Wallace Lectureship focuses on drug therapy

Carleton advocates ADR data collection

Adverse drug reactions (ADR) in pediatric care was a central topic for the College of Pharmacy, Wallace Lectureship Series held October 24 and 25, 2002 at ISU in conjunction with the 15th Annual Idaho Conference on Health Care.

Dr. Bruce Carleton, Associate Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences at the University of British Columbia, College of Pharmacy, Vancouver, B.C., spoke to an audience of students, faculty and other ISU scholars.

Dr. Carleton's presentation, “Pediatric Adverse Drug Reaction Surveillance: An Idea Whose Time has Come,” included suggestions on how pharmacists, physicians and other medical specialists should assist with ADR data collection.

According to Dr. Carleton, ADR in infants, and adults, is more common than reported and sometimes fatal.

“Adverse drug reactions are the leading silent killer in the world today,” he said.

Statistics often conflict regarding the actual number of fatalities caused by ADR. Dr. Carleton said, drug manufacturers and medical professionals don't always report ADR to the Food and Drug Administration, although, pharmacists report more often than physicians.

“I will guarantee that you will see at least one ADR a year,” he predicted, explaining that most ADR include only mild side effects.

Referring to the warnings aired at the end of television drug advertisements, he said, people...
A MESSAGE FROM DEAN JOSEPH F. STEINER

This fall has been very active and invigorating at your College. We survived last year’s 10% reduction in state-appropriated funding and started the semester leaner, but revitalized.

This fall began with the introduction of the new curriculum that better integrates the subject matter and incorporates self-directed learning, critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Much work remains to be done on the curriculum and fine tuning will continue for many years, but it will keep ISU at the forefront of pharmacy education.

The research efforts of the College’s faculty members have been very productive and fruitful over the summer and fall. Of particular note, the ISU Bioanalysis Facility is now operational under the direction of Dr. Adeboye Adejare.

Of course there is always the coming and going of people at the College and we miss seeing these folks.

Dr. Tom LaHann is on a leave of absence, giving his expertise to national security. We welcomed Dr. Anna Ratka back from her sabbatical and brought on some new faces that are introduced elsewhere in this bulletin.

May the coming year bring you joy, peace and happiness.

Joe Steiner

Wallace Lectureship

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usually ignore these without question.

“It is part of our culture to accept the risks of medication,” he said.

To ensure that a patient’s drug therapy is optimal, Dr. Carleton advocates that communication between doctors, patients, parents and all medical professionals is crucial. Detecting ADR in children is often difficult.

Physicians may rely on parents to translate the child’s symptoms for signs of an ADR.

“What is most important, is to teach children how to identify adverse drug reactions,” Dr. Carleton said. “We really need to study this and get educators involved.”

He emphasized that “active surveillance” of ADR, in both pediatric and adult drug therapy, could assist medical professionals to achieve more accurate ADR data.

“I believe what is missing is monitoring of drug therapy - ensuring what patients get is safe and effective,” he said.

Dr. Carleton believes that active surveillance of ADR requires the creation of “alliance centers” throughout North America for “pediatric pharmaceutical excellence.”

The centers would function similar to the Canadian pediatric surveillance system, which collects and analyzes data for causes of ADR. Physicians and pharmacists would be able to quickly access information from the center’s databases to “increase the safe use of medication in children for the long-term,” he said.

He envisions that private foundations would initially fund these alliance centers.

Other active surveillance objectives for ADR in pediatric drug therapy include:

· Creation of an academic medal of excellence program with universities to encourage the education of ADR surveillance in curriculum,

· Development of a partnership between the medical community and schools to educate youth to identify ADR,

· Providing information to caregivers outside of pediatric healthcare,

· Creation of a foundation for medication safety to ensure work on ADR continues.

Dr. Carleton also presented his lecture to ISU students and faculty at the Boise VA Medical Learning and Resource Center.

Dr. Carleton serves as a drug policy consultant with the British Columbia Ministry of Health.

