• A Brief History of the New Orleans Branch of the SECC, Selected Members, and the Interrelationship With its Member Cities

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History of New Orleans SECC

- SECC ESTABLISHED 1937
- 80th anniversary this year
- New Orleans Branch started in 1940
- Dr. Edgar Hull was the main contact in starting the NO Branch. He was acting Head of Dept. of Medicine at LSU. He succeeded Dr. George Sam Bel, Dept Head (1931-39)
THE CHARITY HOSPITAL OF LOUISIANA

WAS FOUNDED IN THE YEAR 1786
BY
DON ANDRES ALMONASTER Y ROJAS,

To whose generous endowment, the munificence of the LEGISLATURE OF THIS STATE and the liberality of the State of Pennsylvania, the community is indebted for the means of erecting this edifice, built in the year

1832

His Excellency A. B. Roman being Governor and Ex-Officio President of the Institution.

To record which and inscribe hereon the names and contributions of its distinguished benefactors

THIS TABLET HAS BEEN ERECTED
Charity Hospital 1833-1939
Historical Points of Charity Hospital

• This hospital, built in 1832 & opened in 1833, was actually the 5th building of Charity Hospitals in New Orleans. The 3rd one opened in with support of Spain through Don Andre Almonaster in 1785-86.

• The 1st Charity Hospital in NO opened in 1786 for indigent as a result of money willed by Jean Louis, a French sailor and ship builder.
Year Closing June 30th, 1937

HOSPITAL STAFF

Director
Geo. S. Bel, M. D.
Assistant Director
Dr. Roy W. Wright, M. D.

House Surgeons

A. C. Herdnan, M. D., Senior
L. S. Claramunt, 1st. Asst.
J. R. Theriot, M. D., Senior
H. R. Kahlke, 1st. Asst.
C. H. Odom, M. D., Junior
Louis Legere, 2nd Asst.

House Physicians

J. G. Weilbacher, Jr., M. D., Senior
Luke Marcello, M. D., Senior
E. B. Shamm, M. D., Senior

Resident Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat Surgeons

J. E. Phillips, M. D., Senior
George Hare, M. D., Junior

Urology

E. J. Marshall, M. D., Senior
L. J. Alexander, M. D., Junior

Orthopaedics

A. Tindall, M. D., Junior

Pediatrics

A. L. Alfiere, M. D., Junior

Admitting Physician
C. S. Freise, M. D.

Resident Dentist
F. Ducasse, M. D.
CHARITY HOSPITAL VISITING STAFF July 1st, 1936 - June 30th, 1937

Department Of Medicine Consultants
GEORGE S. Bel, M. D. I. I. Lfmann, M. D. A. E. Fosstr, M. D. J. A. Storck, M. D.

Senior Visiting Physicians
Rudolph H. Kampmeier, 1898-1990
At LSU, as a medical student, I heard a lot about Dr. Kampmeier from Dr. Hull and older faculty members.

We used his textbook, *Physical Examination in Health and Disease*. I read this book many times, and it influenced me in wanting to strive to be a diagnostician -- a term we, unfortunately, no longer hear.

He emphasized the importance of the history and value of the physical examination. He was a close friend of Dr. Edgar Hull.

He was on LSU faculty, 1932-36, and saw pts at CHNO.

Some of the work on his textbook, *Essentials of Syphilology*, 1943, resulted from his work at CHNO.

The venerable and talented Dr. Josh Billings wrote a great memorial on him & both were blessed with longevity.
PHYSICAL EXAMINATION IN HEALTH AND DISEASE

RUDOLPH H. KAMPMEIER, A.B., M.D.
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE; VISITING PHYSICIAN TO VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL; CHIEF OF THE MEDICAL OUTPATIENT SERVICE, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

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1952
Dr Edgar Hull’s Copy of Textbook.

