

TCMC To Join Geisinger

Officials from Geisinger Health System and The Commonwealth Medical College announced they will join forces in their shared commitment to patients and the physicians who treat them. Geisinger will acquire the Scranton-based medical college to form the new Geisinger Commonwealth College of Medicine, pending regulatory approval from local, state and accrediting agencies.

"Geisinger has been dedicated to medical education for more than a century and having a medical school completes the continuum," said David T. Feinberg, M.D., M.B.A., Geisinger president and CEO. "This strong alliance sets us apart by allowing us the unique ability to offer medical students a fully-integrated learning experience while filling a tremendous need for physicians in the regions we serve."

The deal will also allow both institutions to leverage further the academic, clinical and research components of both organizations by consolidating these efforts within the medical school. Moreover, it will strengthen Geisinger's and the college's shared mission to improve the health and wellbeing of their communities.

"I am energized by the array of exciting possibilities available to us," said Steven J. Scheinman, M.D., TCMC's president and dean. "From new clinical training sites to access to Geisinger's world-class research scientists and facilities, this agreement guarantees the future of the college, expands our ability to create new educational programs, and positions northeastern and central Pennsylvania as a national hub for scientific discovery, particularly in the realm of genomics."

The announcement, both leaders agree, solidifies this region's place as a national center of innovative medical and graduate education and world-class, patient-centered care. The agreement also enhances the vision and mission of the college's original founders to provide high-quality healthcare to patients in the region for generations to come.

"Training a new generation of physicians to deliver the promise of health and healthcare that we made to our community eight years ago meant finding a partner that shared our commitment to providing high quality care close to home," said Dr. Scheinman. "We found that partner in Geisinger."



Attending the Sept. 28 press conference are: Alan Goldstein, friend of TCMC; David T. Feinberg, M.D., M.B.A., Geisinger president and CEO and Steven J. Scheinman, M.D., TCMC's president and dean.

Fall Keystone Symposium November 5, 2016

Veterans' Healthcare: The Physical and Emotional Needs of the Military

Program:

Community Medicine: The Weak Link in Veterans' Healthcare

Jeffrey L. Brown, M.D., F.A.A.P.
Clinical Professor of Pediatrics
New York Medical College
Associate Clinical Professor in Pediatrics
and Psychiatry
Weill Cornell Medicine, New York
U.S. Army Medical Corps, retired

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Among Veterans: Diagnosis to Recovery

Matthew Dooley, Psy.D.
VA Medical Center, Wilkes-Barre

Overview of Behavioral Health Issues

Richard R. Silbert, M.D., D.L.F.A.P.A.
Community Care Behavioral Health, Moosic
Associate Professor of Psychiatry
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Improving Mental Health Service Delivery for Military Members and Veterans: Evidence for System Change

Michael C. Freed, Ph.D., E.M.T.-B.
National Institute of Mental Health / NIH
Bethesda, Maryland

Suicide Prevention and Military Culture

Kimberly A. Ruocco, L.S.W.
Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS)
Arlington, Virginia

**Online registration is available at:
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Admissions Update

As the Admissions staff and I just welcomed TCMC's M.D. Class of 2020, I am struck by their brightness, positive enthusiasm, and dedication to service. The Admissions Committee could not select such a wonderful group of future physicians without your participation as a faculty interviewer.



The task of selecting qualified candidates to enroll at TCMC becomes more difficult each year, and I suspect that this year will be no different. Your role as a faculty interviewer is vital to the success of this process and, subsequently, TCMC as an institution. As a faculty member, I understand the demands that we face daily. Please know that your valuable time will be put to good use as your insights and interactions with our prospective students are an invaluable resource for the Admissions Committee's difficult task of selecting candidates who are not only academically capable, but demonstrate a fit with TCMC's mission and values.

As we embark on this exciting time, I would like to personally thank you for participating in the M.D. interview process and look forward to hearing your insights about the candidates for the M.D. Class of 2021.

My best,

Michelle Schmude, Ed.D.

Associate Dean for Admissions, Enrollment Management and Financial Aid
Assistant Professor, Department of Clinical Sciences

M.D. Class of 2020 Profile:

Number of applicants	6,591
Class size	108
Pennsylvania residents	77
Northeastern and north central PA residents	32
Men	54
Women	54
Under represented in medicine	13
First-generation college students	26
Average overall GPA	3.62
Average MCAT	30
Average MCAT 2015	508

**For more details about being involved in the M.D. interview process, please contact:
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Geisinger

Welcome

A Message from David Feinberg, M.D.

Dear Colleague—

Our recent integration announcement continues to generate excitement—at the College, in the community, and certainly at Geisinger. I've even noticed newspaper editorials commenting favorably, and I hope you agree.

I became a doctor to care for others, and your role with the TCMC volunteer faculty tells me that you did, too. I am impressed with all that has been accomplished at TCMC in a short period of time, and I welcome the opportunity to partner with you, Steve Scheinman and the TCMC team moving forward as we work together to further enhance the medical school's programs and services. As Steve mentioned to you last week, the college's many partnerships and the role of the volunteer faculty are essential to providing the best educational experience for the students.

