

■ Carrollton's Trinity Medical Center joins Baylor Health Care System

On June 15, 2009, Trinity Medical Center became Baylor Medical Center at Carrollton (*Figure*). The 237-bed acute care hospital located at 4343 North Josey Lane opened in 1985 and provides a broad spectrum of medical and health care services to the communities of Carrollton, Lewisville, Farmer's Branch, and North Dallas.

The hospital joined the Baylor Health Care System (BHCS) network through Baylor's purchase of 71% ownership interest in Trinity MC, LLC, the company that operates Trinity Medical Center. Physicians own, and will continue to own, the other 29% of Trinity MC, LLC. Trinity MC, LLC, has a 25-year lease agreement with the Metrocrest Hospital Authority to operate the hospital.

"Trinity and Baylor share compatible missions and values around integrity, servanthood, quality, innovation, and stewardship. We are excited to bring to Carrollton and Denton County a commitment to our vision—to be trusted as



Figure. Spencer Turner, president, Baylor Medical Center at Carrollton, and Joel Allison, president and CEO, Baylor Health Care System, appreciate the hospital's new signage.

the best place to give and receive safe, quality compassionate care," said Joel Allison, president and CEO, BHCS.

"We are delighted to become part of the Baylor family," said Spencer Turner, president of Baylor Medical Center at Carrollton. "Baylor is a nationally recognized health care leader."

Baylor Medical Center at Carrollton employs approximately 700 people and has 487 physicians on its medical staff, representing 37 medical specialties.

■ Baylor Dallas recognized as 2009–2010 America's Best Hospitals

Baylor University Medical Center at Dallas (BUMC) and Baylor Institute for Rehabilitation were two of 174 hospitals nationally to be ranked in the *U.S. News & World Report* 20th annual "America's Best Hospitals" issue. BUMC is the only North Texas hospital to earn this distinction for 17 consecutive years. BUMC was ranked among the nation's top 50 hospitals in gynecology (32nd) and kidney disorders (47th). Baylor Institute for Rehabilitation was ranked 13th among the nation's top rehabilitation facilities.

■ BIIR receives multimillion-dollar grant from France for HIV research

The Baylor Institute for Immunology Research (BIIR) received an \$8 million grant from the French government to develop a therapeutic method of controlling HIV without drugs. The money will be used to further BIIR's HIV research efforts, using the money for equipment, staff, and clinical trials. The grant is France's first investment in a US research unit.

"Billions of dollars already have been invested in making an HIV vaccine," said Jacques Banchereau, PhD, Baylor's director of immunology research and native of France. "But this is new for Baylor."

Banchereau is extracting HIV patients' dendritic cells, manipulating them in various ways and injecting them back into the patients. Baylor has 19 North Texas patients in phase 1 of the trial.

■ New neurosurgery suites at BUMC offer real-time patient images

The BrainSUITE iMRI navigation system now being used at BUMC allows neurosurgeons to determine if they resected all of the cancer while the procedure is still in progress. The innovative design of the new two-room neurosurgery suite assists the operating team throughout the surgical process by improving

RECENT GRANTS

- **Blood transcriptional biomarker profiles for category B pathogens**
Principal investigator: Jacques Banchereau, PhD
Sponsor: National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases
Funding: \$1,213,173
Award period: 8/18/2009–7/31/2010
- **Targeting pDCs for the generation of effective anti-HCV CD8⁺ T-cell immunity** (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding)
Principal investigator: John Connolly, PhD
Sponsor: National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases
Funding: \$156,000
Award period: 6/1/2009–5/31/2010
- **Harnessing human DC subsets for improved mucosal vaccines** (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act supplemental funding for summer students from Baylor Waco)
Principal investigator: Jacques Banchereau, PhD
Sponsor: National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases
Funding: \$48,970
Award period: 7/14/2009–9/30/2010
- **Diversification of cytotoxic effector cells via LPS-activated DCs**
Principal investigator: A. Karolina Palucka, MD, PhD
Sponsor: National Cancer Institute
Funding: \$546,210
Award period: 6/1/2009–5/31/2010
- **Familial and early onset colorectal cancer**
Principal investigator: C. Richard Boland, MD
Sponsor: National Cancer Institute
Funding: \$342,796
Award period: 7/1/2009–4/30/2010
- **MedImmune CP179 systemic lupus erythematosus trial**
Principal investigator: Virginia Pascual, MD
Sponsor: MedImmune, LLC
Funding: \$130,819
Award period: 7/30/2009–7/29/2011

