Dear Colleagues,

Each year, Yale Medical Group is fortunate to welcome many talented new physicians. In the September and October issues of *Yale Practice*, we will highlight our most recent recruits. These new doctors include experienced clinicians joining us after years in private practice, graduates of Yale School of Medicine, and others who bring experience from medical centers throughout the world.

New physicians bring a tremendous infusion of new capabilities, fresh approaches, experience with current technology and specialized training in highly complex procedures. They challenge us to shape our practice in new ways and push ourselves in new directions.

The latest group includes outstanding new leadership in cancer care, HIV/AIDS care and neurology. They reflect exciting expansions in such areas as gastroenterology, maternal-fetal medicine, neonatal medicine, neurology, oncology/general surgery, gastroenterology, maternal-fetal medicine, neonatal medicine, neurology, oncology/general surgery, plastic surgery and trauma surgery.

They add great diversity to our melting pot, having studied and practiced in such countries as Brazil, Canada, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Russia. A few speak as many as four or five languages.

All of this adds greater depth to our service, along with more choices and better care for our patients.

Please join me in welcoming these new doctors and providing them with the support they need as they launch their careers with us. If you are a new physician, I want to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome, and to encourage you to take advantage of Yale's resources and develop relationships with other Yale Medical Group physicians to build a successful practice here.

Sincerely,
David J. Leffell, MD, CEO

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**Yale Medical Group welcomes new doctors**

New doctors join Yale Medical Group throughout the year, but there is always an especially large influx during the summer. This year is no exception. In this issue of *Yale Practice*, we are announcing new doctors who are just coming on board as well as others who joined us earlier this year. We will include additional new faculty in the October issue and continue to keep you up to date in future issues of *Yale Practice*.

**Anesthesiology**

Margaret Holtz, MD, is an assistant professor in anesthesiology with clinical interests in acute pain management, general anesthesiology and regional anesthesia. She is board-eligible in anesthesiology. Holtz completed her medical degree at Albert Szent-Gyorgyi Medical University in Hungary and her residency at Yale-New Haven Hospital.

Balazs Horvath, MD, is an assistant professor of anesthesiology who is board-certified in anesthesiology and specializes in obstetric/gynecological anesthesiology. His clinical interests include obstetric anesthesia, liver transplant and pain management. Horvath completed his medical degree at University of Virginia School of Medicine and her residency at Emory University.

Robert Lagasse, MD, is an associate professor and director of quality management. Lagasse is board-certified in anesthesiology and has clinical interests in acute pain management, general anesthesia and regional anesthesia. He completed his medical degree at Dartmouth School of Medicine, and residencies at University of Connecticut/St. Francis Hospital and State University of New York in Stony Brook.

Tori Myslajek, MD, is an instructor in anesthesiology. She is board-eligible in anesthesiology and has special clinical interest in airway management and obstetric anesthesia. Myslajek completed her medical degree at the University of Minnesota and her residency at Yale-New Haven Hospital.

**Diagnostic Radiology**

Andrew W. Lischuk, MD, is an associate professor of diagnostic radiology. He is board-certified in diagnostic radiology and has clinical interests in musculoskeletal trauma, small joint imaging and sports medicine. Lischuk completed his medical degree at University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey-Robert Woods Johnson Medical School, and his radiology residency at University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey.

Isabel B. Oliva, MD, is an assistant professor of diagnostic radiology. She is board-certified in radiology, and her clinical interests include cardiac diseases, interstitial lung disease, lung cancer, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, and improving patient care when managing cardiothoracic diseases in the emergency room. Oliva completed her medical degree at Universidade De Pernambuco, a residency at Hospital de Restauracao and a radiology residency at InCor-Hospital das Clinicas-University of Sao Paulo, all in Brazil. She completed fellowships in 3D imaging, cardiothoracic radiology, emergency radiology and noninvasive cardiovascular radiology, all at Brigham and Women's Hospital.

