Mount Sinai Featured on CNBC’s Squawk Box

“Philanthropy in an academic medical center such as the Mount Sinai Health System helps improve patient care and provides necessary funding for the innovative treatments that answer society’s pressing health care needs,” according to leaders of Mount Sinai, who recently appeared on a special edition of CNBC’s television show Squawk Box to discuss their support.

“All of us in the financial world who spend a lot of time making money have a responsibility to give it back,” said Mr. May.

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A New Affiliation with The New York Academy of Medicine

Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai and The New York Academy of Medicine (NYAM) announced the formation of a new partnership to jointly study and address a number of significant health issues and policies that impact the lives of people who live in urban areas. NYAM is an historic and independent institution that has been advancing the health of people living in cities since its founding in 1847.

During a signing ceremony held at Mount Sinai on Monday, February 10, leaders from both institutions said that together they will address issues such as disease prevention and global health initiatives, health care policy, and the emerging field of genetics and genomics, among other topics.

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Jo Ivey Boufford, MD, President, The New York Academy of Medicine with Dennis S. Charney, MD, Anne and Joel Ehrenkranz Dean, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai and President for Academic Affairs, Mount Sinai Health System
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“...It’s relatively easy once you’ve gotten to a certain point in your career to write a check. It’s much more difficult to roll up your sleeves and get really involved. In an institution as big as Mount Sinai, with 6,000 doctors and seven individual hospitals, it’s a very competitive business organization, and the skills of our board members are very useful.”

Mr. May said many board members were deeply interested in different areas of science that comprise specialized research institutes at Mount Sinai, and were not only donating money to those institutes, but lending their business skills to strengthen the organizations, as well.

Trustee Carl Icahn, who called Mount Sinai “one of America’s great institutions,” said, “I feel you have to give the money back” to society.

Trustee Glenn Dubin, who with his wife Eva Andersson-Dubin, MD, founded the Dubin Breast Center of The Tisch Cancer Institute at the Mount Sinai Health System, said, “Philanthropy is the difference between standard of care and excellent care.”

Richard Friedman, a trustee who, with his wife, Susan, helped establish The Friedman Brain Institute at Mount Sinai, says philanthropic efforts had raised tens of millions of dollars, money that was “mostly devoted to recruiting researchers to study everything from autism through Alzheimer’s, and everything in between.” Brain disorders are pervasive throughout society, he said, and there was so much left to discover.

Economist Peter Orszag, former director of the U.S. Office of Management and Budget under President Barack Obama, said that as a trustee, an important Mount Sinai cost-saving initiative he was learning about was reducing the rate of hospital-acquired infections.

Mount Sinai Scientists Appear on CBS This Morning

In February, CBS This Morning had a segment on Mount Sinai’s novel use of fruit flies to screen for personalized cancer drugs. Ross Cagan, PhD, Associate Dean of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, discussed how his laboratory replicates a patient’s tumor and implants it in a fruit fly. Then his team tests an arsenal of 840 drugs—all approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for other uses—to see if they shrink the tumor.

CBS This Morning interviewed Mark Beeninga, a Mount Sinai patient with medullary thyroid cancer, who had just begun a three-drug treatment regimen that was discovered by Tirtha Das, PhD, an American Cancer Society Fellow and member of Dr. Cagan’s lab, using the fruit fly screening method. Mr. Beeninga was tolerating the regimen, but it was too early to know if the treatment was working.

Dr. Cagan, also a Professor of Developmental and Regenerative Biology, Oncological Sciences, and Ophthalmology, has long been a proponent of using fruit flies to research human diseases. Given their relative genomic similarity to humans, and their nine-day life cycle, the flies make quick and relatively inexpensive models.

With Mr. Beeninga as the first patient, Dr. Cagan established Mount Sinai’s new Center for Personalized Cancer Therapeutics, which will begin screening other patients with medullary thyroid cancer, as well as those with colorectal cancer, and triple negative breast cancer.

Nobel Laureate Presents Keynote Lecture

Nobel Laureate Günter Blobel, MD, PhD, known for his pioneering research in cell biology, was the keynote speaker at the recent Tenth Annual Dr. Nina Poretsky and Ruvim Poretsky Memorial Lecture at Mount Sinai Beth Israel.

