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BU NAMES HUTTER GSDM DEAN
Jeffrey W. Hutter, DMD, MEd, has been appointed dean and first Spencer N. Frankl Professor of Boston University Goldman School of Dental Medicine.

Hutter served as dean ad interim for the past 10 months and succeeds the late Spencer Frankl and Henry Goldman to become the third dean in the history of the School since its founding in 1963.

The search committee unanimously recommended Hutter as their first choice for the dean position. Hutter was recommended to the BU Trustees, who approved his appointment in early August.

"Boston University President Robert Brown and I share the confidence of the search committee and are grateful for Dr. Hutter's outstanding leadership over the past year," stated Karen Antman, MD, provost of BU Medical Campus, in a campuswide e-mail announcement. "We have been impressed by his management skills on both our Boston and Dubai campuses, and are confident that GSDM will thrive under Dr. Hutter's direction and energy."

Hutter holds a DMD degree from the University of Pennsylvania, where he is an adjunct assistant professor of endodontics; a certificate in endodontics from the Naval Postgraduate Dental School, and an MA in education and human development from George Washington University.

Following his last assignment as chair of the Department of Endodontics and director of postdoctoral endodontics at the Naval Dental School, Bethesda, Md., Hutter retired with the rank of captain from the U.S. Navy Dental Corps in 1996 after a 21-year career.

He then served as director of postdoctoral endodontics at the School of Dentistry, University of Maryland, for a year prior to his recruitment to the GSDM faculty in 1997 as Professor and Herbert Schilder Chair in the Department of Endodontics and director of the school's postdoctoral program in endodontics. He became associate dean for academic affairs in 2002, senior associate dean in 2007 and dean ad interim last October.

Hutter is a past director of the American Board of Endodontics and the Board of Directors of the American Association of Endodontists (AAE) as well as a past AAE president.

Active in the American Dental Association, Hutter became chair of its Commission on Dental Accreditation in 2007 and also chairs the Educational Review Committee on Endodontics.

DENTAL, MEDICAL STUDENTS TAKE OATHS
BUSM and GSDM welcomed a total of 367 new students with special ceremonies, lunches, receptions and orientation programs held on the medical campus.

On Aug. 11, it was clear to the 177 members of the BUSM Class of 2012 gathered for their White Coat Ceremony that they were embarking on a transformative journey symbolized by the event.

The ceremony, part of BUSM's annual orientation, emphasizes the human connection in the practice of medicine and the responsibilities inherent in the doctor-patient relationship.

"Today you begin the profession of healing, which is characterized by commitment to your patients, compassion for those you serve, and passion for the work you do," said guest speaker Jonathan Woodson, MD, associate dean for students and diversity at BUSM. "In a few days you will begin deepening your knowledge of how the human body works and be given special privileges to dissect the human body, examine the private thoughts of patients and expose their fears. These privileges, however, come with responsibilities."

"Today you begin that life-altering journey symbolized by the wearing of the white coat," added Woodson, a vascular surgeon at BMC. "Reflect deeply and often on what it means and internalize what it stands for so that it is obvious to all who you are and what you stand for."
DIVERSE BAND LIGHTS UP THE MEDICAL CAMPUS

A second-year BUMS student sang a Beatles song. An MD/PhD student studying molecular medicine played bass. A cardiothoracic surgeon was on percussion while a pathologist played keyboard.

Fifteen students and professionals at BUMS Medical Campus and BMC is up Baker Auditorium with their hither-to-unknown musical talents at a concert held in late July. For two hours, the BUMC Band transformed the lecture space into a hip South East musical venue as, act by act, the musicians wowed the audience with their high-quality education and exceptional patient care. A new person shows up on Sunday and adds another perspective or musical style to the group," said Vezoris. "The evolving nature of the band is satisfying because we've made a lot of friends and the collective experience helps us to become better musicians."

"Putting together diverse individuals from various corners of the campus on a level playing field plays directly to our ongoing themes, such as respect and team building — values that lead to high-quality education and exceptional patient care," said Ortega. "It's a great time. New members are always welcome."

