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Why Practice in Cooperstown? A Conversation with 3 Columbia-Bassett Graduates

Margaret Dowd, M.D.

"In Cooperstown, you have an incredibly rich small-town life and sense of community. Professionally, I don't think I could have found a more fulfilling practice experience. I am grateful to live in and care for this community."

Mark Travor, M.D.

"Bassett is such a wonderful place where people are super invested in the teaching, learning and the students."

Allan Guiney, M.D.

"The medical students are so bright, enthusiastic and full of energy. Their perspective rejuvenates me, and our patients are so grateful that we go the extra mile. It makes the work sustainable and rewarding."

Margaret Dowd, M.D., joined Bassett in 2021 as an attending dermatologist after completing her residency and fellowship at New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia University Irving Medical Center, New York, N.Y. Dowd came to Bassett to start a Mohs Micrographic Surgery program. Mohs, widely accepted as the gold standard for curing skin cancer, now accounts for 80% of her time with demand continuing to grow.

Last year Dowd, a 2015 graduate of the Columbia-Bassett program, found herself reaching out to another graduate to encourage him to consider moving to Cooperstown.

"I actively recruited Mark Travor and his wife Jessie," says Dowd. At the time, Jessie was a Mohs surgery nurse at Dartmouth and had previously worked at Bassett.

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Message from the President of the Medical Alumni Board of Directors

Greetings alumni. I trust that you had a good winter, but in case it was less than satisfactory, take comfort in the fact that spring is here. In this spring issue of *The Cupola* we have a bevy of stories. We profile three Columbia-Bassett graduates who are now members of the Bassett Medical Group. We also share the Columbia-Bassett match results, introduce the William F. Streck Fellowship award winners, and much more.

If you are like me, you may feel like there has been a recent and unfortunate shift away from Sciences, and the Humanities, and from the medical care of vulnerable populations. If that is the case, please enjoy in these pages, where we announce Dr. Lisa Wong as the guest lecturer for the David Svahn Memorial Humanities in Medicine lecture. Furthermore, there will be brief article on Dr. Carolyn Wolf-Gould's major contributions to *A History of Transgender Medicine in the United States: From Margins to Mainstream*, which is described as the most comprehensive history of transgender medicine to date. Remember, send in your news for the "family album" section and have a great spring. ■

Dr. James A. Murray

The Cupola is the newsletter of the Medical Alumni Association of Bassett Medical Center. The Association was founded to provide support and recommendations to Bassett's Medical Education Department; to assist in recruiting medical students, house staff and attending staff; and to provide financial support to develop and enhance medical education at Bassett.

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2025 Residency/Fellowship Results Announced

All of Bassett's residency and fellowship programs had success in the 2025 Match through the National Resident Matching Program. The following roster contains the appointments for the 2025-26 academic year.

General Surgery Residency

Mohamud Abdi, M.D., SUNY Downstate Medical Center College of Medicine

Dominick DeLorenzo, M.D., Georgetown University School of Medicine

Sharon Liu, M.D., Tulane University School of Medicine

Peter Tao, M.D., Tufts University School of Medicine

Stephanie Waldman, M.D., Drexel University College of Medicine

Justin York, M.D., Medical College of Wisconsin

Internal Medicine Residency

Liana Abduova, M.D., JSC Astana Medical University (Kazakhstan)

Ashlesha Chaudhary, M.B., B.S., Nepal Medical College

Dikshya Khatiwada, M.B., B.S., Kathmandu Medical College (Nepal)

Sundal Khuwaja, M.B., B.S., Liaquat University of Medical and Health Sciences (Pakistan)

Matthew Nasato, M.D., St. George's University School of Medicine (Grenada)

Guzal Otajonova, M.D., Tashkent Medical Academy (Uzbekistan)

Ugur Ozturk, M.D., Istanbul Bilim Universitesi Tip Fakultesi (Turkey)

Raghini Ranganathan, M.B., B.S., Government Erode Medical College and Hospital Perundurai (India)

