

Appointments

Lifespan Physician Group Ophthalmology (LPG) welcomes three new physicians



JAMIE LEA SCHAEFER, MD, is a board-certified ophthalmologist who specializes in oculoplastic, reconstructive and cosmetic ocular surgery. She is an Instructor of Surgery, Clinical Educator, at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University.

Dr. Scahefer received her undergraduate degree from Canisius College in Buffalo, New York, and medical degree from St. George's University. She completed her internship in internal medicine at Nassau University Medical Center and her ophthalmology residency at University at Buffalo in New York. She subsequently completed her ASOPRS/ACGME certified fellowship in oculoplastic and reconstructive surgery at West Virginia University.



TATIANA BAKAEVA, MD, PhD, is a board-certified neurologist who specializes in neuro-ophthalmological conditions including optic nerve disease, double vision, nystagmus and other eye movement abnormalities, idiopathic intracranial hypertension(pseudotumorcerebri), ocular stroke, ocular myasthenia gravis, and anisocoria. She is an Instructor of Surgery, Clinician Educator, at

The Alpert Medical School of Brown University.

Dr. Bakaeva earned her medical degree from I.M. Sechenov Moscow Medical Academy in Russia, where she also completed her residency in ophthalmology. She earned her PhD in ophthalmology from First Moscow State Medical University, where she completed her thesis on the biocompatibility of implantation materials used in orbital surgery. She completed her residency in neurology at New York University hospitals, including NYU Langone Medical Center, Bellevue Hospital and the Manhattan VA Hospital, and completed a fellowship in neuro-ophthalmology at Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary/Harvard Medical School in Boston.



CELINE SAADE, MD, is a board-certified ophthalmologist who specializes in medical retina, cataract surgery, and comprehensive ophthalmology. She is an Instructor of Surgery, Clinician Educator, at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University.

Dr. Saade earned her medical degree from Saint Joseph University Medical School in Beirut, Lebanon.

She completed a residency in general surgery at the Hôtel Dieu de France, a preliminary year in internal medicine at Staten Island University Hospital, and a residency in ophthalmology at Rhode Island Hospital and the Alpert Medical School. Dr. Saade completed a medical retina fellowship at Boston University Medical School. ♦

Southcoast Physicians Group adds six physicians to cardiology, ob/gyn, cardiovascular surgery, family medicine

NEW BEDFORD – Southcoast Health recently welcomed six new physicians to its staff.



TIMOTHY BYON, MD, joined Southcoast Physicians Group Family Medicine in Portsmouth, RI.

Dr. Byon earned his medical degree at De La Salle University College of Medicine, Dasmariñas, Cavite, Philippines, and completed his residency in family medicine at Grand Rapids Medical Education Partners in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry from California Polytechnic

State University, San Luis Obispo. California.

He previously practiced at the Kalamazoo Psychiatric Hospital, in Kalamazoo, Michigan, AFC Urgent Care in Grand Rapids, Michigan and Mercy Health in Grandville, Michigan.

Dr. Byon is certified by the American Academy of Family Physicians and the American College of Physicians.

His interests include promotion of health and wellness and support for community outreach.

WILLIAM BLAIR, DO, has joined Southcoast Physicians Group Family Medicine in Swansea.

Dr. Blair completed his Doctorate in Osteopathic Medicine at the



Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine prior to his completion of a Family Medicine Residency at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Vassar College with a Minor in Religion and completed a Post-Baccalaureate program at Columbia University and City College of New York.

During the time between his undergraduate and medical schooling, Dr. Blair served as a research coordinator for the Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York State Psychiatric Institute and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill investigating PTSD, Bipolar Disorder and Substance Abuse.

He will practice at Southcoast Physicians Group Family Medicine in Swansea, MA.



CHRISTOPHER ZAMBRANO, DO, has joined Southcoast Physicians Group Cardiovascular Surgery in Fairhaven, Fall River, and Providence.

Dr. Zambrano completed his medical degree at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, where he also earned a Master's of Biomedical Sciences. He completed his undergraduate degree, a Bachelor of Science in Biology, at Lehigh University.

Dr. Zambrano completed a general surgery residency at the NYU/ Lutheran Medical Center. He recently completed a fellowship in cardiothoracic surgery at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, which focused in adult cardiac care including bypass surgery (both on and off pump), complex valve, open aortic work, TAVR, heart failure/ECMO and lung/heart transplant. He also trained in VATS and robotic lung resections.

