Temple to Implant Total Artificial Heart

One of the world’s most advanced medical devices for end-stage heart failure patients will soon be available at Temple University Hospital. Later this fall, Temple physicians will be certified to implant the SynCardia temporary Total Artificial Heart. Currently, only 32 adult hospitals in the United States are certified to implant the device.

Originally used as a permanent replacement heart, the Total Artificial Heart is currently approved as a “bridge to transplant” for people with end-stage heart failure affecting both ventricles, known as biventricular failure.

Similar to a transplant, the Total Artificial Heart replaces both failing heart ventricles and the four heart valves, eliminating the symptoms and source of end-stage biventricular failure. The immediate, high volume of blood flow provided by the device helps vital organs recover faster and makes patients better transplant candidates.

“The Total Artificial Heart adds an important dimension to what we can offer to heart failure patients,” says René Alvarez Jr., MD, Vice Chair of Cardiology and Medical Director of the Heart Failure/Cardiac Transplant Program at Temple. “Soon after implantation, it’s common to see patients turn from sickly gray to a healthier pink as blood flow is restored to their bodies and their organs begin to recover.”

The Total Artificial Heart consists of two biocompatible plastic ventricles with four valves. The device—which doesn’t require sensors, motors or electronics of any type inside the body—is powered with pulses of air and vacuum provided by an external device called a driver.

Temple patients who receive the Total Artificial Heart will be eligible to use the Freedom® portable driver, a 13.5-pound wearable power supply that allows patients to easily move around. Using Freedom, many patients can leave the hospital and resume normal activities at home while they wait for a matching donor heart. Previously, patients had to remain in the hospital because they were attached to a 418-pound driver the size of a washing machine.

“Patients who require the Total Artificial Heart are the sickest of the sick… those who have no other treatment options and cannot wait any longer for a donor heart,” says Yoshiya Toyoda, MD, PhD, Vice Chief of Cardiothoracic Surgery, Surgical Director of Heart and Lung Transplantation, and Surgical Director of Mechanical Circulatory Support. “Both sides of their heart are failing to pump enough blood to sustain their body and their organs are beginning to shut down.”

Politics & Hurricanes

On Tuesday, November 6, we will cast our votes to decide who will be President of the United States for the next four years.

During the past few months leading up to Election Day, I have been asked frequently how Temple plans to respond to the changes that will affect our healthcare enterprise, depending on who sits in the Oval Office.

My answer has been, and continues to be, that Temple Health will thrive in the coming years and decades, regardless of who wins the election, because the transformational efforts we launched 18 months ago have set the stage for our future viability. Indeed, all of our forecasts and projections—for our clinical, educational and research efforts—have been built on the premise that we will continue to provide quality services at a cost that does not compromise our standards of quality.

There are, of course, significant differences in the platforms of both presidential candidates… and those differences will result in differing degrees of impact on our reimbursement structures and funding opportunities. But none of those differences will alter our fundamental vision of who we are and what we must provide in terms of quality patient care, quality medical education, and quality research discoveries.

I urge each and every one of you to vote your conscience next Tuesday… and to continue to perform in your job at an exceptional level as we forge ahead to become one of the nation’s premier academic medical centers.

I also would like to acknowledge and thank you for your herculean efforts in responding effectively to the challenge that Mother Nature...
Politics & Hurricanes

sent our way earlier this week in the form of Hurricane Sandy. Fortunately, all of our students, staff, faculty, physicians, and patients remained safe from harm ... and our facilities sustained no major damage.

The rapid and responsible implementation of Emergency Preparedness Plans at our hospitals and medical school ensured our ability to face the storm with confidence ... and demonstrated, once again, our ability to weather any storm – be it physical or political.

Larry R. Kaiser, MD, FACS
Senior Executive Vice President for Health Sciences, Temple University Dean, Temple University School of Medicine President & CEO, Temple University Health System

Symposium to Celebrate Two Esteemed Fox Chase Cancer Center Scientists

On November 1 and 2, Fox Chase Cancer Center will host a symposium on its campus to celebrate the lifetime achievements of two of the Center’s veteran researchers: Beatrice Mintz, PhD, and Alfred G. Knudson Jr., MD, PhD. The symposium will feature twelve internationally recognized speakers from around the country who will come together to honor the two scientists, both of whom, over their long tenures at Fox Chase, made seminal discoveries that have revolutionized the way modern scientists study cancer.

