IN MEMORIAM

John A. Colucci, M.D., FAAP, of Massapequa, N.Y., died of cancer May 9. He was 77.

Active in local and community pediatrics, Dr. Colucci was president of the Nassau Pediatric Society in 1983. He was in private practice in Massapequa from 1953 to 1987. He was a "beloved citizen" of Massapequa, said David Annunziato, M.D., FAAP, East Meadow, N.Y., immediate past chair, AAP District II.

An environmental advocate and gardener, Dr. Colucci played a key role in having a major bicycle path constructed in his area leading into Bethpage State Park in New York. Memorials may be made in Dr. Colucci's memory to Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, Pediatric Research, Box E, 1275 York Ave., New York, NY 10021, or to Mercy Hospice, 1220 Front St., Uniondale, NY 11553.

Louis K. Diamond, M.D., FAAP, of Los Angeles, died June 14. He was 97.

Dr. Diamond, an Emeritus Fellow, was the 1976 recipient of the Abraham Jacobi Award. He also received the AAP's Mead Johnson Award in 1946.

Called the founding father of pediatric hematology, in 1946 Dr. Diamond developed a revolutionary transfusion method for saving newborns with Rh disease. From 1948 to 1950, he served as medical director of the American Red Cross's new National Blood Program, helping to organize its system for blood donations.

At least two blood diseases bear the doctor's name: Diamond-Blackfan syndrome, a rare congenital anemia in children, and Gardner-Diamond syndrome, an unusual autoerythrocyte sensitivity that affects young women.

A 1927 graduate of Harvard Medical School, Dr. Diamond completed his internship and residency at the Children's Hospital of Harvard Medical School.

Dr. Diamond was a long-time professor of pediatrics at Harvard Medical School and served as the chief pediatric hematologist and the associate physician-in-chief at Children's Hospital Medical Center in Boston. He was among the first to use chemotherapy to treat childhood leukemia.

Following his 1968 retirement from Harvard, Dr. Diamond served as adjunct professor of pediatrics for the University of California in San Francisco. He also worked as an attending physician at Moffit Hospital, San Francisco. In 1987, he transferred to the University of California at Los Angeles as an active professor emeritus where he remained active into his 90s.

A past president of the American Pediatric Academy of Sciences (APS), Dr. Diamond received many honors, including the Theodore Roosevelt Gold Medal for Distinguished Public Service in Science and the Howland Award of the APS.

Daniel Hirsch, M.D., FAAP, of Sun City, Ariz., died May 6. He was 84.

Dr. Hirsch was an Emeritus Fellow.

A 1940 graduate of the Royal College of Medicine in Edinburgh, Scotland, Dr. Hirsch completed his internship and pediatric residency in 1946 at Brookdale Medical Center, Brooklyn, N.Y.

He was the chief of pediatric services at Gorgias Hospital in the Panama Canal Zone from 1952 to 1976. Dr. Hirsch also served as a school physician in the U.S. Army medical department in Panama in 1979.

He was a member of the Medical Association of the Isthmian Canal Zone and in 1965 served as its president.

Carolyn M. McCue, M.D., FAAP, of Richmond, Va., died April 8 after a long illness. She was 82.

An Emeritus Fellow, Dr. McCue was a member of the AAP Sections on Senior Members and Cardiology.

The top graduate of the Medical College of Virginia (MCV) in 1941, she helped establish the specialty of pediatric cardiology. Dr. McCue and her husband, Howard McCue, M.D., set up practice in Richmond by 1948. She also worked as a part-time faculty member for MCV, where she advanced pediatric cardiology through the rheumatic fever program.

In 1958, Dr. McCue became interim chair of the pediatrics department of the MCV. She was appointed chair in 1961 of the new pediatric cardiology division there. Dr. McCue also was the first female president of the Richmond Academy of Medicine.

Kurt Ian Wey, M.D., FAAP, of Dallas, died Jan. 12 in an automobile accident. He was 29.

A graduate of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, Dr. Wey was in his first year of pediatric residency at Children's Medical Center of Dallas. He was a recipient of the Roberta Joy Uhr award in pediatrics for academic and clinical excellence.

Memorials may be sent to the Kurt Ian Wey, M.D., Senior Pediatric Student Award, c/o University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, P.O. Box 910888, Dallas, TX 75381-0888.

Emeritus Fellow Dr. Gershman dies

Martin Gershman, M.D., FAAP, of San Francisco, died June 18. He was 80.

Dr. Gershman was an Emeritus Fellow and served as chair of AAP District IX from 1988 to 1991.

A graduate of Harvard Medical School, Dr. Gershman was chief resident at Boston's Children's Hospital. He moved to San Francisco in 1946 and practiced pediatrics there until 1989.

Every Wednesday, for many years, Dr. Gershman rode the bus from San Francisco to Sacramento, Calif., to lobby state legislators on children's issues. He knew all the staff members and secretaries by name, recalls Birt Harvey, M.D., FAAP, who preceded him as district chair. When he retired, the California State Legislature passed a proclamation applauding his efforts to promote the health and welfare of children.

Dr. Gershman also was a clinical professor at Stanford University and a lecturer in health education and family life at San Francisco State University.

Donations may be sent to the children's section of Dr. Gershman's hometown library, the Paul Library, 305 Wapping St., Franklin, KY 40601.

SEE N & HEARD

The Academy and its members were featured during May and June as advocates for child health and safety in national and local media.

• Richard Heyman, M.D., FAAP, former chair of the AAP Committee on Substance Abuse, was interviewed June 1 during a National Public Radio program about inhalant abuse by children.

• Ruth Etzel, M.D., FAAP, former chair of the AAP Committee on Environmental Health, and Philip Landrigan, M.D., FAAP, were quoted on MSNBC's Web site May 31 regarding attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.

• Lawrence Gartner, M.D., FAAP, chair of the AAP Work Group on Breastfeeding, was quoted in a June 1 Washington Post article on the benefits of breastfeeding. The story also appeared in the June 7 Los Angeles Times.

• Steve Berman, M.D., FAAP, vice president-elect; Don Cook, M.D., FAAP, president-elect; Jim Strain, M.D., FAAP, former executive director; Don Schiff, M.D., FAAP, past president; the late Joseph Buttefield, M.D., FAAP; and Joe Sanders, M.D., FAAP, executive director, were mentioned in a June 5 editorial in the Denver Post regarding the emergence of several AAP leaders and pediatric pioneers from Colorado.

• Lonnie Zwilgenbaum, M.D., FAAP, was quoted in USA Today June 8 on his Pediatrics study on teen-agers and depression.

• Michael Cupoli, M.D., FAAP, was quoted June 8 in Associated Press and Chicago Sun-Times stories on tort litigation.

• Michael Marcy, M.D., FAAP, former member of the AAP Committee on Infectious Diseases, was quoted in a June 17 USA Today article on polio immunization recommendations.

• Gary Smith, M.D., FAAP, member of the AAP Committee on Injury and Poison Prevention, was quoted in the June 29 New York Times regarding the recent AAP policy statement on trampoline safety.

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