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Internal medicine

**CARDIOVASCULAR MEDICINE**

Hyung J. Chun, MD, is an assistant professor of medicine who is board-certified in both internal medicine and cardiovascular disease. He has clinical interests in general cardiology, coronary artery disease and heart failure. He completed his medical degree at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, and his cardiology residency and fellowship in cardiovascular medicine at Stanford University.

**INFECTION DISEASES**

Lydia Aoun Barakat, MD, is an assistant professor of medicine in infectious diseases and the new medical director of the Nathan Smith Clinic HIV/AIDS Care Program. She has board certifications in infectious disease, internal medicine and HIV medicine. Barakat completed her medical degree at the Lebanese University in Beirut, Lebanon; her residency at Griffin Hospital; and a Yale School of Medicine fellowship focusing on infectious diseases, HIV and clinical research about bacterial meningitis. Her clinical interests include hepatitis co-infection, HIV/AIDS, infectious disease, women’s health and HIV quality management.

**HEMATOLOGY**

Nikolai Alexandrovich Podoltsev, MD, PhD, is a hematologist who is board-certified in internal medicine and board-eligible in hematology and medical oncology. Podoltsev has clinical interests in leukemia, myeloproliferative disease and myelodysplastic syndrome. He completed his medical degree and doctorate, and a residency and medical oncology/hematology fellowship at St. Petersburg State Pavlov Medical University. He was also a resident at the Hospital of Saint Raphael and a fellow in medical oncology/hematology at Yale School of Medicine.

**MEDICAL ONCOLOGY**

Howard Hochster, MD, is a professor of medicine in medical oncology and the new medical director of the gastrointestinal cancers program at Smilow Cancer Hospital at Yale-New Haven. In addition, he serves as the associate director for clinical research at Yale Cancer Center. Hochster concentrates his clinical research on the study of new treatments, and combinations of therapies, for patients with advanced and relapsed colorectal cancer. He is a leader in translational research in development of targeted agents for GI cancers, and was the national principal investigator for many clinical trials in his prior position at New York University Cancer Institute.

**NEUROLOGY**

David Greer, MD, MA, FCCM, is an associate professor and vice chairman of neurology. Greer is board-certified in neurology, vascular neurology and neurocritical care. His clinical interests are in neurocritical care and stroke. Greer completed his medical degree at University of Florida, and was a resident, fellow in stroke and neurocritical care, and staff member at the Massachusetts General Hospital. In addition to his responsibilities as vice chairman, he serves as director of the neurology residency program and the outpatient clinic.

Kamil Detyniecki, MD, is an instructor of neurology who is board-certified in neurology. His clinical interests are in epilepsy, epilepsy surgery, seizures and EEG. He completed his medical degree at University of Warsaw, his residency at Drexel University/Hahnemann University Hospital in Philadelphia, and a fellowship in epilepsy at Yale School of Medicine.

Daniel Bryant DiCapua, MD, is an instructor in neurology and associate director of the neuromuscular medicine fellowship. He is board-certified in neurology, and his clinical interests include myasthenia gravis, neuromuscular medicine and neuropathy. He completed his medical degree at Temple University School of Medicine, his residency at Yale-New Haven Hospital and a fellowship in neuromuscular medicine at Yale University School of Medicine.

Claire S. Riley, MD, is an instructor in neurology who is board-certified in neurology. Her clinical interests include multiple sclerosis and immunology. Riley completed her medical degree at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, and her neurology residency and a fellowship in multiple sclerosis at Columbia University Medical Center.

**NEUROSURGERY**

Michael Louis DiLuna, MD, is an assistant professor of neurosurgery and pediatrics who is board-eligible in neurological surgery. He has clinical interests in pediatric brain and spine tumors, pediatric vascular malformations, pediatric congenital spine abnormalities, Chiari malformations, craniofacial abnormalities, craniopharyngioma, lipomyelomeningocele, craniostenosis, hydrocephalus, Moya Moya, spina bifida, tethered cord, pediatric and adult head and spine trauma, pediatric stroke, spine deformity, and degenerative spine and disk diseases. DiLuna completed his medical degree at Yale School of Medicine, his residency in neurosurgery at Yale-New Haven Hospital and a fellowship in pediatric neurosurgery at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia.

**OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY**

**GYNECOLOGIC ONCOLOGY**

Elena Ratner, MD, is an assistant professor of obstetrics, gynecology and reproductive services in the section of gynecologic oncology. She is board-eligible in obstetrics and gynecology as well gynecologic oncology. Her clinical interests include ovarian, uterine, cervical cancer, cancer prevention, cancer prophylaxis, early cancer detection, genetic risk factors, menopause and sexuality. Ratner completed her medical degree at University of Buffalo, her residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Yale-New Haven Hospital, and a fellowship in gynecologic oncology at Yale School of Medicine.

**MATERNAL-FETAL MEDICINE**

Heather Sue Lipkind, MD, is an assistant professor of obstetrics, gynecology, and reproductive sciences. She is board-certified in both maternal-fetal medicine and in obstetrics and gynecology. Lipkind has special clinical interests in ultrasound, maternal medical complications and breastfeeding, and is a perinatal consultant for the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

She completed her medical degree at Cornell University Medical College and her master’s degree at Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University. She was a resident at New York University School of Medicine and a maternal-fetal medicine fellow at Columbia University.
**Pediatrics**

**EMERGENCY MEDICINE**

Antonio Riera, MD, is an assistant professor of pediatric emergency medicine. He is board-certified in pediatrics and board-eligible in pediatric emergency medicine. His clinical interests include bedside ultrasonography, health care disparities and resident education. Riera has a medical degree from Boston University School of Medicine. He completed his residency at New York Presbyterian Hospital-Weill Cornell and a fellowship in pediatric emergency medicine at Yale-New Haven Children's Hospital.

**NEONATAL-PERINATAL MEDICINE**

Orly Levit, MD, is an instructor in neonatology. She is board-certified in pediatrics and board-eligible in neonatal-perinatal medicine. Levit has clinical interests in extreme prematurity, persistent pulmonary hypertension and parenteral nutrition-related cholestasis. She completed her medical degree at University of Medicine GT Popa in Iasi, Romania; and residencies at Schneider Children’s Medical Center in Israel and Long Island Jewish Hospital. Levit completed fellowships at Schneider Children’s Medical Center and Yale School of Medicine.

**NEUROLOGY**

William David Graf, MD, is a professor of pediatric neurology who is board certified in pediatrics, neurology with special qualifications in child neurology, and neurodevelopmental disabilities. He has clinical interests in child neurology, neurodevelopmental disorders and neurogenetics. He completed his medical degree at Freie Universitat Berlin, residencies at Albert Einstein College of Medicine and University of Washington Children’s Hospital, and a fellowship in neurodevelopmental disabilities at New York Medical College.

**Surgery**

**OTOLARYNGOLOGY**

Mark Bianchi, MD, is an assistant professor of surgery who completed his medical degree at Yale School of Medicine, and returns to Yale as a practicing clinician, medical student elective director and a researcher. He is board-certified in otolaryngology and board-eligible in sleep medicine. Bianchi has clinical interests in general otolaryngology, rhinology, sinus surgery and sleep medicine. Bianchi completed his residency in otolaryngology/head and neck surgery at Yale-New Haven Hospital.

**PLASTIC AND RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY**

Stephanie Lynn Kwei, MD, is an assistant professor of plastic surgery. Kwei is a board-certified plastic surgeon whose interests include breast reconstruction, Mohs’ reconstruction, bariatric body contouring, and aesthetic surgery. She completed her medical degree at Albert Einstein College of Medicine and received her general surgery training at Tufts New England Medical Center. She completed her fellowship training in the Harvard Combined Plastic Surgery Program. She was in practice for three years at North Shore Medical Center, Salem, MA, prior to joining Yale Plastic Surgery.