In the 1960s, Dr. Mintz produced the first genetically modified mice, enabling scientists to identify links between development and cancer and explore the biology of cancer over the lifetime of an animal. The two mouse models that Mintz developed — chimeric and transgenic — became important tools for future scientists to study many different types of cancer. Her work also shaped the current understanding of stem cell behavior and its role in cancer development.

In April, the American Association for Cancer Research honored Mintz with its annual Award for Lifetime Achievement in Cancer Research.

Dr. Knudson came to Fox Chase in 1976 as Director of the Institute for Cancer Research. His internationally recognized "two-hit" theory of cancer causation explains the relationship between the hereditary and non-hereditary forms of cancer and predicted the existence of tumor suppressor genes that can restrain cancer cell growth. The theory has advanced understanding of errors in the genetic program that turn normal cells into cancer cells. In recognition of his groundbreaking work, Knudson was awarded an Albert Lasker Award for Clinical Medical Research in 1998 and the 2004 Kyoto Prize in basic sciences.

Both Mintz and Knudson are still active researchers at Fox Chase, with Mintz holding the Jack Schultz Chair in Basic Science and serving as a principal investigator in the Cancer Biology program, and Knudson acting as a Senior Advisor to the President.

TUSM Executive Dean Meets the Press at City Hall

Arthur M. Feldman, MD, PhD. Executive Dean of Temple University School of Medicine, spoke at Philadelphia City Hall on behalf of the Philadelphia CeaseFire program, an anti-gun violence intervention program based in the medical school’s Center for Bioethics, Urban Health and Policy.

Dr. Feldman was on hand for the announcement that Philadelphia is receiving a $1.5 million federal grant to combat youth violence. A large portion of that money will be used to expand CeaseFire, which strives to reduce gun violence through active intervention from community members. “We acknowledge, along with many medical and health professionals across the country, that violence is a health epidemic,” said Dr. Feldman.

Dr. Feldman speaking at City Hall on behalf of the Philadelphia CeaseFire program.
Biomedical Research Day at Temple
A Mingling of Minds among TUSM and Fox Chase Researchers

Hundreds of scientists, clinicians, administrators, postdoctoral researchers, graduate students and visitors filled the Medical Education and Research Building's Luo Auditorium September 21 for the First Annual Temple Biomedical Research Day, an all-day event aimed at showcasing research at Temple University School of Medicine (TUSM) and Fox Chase Cancer Center.

Three investigators – Roland Dunbrack, PhD, Wen-Zhe Ho, MD, MPH, and Hong Wang, MD, PhD – each received an award for Senior Research Excellence, while three others — Stefania Gallucci, PhD, Jonathan Soboloff, PhD, and Alana O’Reilly, PhD — took home Early Research Investigator Award honors.

Dr. Dunbrack, Professor in the Developmental Therapeutics Program at Fox Chase Cancer Center, explained how his computational structural biology group uses various software, algorithms, databases and more to predict the structure and behavior of proteins—which can have important implications in biology and medicine. Dr. Ho, Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at TUSM, is seeking new ways to trigger/activate the innate immune responses that can control and perhaps eliminate Hepatitis C Virus and HIV viruses in their host cells. Dr. Wang, Professor of Pharmacology at TUSM, discussed her team’s work in understanding the mechanisms underlying hyperhomocysteinemia, which is a major risk factor for cardiovascular disease.

Temple endocrinologist Guenther Boden, MD, received a special Lifetime Achievement Award. Three postdoctoral researchers and three graduate students were also given awards for outstanding research poster presentations. All of the day’s honorees presented their work to an audience of peers and mentors.

Arthur Feldman, MD, PhD, Executive Dean of TUSM, and Chief Academic Officer of Temple University Health System, emphasized the opportunity for potential collaborations between Temple and Fox Chase researchers and clinicians who attended the event. “If even one of you is walking by a poster, and thinks about research results or a technology, and has an ‘A-Ha!’ moment that might lead to a collaboration — that’s the type of success we want to see from this meeting,” he said.
Women’s Center at Elkins Park Opened

Temple Health is continuing its expansion into the surrounding region with the opening of Women’s Care at Elkins Park. Conveniently located on the Salus University campus on Old York Road, Women’s Care at Elkins Park brings together a host of primary-care and specialty services for women in a one-stop environment.

