

## **Bush Foundation Selects Medical Fellows for 2005**

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Saint Paul, Minn. (July 29, 2005)—The Bush Foundation named 13 physicians from the Upper Midwest as Bush Medical Fellows in May. Six are from the Twin Cities area; one from Grand Marais, Minn.; three physicians from North Dakota; two from South Dakota and one from Wisconsin. Many of the 2005 Bush Medical Fellows are primary care physicians with specialties in pediatrics and family medicine. They will pursue a range of studies including refugee health, crosscultural skills, Native American health issues, bioethics in daily medical practice, end-of-life care and pain management.

The fellowships provide the 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 towards completion of a plan of study. Medical Fellows are chosen because their new skills will fill an important medical need in the community. Fellows are selected from applicants in Minnesota, North and South Dakota and portions of northwestern Wisconsin.

#### **Fellows in the Twin Cities metropolitan area:**

**Dr. Barbara Gold** of Minneapolis is the medical director of the anesthesia department at the University of Minnesota Medical Center-Fairview. She is also an associate professor of anesthesiology at the University of Minnesota. Dr. Gold will study health care management and the improvement of patient safety.

**Dr. Todd Grant** of Golden Valley is an emergency medicine physician at Mercy Hospital in Coon Rapids, Minn. He will acquire additional training and credentials in medical education and a basic knowledge of the development and management of nonprofit organizations. He will apply these skills to the expansion of the Cardiac Advance Life Support (CALs) program in the Upper Midwest.

**Dr. Claire Neely** of Shoreview is a pediatrician and chief of professional services with HealthPartners' Arden Hills Clinic. She will use her fellowship to develop expertise in complex and high-risk communication, focusing on clinical and leadership situations.

**Dr. Kelley Rae Jewett** of Minneapolis is a family medicine physician at the Open Cities Health Center in Saint Paul. She will develop skills in leadership and management and

use them to develop a program for community clinics that will increase morale and crosscultural skills among the staff. The goal of such a program is to reduce turnover and improve the care of underserved patients.

**Dr. Robert Kasarov**, a Saint Louis Park pediatrician, will use his fellowship to increase his skills in child psychopharmacology and enhance the quality of pediatric psychiatric care. He is with the Center for Developmental Psychopharmacology and associated with the Park Nicollet Clinic in Saint Louis Park, Minn.

**Dr. Judson Reaney** of Saint Paul is a specialist in behavioral and developmental pediatrics at the Alexander Center for Child Development and Behavior at the Park Nicollet Clinic in Eden Prairie, Minn. He is also a child abuse consultant at Children's Hospital and Clinics in Minneapolis and a behavioral pediatrics consultant at the Pierre Learning Center in Pierre, S.D. He will study the relationships between children's spirituality and their health.

#### **Fellows outside the Twin Cities metro area:**

**Dr. Siri Fiebiger**, an obstetrician and gynecologist at the Dakota Clinic in Fargo, N.D., and a member of the Medical Executive Committee at Innovis Health Hospital in Fargo, will develop skills in women's and refugee public health.

**Dr. Kenneth Kirton**, a family medicine practitioner in Freeman, S.D., will use his fellowship to improve his clinical knowledge in hospice skills, develop and implement an end-of-life audio tape program and gain skills in pain management.

**Dr. Susan Messerly**, a Medford, Wisc., pediatrician, will use her fellowship to increase her skills in the assessment and treatment of childhood behavioral issues and learning and developmental disabilities.

**Dr. Arlin Myrmoe** is an internist in Aberdeen, S.D., with an interest in pursuing additional training in emergency medicine.

**Dr. Rita Richardson**, a neurologist with the Altru Health System in Grand Forks, N.D., will develop skills and education in health care management. Dr. Richardson is also a clinical assistant professor at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine.

**Dr. Sandra Stover** is a family practice physician in Grand Marais, Minn. She will explore bioethics as it pertains to daily practice and particularly to addressing the way end-of-life options are presented to families.

**Dr. Penny Wilkie**, family practice physician and clinical director of the Quentin N. Burdick Health Care Facility in Belcourt, N.D., will use her fellowship to develop leadership and management skills to improve health care in her Native American community.

The Bush Medical Fellows Program was established in 1979 to enhance community health in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and parts of northwestern Wisconsin 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 personal and professional goals that address the health need of their communities. Their programs are self-designed and -monitored and may last from three to 12 months. More than 235 physicians and their communities have benefited from this program since it began almost 30 years ago. For more information, visit the Bush Foundation website at [www.bushfoundation.org](http://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 by 3M executive Archibald Bush and his wife, Edyth, in 1953.