PHILANTHROPY NOTES

■ Physician's gift supports vascular surgery fellowships

Gregory Pearl, MD, came to BUMC more than 20 years ago after mentors told him it had an excellent vascular surgery fellowship program. Now, he's doing his part to make sure that today's young doctors have the same opportunity. Dr. Pearl, the division leader of vascular surgery at BUMC and the Baylor Hamilton Heart and Vascular Hospital, has pledged \$100,000 to the Jesse Eldon Thompson Surgical Education and Research Endowment to support vascular surgery fellowships. Seven of the 11 board-certified vascular surgeons on the medical staff at BUMC were trained through the program. Many other graduates have assumed leadership positions in major hospitals across the country. Private philanthropy is the largest source of funding for graduate medical education at Baylor. It's also important because it helps maintain momentum despite government funding caps.

■ Employee Giving Campaign tops million-dollar mark

BHCS employees set a record for donations with more than \$1 million in contributions during the BHCS Foundation Employee Giving Campaign. Nearly 5900 Baylor employees donated a record \$1,070,817 to support 18 programs at Baylor hospitals in Dallas, Garland, Grapevine, Plano, and Waxahachie. The cam-

paign began with a goal of \$800,000. "These gifts embody the Baylor values of servanthood and stewardship," said BHCS president and CEO Joel Allison. "They will go a long way toward improvements throughout the system."

■ Transplant institute to celebrate 25 years

Baylor Regional Transplant Institute (BRTI) plans to celebrate 25 years of achievements and present its vision for the future at a 25th anniversary celebration on November 11, 2009, at the new Margot and Bill Winspear Opera House in downtown Dallas. Several special guests will be honored, including Thomas Starzl, MD, the "father of modern transplantation," who performed the first human liver transplant and served as a consultant as BRTI was founded. Also in attendance will be Sir Roy Calne, MD, of Cambridge University in England; Carl Groth, MD, of the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, Sweden; and UCLA physicians Ronald Busuttill, MD, and Sue McDiarmid, MD.

BRTI has been important not only to its patients but to major supporters, which have included the Lisa Landry Childress Foundation and several of the physicians who work there. Göran Klintmalm, MD, PhD, Robert Goldstein, MD, and Marlon Levy, MD, have contributed more than \$1.3 million to establish and support research at BRTI.

■ Margaret Hunt Hill, daughters to receive Celebrating Women's Circle of Care Awards

The 10th annual Celebrating Women luncheon will honor Lyda Hill, Alinda Wikert, and their mother, the late Margaret Hunt Hill, with the Circle of Care Award. The award is given to those who have served as breast cancer advocates, volunteers, educators, or donors. Margaret and Lyda both survived breast cancer, and Alinda's passion was stirred by the struggles of those so close to her. The luncheon, to be held on October 22, 2009, at the Hilton Anatole, will be led by chairmen Randi Halsell and her daughter, Karen Halsell, MD. Underwriting chairmen will be Debbie Scripps and daughter-in-law Nancy Scripps. For more information about Celebrating Women, please visit www.celebratingwomen2009.org.

■ Don January to cap Grand Rounds Golf Tournament festivities

Former pro golfer and Texas Sports Hall of Famer Don January will do his part to ensure doctors can get the graduate medical education they need to serve the community for decades to come. Don will be the guest speaker for the celebrity dinner at the BHCS Foundation Grand Rounds Golf Tournament at Northwood Club in Dallas on October 5, 2009. For more information about Grand Rounds, contact Jacqueline Hill at 214-820-2229 or Jacqueline.Hill@BaylorHealth.edu.

the surgical workflow, as well as giving access to patient data and images in real time.

