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CRMC Honors Medical Staff

On Monday May 2, Cortland Regional Medical Center hosted the 20th 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 2011 “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.”

Roger Tinsley, M.D., was announced as the latest recipient of the Physician of the Year Award. Dr Tinsley has cared for Cortland area families for the past 31 years. He practices internal medicine, specializing in medical oncology and hematology. Medical oncology is the management of malignant diseases using chemotherapy (use of drugs to kill cancer cells) and immunotherapy. Hematology is the treatment of blood diseases, ranging from anemia to leukemia. Dr. Tinsley’s private practice, *Hematology/Oncology of CNY*, is located at 82 Copeland Avenue in Homer.

A graduate of the Medical College of Georgia (Augusta), Dr. Tinsley continued his training in Central New York at the SUNY Health Science Center. While in Syracuse he completed both his internship and residency programs, as well as a medical oncology fellowship. Board Certified in both Internal Medicine and Medical Oncology, Dr. Tinsley’s professional memberships include the American Medical Association, the New York State Medical Society, and American Society of Clinical Oncology.

During his tenure at CRMC, Dr. Tinsley has served as President of the Medical Staff and was a member of the Transfusion Committee. He is presently chair of the Cancer Care Committee.

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

30 Years

Patrick Hayes, M.D. (Internal Medicine)

25 Years

Rosemarie Hurley, M.D. (Family Practice)

20 Years

Peter Clark, M.D. (Family Practice)

Anthony diGiovanna, M.D. (Family Practice)

Paula Gauss, M.D. (Internal Medicine)

10 Years

Susan Cowdery, M.D. (Neurology)

Ahmad Javid, M.D. (Pediatrics)

Mark Reger, M.D. (Cardiology)

Alan Simons, M.D. (Cardiology)

5 Years

Michael Fischi, M.D. (Cardiology)

Ayman Iskander, M.D. (Cardiology)

Bala Murthy, M.D. (Nephrology)

James Newman, D.O. (Emergency Medicine)

Douglas Rahner, M.D. (Family Practice)

Thomas SanGiacomo, D.M.D., (Oral Surgery)

Meredith Schledorn, P.A. (Obstetrics/Gynecology)

Mark Welch, M.D., (Radiology)

It was also announced that Dr. Stewart VerNooy, Dr. Stuart Gillim, and Dr. Dean Mitchell 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. All three of these physicians were honored with the Physician of the Year award during their time at the medical center.

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