



GLOBAL HEALTH ADVOCATES: From left, Goosby, Gwengale, Bangsberg, Farmer, Kerry and Slavin at the Nov. 12 event

Global Health Symposium

Day-long event draws physicians, scientists and policy makers

THE MGH has a longstanding history caring for its neighbors. What began 200 years ago as an effort in Boston to assist local neighbors in distress has expanded today into the hospital reaching out internationally to care for neighbors around the world. With this in mind, on Nov. 12, the MGH Center for Global Health hosted its inaugural symposium at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center. Entitled “Broadening the Response: The

Role of Academic Medical Centers in Global Health,” the day-long event drew global health leaders from around the world as well as prominent U.S. officials, including Sen. John F. Kerry and Ambassador and Global AIDS Coordinator Eric Goosby.

Speaking to a crowd of more than 1,000 attendees, MGH Center for Global Health Director David Bangsberg, MD, MPH, welcomed the group and outlined the need to

build lasting international partnerships.

“We will make progress in the short term, but the challenges in global health are too complex to solve in a single generation,” he said. “This is why, above all else, we need to invest in the next generation here and, more importantly, invest in the next generation abroad to make a generation-spanning difference.”

The day’s events began with remarks
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CHApel CHAnukah CHAppening at MGH

CHANUKAH, also known as the eight-day Festival of Lights, is a Jewish holiday commemorating the victory of the Maccabees, the rededication of the Jerusalem Temple and the miracle of the oil that burned for eight days. To acknowledge the holiday, the MGH Chaplaincy hosted the first annual interfaith “CHApel CHAnukah CHAppening” with Rabbi Benjamin Lanckton on Dec. 3 in the MGH Chapel.

Approximately 30 guests, mostly hospital employees, attended the event, which included prayers of thanksgiving, communal and individual Jewish healing prayers, Chanukah songs, and the welcoming of the Sabbath Queen and Sabbath Angels. As part of the service, interfaith chaplain Rev. Daphne B. Noyes and MGH Clinical Pastoral Education participant Jim Crory reflected on the meaning of light in their faith traditions.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS: Lanckton lights the menorah in the chapel foyer.



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from MGH President Peter L. Slavin, MD, and Jeanette Ives Erickson, RN, MS, FAAN, senior vice president for Patient Care Services and chief nurse. Noting the hospital's upcoming bicentennial, Slavin reflected on the MGH's 200-year commitment to the community.

"At the time of the MGH's founding, our neighbors included the residents of Boston and its surrounding communities," he said. "Today our neighbors also live in places like Uganda, South Africa, Liberia, Bangladesh, Haiti and elsewhere. While our neighbors may live in different places, our commitment to serving them remains the same."

Invited speakers – including Kerry, Goosby, Walter T. Gwengale, MD, Liberian minister of Health and Social Welfare, and Paul Farmer, MD, PhD, co-founder of Partners in Health – offered remarks and participated in a panel discussion moderated by Bangsberg. Panelists took questions from the audience and discussed ways academic medical centers, nongovernmental organizations and government officials can partner with local health leaders around the world to develop health infrastructures to help train and retain the best caregivers abroad.

The first panel, "Practicing Global Health Across Disciplines," highlighted the importance of strong working relationships with local populations. Panelists were Peter Mugenyi, MD, director of the Joint Clinical Research Center in Uganda; David Henderson, MD, director of the Chester M. Pierce, MD, MGH Division of Global Psychiatry; Kristian Olson, MD, MPH, global health program leader at the Center for Integration of Medicine and Innovative Technology; Laurence Ronan, MD, co-director of the MGH Center for Global Health's Office of Disaster Response; and Bruce Walker, MD, director of the Ragon Institute of MGH, MIT and Harvard.

