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Elevating the Visibility of Pathology

Usually, the Department of Pathology at Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx, New York, can be found in a high-tech laboratory that is rarely seen by the public. But on one day of the year, the pathology department sets up in the inviting lobby of Montefiore’s Greene Medical Arts Pavilion for See, Test & Treat®.

Behind large glass windows, just steps from the sidewalk along Bainbridge Avenue, pathologists, physicians from other specialties, medical students, nurses, and numerous other volunteers devote their Saturday to welcome uninsured or underinsured women for free breast and cervical cancer screening with same-day results as well as free follow-up care, if needed.

Co-funded by the CAP Foundation and Montefiore, the See, Test & Treat program this past June was Montefiore’s fifth in as many years.

“I was delighted to see a quantum leap this year,” said Mark J. Suhrlund, MD, FCAP, director of clinical cytology at Montefiore Einstein Department of Pathology and professor of pathology at Albert Einstein College of Medicine. “Our outreach efforts were bigger and more effective. We had more volunteers with better patient navigation, more walk-ins, and more patients interacting with our

pathology residents at the two-headed microscope.” (Dr. Suhrlund was the 2017 recipient of the Foundation’s Herbek Humanitarian Award.)

At Montefiore, and at 13 other sites around the country in 2019, the Foundation’s flagship program provides essential services to women with minimal access to health care. At the same time, See, Test & Treat elevates the specialty of pathology and provides CAP members with opportunities for leadership and connections with the community, both inside and outside their institution.

Stephen Liang, a rising second-year medical student at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, was eager to volunteer at See, Test & Treat. “I recently finished my end-of-year exams and missed having contact with patients,” he said.

Liang escorted Donna, a 55-year-old grandmother, to the radiology suite, along with her 7-year-old granddaughter, whose mother was at work. When Liang learned Donna would need additional testing, he stayed by the little girl’s side, keeping her occupied and amused while they waited for her grandmother.

From medical students to seasoned clinicians, these connections—and



Top: The Montefiore Medical Center See, Test & Treat program took place at a street level lobby, for maximum visibility.

Above: A medical student bonds with a patient’s granddaughter.

the See, Test & Treat program itself— are priceless.

“We live in a country that has so much, yet too many people can’t get the basic health care they need. That’s why this program is so important,” said Ellen Reiches, senior supervisor in Montefiore’s clinical cytology laboratory. “Our team looks forward to it every year.”

A potentially life-threatening cancer was detected in one of the See, Test & Treat attendees. Fortunately it was detected early and physicians at Montefiore were able to save the life of an otherwise healthy patient.

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Creatively Raising Our Visibility

Two pathologists from Boston and one from Memphis are helping to raise the visibility of our specialty while at the same time supporting the CAP Foundation.

Support comes from Barbarajean Magnani, PhD, MD, FCAP, via *The Queen of All Poisons*; Michael J. Misialek, MD, FCAP, by lighting a fire, so to speak; and Charles R. Handorf, MD, PhD, FCAP, in partnership with his wife, Miriam, for helping medical students envision their careers as pathologists.

Dr. Magnani, chief of clinical pathology, director of toxicology and professor at the Tufts University School of Medicine, recently published her second book. *The Queen of All Poisons* confronts terrorism and toxins and stars Dr. Lily Robinson, a complex and brilliant physician.

A longtime Foundation supporter, Dr. Magnani is donating a portion of the income from the book to the See, Test & Treat program.

"Pathologists are the invisible thread in the weave of health care," Dr. Magnani writes in her novel. "They confirm the diagnosis for better or worse."

As Dr. Magnani reminds us in a recent CAPcast, "Many patients don't know what pathologists do or how they contribute to their health care."

Chemistry and toxicology are among Dr. Magnani's clinical focus areas, so it's no surprise that her fictional Dr. Robinson and colleagues are tasked to identify toxins, determine how they're being released, and stop a terrorist.