The Wallace Lectureship Series is funded by a generous contribution from the John O. and Esther Wallace Endowment Fund.
Artificial intelligence is being used at the College of Pharmacy to fight Alzheimer’s disease and similar maladies.

Dr. Erdem Buyukbingol, professor in the department of pharmaceutical chemistry at Ankara University in Turkey, visited ISU in October to participate in a study conducted by Dr. Adeboye Adejare, associate professor of pharmaceutical sciences.

The study was sponsored by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and focuses on an approach to alleviating degeneration and death of neurons in the brain. Loss of neuron function is observed in stroke, epilepsy, Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s diseases.

Adejare’s project deals with design, syntheses, biological evaluations and computational studies of compounds that can act on certain receptors in the brain. Those receptors are thought to play key roles in several brain disorders, many of which lead to death of neurons.

Buyukbingol assisted in identifying compounds that can block these chemical processes. The visiting professor uses artificial intelligence with quantum chemical methods to create three-dimensional computerized images of compounds that could possibly block the receptors that create the disorders.

“I’m trying to design a drug molecule, which is supposed to fit into a binding site,” Buyukbingol said. “I have to make an exact fit into that pocket.”

After Buyukbingol successfully designs a molecule, it is synthesized in Adejare’s laboratory, a process that can take months to years.

Then, pharmacologist, toxicologists and biochemists can then test its effectiveness.

“I am very pleased that Dr. Buyukbingol has been able to join us,” Adejare said. “His efforts could benefit the study immensely.”

Adejare, Buyukbingol and a colleague in South Africa have previously collaborated on a study that has now been accepted for publication.

In addition to conducting research at ISU, Buyukbingol presented seminars and lectures to students.

JAPANESE STUDENTS

Pharmaceutical practice in Japan differs from practice in the U.S., Itoh noted, in that a Japanese pharmacist often has duties similar to those of a pharmacy technician in the U.S.

Ohtaki added that U.S. Pharm.D. students spend more time studying, and participating in pharmaceutical care.

“By learning American pharmaceutical care, I would like to make good use of this experience for my work,” he said.

Both scholars said the working relationships between healthcare professionals at the VA Medical Center also are much more collaborative than in Japan.

This teamwork approach toward patient care, they said, reflects one cultural difference between the people of the two countries.

“I think that American is kindness and friendly,” Itoh said. “Japanese is shy.”

Ohtaki, a Pharm.D. student, studies at the Asahikawa Medical College Hospital in Asahikawa City, Hokkaido.

Itoh is seeking a Ph.D. while employed with the Sapporo Social Insurance General Hospital.

As visiting scholars, their trip is part of a scholarship program funded by the Japanese Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare.

Dr. Mason traveled to Japan for two weeks in February 2002 where she spoke on Medication Error Prevention as a guest of the Society of Hospital Pharmacists. The Japanese Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare also funded the trip.

“After my visit to Japan I understand more clearly what the visiting scholars have to gain from their U.S. visit,” Dr. Mason said. “Japanese pharmacists are very motivated to learn from their U.S. colleagues.

“Pharmacists in Boise have very graciously opened their practice sites to allow for Koichi and Tatsuya to have a broad range of experiences during their visit and I am thankful for their participation in this cultural and professional exchange.”
College Institutes White Coat Ceremony

Class of 2006 sign Code of Ethics for Pharmacists

First-year Doctor of Pharmacy students were inducted into the ISU program during the first White Coat Ceremony held in conjunction with P-1 Orientation in August.

Dean Joseph F. Steiner instituted the ceremony, with professors and professionals formally welcoming students to the study and, ultimately, the practice of pharmacy.

Dr. Cynthia Foster, Director of Admissions and Student Relations, says the ceremony helps the new students feel more connected to the profession and to the college.

“Doctor of Pharmacy students typically work very hard to gain admission into our program and this ceremony helps to celebrate that accomplishment and encourage professionalism as they begin their professional studies,” Dr. Foster said.