He has a special interest in double arterial revascularization.

Dr. Zambrano is a member of the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons, American Osteopathic Association and the Society of Thoracic Surgeons.



ROBERT VAZQUEZ, MD, has joined Southcoast Physicians Group Cardiology in Fairhaven.

Dr. Vazquez earned a medical degree from Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine. He completed his residency in internal medicine and a fellowship in general cardiovascular disease at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown

University. He served there as the Chief Cardiology Fellow from 2018 to 2019 and received the Resident Student Teaching Award in 2016.

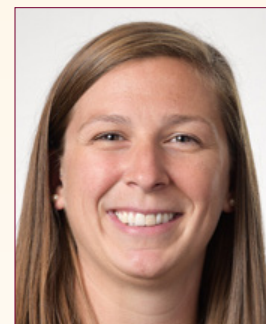
Previously, he earned a Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering from Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ.

Dr. Vazquez is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine where he is also board eligible in general cardiology. He is a member of the American Cardiology Society, the American Heart Association and the American College of Physicians.

SUSAN CORNELL, DO, has joined Southcoast Physicians Group Obstetrics & Gynecology in New Bedford.

Dr. Cornell completed her medical degree at the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine prior to her residency at the Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. She graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish from the University of Massachusetts Amherst as a member Commonwealth Honors College.

During the time between her undergraduate degree and medical school, Dr. Cornell completed research at both Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. She is a junior member of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.



ERNESTO GONZALEZ, MD, has also joined Physicians Group Obstetrics and Gynecology in New Bedford.

He earned his Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Connecticut School of Medicine in Farmington, Conn., and completed his residency at the University of Buffalo Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology. Previously he completed the Health Careers Program at Harvard University and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of San Diego, San Diego, California.

Dr. Gonzalez is fluent in Spanish. His special interests include high-risk obstetrics, ultrasound and quality improvement.

He is a member of the Society of Maternal Fetal Medicine and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. ♦

Appointments

CNE expands pulmonary and sleep services

Welcomes Brigham and Women's Pulmonary Associates

Care New England Medical Group's pulmonary care division is expanding its clinical services with the addition of three physicians, all members of the Brigham and Women's Pulmonary Associates at Care New England. Their primary hospital affiliation is Kent Hospital and the physicians will see patients in their East Greenwich office.

Care New England (CNE) welcomes Walter E. Donat, MD, interim chief of Care New England Pulmonary Care; William M. Corrao, MD, pulmonary care specialist; and Michael L. Stanchina, MD, pulmonary care and sleep medicine specialist, and medical director of the Kent Hospital Progressive Care Unit. These experts will work with patients in the diagnosis and treatment of a wide variety of pulmonary and sleep disorders.

"This is a very exciting time at CNE, as we continue to expand our clinical affiliation with Brigham Health. Today, after nearly 10 years, our relationship continues to grow and strengthen so that we can provide our community and our patients with the best possible access to high quality care. I am pleased to welcome these physicians and their clinical expertise to Care New England," said James E. Fanale, president and CEO, CNE.



WALTER E. DONAT, MD, completed his undergraduate work at Dartmouth College, earning his medical degree from Brown University. He is board certified both in pulmonary medicine and cardiology, as well as internal medicine and critical care. A member of the Brown University clinical faculty since 1984, Dr. Donat currently serves as a clinical associate professor of medicine. He

has also served as director of both Rhode Island Hospital's Intensive Care Unit, and Respiratory Intensive Care Unit. On more than one occasion, Dr. Donat has been the recipient of the prestigious Milton W. Hamolsky Teaching Award in Medicine. He has also served as a member of Rhode Island Hospital's Intensive Care/Critical Care Quality Assurance Committee and was named outstanding clinician of the year in 2009 by the American Thoracic Society.



WILLIAM M. CORRAO, MD, completed his undergraduate work at Brown University, earning his medical degree from the University of Rochester School of Medicine. He specializes in pulmonary disease and internal medicine. Dr. Corrao has over 40 years of medical experience and currently holds the position of clinical professor of medicine at The Warren Alpert Medical

School at Brown University. Additionally, he has also served as the medical director of Attending Service and medical director of the Department of Respiratory Therapy at Rhode Island Hospital. He served on the board of trustees at Rhode Island Hospital for nine years and is the recipient of the prestigious Milton W. Hamolsky Teaching Award in Medicine.