Amod Rayamajhi, M.B., B.S., Kathmandu Medical College (Nepal)

Sagadat Sakenov, M.D., JSC Astana Medical University (Kazakhstan)

Shahin Shah, M.B., B.S., Khyber Medical College (Pakistan)

Rajat Soni, M.B., B.S., Mahatma Gandhi Medical College and Hospital-Jaipur (India)

Jose Villena, M.D., St. George's University School of Medicine (Grenada)

Transitional Year Residency

Jena Jacobs, D.O., AT Still University Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine

Kyle Kidd, M.D., Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine

Alex Lander, M.D., University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry

Jaedt Lim, M.D., University of Santo Tomas Faculty of Medicine and Surgery (Philippines)

Michael Lotito, M.D., Rutgers – Robert Wood Johnson Medical School

Stella Nyamikeh, M.B., Ch.B., University of Ghana School of Medicine and Dentistry

Ethan Pitney, M.D., University of Connecticut School of Medicine

Zachary Sortore, M.D., Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at the University at Buffalo

Artur Wysoczanski, M.D., Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons

Cardiovascular Disease Fellowship:

Roudabeh Kiani, M.D., American University of Antigua College of Medicine

Anjali Prakash, M.D., Indiana University School of Medicine ■

Columbia-Bassett Class of 2025 Match

The 2025 class of the Columbia-Bassett program entered the National Resident Matching Program Main Residency Match this year. Please join us in congratulating these graduates on their success. The results are:

Thomas Benz, Pediatrics, NYP Hospital – Columbia University Medical Center

Kishan Bhatt, Internal Medicine, NYP Hospital – Columbia University Medical Center

Lindsey Gorsch, Internal Medicine, Yale – New Haven Hospital

Matthew Johnson, Neurology, NYP Hospital – Weill Cornell Medical Center

Benjamin Lynch, Orthopedic Surgery, Hitchcock Medical Center

Carina Sirochinsky, Family Medicine, Oregon Health and Science University

Dean Strup, Neurology, University of Michigan Hospitals

Emma Weatherford, Neurology, University of Texas Southwestern Medical School

Elorm Yevudza, Preliminary Surgery, New York-Presbyterian/Queens ■

Bassett Residents Match into Fellowships

(L-R) Drs. Muhammad Bilal, Vivian Matubia, Rakel Emma-Okah, Roudabeh Kiani, Eunice Yang, Kunjal Luhadia, Mohamed Abugrin

Seven doctors completing their residency training received the following fellowship appointments:

Muhammad Bilal, M.B., B.S. (Internal Medicine) Gastroenterology, ECU Health Medical Center, Greenville, N.C.

Vivian Matubia, M.D. (Internal Medicine/Chief Resident) Infectious Disease, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Lebanon, N.H.

Rakel Emma-Okah, M.D. (Internal Medicine) Endocrinology, West Virginia University, Morgantown, W.Va.

Roudabeh Kiani, M.D. (Internal Medicine) Cardiovascular Disease, Bassett Medical Center, Cooperstown, N.Y.

Eunice S. Yang, M.D. (General Surgery) Surgical Critical Care, St. Luke's University Health Network, Bethlehem, Pa.

Kunjal Luhadia, M.B., B.S. (Internal Medicine) Endocrinology, Westchester Medical Center, Valhalla, N.Y.

Mohamed Abugrin, M.B., B.Ch., (Internal Medicine) Cardiovascular Disease Fellowship, University of Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y. ■

David S. Svahn Humanities in Medicine Memorial Lecture

The David S. Svahn Humanities in Medicine memorial lecture will be live-streamed on May 16, 2025, starting at 7:30 a.m. The guest lecturer is Dr. Lisa Wong, who will discuss the power of music and art in promoting healing and wellness. Readers may access this presentation at: www.bassett.org/svahn-lecture.