SIMULATED SAFETY, OPERATIONS TRAINING PLANNED FOR BIOLAB

A series of training exercises involving police, fire and other safety agencies has been scheduled for early next year at the National Emerging Infectious Diseases Laboratories (NEIDL) being built on the BU Medical Campus (BUMC). Facility researchers and technicians will collaborate with public safety personnel, regulatory agencies and community residents to hold full-scale simulations of scientific operations and of emergency responses.

While no actual research will take place — and no biological or chemical agents will be used in the simulation — NEIDL officials say that the exercises provide an opportunity to refine safety procedures as administrators wait for approval from federal and state agencies.

"Until the regulatory and judicial processes are complete, no research will take place in the lab," said Mark Klompner, MPH, Conrad Wesselhoeft Professor of Medicine at BUMC, associate provost for research at BUMC, and the principal investigator for the National Institutes of Health-funded (NIH) project. "This training period also will provide an opportunity for the community to learn more about how biosecurity in research labs is carried out and about the many safety protocols in place to protect our scientists and the community from harm."

The research simulations will cover each step in the scientific process that leads to acquiring data for published research, as well as internal and external incident responses. The intent, Klompner said, is to familiarize both regulatory agencies and community residents with the step-by-step process for conducting research at the NEIDL, as well as to test health and safety measures.

Construction on the laboratory was completed in August, but research will not begin until a comprehensive environmental risk assessment is completed. A Blue-Ribbon Panel of experts appointed by the NIH has been meeting since March in response to a National Academy of Sciences concern that an earlier risk assessment conducted by the NIH did not adequately identify worst-case scenarios. The training exercises are expected to be some of the most comprehensive biosafety laboratory trainings ever simulated in a laboratory environment, as well as to have the most extensive participation of internal and external personnel in a facility of this kind in the country.

BMC RANKS AMONG NATION'S BEST

Medical specialties at BMC once again rank among the nation's best in U.S. News & World Report's annual edition of "America's Best Hospitals."

Out of the 5,453 hospitals assessed nationwide by the magazine, BMC was among the 170 that scored high enough to appear in any of 16 specialty rankings. Three specialties were recognized for excellence: rheumatology services ranked 20th, treatment of respiratory disorders ranked 27th, and geriatric care ranked 31st. Geriatrics at BMC, which moved up 10 notches from last year, has consistently appeared on the U.S. News & World Report's Best Hospitals list for several years.

Ratings for 12 of the specialties are based on reputation, death rate and care-related factors such as nursing, patient services and technology. Rankings for the other four specialties, including rheumatology, are based on three years of nominations by specialists.

"Whether we're developing innovative asthma-care programs, or improving the quality of life of our elderly patients, Boston Medical Center is continually striving to provide exceptional care without exception," said Ravi Davendro, MD, chief medical officer. "We are proud of all our staff and the care they provide every day.

GSDM WELCOMES FIRST POSTGRADUATE RESIDENTS TO INSTITUTE IN DUBAI

The BU Institute of Dental Research and Education Dubai — the first institution to offer postgraduate dental education in the Dubai region — welcomed its inaugural class of residents this summer.

Joseph Mercurio, executive vice president of BU, and Jeffrey Hutter, DMD, MEd, GSDM dean, attended the July ceremony in Dubai, along with Khalid Malik, CEO of Tatweer, a subsidiary of Dubai Holding, Muhadditha Al Hashimi, DrPH, deputy officer at BU Institute of Dental Research and Education, and Muhadditha Al Hashimi, DrPH, deputy officer at BU Institute of Dental Research and Education, and Khalid Malik, CEO of Tatweer, a subsidiary of Dubai Holding, Muhadditha Al Hashimi, DrPH, deputy officer at BU Institute of Dental Research and Education, and Khalid Malik, CEO of Tatweer, a subsidiary of Dubai Holding, Muhadditha Al Hashimi, DrPH, deputy officer at BU Institute of Dental Research and Education, and Khalid Malik, CEO of Tatweer, a subsidiary of Dubai Holding.

Fifteen students and professors from BU Institute of Dental Research and Education Dubai, along with leaders from BU, GSOM and the Dubai Institute at their recent orientation, ten women and five men comprise the class.

The first postgraduate residents to enter the BU Institute of Dental Research and Education Dubai, also welcomed the incoming residents and facilitated their orientation.

Dubai Healthcare City, a medical-free zone within the Emirate of Dubai in the United Arab Emirates, has been developed with the goal of becoming a major university hospital. The BU Institute of Dental Research and Education and a major university hospital.