MICHAEL L. STANCHINA, MD, medical director of the Kent Hospital Progressive Care Unit, completed his undergraduate work at Washington and Lee University, earning his medical degree from West Virginia University School of Medicine. He completed the Harvard Combined Pulmonary/Critical Care Fellowship Program, with a second Sleep Medicine Fellowship

at Brigham and Women's Hospital. Dr. Stanchina is board certified in both pulmonary and sleep medicine, as well as internal medicine and critical care. He serves as a physician at Rhode Island Hospital's Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Clinic, and has been a member of the Brown Medical School faculty since 2002. He is also a clinical assistant professor of medicine and has served as associate director of Lifespan Hospitals' Sleep Disorders Center, currently serving as medical director of Epoch Sleep Centers. Dr. Stanchina is a diplomat of the American Academy of Sleep Medicine, past president of the RI Thoracic Society, member of the American Thoracic Society, and a Fellow of the American College of Chest Physicians. ❖

Appointments

University Surgical Associates expands its pediatrics, general and bariatric divisions

PROVIDENCE – University Surgical Associates is expanding its pediatrics, general and bariatric division with the addition of three specialized physicians with the appointments of Drs. Marcoandrea Giorgi (General), Andrew Luhrs (Bariatric), and Julie Monteagudo (Pediatrics).



MARCOANDREA GIORGI, MD, is a surgeon who specializes in treating conditions of the abdomen and related structures. He completed his residency in general surgery at Rhode Island Hospital/Brown University and a fellowship in minimally invasive and bariatric surgery at the UC Davis Medical Center.



ANDREW LUHRS, MD, specializing in bariatric surgery, treats a range of obesity-related conditions using minimally invasive procedures. Dr. Luhrs completed his residency at Rhode Island Hospital, and a fellowship in minimally invasive and bariatric surgery at the Duke University Medical School.



JULIE MONTEAGUDO, MD, an accomplished surgeon and researcher, specializes in pediatric surgery and is affiliated with Hasbro Children's Hospital and Rhode Island Hospital. Dr. Monteagudo, who is board certified in general surgery by the American Board of Surgery, will also lead the ECMO Program.

These physicians will see patients at the main office locations, including University Surgical Associates' newest facility in East Greenwich, located at 1407 South County Trail. ❖

CNE expands orthopedic surgery and sports medicine services

Care New England Medical Group's orthopedic surgery and sports medicine division is expanding its clinical services with the addition of two Brigham Health affiliated physicians to the Care New England Department of Orthopedic Surgery and Sports Medicine. Their primary hospital affiliation is Kent Hospital and the physicians will see patients in both their Providence and Warwick offices.

Care New England (CNE) welcomes Andrew Matson, MD, orthopedic surgeon, specializing in hand and upper extremity, and Seth O'Donnell, MD, orthopedic surgeon, specializing in trauma and foot and ankle. They will work with patients in the diagnosis and treatment of medical problems related to the skeleton, joints, tendons, and ligaments.



ANDREW MATSON, MD, completed his undergraduate work at Middlebury College, earning his medical degree from the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University where he was inducted into the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society. He completed an orthopedic surgery residency at Duke University and attended the Harvard hand and upper extremity

fellowship, where he trained at Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston Children's Hospital, and Massachusetts General Hospital. Dr. Matson has published peer-reviewed research articles on disorders of the hand, wrist, elbow, and shoulder, and is a reviewer for the *Journal of Hand Surgery*. He is a member of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, the American Society for Surgery of the Hand, and the Rhode Island Medical Society.



SETH O'DONNELL, MD, completed his undergraduate work at the University of Notre Dame, earning his medical degree from New York Medical College. He also served in the United States Navy as an undersea medical officer with training in hyperbaric and diving medicine. He completed an orthopedic surgery residency at the Warren Alpert Medical School

of Brown University, followed by a trauma fellowship at Brown University, and the Harvard foot and ankle fellowship at Brigham and Women's Hospital. Dr. O'Donnell has been active in resident education at Brown and Harvard Universities, is a clinical instructor at Harvard Medical School, has authored multiple peer-reviewed publications, and presented his research at national and international conferences. ❖

Recognition

Emergency Medicine Residents' Association (EMRA) honors Drs. Schuur and Ranney

Recipients of 45 Under 45: Influencers of EM

As the Emergency Medicine Residents' Association (EMRA) celebrates 45 years of supporting the future of emergency medicine, it recognized 45 Under 45 influencers in Emergency Medicine.