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SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Louisiana State University
New Orleans
Life Of Dr. Edgar Hull

• Born on Feb. 20 1904 in Pascagoula MS (Jackson county)
• Died on Oct. 25 1984 in Pascagoula MS at age 80
• Attended LSU as undergraduate and taught school for a year.
• Graduated from Tulane Medical School in 1927,
• Internship in Shreveport, staff physician for 6 mo. & 2 1/2 yrs. of private practice in North LA
• Joined the new LSU Medical School in NO in 1931, as a founding faculty member.
Medical School’s Affiliation With Charity Hospital

- Both LSU and Tulane were affiliated with Charity Hosp. LSU medical school opened in 1931 in less than a year of planning and construction through Gov. Huey Long.
- When Dr. Hull joined LSU, the Charity Hosp. building in use was built in 1832.
- A new hospital (just behind it) opened in 1939. That building is still standing, but shuttered since 2005 (due to damage from Katrina)
- A new combined LSU/Tulane University Hospital opened in 2015
Charity Hospital 1939-2005

• This is the hospital that most of us from LSU/Tulane, who are still alive, did their training. Residents could live there.

• In 1964, due to some complaints from incoming interns and Residents, the hospital raised salaries from $125/mo to $175/mo for interns. CHNO also bought screens for windows rather than AC that yr.
Edgar Hull: The Man

- He was a legend at LSU. I first heard about him from my Brother-in-law, who entered LSU 3 years before me.
- He was super smart, and had a prodigious memory. He would remember the names of former students from many years ago.
- Was thorough in history taking and PE.
- Fantastic teacher and lecturer. Many sought his consultation as he possessed lots of medical info.
- He treated patients, students, & colleagues with the utmost respect. He was calm, and encouraging.
Story Told About Dr. Hull

• Dr. Hull was on rounds with a group of residents and students on crowded ward at Charity Hospital. As the resident presented a complicated case, Dr. Hull was leaning against the bed of the adjacent pt. When resident completed the case, Dr. Hull said I don’t know what he has, but the pt in the bed behind me has Aortic Insufficiency.
I was on call the night before at CHNO as a 1st yr resident and had a cardiac case. I presented the case to Dr. Hull in some detail, and gave my EKG interpretation. I quickly realized that I was wrong as Dr. Hull kindly said, “Joe, don’t you think that it might be .....,” and I immediately said, “Yes sir, Dr. Hull. That is what I now think”. He was very kind.

Dr. Hull was an early expert on EKG, & developed it. He wrote a book with Richard Ashman in 1937 on this. 2nd Edition was in 1941.
Essentials of Electrocardiography

For the Student and Practitioner of Medicine

By

RICHARD ASHMAN, PH.D.

Professor of Physiology, the Louisiana State University Medical Center, New Orleans

And

EDGAR HULL, M.D.

Professor of Medicine, Louisiana State University Medical School; Senior Visiting Physician, Charity Hospital of Louisiana, New Orleans

SECOND EDITION

NEW YORK

THE MACMILLAN COMPANY

1941
Edgar Hull MD, The Man

• Dr. Hull was a very religious man. He loved the Catholic Latin Masses, and knew the Epistles and Gospels very well. He used them in some of his lectures, and could quote them.

• He often would tell someone who had met with him, as they left, “Bless You”.
Edgar Hull MD
Edgar Hull MD, The Man

• The SECC Saturday night dinners in New Orleans were held at Dr. Hull’s uptown home.
• Too, despite Dr. Hull’s religious beliefs, he organized & played in big time poker games for the men-late at night.
• On Saturday, many members went to the Race track for some great horse races. As research funding in those days was meager, the race track betting was done only in hopes of obtaining some research money.
Edgar & Mallory Hull 1953, NO
Race Tract Outling 1953, N.O.
Huey P. Long/Edgar Hull MD

- Huey P Long was shot on Sun. 9/8/35, & died early AM 9/10/35, age 42. Born 8/30/1893).
- Dr. Hull helped in post-op care of him, and averred Long died of Gram neg. sepsis from abdominal GSW-not a missed bleeder, as often blamed.
Dr Hull Started a New Med School

- Dr. Hull perceived a need for an additional LA Med school and through his will power and his connections he succeeded. He left LSUNO in 1966, my 1st yr of residency, and became the first Dean of the Louisiana State University School of Medicine at Shreveport (now the LSU Health Sciences Center, Shreveport). So, I missed out on his teaching for my 2nd and 3rd years of residency.
In his career at LSU in NO, he served as Dept Head of Med 2 separate times, & Associate Dean and Acting Dean.
Retirement of Dr. Hull

Dr. Hull retired in 1973, at age 69, after the first class of the new Medical school graduated, moved to Pascagoula where his son, daughter, & son-in-law were in practice. He did some general practice also. Dr. Hull died on 10/24/84 at age 80 of lung cancer.

