

## CRMC Honors Medical Staff



On Monday May 3, Cortland Regional Medical Center hosted the 19th Annual Physician Recognition Dinner at the Cortland Country Club. The event honors local physicians and allied health professionals for their dedication and service to the Cortland community. The highlight of the evening was the announcement of the 2010 “Physician of the Year”. This award is presented to a member of the medical staff who is dedicated to “excellence in patient care, has given significant service to Cortland Regional Medical Center, and has demonstrated significant and continued academic effort.”

Cherilyn White, M.D., was announced as the latest recipient of the Physician of the Year Award. Dr White arrived in Cortland in 2004 to join the family medicine staff of the Family Health Network (FHN) of Central New York. She presently sees patients in FHN’s Cortland office. Board Certified in Family Practice, Dr.White treats patients of all ages but has a particular interest in women’s health issues and maternity care. Prior to her arrival in Cortland, Dr. White was the Medical Director of Family Practice at the Guthrie Clinic in Sayre, PA.

Though born in Wisconsin, Dr. White was raised in Homer. She attended Cornell University, graduating with a bachelor’s degree in Biology, then went on to receive her medical degree at the SUNY-Upstate Medical University in Syracuse. During that time Dr. White participated in the Rural Medical Education Program (RMED), a partnership between SUNY-UMU and Cortland Regional Medical Center that provides a nine-month educational experience for medical students considering a primary care career in a rural setting. She continued her training at Robert Packer Hospital (Sayre, PA) and completed a three-year residency in Family Practice. Dr. White was selected co-chief resident the final year of her residency. She capped her medical education by completing a one-year fellowship in academic medicine at the University of North Carolina and the Guthrie Clinic.

During his tenure at CRMC, Dr. White has served on the Credentials Committee and in 2009 was appointed to Medical Staff Performance Improvement Committee. She continues to support the Rural Medical Education program by being a preceptor to RMED students.

In addition to Dr. White, other members of the CRMC medical staff were honored at the dinner for their years of patient care, dedication, and service.

### 30 Years

Roger Tinsley, M.D. (Hematology/Oncology)

### 15 Years

Robert Kaplan, M.D. (Pulmonology)

Helen MacGregor, M.D. (Psychiatry)

### 10 Years

Mohammad Djafari, M.D. (Pediatrics)

Russell Firman, M.D. (Emergency)

Juanita Huther, N.P.

Jagadish Malakar, M.D. (Internal Medicine)

Ahmad Mehdi, M.D. (Family Practice)

Cathy Zarzecki, M.D. (Pediatrics)

### 5 Years

Margaret Boufal, D.O. (Hematology/Oncology)  
Kathryn Compagni, P.A.  
Louise Dallaire, M.D. (Radiology)  
Michael Fallon, M.D. (Radiation Oncology)  
Gregory Kenien, M.D. (Cardiology)  
Christopher Nardone, M.D. (Cardiology)  
Cherilyn White, M.D. (Family Practice)

It was also announced that Dr. Stewart VerNooy would be inducted into the “Physicians Recognition Gallery”. This honor is given to physicians who have retired from their practice with 20 or more years of service in their respective fields, or in memory of physicians who died while in service to the hospital. Dr. VerNooy, an internist with over 40 years of service to Cortland area families, retired in December 2009. In honor of his dedication and many accomplishments, Dr. VerNooy was selected the 2000 Physician of the Year.

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