Among the awardees are two Rhode Island physicians, selected from a field of more than 400 nominees, whose contributions embody the spirit of the specialty.



JEREMIAH SCHUUR, MD, MHS, FACEP, is the Frances Weeden-Gibson-Edward A. Iannuccilli, MD Professor & Chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine at the Alpert Medical School of Brown University; Physician-in-Chief of Emergency Medicine at Rhode Island, Hasbro Children's, The Miriam and Newport Hospitals; and President of Brown Emergency Medicine.

Dr. Schuur is a practicing emergency physician. He received his MD from New York University (NYU) and did his Emergency Medicine residency at Brown Medical School/Rhode Island Hospital, where he was a Chief Resident. He was then a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar at Yale. Previously, he was on faculty at Harvard Medical School and served as the Vice Chair of Clinical Affairs and founding Chief of the Division of Health Policy Translation for the Department of Emergency Medicine of the Brigham and Women's Hospital.

Dr. Schuur's scholarly interests focus on quality of care and patient safety in emergency medicine and the intersection of emergency care and health policy. He has been funded by governmental agencies and foundations including the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, the Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. He is currently co-leading ACEP's 4-year \$4 million E-QUAL network, a national quality network funded by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation.



MEGAN L. RANNEY, MD, MPH, FACEP, is an associate professor in the Department of Emergency Medicine at the Alpert Medical School of Brown University and founding director of the Brown Emergency Digital Health Innovation program (www.brownedhi.org). Dr. Ranney's career focus is on developing, testing, and disseminating digital health interventions to reduce risk

of violence and mental illness. She currently has 9 active federally funded grants and over 100 peer-reviewed publications. She holds numerous national positions, including serving as an elected member of the board of the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine, chair of the Rhode Island Governor's Working Group for Gun Safety, and editor for *Annals of Emergency Medicine*.

Dr. Ranney is also Chief Research Officer of AFFIRM (www.affirmresearch.org), the country's only non-profit committed to ending the gun violence epidemic through a public health approach. She has received numerous awards for technology innovation, public health, and research, including Rhode Island Woman Physician of the Year and the American College of Emergency Physicians' Policy Pioneer Award and Spokesperson of the Year Award. She is a Fellow of the fifth class of the Health Innovators Fellowship Program and a member of the Aspen Global Leadership Network. She earned her bachelor's degree in History of Science, graduating summa cum laude, from Harvard University; her medical doctorate, graduating Alpha Omega Alpha, from Columbia University; and her master's in public health from Brown University. She was previously a Peace Corps Volunteer in Cote d'Ivoire. ♦

Recognition

Rhode Island Quality Institute (RIQI) recognizes University Gastroenterology

A top performer in Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative (TCPi)

PROVIDENCE – The Rhode Island Quality Institute (RIQI) recently named University Gastroenterology a top performer among more than 350 health care organizations for a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) practice transformation program known as the Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative (TCPi). As one of the top 12 performers in the program, University Gastroenterology has demonstrated its commitment to improving patient care in Rhode Island.

Advanced by the Affordable Care Act, the TCPi launched in 2015 for the purposes of supporting over 140,000 clinician practices in developing strategies that strengthen patient care and reduce health care costs. More importantly, the peer-based learning initiative was designed to help health care providers further develop comprehensive quality improvement strategies to achieve large-scale transformation.

“We greatly appreciate the recognition given to us by the Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative and have enjoyed learning from our involvement in such a pioneering program,” said **ERIC BERTHIAUME, MD**, President of University Gastroenterology. “The program has reinforced University Gastroenterology’s commitment to reducing the costs of care, efficiently coordinating patient services, and enhancing the quality of care we provide.”

University Gastroenterology was recognized for its achievement during a ceremony hosted by RIQI at the Warwick Country Club in August. During the event, University Gastroenterology was commended for its success in multiple key initiatives, including tracking and improving clinical quality measures; embracing new workflows to be successful in the Quality Payment Program (QPP); and successfully adopting the use of Rhode Island’s Health Information Exchange.



Eric Berthiaume, MD, President of University Gastroenterology, and **Darlene Morris**, Senior Director, Development & Grants at RIQI shown at awards event.

