

ENDOSCOPY INSIGHTS



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We Are Always Looking For The Following:

- Endoscopy tips
- Personal information (births, family news, etc.)
- Accomplishments
- Presentations and publications
- Calendar events (courses, etc.)
- Publications

Send information for inclusion to Krevsky@temple.edu

ENDOSCOPY PROFILE: CHRISTOPHER KLEEMAN, MD

The physicians performing endoscopy in the Ambulatory Care Center have been changing over the past year. In addition to new Temple faculty, we also have some physicians from Temple Physicians, Inc. (TPI) and surgeons using the facility. Dr. Chris Kleeman is one of the TPI staff who is occasionally seen in the endoscopy suite.

With the closing of TUHS' Northeastern Hospital, the patients are being cared for here at Temple University Hospital by the former Northeastern staff. Chris is one of the gastroenterologists who has come over to perform these services. (The other gastroenterologist is Dr. Cherag Daruwala).

Chris grew up in Brookline, Massachusetts and Kennebunk, Maine. He graduated from Yale University in 1995 with a degree in English Language and Literature and then went to medical school

at Tufts University. After an Internal Medicine residency at New York University, he completed a Gastroenterology fellowship at Drexel University in 2008. He then joined the medical staff at Northeastern Hospital and TPI. He is board certified in Gastroenterology and Internal Medicine.

While a fellow, he conducted research on Bleeding Rectal Varices, ERCP and MRCP in the pre-op evaluation of liver transplant donors, and Rectal Vancomycin for Severe Clostridium Difficile Infection.

Chris currently sees outpatients in his office at 2230 East Allegheny Avenue, but will soon be moving to new offices in the former Northeastern Hospital. He performs outpatient procedures at the



endoscopy suite at Northeastern, and inpatient procedures here at Temple.

When not scoping, he is an avid skier and enjoys running, weekend trips to New York, the Philadelphia restaurant scene, and playing with his 11-month daughter. His wife, Angela Meyer, is a third-year Temple E.R. resident

RESEARCH AWARDS FOR FELLOWS AT PSG

Temple fellows swept the prizes at the Pennsylvania Society of Gastroenterology annual meeting at the Nema-colin Woodlands Resort in Farmington, Pa., October 2-4, 2009.

First prize was won by

Zeeshan Ramzan for his poster entitled "Use of continuous glucose monitoring during gastric emptying scintigraphy".

Second prize was won by Jitha Rai, for her poster on GERD in minority populations.

Priyanka Sachdeva won third prize, with her poster "Value of liquid gastric emptying in addition to solid gastric emptying for the evaluation of gastroparesis".

Congratulations to the fellows and their mentors!

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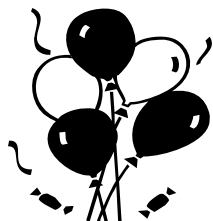
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Honored for 2009-2010

- Paul Bandini, MD
- Martin Black, MD
- Robert Fisher, MD
- Frank Friedenber, MD
- Benjamin Krevsky, MD
- Larry Miller, MD
- Henry Parkman, MD
- Joel Richter, MD

Happy Birthday!



We're sorry if we missed your birthday in the print version of the newsletter. If we missed you, please let Helen Greenberg know so she can add you to our official birthday list. Her phone number is 215-707-3433.

LIVER TRANSPLANTATION AT TEMPLE

Although it is not really "new" news, it is important to note that Temple University Hospital received approval from the PA Department of Health to perform Liver Transplants in January, 2009. Since that time, 12 successful transplants have been performed.

Temple is one of only two academic medical centers in

Philadelphia to perform comprehensive, multi-disciplinary transplantation services for all solid organs—heart, lung, liver, kidney and pancreas.

Under the leadership of Ashokkumar Jain, MD, Martin Black, MD, Santiago Munoz, MD, and Vishal Patel, MD, the Temple team has been treating a large

number of patients with chronic liver disease. Approval of the transplant program provides additional therapies to these often critically ill patients.



Honored for 2009

- Santiago Munoz, MD
- Joel Richter, MD

ONGOING RESEARCH STUDIES

Investigators can advertise their ongoing clinical trials here for free — but they must give the information to Dr. Krevsky for inclusion!

This is a great way to let everyone know what kind of research subjects

are needed, what the inclusion criteria are, and who to contact to get the patient enrolled.



ENDOSCOPY TIP

Did you know?....

...that we have the new circumferential Argon Plasma Coagulation (APC) catheters? In many clinical situations, these circumferential tips provide an easier method to apply APC than the straight fire tips. They fan out the pattern of plasma more than straight fire, but also are better at seeking and finding a target when you are tangential to the lesion. We have eliminated the side-fire catheters. However, the straight fire catheters are still available, and are good for tissue ablation, and accurate application of APC energy in radiation proctopathy and other situations.



View of “Room 1”, used for endoscopic ultrasound, ERCP, dilatations, and general procedures

PUBLICATION SPOTLIGHT

Vegesna AK, Chung CY, Bajaj A, Tiwana MI, Rishikesh R, Hamid I, Kalra A, Korimilli A, Patel S, Mammooon R, Riaz J, Miller LS. *Gastrointest. Endosc.* 2009 Sep;70(3):407-13.

Minimally invasive measurement of esophageal variceal pressure and wall tension.

BACKGROUND: There is no simple method to measure intravariceal pressure in patients with esophageal varices.

OBJECTIVE: Our purpose was to develop a new noninvasive technique to measure resting intravariceal pressure and wall tension.

CONCLUSION: Standard

endoscopy with air insufflation and ma-



nometry can be used as an accurate, simple, and reproducible method to measure intravariceal pressure.

(see the full article for more details)



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