Dr. Lisa Wong will be giving the second David S. Svahn Humanities in Medicine memorial lecture at the Medicine Grand Rounds 7:30 a.m., Friday, May 16. Dr. Wong is an assistant professor of pediatrics at Massachusetts General Hospital and associate co-director of the Arts and Humanities initiative at Harvard Medical School. She is an accomplished violinist who embraces the importance of music and art in promoting healing and wellness.

Dr. Wong incorporates music into the daily care of her patients and has devoted her life to promoting reintegration of the creative arts into all aspects of medicine. She works to advance this mission through curriculum change in medical schools and increased awareness of the arts in health care settings and hospitals on the regional and international level. She is the author of *Scales to Scalpels*, a book that addresses the healing arts of music and medicine. She is past president of the Longwood Symphony Orchestra (LSO), the orchestra of Boston's medical community, and she designed LSO's Healing Art of Music program, which raises awareness and funds for medical nonprofits.

During her visit, Dr. Wong will also participate in teaching exercises with Bassett's fellows, residents and medical students. The Medicine Grand Rounds presentation, given in the Clark Auditorium, will be open to the public. ■

William F. Streck Fellowship Awards Announced

Bassett Healthcare Network announced three recipients of the William F. Streck, M.D., Fellowship in Health Policy and Management in 2024: Nishant Gupta, M.D., Senior Attending Physician in the Radiology Department; Laurel Graham Marling, Faculty Development Specialist in Medical Education; and Timur Otajonov, M.D., Internal Medicine Resident at Bassett Medical Center.

Dr. Nishant Gupta

Laurel Graham Marling

Dr. Timur Otajonov

■ Dr. Nishant Gupta will take an online fast track International Coaching Federation credentialing program.

■ Laurel Graham Marling will earn a Health Professions Education Certificate with a course from the University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education.

■ Dr. Timur Otajonov will take an online program entitled Innovations in Teamwork for Healthcare with Harvard University.

Dr. William Streck served as Bassett Healthcare Network's President and CEO from 1984 to 2014, and then again from 2018 to 2020. The fellowship honoring Dr. Streck provides non-degree educational and practical experiences for Bassett Healthcare Network medical, nursing, and administrative staff members. The endowment is an investment in Bassett's role as a leader in rural health care.

The award committee was pleased to have nine applicants for this year's fellowship. ■

THE BASSETT FAMILY ALBUM — ALUMNI NEWS

Please keep your notes and photos coming!

1970s

Patricia (Garrison) Simmons, M.D., (Rotating intern 1976-77) I haven't chimed in for 48 years! I am living in Redondo Beach, Calif., and have been married 45 years. I had a successful career in Psychiatry in Boston. I was talking to someone about my internship year recently, and getting the notice from *The Cupola* prompted me to write. The experiences from that year are a vital part of my story, especially as I grow older. Sending greetings to all my comrades, many memories of them!

1990s

Alan James, M.D., (Internal Medicine resident 1994-97) is now working for the Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin. He says, "I was off for six weeks with a left knee replacement. What an experience. I plan to work until I am 70 and then maybe retire to Tennessee."

Joel Maier, M.D., (Surgery resident 1996-2002) completed a burn fellowship followed by a plastic surgery residency at Vanderbilt, and then added a six-month cosmetic breast and body contouring fellowship in Nashville, Tenn. After three years of practicing in Portland, Ore., he and his wife Martha moved to the Cincinnati area where he has been in private practice focused on cosmetic breast and body contouring since 2010. "We have two amazing daughters, Ruth, age 16, and Frances, age 15. We have maintained a great friendship with Raul and Bridgett Monzon over the years. I'll send a huge shout-out and am forever grateful to the Bassett Surgery and Medical faculty for a top-notch educational experience. Thank you very much to Drs. Huntsman, Mooney and Reis for helping to realize my dream career!"