"Women’s Care has the look, feel and convenience of a private group practice," says Rosalind Kaplan, MD, Medical Director of Women’s Care. "Women often put the medical needs of their families first, leaving little time for their own care. Our goal was to bring together many of the physicians and services women need under one roof and make it as accessible as possible."

Services offered at Women’s Care include primary care, gynecology, urogynecology, gastroenterology, urology, psychology, nutritional counseling, digital mammography (with private changing/waiting rooms), diagnostic ultrasound, bone density screening, and blood draw.

Healthcare providers at Women’s Care are a mix of Temple physicians and private practice physicians on the Jeanes Hospital medical staff.

Women’s Care at Elkins Park is a concept long championed by Linda Grass, President and CEO of nearby Jeanes Hospital. “Because Women’s Care at Elkins Park is less than three miles from Jeanes Hospital, we are able to create a seamless continuum of care that gives women access to quality care that is also convenient,” says Grass. “The model that we’ve developed here definitely fills a need for women in our area.”

Women’s Care is located at 8380 Old York Road, just south of Township Line Road in Suite 100 of the Breyer Office Park. The office is open Monday through Friday and parking is free.

For more information about Women’s Care at Elkins Park or to schedule an appointment, call 215-517-5000 or visit http://www.templehealthwomens.org.

Dr. Larry Kaiser’s Keynote Speech Frames Panel Discussion on Health Reform

Larry R. Kaiser, MD, FACS, Dean and President/CEO of Temple’s healthcare enterprise, was the keynote speaker at a panel-discussion on the future of healthcare that took place at Ursinus College on October 9th. In his address, Dr. Kaiser noted that recent estimates project a shortage of 150,000 physicians in the next 15 years within the United States. “Health care will not succeed without more physicians,” he said, while adding that medicine will be more of a “team sport” in the future.

The evening’s program addressed a wide spectrum of issues — including the expected imbalance between increased demand for primary-care services and capacity of the health system to deliver; ways in which consumers need to think differently about their own health during the healthcare system’s transition to a wellness/prevention model; and ongoing quality, cost, and access challenges in an era of health reform.

Dr. Kaiser joined fellow panelists Dr. Steven M. Altschuler, CEO of The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia; Dr. Robert Sing, staff physician, Springfield Hospital and Crozer Chester Medical Center; Karl Stark, health and science editor for The Philadelphia Inquirer; Kevin Flynn, owner of HealthCare Advocates Inc.; and Rebecca Jaroff, associate professor of English, Ursinus College, who acted as moderator.
State-of-the Art Intravenous Infusion Pumps at TUH

Recently, TUH rolled out an important quality-care enhancement: the replacement of all 650 of TUH’s IV infusion pumps with the new, state-of-the-art Symbiq™ model. This investment is part of TUH’s ongoing commitment to improve patient care and patient safety.

These “next-generation” infusion pumps have many features that make them easier to set up, monitor and use safely to reduce the possibility of medication error.

The new units are specially designed to make it easier for clinicians to trace and manage intravenous lines; they have an easier-to-read data display; and they feature a unique alarm pattern that distinguishes them from other nearby medical devices — thereby alerting clinicians more effectively to conditions that require immediate attention to a patient’s medication infusion.

For future use, the new pumps are also designed to interface smoothly with electronic medical records (EMRs) and bar-coding — which will be beneficial to TUH once those initiatives are fully underway.

“The day-long replacement process went without a hitch, thanks to the well-coordinated teamwork of TUH nursing staff, as they moved unit-to-unit to seamlessly replace the old IV pumps with the new units,” said TUH Nurse Manager Jennifer Rodriguez, RN.

“Kudos to all the TUH nursing staff, Nursing Education and Administrative team, Pharmacy, Biomed, and IT for their time and professionalism in making this hospital-wide IV pump replacement effort run smoothly and successfully,” she added.

Temple Goes Hollywood!

TUH becomes “Twin Cities Memorial Hospital” for a Day

A new NBC medical drama scheduled to air next year selected Temple University Hospital and Temple University School of Medicine as locations to film several scenes for an upcoming episode. On October 13, the show filmed scenes inside the Medical Education and Research Building (MERB), the Parkinson Pavilion, and the Boyer Pavilion — which, for a day, became “Twin Cities Memorial Hospital.”

