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Remembering Two Founding Fathers of WSU's Department of Family Medicine: A Memoriam

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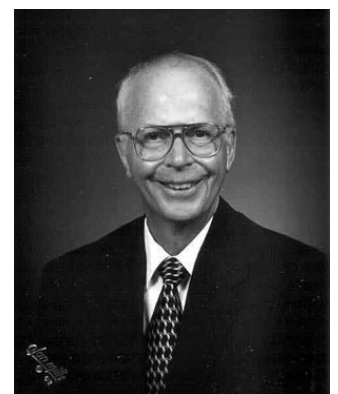
*Note: Two great family medicine leaders, **Richard A. Falls, M.D.**, and **Raymond Kahn, M.D.**, passed away this past October 2003 (Dr. Falls - October 7 and Dr. Kahn - October 6). Both physicians helped found the Department of Family Medicine at Wright State University School of Medicine (WSUSOM) in the mid-1970's. Dr. John C. Gillen, Professor Emeritus and former Chair of Family Medicine, and Dr. John O. Lindower, Professor Emeritus, graciously agreed to write the memoriams for our two founding physicians. Thank you, Dr. Gillen and Dr. Lindower, for your contributions.*

Richard A. Falls, M.D. (1928-2003) Associate Professor

The Department of Family Medicine and the Wright State University community were deeply saddened by the death of Dr. Richard A. Falls, 75 years old, at Hospice of Dayton, on October 7, 2003, following a rather lengthy illness.

Dr. Falls was a graduate of the College of Wooster before earning his M.D. degree at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. Following completion of his internship/residency, Dr. Falls served as a medical officer in the United States Navy from 1954-57. He then established a private family medicine practice in Xenia, Ohio, where he lived until his death.

After receiving his full-time WSUSOM faculty appointment, Dr. Falls, established the Family Medicine Residency Program and the Family Health Center at Yellow Springs, Ohio, using his private practice as a nucleus. The ventures were highly successful and widely acclaimed.



Many of his residency graduates are currently located in very active medical practices in the greater Dayton area and the Yellow Springs Family Practice Center, which remains a much admired Center for medical student ambulatory medical experiences.

Upon his retirement from the faculty, Dr. Falls continued to be very active in the Xenia community and served with distinction for a time as the Medical Director of Greene Memorial Hospital. An endowed educational scholarship was also established by Dr. Falls' colleagues to honor his long and dedicated service. Dr. Falls is survived by his wife, Barbara, children, and nine grandchildren. Dr. Falls was an excellent role model physician and mentor and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

John C. Gillen, M.D.
Professor Emeritus and Former Chair

Raymond M. Kahn, M.D. (1918-2003), Clinical Professor Emeritus

Dr. Raymond Kahn was a proud family man, genuine friend to all, compassionate physician for his patients, fatherly mentor to his residents, and respected leader in his community. Ray was a very personable man; he met everyone with a smile and spoke ill of no one.

Dr. Kahn was a proud father devoted to his family and a devout member and Past President of the Beth Abraham Synagogue. He was an enthusiastic supporter of the University of Dayton, his alma mater, and all the Dayton Hospitals in which he served as a staff member. Ray was a conscientious advocate for his patients and their families. His respected medical practice skills validated his leadership as a charter member of the American Academy of Family Practice, and his performance in the activities at all levels of organized medicine.

In addition, Dr. Kahn was a vigorous supporter of the Wright State University School of Medicine in its developing years and after its accreditation. He was a faculty member and preceptor at all levels of medical education. Ray became a Clinical Professor Emeritus in the Department of Family Medicine and served for years on that department's Executive Committee. He had a joint faculty appointment in the Department of Community Health where he served on the Aerospace Medicine Residency Committee.

Dr. Kahn was one of the generous, founding members of the Wright State University Academy of Medicine. Throughout the years, he has supported the Medical School's development and all levels of medical education. Ray's consistent attendance at the quarterly meetings of the Faculty of Medicine was testimony of his enthusiastic support for the medical school. He possessed a friendly ambience and conscientious professional demeanor as a dedicated, concerned faculty member. He also contributed to the recognition of the Wright State Medical School as a vibrant, caring and productive Institution, producing physicians prepared with a primary care orientation for further training in any specialty.

We recognize the unselfish, diligent service of Dr. Raymond M. Kahn to our Wright State Medical School and to the Dayton community. His family and associates can be proud. Ray's professional record stands as a model for the compassionate, caring 21st century physicians, who choose to concurrently support and serve medical education.

John O. Lindower, M.D.



“The Wright State University School of Medicine Department of Family Medicine extends its deepest sympathy to the families of these two fine physicians.”

