BUSM STUDY REPORTS FUNCTIONAL BENEFITS OF CABG SURGERY

Patients interviewed before and after coronary artery bypass graft surgery demonstrated improvement in physical, sexual and social functioning after the surgery, according to a BUSM report in the April issue of The Annals of Thoracic Surgery. The report is based on an ongoing BUSM longitudinal study of recovery and rehabilitation after major cardiac surgery.

The researchers analyzed data from standardized questionnaires and interviews administered to 340 patients before and after their operations. After surgery, CABG patients had fewer total activity restrictions or incapacitated days per month; experienced improvement in the quality of their sexual lives through increased energy and desire, and decreased pain and worry; and were more readily able to return to work and to participate in social functions, according to the report.

The study was conducted at four hospitals, including University Hospital. Researchers were Babette-Ann Stanton, Ph.D., an assistant research professor of medicine and psychiatry and acting chairman of the Department of Behavioral Epidemiology; C. David Jenkins, Ph.D., former chairman of the Department and now at the University of Texas Medical Branch; Judith A. Savageau, M.P.H., a biostatistician; and Robert L. Thurer, M.D., of the Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery at Beth Israel Hospital.

SEYMOUR KAUFMAN, RADIOLOGIST AT BUSM, UH, DIES AT AGE 58

Seymour A. Kaufman, M.D., a BUSM clinical professor of radiology for 14 years and an alumnus of the School, died unexpectedly May 28 at Beth Israel Hospital. Kaufman, 58, was a radiologist at University Hospital from 1955 until his death and was chief of radiology from 1961 to 1965. He also was a radiologist at Northeastern University and the Harvard Community Health Plan, and had conducted a private Boston practice since 1963.

"He was a superb physician, an expert in the field of radiology who made many contributions to the School over a long period of time, said Dean Sandson.

Kaufman graduated cum laude from BUSM in 1948. He remained affiliated with the School through his internship and residencies at BCH and UH, and later through faculty appointments. He was a member of numerous professional societies, including the Radiology Society of North America, the American Medical Association and the Massachusetts Medical Society. He was a fellow of the American College of Radiology.

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AFFILIATION ESTABLISHED, COURSES HELD IN LATIN AMERICA

A formal affiliation recently was established between BUSM and the National Institutes of Health of Mexico, according to Joseph J. Vitale, Sc.D., M.D., associate dean for International Health and director of the nutrition education program. The affiliation, similar to the relationship the School has had with Health Education Professional Schools, Columbia, for the past 10 years, consists of a student and faculty exchange program, conferences and research activities.

The School of Medicine recently co-sponsored a conference with the National Institutes of Health of Mexico. Dean Sandson, Vitale and several other BUSM faculty members spoke at a Mexico City conference on "Complications During Pregnancy and in the Newborn Infant." The conference was attended by 320 physicians. Also recently in Latin America, Juan Carlos Vera, M.D., an assistant professor of medicine, presented a course in hematology to 500 physicians at the Health Education Professional Schools.

KLEIN HONORED AT BCH; REMINGTON SERVES AS FRIEDMAN LECTURER

Physicians from across the country gathered last month at Boston City Hospital to honor Jerome O. Klein, M.D., on his 25th year of practice at BCH. At a dinner award ceremony at the BCH John F. Kennedy Presidential Library, Klein, a BUSM professor of pediatrics and associate director of the Department of Pediatrics at BCH, was presented a Boston University chair for his contributions to the fields of pediatrics and infectious diseases. The ceremony capped a day-long program held in conjunction with the annual Eli Friedman Memorial Lecture, given this year by Jack Remington, M.D.

"Jerry Klein is a remarkable scholar, a talented physician and an outstanding human being. He has provided needed services for children in the areas of common and unusual infectious diseases...and has inspired a generation of pupils and colleagues," said Joel J. Alpert, M.D., professor and chairman of the Department of Pediatrics.

As the Friedman lecturer, Remington, professor and chairman of the Department of Immunology and Infectious Diseases at Stanford University School of Medicine, spoke on "Toxoplasmosis, Cats, Pregnancy and AIDS." Also during the afternoon, 11 physicians presented scientific papers.

PATIENTS' SEXUAL HISTORY SHOULD BE COMPILED, STUDY SAYS

Primary-care internists seeing new patients for specific problems or routine checkups should compile the patients' sexual histories to be better able to treat and advise them, BUSM researchers reported in a recent issue of Archives of Internal Medicine. Physicians often neglect to record this information because of its sensitive nature.