The day's final discussion, "Training the Next Generation of Global Health Leaders: Sustaining Careers at MGH and Abroad," was moderated by Vanessa Bradford Kerry, MD, associate director for Education and External Affairs at the MGH Center for Global Health. Participants were Grace Deveney, RN, MPH, of the Center for Global Health; Tayyaba Hasan, PhD, director of the MGH Office of Research Career Development; Frederick Kayanja, MD, vice chancellor of Mbarara University of Science and Technology in Uganda; and Thumbi Ndung'u, BVM, PhD, scientific director of the HIV Pathogenesis Programme at the Doris Duke Medical Research Institute at the University of KwaZulu-Natal in South Africa.

"The symposium was a great opportunity to bring together some of the foremost leaders in global health," says Bangsberg. "Each of our invited speakers and guests engaged with each other in a provocative manner to create a new energy and perspective on global health." ■



GIFT OF HOPE: From left, Lisa, John and Elana Sargent, and Batchelor

Supporting brain cancer research

WHEN HER FATHER JOHN was diagnosed with a glioblastoma in June 2009, 10-year-old Elana Sargent wanted to find a way to help. She decided to make bracelets with gray beads and ribbons – gray is the official color for brain cancer awareness – and donate the proceeds to cancer research. Elana called her project "Beading for Brain Cancer" and sold the bracelets for \$10 at local stores. The items quickly gained popularity, and orders poured in for more.

In October, Elana and her family donated \$1,000 – raised from the sale of the bracelets – toward glioblastoma research at the MGH Cancer Center, where John receives care. Tracy Batchelor, MD, MPH, executive director of the Stephen E. and Catherine Pappas Center for Neuro-Oncology, accepted the check on behalf of the hospital.

"After my dad found out he was sick, I saw how hard it was for people with cancer," says Elana. "I wanted to help so that other people don't have to go through the same thing."

Elana's brother Jack also plans to make a donation to the MGH. He organized a hockey game between students and teachers at his school, and through donations of participants and attendees, raised more than \$600.

"We are so grateful to our physicians and nurses and are happy to give back," says their mother Lisa. "Dr. Batchelor, Dr. April Eichler and our nurse practitioner Mary Walsh have all been wonderful." ■

MGH caregivers share experiences in Haiti



INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE: Barkin maintains intravenous fluids for a cholera patient in Haiti.

Baselga first incumbent of Chabner Chair in Hematology Oncology

A NAMED CHAIR is one of the highest honors a physician may receive in his or her lifetime. On Nov. 19, the MGH, the MGH Cancer Center and the Department of Medicine celebrated the establishment of the Bruce A. Chabner Chair in Hematology Oncology, named in honor of Bruce A. Chabner, MD, director of Clinical Research for the Cancer Center. The chair is one of the first fully funded chairs to be officially based at the MGH.

An internationally renowned oncologist, Chabner has been a pioneer in the cancer field for more than 40 years. In 1995, after spending 26 years at the National Cancer Institute – including 13 years as director of the Division of Cancer Research – Chabner had joined the MGH Cancer Center as clinical director and chief of Hematology/Oncology. His leadership as a clinician, scientist, educator and mentor has helped ensure that the center offers the best in cancer care to each and every patient.



CHABNER

A reception held at the Four Seasons Hotel offered colleagues, friends and family a chance to honor both Chabner and José Baselga, MD, PhD, chief of Hematology/Oncology, the chair's inaugural incumbent. Peter L. Slavin, MD, MGH president, welcomed guests.

"These chairs are very significant in a number of ways," said Slavin. "They are intended for the most prominent members of our faculty and are truly an honor to hold –

but their benefits are far more than honorific. They enable the endowed chair to pursue clinical and academic activities with much greater flexibility and vigor than would otherwise be possible."

David P. Ryan, MD, clinical director of the Cancer Center, offered a heartfelt introduction of Chabner, sharing anecdotes of his kindness and underscoring his profound commitment to the MGH mission. He also described Chabner as an incredible mentor.



Chabner spoke next. "I am so honored and humbled by the occasion and deeply thankful to the many people who have made this chair possible," he said. He discussed his journey as an oncologist and the evolution of the Cancer Center and went on to explain how proud he is that Baselga is the first physician appointed to the chair.