Awards and Recognition

Heather A. Kleinhenz, MSIV, received the **John C. Gillen Clerkship Award** at the School of Medicine's Awards Ceremony on November 13, 2003. This award is given to a 4th year medical student who is the top performer and a great role model student in the family medicine clerkship. The award recipient receives \$250 and a Clerkship Award plaque. Congratulations, Heather, and good luck with your future career in Family Medicine.

S. Bruce Binder, M.D., Ph.D., Associate Professor of Family Medicine, received the **Teaching Excellence Award** for the 2002-2003 academic year at the School of Medicine's Awards Ceremony on November 13, 2003. This award was selected by the Class of 2006.

Faculty and Staff News

Sherri L. Morgan, M.D., MPH, Assistant Professor of Family Medicine, was nominated to the American Academy of Family Practice Special Constituency Group for the year 2004 by the Ohio Association of Family Practice.

Timothy M. Hilty, M.D., PGY-3, graduated from the Dayton Community Family Medicine Residency Program on December 31, 2003. Good Luck, Dr. Hilty, in your future career in primary care medicine!

Cynthia G. Olsen, M.D., Professor and Executive Vice Chair of Family Medicine, and Medical Director, Yellow Springs Family Health Center, and **Jonie Fawley, PA-C**, Yellow Springs Family Health Center, ran in the *2nd Annual Santa Run for Women's Recovery*, a 5K Run/Walk (3.1 miles) at the Women's Recovery Center (WRC), Xenia, Ohio on December 6, 2003. Proceeds support the alcohol and drug treatment program at WRC, which assists women in achieving recovery from addiction and behavioral health problems.

Cynthia G. Olsen, M.D., Professor and Executive Vice Chair of Family Medicine, and Medical Director, Yellow Springs Family Health Center, did a pretaped interview with Ryan Warner of WYSO radio on December 8, 2003.

The interview regarded the new Department of Geriatric Medicine, Wright State University School of Medicine, and the increased importance of geriatric physicians. The interview was aired on Sunday, December 14, at 10:30 a.m..

Elizabeth (Lisa) L. Righter, M.D., Assistant Professor of Family Medicine, and Associate Director, Dayton Community Family Practice Residency Program, recently hired **Victoria R. Winston** as a Research Assis-

Richard Falls Endowed Scholarship

When Richard A. Falls, M.D., retired in 1991, a **Richard Falls Endowed Scholarship** fund at Wright State University was created "to help medical students focus their career in primary care medicine." We know his family would appreciate any contributions to help future primary care/family medicine physicians. Therefore, any contributions in Dr. Falls' memory can be sent to: Wright State University Foundation Office, 3640 Colonel Glenn Highway, Dayton, Ohio 45435.

Faculty Profile:

Would you attend a brand new medical school and experience its growing pains, or would you want the security of attending a medical school with a long established curriculum? In 1976, Robert L. (Bob) Brandt, Jr., was given that choice and enthusiastically chose to join 31 others as the first class of medical students attending the Wright State University School of Medicine (WSUSOM).



Born on a U.S. Air Force Base in the Philippines, Bob recounts that he and his four siblings moved around a lot “...until my Dad, an Air Force Lt. Colonel, was assigned to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in the early 1970’s.” Once in Dayton, Bob (just out of high school) gave some thought to become a ceramic artist and attended the Dayton Art Institute. Then, in 1972 at the urging of his parents, he entered WSU as a biology major. During his undergraduate years, Bob’s interest in caring for people was kindled by a unique WSU program, which paired handicapped students with able-bodied students. Once enrolled in WSU’s School of Medicine, Bob excelled by going on to earn the first “Outstanding Graduate Award,” as well as serving as class president. “I knew from day one in medical school that I wanted to specialize in primary care,” says Bob. “So after graduation, I entered the WSU Family Practice Residency Program at Yellow Springs. This experience honed my skills in Family Medicine and deepened my long lasting relationship with my personal hero, Dr. Richard Falls.”

In 1983, with Dr. Falls’ blessing and the support of Greene Memorial Hospital, Bob opened his first medical practice in Xenia in Dr. Falls’ old office. In that same year, he treated his first HIV+ patient. By 1989, the “business side of medicine” had become a gnawing distraction and so he signed a contract with Fidelity Health Care, an affiliate of Miami Valley Hospital, to provide outpatient care

to AIDS and HIV+ patients. He named the practice **Health Care Interventions (HCI)**. He did this believing that what he was doing would “benefit the community by applying a primary care approach to a chronic care condition.” In 1993, he renegotiated his contract for a larger and better site in a stand-alone building near Miami Valley Hospital (51 E. Stewart Street), where HCI is located today. Dr. Brandt’s current staff includes a social

worker, a RN/MA, and an office manager, and they all take a team approach to treating their patient load of 425 HIV+ patients and about 500 additional patients, who are not HIV+ but many are at risk. While Bob will point out that 50% of his patients are on Medicaid, 40% have private insurance, and 10% pay out of pocket, there is a significant population that receives charitable care from his clinic. In addition, his patient mix is shifting dramatically away from HIV+ gay men to include, more and more, HIV at-risk heterosexual women.