According to the producers, the show, called Do No Harm, is a modern-day Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde story in which the main character is a successful neurosurgeon struggling to keep his reckless alter-ego from taking over. Among the show’s actors are former Rescue Me star Stephen Pasquale, former Law & Order star Alana de la Garza, and Phylicia Rashad of The Cosby Show fame.

“The entire Temple staff was very welcoming and accommodating to the Hollywood producers and crew,” said Jeremy Walter, TUHS’s Media Relations Manager. “Thanks to a true team effort of everyone involved, the entire production — from set-up, to filming, to break-down — ran smoothly and efficiently,” he added.
Temple Health Teams Up with the Ed Snider Youth Hockey Foundation for Healthy Young Athletes

There was plenty of excitement and energy at the Wells Fargo Center on Sunday, October 21. It wasn’t because the Flyers or Sixers were playing inside or because the Eagles were playing across the street. It was all because of a very special event resulting from an exciting new partnership between Temple Health and the Ed Snider Youth Hockey Foundation.

The event – entitled: “Ed Snider Youth Hockey Foundation & Temple Health: Teaming Up for Healthy Young Athletes” – saw Temple physicians (supported by staff and other volunteers) providing free physical examinations to nearly 200 boys and girls, between 6 and 18 years old, who participate in Snider Hockey athletic and educational programs.

In keeping with the standards established by the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association, the exams included a battery of physical checks – including height, weight, vision, heart and lung, and musculoskeletal screenings. The majority of the kids were cleared to play; but, in some cases, Temple physicians identified health issues that will need to be addressed with follow-up care.

On hand for the event was Larry Kaiser, MD, FACS, Dean and President/CEO of Temple’s healthcare enterprise, who emphasized the importance of such physicals for young athletes. “Early detection is the best path to preventing or successfully treating a health risk or clinical problem,” he said. “Our doctors were able to identify potential problems that will require immediate follow up, and we will make sure that the kids, with their parents or guardians, get to the right specialists.”

Ed Snider, Chairman of Comcast-Spectacor and Founder of the Ed Snider Youth Hockey Foundation, attended the event and expressed his pleasure with the partnership. “We are happy to be able to provide these youngsters with check-ups before they play; these children don’t have primary care physicians, so they otherwise would not be afforded such an opportunity.”

While waiting for their physicals, the youngsters were treated to a variety of entertainment– including face-painting, a balloon artist, and a special visit from “Hooter the Owl,” Temple’s sports mascot.

“This is an event that demonstrates the commitment of Temple Health and Snider Hockey to our communities and the families who live in them,” added Dr. Kaiser. “We are proud to partner with Snider Hockey to focus on the health of these young boys and girls.”
When retired Temple Police Commander Ike Johnstone learned that his son, Lance, was chosen to be inducted into the Temple University Athletics Hall of Fame, he was ecstatic. He learned that Lance would be honored at an Induction Ceremony at Lincoln Financial Field right before a Big East game between Temple and University of South Florida – Homecoming, to boot.

A few weeks before the big day, though, Ike was admitted to Temple University Hospital for an infection.

“I was so depressed that I wouldn't be able to be there with my son and family on such an important day,” says Ike.

But Ike was under the care of T. Sloane Guy, MD, MBA, Chief of Cardiothoracic Surgery, who understood how important this event was to Ike and his family. “Dr. Guy is a former football player himself, and I think we developed a special rapport,” Ike reflects. “I could tell during our conversations that he made up his mind that he was going to make it happen – and that gave me great hope.”

Dr. Guy did indeed make it happen, by spearheading a truly multidisciplinary effort among TUH staff to see if Ike could safely attend Lance’s induction ceremony with his family and, if so, to make the arrangements for safe transport to and from Lincoln Financial Field.

Ike had already been discharged from TUH’s Cardiovascular Unit and admitted to the Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit, so the next step was for Patricia Irvine, MAOM, TUH’s Director of Rehabilitation Services, with the assistance of Tiffaney Randolph, MSN, CRNP, a nurse practitioner in TUH’s Cardiovascular Unit, to fine-tune Ike’s medical, rehab, and nursing needs during his brief leave from the rehab unit, and to address transport logistics.