The evening ceremony, held at the Wood River Room in the ISU Pond Student Union, included representatives of the Idaho State Pharmacy Association and the Idaho Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists. Dr. Lorri Gebo-Shaver, ISPA past-president and Edee Dvorak, ISHP council chair on programs, assisted Dean Steiner with the presentation of white coats and pins.

“We want the students to realize from their first day at the College that pharmacy is more than just a job. It is a profession and being a professional carries certain rights and responsibilities, Dean Steiner said.

The students are the future of pharmacy, so what would be more appropriate than instilling the values of the profession from the beginning of their professional curriculum?”

The 55 students, selected from a pool of 259 applicants, also signed their Class of 2006 Code of Ethics for Pharmacists.

In addition to the ceremony, which is slated to be an annual event, students attended activities including a chemical dependency seminar, meetings with faculty advisors, an overview of the College’s new curriculum and CPR training.
Annual Phonathon slated for February

It really is good to stay in touch. *Connection ISU*, our annual national phonathon is our best way to stay in touch with you, our alumni, friends, parents and students. You ensure continued success in providing academic scholarships for current and future ISU students.

Beginning Sunday, Feb. 2, and continuing through March 13, current ISU students will be calling for *Connection ISU*. Students will be asking for your pledges to support the College of Pharmacy in providing the educational foundation and the tools necessary for students to excel.

The College of Pharmacy students will be participating in this campaign Feb. 2 through Feb. 6, and their goal is to raise $65,000 this year! Last year they reached another all-time high of $64,563.

Your gift to *Connection ISU* affords current students the opportunity to achieve educational goals that might go unrealized without your help.

Your continued financial commitment provides the margin for growth and improvement that fees and state funding cannot cover adequately. We all know and understand the special needs for pharmacy students, and this fund drive is critical to their continued success in the classroom.

When a pharmacy student caller contacts you, remember how vital you are to their continued education and development. Visit with the student who calls, about the current campus happenings and their individual activities – you may find you have a great deal in common.

Finally, respond positively to their request – make a generous pledge to *Connection ISU*.

Your gift may be unrestricted or you may specify an existing scholarship or endowment within the College of Pharmacy. This tax-deductible gift makes a significant impact in the students' lives.

Look for your call between Feb. 2 through Feb. 6. The students are excited to talk with you and eager for your pledges! The essence of *Connection ISU* remains you!

First-Year Pharmacy Students & Hometowns

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Faculty Spotlight: Dr. Julie Wilkinson

Dr. Julie Johnson Wilkinson is a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Administrative Sciences. She earned her doctorate of pharmacy from Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama in 1999.

Subsequently, she completed a two-year specialty residency at ISU in the study of Family Medicine and Pharmacoepidemiology.

Dr. Wilkinson currently serves as a Clinical Specialist for the Idaho Medicaid Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Program. Along with a team of ISU College of Pharmacy faculty members, she conducts database research projects to measure medication use across the state of Idaho.

The DUR Program provides physicians and pharmacists with feedback and education on appropriate medication use.

“Feedback from Medicaid gives providers timely, unbiased clinical information with relevance to individual patients,” Wilkinson said.

Dr. Wilkinson’s research interests include judicious antimicrobial use and drug-induced disease.

Along with her research and clinical duties, she also teaches pharmacy students in lecture and small group formats, lectures in a physician assistant program and coordinates a pharmacothapeutics course for physical therapy students.

“The challenge to teach has been all at once humbling, exciting and strengthening,” she said.

Practicing in a rural primary care clinic in Lava, Idaho, she provides direct patient care and physician consultation for chronic disease states including asthma, diabetes and cardiovascular disease. She also is involved in the Ambulatory Care Practice and Research Network of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy.

“Dr. Wilkinson is a welcome addition to the department,” said Dr. Vaughn Culbertson, Chair of Pharmacy Practice and Administrative Sciences. “Her contributions to the DUR program have been indispensable and she serves as an excellent role model for our students.”