After being introduced by Daniel Haber, MD, PhD, director of the Cancer Center, Baselga – who joined the MGH this past summer – lauded Chabner for his leadership at the Cancer Center and the center itself for the quality of care it offers.

Chabner and Baselga were then presented awards by Slavin and Dennis Ausiello, MD, chief of the Department of Medicine, after which Ausiello gave closing remarks.

"I look forward to the years of service that I know both will continue to provide here," said Ausiello. "I especially look forward to how much our patients will benefit enormously from that service." ■

MGH IN HAITI FOLLOWING A 100-year absence on the island of Hispaniola, cholera – a potentially deadly bacterial disease that causes severe diarrhea and dehydration – not only has reemerged, but it also has reached epidemic proportions in Haiti. Nearly 100,000 individuals in the country are battling the illness, and to date, more than 2,000 have died.

In October, the MGH joined with Project HOPE in Haiti to help care for those affected by cholera. Laurence Ronan, MD, co-director of the MGH Center for Global Health's Office of Disaster Response, and nurses Jane Caporiccio, RN; Joyce Barkin, NP; Emily Ferguson, RN; Alysia Monaco, RN; and Nora Sheehan, RN, were deployed to serve at Hôpital Albert Schweitzer in central Haiti, while Jason Harris, MD, of MassGeneral Hospital for Children's Infectious Disease Unit, and Richelle Charles, MD, of the MGH Infectious Disease Unit, served with Project HOPE in Petite Rivière. The MGH

team supported the local hospital staff, caring for hundreds of men, women and children. Ronan, Barkin, Sheehan and Harris recently shared their experiences in Haiti, presenting "Insights into the Cholera Epidemic in Haiti" Nov. 30 in the Haber Auditorium. The group was joined via videoconferencing by Louise Ivers, MD, MPH, of Partners in Health, who currently is serving in Haiti.

Following an introduction by Ronan and a general overview of cholera by Harris – who explained the epidemiology and clinical aspects of the epidemic – Barkin and Sheehan described their experiences during their two-week deployment at Hôpital Albert Schweitzer.

"While it was wonderful to work with our Haitian colleagues and offer care to the Haitian patients, there were several challenges," said Sheehan. "Among these, the language barrier was huge, so working with the Haitian nurses and families was challenging.

In addition to offering direct care, we spent time educating the patients and their family members. When the patients arrived at the hospital, often traveling by foot, they came in with their whole family. So it was important for us to educate family members about hand hygiene to help them avoid acquiring the illness while caring for their loved one."

Barkin also described her experience as, at times, challenging and frustrating. "Although we did feel that we were helpful, it is hard not to think that we were limited by a lack of supplies and most acutely by the language barrier," she said. "We spent much of our day starting and maintaining intravenous fluids, encouraging oral rehydration and doing whatever was needed to be done, such as obtaining basic supplies. The trip to Haiti was an amazing experience; I feel very fortunate to have had this opportunity through the MGH Center for Global Health and Project HOPE."

WHAT'S HAPPENING**DSC and MAO film series**

The Disparities Solutions Center (DSC) and Multicultural Affairs Office (MAO) are co-hosting a film series event, "Crash: Stereotypes in Society ... and Health Care?" Dec. 15 from noon to 1:30 pm in the O'Keefe Auditorium. The screening will feature segments from the movie "Crash" and ABC News 20/20's "Race and Sex: What We Think But Can't Say." Following the screening, Alexander Green, MD, MPH, associate director of the DSC, and LeRoi Hicks, MD, MPH, of BWVH and HMS, will lead a discussion of these issues and how they are linked to health care. This event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. To register, e-mail disparitiessolutions@partners.org. For more information, visit www2.massgeneral.org/disparitiessolutions/events.html.

