

NYBC Celebrates Transfusion Medicine Fellows Graduation



On Tuesday, June 29th, 2010, NYBC honored four physicians for their successful completion of the Transfusion Medicine Fellowship Program. Dr. Visalam Chandrasekaran, Director of Professional Education and Dr. Kathleen Grima, Acting Chief Medical Officer, presented certificates to **Eldad Hod, MD**, **Nguyet Le, MD**, **Brie Stotler, MD MPH**, and **Ronald Walsh, MD**, for successful completion of the fellowship program.

The Transfusion Medicine Fellowship Program has trained specialists in transfusion medicine for more than 30 years. The core one-year program is ACGME-accredited and is designed to train physicians who are interested in acquiring the competence necessary for ABP sub-specialty certification in blood banking/transfusion medicine and subsequent practice. The fellow spends the year both at NYBC and at four participating tertiary care medical centers. A two year research track fellowship is offered to physicians interested in pursuing an academic career, with joint sponsorship by NYBC and New York Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia University Medical Center.



Eldad Hod, MD, our graduating research track fellow, will be joining the faculty of the Department of Transfusion Medicine at Columbia University Medical Center, New York Presbyterian Hospital to pursue his research. Brie Stotler, MD, will also join NYPH/ Columbia University Medical Center, as Director of the labs at Allen Pavilion, New York Presbyterian Hospital and as Asst. Director of Core laboratories at NYPH. Ronald Walsh, MD, has accepted the position as Medical Director of Community Blood Services in Paramus, New Jersey. Nguyet Le, MD, has accepted the position of Assistant Blood Bank Director at a university medical center in Philadelphia.



(l-r) Patrice Spitalnik, Eldad Hod, Nguyet Le, Ron Walsh, Brie Stotler, Dave Chow, Suzanne Arinsburg, Jeffrey Jhang, Visa Chandra, Steve Spitalnik

Congratulations to our fellows for the successful completion of the program. All at NYBC wish you continued success.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW TRANSFUSION MEDICINE FELLOWS



(l-r) Richard Francis, Dominick Giovanniello

As we say a ‘fond farewell’ to our fellows graduating from the class of 2010, we give a warm welcome to our two ‘new’ transfusion medicine fellows – Dominick Giovanniello, DO and Richard Francis, MD, PhD. **Dominick** received his medical degree from Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine, PA, and completed the residency training in Anatomic and Clinical Pathology at Winthrop University Medical Center, Mineola, NY. **Richard** received his medical degree and doctorate from Columbia University Medical School, NY, and completed residency training in Clinical Pathology at New York Presbyterian Hospital and Medical Center at Columbia campus.

Welcoming New Fellows



(l-r) Ed Streun, Mauro Avanzi, Vivien Powell, Suzanne Arinsburg, Dominick Giovanniello, Richard Francis, Visa Chandra, Veronica Kuhlemann, Pascal George, Jay Valinsky

We are proud that they chose to join New York Blood Center’s Transfusion Medicine Fellowship Program and are part of NYBC family.