Dr. Blobel, the John D. Rockefeller Jr. Professor at The Rockefeller University, presented “Getting Into and Out of the Nucleus” during the Mount Sinai Beth Israel Department of Medicine’s Grand Rounds in Podell Auditorium. In 1999, Dr. Blobel received the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for his discovery that proteins have intrinsic signals that govern their transport and localization in the cell.

The annual Poretsky Memorial Lecture is supported by the Division of Endocrinology and Metabolism and the Department of Medicine. It was created by Leonid Poretsky, MD, Chief of the Division of Endocrinology and Metabolism and Director of the Friedman Diabetes Institute at Mount Sinai Beth Israel, in honor of his late parents.
Mount Sinai Health System Names Three Chief Medical Officers

The Mount Sinai Health System has appointed three new chief medical officers to lead The Mount Sinai Hospital, Mount Sinai Beth Israel, and Mount Sinai Queens.

Vicki LoPachin, MD, a respected member of the medical community who completed her residency and chief residency in internal medicine at Mount Sinai, recently returned to The Mount Sinai Hospital to serve as Chief Medical Officer.

From 2008 until her recent return to Mount Sinai, Dr. LoPachin served as Medical Director of the North Shore-LIJ Health System, where she led successful efforts to improve quality, safety, operational performance, the revenue cycle, and case management.

Earlier, Dr. LoPachin had served at Mount Sinai as President of the Association of Attending Staff, Lead Physician Advisor and Medical Director of Case Management, Chair of the Utilization Review Committee, and member of the Executive Committee of the Medical Board.

She received her MBA with distinction in Health Service Management from the Frank G. Zarb School of Business at Hofstra University.

“I am honored to be working again with the physicians, nurses, medical staff, and administrators here at The Mount Sinai Hospital,” says Dr. LoPachin. “I look forward to closely collaborating with my colleagues and with the leadership of the Mount Sinai Health System to ensure that we deliver the highest levels of quality care. Our patients deserve nothing less.”

Harris M. Nagler, MD, FACS, a leader in the field of urology, has been appointed to the newly created position of Physician-in-Chief and Chief Medical Officer for Mount Sinai Beth Israel in Manhattan.

Dr. Nagler has also been named Senior Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs of the Mount Sinai Health System and Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. In his new role, Dr. Nagler will manage Mount Sinai Beth Israel’s inpatient and outpatient care with the goal of achieving the highest level of clinical excellence. He will also oversee the integration of Mount Sinai Beth Israel’s faculty practice with the Icahn School of Medicine.

Dr. Nagler’s appointments follow his long and distinguished career as President of Physician-in-Chief and Chief Medical Officer for Mount Sinai Beth Israel’s inpatient and outpatient care. Our patients deserve nothing less.”

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“Although we are two different institutions, each with its unique history and mission, our goals intersect in fundamentally important ways,” said Kenneth L. Davis, MD, Chief Executive Officer and President of the Mount Sinai Health System.

“Ultimately, we both strive to develop high-quality programs through education, research, and policy that increase access to care and improve the health of people living in the New York metropolitan area and around the globe. Given our longtime mutual respect, and our proximity to each other on the Upper East Side, our collaboration makes perfect sense.”

A Steering Committee comprised of representatives from Mount Sinai and NYAM will create guidelines and make recommendations for projects. It is anticipated the agreement will lead to collaborative research projects, grant applications, and publications, as well as educational courses and mentoring opportunities.

“The New York Academy of Medicine’s current priorities are to create environments in cities that support healthy aging; to strengthen systems that prevent disease and promote the public’s health; to eliminate health disparities; and to preserve and promote the heritage of medicine and public health,” Jo Ivey Boufford, MD, NYAM President, told the audience. “We are very excited about the special opportunities this agreement brings for synergies in our research and educational programs with Mount Sinai, our neighbor and an organization that shares our commitment to urban health.”

