

Distinguished Faculty Retiring

Richard G. Lynch, M.D.

Dick Lynch has been a part of the Department of Pathology since 1981 when he was appointed as Pathology's new department head. He served as the department head until 1999. From 1999 to the present, he and his wife, Nancy, have worked in a lab in the Medical Research Center. He and his wife are both retiring at the end of May but he does not anticipate a difficult transition. "My wife and I will bypass the usual, we've been working in the lab together so we know how to put up with each other already."



Dick graduated with his medical degree from the University of Rochester in 1966. He completed both residency (1966-1969) and fellowship training (1971) at Washington University in St. Louis. He came to Iowa as a well established pathologist and investigator with national and international recognition in immunology research. During the Lynch years, research growth increased for immunology, neuropathology, viral oncogenesis, stem cell and cancer research. New faculty recruitment was also a priority for Dr. Lynch. He recruited for new positions in Transfusion Medicine, Hematopathology, Microbiology, and Cytopathology and increased the faculty positions from ~20 to ~40. Increased research growth and recruitment led to more faculty grants, publications, and national visibility for the Department of Pathology.

Dr. Lynch also reminisced about his first days at the UI, "I came from clinical work at Washington University, doing all clinical work in a cave-like room. It was so different to come to the University of Iowa. There were windows, a big table and a great staff to help me learn the ropes. Luckily, I had a great staff that helped me with the budgets and administration. It was fantastic!"

Dr. Lynch has several plans for retirement. This summer, he will attend one of the University of Iowa (UI) writing courses and he will also continue editing and writing for the American Society of Investigative Pathology (ASIP) newsletter. This newsletter is created by faculty across the nation who are interested in investigative diseases. The newsletter is targeted toward U.S. Senators and Congressmen for research awareness and the how the dollars spent on research affect every day life. The newsletter is also sent to high school teachers to peek interests of those students interested in science and research.

The Lynch's are planning several trips in the next year and they recently purchased "a volkswagon bus so we can drive and camp our way to Alaska, sleeping in the back of the bus." They will also attend an Elderhostel in Minnesota this summer. The two will live in cabins in the boundary waters for a few weeks, attending a birding course offered by the local college. Next year the Lynchs' have at least two trips planned, a group trip to China and they also plan to attend another Elderhostel in Mexico. The group will only speak Spanish for two weeks, learning more of the native language and culture.

Dick and Nancy Lynch are retiring at the same time to enjoy more time with friends, their children, (Alison, Brendan and Matt) and grandchildren. One of Dr. Lynch's favorite quotes to share with friends and family who have supported him during his career in Pathology is from Ghandi: " 'Live today like it's your last day and learn as if you're going to live forever.' I like it."

VISION STATEMENT

To be an international leader in academic pathology and laboratory medicine

MISSION STATEMENT

The Department of Pathology is committed to being a leader in patient care, education and scholarship by providing:

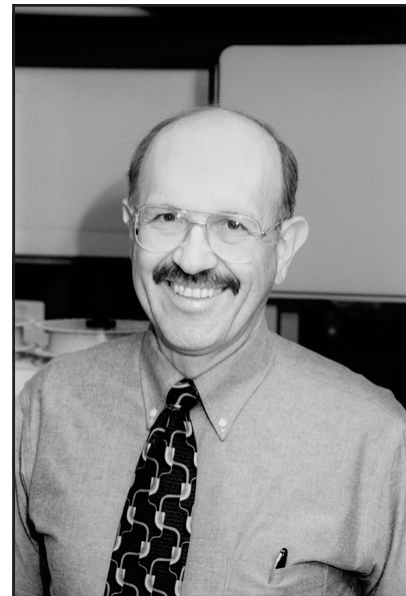
- premier clinical service;
- excellence in education to the next generation of health care providers and biomedical scientists;
- creative research for a better understanding of human diseases; and
- creating an environment that fosters staff growth and development, and engenders staff contributions to reach these goals.

Distinguished Faculty Retiring

James A. Goeken, M.D.

Jim Goeken has been interested in diseases and the study of them since he was diagnosed with a viral infection at age 16 and then later developed Juvenile Diabetes. He also developed a personal friendship with his endocrinologist, Dr. Tom Burns, who encouraged Jim to pursue the field of medicine. Jim's interests for clinical laboratory work also grew while working in a lab, washing test tubes during his undergraduate time at the University of Chicago.