The campus also will house a wellness center offering integrative medicine, private clinics and branches of several international medical and pharmaceutical corporations.

Continuing support

Tina Qua's life, a BMC cancer patient, joins her caregiver Nancy Gardner, RN, and Pam Caira, her personal care, at a special celebration of Caira's meter $23,000 donation to the BMC ovarian Mini-Body Support Group.

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GERIATRICS EDUCATION PROGRAM SERVES AS NATIONAL MODEL
A program pioneered at BMC and BSUM is being replicated for geriatrics-care education at 13 medical schools nationwide.

The Chief Resident Immersion Training in the Care of Older Adults was launched at BU Medical Campus in 2005 to provide physicians in all disciplines with the tools to give older citizens excellent, all-around care. Highly successful results led to a $2.1 million grant awarded last year by the John A. Hartford Foundation to BMC and the Association of Directors of Geriatric Academic Programs to replicate the program via a nationwide demonstration project.

The innovative project trains chief residents to diagnose and treat health problems common among older adults, and to better prepare the medical students and residents they supervise to do the same. The program also aims to encourage positive attitudes toward caring for the aging, foster leadership and teaching skills, and improve collaboration among the subspecialties involved in elder care.

“Our main objective is to foster collaboration among disciplines in the management of complex older patients with complex medical and functional needs,” stated Shann Levine, MD, associate professor of medicine at BSUM, director of the Geriatrics and Geriatric-OncoGy oncology fellowship at BMC, and director of the nationwide project.

Through the program, teams that include both a chief resident and a faculty member responsible for residency training in surgical and medical specialties attend interactive two- and a-half-day retreats. Each retreat includes 17 chief residents and their faculty mentors; the demonstration project will train a total of nearly 400 chief residents. These chief residents will, in turn, teach the geriatrics evaluation and management skills they have learned to about 18,000 residents and medical students, Levine estimates.

“Training health-care professionals to meet the unique health-care needs of older adults is a growing priority nationwide,” said Levine, associate director of academic affairs at BSUM. “In the last three decades, the percentage of inpatients 65 and older has nearly doubled—from 20 to about 40 percent.”

Sites selected for the demonstration project are participating in several phases over four years. Schools at the university of Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Rochester and South Carolina were chosen to participate in the first phase, while medical schools at Yale and Marshall universities and the universities of Wisconsin and Cincinnati were selected for the second phase. The four remaining schools will be announced next year.

In a primary-care or obstetrics/gynecology setting receiving the most benefit.

For those who already have dementia, use of angiotensin receptor blockers might delay deterioration of brain function and help keep patients out of nursing homes," said Benjamin Walzlin, MD, PhD, professor of pharmacology and neurology at BSUM. Walzlin was lead presenter of the study at the 2008 International Conference on Alzheimer’s Disease held July 25-28 in Chicago.

"The findings also suggest the blockers are more effective than other blood pressure and cardiovascular medications for preventing Alzheimer's disease or dementia," he added.

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"Spend time with family and friends and enjoy all the city has to offer," he said. "But keep in mind, the more you put into your education, the more you will take away.

Later that day, students took a break from the summer heat at an ice cream social hosted by the GSDM Alumni Association. Representatives from student groups and local companies and organizations set up information booths for students.

At the end of the week, students took the Oath of the DMD Class of 2012 and Advanced Standing Program Class of 2010 at GSDM's Professional Ceremony.

"We will have no trouble in providing you the necessary skill and knowledge to bring you to competency," said John DuBensa, DMD, assistant dean for patient services at GSUM, who addressed the new candidates for the degree of dental medicine. "However we will need your help, starting today, to begin living the values, integrity, professionalism, ethics and responsibilities of being recognized as future doctors."

The event was followed by a barbecue for students and their families on Talbot Green.

BMC AWARDED $5 MILLION FOR STUDY ON STOPPING DRUG USE
BMC researchers have been awarded $5.4 million from the National Institutes of Health to study the effectiveness of intervention in the primary-care setting for stopping drug use.

No study in the United States has yet tested the efficacy of brief counseling for drug use in general health settings. Results of this study, called Assessing Screening Plus brief intervention’s Resulting Efficacy to stop drug use [ASPIRE], will provide important data in making decisions about drug-use screening and brief interventions in primary-care settings, according to principal investigator Richard Saitz, MD, MPH, who directs the Addiction Research and Education Unit at BMC and professor of medicine at BSUM.