Our joining forces to train more doctors will certainly help the patients we all serve. I look at competition a little different than you may expect. I see heart disease, cancer, neurological diseases and other health challenges as our competition—and I see other caregivers as allies in helping to defeat illness. So I am very glad that we are in this together.

I'm beginning to meet many people at TCMC and I hope to meet you soon.

Take care,
David



Regional Dean Update

Thank you, Dr. Stapleton.....

Dwight Stapleton, M.D., regional associate dean has left Guthrie to serve as chief medical officer for Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria, Illinois. We thank him for his dedication and enthusiasm in the initiation of the 2015-2016 academic year that proved to be very successful on the Guthrie campus.

.....Welcome, Dr. VanderMeer

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Thomas VanderMeer has assumed the role of regional associate dean for the Guthrie campus after serving in an interim capacity since Aug. 15.

Dr. VanderMeer joined the Guthrie Clinic in 1998. The following year he established the M3 Student Clerkship in Surgery for Upstate Medical University students at Guthrie. He has served as program director for the general surgery residency program at Guthrie from 2005 until the present. During this time he has won teaching awards from medical students, residents, Upstate Medical University and Guthrie leadership.

Dr. VanderMeer has published a number of manuscripts and been invited to speak at national conferences on surgical education and quality improvement. He is currently a member of the board of directors and the executive committee of the Association of Program Directors in Surgery. His clinical practice focuses on hepatobiliary, pancreatic and endocrine surgery and he has had the opportunity to serve as an LIC preceptor for two TCMC students.

Dr. VanderMeer is a graduate of the Medical College of Virginia. He did his general surgery residency at the University of Massachusetts Coordinated General Surgery residency and was a research fellow in surgery at Harvard Medical School. Following his residency, Dr. VanderMeer completed a fellowship in hepatobiliary and pancreatic surgery at the University of Toronto.



REGIONAL UPDATES

North Campus

- Thomas Jordan, M.D., Scranton Orthopaedic Specialists, Dickson City and Ariane Conaboy, D.O., Physicians Health Alliance, Scranton, were named to the Pennsylvania Medical Society's 40 under 40.
- For the seventh year, The Commonwealth Medical College (TCMC) hosted several local high school students for a fellowship research experience at the college. The invited students are members of the elite Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS). During the two-day experience, students conduct experiments and participate in biomedical research projects focused on a broad range of health topics of particular significance in NEPA, including cancer, osteoporosis and obesity.
- TCMC, Maternal and Family Health Services Inc. (MFHS) and the Pennsylvania Department of Health hosted the Northeast Pennsylvania Breastfeeding Summit. Northeast Pennsylvania has one of the commonwealth's lowest rates of breastfeeding. For this reason, the Dept. of Health, MFHS and TCMC brought healthcare and community leaders together to identify barriers that may prevent mothers from both initiating and sustaining the healthy practice of breastfeeding their babies. Summit participants also brainstormed strategies to overcome these barriers.
- The American Society for Bone and Mineral Research (ASBMR) recently notified Holly Corkill, MD2, that her research paper was selected for presentation at ASBMR's annual meeting. Ms. Corkill's research, conducted under principal investigators, John Arnott, Ph.D. and Youngjin Cho, Ph.D., both research faculty of cell biology at TCMC, is entitled, "Actin Filament Associated Protein 1 (AFAP1) is a Novel Regulator of Bone Formation." The research could potentially lead to a biologic treatment for osteoporosis. Ms. Corkill's findings are the culmination of two years of research conducted as part of the TCMC summer research program.



Seen at the symposium were, from left: John Arnott, Ph.D., TCMC faculty member; Youngjin Cho, Ph.D., TCMC faculty member; Holly Corkill, MD2, Evan Frigoletto, TCMC M.B.S. Class of 2015; and Antonio Adiletta, MD2.

South Campus

- A member of the TCMC graduating class of 2013 and south campus student was selected to volunteer at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro. Dr. Charles Karcutskie, IV participated as a field-of-play athlete physician. Dr. Karcutskie is a general surgery resident at the University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Hospital and is completing a research fellowship in trauma.
- Kingston pediatrician and TCMC clinical faculty member, Jeffery Kile, M.D., M.H.A., F.A.A.P., was invited to speak at the International Pediatric Association Conference in Vancouver, Canada. Dr. Kile's talk was titled: *The 21st Century Pediatric Office: Interacting Via Email, Smart Phone Apps and Telehealth.*



Guthrie

- Matthew Novak, M.D., Sayre, was also named to the Pennsylvania Medical Society's 40 under 40.
- Eduardo Rueda Vasquez, M.D., Guthrie, published an opinion article in the *Clinical Psychiatric News* titled, "Sometimes Our Patients are the Best Teachers." Dr. Vasquez is a fellow of the American Psychiatric Association, and is retired from the U.S. army where he served as a staff psychiatrist during Operation Desert Shield/Storm.
- Welcome to Dr. Maninder Singh, who accepted the position of regional education coordinator/clerkship director for internal medicine at the Guthrie campus of The Commonwealth Medical College. He is a graduate of the Armed Forces Medical College in India. He completed his residency and served as Chief Resident in the internal medicine residency program at Robert Packer Hospital. Dr. Singh completed his fellowship in cardiovascular disease and served as chief fellow at Robert Packer Hospital as well.



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