ON THE BEAT

Cardiologists on the Move

Dr. Gordon Tomaselli, an expert on sudden cardiac death and heart rhythm disturbances, has been appointed director of Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine's division of cardiology in Baltimore.

DR. GORDON TOMASELLI

As a cardiac electrophysiologist, Dr. Tomaselli has worked to determine what factors are predictive of success with implanted cardiac defibrillators.

In his new role, Dr. Tomaselli is expected to concentrate on early detection of arrhythmia using imaging, genetic screening, and applications of stem cell technology in damaged heart tissue.

After earning an undergraduate degree at the State University of New York at Buffalo and a medical degree from Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx, N.Y., Dr. Tomaselli completed a residency at University of California at San Francisco. He went on to join the Cardiovascular Research Institute there before moving to the fellowship program at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in 1986. He joined the faculty at Hopkins 3 years later.

Dr. Tomaselli will continue as codirector of the Donald W. Reynolds Cardiovascular Clinical Research Center at Hopkins. In his new post, he succeeds **Dr. Eduardo Marbán,** who led the division since 2002 and will remain active as adjunct faculty.

Dr. Edward Kasper has been named the new clinical director of Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine's division of cardiology, and codirector of the school's Heart and Vascular Institute, along with Dr. Tomaselli.

DR. EDWARD KASPER

Dr. Kasper received his undergraduate degree from Johns Hopkins in 1979. After receiving his medical degree at the University of Connecticut, Farmington, he returned to his alma mater in 1987 to be a faculty instructor in medicine. He completed his cardiology specialization at JHU in 1991 and—after another brief sojourn at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn.—returned to Hopkins for good in 1993 to head up the university's transplant program—transplant and organ rejection issues being one of Dr. Kasper's primary fields of interest. Another area of research for Dr. Kasper is the biological origins of heart failure.

For the last 5 years, Dr. Kasper has been the director of cardiology at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center, the second-largest hospital in the Johns Hopkins Health System, where he tripled the number of faculty and staff.

In his new position, Dr. Kasper succeeds **Dr. Richard Lange**, who will remain on staff as adjunct faculty.

Dr. Ronald G. Victor has been named associate director for clinical research in the Cedars-Sinai Heart Institute in Los Angeles. He will also serve as director of the Cedars-Sinai Hypertension Center.

A primary area of research for Dr Victor is in hypertension in African Americans. Most recently he has been involved in a Dallas-area study to evaluate whether barbershops can be used for community health promotion programs targeting hypertension in African American men.

Dr. Victor also is well known for his work with the National Institute on Drug Abuse, attempting to find an emergency antidote for cocaine overdose patients.

Dr. Victor earned his medical degree from Tulane University in New Orleans, and completed his residency in internal medicine at University of California, Los Angeles.

He completed fellowships in cardiology, cardiovascular research, and neurophysiology at Duke University, Durham, N.C.; the University of Iowa, Iowa City; and the University of Uppsala in Sweden, respectively.

Since 1986, Dr. Victor has been a member of the faculty and then a professor of medicine at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas. Most recently, he has held the title of codirector at Donald W. Reynolds Cardiovascular Clinical Research Center there.

—Denise Napoli