"This award adds to a number of other externally funded projects on this theme, really establishing BMC as a leader in the field of early identification and brief intervention for unhealthy alcohol and drug use," said Saitz.

ASPIRE aims to determine the efficacy of two models for brief intervention for decreasing drug use and consequences in primary-care patients. Subjects in one group will be assigned to a standard, brief intervention model conducted by trained health-promotion advocates. Subjects in the other group will be assigned to a more intensive intervention model conducted by master’s-level counselors trained and monitored to perform motivational interviewing.

Main outcomes, noted Saitz, professor of epidemiology at BUSPH, are less drug use and fewer drug-use consequences, including HIV-risk behaviors at six months and receipt of substance-dependence treatment, if necessary.

"Though enhanced, brief intervention may cost more to implement, in the long run it may be cheaper once the potential benefits of reductions in crime and health consequences are considered," said Saitz. "But more importantly, proof of efficacy of brief counseling for drug use could facilitate widespread dissemination of the practice in general health settings, where such tools are desperately needed."
COMMUNITY FORUM EXAMINES RECORDS POLICIES OF CRIMINAL OFFENDERS

BUSHF recently held a panel discussion to examine the many facets of the Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) Act and CORI reform.

"CORI: A Public Health Issue," hosted by the school's Office of Public Health Practice, featured panelists and speakers who work with or have been affected by CORI.

The CORI Act provides criminal history reports to employers, public housing authorities, and other agencies in Massachusetts to protect the public. The value of CORI has become a "hot-button" issue, however, because people who have criminal records and are trying to reform their lives are often excluded from obtaining employment or housing. Records remain open for 15 years after a person is convicted of a felony in the Commonwealth, and for 10 years if convicted of a misdemeanor.

Barbara Ferrer, MD, executive director of the Boston Public Health Commission, explained that while CORI was originally meant to streamline information sharing regarding people with charges against them, 1.5 million records now are released each year to many people who have little or no training on how to read the complex codes on a CORI sheet.

"It is fundamentally a huge public health issue because it creates inequities in health outcomes," said Ferrer, pointing out that in the United States most health care is tied to employment. By limiting access to housing, jobs and educational opportunities, CORI leads to poor health, she noted.

Panelists offered different approaches to CORI and represented law enforcement, government relations, community relations and higher education and religion. They included Andrea Cabral, JD, sheriff of Suffolk County (shown at left) and Tina Brooks, undersheriff of the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development.

A guest from the community discussed how despite her hardships with CORI, she had become a working member of society despite having a record; another speaker described how he had been played off by a criminal offense from a decade ago that he did not commit.

Judith Bernstein, MPH, professor of maternal and child health at BUSHF, closed the forum addressing a public-health approach to CORI reform.

PROGRAM PUTS TEEN MOTHERS ON ROAD TO SUCCESS

About 50 young mothers from throughout Boston were honored at a special BCU ceremonies celebrating their recent graduations and accomplishments.

In Boston, 80 percent of all births to teen mothers take place at BMC. To address the complexities of teen pregnancy, the Teens and Tots program integrates medical care, support and education. Services include prenatal care and education, nutritional counseling, and primary medical care for pregnant adolescents, their infants and teen fathers.

"Teens who come to us face enormous challenges," said Adrienne Stephens, Project RESE family advocate. "We see teens who lack good relationships, use drugs, experience the death of a loved one to live a partner, who have mental-health disorders. Overall our goal is to build a trusting and supportive relationship with them."

In her welcoming comments, Natalie Joseph, MD, director of the Teens and Tots program at BMC and assistant professor of pediatrics at BUSHF, said, "You have stayed on course and did not give up. I congratulate your family, friends, health-care providers, administratives and other community people who have contributed to your accomplishments, stuck with you and had the faith that you will make it."

At the July 15 celebration, program founder Barry Zuckerman, MD, chief and chair of pediatrics at BMC and BUSHF, shared his experiences and offered advice on being successful. Several program participants also spoke.