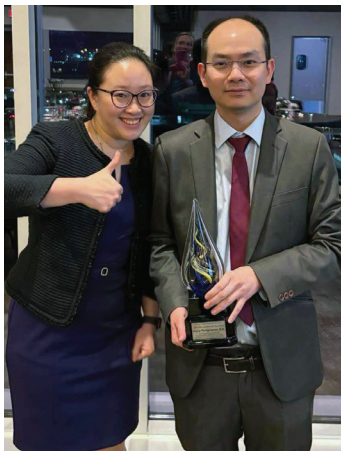
Dr. Maier and family

Dr. Cheungpasitporn with colleagues at the Excellence in Education awards event

2010s

Wisit Cheungpasitporn, M.D., (Internal Medicine resident 2011-13) was recently selected as the 2024-2025 Teacher of the Year by the Mayo Fellows' Association in Nephrology. The award, which is decided fully by the trainees, recognizes the recipent's "superior compassion and commitment to education, mentoring, and patient care. Dr. Cheungpasitporn's teaching style is described by those who nominated him as, "highly collaborative; he values and actively engages with fellows' opinions and reasoning, fostering a respectful and productive learning environment."

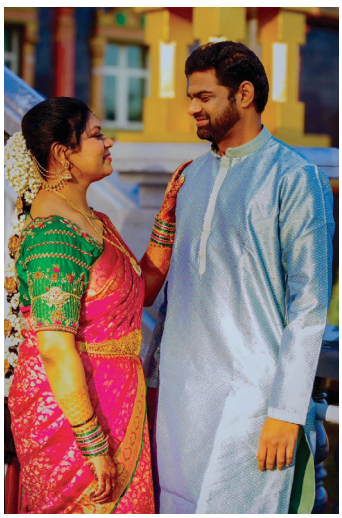
Charat Thongprayoon, M.D., (Internal Medicine resident 2015-18) received the 2024 Southwest Minnesota Researcher of the Year award. Dr. Thongprayoon's research at Mayo Clinic is focused on the epidemiology of kidney stones, risk factors and adverse outcomes, as well as the prediction of kidney stone recurrences. He is pictured with his wife, **Ploypin Lertjitbanjong, M.D.,** (Internal Medicine resident 2017-20).



Dr. Thongprayoon and his wife, Dr. Lertjitbanjong

2020s

Gayatri Bondi, M.B., B.S. (Internal Medicine resident 2020-2024, chief resident 2023-2024) married Sridhar Nayakwadi on February 7, 2025, at Sri Guruvayorappan Temple, N.J., with several members of the Bassett family present for this very special moment in the couple's life. Dr. Bondi is currently a cardiology fellow at Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. ■



Dr. Bondi and her husband Sridhar at their wedding

A reminder: Who are the members of the Bassett Medical Alumni Association?

You are past and current interns, residents and fellows. You are former and current members of the senior doctoral staff. And you are students of the Columbia-Bassett Medical School program or students who spent your final two years of medical school at Bassett.

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Dr. Dowd with her family

"I was thrilled by the prospect of adding an experienced nurse to our practice, and Bassett greatly needed Mark's talent. It was a can't miss opportunity to bring someone with his caliber of ophthalmology training to our region, which is largely underserved among specialty services.

"If we could get 10 more practitioners with similar training in high demand specialties to join us at Bassett, it would be a game changer," says Dowd.

"I feel so fortunate to be able to share the knowledge and skills I have acquired with people living in this area. I received an unparalleled education in the Columbia-Bassett program—access to professors at the top of their field and cutting-edge research, the most up-to-date training, combined with a personalized, community-based experience that emphasizes humanism in medicine."

From a family perspective, Dowd and her husband, Richter Yeske, have found life in Cooperstown to be extremely fulfilling. They have three girls, ages 5, 8 and 10.

"Our children independently explore their surroundings in the safety of a supportive community and are becoming confident young women and kind friends. They spend so much time outdoors, biking, hiking, sailing, and playing tennis by the lake. There is a state-of-the-art sports complex to rock climb and swim year-round, and a quaint library steps from our house. Life is incredibly full, accessible and authentic in Cooperstown."