Wells Travels to Ecuador with Flying Dr.’s

In late August 2002, College of Pharmacy second-year student, Ryan Wells, joined a group of volunteer physicians and dentists from the non-profit organization “Flying Doctors of America” on a clinical mission to Ecuador.

Searching for ways to fulfill his 200 hours of required externship, Wells found the opportunity on the Internet.

The Atlanta-based organization was seeking a pharmacist for the mission, but offered Wells the chance to join the team.

After flying to Ecuador, he and the doctors spent time working at the village of Mondaña in the heart of the Ecuadorian Amazon jungle.

While physicians and dentists tended patients at Clinica Mondaña, Wells filled prescriptions and answered medication questions with the aid of a translator.

The team also traveled to the outskirts of Mondaña to see patients and work with village health coordinators.

Wells believes the experience in South America provided an opportunity that would not be possible for a student of pharmacy volunteering in the U.S.

“There, I felt like I played a key role in the system by interacting with the doctors,” he said. “It was really eye-opening to see how the majority of the world’s population has access to health care. I think it would be rewarding to work in that arena.”
Dr. Fred Risinger

Dr. Fred Risinger serves as an Associate Professor for the College of Pharmacy in Pocatello. Dr. Risinger came to the College from Portland, Ore. where he served as a part-time instructor at Portland Community College from 1990 to 2002 and as an Assistant Professor at Oregon Health Sciences University School of Medicine from 1991 until 2002. His scientific interests include behavioral genomics and preclinical psychopharmacology. “The College of Pharmacy at ISU offers excellent opportunities for research and teaching in a collegial and supportive environment,” Risinger said.

Dr. Glenda Carr

Dr. Glenda Carr is an Assistant Professor, working as a clinical pharmacist at the Terry Reilly Health Services clinic in Nampa. Dr. Carr is a 2000 graduate of the University of Montana. After earning her doctor in pharmacy degree, she completed a general practice residency with the VA Connecticut Healthcare Systems.

She continued her post-graduate training at the William S. Middleton Veterans Memorial Hospital in Madison, Wis. as a primary care pharmacy resident. “There, I gained much experience in chronic disease state management, including hypertension, diabetes, anticoagulation therapy, hyperlipidemia, rheumatology and pain management,” Carr said.

Mrs. Tressa Rockwood

Mrs. Tressa Rockwood began employment in November as Assistant to the Dean for Development.

Originally from Pocatello, Rockwood recently returned after residing in the Seattle area for about 25 years. The 1977 ISU graduate holds a B.A. in business administration with an emphasis in marketing. During her career, she has held positions for major corporations in the field of human resources.

“It is wonderful to be back in Pocatello, working for the alma mater that provided me with the tools that contribute to rewarding experiences in life,” she said. “I have an intense interest in people, and a passionate belief in what ISU provides its students. Thus, I am enthusiastic about this opportunity to work with the College of Pharmacy.”

Mr. Andrew Gauss

Mr. Andrew Gauss joined the staff in October as Assistant to the Dean for College Relations.

Gauss is a 1996 graduate of ISU, holding a bachelor’s degree in Mass Communications with an emphasis in media studies.

Gauss oversees public relations and produces College publications including the Annual Report, Pharmacy Bulletin, Refill e-letter and press releases. He seeks comment from alumni, pharmacists and others regarding College publications. He may be reached by phone at (208)-282-3393 or by e-mail at editor@pharmacy.isu.edu.
ANNUAL PHARMACY FAIR ATTRACTS RECRUITERS, COMPANIES