Why is this pathologist/novelist going out of her way to support our flagship program?

"The CAP Foundation provides a model of

care to overcome cultural barriers, the lack of insurance, not having the ability to take a day off from work, or even the lack of understanding of how simple cancer screening procedures, like a Pap test or a breast exam mammography, can save lives."

Meanwhile, Dr. Misialek, associate chair of pathology at Newton-Wellesley Hospital in Newton, Massachusetts, was taking a more literal approach to creative pursuits. He learned that his favorite guitarist, Robby Krieger of The Doors, had created a vivid, colorful painting evoking his favorite song, "Light My Fire."

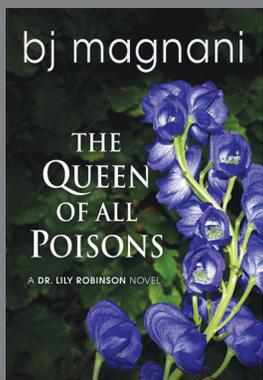
When Dr. Misialek heard that the painting would be available as a limited edition, he purchased one, planning to donate it to the Foundation as a fundraising item. But not before he met Krieger in person.

Dr. Misialek traveled to Krieger's studio in California, conducted a video interview with the artist and bought the art, along with a certificate of authenticity. He placed it on Charitybuzz, a public auction site. It sold quickly. The proceeds went to the CAP Foundation.

There wouldn't be much of a care team if it weren't for people like Dr. and Mrs. Handorf. Last year, Dr. Handorf was asked to select several medical students for stipends to attend a CAP annual meeting. Noting that all of the candidates were of high caliber, Dr. Handorf decided to support several of them. This year he is supporting more students. (Learn more about the Handorfs on p. 3.)

You know that I would be a liar if I said I was unimpressed by these acts of creative philanthropy. Drs. Magnani, Misialek, and Handorf exemplify creativity, enthusiasm, and dedication to philanthropy. These qualities are essential ingredients to our fundraising program.

I am deeply grateful for their donations, and I hope you are similarly inspired to make a donation to support our good work in the service of pathology.



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Robby Krieger of The Doors (left)
and Dr. Misialek

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Bringing Pathology to the Forefront

HONOLULU, HAWAII

It all started with a pathology resident, Alana Taniguchi, MD. It was her idea to bring See, Test & Treat to Hawaii for the first time.

“See, Test & Treat broadened the impact of the pathology laboratory,” said Jeffrey L. Killeen, MD, FCAP, a pathologist at Kapi’olani Medical Center for Women & Children, and medical director of oncology services for Hawai’i Pacific Health.

“Our Kapi’olani Women’s Center team, partnering with our physicians, radiologist, and pathologists, led the effort and were central in the planning process,” said Dr. Killeen, lead pathologist for the day’s event.

See, Test & Treat helped both the Kapi’olani Medical Center for Women and Children and the pathology laboratory meet their goals for expanded awareness. “We are bringing pathology as a specialty to the forefront,” Dr. Killeen said. “This program clearly raised the level of pathology visibility.”

Community housing coordinators helped to recruit several busloads of patients. “We brought these women to us so we could connect them with the care that they need and make an impact on cancer outcomes in our communities,” said Dr. Killeen.

Designed to provide free screening services to women with minimal to no access to the health care system, each See, Test & Treat program also must address the needs of the area’s unique ethnic groups.



Top: The volunteers who made the Kapi’olani Medical Center’s See, Test & Treat program a success.



Right: A volunteer reviews screening procedures with a See, Test & Treat patient.

“Here in Hawaii, certain populations have a much higher incidence of breast and cervical cancers, including Native Hawaiians, Filipinos, Micronesians, and other Pacific Islander populations,” said Dr. Killeen.



White Plains Hospital lead pathologist Dr. Baljit Singh, with Gabriella Fernandez, medical staff coordinator.