Jim came to the University of Iowa (UI) as an Alpha Omega Alpha graduate from the University of Missouri School of Medicine. He completed his one-year internal medicine internship in 1973 and later stayed for his passion for clinical lab work in Pathology. Jim joined the Pathology Department in 1973 as a pathology resident and later a faculty member in 1977. His first professional position at the University of Iowa Health Care was Fellow Associate, then Assistant Professor and then earned the title, Professor, in 1990.



As a valued physician, Dr. Goeken has been responsible for various duties throughout the years. He became the Director of the nascent Immunopathology Laboratory in 1976 and also Director in the DeGowin Blood Center (Director, 1979-1983 and Attending from 1983-1987). Jim has taught not only medical students and but also Clinical Laboratory Science (CLS) students for many years since he served as the Medical Director of the CLS Program.

Dr. Goeken remembers his first day as an intern in Iowa City, "My first day in the ER was frightening. Another intern and I were responsible for so many patients. My patients varied from having a heart attack, a motor vehicle accident, and a drug overdose." He also worked in the C-32 area, third floor of General Hospital, where patients were aligned next to each other and a minimum of 40 patients in the ward.

What made Goeken stay at The University of Iowa? "The acute and complicated medical cases and the great camaraderie between the nurses and doctors" convinced Goeken that Iowa City would be an ideal place to stay for a residency in Pathology. Both reasons played a vital role in his decision to stay in the area.

Jim and Nancy, his wife, are retiring at the same time to enjoy more travel, visit far away friends and enjoy time with their children, Kristin and Adam. For at least next year, Jim will be working less time for Pathology while teaching residents and transitioning his responsibilities.

One of Dr. Goeken's favorite quotes is a Chinese wish for those who have supported him during his career in Pathology, "May you live in interesting times."

Faculty Promotions

We wish to congratulate the following faculty members on their promotions effective July 1, 2004:

Annette Schlueter, M.D., Ph.D. was promoted to Associate Professor (Tenure Track)

Chris S. Jensen, M.D. was promoted to Associate Professor (Clinical Track)

Research Awards

Congratulations to the following faculty for their recent research awards:

Christopher van de Wetering, a pre-doctoral student working with C. Michael Knudson was awarded a National Research Service Award from the NIH to support for his project titled, "Paradoxical effects of Bax and Bcl-2 on oncogenesis." Chris receives a stipend, tuition relief, and a small supply budget for a three-year period of time ending in the fall of 2006.

Gary Doern has contracted with Abbott Laboratories for two retrospective case-control studies examining drug resistance in *Streptococcus pneumoniae*. Each project has been awarded \$244,688 for its execution and runs for about 18 months.

Mike Pfaller and Pfizer, Inc. have extended their collaborative ARTEMIS Global Anti-fungal Surveillance study for another year through calendar year 2004. This award is for \$399,375.

Steven Moore is collaborating with investigators at The Ohio State University on their federally sponsored project, "Pilot clinical trial of gentamicin treatment for Duchenne and limb girdle muscular dystrophies." The work done in Dr. Moore's lab on subcontract from OSU will extend for the duration of the OSU grant for a total of \$222,072.

Lastly, the Department of Pathology is the recipient of three linked NIAAA R01 grant awards through the Investigator Initiated Research Project Grant (IRPG) mechanism. This is a mechanism where related research projects share a central resources budget and are submitted to NIH as a unit, but are then reviewed and awarded separately and on their own merits. Lead investigator, Robert Cook, and his associates, Annette Schlueter and Thomas Waldschmidt, each garnered an R01 award. The total award made to Iowa for these linked projects is \$4,853,000. A fourth R01 awarded that is associated with this IRPG is at the University of Nebraska.

Pathology Administration Moves to New Suite of Offices

The week of January 5 marked a new milestone as the last of the Pathology Administrative Staff moved into their new office suite located in C660 General Hospital. The new office setting brings most of the administrative activities into one central location. As many of you may recall, previously the administrative staff were scattered all over the Department. With this move, we hope to better serve faculty and staff in the Department. The new central phone number is 319/384-9605.

*Pictured to the right:
Michael B. Cohen, MD, Department Head,
cutting the ribbon for the Pathology Open
House.*





Dr. John E. McGowan JR

Franklin P. Koontz Lectureship

April 8-9, 2004

The lectureship was funded by the Koontz family and friends following Dr. Koontz' death in November, 2001. It was decided by the medical microbiology faculty, in consultation with the Dr. Koontz' family, that John E. McGowan, Jr, MD, would be the 2004 lectureship speaker.

