

## **Bush Foundation Selects 12 Medical Fellows for 2003**

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St. Paul, Minnesota— Seven Twin Cities physicians are among the Bush Medical Fellows chosen in 2003. Those selected include a doctor who wants to cross-train as a policeman; several who want more training in complementary, non-traditional medicine; and physicians who want to create more effective emergency services, AIDS treatment, and blood donation services.

The fellowships, made possible by the Bush Foundation, provide the opportunity for the physicians accepted to spend from three to twelve months learning new clinical and leadership skills. The fellowship pays a stipend, travel, and educational expenses. Medical Fellows are chosen because their new skills will help fill an important medical need in the community. Twelve physicians were chosen from the Bush region this year which includes Minnesota, North and South Dakota, and portions of Western Wisconsin.

### **FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS—TWIN CITIES AND SUBURBS**

**Dr. Jeff Ho, Minneapolis,** is an Emergency Medicine physician with Hennepin County Medical Center. He will attend the Center for Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University to become cross-trained and licensed as a physician/peace officer. Dual licensing will allow him to give full and unrestricted emergency care to patients who might be injured within a tactical police operation.

**Dr. Jed Gorlin, Hopkins,** will attend the Carlson School of Management and Harvard Business School to attain the management and business training necessary to help the Memorial Blood Centers of Minneapolis achieve its mission. Gorlin is a pediatrician specializing in

Hematology/Oncology, Blood Banking, and Transfusion Medicine.

**Dr. Merle Hillman, St. Louis Park,** is an Emergency Physician with United Hospital of St. Paul. He will take intensive training courses with Hennepin County Medical Center and the National Disaster Medical System to develop the personal expertise and administrative skills to be effective as a Disaster Management team leader and a leader in the community Emergency Medical System. He will also travel to Israel for site visits with the Israeli Emergency Medical Response Team.

**Dr. Kenneth Riff, Wayzata,** is specialist in Internal Medicine and an employee of Medtronic. He will travel to Hawaii to observe and train in methods of alternative medical care, including blended medicine, which integrates “high-touch” care with “high-tech” interventions. He will also learn to evaluate how a community-wide integrated research program can impact overall community health care.

**Dr. Susan Roe, Minneapolis,** a pathologist with Regina Medical Center in Hastings, will attend the Jesse E. Edwards Registry of Cardiovascular Pathology to develop the skills of a cardiovascular pathologist. She hopes to better understand the causes of cardiovascular disease and the effectiveness of treatments.

**Dr. Kay Schwebke, St. Paul,** is a physician specializing in Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases at Hennepin County Medical Center. Through self-study, mentoring, and site visits, Schwebke will become an expert in the management of persons infected with both HIV and the hepatitis C virus.

**Dr. Parin Winter, Plymouth,** is a physician specializing in Internal Medicine at the Hennepin Avenue Allina Medical Clinic. She will study acupuncture at the University of California-Irvine in order to enhance conventional medical skills in the treatment of pain.

#### **FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS—OUTSIDE THE TWIN CITIES**

**Dr. Kathleen Van De Walle, Aberdeen, SD,** is a Doctor of Osteopathy and a specialist in internal medicine who will work with the Fairview Pain Center and the Center for Spirituality and Healing at the University of Minnesota to develop clinical and interventional skills for managing pain and develop leadership skills.

**Dr. Denise Bonde, Rochester, MN,** a pediatrician at Olmsted Medical Center, will attend courses and conferences at the Mayo Clinic and the

University of Wisconsin as well as the University of Minnesota School of Public Health to obtain a master's degree in public health and develop new skills in the areas of allergy, asthma, immunology, and smoking cessation.

**Dr. Christopher Tashjian, River Falls, WI**, a Family Practice physician with the River Falls Medical Clinic, will study several surgical procedures, including C-sections, colonoscopies, and endoscopies with the staff at North Memorial Medical Center and the University of Wisconsin and complete a mini-MBA at the University of St. Thomas;

**Dr. Gary Carlson, Northfield, MN**, a Family Practitioner from the Allina Clinic in Northfield, will attend the Alfred Adler Graduate School and the Institute for Transpersonal Psychology to study wellness counseling and body/mind consciousness.

**Dr. Christine Hart, Sioux Falls, SD**, is a Family Practitioner currently with the State of South Dakota Department of Health, who will complete a master's degree in public administration at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. She plans to study the insulin resistance syndrome in American Indians.

#### **About the Bush Medical Fellows Program**

The Bush Medical Fellows Program was established in 1979 to enhance community health in Minnesota, North and South Dakota, and Western Wisconsin through the professional and personal development of selected physician leaders. Each year, approximately 12–15 physicians are awarded Bush Fellowships, enabling them to take a leave of absence from their practices to pursue personal and professional goals that address the health needs of their communities. Their programs are self-designed and self-monitored and may last from three to twelve months. More than 200 physicians and their communities have benefited from this program over the years.

In addition to the Medical Fellows program, the Bush Foundation provides fellowships to artists and community leaders. The Foundation also makes grants to nonprofit organizations in Minnesota, and North and South Dakota that work in the areas of arts and culture, education, health and human services, and ecological health. The Foundation was established by 3M executive, Archibald Bush and his wife Edyth in 1953. It supports the work of leaders and organizations that strengthen communities and provide opportunities for those who may lack them.