"What I love about this program is that so many people actually care," Dr. Joseph, Gloria Brun, RN, Adrienne Stephens and Robin Milton, a family advocate at BMC, said. "We do not want our young mothers to feel like they are alone."

The Teens and Tots program (shown at left) is a part of the Teens and Tots program at BMC, which helps teenagers from pregnancy through the child's third year. They received high school diplomas in June and will be a student at the University of Massachusetts Boston, Department of Community Health and Victoria State University, Department of Community Health.

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BU CREATES COLLABORATIVE PROGRAMS IN NEUROSCIENCE

Neuroscience holds the promise of delivering new insights into difficult treatment areas such as addiction and mental illness, making it one of the fastest-growing fields in research and academia.

The creation of the new BU Center for Neuroscience brings scientists from the Charles River and medical campuses together to provide collaborative research and innovation in this discipline.

Shelley Russak, PhD, director of the new BU Center for Neuroscience and professor of psychology,表示，”我们的目标是为学生提供一个真正独特的学习环境，特别是对那些可能觉得语言太过普通，或者对一个学科的多个部分没有足够的研究，仍然能够对一种具体的专业领域有很好的理解，为创新和教育做出贡献。”

"Students in this program also will be given the opportunity to interact with physicians and patient populations at the medical campus, providing an important clinical context for their thesis research and building on the foundation for their future commitment to improve the human condition," she added.

On BU Medical Campus, the departments of anatomy and neuroscience, neurosurgery, pharmacology, psychology, and psychiatry faculty will participate. 

At BU's Charles River Campus, participating disciplines include anatomy and neuroscience, mathematics and statistics, biomedical engineer-

in, and cognitive and neural systems, as well as the Sargent College.

BU will include presentations on the use of stem-cell research, information on the latest therapeutic approaches and what research is expected to reveal in the future.

A collaboration with the event on the Boston Center for Independent Living. For more information, contact Claudine DeJoie at (617) 638-7339 or cdejoie@bmc.edu.
PEOPLE

Ariel Hirsch, MD, director of education in radiation oncology at BMC and assistant professor of radiology at BUM, was a visiting professor at Rambam Hospital in Haifa, Israel, in July. Hirsch’s major presentation for the hospital’s Oncology Division, “Current Advances in the Radiation Treatment of Prostate Cancer,” included updates on germline-radiation research at BMC.

Steven Pertman, DDS, MSD, clinical associate professor of pediatric dentistry at GSDM, received an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from A.T. Still University Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health and served as keynote speaker for its commencement. Pertman, who in 1993 founded Healthy Athletes Special Smiles, spoke about his passion for serving the underserved population of the intellectually disabled.

New Appointments

Suresh Agarwal, MD, associate professor of surgery at BUM and associate director for the BMC’s Surgical Residency Program, has been appointed chief of surgical critical care at BMC. Since his arrival at the medical campus in 2003, Agarwal has served BMC as an attending surgeon, surgical intensivist and trauma surgeon. He was named 2007 Teacher of the Year in BMC’s Division of Surgery and John A. Hartford Faculty Scholar in the Section of Geriatrics in 2005.

Lisa Brown has been named associate director for corporate communications. She is responsible for communicating news and events on the BU Medical Campus to internal and external audiences. For the past three years, Brown served as media relations manager at BUSPH.

Keith Saucier recently served as compensation director, and previously as management programs and the supervision of clinical management programs and the supervision of clinical guidelines and managed-care programs at the Joslin Clinic.

James Rosenzweig, MD, has been appointed director of diabetes services at BMC and has been recommended for an appointment at BUM as associate professor of medicine. Currently, Rosenzweig is overseeing the development and testing of programs locally and nationwide to help primary-care physicians improve the care of their patients with diabetes. For the past 21 years, Rosenzweig served the Joslin Diabetes Center, where he was director of the Disease Management Department, in charge of the development of diabetes-management programs and the supervision of clinical guidelines and managed-care programs at the Joslin Clinic.

Keith Saucier has been named director of compensation and benefits at BMC. Saucier comes to the medical center from Fidelity Investments, which he joined in 2003, and most recently served as compensation director, and previously as compensation manager and benefits manager.

Michael White, MS, has been appointed assistant dean for finance and administration at BUM. He will be responsible for overseeing financial and administrative activities for BUSM, as well as administrative processes related to faculty recruitment. White, who received his master’s from BU’s Metropolitan College, will serve as director of finance for the Information Systems & Technology Department at BU Charles River Campus for the past seven years.