Dr. Travor and wife Jessie

Mark Travor, M.D., joined Bassett's professional staff in August of 2024 as an attending ophthalmologist after completing his residency at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H. His wife, Jessie, works closely with Dr. Dowd as a Mohs surgery nurse in Bassett's Hartwick Seminary dermatology clinic. A 2020 graduate of the Columbia-Bassett program, Travor says the decision to return to Cooperstown was an easy one.

"Even as I explored other places Bassett felt like a great fit for us," says Travor. "The people are amazing, patients are so grateful, and I had wonderful teachers. A lot of why I chose ophthalmology has to do with the practitioners who mentored me."

Travor grew up in a small town not far from Hershey, Pa., and says Cooperstown felt like home right from the start. "It's been fun to be back and working with my former teachers who are now colleagues in clinic. There is also a concerted effort to build up the professional staff with young practitioners. It's an exciting time."

Travor sees patients at Bassett clinics in Cooperstown, Oneonta and Herkimer, and he performs cataract surgery at Fox Hospital in Oneonta and Little Falls Hospital, both part of the Bassett network.

"I find it endearing how kind the patient population is. They appreciate that I travel to multiple locations, and it makes their lives easier. It's rare, I think, to have good quality medical care so close to home and it is gratifying to fill that need.

"Finally, as I reflect on my path to Bassett, I would be remiss if I didn't talk about the fact that the Columbia-Bassett program is such a sought-after program because it is so unique, and it attracts the brightest of the bright. Now, as a physician here, I have had the privilege of interviewing some of those incredibly talented candidates, and that is such an honor and incredibly rewarding."

Dr. Guiney and family

Allan Guiney, M.D., is a Cooperstown native who made the decision with his wife Elizabeth "Lizzy" Finan Guiney, C.M., to return to his hometown to raise their family in 2018. At the time, they had a one-year-old daughter, Isabelle, and were living in New York City after Allan finished residency training at NYU Grossman School of Medicine. The couple now has two more daughters, Lillian and Eloise, and they juggle raising a family with hectic work schedules. Allan is a physician in the emergency department at Bassett Medical Center and Lizzy is a certified midwife in the hospital's birthing center.

Guiney, whose parents were physicians at Bassett, is a 2014 graduate of the Columbia-Bassett program. He credits his experience in the ER as a medical student with helping him choose a career in emergency medicine.

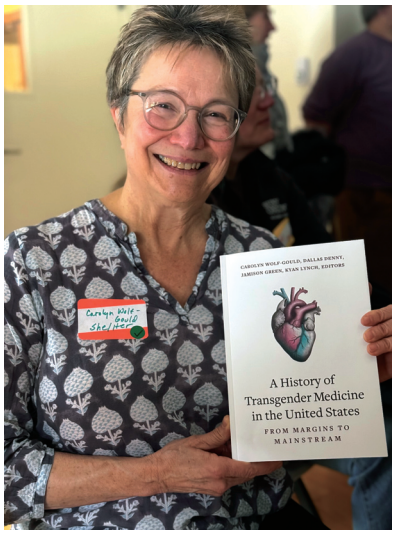
"The ER is a different, fast-paced, really cool environment, and a way for students to spread their wings and put into practice what they are learning," says Guiney, who is now clerkship director in emergency medicine for the Columbia-Bassett program. "Here I am nearly a decade later working alongside Matt Jones, the physician who was my preceptor as a student, and I am now an instructor for other students."

Guiney says he finds teaching particularly satisfying and he encourages new medical students to keep an open mind and try as many new things as possible.

"There are a lot of nuances and challenges to emergency medicine in a small hospital that covers such a large, rural area and it can be overwhelming for the uninitiated, but also deeply gratifying."

