode Island Monthly Magazine

Invited Presentations:
• CPT Coding & Documentation for Long Term Care, for the Rhode Island Chapter of the American Medical Directors Association, Providence, Rhode Island
• Diagnosis & Treatment of Alzheimer’s Disease, multiple state-wide presentations, sponsored by Novartis, Pfizer, and Janssen Pharmaceutical companies
• Collaborative Initiatives with State Survey Agencies, ADA Annual Meeting, San Diego, California
• Quality Improvement, How to Involve Medical Directors & Physicians, CareLink Board presentation, Providence, Rhode Island

David R. Gifford, M.D.
• Finalist, AMDA Foundation/Pfizer 2001 Quality Improvement Award, Quality Improvement in Long Term Care

Aman Nanda, M.D.
Invited Presentations:
• RIH noon conference – ‘Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment’ July 2003
• Grand Rounds at RIH/TMH- ‘Chronic Dizziness in Older Persons’ July 2003
• TMH noon conference- ‘Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment’ June 2003
• Speaker, Geriatric Fundamental series – ‘Chronic Dizziness in Older Persons’ July 2002
• Speaker, Core Curriculum for OB/GYN residents ‘Preoperative Assessment of the Aging Patient’, Women & Infants’ Hospital, Providence, Rhode Island
• Speaker, Geriatric Fundamental series – ‘Preoperative Assessment of Aging Patient’ Aug 2002

Tom J. Wachtel, M.D.
• Chairman, Community Health Scientific Meetings Committee, Brown University
• Chairman, Longitudinal Outpatient Program Subcommittee, Brown University
• Member, Resident Ranking for Matching Program (NRMP), Rhode Island Hospital
• Member, Quality Assurance Committee, Rhode Island Hospital
• Member, Core Clerkship Committee

Medical Journal Reviewer:
• American Journal of Medicine
• Annals of Internal Medicine
• Journal of General Internal Medicine
• Journal of the American Geriatric Society
• Journal of the American Medical Association
• New England Journal of Medicine

Lynn McNicoll, M.D., F.R.C.P.C.
Top Doc Award for Women, Geriatrics, Rhode Island Monthly Magazine 2002, 2003

Medical Journal Reviewer:
• Journal of the American Geriatric Society

Invited Presentations:
• TMH noon conference “Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment” July 2002
• Rhode Island Quality Partners “Delirium in Nursing Home Residents” March and June 2003
• RIH Grand Rounds “Update in Geriatrics: Delirium in Older Persons” July 2003
Research and Other Scholarly Activities

Faculty Members of Study Sections and Advisory Committees

Richard W. Besdine, M.D.
• Consultant to HCFA Administrator of Geriatrics
• Chief Scientific and clinical Officer, Rhode Island Quality Partners (PRO)
• Chair, Ad Hoc Review Panel, National Institute on Aging, Loan Repayment Program

Richard W. Besdine, M.D.
• Program Director, Geriatric Medicine Fellowship Program, ACGME accreditation without comment 6/02
• Director, Geriatrics Fellowship Programs (Medicine, Psychiatry) Lecture Course 2002
• Field Experience Director, Geriatrics; Community Health Clerkship, Brown Medical Students
• Preceptor, Geriatrics Rotation for Internal Medicine Residents

James D. Burrill, M.D.
• Member, Fellowship Executive Committee, Brown Geriatric Medicine Fellowship Program, Brown University
• Faculty Member, Geriatrics Fellowship Lecture Series: Evaluation & Management of the Nursing Home Resident, Brown University
• Faculty Member, Geriatrics Fellowship Lecture Series: Pharmacokinetics & Pharmacodynamics in the Geriatric Patient, Brown University
• Community Health Clerkship, Brown Medical School
• Group Leader, Brown Medical School Affinity Group: Pathways I Medicine: Complimentary & Alternative Medicine

• Practice Preceptor, Community Health Rotation in Geriatric Medicine, Brown University
• Internal Medicine Resident Clerkship Preceptor, Brown University

David R. Gifford, M.D.
• Lecturer, “Geriatric Assessment” Clinical Diagnosis course for second-year medical students at Brown University
• Co-Director, Geriatric Fellowship Curriculum in Evidence-Based Medicine and Quality Improvement, Brown University

Aman Nanda, M.D.
• Preceptor, Community Health Clerkship, Brown Medical School
• Acting Program Director, Geriatric Medicine Fellowship Program since Nov. 2002
• Preceptor, Geriatric Rotation for Internal Medicine Residents at RIH

Tom J. Wachtel, M.D.
• Preceptor, Bio-Med Course 381, Community Health Clerkship, Brown University
• Preceptor, Seminars in Epidemiology, Community Health Clerkship, Brown University
• Course Director, Bio-Med Course 315F, “Ambulatory Longitudinal Clerkship”, Brown University
• Director, Geriatric segment of Medicine Core Clerkship, Brown University
• Preceptor, Community-based Geriatric Practices and Home Care Program, Rhode Island Hospital
• Director and Preceptor, Required month-long geriatrics rotation for internal medicine residents, Rhode Island Hospital

Lynn McNicoll, M.D., F.R.C.P.C.
• Lecturer, Sexual Health Elective, Brown Medical School
• Faculty Member, Geriatrics Fellowship Lecture Series: Delirium in Hospitalized Older Persons Brown University
• Preceptor, Geriatrics Rotation for Internal Medicine Residents

GERIATRICS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Departing Fellows
Steven LaFond, M.D.

Current Fellows
Steven LaFond, UCLA San Diego, CA, Family Medicine, UCLA San Diego, CA
Howard Nachamie, SUNY-Brooklyn, NY, IM, Lahey Clinic, Burlington MA
Rollin Wright, Albany Medical College, NY, IM (primary care, RIH) Brown U, Providence, RI
PUBLICATIONS

Richard W. Besdine, M.D.
• Merck Manual of Geriatrics (3rd ed. [Editorial Board]). 2000, Merck, Rahway, NJ

James D. Burrill, M.D.

David R. Gifford, M.D.
• Angelilli J., Gifford DR, Intrator O, Goazlo P, Laliberte L, Mor V. Access to Post-Acute Home Care Before and After the BBA. Health Affairs 2002 September/October;21(5):254-264

Lynn McNicoll, M.D.

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**CLINICAL RESEARCH**

**Besdine, Richard M.D.**
- LTYC Expert Advisory Panel, WV Medical Institute
- RIPQ Special Projects, RIQP Qualidigm, Qualidigm

**Crausman, Robert M.D.,**
- Collaborative Program in Podogeriatrics, Health Resources & Services Administration

**Teno, Joan M.D.**
- Comparisons of the U.K. vs. U.S. Dying Experience, Commonwealth Fund
- Resident Assessment of Pain Management, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
- Development WWW Interface and Refinement of Toolkit, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation