Greetings to all alumni. The Neurology Department has continued to thrive and do very well under the chairmanship of Dr. John Noseworthy (Mayo Clinic in Rochester), Dr. Neill Graff-Radford (Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville), and Dr. Richard Caselli (Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale). The Neurology Department at Mayo Clinic again has received the #1 rating for Neurology Departments from *U.S. News and World Report*. The Neurology Department at Mayo Clinic has been rated #1 for 12 years, since 1992.

The move to the Gonda Building in Rochester was accomplished in June of 2003. The clinical neurophysiology laboratories, including EEG, EMG, Movement Disorders, Autonomic, and Thermoregulatory Sweat Test labs are now all in one area of the Gonda Building (8th floor). In addition, Behavioral Neurology, Speech Pathology and the Neurosurgery Department are also located in the Gonda Building, which connects to the 8th floor of the Mayo Building. This allows patients to complete most of their neurologic evaluation on a single floor as part of the integrated practice directive of Mayo Clinic. The future plans are for Child and Adolescent Neurology to move to the 16th floor of the Mayo Building where all of Pediatrics is to be located.

In Scottsdale, Mayo Clinic Hospital, through the efforts of Drs. Tim Ingall, Bart Demaerschalk and Dave Dodick, has become an American Stroke Association designated primary stroke center. Also in Scottsdale, the ALS Clinic achieved national recognition by the ALS Society thanks to Dr. Peter Bosch.

Mayo Clinic Graduate School of Medicine has now been renamed Mayo Clinic College of Medicine, as was announced at the Mayo Alumni meeting in October 2003 at Scottsdale.

Mayo Clinic was chosen as being one of the “100 Best Companies to Work For” by *Fortune* magazine. This is the first time Mayo has been selected and this applies to all three Mayo Clinic sites.

**New Staff**

**Dr. David Black** (Mayo Clinic in Rochester) attended medical school at Bowman Gray School of Medicine and then did his residency and headache fellowship at Mayo Clinic in Rochester. He then spent the past year as the Mayo Foundation scholarship recipient at the Leiden University Medical Center in the Netherlands. His special interest is headache.

**Dr. Scott Eggers** (Mayo Clinic in Rochester) went to Mayo Medical School and did a neurology residency at Mayo Clinic in Rochester. He then did an electromyography fellowship, followed by a vestibular and eye movement disorder fellowship at the John Hopkins Hospital before joining the staff at Mayo Clinic in Rochester this year. His special interest is vestibular disorders.
Dr. Keith Josephs (Mayo Clinic in Rochester) went to medical school at the Medical College of Pennsylvania, did his neurology residency at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, followed by a movement disorder fellowship at Mayo Clinic in Rochester. For the past year he did a dementia and degenerative neuropathology fellowship at the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery at Queens Square, London. He joined the staff this year, and his special area of interest is dementia and behavioral neurology.

Dr. Mark Ross (Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale) attended medical school at Northwestern University School of Medicine in Chicago, Illinois. He did his neurology residency at the University of Iowa, as well as fellowships in clinical neurophysiology and neuropathology research. He was on the staff at the University of Kentucky, Department of Neurology in Lexington, Kentucky and has recently joined the neurology staff at Mayo in Scottsdale. His area of interest is neuromuscular disorders and clinical neurophysiology with emphasis in EMG.

Dr. Bryan Woodruff, who did his neurology residency at Mayo Clinic in Rochester and who is now doing a fellowship in behavioral neurology, will be joining the staff at Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale in July 2004.