Bob is also Board Certified in the subspecialty of Addiction Medicine and is credentialed as an HIV Specialist. Dr. Falls once said of Dr. Brandt, “He came at the right time. He’s been at the cutting edge with his HIV care.” Bob keeps up on the latest HIV treatments, travels a lot, and has attended international meetings in Barcelona and Paris. Last year, he went to an AIDS clinic in a London U.K. suburb and saw close up what socialized medicine meant to them. (His interpretation of the U.K.’s impersonal attitude towards HIV patients is less than stellar.)

When ARCHIE asked Bob about how he manages to put balance into his life, he says, “My long standing interest in art inspires me to search for and collect pop art, especially whimsical ceramic and glass pieces.” Bob also finds enjoyment in puttering around his home. “I want that stability,” he says, “that I didn’t get from all that moving around as a kid.” When asked what he would do for a vacation, Bob quickly states, “I would

like to take a couple weeks to sail and snorkel around St. Thomas, although for many years I have made an annual trek to West Virginia to accept the challenges of white water rafting.”

Most patients who come to Bob do so through referrals from such agencies as: the National Aids Hotline, the National Gay and Lesbian Medical Association, the Ohio Aids Hotline, and the AIDS Resource Center Ohio (ARC-OH) Foundation of Miami Valley. Others search the Internet looking for someone who knows something about the latest HIV treatments, as Bob is certified to administer AIDS drugs that are undergoing clinical trials. Twice, he has been exposed to the HIV virus through needle sticks and, twice, he has dodged that bullet. How does Dr. Brandt deal with the unrelenting “grim reaper” that is in pursuit of so many of his patients? He will tell you, “It helps to keep some distance between me and my patients, but this gets very hard to do, because in family medicine over time, so many patients become friends who expect me to help them walk through the end stages of their disease. I, myself, have found the burden hard and, twice, I have been treated for depression. Today, I find great support among my staff and peers as we all try to talk about death, live each day as it comes, and move on. However, with newer pharmaceutical cocktails we find we can offer so many patients something we did not have 20 years ago and that is hope; because as HIV becomes more manageable, we can approach it as if it were like diabetes, still knowing there is a lot of work to do.”

Dr. Brandt currently serves as the Chair, Department of Family Practice, at Miami Valley Hospital. He is also a member of the Executive Committee of the WSU Department of Family Medicine. These are excellent professional credentials and titles, well earned and well deserved, but in Dr. Brandt’s office, there is a year-round Christmas tree on which many patients pin notes, which use layman’s terms to describe him as:

***SPECIAL THANKS,
DR. BRANDT!***

Department of Family Medicine Set Criteria for Partially Affiliated (Clinical) Faculty

During its January 2004 departmental meeting, the faculty of Wright State University School of Medicine’s Department of Family Medicine approved the criteria for physicians appointed as “Partially Affiliated (Clinical) Faculty.” These criteria are the following:

- a) the physician/candidate makes a significant contribution to the teaching and academic efforts of the School
- b) the physician/candidate has made a significant contribution to the discipline of family medicine
- c) the physician/candidate is a contributing member of the department’s scholarly practice-based research network--ARCHnet.

As of January 2004, the Department of Family Medicine has about 195 partially affiliated (clinical) faculty. Clinical faculty are appointed at the rank of Clinical Instructor, Clinical Assistant Professor, Clinical Associate Professor, or Clinical Professor with the initial appointment at three years. Anyone interested in joining the clinical faculty should submit a letter of interest with a current curriculum vitae to: Mark E. Clasen, M.D., Ph.D., Professor and Chair, Department of Family Medicine.

Ohio Commission for Minority Health Awards DFM’s Sherri Morgan, M.D., MPH

In January 2004, the Ohio Commission on Minority Health awarded a \$50,000 grant to Sherri L. Morgan, M.D., MPH, to help her underwrite a “Minority Public Health Leadership Development Program.” Dr. Morgan, who has an MPH, will serve as program director, interfacing a new curriculum on disparity reduction and leadership development with the WSU Masters in Public Health degree. A key component will be encouraging MPH students to develop skills in health care disparity research and reduction interventions.