In addition to his clerkship position, Guiney lectures once a month and participates in didactic teaching and bedside ultrasound teaching in Bassett's active learning center. He also assists with interviewing the multitude of applicants competing for the coveted 10 spots in the Columbia-Bassett program. "It is extremely rewarding. I can't imagine my career in medicine anywhere else." ■

Dr. Carolyn Wolf-Gould Hosts Community Talk About Newly Released Book on Transgender Medicine



Dr. Carolyn Wolf-Gould

Earlier this year, Dr. Carolyn Wolf-Gould, founder and Medical Director of Bassett Healthcare Network's Gender Wellness Center, held a community talk in Oneonta about her newly *released book, A History of Transgender Medicine in the United States: From Margins to Mainstream.*

Arriving at a critical moment for transgender rights and health care services, the book explores transgender medicine across three centuries—tracing stories and accounts from people with diverse gender identities, debunking myths about gender-affirming care, examining clinical research over decades, and empowering readers to consider and reflect upon the complexities and nuances of gender medicine and care.

"When we started working on this book eight years ago, we had no idea it would be released at a time where we are facing unprecedented attacks on transgender health care in our country," remarked Wolf-Gould.

More than 40 contributors took part in writing the book, including patients, advocates, physicians, psychologists, and scholars. Wolf-Gould, an editor and contributor of several chapters, offers unique insight and expertise as a rural physician who has built a renowned gender wellness center that welcomes hundreds of patients from more than 22 states across the nation. ■

Editor's Note

Marianne Bez

After 12 years as *The Cupola*'s assistant editor, Marianne Bez has retired from this position, relocating outside of the Cooperstown area. Her contributions to our alumni publication have been outstanding, and improvements in its quality over the years through her dedication and commitment have been significant.

It is with Marianne's help and enthusiastic endorsement that Karen Huxtable has been named successor. Karen is well known to the Bassett community from her previous role as Director of Marketing and Communication, 2005 – 2021, and, with this her first issue, we look forward to maintaining a high-quality alumni newsletter.

Thank you, Marianne...and welcome aboard, Karen! ■

Columbia-Bassett Class of 2027

Bottom (L-R): Lekhya Sathi, Annah Chollet, Nicole Kormendi, Collin Else, Hasan Salim. Top (L-R): Frances Morris, Sarabesh Natarajan, Camille Torfs-Leibman, Eleanor Miskovsky, Jesse Pollens-Voigt.

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IN MEMORIAM: Bassett Remembers

Daniel Gregory, M.D. (1933 – 2025)

Dr. Daniel Gregory

Dr. Daniel Gregory, a retired gastroenterologist, head of Gastrointestinal Medicine, and former president of Bassett's Medical Staff, passed away peacefully on January 29, 2025, at age 92.

A graduate of Hamilton College and the University of Virginia Medical School, he served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. His distinguished medical career included positions at the University of New Mexico Medical School, Medical College of Virginia, private practice in Pittsburgh, and Bassett Medical Center in Cooperstown.

Dr. Gregory practiced gastroenterology with a special interest in hepatology at Bassett from 1991 to his retirement in 2013. He was admired and respected by many colleagues and friends, and an excellent teacher for those students and residents lucky enough to work with him.

Beyond medicine, Gregory was also an Eagle Scout, licensed boat captain, award-winning photographer, and an avid cyclist who was well known at the Clark Gym where he taught a spin class.

Gregory is survived by his wife of 64 years, Jacqueline Hueter Gregory; his children, Trey, Heidi, John, and Bonnie Buelow; and his six grandchildren, Hanna, Hayes, Jhala, Jai, Lincoln, and Harris.

A memorial service is planned at Christ's Church in Cooperstown 11 a.m., May 31.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked for contributions to the Susquehanna SPCA (www.sqspca.org/support/). The full obituary can be found at Syracuse.com.

James M. Leonardo, M.D. (1955 – 2024)

Dr. James M. Leonardo

Dr. James Leonardo, a retired medical oncologist, passed away at the age of 69, July 19, 2024, from lymphoma.

Jim practiced for 31 years and took pleasure in learning about his patients—not just their illnesses, but their families, jobs, and hobbies. He worked at several medical centers throughout his career, but his time at Bassett was particularly fulfilling as his relationships in the Cooperstown community became intertwined with his professional practice.