New Alumni

Adult Neurology

Gerald Dove, M.D.
Current Position: EEG Fellowship
Mayo Clinic in Rochester

Matthew Flaherty, M.D.
Current Position: Stroke Fellowship
University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio

Brent Goodman, M.D.
Current Position: EMG Fellowship
Mayo Clinic in Rochester

Scott Goodman, M.D.
Plans: Consultant
The Headache and Pain Center, Leawood, Kansas

Christopher Nance, M.D.
Current Position: Peripheral Nerve Fellowship
Mayo Clinic in Rochester

David Polston, M.D.
Current Position: Peripheral Nerve Fellowship
Mayo Clinic in Rochester
Gregory Rippon, M.D.  
Current Position: Aging and Dementia Fellowship  
Columbia University, New York, New York

James Watson, M.D.  
Current Position: EMG Fellowship  
Mayo Clinic in Rochester

Advanced Clinical Fellows

Australian Fellow
Mark Thieben, M.D.  
Current position: EMG Fellowship  
Mayo Clinic in Rochester

Behavioral Neurology
Bryan Woodruff, M.D.  
Current position: Behavioral Neurology Fellowship  
Mayo Clinic in Rochester

Clinical Cerebrovascular Disease
David Blacker, M.D.  
Current position: Consultant  
Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, Perth, Australia

Epilepsy
Shobhit Sinha, M.D.  
Current position: Assistant Professor  
University of West Virginia

Neuroimmunology
Istvan Pirko, M.D.  
Current position: Continuing work  
in Neuroimmunology

Neuromuscular Disease
Betul Gundogdu, M.D.  
Current position: Neuromuscular Diseases Fellowship  
Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas

Peripheral Nerve
Michael Sinnreich, M.D.  
Current position: Neuromuscular Research  
Montreal Neurologic Institute, Montreal, Canada
Clinical Neurophysiology Fellows

EEG/Epilepsy

Randa Jarrar, M.D.
Current Position: Clinical Neurophysiology Fellowship
Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville

Mona Sazgar, M.D.
Current position: EEG/Epilepsy Fellowship
Children’s Hospital, Boston

Electromyography

Christian Custodio, M.D.
Current position: Staff Physiatrist
Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, New York

Christopher Lynch, M.D.
Current position: Consultant Neurologist
Healthcare Waikato, Hamilton, New Zealand

William Mayr, M.D.
Current position: Consultant
Neurological Associates, Columbus, Ohio

Laura G. Reilly, M.D. (CNP Fellow Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville)
Current position: Private practice
Jacksonville, Florida

John Miller, M.D. (CNP Fellow Mayo Scottsdale)
Current position: Private practice
Bellingham, Washington

Smriti V. Nagale, D.O. (CNP Fellow Mayo Scottsdale)
Current position: Private practice in Neurology
Chicago, Illinois

Research Fellows

Peripheral Nerve Research Fellow

Chang H. Kim, M.D.
Current position: Continuing work in
Peripheral Nerve Research

Wolfgang Singer, M.D.
Current position: Neurology Resident
Mayo Clinic in Rochester
Peripheral Nerve Research Fellow
Michael Sinnreich, M.D.
Current position: Montreal Neurological Institute
Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Peripheral Nerve Research Fellow
Pariwat Thaisetthawatkul, M.D.
Current position: University of Nebraska Medical Center

Alumni News

Joseph Broderick, who is currently the chair of the Department of Neurology at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, received the 2003 William F. Feinberg Award for excellence in clinical stroke from the Stroke Council of the American Stroke Association. The award recognizes contributions in the investigation and management of stroke.

David Capobianco (Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville), consultant in neurology at Mayo in Jacksonville, has taken over as program director of the neurology residency program in Jacksonville.

Pablo Castillo, who did a residency at Mayo Clinic in Rochester and a fellowship in cerebrovascular disease at Mayo in Jacksonville, is currently doing a clinical neurophysiology/sleep fellowship at the University of Minnesota. He is also the founder and medical director of a nonprofit foundation in Ecuador.

Enrique Chavez, who was a former resident in pediatrics and pediatric neurology at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, spent five years in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, and now is back in Kansas.

Jasper Daube (Mayo Clinic in Rochester) has been elected as President of the Neurology Resident Review Committee of the ACGME.

David Dodick (Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale) was elected as a member of the American Neurological Association in 2003.