Enter Thomas Kurtz, MHS, PA-C, NREMT-P, Associate Director for Emergency Services, Logistics and Specialty Care Transport at TUH and Temple Transport Team (T3), who arranged for Ike to be transported by Keystone Quality Transport at no charge, with the support of Keystone’s Executive Vice President Neil Brady.

On October 6, Ike arrived at Lincoln Financial Field in a wheelchair, accompanied by TUH Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation physician, Rick Nissley, DO. An oxygen tank and tubing were on hand just in case, but Ike never needed them. Ike’s healing wounds were carefully dressed, protected, and hidden under the shirt, blazer and slacks which he wore, but there was no hiding his joy at being able to join his wife, Ann, and the rest of his family on that beautiful Saturday morning.

During Lance’s induction speech, as Ike looked on in tears, Lance thanked his father for “working on me from Day One” to pursue his talent as a football player, and added, “I didn’t know if he would be able to make it here today. I’d like to thank Temple Hospital for making that happen.”

“We’ve been looking forward to this for two months. Dr. Guy gave me the will not to lose hope,” says Ike. “Temple Hospital — you did it!”
School Of Pharmacy “White Coat” Ceremony

In September, 158 members of the Class of 2016 received their white coats and school pins and recited the Oath of the Pharmacist during Temple University School of Pharmacy’s annual “White Coat” Ceremony. The event serves to welcome future pharmacists into the school and the pharmacy profession.

Alumnus Calvin Freedman, ’61, delivered the keynote address, titled “The Politics of Pharmacy,” and was honored with the 2012 Distinguished Pharmacist Practitioner Award.

Student awards included the 2012 United States Public Health Service Excellence in Public Health Pharmacy Practice Award, which was presented to Leda Ramoz, ’14, who founded the Medicinal Garden Alliance to promote natural product awareness and the benefits of a healthy lifestyle to the Philadelphia community. The Student Health Care Professional Award was awarded to student speaker Molly Hayes, ’13.

The ceremony also honored three Renzulli Scholars — third- and fourth-year students in good academic standing who have demonstrated excellent leadership skills: Gloria Espinosa, David Koren, Molly Hayes, and Nichole Yakobitis.

Temple Study Finds that Gastric Cancer’s Aggressiveness Not Necessarily a Factor in Outcome

Signet ring gastric cancer has long been thought by Western oncologists and surgeons to be extremely aggressive, with a worse prognosis than other forms of gastric cancer. Now, a new study by Temple researchers finds that this may not be true, and their findings may help change current thinking about how to treat the disease.

Using a large federal database of U.S. cancer patients, surgical oncologist Alliric Willis, MD, Assistant Professor of Surgery, and his colleagues reviewed records of more than 10,000 cases of gastric cancer. They found that patients with signet ring cancer didn’t fare any worse than those with the more common gastric adenocarcinoma. The researchers reported their findings in the Journal of Clinical Oncology.

Dr. Willis said the fact that patients with signet ring gastric cancer tend to be diagnosed at a later stage and with worse disease than those with gastric adenocarcinoma can affect treatment choices. Yet, the study showed that median survival was very similar between the two groups: patients with signet ring gastric cancer lived 14 months after diagnosis compared to 13 months for those with gastric adenocarcinoma.

“We found that stage for stage — meaning patients at the same stage of disease, whether signet cell cancer or gastric adenocarcinoma — should continue to be treated with standard surgery and chemotherapy and expect the same outcome,” he said. “That’s very important for the surgeon to know.”
Samuel Spadone, DPM, Assistant Dean of Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine (TUSPM), recently visited Wenzhou Medical College, in eastern China, to sign an affiliation agreement between the School of Podiatric Medicine and Wenzhou College to establish goodwill and cooperation between the two institutions. “My hosts were very warm and friendly,” said Dr. Spadone, of his time at Wenzhou Medical College. “I couldn’t go anywhere on campus without seeing an electronic billboard welcoming me. Everyone seemed genuinely interested in my perspectives, and we had a good exchange of ideas.”

The affiliation agreement was the culmination of a series of e-mail exchanges between Dr. Spadone and Xiaoming Chen, MD, Vice President of Wenzhou, who had visited Temple earlier to explore a possible collaboration – especially one that would assist Chinese podiatry experts in treating the larger numbers of patients they expect to see in the future with lower-extremity complications.