**GENERAL SURGERY/ONCOLOGY**

Anees Chagpar, MD, MPH, MSC, the new executive director of the Yale-New Haven Breast Center at Smilow Cancer Hospital, comes to Yale Medical Group from Kentucky, where she was associate professor of surgery at University of Louisville and director of the Multidisciplinary Breast Program at James Graham Brown Cancer Center. She is board-certified in surgery, and concentrates her clinical research on molecular expression and biomarkers in breast cancer, sentinel node biopsy, new therapeutic options and hormonal therapies. Chagpar has a medical degree from University of Alberta, and master’s degrees in clinical effectiveness from Harvard School of Public Health; in bioethics and medical humanities from University of Louisville; and in surgery from University of Saskatchewan. She completed a residency at University of Saskatchewan and a Susan G. Komen Interdisciplinary Breast Cancer Fellowship at University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center.

Nina Ruth Horowitz, MD, is an assistant professor of surgery in surgical oncology. She is board-certified in surgery and specializes in disease of the breast, including the evaluation and management of breast cancer. Horowitz maintained a busy private practice in general surgery in New Haven for 26 years and made the transition to the Breast Center at Smilow Cancer Hospital at Yale-New Haven in order to focus her practice on her primary area of interest. She completed her medical degree at Columbia University and her residency at Yale-New Haven Hospital.

**TRAUMA, SURGICAL EMERGENCIES & SURGICAL CRITICAL CARE**

Greta L. Piper, MD, is an assistant professor in trauma surgery. She is board-certified in both surgery and surgical critical care, and her clinical interests include surgical critical care, surgical emergencies and trauma. Piper completed her medical degree at Drexel University College of Medicine, and her residency at Allegheny General Hospital. She was a trauma and surgical critical care fellow at University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.

**THERAPEUTIC RADIOLOGY**

Suzanne B. Evans, MD, MPH, is board-certified in both internal medicine and radiation oncology. She completed her medical degree at Tulane University School of Medicine and her masters of public health at Tulane University. She was a resident at Tulane and at Tufts-New England Medical Center.
TIPS FOR BUILDING YOUR PRACTICE

Competition for patients is always growing, and new physicians can no longer hang up a “shingle” and expect to build the patient base they need to be successful. Following are some easy-to-implement guidelines to help you launch your practice with Yale Medical Group:

• Make sure you are listed in the Yale Medical Group online directory, which provides information to potential patients and referring physicians. As a new physician, you will have received e-mails with instructions on how to create and update your listing. The online directory can be found at www.yalemedicalgroup.org.

• Add your practice to the Yale-New Haven Hospital Referral Call Center. Once you receive your YNHH medical staff privileges letter, you will automatically receive a referral service packet from the call center that you should complete and return right away.

• Have your photograph taken. You may call to schedule an appointment with ITS MED-Media Group at 203-432-2665. Please request a “head and shoulder” or portrait-style photograph, in color. Alternatively, if you have a good quality digital photo, you may offer it for consideration. Once your photograph is added to your online profile, you will automatically be included in a six-month rotation of new physician introductions on www.yalemedicalgroup.org.

• The more than 800 other Yale Medical Group physicians may turn out to be your most valuable allies. Take time to seek out and meet with those who are most likely to refer patients to you. For assistance in making a quick list, contact Ann Freeman at 203-785-6592 or at ann.freeman@yale.edu.

SAVE THE DATE!
BUILD YOUR REFERRAL NETWORK

David J. Leffell, MD, CEO, and Ronald J. Vender, CMO, invite clinical faculty to take advantage of an important networking event on Monday, October 4, from 5:30-7:30 pm in the Medical Historical Library, Sterling Hall of Medicine.

The event is an opportunity to meet other faculty from across Yale Medical Group’s multispecialty practice, chairs and section chiefs, nurse managers, key administrators from both the hospital and the medical school, and communications staff. As a new physician, you will:

• Meet key referrers for your clinical practice
• Share your expertise and distinguishing capabilities to create your niche
• Explore inclusion in multidisciplinary programs
• Meet potential research collaborators
• Meet our communications and marketing staff
• Meet key administrators who can help you build your practice and maximize revenue

To RSVP, or for more information, contact Lisa Galella by September 29 at 203-785-5790 or lisa.galella@yale.edu.