Grants & Awards

BMC’s Surgical-Site Improvement Project received the prestigious 2008 National Association of Public Hospitals’ Patient Safety Award. The award acknowledges the significant improvement in patient safety made at the hospital through the use of a formula of actions to reduce surgical-site infections. Keith Lewis, MD, chair of anesthesiology at BMC, who led the effort, received the award at the National Medical Center at the Safety Net Awards Ceremony at the association’s annual conference.

Gerald Denis, PhD, assistant professor of pharmacology and medicine and American Cancer Society Research Scholar at the Cancer Research Center at BMC, was awarded a Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Translational Research award. The $346,000 award will fund “Telomere DNA-Based, Novel Therapy for Aggressive Lymphoid Malignancy.”

Keith Saucier for three years. Denis joined the BUSM faculty and the school’s Program in Molecular Medicine in September 2001.

P. K. Newby, ScD, MPH, MS, assistant professor of pediatrics at BUM, was selected for the American Society of Law, Medicine and Ethics. Newby was selected for his outstanding leadership, his role as a mentor and educator for pediatric residents, and numerous innovative educational contributions. He will train part time during the next two years in the Dana Farber/Children’s Hospital Pediatric Palliative Care Program.

The SPARK (Supporting Parents and Resilient Kids Program) at BMC recently received $42,000 from several foundations to renovate the center’s playground in Mattapan. The klarman Foundation and the Edith Glick Schoolman Foundation for Children Foundation each donated $15,000, and the Ace of Clubs Foundation donated $12,000.

Philip Trackman, PhD, professor of periodontology and oral biology at GSDM, received a $600,000 Idea Award from the U.S. Department of Defense’s Congressionally Directed Medical Research Program. As principal investigator of The Loyal Osteopore Desiprop as an inhibitor of Prostate to Bone Metastasis,” Trackman and his team will study the effect of the propopide on growth factor-receptor interactions between bone and cancer cells.

BMC NAMES NEW TRUSTEES

BMC recently appointed three new members to its Board of Trustees.

The Rev. Dr. John Borders III of Stoughton has served as pastor for Morning Star Baptist Church in Mattapan since 1981. During his tenure the church’s membership has grown from 75 members to more than 2,500. Among Borders’ many accolades is the Martin Luther King Jr. Preaching Fellowship from Morehouse College, which he was awarded in 2003.

Christine Dunn of Boston is owner and founder of Dunn Associates, a real estate firm. She is a partner of the New England Foundation Co., and has been involved with the Boston Harbor Clean-up Project for the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority since 1988.

Martha Samuelson of West Newton is president and CEO of the Analysis Group, an organization that provides economic, financial and business-strategy consulting. Samuelson served as an expert in many phases of litigation, including development of economic and financial models, preparation of testimony and presentation of pretrial discovery.

“I am thrilled that these three community leaders have joined our Board of Trustees and am confident that we will benefit from their vast expertise and knowledge,” stated Elaine Uilian, BMC president and CEO.

WE CARE Recognition Awards

BMC honors employees and volunteers who have shown exceptional care toward others with WE CARE Recognition Awards.

The WE CARE Employee Recognition Awards for August are Marie-Pierrette Similien, certified nursing assistant II, Nursing Oncology, Newton Pavilion; Shereen Mediterranean, RN, case manager/staff nurse, Case Management, Newton Pavilion; and Nancy Newman, manager for denials and appeals, Finance/Revenue Charge Systems. The July recipient was Kathleen Waltz, staff nurse, Pediatric Emergency Department, Menino Pavilion.

The WE CARE Volunteer Recognition Award for August was presented to Spencer Gaffney, a recent graduate of Milton Academy, who has given BMC nearly 300 hours of his summer vacation the past three years. This summer, he helped harvest food from the rooftop garden that will be shared with clients of the hospital’s Food Pantry and Demonstration Kitchen.

Institutional abbreviations used in MedCenter News

BMC – Boston Medical Center

BU – Boston University

BUSM – BU School of Medicine

BUSPH – BU School of Public Health

GSDM – BU Goldman School of Dental Medicine

BU Medical Campus – BUSPH, GSDM, BUSM