“The physicians at University Gastroenterology have learned a great deal from this collaborative network and we are excited to apply new solutions to help improve our patients’ experience,” Dr. Berthiaume added. ❖

Obituaries



CHRISTOPHER J. ALLEGRA, MD, 60, died peacefully after a courageous battle with cancer on September 5, 2019. Born in Providence, Rhode Island, to Drs. Salvatore and Marisa (Calzolari) Allegra, he attended the Moses Brown School in Providence. Chris would forever cherish his wonderful summer adventures with his brothers and friends in Jamestown, RI, swimming, sailing,

spearfishing, and catching lobsters.

He graduated from Tufts University School of Medicine in 1991 and completed his residency in Adult Psychiatry at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1995, and training in Psychoanalysis at Columbia University Center for Psychoanalytic Training & Research in 1999. He was awarded the Rodman Gilder Scholarship for Psychoanalytic Training, Columbia University Center for Psychoanalytic Training and Research, in 1994, and the Alumni Association Horowitz Award for Clinical Excellence, Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, in 1995. He taught at the Columbia Psychoanalytic Center, Psychotherapy Division, and the Columbia Psychiatry Residency Program. He served on the Columbia faculty starting in 1996. He taught psychoanalytic theory and technique, and was a clinical supervisor for fourth-year psychiatry residents. His clinical practice was a source of great personal and professional joy, and he brought his intellect, warmth, kindness, and compassion to his work with his patients.

He had an abiding passion for music and played the piano throughout his life. He was a member of two bands, playing the keyboard. He organized annual musical events with family and friends at his beloved summer home in Jamestown, RI, where everyone sang and played instruments. Chris loved nature and spent endless hours throughout his life studying and exploring animal behavior. He was an avid skier and sailor. Many fine summer afternoons found him sailing with his children on Narragansett Bay in their catamaran, flying across the bay to Newport.

Chris will be remembered for his openhearted warmth, his generosity of spirit, and his love of science, art, music, and nature. He had an authentic curiosity and appreciation of what makes us human. He brought out the best in people.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 35 years, MaryEllen; three children, who were the joy of his heart, Nicholas, Ryan, and Alessandra; his loving mother, Marisa (Calzolari) Allegra, MD, (partner Edwin Ofgant); two cherished brothers, Ludwig Allegra, MD, (Arlene), and David Allegra, MD; and much-loved niece Alexis Allegra (Daniel Carr). He was preceded in death by his father, Salvatore R. Allegra, MD. ♦



ANTHONY DOMINIC DUVA, MD, 90, of North Kingstown, formerly of Cranston, passed away peacefully September 7, 2019 at home.

Dr. Duva was a magna cum laude graduate of Providence College and the University of Bologna Medical School. He devoted his professional life to the practice of Otolaryngology (ENT surgery) for

over 40 years, serving as Chief of the department at the Lady of Fatima Hospital and the St. Joseph's Hospital in Providence.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 65 years, Josephine "Pina" M. (Rescio), and 4 children: Adrienne B. Ronci (predeceased), Gary G. of Cranston, Audrey Duva-Frissora of Wenham, MA, and Anthony W. of North Attleboro, MA. They raised 2 of their 9 grandchildren, Gina Ronci-Mohamed and Bill Ronci in their home; he also leaves behind 7 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother Carmine L. "Lou" D'Uva Jr. of North Kingstown and was predeceased by his brother Vincent D'Uva.

Beyond his reputation as a compassionate physician and gifted surgeon, he is remembered for his multifaceted talents, boundless energy, and "joie de vivre". A disciplined athlete, he avidly pursued alpine skiing and competitive hockey well into his 70s. He loved the sea and immersed his family in sailing, swimming, waterskiing and fishing from his children's earliest memories. As a young boy, he was intrigued by the classic yachts on Narragansett Bay, and later took great pride, along with his brother Lou, in the restoration of the wooden sailing yacht, King Haakon, a Norwegian Classic 8 Metre built in 1947. They crossed the Gulf Stream aboard King Haakon with several family members and friends in a memorable celestially navigated voyage from Marion to Bermuda and back. He raced weekly summer regattas through his octogenarian years, landing many awards at the Wickford Yacht Club.

His passions and talents transcended medicine and sports into the performing arts. He was a renowned operatic singer, making a professional debut as Captain Pinkerton, lead tenor in Puccini's *Madama Butterfly*. His joy of singing flourished well into his 9th decade, as he continued to perform at The Music Mansion in Providence.