The five-month study, carried out in the General Medicine Clinic at the Evans Memorial Department of Clinical Research at University Hospital, involved 23 general internists and 228 patients. Eleven internists were trained to take detailed sexual histories of all new patients assigned to them during the study. From this information, the physicians could answer questions important to the patient in 24 percent of the cases; improve their understanding of the patient's psycho-social environment in 39 percent; obtain important medical information in 26 percent; and use this information to help
determine the course of treatment in 16 percent.

More than half of the participating patients reported one or more sexual problems or areas of concern. Ninety-one percent believed a discussion of sexual background was or would have been appropriate. Researchers involved in the study were Jack Ende, M.D., an assistant professor of medicine; Susan Rockwell, M.Ed., of the peripheral vascular unit at UH, and Marian Glasgow, M.S.W., an assistant professor of socio-medical sciences and community medicine and director of the Human Sexuality Teaching Program at BUSM.

KANNEL AWARDED FELLOWSHIP FROM COLLEGE OF PREVENTIVE MEDICINE
For his groundbreaking work in cardiovascular epidemiology and preventive cardiology and for his many years of leadership at the Boston University-Framingham Heart Study, William B. Kannel, M.D., recently was awarded a 1984 Honorary Fellowship Award from the American College of Preventive Medicine in Washington, D.C.

Kannel, a BUSM professor of medicine and chief of the Section of Preventive Medicine and Epidemiology at UH, was the director of the Boston University-Framingham Heart Study for several years. The Honorary Fellowship Award acknowledges important preventive medicine accomplishments made by individuals not normally eligible for Fellowship in the College.

MATOLTSY RECEIVES MEDAL FROM DERMATOLOGY SOCIETY
Alexander G. Matoltsy, M.D., a research professor of dermatology, pathology and biochemistry, was presented the Stephen Rothman Medal and Award in Washington, D.C., last month at a meeting of the Society for Investigative Dermatology. He received the honor for his contributions to the field of dermatology, specifically for his work on keratinization.

FELDMAN HONORED BY EPILEPSY FOUNDATION
Robert G. Feldman, M.D., professor and chairman of the Department of Neurology, recently was honored by the Epilepsy Foundation of America with the organization's Distinguished Service Award. A member of the Foundation's Professional Advisory Board for eight years, Feldman recently edited a book on epilepsy with Thomas R. Browne, M.D., a professor of neurology and associate professor of pharmacology and experimental therapeutics. "Epilepsy: Diagnosis and Management" was published by Little, Brown and Co.

LIEFF NAMED TO BOARD; HAS BOOK PUBLISHED
Jonathan Lieff, M.D., an assistant clinical professor of psychiatry, recently was appointed to a three-year term on the board of directors of the American Association of Geriatric Psychiatrists. He is chairman of the Massachusetts Psychiatric Society Task Force on High Technology and a member of the American Psychiatric Association Task Force on the Interface of Medicine and Psychiatry in Geriatrics.

Lieff also wrote a book for the American Psychiatric Association entitled "Computers and Other Technological Aids for Psychiatric Private Practice," published this year by American Psychiatric Press, Inc. "Computer Applications in Psychiatry," also written by Lieff, is due to be released this fall.
PAUL HONORED WITH FAMILY THERAPY AWARD

Norman L. Paul, M.D., an associate clinical professor of neurology, was honored this month by the American Family Therapy Association at their annual meeting in New York City for his clinical and conceptual contributions to the field of family therapy. Paul was presented an award for "Innovative Contribution to Family Therapy" for using closed-circuit television as a tool to show behavior and to focus on problem areas.

BUSM STAFF HONORED FOR SERVICE TO UNIVERSITY

School of Medicine faculty and staff were among those honored at the University's annual Service Recognition Dinner held in April.

University President John R. Silber thanked those honored for their dedicated service to Boston University.

Honored upon their retirement were: Mary D. Alba, Madeline T. Chaplin, Sidney Kibrick, Peter H. Knapp, Lillian A. Lawrence, Isadore N. Rosenberg and Jennifer Woodworth. Those recognized for 25 years of service were: Conan Kornetsky, Ruth R. Levine, and Edward McCarthy.


KUPCHIK PLANNING LECTURE SERIES FOR CANCER RESEARCH ASSOCIATION

Herbert Z. Kupchik, Ph.D., an associate professor of microbiology and pathology, recently was elected president of the Boston Cancer Research Association. He currently is seeking suggestions for topics and speakers for the upcoming monthly lecture series beginning in October. The meetings include informal discussions followed by the scientific session. Yearly membership is $35. For additional information or to submit lecture ideas, contact Kupchik at x5961 (247-5916).