He was a great man; his story could fill the entire hour or two.
Harry E. Dascomb, MD
Harry E. Dascomb MD

- Born in Bath NY on 8/12/16, attended Colgate (1938)
- Graduated from U. Rochester Medical School (1943)
- Training at Yale, where in 1947 he met Dr. Hull, who was on a short sabbatical, & was recruited to join LSU faculty in Med & ID
Harry E. Dascomb MD - The Physician

- Astute diagnostician & master of physical diagnosis
- Best Palpater of spleens I ever saw.
- He taught what he called the Clinical Method
- He worked in ID with Dr. John Seabury; Residents & students did Gram’s Stains & cultures at night/weekends in ID lab on their pts
- Pioneered treatment of systemic fungal diseases. Treated Polio patients in 50’s
Harry E. Dascomb, the Man

• He was the kindest, most considerate and thorough physician whom I have known & I personally witnessed his utmost concern for patients, and especially for the poor patients of Charity Hospital. He was a man of great character, and was a Doctor’s Doctor
• SECC Member in 1960’s.
Harry E Dascomb

• He was one of the most influential men in my medical career. First, as a medical student & then as a resident on his Ward service, & on ID rotation.

• When I once asked him how did a physician get better, he quickly replied “to read.” (textbooks and journals)
Dr. Harry Dascomb was the Sir William Osler in my life.

I was reading about Harry Dascomb in preparation of this lecture, and saw that Dr. Dascomb said at the LSU 50th Anniversary conference the person he tried to emulate, his Sir William Osler, was Edgar Hull.
Besides experiencing his great teaching, Dr. Dascomb was of great support & help to me at LSU. In my 2\textsuperscript{nd} yr as faculty I still had a very small academic office, where I also saw my private pts. Nearby, there was a large vacant office, a secretarial office, & a large adjacent room, being saved to recruit a GI person. Somehow I mentioned this to Dr. Dascomb and the next day I had this large new space.
MEDICAL DIRECTOR AT CHNO

• In Dec. 1974 Dr. Dascomb was appointed Medical Director of Charity Hospital. There were huge problems including, financial, political, medical schools conflict, etc, etc. Dr. Dascomb was the person who was most honest, trustworthy, hardworking, and competent. Things improved. But He developed SBE (due to stress) and resigned as Medical Director in 1977.
Harry E. Dascomb MD

- I had a traineeship in rehabilitation medicine concurrent with my internal medicine residency for 2 and ½ years.
- So, upon joining the faculty at LSU in Rheumatology, I also was hired to supervise patient care in the Rehabilitation Unit at CHNO, which had a large number of Spinal cord injured patients. The unit had some administrative problems and Dr. Dascomb in 1975 appointed me as Chief of Rehabilitation Medicine and Director of the PM&R residency which was in its second year of operation.
Dr. Harry’s Dascomb’s Help

• Dr. Dascomb’s appointment certainly changed my career from doing only Rheumatology and Immunology to include Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Spinal Cord Injury, Pain management and Sports Medicine.

• Again, Dr. Dascomb was of great help to my career.
Changes for Harry Dascomb MD

• After the bout with SBE and resignation in 1977 from Medical Director of Charity Hospital, Dr. Dascomb moved to North Carolina in 1978.
• He was also a violinist and played in a quartet. He promoted chamber music in New Orleans along with another LSU violist, helping start “The Friends of Music“
• Chamber Music Concerts
Harry E. Dascomb MD Professor of Medicine at LSUHSC
Dr. David Martin has had this Endowed Chair, & he just retired

Harry Dascomb Award for Excellence in Clinical Teaching and Care at Wake Med in Raleigh.

“Dr. Dascomb epitomized excellence in teaching
• and clinical medicine as well as compassionate patient care.”
• He also worked some at U. North Carolina in Chapel Hill
• It is not surprising that Dr. Dascomb was beloved & honored at the two institutions where he worked.
Dr. Dascomb continued to teach physical diagnosis until he was 81.