The first room provides neurosurgical operating teams with extremely precise brain mapping navigation, while the second room gives them the ability to scan a patient during a procedure. This dual capability precisely guides surgeons to the tumor and helps make certain they have removed all traces of it.

In one published study using the iMRI, 36% of surgical procedures initially considered complete had to be continued in order to remove residual tissue. Beyond that, the suite's precise mapping technology allows surgeons to make smaller incisions and avoid critical brain structures during the procedure.

"It used to be you got an ultrasound and then hoped you were taking the best trajectory," explained David Barnett, MD, chief of

ACCOLADES AND APPOINTMENTS

The *Dallas Business Journal* annually recognizes medical professionals who have made a significant contribution to health care in North Texas. The 2009 honorees featured in the July 2, 2009, edition included **Jacques Banchereau, PhD**, director, Baylor Institute for Immunology Research; **Alan Menter, MD**, chairman of the psoriasis research unit, Baylor Research Institute; **GiGi Steele, RN**, volunteer program coordinator of retired nurses, Baylor Regional Medical Center at Plano; and **Jo Darling, RN**, oncology nurse navigator, Irving Cancer Center, Baylor Medical Center at Irving.

David Winter, MD, a physician on staff at BUMC, has received the 2009 Texas Medical Association Anson Jones, MD, Award in the Physician Excellence in Reporting category. Dr. Winter's HealthSource™ segment is aired simultaneously on KLUV (98.7 FM), KVIL (103.7 FM), and KRLD (1080 AM) on Wednesdays at 7:50 AM during their most popular morning "drive-time" slot. His segment is then rebroadcast at various times the rest of the week.

Baylor Medical Center at Southwest Fort Worth and Baylor All Saints Medical Center at Fort Worth announced the appointment of **David G. Klein, MD**, to the role of Baylor Southwest administrator and Baylor Fort Worth chief operating officer. Dr. Klein, a general surgeon in private practice for 14 years, came to Baylor from Cedar Park, Texas, where he recently served as CEO of Cedar Park Regional Medical Center in Austin.

UPCOMING CME PROGRAMS

The A. Webb Roberts Center for Continuing Education of Baylor Health Care System is offering the following programs:

The Next Level: Advances in the Treatment of Breast and Prostate Cancer, October 3, 2009, at the Fletcher Warren Civic Center, Greenville, Texas

36th Annual Williamsburg Conference on Heart Disease, December 6–8, 2009, in Williamsburg, Virginia

13th Annual Tyler Breast Cancer Conference, March 27, 2010, at the Harvey Convention Center, Tyler, Texas

For more information, call 214-820-2317 or visit www.cmebaylor.org.

In addition, **Focus on Research** forums at BUMC offer CME credit. The following speakers will be featured:

Thomas P. Lohmann, MD, October 20, 2009

Lawrence R. Schiller, MD, and Elizabeth H. Cothran, MS, CIP, November 17, 2009

Michael J. Mack, MD, December 15, 2009

The forums will be held in the Folsom Room, 17 Roberts, at noon. For more information, contact Robert Reed Obenour at 214-820-4090.

neurosurgery at BUMC. “Now you know where all the critical structures are beforehand, and it guides you much more accurately to where the tumor is located.”

The most important feature of the new surgical suite may be the peace of mind it offers patients, their physicians, and their families. “Using the iMRI, we can look immediately at the

results with the neuroradiologist to accomplish what we need to do,” said Dr. Barnett.

■ **Baylor Regional Medical Center at Grapevine presents memorial garden for families who have experienced early pregnancy loss**

On July 11, 2009, Baylor Regional Medical Center at Grapevine dedicated the “Garden of Hope” memorial garden for families who have experienced early pregnancy loss, the termination of pregnancy before 20 weeks of gestation or babies with a fetal weight <500 grams. The memorial garden was made possible by the staff at Baylor Grapevine and generous gifts from donors and volunteers. “We hope this memorial garden offers solace and becomes a peaceful place where bereaved parents and families know their loved ones are resting in peace,” said Doug Lawson, Baylor Grapevine president. “It is an honor for us to journey with these families.”