His legacy, the love of life, family and career, will live on in the hearts and souls of those he touched, particularly his children and grandchildren. He will be dearly missed. ♦



EDWARD G. STOPA, MD, of East Greenwich, passed away peacefully on September 18, 2019 at 65 years of age after a brief and courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. He was the loving and devoted husband of Karen E. (Madras) Stopa, MD, for 39 years.

Throughout his career, Dr. Stopa was an outstanding and well-respected physician-scientist, bearing the loads of clinical diagnostic neuropathology, funded researcher, and educator in both neuroscience and neuropathology. Besides his major role as a diagnostician, over the past 25 years, Dr. Stopa served as Director of the Neuropathology Division at Rhode Island Hospital and oversaw the Brown Brain Bank, which provides human tissue for neuroscience research, particularly Alzheimer's disease. He also oversaw a laboratory funded by the National Institutes of Health focusing on neurodegeneration, was a medical advisor to the Alzheimer's Association of Rhode Island, and published over 120 articles in peer-reviewed journals.

Dr. Stopa was a Professor of Pathology and Neurosurgery at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University. He trained dozens of fellows in neuropathology and trainees from neurosurgery, neurology, and psychiatry. His engaging and entertaining teaching style drew numerous undergraduate, medical, and graduate students to brain science research.

Dr. Stopa received his undergraduate degree in physiology in 1976 and medical degree in 1980 from McGill University in Montreal, Canada. He completed his residency in pathology and fellowship in neuropathology at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, MA. Prior to working in Rhode Island, Dr. Stopa had a distinguished career as an Assistant Professor of Pathology at Tufts University School of Medicine and subsequently as an Associate Professor of Pathology at the State University of New York.

He is survived by loving family members, including his four daughters: Emily S. Stopa and her husband John C. MacMillan, Jr. of Chevy Chase, MD; Eva K. Stopa of Pawtucket; Eliza R. Stopa of Boston and Arielle M. Stopa of Worcester, MA; four grandchildren and extended family members.

Although he excelled in his career and research endeavors, the ocean was Dr. Stopa's true passion. He was an enthusiastic scuba diver, sailor, swimmer and beach-goer. When he was not on or in the water, Dr. Stopa enjoyed cycling and skiing and had a passion for astronomy. But above all else, Dr. Stopa loved spending time with his family and particularly cherished his role as a grandfather.

Dr. Stopa will always be remembered for his vibrant personality, his larger-than-life stories that provided entertainment for countless hours, his eccentric clothing style, and his brilliant mind. We are grateful for the time we had with him.

Donations in his memory may be made to either: Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (www.pancan.org) or the Alzheimer's Association (www.alz.org). ♦



MARK A. PALUMBO, MD, 57, loving husband and father of three, passed away September 15, 2019, surrounded by his loving family.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 31 years, Anne (Pagliuca) Palumbo and his three cherished children, Kristen M. Palumbo, Nicole A. Palumbo and Mark A. Palumbo; his parents Ralph and Marie (Mallette) Palumbo, brother Ralph A. Palumbo and sister Cheryl (Palumbo) Rey. Mark also leaves behind many nieces and nephews.

He graduated from Boston University, and Boston University Medical School ('88). He did his residency at Rhode Island Hospital and fellowship at the Case Western Reserve University Spine Fellowship Program.

Dr. Palumbo was a practicing spine surgeon for more than 25 years, and the Chief of Spine Surgery at Rhode Island Hospital. He was the recipient of many academic honor awards during his medical career. His most cherished was the Award for Excellence in Teaching-Brown University Orthopedic Residency Program. He was recently honored for several AAOS Achievement Awards 2018-2019. He published and co-published over 70 publications for medical journals. Dr. Palumbo was a true mentor, healer, teacher and loyal friend to so many.

With a passion for the outdoors, he enjoyed hiking, skiing, bicycling and walking his dog Elle. Most of his free time was spent doing all these activities with his family and friends. He was also an avid reader and enjoyed traveling, frequently visiting museums and art galleries. He was a Boston sports fan.

His family extends immense gratitude and thanks of appreciation to the entire staff at University Orthopedics and Rhode Island Hospital. Memorial contributions may be made to: The Tomorrow Fund, 593 Eddy Street, Providence, RI 02903. ♦