Eddie Chang, MD, FAAP, Denise Ellison, DNP, CRNP and Donna Martin, MSN, RN, IBCLC
for Transcutaneous Bilirubinometry in Patients Who Have Received Phototherapy, a study of a painless instantaneous bedside test, without blood sampling, for high-risk hyperbilirubinemia (jaundice) in newborns who are being treated with phototherapy.

Joseph Crocetti, DO
for Patient Care Portal for the Treatment of Obstructive Sleep Apnea, a project to develop a computer-based patient/physician portal to improve patient adherence with positive airway pressure (PAP) therapy for obstructive sleep apnea.

Elizabeth Degnan Kryak, MSN, RN-BC and Betty Cummings, MSN, RN
for Feasibility Study: Group Yoga for Improvement in Persistent, Cancer-related Fatigue in Patients Recovering from Breast Cancer, a study to evaluate the success of a yoga program on the level of fatigue for patients who have undergone chemotherapy and radiation in the treatment of breast cancer.

Jean M. Diodato, MSS, LSW, ACHP-S/W and Maria Burdsall, BSN, RN, COS-C
for Special Buddies for Special Needs, a project to organize, train and support a collaborative of volunteer staff in the outpatient care of persons with autism spectrum disorders and intellectual and developmental delays.

Van Hellerslia, PharmD, Bruce Klugherz, MD, Manoj R. Muttreja, MD and Jeffrey Fierstein, MD
for “Coagu-Clips”– Patient Educational Videos to Promote Safe and Effective Use of Novel Oral Anticoagulants, a series of patient educational videos featuring AMH healthcare providers and distributed through the AMH Internet website that address key points for safe and effective use of the novel oral anticoagulants.

Larami McKenzie, MD, Qaisar Shah, MD, Osman Kozak, MD, Hana Choe, MD, Inessa Parkansky, MD, Karin Jonczak, CRNP and Patricia Bussinger, MBA, BSN, RN
for Pilot Trial of Intra-arterial Sodium Bicarbonate in Ischemic Stroke, to study a common sodium bicarbonate catheter flush solution as an alternative in the neuro catheterization lab to minimize impact on kidneys, blood vessels and brain tissue during stroke treatment.

Victoria Myers, MD and Emily Parent, DO, PGY-4
for Intraoperative One-time Catheterization in Short Gynecologic Procedures and its Potential Effect on Symptomatic and Asymptomatic Bacteriuria, a prospective study to look into the reduction of catheter-associated urinary tract infections in the postoperative period.

Jennifer Nichols, DO and Jay Schinfeld, MD
for A Novel Approach to Improved Implantation Rates for IVF Patients, a study of local interruption to the endometrium (removal of polyps or abnormally thickened lining of the uterus) antibiotic treatment and hormonal supplementation to increase pregnancy rates in patients with multiple failed in vitro fertilization cycles.

Qaisar A. Shah, MD, Osman Kozak, MD, Brad Klein, MD, Larami Mackenzie, MD, Hana Choe, MD and Karin Jonczak, CRNP
for Headache Protocol in Non-traumatic Subarachnoid Hemorrhage, to study a headache protocol involving a simple combination of common medications given intravenously to relieve headaches in patients following the rupture of a brain aneurysm.

Catherine Spahr, MBA, MA, BSN, RN and Qaisar Shah, MD
for Imagining the Possibilities: Development of an Early Mobility and Mobile Gym Program, a project to develop a nurse-led mobility protocol for stroke patients in the critical care unit who cannot travel to the hospital therapy gym.

Kristin Van Heertum, MD and Stephen Somkuti, MD, PhD
for Lymphocyte Telomeric Assays as Predictors of Ovarian Reserve and Reproductive Aging, an investigation of several molecular markers of cell aging to determine if they may be capable of predicting a woman’s reproductive potential.

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