The College of Pharmacy hosted the 14th Annual Pharmacy Recruiting Fair Oct. 17-18 at the Pond Student Union Building. The fair, organized by the ISU Chapter of the Academy of Students of Pharmacy and the College of Pharmacy, kicked-off with a company exhibition providing an opportunity for pharmacy students of all levels to visit with recruiters. “Pharmacy Fair provides an excellent opportunity for the graduating students to secure employment or residency positions, for other pharmacy students to seek internship positions and for all students to investigate the vast job opportunities that will be available to them,” Dean Joseph Steiner said. “We appreciate having the support and attendance of representatives from retail pharmacy practice, institutional pharmacy practice and industry.” Other activities included corporate pharmacy presentations, student interviews, a dutch oven dinner sponsored by Walgreens and luncheons hosted by Albertsons and ShopKo. Following the exhibit fair, recruiters from several companies had the opportunity to interview students one-on-one in reserved booths located in the Pond Student Union. The College was host to 30 companies, who not only held presentations, but interviewed students for summer interns, pharmacy residents and full and part-time pharmacist positions. Among the companies present were Albertsons, Fred Meyer, K-Mart, Longs Drugs, ShopKo, Walgreens and Wal-Mart. Also in attendance were recruiters from the Boise VA Medical Center, Intermountain Healthcare, Providence Yakima Medical Center, Salem Hospital and St. Luke’s Regional Medical Center.

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BIOANALYSIS UPDATE

Work at the ISU Bioanalysis Facility, located in the College of Pharmacy, includes the recently completed study titled “Determination of Salicylates in Plasma Samples of Cat, Dog, Horse and Human” for Morning Star Wellness Products, Inc., Boise, Idaho, says Dr. Adeboye Adejare, Director of the facility. “This marks completion of the first major project at the facility, and demonstrates our ability to identify and quantify drugs in various matrixes,” he said.

For more information on the facility, visit http://www.isu.edu/bioanalysis. The services of the facility are available to university researchers, other public educational institutions and private companies. The facility was established through the Governor’s Initiative for Excellence Program.
FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

PRESENTATIONS


Lai JCK (September 2002). The Relevance of Membrane Technology to Environmental Sciences. Hazardous Waste Management & Environmental Engineering Seminars. Idaho State University, Pocatello, ID.

Douglas RM, Xia S, Lai JCK, Behr K, Moczylowski E & Haddad GG (November 2002). The Calcium-Sensitive Potassium Channel (bSlo) is Present in the Mitochondria of Rat Brain Cells & Prevents Serum Deprivation-Induced Apoptosis in HEK Cells. 32nd Annual Meeting, Society for Neuroscience. Orlando, FL.


Hefflinger R (October 2002). Drugs with Narrow Therapeutic Index: What & When to look for Concerns. Invited presentation for the Pharmacotherapeutics Conference. Family Practice Medical Center. Boise, ID.

Hefflinger R (October 2002). Over the Counter Medications. Invited presentation for Healthy Ways Seminar. St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center. Boise, ID.


POSTER PRESENTATIONS


Mayo J, Cahill G & Lott R (September 2002). A Retrospective Review of Patients Converted from Bupropion Sustained-Release to Bupropion Immediate-Release in a Veterans Affairs Medical

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Annual Scientific Meeting of Research Society on Alcoholism/Joint Meeting with International Society for Biomedical Research on Alcoholism. San Francisco, CA.


Lai JCK, Behar KL, Malthankar GV & Haddad GG (July 2002). Hypoxia Induces Differential Increases in Activities of Glycolytic Enzymes in Developing Rat Cerebral Cortex. 14th World Congress of Pharmacology. San Francisco, CA.


Borchert SD, Das NG & Das SK (August 2002). Novel Self-Emulsifying Delivery System for Targeted Lymphatic Delivery of B-Carotene for Cancer Prevention and Treatment. Idaho Biomedical Research Infrastructure Network (BRIN) Conference. Moscow, ID.

GRANTS

Lott R. Renewal for third-year of contract with Boise VA Medical Center to provide pharmaceutical care services to chronically mentally ill patients in Intensive Psychiatric Community Care (IPCC) Program. $10,000 per year.