Jim began his career as a research scientist and college professor after completing his Ph.D. in Biology at Temple University in 1980. He later worked at the National Institute of Neurologic and Communicative Disorders and Stroke, where he was on a team with doctors treating the diseases he was researching. His frequent interactions with these patients inspired him to attend medical school, so in 1988 Jim became one of 12 students accepted to the University of Miami's Ph.D. to M.D. program.

During his time at Bassett, Jim took part in initiating the Pain and Palliative Care Service, chaired the hospital's Ethics Committee, was on the steering committee of the NYS Cancer Consortium, and served as a board member for the NYS Office of Professional Medical Conduct.

Jim spoke in 2001 about his person-centered approach to treating cancer. "In treating cancer, there are times when we cannot cure the disease...in helping people die with dignity, there is satisfaction in knowing you helped them make the most of the time they had left. You can help their family better deal with the disease and prognosis, which in turn also helps the patient." He also spoke of his joy in seeing patients return to health: "Treating cancer patients is also exciting because you can often cure cancers...and see our patients get well."

Jim is survived by his wife of 43 years Kathleen (née Dorrian), daughter Anne, sister Jayne, and niece Danielle Spellacy. He is predeceased by his daughter Maia. Donations can be made in Jim's memory to the Friends of Bassett's Bob Simon/L. Anagnost Assist Program to support patients undergoing cancer treatment at https://give.bassett.org/give/439352/#!/donation/checkout.

Read the full obituary at Legacy.com.

Robert A. Lipson, M.D. (1951 – 2024)

Dr. Robert A. Lipson, a retired anesthesiologist and critical care practitioner, passed away peacefully on July 5, 2024, at his home in East Falmouth after a prolonged illness. He was 73.

Dr. Lipson practiced Anesthesiology and Critical Care at Bassett Medical Center from 2003 to 2009. He was admired and respected by many colleagues and friends.

After graduating from the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine, Dr. Lipson engaged in seven years of post-graduate training and research in diverse fields, including general and orthopedic surgery, anesthesiology, and critical care medicine. He was board certified in anesthesiology and critical care medicine. Dr. Lipson founded the Critical Care Medicine Service at Lawrence and Memorial Hospitals in New London, Connecticut.

Dr. Lipson is survived by his wife, Rachelle Seguine, and his sons, Matthew and Evan Lipson, and two grandsons. He was predeceased by his parents and a brother, Stephen Lipson. No public service is planned at this time. ■

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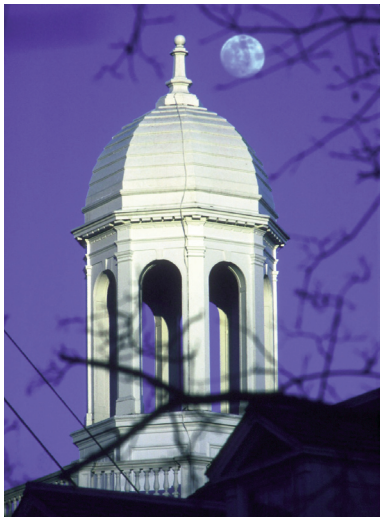
As alumni of Bassett Medical Center, we share a profound connection—one rooted in the education, mentorship and experiences that shaped our medical careers. Whether you are at the peak of your practice, transitioning into retirement, or reflecting on your professional journey, now is the perfect time to consider the legacy you will leave behind.

Your time at Bassett was more than just training—it was a foundation that enabled you to make a difference in the lives of your patients and communities. A legacy gift is a powerful way to honor that experience and ensure future generations of medical professionals receive the same opportunity.

By including Bassett in your estate plans—through a gift in your will, a trust, or by naming the Medical Alumni Association as a beneficiary of an account—you can provide enduring support for scholarships, medical education, and advancements that shape the future of health care. These gifts not only create a lasting impact but can also offer financial benefits for you and your loved ones.



Your legacy is more than a career; it is the lasting influence you have on medicine and those who follow in your footsteps. If Bassett played a meaningful role in your journey, consider how you can give back in a way that will inspire and support the next generation.

To learn more about legacy giving and how you can make a difference, please contact us at 607-547-3928. ■