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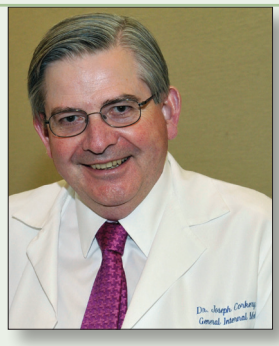
News of Philanthropic Opportunities and Progress at Your Clinic



A message from Joseph C. Corkery, M.D.

As Lahey's Chief Institutional Advancement Officer, I have the privilege of encouraging our friends and patients to engage with the Clinic in a tangible way through philanthropy. Here at Lahey, we look at philanthropy as a wonderful way to help solve our patients' problems through support of exceptional medical research, education, and direct care.

Donations from grateful patients, friends, local companies, and foundations help Lahey attract highly qualified staff, buy vital new equipment, expand and refurbish Lahey medical facilities, fund physician and nursing education, offer patient education and support groups, and carry out essential services.

If you want to get engaged in advancing Lahey through philanthropic investment, please contact me or the Philanthropy Team, 781.744.3333, or make an online gift now.

Your Philanthropic Gifts Underwrite Lahey's Success

This issue of *Advancing Lahey* looks at how your charitable donations help the Department of Urology advance medical research, education, and patient treatment within this specialty to care for you and your loved ones.

Ensuring Excellence and National Recognition

U.S.News & World Report's "**2011-2012 Best Hospitals Survey**" honored Lahey Clinic as the 22nd best hospital in the United States for urology care. This is the 14th time in the past 19 years that Lahey Clinic's urology care has been recognized as among the best in the country. Last year Lahey's Urology Department was ranked 27th.

Advancing Surgical Technique

New Surgical Technique Improves Kidney Function after Partial Nephrectomy (kidney removal)

The chairman of Lahey's Department of Urology presented the findings of nearly 20 years of retrospective clinical data at the 79th annual meeting of the New England Section of the American Urological Association demonstrating that long-term kidney function is significantly improved in cancer patients when their kidney tumor is removed via a new "clampless" variation of the traditional surgical procedure known as a partial nephrectomy. During this new **clampless surgery**, perfected by John A. Libertino, M.D., blood flow to the diseased kidney is never interrupted leading to significantly improved kidney function for patients undergoing the surgery.

Dr. Libertino is the recent recipient of the Lahey Research Award for his lifelong commitment to scientific and clinical relevance associated with research.

John A. Libertino, M.D.
Chair, Urology Department

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Natalie Codin

Lahey: Always There for Me

"My late husband, Kenneth, was a physician and also a patient of Dr. Corkery's at Lahey," explains Natalie Codin. "Because of that, I started coming to Lahey for my care over 20 years ago. The physicians at Lahey are very, very good. They have helped me through good health and serious challenges such as kidney surgery and stroke recovery. I still see Dr. David Canes of the Urology Department every year. Lahey has always been there for me."

Mrs. Codin was "born a florist" and helped out in her family's floral and greenhouse business from an early age. She also enjoyed a career as a senior clerk with the Water Division for the city of Haverhill, Massachusetts, before retiring and returning again to the florist business.

Natalie collects unique teddy bears and is an expert knitter. She donates her hand-knitted baby hats and afghans to local hospitals. Health care is Natalie's philanthropic focus and she has been very generous to Lahey Clinic.

"Lahey needs help to maintain its eminence," says Mrs. Codin. "I think, when patients are able to, we ought to give back to Lahey for taking such good care of us."

Advancing Medical Education

The Department of Urology aspires to educate our residents so that their technical skills will enable them to manage the most complex of surgical and cognitive problems, and ultimately, mold them into practitioners who provide the best possible care to patients in a setting of kindness and compassion.

Lahey Clinic was among New England's most well represented medical centers at the **2011 American Urological Association meeting** in Washington, DC. Seventeen Lahey physicians were chosen to present their original research at the world's most preeminent urological meeting. Five other Lahey physicians were invited to lend their expertise as moderators for a variety of important clinical presentations, among them, John Libertino, M.D., chair of Lahey Clinic's Department of Urology.

Lahey Clinic urology resident, **Jessica DeLong, M.D.**, was one of only a handful of physicians chosen to present the findings of her urological research to a contingent of national media at the annual meeting. Dr. DeLong described a urine-based assay that holds promise for detecting and characterizing bladder cancer in a non-invasive manner.

Jessica DeLong, M.D.

Expanding Patient Access to Top Urology Care

Lahey Clinic has joined with Southern New Hampshire's Gateway Urology and its three practices in Dover, Portsmouth, and Rochester. These sites, in addition to the already existing **satellite specialty care locations** in Concord, Massachusetts, and in Nashua and Derry, New Hampshire, expand patient access to top urology care throughout our region.

Local patients have the same doctors and get the same great urologic care right at home where they always have, but now whenever necessary, they have easy access to cutting-edge therapies and clinical trials at nearby Lahey Clinic.

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Donor generosity makes advances possible which benefit patients like you. The patients and staff of the Department of Urology thank you for your support.