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Orthopaedic Surgeon Joins CMA

Ian Weber, M.D., has joined Creighton Medical Associates as an orthopaedic surgeon in the Department of Surgery at Creighton University Medical Center. He will also serve as an assistant professor of surgery at Creighton University School of Medicine.

Dr. Weber was an attending physician for orthopaedics at Sanford Health System in Fargo, N.D., as well as a clinical professor at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks. He earned his medical degree in 2000 from University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio. He completed a residency in orthopaedics at University of Texas Health Science Center, a fellowship in joint reconstruction/trauma at Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis, and a fellowship in complex joint reconstruction at Creighton University Medical Center in Omaha.

Agrawal Gets $2.58 million NIH Grant to Restenosis

Creighton University researcher Devendra K. Agrawal, Ph.D., has received a $2.58 million, four-year grant from the National Institutes of Health to explore a potential new treatment for a problem that plagues many cardiovascular disease patients – re-narrowing of the coronary arteries after angioplasty and the implantation of stents.

Study co-investigators are Michael G. Del Core, M.D., chief of interventional cardiology and William J. Hunter III, M.D., professor of pathology, at Creighton University.

Rowen Zetterman, M.D., dean of Creighton University School of Medicine, said the study is noteworthy for its potential impact on cardiac care as well as the interdisciplinary collaboration.

“Too often, there is a lack of collaboration between basic scientists in the laboratory and clinician researchers who actually treat patients,” he said. This collaboration is critical to the Creighton School of Medicine’s goal to translate cutting-edge, scientific medical discovery into clinical applications that benefit real patients.” Read more

Tu Earns Early Excellence Research Award from Asthma Foundation

Yaping Tu, Ph.D., associate professor of pharmacology at Creighton University School of Medicine, has received a $450,000 Early Excellence Award from the American Asthma Foundation.

Dr. Tu was one of only 11 researchers out of 381 applications to receive 2011 funding from the foundation. The awards are made to investigators not previously involved in asthma research.
who are pursuing highly innovative, cutting-edge research to bring new understanding to and treatments for diseases of the lung.  Read more

Professional Milestones

**Henry Nipper, Ph.D.**, has been appointed chair of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s Center for Devices and Radiologic Health Panel on Clinical Chemistry and Toxicology Devices for a four-year term ending on Feb. 28, 2015.

Dr. Nipper, director of clinical chemistry and toxicology at Creighton University Medical Center and professor of pathology in Creighton University School of Medicine, will oversee a 10-member panel that provides independent, professional expertise on the development, safety and effectiveness of in-vitro devices used in clinical laboratory testing for toxicology, clinical chemistry, endocrinology and oncology. The panel conducts public hearings and makes recommendations to the Food and Drug Administration, which determines all final decisions but usually adheres to the recommendations of its expert panels.

**Jim Bothmer**, associate vice president for Health Sciences and director of the Health Sciences Library, has been appointed to the Council of Academic Societies. The council is one of three leadership councils of the Association of Academic Medical Centers, along with the Council of Deans and the Council of Teaching Hospitals and Health Systems.

CAS is a forum for discussing and exchanging information of common interest to medical school faculty and for evaluating and recommending policy initiatives to AAMC.

**Kathryn Dey Huggett, Ph.D.**, assistant dean for medical education for Creighton University School of Medicine, has been elected president of the Society of Directors of Research in Medical Education.

Huggett, who also serves as Creighton's director of medical education development and assessment and associate professor of medicine.

The Society of Directors of Research in Medical Education is a national organization that provides leadership in medical education. It is a member academic society of the Council of Academic Societies, one of three leadership councils of the Association of American Medical Colleges.

Conference to Explore Ethics of Human Tissue Research

Members of the Creighton University faculty and others will speak at “The Use of Human Tissue and Public Trust: The Chasm Between Science and Ethics,” an upcoming conference sponsored by Creighton’s Center for Health Policy and Ethics and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Research Integrity.

The conference will take place Monday, Sept. 19, 8 a.m.- 4 p.m., in the Ahmanson Ballroom at Creighton’s Harper Center, 602 N. 20 St., in Omaha. It is free and open to the public. Registration is online at http://chpe.creighton.edu. Read more
Prize-winning Author Skloot’s Book on Henrietta lacks

Prize-winning science writer Rebecca Skloot, author of “The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks”, will speak at the 21st Women & Health Lecture, sponsored by Creighton University’s Center for Health Policy and Ethics.

Her lecture will take place at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 6, at the Orpheum Theater. There will be a book signing following the lecture.

The event is free to the public. However, online registration is required at http://chpe.creighton.edu. For more information, call 402.280.2017.

To date, more than 1,400 people have registered for the event. Read more

Alpha Sigma Nu/Thomas Timothy Smith Lecture on Sept. 28

John P. Curtin, M.D., an internationally recognized gynecologic oncologist and president of the Society of Gynecologic Oncologists,, will speak on “A Physician’s Reflection on Education: Lifelong Learning” on Wednesday, Sept. 28, at Creighton University.

He will be the guest speaker for the 53rd Annual Alpha Sigma Nu and 22nd Annual Thomas Timothy Smith, M.D., Inaugural Week Joint Lecture. The event, which is free to the public, will be held at 6 p.m. at the Mike and Josie Harper Center, 602 N. 20 St. A 7 p.m. reception will follow. Seating is limited, and early arrival is recommended.

Dr. Curtin, who earned his undergraduate and medical degrees at Creighton University and a master’s in business administration at Columbia University, is associate director for academic affairs and education at the Clinical Cancer Institute at New York University’s Langone Medical Center. He is also a professor of obstetrics and gynecology and associate director of NYU School of Medicine’s Division of Gynecologic Oncology.

He is the lead author or co-author of more than 100 printed articles and has co-authored five textbooks and twelve textbook chapters on gynecologic oncology.

Orthopedic Neurology Unit to Hold Open House on Sept. 22

There will be a Sept. 22 open house and ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the completion of the new Orthopedic Neurology Unit on the fifth floor of Creighton University Medical Center. The unit includes an occupational/physical therapy gym, video EEG monitoring system, an easy-lift system and more.

The ribbon cutting will be held at 3 p.m., followed by the open house and self-guided tours. Physician tours will be offered 5:30-6:30 p.m. To RSVP, call 402.449.5007.

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