International Community Health - Faculty Member Travels to Cuba

In early November, **Jeanne Lemkau, Ph.D.**, Professor of Family Medicine and Community Health, traveled to Cuba at the invitation of the Society of Cuban Psychologists to train psychologists, physicians, and other health professionals on working with patients who are grieving and/or who have been traumatized by sudden loss. In Havana, she conferred with faculty at the University of Havana, gave a two-day workshop on grief, and lectured on working with chronically and terminally ill patients. In Santiago de Cuba, the second largest city of the island nation, she presented two workshops at the Biennial International Congress of Psychology. In between these engagements, she lived in private homes with Cuban families, worked on her salsa steps (a lost cause), flew on an old Russian plane, attended the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Havana, and visited an oncology hospital, a school for autistic children, and old friends.



“Castro’s Clinic: Making housecalls in Havana,” by Jeanne Lemkau, Ph.D., was the cover story in the Fall 2003 issue of *Worldview Magazine*, published by the National Peace Corps Association. It is based on her collaboration with Dr. Felix Sanso, a family physician in Havana, and Gonzo Gonzalez, a prize-winning Cuban photographer. The article and photographs can be viewed at: www.worldviewmagazine.com.

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The Department of Family Medicine and its Alliance for Research in Community Health publishes this quarterly newsletter, called *ARCHie* (*Alliance for Research in Community Health Information Exchange*). The newsletter is mailed to fully-affiliated faculty, partially-affiliated faculty, residents, medical students, School of Medicine administrators/departments, alumni, and other Family Practice Residency Programs. If you wish to contribute to *ARCHie*, please e-mail Dr. William Tindall, editor, (william.tindall@wright.edu), or Janet Ruckrigl, managing editor, (janet.ruckrigl@wright.edu), or call us at (937) 775-1450.

Presentations

Paul J. Hershberger, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Family Medicine, presented, “Consultation to Help Individuals Cope with Lifestyle Modification,” at the J. R. Rudisill (Chair) Consultation — Helping People Cope Symposium, 111th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, August 2003.

William N. Tindall, Ph.D., R.Ph., Professor of Family Medicine, and Director, Alliance for Research in Community Health, and **John M. Pascoe, M.D., MPH**, Professor of Pediatrics, coordinated and reported on practice-based research networks at the Ohio Pediatric Research Consortium, Children’s Medical Center, Dayton, Ohio, October 3-4, 2003.

Laurence C. Bauer, MSW, M.Ed., Clinical Associate Professor of Family Medicine, and Executive Director, Family Medicine Education Consortium, Inc., coordinated the 2003 STFM: Northeast Region Conference, which was held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, October 16-19, 2003.

Philip S. Whitecar, M.D., Assistant Professor of Family Medicine, and **Katherine Clark, D.O.**, Clinical Assistant Professor of Family Medicine, presented, “Scenario Based Coding for Office Visits: 99214 As An Example,” at the 2003 STFM: Northeast Region Conference, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, October 16-19, 2003.

S. Bruce Binder, M.D., Ph.D., Associate Professor of Family Medicine, presented, “Simulated Patients: Teaching Tomorrow’s Doctors,” at the Wright State University School of Medicine Mini-Medical School Series, Frederick A. White Center, Dayton, Ohio, October 21, 2003.

William N. Tindall, Ph.D., R.Ph., Professor of Family Medicine, and Director, Alliance for Research in Community Medicine, presented four topics: “Issues, Values and Risk in Healthcare: Living in the Perfect Storm,” “Managed Pharmacy Today: Issues, Values, Managing Its Risk,” “Managing Pharmacy Operations II: Managing the Dance with a Comprehensive Community Health Center Pharmacy,” and “Small Group Case Studies: The Lonesome Polecat Community Health Center Pharmacy,” at the New Jersey Primary Care Hospital Association Training Series, Princeton, New Jersey, January 23, 2004.

Publications

Clasen MD, Tindall WN. Graduating medical students reveal that economics plays role in choice of family medicine. (*Letters to the Editor – New Research*) *Fam Med* 2003; 36(1):9-10.

Meetings

“24th Annual Conference on Families and Health - Caring for Patients and Families in Uncertain Times,” Society of Teachers of Family Medicine, Amelia Island, Florida, February 25-29, 2004. www.stfm.org

“15th National Conference on Primary Health Care Access, Coastal Research Group, San Francisco, California, April 2-4, 2004. www.coastalresearch.org

“2004 Society of Teachers of Family Medicine (STFM) Annual Meeting,” Toronto, Canada, May 12-16, 2004. www.stfm.org.

“Building High Performance Health Care Organizations, American Medical Informatics Association, San Francisco, California, September 7–11, 2004. www.amia.org.

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