

BUSH FOUNDATION AWARDS 2006 MEDICAL FELLOWSHIPS TO 12 PHYSICIANS FOCUSED ON IMPROVING COMMUNITIES

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Saint Paul, Minn. (May 26, 2006)—The Bush Foundation named 12 physicians from Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota as Bush Medical Fellows in May. These physicians will use their fellowships to develop skills to improve the health of their communities in the clinical areas of dermatology, emergency medicine, pain management, hypnosis and biofeedback, adolescent and child mental health, menopause, chronic fatigue and children with disabilities, among others. Seven of the new fellows are from the Twin Cities area; three are from Greater Minnesota; one from Fargo, N.D. and one from Salem, S.D.

The fellowships provide an opportunity for physicians to spend from three to 12 months learning new clinical and leadership skills. The fellowship pays a stipend, travel and educational expenses toward completion of a plan of study. Medical fellows are chosen because their new skills will fill an important medical need in the community. Since the program's inception in 1979, more than 250 medical fellows have been chosen from applicants in Minnesota, North and South Dakota, and northwestern Wisconsin to sharpen their skills, change their career directions and improve the health of their communities.

Bush Medical Fellows in the Twin Cities metropolitan area:

Dr. Amy Gilbert of Saint Paul is the medical director of the Family Tree Clinic in Saint Paul. She will acquire additional skills in the public health area in order to work more effectively in the nonprofit sector on issues involving women's reproductive health.

Dr. Jon Hallberg of Minneapolis is a specialist in family medicine and an assistant professor at the University of Minnesota Primary Care Center. Hallberg is also creative director of the University of Minnesota Center for Medical Humanities. Hallberg will focus on honing his health communications skills so that he can more effectively influence the health of the state, region and nation.

Dr. Linda Krach of Minneapolis practices pediatric rehabilitation medicine at Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare in Saint Paul. She also is director of

research administration at Gillette. Her fellowship goal is to have a positive impact on the lives of children with disabilities by improving the education of medical residents and developing an understanding of qualitative research.

Dr. June LaValleur of Minneapolis is an associate professor in the University of Minnesota's Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Women's Health. She will work to improve the healthcare of menopausal women by developing a web-based curriculum and enhancing her writing abilities.

Dr. Elena Polukhin of Maplewood is the rehabilitation medical director at the Primary Care and Rehabilitation Clinics in Saint Louis Park and adjunct clinical professor in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the University of Minnesota Medical School. Her goal is to develop leadership and policy expertise in order to lead a nonprofit group that will provide medical services to Twin Cities' immigrants from post-communist Eastern European countries.

Dr. Laurie Radovsky of Saint Paul practices at the United Family Practice Health Center, a family practice residency program and community-oriented primary care clinic in Saint Paul. She will use her fellowship to create and distribute evidence-based protocols to treat fibromyalgia and chronic fatigue syndrome; she will also improve her skills in mind-body medicine and chronic pain management.

Dr. Jane Wilkens of Stillwater is a family practice physician at Stillwater Medical Group in Stillwater, Minn. She will study chronic pain management.

Bush Medical Fellows in Greater Minnesota:

Dr. Catherine Davis of Mankato is a pediatrician at the Mankato Clinic. She will study dermatology to increase her knowledge of skin anatomy, pathophysiology, dermatological diseases and identification of dermatological diseases and procedures.

Dr. Dawn Ellison of Saint Peter is an emergency physician practicing at Immanuel St. Josephs-Mayo Health Systems in Mankato. Her goal is to design, study and become skilled at respectful peer communications and to acquire the skills to teach and coach other providers in respectful communications.

Dr. Janene Glyn of Hastings is a pediatrician with the Regina Medical Group in Hastings. She will focus her fellowship work on alternative methods of preventing and healing the mental health problems of children and adolescents.

Bush Medical Fellow in North Dakota:

Dr. Rachel M. Fleissner of Fargo, N.D. is the medical director and child and adolescent psychiatrist at Prairie Saint Johns in Fargo. She will study hypnosis, biofeedback and other mind-body techniques to decrease the use of potentially harmful psychotropic medications.

Bush Medical Fellow in South Dakota:

Dr. Janet Lindemann of Salem, S.D. is the dean of medical student education at the Sanford School of Medicine and professor in the Department of Family Medicine at the University of South Dakota School of Medicine in Sioux Falls. She will use her fellowship to increase her understanding of the health care business environment in order to become more effective as a leader in medical education.

The Bush Foundation established the Bush Medical Fellows Program in 1979 to improve community health through the professional and personal development of selected physician leaders. Each year up to 15 physicians receive Bush Medical Fellowships, enabling them to take a leave of absence from their practices to pursue professional and personal goals that address the health needs of their communities. For more information, visit www.bushfoundation.org.

In addition to the Bush Medical Fellows Program, the Bush Foundation provides fellowships to artists and community leaders. The Foundation also makes grants to nonprofit organizations in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota in the areas of arts and culture, ecological health, education, and health and human services. The Foundation was established in 1953 by 3M executive Archibald Bush and his wife, Edyth, and is one of the largest, private independent foundations in the three-state region.