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December promotions at the MGH Blood Donor Center

Individuals who donate blood at the Blood Donor Center during December will have the opportunity to brighten the day of a sick child. Each donor can fill out a gift tag that will be attached to a stuffed animal, which will be delivered in the donor's name by Santa and his elves to a patient at MassGeneral Hospital for Children. In addition, during December, individuals who donate and become a friend of the donor center on Facebook will be eligible to win chocolates from Harbor Sweets Handmade Chocolates. For more information, e-mail mmacphee@partners.org.

MGH Senior HealthWISE

MGH Senior HealthWISE is offering the following free events on Dec. 16 for seniors ages 60 and older: a lecture, "Shifting Gears: A Safe Driving Workshop," from 11 am to noon in the Haber Conference Room with speaker Michele Ellicks, community outreach coordinator for the Massachusetts RMV, and a book club discussion of "Dark Tide: The Great Molasses Flood of 1919," by Stephen Puleo, from 3 to 4 pm at the West End Library. For more information or to register, call 617-724-6756.

MGH Backup Childcare Center

The MGH Backup Childcare Center, located in the Warren Building, offers occasional or temporary care for children of MGH employees and patients ages 9 months to 12 years. The center has changed its hours of operation and now will be open from 6:30 am to 5:45 pm daily. Drop-in visitors are welcome. For more information or to register, visit www.partners.org/childcare.

Employee eldercare monthly discussion group

The Employee Assistance Program (EAP) will host an eldercare monthly discussion group Dec. 14 from noon to 1 pm in the Yawkey Center, Room 10-650. Facilitators will be Janet T. Loughlin, LICSW, CEAP, of Partners EAP, and Barbara Moscovitz, MSW, LICSW, MGH Geriatric Medicine Unit program director. Participants may bring their lunch. For more information,

Slavin to chair COTH board

PETER L. SLAVIN, MD, MGH PRESIDENT, has been selected as the 2010-2011 chair of the Association of American Medical College's (AAMC) Council of Teaching Hospitals and Health Systems (COTH) administrative board.

COTH represents the interests of major teaching hospitals in the United States and Canada. Through its 21-member administrative board, the council serves as the principal source of hospital and health system input into overall AAMC policy and direction.

As chair of the administrative board, Slavin will work with COTH members to focus on issues such as federal health reform, Medicare direct and indirect medical education payments, disproportionate share payments, teaching physician regulations and coverage of investigational devices.

"I'm honored to take on this new role," says Slavin. "I look forward to collaborating with other COTH members and leadership on the key policy and management issues facing teaching hospitals and health systems."

IN MEMORIAM**Paul M. Maloney**

PAUL M. MALONEY, an MGH Buildings and Grounds electrician for nearly 10 years, died unexpectedly Dec 1. Maloney was widely considered not only an excellent employee but also very helpful and kind, according to his colleagues and supervisors.



"Paul came to work at the MGH in April 2001 and soon became a valuable asset to the department," says John Schena, foreman at the MGH Electric Shop. "His keen mind gave him the ability to master several of the hospital's critical electrical systems. Paul's easygoing manner and gift for storytelling will be missed."

Maloney, who was a resident of Canton and formerly Hyde Park, was the beloved husband of Laura; father of 5-year-old Olivia Jean; son of Mary; and brother of Gregory Jr., Stephen, John and the late William. He is survived by many other relatives and friends.

"Paul's co-workers and friends at the MGH will keep his memories alive in their hearts and work," adds Robert Gallagher, assistant manager of Automation.

contact the EAP at 617-726-6976 or visit www.eap.partners.org.

Winner of Bicentennial Corner contest

Laura Listro, of Clinical Pathology, is the winner of the Nov. 5 Bicentennial Corner "then and now" photo contest in MGH Hotline. Listro correctly guessed that the former name of the street in the archival photo

was Allen Street, which today is Blossom Street. She will receive a copy of the book, "Something in the Ether: A Bicentennial History of Massachusetts General Hospital 1811 to 2011," by Webster Bull and Martha Bull, this spring. For more information on the MGH's upcoming bicentennial and access to the bicentennial toolkit, visit <http://intranet.massgeneral.org/bicentennial>.