He died in Feb 18, 2008, at 92, in North Carolina, leaving his wife Helen, two daughters, Wendy (Miss USA 1969), & Sherry and a son Alan, a pathologist, who passed away in Dec. of 2008 of a brain tumor.

Harry will never be forgotten.
FRED ALLISON, JR MD

• Born on 9/8/22; Reared in Auburn; Graduated from Auburn; where father was a famous physics professor
• Graduated from Vanderbilt Med. School 1944
• Army Specialized Training Program;
• Dr. Kampmeier held down the Med Dept.
• Did Residency & Fellowships at Vanderbilt, Barnes (worked with Barry Wood), &
• Peter Bent Brigham. Was at LSU (1st time) to study virology and Microbiology
Fred Allison, Jr. MD

- 1955- became one of the original faculty of the new School of Medicine in ID at the University of Mississippi in Jackson
- 1967-68-Sabattical at the Rockefeller Institute
- 1968-87-Edgar Hull Professor of Medicine & Head of Department of Medicine, LSU in New Orleans.
Fred Allison, MD. Dept Development

Fred quickly built strong department of Med, hiring Luke Glancy in 1972 as chief of Cardiology (from NIH where he worked with Dr. Bill Robert), Charles “Bo” Sanders in ID 1970. (Jay Sanford, Parkland trained) Bo later became ID Section Chief, then Department Head in 1988, and is now the longest reigning Med. Dept Chairman in US-28 yrs+. 
Fred Allison MD Dept Development

• **David Martin** was hired in ID from U. Washington, and he later became Sect. Chief, and the Harry E. Dascomb MD, Professor of Medicine. **Rob Marier** was recruited in ID after Yale Med School, Mass General residency & ID fellowship. He later became Director of Charity Hospital, Then Dean, then Director of LA State Board of Med. Examiners.
Fred Allison MD ;Dept Head

• Fred hired Warren Summer from Johns Hopkins to be Chief of Pulmonary, and Jack Wilber as Chief of Endocrinology, and Frank Svec also in Endocrine.
• Frank later became Section Chief (Vanderbilt trained)
• Steve Nelson was hired from Hopkins in Pul. & later became Section Head and now is the Dean.
Fred hired me in 1971 after 3 years of fellowship, 1 at Tulane and 2 at Georgetown, at a salary of 19,000. I asked for a $1,000 more, but he declined. Yet, he did come up with a $5,000 supplement to direct patient care on the rehabilitation unit.
Fred Allison, MD

- I was hired to start the 1st Rheumatology program at LSU. I was initially placed for 2 yrs in the Section of Allergy, Immunology & Rheumatology (AIR Section) under John Salvaggio. But within 6 years, with Fred’s full support, we were awarded a Multipurpose Center Grant and had 6 faculty members in the Section of Rheumatology.
Fred Allison MD, His Character

• Fred Allison was one of the nicest men I have ever known. He was soft spoken and kind. People trusted him and were attracted to him- as judged by his ability to recruit top notch faculty.

It was so disarming to go into his office to talk with him, perhaps about some problem, and to sit there and talk and watch him carve some wooden object, and becoming relaxed by the carving & his gentle and calm attitude. (He was a Member of the SECC, and he loved playing tennis)

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Fred Allison MD- Grand Rounds

• Dr. Allison moderated the Grand Rounds each week and did a wonderful job with this. He liked a formal presentation of the case and discussion. Too, sometimes, when commenting at the end of the presentation and discussion, he would describe the discussant as having made “an elegant presentation”.