WHITE PLAINS, NEW YORK

At White Plains Hospital, in White Plains, New York, a first-time See, Test & Treat program achieved instant visibility by becoming part of the Neighborhood Health Fair. This 40-year-old fair brings together numerous community groups that serve Latinos, French-speaking Baptists, and Haitians, among others.

The addition of See, Test & Treat gave participants the chance to receive additional screening tests that they may not have access to elsewhere.

The lead pathologist, Baljit Singh, MD, FCAP, chief of pathology at White Plains, was at the forefront of the program, greeting patients in person and also providing Pap results.

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Charles and Miriam Handorf: Mantra and Motivation for Philanthropy

Charles Handorf, MD, PhD, FCAP, and his wife, Miriam, have a passion for philanthropy that began with their parents and continues today. Through generous gifts from the Handorfs in 2018 and 2019, 14 medical students were able to attend the CAP's annual meeting.

Both of the Handorfs acquired a desire for learning from their parents. They are applying that passion to their goal of encouraging medical students to pursue pathology as their specialty.

"When I first started at the University of Tennessee, there hadn't been a medical student going into pathology for about four years. Not one," Dr. Handorf said. "I decided to change that. And part of changing that meant I devoted a lot of my own personal time to teaching and directing."

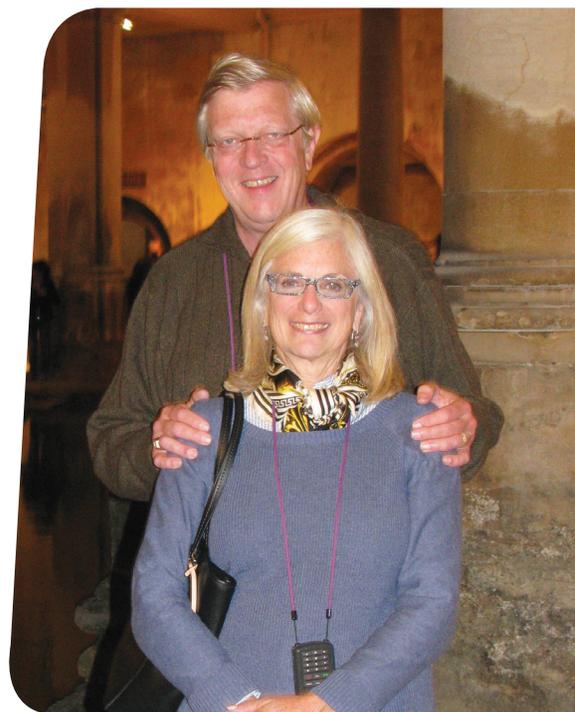
Dr. Handorf believes that pathologists should be working toward modeling the practice of pathology to students. After his retirement, he knew that he could continue to shape the future of the specialty with a gift to the CAP Foundation.

"The CAP is one of those rare organizations that not only develops the field and the passion, but it supports the community, too," said Miriam. "It provides much more enrichment than so many other organizations."

Brett R. Kurpiel, one of the 2018 recipients of the Medical Student Travel Award, funded by the Handorfs, said, "This was an exciting and thrilling opportunity for me and served to further solidify my decision to pursue a career in pathology."

By supporting the CAP Foundation, the Handorfs aspire to support the growth and interest of pathology with medical students. "As pathologists," said Dr. Handorf, "we don't have as much visibility with patients, but that doesn't mean we don't have as much impact on the patient's lives as other physicians."

As Miriam said, "If you've been very fortunate and successful, you need to pay it forward."



Miriam and Dr. Charles Handorf "pay it forward."



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Mona Wood, MD, PhD
Stanford Hospital & Clinics



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Medical College
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School



**Mona Wood, MD,
PhD**
Stanford Hospital
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*In addition to the awardees above, seven talented young physicians were honored this year with the **Leadership Development Award**. They were recognized in the Foundation's spring newsletter.

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