Mary L. Dombovy, who is a former Mayo medical student and did her residency in neurology and physical medicine at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, obtained a Master’s degree in Health Science Administration from the Rochester Institute of Technology in 2001 (New York). She is now chair of the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the Unity Health System in Rochester, New York. She also was the author of a Continuum issue on neurorehabilitation.

Drake D. Duane, a former consultant in neurology at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, is currently the director of the Institute for Developmental Behavior Neurology in Scottsdale, Arizona. He is also the chair for the Scientific Advisory Board of the Dyslexia Foundation and the Medical Advisory Board of the National Spasmodic Torticollis Association. He has recently been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Phoenix Symphony.
Peter Dyck (Mayo Clinic in Rochester) was elected as an honorary member of the AAN this year.

Andrew Engel (Mayo Clinic in Rochester) was recently elected a member of the Institute of the Academy of Sciences which is one of the highest honors granted to a scientist, and membership is based on distinguished and ongoing achievement in original research. This is one of the most prestigious memberships in science and comes to very few neurologist scientists in their lifetime. Dr. Andrew Engel was also made an honorary member of the AAN.

David Ficker, a former resident and clinical neurophysiology fellow at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, has been named the Director of Epilepsy Monitoring Unit at the University Hospital in Cincinnati, OH.

Bill Fleming, a former resident in neurology at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, is currently in Houston, Texas. He received the Federation of the State Medical Boards of the U.S. Distinguished Service Award this past year.

Robert Hermann, a former consultant in neurology at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, has just finished a year as the EMG Laboratory Director at the University of Texas medical branch at Galveston. He now is working part-time at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio and the Department of Medicine/Division of Neurology, running the Neurology EMG laboratory. He and Mary have moved to the Fair Oaks Ranch in Texas just north of San Antonio.

Yutaka Kishi, a former research fellow in neurology at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, has opened a private clinic in Osaki, Japan.

Donald Klass (Emeritus Staff), former consultant in Electroencephalography, gave the J. Norman Allen Lecture of the Department of Neurology, Ohio State University, on October 14, 2003.

Caroline Klein, who did a peripheral nerve, autonomic, and EMG fellowship at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, is currently on the staff at the Department of Neurology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where she is doing EMG, autonomic function testing, and developing research interests in neuromuscular disease.

Suresh Kotagal (Mayo Clinic in Rochester), chair of the Division of Child and Adolescent Neurology, was elected as a member of the American Neurologic Association in 2003.

J. Gordon Millichap, former consultant in pediatric neurology at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, has been appointed as the Neurology Section Editor for the American Academy of Pediatric Grand Rounds for a second term of three years.

Tara Morrison, a former resident in neurology at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, completed a neuro-oncology fellowship at the University of Toronto, Sunnybrook Hospital, this year.

Joseph Parisi, neuropathologist at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, was elected President of the American Association of Neuropathologists.
John Richert, a former resident in neurology at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, is now Professor and Chair of the Department of Microbiology and Immunology and Professor of Neurology at Georgetown University Medical Center. He is also on the Board of Directors for the Georgetown University Hospital. He was elected to the AOA by students at the University of Rochester School of Medicine, Rochester, New York, from the alumni candidates.

Anthony Windebank (Mayo Clinic in Rochester), consultant in neurology and Dean of the Mayo Medical School, was named to the advisory board for the Association of Medical Colleges New Institute for Improvements in Medical Education.

Zbigniew Wszolek (Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville), a former clinical neurophysiology fellow at Mayo Clinic in Rochester and now a consultant at Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, has been named as the co-editor of the Polish version of Neurology and a member of the editorial board of Clinical Science.

Frisca Yan-Go, former consultant in pediatric neurology at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, is the Director of the Sleep Program at UCLA.

AWARDS

Allen Aksamit (Mayo Clinic in Rochester) received the 2002 Mayo Medical School Faculty Service Award.

Charles Bolton (Mayo Clinic in Rochester) was awarded the Distinguished Physician Award at the American Association of Electrodiagnostic Medicine meeting in San Francisco September 2003.