Dr. John E. McGowan is currently a Professor in the Department of Epidemiology, Rollins School of Public Health, and Professor of Medicine, Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, Georgia. It was through this position that he knew Dr. Koontz both professionally and personally.

Dr. McGowan offered two lectures to the Section of Microbiology, and also presented Pathology Grand Rounds, entitled "Frank was Right! Dealing with Healthcare Infections Today", to the Department of Pathology faculty, residents, fellows, externs, and staff.

The Franklin P. Koontz Lectureship has been established as an annual event in the Section of Microbiology of the Department of Pathology. Memorials may be made to the Dr. Frank Koontz Lectureship Fund, Account #30-526-010 at the University of Iowa Foundation, PO Box 4550, Iowa City, Iowa 52244.

New Pathology Administration Staff

Jennifer Greer is the Associate Editor in our Pathology Administration office. She is responsible for providing editorial review of department documents, including grant applications, journal manuscripts and other publications according to author and journal requirements. Jen is also responsible for securing written permission for pathology staff to use any previously published materials. Jen also formats manuscripts and their figures into PageMaker. PageMaker software allows text and figures to be close together and also offers other flexibilities.



New Faculty

Sergei Syrbu, M.D., Ph.D.

Assistant Professor

Sergei Syrbu, M.D., Ph.D. will become an Assistant Professor (clinical track) in the Department of Pathology on July 1, 2004. Dr. Syrbu received his M.D. from the State University of Medicine, Chishinau, Moldova in 1982. He received his Ph.D. degree from the All Union Cardiology Research Center in Moscow, USSR in 1987. From 1987-1991, Dr. Syrbu was an Assistant Professor in the Department of Cardiology, Moldavian Institute of Preventive and Clinical Medicine in Chishinau, Moldova. He subsequently did a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Connecticut Health Center in Farmington, Connecticut from 1992-1999. He completed his residency in the Department of Pathology at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics (UIHC) and is currently a UIHC Hematopathology Fellow. Dr. Syrbu will provide diagnostic and consultative pathology services in the area of hematopathology and immunology.

Pifu Luo, M.D. Ph.D.

Assistant Professor

Pifu Luo, M.D., Ph.D. will join the faculty in the Department of Pathology as an Assistant Professor (tenure track) on July 1, 2004. Dr. Luo received both his M.D. and Ph.D. at the Fourth Military Medical University, Xi'an P.R. China and subsequently completed a Postdoctoral Fellowship in the Department of Physiology at the University of Maryland Dental School, Baltimore, Maryland. It was there that he began his current research focus in neurosciences. In 2003, he completed a pathology residency at the University of Vermont where he is currently completing a Cytopathology Fellowship. He has been extremely productive as a young investigator and has published more than 30 peer-reviewed publications, many of which have appeared in first-rate journals in his field. Dr. Luo will have diagnostic service responsibilities in Cytopathology. His abilities as a clinician coupled with his outstanding research background make him unique and it is envisioned that Dr. Luo will make significant contributions to both aspects at the University of Iowa.

Peter Nagy, M.D., Ph.D.

Assistant Professor

Peter Nagy, M.D., Ph.D. will also join the Department on July 1, 2004 as an Assistant Professor (tenure track). Dr. Nagy received his M.D. from the University Medical School of Pecs, Pecs, Hungary in 1989. In 1990, he joined the laboratory of Dr. Howard Zalkin at Purdue University where he completed his graduate studies earning a Ph.D. in biochemistry in 1995. Thereafter, he entered an anatomic pathology residency at Stanford University where, in addition, he is a postdoctoral fellow in the laboratory of Dr. Michael Cleary and is most recently completing a molecular genetic-pathology fellowship. It is believed that Dr. Nagy will be an active and very effective member of the Department and that his appointment will expand the Department's mission in both molecular pathology as well as basic-funded research.

Michael B. Henry, Ph.D.

Associate Professor

Michael B. Henry, Ph.D. became an Associate Professor in the Department of Pathology on April 1, 2004, secondary to his appointment in the Department of Physiology and Biophysics. Dr. Henry received his Ph.D. in 1995 in Biology from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Massachusetts under the supervision of Dr. Frank Solomon. In 1995, he came to the University of Iowa to work with Dr. Kevin Campbell for his postdoctoral studies. After completing a very successful postdoctoral fellowship, Dr. Henry moved to Millennium Pharmaceuticals at Cambridge, Massachusetts. Dr. Henry's work focuses on the prostate cancer bone metastasis using mouse models, advanced in vivo imaging techniques and functional genomics to understand tumor metastasis. While at Millennium Pharmaceuticals, he developed models for metastatic colonization of various organs, including lung, liver and bone using a combination of surgical and injection techniques as well as bioluminescence imaging for visualizing tumor growth and dissemination in living animals. Dr. Henry's scientific interests significantly overlap with the research within the Department of Pathology and his research complements ongoing activities and hopefully will allow for additional, synergistic interactions.