Dennis S. Charney, MD, Anne and Joel Ehrenkranz Dean, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai and President for Academic Affairs, Mount Sinai Health System, signed the agreement with Dr. Boufford. “We will draw upon our expertise in a wide range of disciplines and institutes across Mount Sinai, including the Department of Health Evidence and Policy, the Institute for Family Health, the Center for Health Equity and Community Engaged Research, Biomedical Informatics, General Internal Medicine, Preventive Medicine, the Institute for Translational Epidemiology, the Icahn Institute for Genomics and Multiscale Biology, and the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences,” he said. “Working with the Academy, we expect to create research grants, conduct original research, publish our findings together, and sponsor educational courses and training for prospective scientists and health professionals, all in an effort to help improve the health of our populations.”

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March is National Nutrition Month®

The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics has designated March as National Nutrition Month. Learn how to enjoy your favorite foods with less added salt and sugar, and get tasty samples and recipes, at events planned by The Mount Sinai Hospital’s Department of Clinical Nutrition.

Wednesdays, March 19 and March 26
11 am - 2 pm
The Mount Sinai Hospital
Outside the Plaza Café

Grand Rounds

Medicine
Fred Lublin, MD, Director, Corinne Goldsmith Dickinson Center for Multiple Sclerosis, presents “Update in MS.”

Thursday, March 20
7:45 – 9 am
Mount Sinai Roosevelt Conference Room B
Remote site:
Mount Sinai St. Luke’s Muhlenberg Auditorium

Grand Rounds Diabetes
Steven E. Kahn, MD, Professor, Medicine, University of Washington School of Medicine, presents the “Annual Stanley Mirsky, MD, Lectureship Award.”

Thursday, March 20
8:30 – 9:30 am
The Mount Sinai Hospital
Atran Building, AB4-11

Grand Rounds Neurology
Irene Boniece, MD, Chief, Divisions of Stroke and Neurocritical Care, presents “Intracranial Cerebral Hemorrhage: Ongoing and Recent Clinical Research.”

Friday, March 28
1 – 2 pm
Mount Sinai Beth Israel Phillips Ambulatory Care Center

Education

Nominations for Excellence in Teaching Awards

The nomination deadline for the Institute for Medical Education's 2014 Excellence in Teaching Awards is Monday, March 24. The awards will honor educators from across the Mount Sinai Health System and affiliates. Employees are encouraged to nominate educators who have consistently demonstrated excellence and dedication. For nomination forms and instructions, visit www.icahn.mssm.edu/education/institute-for-medical-education/programs-courses-and-events/teaching-awards and click on the “Related Resources” tab on the Awards page of the website. For more information, email Anna Horton at anna.horton@mssm.edu.

Monday, March 24
5 pm (submission deadline)
Thursday, May 22
4 pm (Ceremony)
The Mount Sinai Hospital
Hess Center, Seminar Room A

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of Mount Sinai Beth Israel and Mount Sinai Beth Israel Brooklyn, Chair of the Sol and Margaret Berger Department of Urology, and Chief of Graduate Medical Education. Dr. Nagler is a recognized expert in the treatment of male infertility and has published extensively in the field. He also has held leadership positions in national and regional professional societies.

“I am proud to assume this new title,” says Dr. Nagler. “I am a passionate believer in the vision that has been crafted for Mount Sinai and look forward to helping the Health System achieve its goals.”

Brian Radbill, MD, FACP, Associate Professor of Medicine (Nephrology) at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, was recently named Chief Medical Officer and Vice President of Medical Affairs at Mount Sinai Queens. In this role, Dr. Radbill will oversee the delivery of high-quality, patient-focused medical care by nearly 500 physicians representing almost 40 medical and surgical specialties and subspecialties.

A specialist in chronic kidney disease, Dr. Radbill served as Medical Director of The Mount Sinai Hospital's dialysis program, and Clinical Director of its renal division. He also served as Vice Chair of Quality for Mount Sinai’s Department of Medicine, where he developed a series of online tools to measure and monitor clinical performance.

“Mount Sinai Queens is staffed by professional, caring, and dedicated individuals,” says Dr. Radbill. “I am grateful for the warm reception I received and look forward to transforming the hospital into a center of clinical excellence and a leader in quality improvement in health care education and training.”

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