Paul Brazis (Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville) was recognized by the Mayo School of Continuing Medical Education with the Outstanding Faculty Member Award for 2002.

Robert Brown (Mayo Clinic in Rochester) was recognized by the Mayo School of Continuing Medical Education as one of the outstanding faculty members of 2002.

John N. Caviness (Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale) was the recipient of the 2004 Whitney and Elizabeth S. MacMillan Management Scholars program.

Brian Crum (Mayo Clinic in Rochester) was awarded the Outstanding Classroom Teacher Award by the program in Physical Therapy, Mayo School of Health Sciences.

Peter J. Dyck (Mayo Clinic in Rochester) received the Distinguished Investigator Award from Mayo for 2003.

Benjamin H. Eidelman (Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville) received the Internal Medicine Residents Teaching Award for 2003.

Sean Pittock (Mayo Clinic in Rochester) was the Woltman awardee for 2003, as well as receiving the Clinical Neurology Research Award.
Daren R. Ure, Ph.D. (Mayo Clinic in Rochester) received the Basic Neurology Research Award for 2003.

Jack Whisnant (Mayo Clinic in Rochester) received the Distinguished Alumnus Award for 2003.

COMMENTS: Dr. John Noseworthy, chair of the Department of Neurology at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, and Dr. Robert Spinner, Department of Neurosurgery at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, are planning a celebration of the heritage of the neurology department in Rochester in May of the year 2006. This will be held in Rochester at that time. As a reflection of the heritage of the neurology department, I have listed past chairs of the Neurology department, Mayo Foundation awardees, and those who have been past presidents of the ANA and AAN.

Chairs of Neurology (Mayo Clinic in Rochester) (1913-1958)
Walter D. Sheldon – 1913 to 1930
Henry Woltman – 1930 to 1954
Lee M. Eaton – 1954 to 1958

Heads of Section (Mayo Clinic in Rochester) (1959-1966)
Joe R. Brown – 1959 to 1962
Kendall Corbin – 1962 to 1963
Clark Millikan – 1963 to 1966

Chairs of Neurology (Mayo Clinic in Rochester) (1966-present)
Donald Mulder – 1966 to 1971
Jack Whisnant – 1971 to 1981
Burton A. Sandok – 1981 to 1988
John H. Noseworthy – 1997 to present

Chairs of Neurology (Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville) (1986-present)
Paul Brazis – 1986 to 1990
Neath Folger – 1990 to 1994
Neill Graff-Radford – 1994 to the present

Chairs of Neurology (Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale) (1987-present)
Manfred Muenter – 1987 to 1995
Clarke Stevens – 1995 to 2000
Richard Caselli – 2000 to present

MAYO FOUNDATION AWARDS

Distinguished Clinician (Mayo Clinic in Rochester)
J. Keith Campbell – 1991
Frank W. Sharbrough – 1997
Bahram Mokri – 1998
Emory Kokmen – 1999
Distinguished Clinician (Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville)
Paul Brazis – 2001

Distinguished Clinician (Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale)
Richard Caselli – 1999

Distinguished Educator (Mayo Clinic in Rochester)
Burt A. Sandok – 1998
Eduardo E. Benarroch – 2002

Distinguished Educator (Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville)
Frank Rubino - 1997

Distinguished Educator (Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale)
John Carter – 1999

Distinguished Investigator (Mayo Clinic in Rochester)
Andrew G. Engel – 1994
Peter J. Dyck – 2003

Distinguished Investigator (Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale)
Richard Caselli – 2002

Distinguished Alumni Award (Mayo Clinic in Rochester)
Jack P. Whisnant – 2003

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS - MAYO NEUROLOGISTS

Dean, Mayo Medical School
Burton Sandok – 1989 to 1998
Anthony J. Windebank – 1998 to present

Past Presidents of the American Neurologic Association (ANA)
Henry Woltman – 1950
Joe R. Brown – 1971 to 1973
Clark H. Millikan – 1974
Jack P. Whisnant – 1982
Peter J. Dyck – 1993

Past President of the American Academy of Neurology (AAN)
BOOKS PUBLISHED (2003)


RETIREMENTS

Robert Dinapoli retired several years ago but came back on a contract to work part time for the past four years. He is now planning to fully retire at the end of 2003, and the department of neurology would like to thank Bob for his 39½ years of outstanding service to Mayo and the Department of Neurology.