Timothy Drevyanko, M.D.

Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor

Timothy Drevyanko, M.D. joined the Department of Pathology as an Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor of Pathology on January 1, 2004. Dr. Drevyanko received his M.D. from the University of Iowa in 1980. He subsequently completed his pathology residency, also at the University of Iowa and then later received a Master's degree from the University of Wisconsin in the area of business management in 2002. He is currently a staff pathologist at Iowa Methodist Medical Center and Blank Children's Hospital in Des Moines. Dr. Drevyanko will be actively training Pathology house staff in various aspects of laboratory management. He will also be actively educating house staff from other hospital departments who rotate through the affiliated sites in Des Moines.

L. Jeffrey Rissman, M.D.

Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor

L. Jeffrey Rissman, M.D. will join the Department of Pathology on July 1, 2004 as an Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor of Pathology. Dr. Rissman received his M.D. from the University of Iowa in 1977 and thereafter completed his Pathology residency training from the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in 1981. Dr. Rissman is currently a pathologist in the Des Moines area and has been actively educating residents from the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. He has been actively involved in a variety of different teaching venues, that since the early 1980's, have focused at Broadlawns Medical Center in Des Moines. In addition, he has been actively involved in a variety of different professional societies and has recently completed a term as President of the Iowa Association of Pathologists.

New Residents

Ryan Askeland, M.D.

1st year resident in Pathology; Medical School: University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine, 2004; Externship: University of Iowa, Department of Pathology, 2001-2002; Training Goals: Ryan is in a combined AP/CP Program.

Adam Bell, M.D.

1st year resident in Pathology; Medical School: University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine, 2004; Externship: University of Iowa, Department of Pathology, 2002-2003; Training Goals: Adam is in a combined AP/CP Program.

Michelle Bleile, M.D.

1st year resident in Pathology; Medical School: University of Colorado School of Medicine, 2004. Training Goals: Michelle is in a combined AP/CP Program.

Elizabeth Dunkailo, M.D.

1st year resident in Pathology; Medical School: University of Colorado School of Medicine, 2004. Training Goals: Elizabeth is in a combined AP/CP Program.

Andrew Vanderheyden, M.D.

1st year resident in Pathology; Medical School: University of Wisconsin, 2004; Training Goals: Andrew is in a combined AP/CP Program.

New Fellows

Glenda Amog-Jones, M.D.

Fellow in Cytopathology; Medical School: Far Eastern University, 1992; Residency AP/CP, Danbury Hospital, 1998-2003. Fellowship in Surgical Pathology, University of Iowa, 2003-2004.

Amani Bashir, M.B., B.S.

Fellow in Cytopathology; Medical School: Jordan University, 1998; Internship, Jordan University Hospital, 1998-1999; Residency AP/CP, University of Iowa, Department of Pathology, 2000-2004.

Ryan McCune, M.D.

Fellow in Hematopathology; Medical School: University of Utah School of Medicine, 1999; Residency AP/CP, University of Utah Health Sciences Center, 1998-2003; Fellowship in Surgical Pathology, University of Iowa, 2003-2004.

House Staff who Have Changed Their Positions

Christopher Johnson, M.D. Surgical Pathology Fellow

Kathleen Siechen, M.D. Surgical Pathology Fellow

Jamie Weydert, M.D. Surgical Pathology Fellow

*13th Annual
Iowa Anatomic Pathology Course
for the Practicing Pathologist*

September 24th and 25th, 2004

Quality Inn and Suites
Highlander Conference Center
2525 North Dodge, Iowa City, IA

Invited Guest Speakers & Topics:

Friday, September 24
Mahul B. Amin, MD

Director, Surgical Pathology, Emory University
Dr. Amin will discuss bladder tumor classification as well as prostate tumor grading.

Saturday, September 25
William D. Travis, MD

Director, Thoracic Pathology Division
Armed Forces Institute of Pathology
Dr. Travis will discuss idiopathic interstitial pneumonias, pleural biopsy interpretation as well as surgical pathology of the mediastinum.

For program information and registration, please contact the Continuing Medical Education Division (319-335-8599)

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