Indeed, Wenzhou College marked the occasion of Dr. Spadone’s visit with the official inauguration of a comprehensive Foot & Ankle Service. “A slightly larger segment of the Chinese population suffers from diabetes than in the U.S., and the estimated fraction of those whose diabetes is undiagnosed is greater still,” explains Dr. Spadone. “More diabetes, especially undiagnosed diabetes, is expected to lead to a proportional increase in lower-extremity complications. Our colleagues in Wenzhou are interested in learning a comprehensive approach to lower-extremity pathologies.”

Currently, Dr. Spadone is developing a program to allow doctors from Wenzhou to come to Temple to observe lower-extremity care as it is practiced here. “Our friends in Wenzhou have an appreciation for what we may be able to offer, and I’d like them to have the opportunity to take something back for their patients,” he said.

Dr. Samuel Spadone (left) shakes hands with Dr. Xiaoming Chen after signing an affiliation agreement.

Temple Podiatry Expands Footprint in China

Recognitions

New Chief of Thoracic Surgery

Abbas El-Sayed Abbas, MD, MS, has been appointed Associate Professor of Surgery at Temple University School of Medicine and Chief of Thoracic Surgery at Temple University Hospital. Dr. Abbas comes to Temple from the Ochsner Clinic in New Orleans, where he was Director and Chief of Thoracic Surgery.

Dr. Abbas specializes in minimally invasive and robotic thoracic surgery, including robotic lobectomy for lung cancer and totally endoscopic robotic esophagectomy — a procedure that is only provided at a few select hospitals nationwide. His other areas of specialization include endoscopic procedures for gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), esophageal and bronchial stents, laser endoscopy, and cryoendoscopy. His research interests include outcomes-based research in robotic surgery, gene therapy for esophageal and lung cancer, and transplant immunology.

New Director of the Institute of Interventional Medicine

Howard A. Cohen, MD, has been appointed Professor of Medicine and Director of the Institute of Interventional Medicine at Temple University School of Medicine, and Director of Interventional Cardiology and the Cardiac Catheterization Laboratories at Temple University Hospital. Dr. Cohen comes to Temple from Lenox Hill Hospital in New York, NY, where he was Director of the Division of Cardiac Intervention, and Co-Director of Cardiovascular Interventional Laboratories.

Board certified in Cardiology, Dr. Cohen is a recognized pioneer in the area of interventional cardiology. He was one of the first cardiologists to perform angioplasty in the United States and is one of the most experienced physicians in the country in radial artery access for diagnostic and interventional procedures.

Dr. Cohen’s other clinical and research interests include improving patient outcomes with radial artery access, high-risk angioplasty, cardiogenic shock, reperfusion injury and myocardial infarction size reduction, and structural heart disease intervention.

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Temple Cardiologist Wins Prestigious Award for Heart Failure Research

Emily J. Tsai, MD, Assistant Professor of Medicine and Physiology at Temple University School of Medicine and a specialist in advanced heart failure and transplant cardiology, has won the Jay N. Cohn New Investigator Award in Basic Science. Dr. Tsai received the award at the 16th annual meeting of the Heart Failure Society of America (HFSA) meeting held recently in Seattle.

Dr. Tsai’s research team is examining how heart drugs called beta blockers may help to regulate an important signaling pathway in heart cells and improve the survival of patients with heart failure. Her team’s preliminary results suggest a potential target for new heart failure therapies.

Pharmacology Professor appointed to Merit Review Board

Domenico Praticò, MD, Professor of Pharmacology in the Temple University School of Medicine’s Center for Translational Medicine, has been appointed to the Department of Veterans Affairs Rehabilitation Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board. As a board member, Dr. Praticò will provide advice on the scientific quality, budget, safety and mission relevance of investigator-initiated research proposals submitted for intramural funding at the VA. Funding is available for studies that prove both scientifically meritorious and relevant to the health of veterans. Selected for his outstanding scientific credentials, Dr. Praticò will serve on the Panel for Aging and Neurodegenerative Disease through 2014.

School of Dentistry Professor Receives National Outstanding Educator Award

Allen F. Fielding, DMD, MD, MBA, Professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at Temple University Kornberg School of Dentistry, was awarded the Daniel M. Laskin Award for Outstanding Predoctoral Educators. The award, presented last month at the annual meeting of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS), recognizes Dr. Fielding as exemplifying the highest ideals of an educator.

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