Wilson C. Supervisor for ISU-BRIN Undergraduate Research Fellowship recipient William McCracken. $6,000.


Das NG (PI), Das SK (Co-PI) & Wilson C (Co-PI). Tumor targeted delivery of paclitaxel via the intestinal lymphatic system. Pharmaceutical Research & Manufacturers Association. $60,000. (submitted October 2002).

Lai JCK, Subcontractor/Collaborator 2002-2003. Energy &Metabolism in Temporal Lobe Epilepsy. (Program Project Director: Dr. Dennis D. Spencer) National Institutes of Health Program Project, PO1 NS039092. [Subcontract to Dr. Lai, total direct & indirect costs: $15,063].

PUBLICATIONS


Awards/Other

Steiner J. Began serving term on the American Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists Education Council at the annual meeting in September.

The ASHP councils develop, investigate and suggest policy issues for the organization.

Participated in an American Pharmaceutical Association Pain Management Academy, November 8-10, Pentagon City, VA. The focus of the academy was to get pain management better integrated into the curriculum of the colleges of pharmacy.

Ratka A. Selected by the American Pharmaceutical Association Pain Management Academy to participate in an inaugural meeting of the APHA Pain Management Academy, November 8-10, 2002, Pentagon City, VA.

Invited to be a member of the Human Rights Committee at the Development Options (organization promoting functional independence through person-centered services). Pocatello.

Invited to be a member of the Speakers Bureau for the American Academy of Pain Management.

Attended Cochran Systematic Review mini-workshop, August 15-17, 2002. University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT.

Adamcik B. Serving academic year August 2002 – May 2003 as the Administrative Fellow in the Office of ISU President Dr. Richard Bowen.

Wilson C. Organizer/Coordinator for Diabetes Health Fairs in Preston & Malad, Idaho, involving pharmacy students P1-P4 & residents in medication evaluation, patient education on risk factors, traveling with diabetes, overall management, hemoglobin A1c testing.

Hachey DM. Traineeship at Johns Hopkins University, November 3-8.

Meet the Experts: How to get the Most out of your PDA in Practice. A roundtable discussion presented at the 2002 American College of Clinical Pharmacy Annual meeting in Albuquerque, NM, October 2002.


Lott RW. Appointed by the ACCP to a three-year term on the Pharmacotherapy Specialty Council of the Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties (BPS). The nine-member specialty council is responsible for developing and administering the pharmacotherapy certification examination given annually by BPS.

In Memory...

Neal Atlee Broyles Sr., 87-years-old, College of Pharmacy benefactor, passed away unexpectedly on Sept. 29, 2002 at his Boise home. Neal and his wife Dorothy founded two scholarship endowments after their late sons Lane, class of 1971 and Neal Jr., B.A., class of 1968.
Dr. Dave Hachey was one of six pharmacists selected from a national pool to participate in a weeklong HIV training program in October at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Md.

The pharmacists joined other health care professionals, exchanging information regarding current treatments and procedures in each discipline. Topics included primary HIV infection, blood testing, hepatitis C infection, complications of drug therapy, patient adherence to medications and grant writing.

Hachey, the other pharmacists, and clinicians also visited patients during the traineeship.

The group toured the Health Education Resource Organization (HERO) facility where HIV patients are provided access to primary social services including life skill classes and legal counsel.

“They do have a system to help keep people from slipping through the cracks,” Hachey said.

Returning from Johns Hopkins, Hachey shared his experience with local HIV health care providers and Pocatello Family Medicine staff.

Hachey said he is enthusiastic about the latest treatment methods and recommendations. He encouraged the Pocatello team to partake in writing a grant to fund a dietitian for the Pocatello Family Medicine clinic.

“It can be argued that healthy nutrition is just as important as medication in patients with HIV and thus having a dietitian/nutritionist is essential to the overall care of the patient,” Hachey said.

Dr. Hachey is a clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Administrative Sciences and the Department of Family Medicine.