IN MEMORIAM

Julian Alvarez died December 2, 2002. Dr. Alvarez earned his medical degree from the Facultad de Medicina in Madrid, Spain. He did his residency in Neurology at the Hospital Clinico in Madrid and the University of Arizona in Tucson. He then did an EEG fellowship at Mayo Clinic in 1976. Dr. Alvarez was head of the EEG and Epilepsy Unit at one of the hospitals in Madrid at the time of his death.

Kathryn Hirschorn died on February 6, 2003 at the age of 49. She was a member of the Neurology Department at Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale and a former member of the Department of Neurology at Mayo Clinic in Rochester. She was born in Braham, Minnesota, and received her M.D. degree at the University of Minnesota School of Medicine. She did a neurology residency at the University of Michigan between 1988 and 1991. She was a member of the Department of Neurology at Mayo Clinic in Rochester and then left to establish the epilepsy program at Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale. She was on the staff at Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale until the time of her death.

Edward H. Lambert died on July 22, 2003 in Rochester, Minnesota, at the age of 88. He has been recognized as “the father of electromyography,” for his pioneering studies on neuromuscular diseases, developing the diagnostic EMG techniques and the training of many residents and fellows. Dr. Lambert was born in Minneapolis and received his B.S., M.S. and M.D. degrees from the University of Illinois. He did an internship at the Michael Reese Hospital in Chicago and a Ph.D. in physiology. He spent the next several years in cardiovascular and pulmonary research and was one of the major contributors to developing the G-suit for pilots and for which he received the Presidential Certificate of Merit in 1946. He was appointed Professor of Physiology in the Mayo Graduate School in 1958. In the late 1940’s, Dr. Lambert began his studies on the electrophysiology of neuromuscular diseases. He is known for the diagnostic criteria of a wide range of neuromuscular diseases and is most famous for describing the Lambert Eaton myasthenic syndrome. Dr. Lambert retired
from Mayo Clinic in 1985 but continued to do research for several years at the University of Minnesota. In 1995, he was awarded the American Association of Electromyography and Electrodiagnosis Lifetime Achievement Award, the highest honor bestowed on members of the association. Dr. Lambert has lived in Rochester, Minnesota with his wife, Dr. Vanda Lennon. Dr. Lennon and Dr. Lambert worked together to advance the field of neuromuscular diseases and neuroimmunology.

**Colin MacCarty**, 87, died on August 22, 2003. Dr. MacCarty received his M.D. degree from Johns Hopkins Medical School in 1940 and then did a fellowship in neurosurgery at Mayo Clinic in 1941. Dr. MacCarty joined the clinic staff in 1946 and became chair of the Department of Neurologic Surgery from 1963 to 1975. He was president of Mayo Clinic medical staff from 1965 to 1966 and also served as director of the Mayo Graduate School of Medicine. He has served as president of the Neurologic Society of America and the American Association of Neurologic Surgeons. He retired in 1980.

**COMMENTS**

I would like to commend Dr. Ray Auger for the fine job he has done over the years with regard to the alumni activities of the Neurology Department. I have been asked to take over this job and would welcome any news items that you would like to send me for the newsletter next year. We will be having an alumni reception at the American Academy of Neurology meeting in San Francisco on Tuesday evening, April 27, 2004.

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**Questionnaire**

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There will be an alumni reunion at the American Academy of Neurology meeting again this year. The date and time will be announced a few weeks prior to the meeting.

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Please list news items for the next newsletter that you would like to share with your fellow alumni (i.e. honors, awards, promotions, job changes, work activities, family events, etc.)

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