Six Physicians Join CMA

Creighton Medical Associates welcomes six physicians to its team; the appointments were effective July 1. They are:

**Savio Reddymasu, M.B.B.S.**, has joined Creighton Medical Associates as a gastroenterologist practicing at multiple hospitals. He will also serve as assistant professor of medicine and director of the endoscopic ultrasound program at Creighton University School of Medicine.

His areas of clinical interest include general gastroenterology, pancreatic and biliary disorders and gastrointestinal motility disorders, as well as advanced endoscopy, including ERCP, EUS, endoscopic mucosal resection, endoluminal stenting and more.

Reddymasu completed an internship in internal medicine/pediatrics at Creighton University Medical Center, an internal medicine residency at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, and gastroenterology and advanced endoscopy fellowships at University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City, Kan. He earned his bachelor of medicine/bachelor of surgery degree from Kasturba Medical College in Mangalore, India.

Reddymasu is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine in internal medicine and gastroenterology. In 2007, he was named the Centocor Scholar in Gastroenterology – Southern Section of the American Federation for Medical Research.

His areas of research include gastrointestinal motility disorders and endoscopy outcome, and he is well published on these subjects.

To arrange an appointment, call 402.449.4692 or visit findyourphysician.com.

**Vithyalakshmi Selvaraj, M.B.B.S.**, has joined Creighton University School of Medicine as a psychiatrist practicing at Omaha VA Medical Center.

Her research interests include major depression, substance use, women’s mental health, schizophrenia and posttraumatic stress disorder. She is the co-author of “Psychopharmacology: 500 Questions to Help You Pass the Board,” a book manuscript that has been accepted by Lippincott Williams and Wilkins.

She was recently awarded funding from Creighton University’s LB-692 allotment for her research on “Influence of DRD4 Genotype on Smoking Cessation with Duloxetine.” Co-investigators are William Marcil, M.D., and Imad Alsakaf, M.D.
Selvaraj completed residencies in psychiatry at the Creighton University/University of Nebraska’s Psychiatry Residency Program, where she earned the Star Resident Award in 2009, and at North West Wales NHS Trust hospitals in Bangor, Wales, U.K. She earned her bachelor of medicine/bachelor of surgery degree from Stanley Medical College in Chennai, India.

She is a classical dancer and holds a degree in the ancient Indian cultural dance form called Bharatnatyam.

Nicholas Dietz, M.D., has joined the Department of Pathology at Creighton University School of Medicine as an assistant professor and researcher.

His research interests include graft-versus-host disease and pancreaticobiliary cancer.

Dietz completed a fellowship in gastrointestinal pathology and a residency in pathology, serving as chief resident at Medical College of Wisconsin. He earned his medical degree from University of Nebraska Medical Center in 2006.

Dietz is certified by the American Board of Pathology – Anatomic and Clinical Pathology. He is a member of College of American Pathologists, American Society of Clinical Pathology, and United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology.

Sharidan Parr, M.D., has joined Creighton Medical Associates as a hospitalist. She will also serve as an instructor of medicine at Creighton University School of Medicine and provide post-hospital care at the Creighton Medical Associates Internal Medicine Clinic.

Parr earned her medical degree in 2005 from Creighton University School of Medicine. She completed her internal medicine residency at Creighton University Medical Center. She also was a research fellow at the Creighton Diabetes Center, where she was a sub-investigator in clinical drug trials involving the treatment of diabetes, diabetic neuropathy, nephropathy and hypertension and cared for patients with endocrine disorders.

She is a member of American College of Physicians.

Pallavi Bellamkonda, M.B.B.S., has joined Creighton Medical Associates Internal Medicine Clinic as a hospitalist. She will also serve as an assistant professor of medicine at Creighton University School of Medicine and provide post-hospital care at Creighton Medical Associates Internal Medicine Clinic.

She previously was a hospitalist for two years at St. Mary’s Hospital in Blue Springs, Mo.

Bellamkonda completed her residency in internal medicine at Creighton University Medical Center in 2009. She holds a bachelor of medicine/bachelor of surgery degree from St. John’s Medical College in Bangalore, India, and a master of science in exercise physiology from University of Texas, Arlington.

She is an associate member of the American College of Physicians. Her hobbies include basketball, playing the violin, reading and traveling.
Charles Youngblood, M.D., has joined Creighton Medical Associates as an anesthesiologist at Creighton University Medical Center. He will also serve as an assistant professor in the Department of Anesthesiology at Creighton University School of Medicine.

Youngblood earned his medical degree from Creighton University and completed an anesthesiology residency at Naval Hospital Portsmouth (Va.). He is certified by the American Board of Anesthesiology.

Most recently, Youngblood was an anesthesiologist with Naval Hospital Jacksonville (Fla.). Prior to that, he served on a U.S. naval forward surgical team in Afghanistan.

Vineyard Concert to Benefit Magis Clinic

As part of its summer concert series, Slattery Vintage Estates is teaming with Creighton School of Medicine’s Magis Clinic for a day filled with live music, wine, beer and food, 1-8 p.m. on Sunday, July 31, at the Nehawka, Neb., vineyard. There is a $20 cover charge, all of which will go to support Magis Clinic. The outpatient clinic, organized in 2004 by Creighton medical students, offers free, walk-in health services to Omaha’s homeless, uninsured and underinsured.

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