• On Dr. Allison’s last Grand Rounds at LSU before leaving for Vanderbilt, I was the discussant. I had in mind those words. “Formal”, and “Elegant”. So, I got to the room early, and sat in the first row with my lab coat buttoned up. After Dr. Allison’s introduction, I stood up and took off my lab coat, to show off my Tuxedo. I told Dr. Allison that my tuxedo was in his honor, and because he liked formal presentations that I had come in a formal outfit, and hoped that my talk would be elegant.
Fred Allison MD, Vanderbilt

- In 1987 Dr. Allison returned to his alma mater, Vanderbilt University as Professor of Medicine & Physician-in-Chief of the Nashville Metropolitan General Hospital,
- Then became Chief of the Division of General Internal Medicine at Vanderbilt. He wrote an autobiographical account of his career in five volumes entitled, "A Half Century of Academic Medicine."
Fred Allison, Jr. MD

• Fred Allison, Jr. MD died on 5/8/15 at age 92
• I am honored to have been hired by him, to have known him, and to have worked for him. Two institutions, LSU and Vanderbilt, were both benefitted by his presence, his wisdom & his excellent character.

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John E. Salvaggio MD

- Born 1933 in New Orleans, College at Loyola U.
- Graduated LSU Med School in 1957 as AOA member
- Internship and Medicine Residency at CHNO on LSU Service
- Allergy & Immunology Fellowship (61-64) at Mass General under Dr. Francis Lowell
- Joined LSU Med School in 1964 to establish an Allergy & Immunology Program. Too, he enjoyed boating in N.O.
Notable Achievements of Dr. Salvaggio

• 1. He worked with Drs. Howard Buechner & John Seabury to identify and initially describe the lung disease, *Bagassosis*, a hypersensitivity pneumonitis.

• It was thought to be caused by a fungus in the bagasse (crushed sugar cane)

• It appeared in epidemic forms
Notable Achievements of Dr. Salvaggio

- 2. Epidemic Asthma; also known as New Orleans asthma
- During an epidemic over a hundred pts with severe asthma attacks would be seen
- in CHNO Accident Room at a time. Multiple episodes of widespread asthma attacks occurred. It was thought that grass fires in the marshes in East New Orleans was the likely cause of these asthma epidemics.
- As a med student I loved to hang out in the Accident Room, and in one epidemic I helped give epinephrine injections to the multitude of asthmatics.
John Salvaggio MD: Teacher, Mentor, Advisor

• John was superb, throughout his career, in getting students, residents, fellows and faculty to become interested in research projects, clinical and lab, and to learn & to work under his guidance.

• As a 2nd yr resident, I spent 6 months in a rotation of allergy & immunology and Pulmonary. John proposed I work on a project to study delayed hypersensitivity (cellular immunity) utilizing DNCB in Lupus patients. I became involved, learned a lot, and, thus, a good rotation turned into a great one, all because of John Salvaggio.
John Salvaggio MD: Teacher, Mentor, Advisor

- Then in my 2nd yr on faculty at LSU John allowed me to be the presenter and 1st author on a paper on CIE and anti-DNA antibodies in our Lupus patients.
- My working with John in the AIR Section, along with my 2 years of Immunology Research at Georgetown, allowed me to qualify for the Allergy & Immunology Boards. Thank you John.
John Salvaggio: Tulane

- John was recruited to Tulane in 1975 as Henderson Professor of Medicine, & Director of Clinical Immunology Division, after a Sabbatical at U. Colorado in 1974 and Receiving an NIH Career investigator award.
- He was Chairman of Dept. of Medicine from 1982-89, & then Vice Chancellor for Research
John Salvaggio MD: Author

- John was interested in history, and there are very few, if any, hospital histories more interesting than that of Charity Hospital. He set off to write about the history of a public hospital where he worked as a student, resident, faculty and administrator.

- In 1992 his book, *New Orleans’ Charity Hospital: A Story of Physicians, Politics, and Poverty* by John Salvaggio MD, was published. Of all of the splendid things John is known for, I think throughout the country he is most widely known for his book. I once inquired about his method of writing the book, and he reported his got the material he needed and dictated it.
John Salvaggio MD: The Finale

• John suffered an infarction and died, unexpectedly, on 3/3/ 99 at age 66.
• John was a most successful academic physician. He accomplished so much.
• He was conscientious, hardworking, self-effacing, and was so easy to work with as evidenced his ability to work cooperatively with both medical schools.
• He was most helpful to me personally, and when I told this to his son At John’s funeral, he replied that he had been hearing that from a lot of people,
• And that he knew his father helped a lot of people.
Frank Riddick, Jr. MD,  
Medical Administration

