

Deborah Andris Receives Grant in Nutritional Support

Deborah Andris RN, BSN, CNSN was among one of the first recipients of funding by the American Society of Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition (A.S.P.E.N.) Rhoads Research Foundation. Deborah is one of three clinicians in the field of nutrition support that has been selected to receive a research project grant of \$5,000.

Deborah has functioned as nutritional support clinician in the Department of Surgery since 1983 and in conjunction with Drs. Schulte and Quebbeman has researched many aspects of central venous access in patients requiring long term chemotherapy, antibiotic therapy and parenteral nutrition. She is the past president of the Wisconsin Society of Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition.

Her research proposal entitled *The Impact of Antibiotic Lock on Surface Colonization of Silicone Catheters* will focus on the treatment of catheter infections. Collaborators on the project include Elizabeth Krzywda RN and Charles E. Edmiston Ph.D. (Associate Professor, Surgery; and Director of the Surgical Microbiology Research Laboratory), who will also serve as the mentor on the project.

Deborah received recognition of her award at the A.S.P.E.N. 18th Clinical Congress on February 1, 1994 in San Antonio.

Report of Laparoscopic Management of a Pancreatic Pseudocyst is First in World

Use of a laparoscopic approach to manage a pancreatic pseudocyst is seen as an alternative to formal laparotomy with concomitant prolonged hospital stay, morbidity, and a four to six week convalescence, according to Dr. Constantine T.

Frantzides, M.D., Ph.D. (Associate Professor, General Surgery). The first case report in the world of the laparoscopic approach to drain a pancreatic pseudocyst appeared recently. The report of the procedure was co-authored by Drs. Frantzides, Kirk A. Ludwig (PG V, General Surgery) and Philip Redlich (Assistant Professor, General Surgery).

Pancreatic pseudocysts occur in approximately 10% of patients after an attack of acute alcoholic pancreatitis. The natural history of pseudocysts is related partly to the size of the fluid collection, but overall, it can be said that nearly 50% of all patients with pseudocysts can be managed safely without surgical intervention.

When a pseudocyst does not resolve spontaneously, some action is taken based on the clinical setting, the symptoms, and the presence or absence of complications. Although this action required laparotomy in the past, percutaneous and endoscopic means of pseudocyst management recently have been described. According to Dr. Frantzides, the advent of new technologies in minimally invasive surgery allows another option to traditional approaches.

Dr. Gordon Telford Appointed Chair of ACS Committee on Operating Room Environment

Gordon L. Telford, M.D. (Associate Professor, General Surgery) was recently appointed Chairman of the American College of Surgeons (ACS) Committee on Operating Room Environment (CORE). The position is a two-year term. As a standing committee of the ACS, CORE's purpose is to investigate conditions of the environment of the operating surgeon. One of its most important functions is to conduct an biennial symposium for surgeons, nurses and anesthesiologists.

Drs. Robert E. Condon, M.D. (Ausman Professor and Chairman, Division of Surgery) and Edward J. Quebbeman, M.D., Ph.D. (Professor, General Surgery) have each served previously as chairmen of the CORE.

Dr. Charles Edmiston Appointed to CDC Committee

Charles E. Edmiston, Jr., Ph.D., Associate Professor (General Surgery), has been appointed to a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Committee on the Prevention and Control of Antimicrobial Resistant Microorganisms in Hospitals. The committee is composed of recognized experts in the field of nosocomial (hospital-acquired) infections and bacterial resistance. The purpose is to develop recommendations which will prevent or control the emergence of resistant microorganisms within the hospital environment. Nosocomial infections are a major worldwide public health problem, and microbial resistance increases the morbidity and mortality of these serious infections.

Patient Volunteers Wanted for Acute Sinusitis Study

Thomas Kidder, M.D. (Assistant Professor, Otolaryngology & Human Communications) is seeking adult patients with acute sinusitis for a multicenter study to evaluate oral levofloxacin. Patients must be 18 years of age or older, and be suspected of having acute sinusitis (symptoms less than four weeks). Additionally, patients must not be allergic to quinolone antibiotics, pregnant or breastfeeding, immunocompromised or in renal failure. The study is being conducted at the MCW Clinic at Froedtert. For further information, please contact Dr. Kidder at 454-5584.