WOMEN'S MEDICAL ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE HELD IN APRIL

More than 80 Boston-area physicians and medical students attended "Issues for Women in Medical Training," a conference organized by the BUSM chapter of the American Medical Women's Association along with women faculty and medical students from Tufts, Harvard and the University of Massachusetts. The event, held in April at the Harvard School of Public Health, featured panel discussions on the professional impact and lifestyle options of women physicians. Guest panelists from BUSM included Maureen T. Kavanah, M.D., an instructor in surgery and physician coordinator of the Surgical Oncology Unit at UH; Jean B. Miller, M.D., a clinical professor of psychiatry; Marcia Scott, M.D., an assistant professor of psychiatry; Patricia N. Whitley, M.D., assistant dean of minority affairs and an assistant professor
of pediatrics; and Marcelle M. Willock, M.D., professor and chairman of the Department of Anesthesiology. An afternoon discussion session was moderated by Elissa Sanders, a third-year student and president of BUSM's AMWA chapter.

FISKE SPEAKS ON TRANSPLANTS, APPEARS ON TALK SHOW
Charles E. Fiske, associate director of BUSM's Social Rehabilitation Services at the Solomon Carter Fuller Mental Health Center, spoke at several conferences and workshops recently on topics relating to organ donation and transplantation. He was a panel member at the annual meeting of the Massachusetts Public Health Council, which focused on rising health costs and increasingly sophisticated medical technology. Fiske also addressed audiences in Washington, D.C., and the Boston area on "The Recipient Families' Role in Organ Donation," and "Liver Transplantation: A Personal Perspective."

In addition, Fiske appeared on "Good Morning America" in April as part of a program on organ transplantation. The program examined personal aspects associated with transplantation as well as current federal policy and recent congressional initiatives.

FUND ESTABLISHED TO REBUILD ROSIE'S PLACE
Members of the Medical Center community have joined the efforts to rebuild Rosie's Place, a shelter for homeless women that recently was destroyed in a fire. The South End shelter was located just two blocks from the Medical Center campus. The Permanent Charities Fund of Boston will match any financial donations made to Rosie's. Contributions can be made at the following locations: Office of the Dean, L-103; Chaplain's Office, F-1; and Home Medical Service, DOB-607. Checks should be made out to Rosie's Fund--Permanent Charities.

DONATIONS SOLICITED FOR ARLETTE M. TAYLOR FUND
A memorial fund has been established in the name of Arlette M. Taylor, area mental health coordinator at the Solomon Carter Fuller Mental Health Center, who died in April. Donations to the fund will be converted into a scholarship for Taylor's daughter, Marcea Dannielle Taylor, who now is in high school. Taylor, who was killed in an automobile accident April 7, was the Center's mental retardation coordinator since 1980. Donations to the Arlette M. Taylor Fund may be mailed to: Mrs. Lamurel H. Phillips, Area Office--Room 709, Dr. Solomon Carter Fuller Mental Health Center, 85 East Newton Street, Boston, MA, 02118.

READERS EVALUATE NEWS & NOTES
The results of this year's News Notes readers' survey, presented in the April issue, proved favorable. Eighty-eight percent of the 91 respondents read all or most News & Notes issues and 84 percent found the items in the newsletter of interest to them. Responses were almost evenly divided between faculty, staff, students and parents. Faculty activities and research results were the topics judged to be most useful and interesting by 67 percent and 63 percent of the respondents, respectively. About 50 percent appreciated news of student activities, research grants and faculty appointments. Readers' comments and suggestions will aid News & Notes editors in planning future issues of the newsletter.
REECE TO DIRECT "Emergency Pediatrics," sponsored by the Departments of Pediatrics, Orthopedics and Pediatric Surgery, will be held Sept. 7 and 8 at the Parker House, Boston. Robert M. Reece, M.D., an associate professor of pediatrics and socio-medical sciences and community medicine, will direct the course. The course will focus on diagnostic and therapeutic guides in pediatric emergencies and updated treatment methods.

BRIEFLY NOTED Lester F. Williams Jr., M.D., the James Utley professor of surgery, presented as part of a panel on current trends in liver surgery, BUSM faculty members' experience in liver trauma at a meeting of the Boston Surgical Society...Aram V. Chobanian, M.D., a professor of medicine and director of the University's Cardiovascular Institute and Haralambos P. Gravas, M.D., a professor of medicine, recently participated in a "Hypertension Update 1984: Practical Clinical Aspects" conference held in Boston...George J. Annas, J.D., M.P.H., the Edward Utley Professor of Health Law and chief of the Health Law Section at the School of Public Health, moderated a medical ethics panel discussion in May. The discussion, held at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, concluded the 1984 Lowell Lecture Series in Medicine.

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