- 1969-Appointed as Assistant Med. Director of Ochsner Clinic
- 1975-1992 –CEO/Medical Director of Ochsner Clinic
- 1990-2001-CEO of Alton Ochsner Medical Foundation
- 2001-CEO Ochsner Health System and emeritus CEO since the merger
- of Ochsner Clinic and the Alton Ochsner Foundation in 2001
- He was a Quintessential Medical Administrator
Frank Riddick, Jr.  MD, Honors

- Frank held many honors, a few of which include
- Master of the American College of Physicians,
- Master of the American College of endocrinology and
- Distinguished Fellow of Am College of Physician Executives
- Professor of Clinical Medicine, Tulane U. School of Med.
Frank Riddick Jr. MD

- I did not have an opportunity to work with Frank, but got to know him through the SECC. He was the History Chairman of the New Orleans Branch. He was a very nice person, had a fantastic career, and I wish that I had gotten to know him better and learn more of the New Orleans History.
- He died on 10/28/14.
Summary of Lifespans

Rudolph Kampmeier 1898-1990  Age 92
Edgar Hull MD, Jr 2/20/04-10/25/84 Age 80
Harry Dascomb 8/12/16-2/18/2008 Age 91
Fred Allison, Jr. 9/8/22-5/8/2015 Age 92
John Salvaggio 1934-1999 Age 66
Frank Riddick, Jr. 1929 - 10/28/14 Age 85
Interrelationship of New Orleans and Nashville

- Rudolph Kampmeier - Was on faculty in New Orleans at LSU and Charity Hospital 1934-37 and then on Vanderbilt Faculty for many years

- Fred Allison – New Orleans as Chairman of Department of Medicine at LSU, Vanderbilt Medical school, and faculty at Vanderbilt/Metropolitan General Hospital.

- Frederic Billings – Residency at Vanderbilt, and works in Baton Rouge (New Orleans branch)

- Frank Riddick, Jr. – College & Medical School at Vanderbilt; Worked in New Orleans at Ochsner.
Interrelationship of New Orleans & Birmingham

• Tom James – Undergraduate degree and MD from Tulane & on Tulane and Ochsner staff; Then UAB as Chairman of Medicine in 1973.

• Louis Bridges- Graduated from LSU Med School, residency and fellowship at UAB, Chief of Rheumatology at UAB

• Robert Bourge- LSU Medical School and UAB residency, Training in Cardiology and now faculty at UAB
Interraltionship of New Orleans and Birmingham

• Suma Jain did medicine residency and was Chief Resident at UAB; Pulmonary & Critical Care fellowship in Cleveland & LSU. Now Clinical Associate Professor at LSU and on Staff at Ochsner.

• Neeraj Jain-LSU Medical School, Medicine Residency - UAB, Cardiology Fellowship in Cleveland & Faculty as Associate Professor in Cardiology at LSU
Interrelationship of New Orleans and Atlanta

• Charlie Brown - LSU Medical School; Residency and Fellowship in Cardiology at Emory. Practices in Atlanta

• Luke Glancy – Grew up in Atlanta, Emory Medicine Residency (Chief Resident) and LSUMC faculty/private practice in New Orleans
Interrelationship of New Orleans, Nashville, Atlanta, Nashville (Trifecta)

- John Riddick, son of Frank Riddick,– Born and Raised in New Orleans, Medical School and Residency at Vanderbilt, and Cardiology Fellowship at Emory, and now practices interventional Cardiology in Nashville.
SPIRIT OF CHARITY AWARDEES IN SECC (NO)

• A Foundation created to support the LSU/Tulane/Charity Hospital
• Was originally called Medical Center of Louisiana Foundation.
• Award is based on the recipient’s training and dedication in providing exceptional medical care to the community and providing exceptional clinical training to physicians in the Medical Center of Louisiana. Award alternated between LSU and Tulane each year.
• Dr. Michael DeBakey was first awardee- Tulane Medical School, Residency and Faculty.
SPIRIT OF CHARITY Awardees in SECC (NO)

• 1} D. Luke Glancy - Cardiology 2009

• 2} Charles “Bo” Sanders - Medicine/ID 2011

• 3} Joseph J. Biundo Jr. Rheumatology/PM&R 2015