

## Liaison Report on Dr. Mark Anderson

Dr. Anderson is the William Osler Professor of Medicine, the Director of the Department of Medicine in the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and Physician-in-chief of the Johns Hopkins Hospital. A 1981 honors graduate in Biology from Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota. Dr. Anderson received his PHD in physiology and his MD from the University of Minnesota. He then completed his internal medicine residency and fellowship in cardiology and clinical cardiac electrophysiology at Stratford, He joined Hopkins in 2014.

Our discussion was terrific and took a very different turn than I anticipated. Rather than discussing specific breakthroughs in Medicine, he discussed what he feels is one of his greatest accomplishments and an area he feels strongly about.

He is very proud of the staff that is part of the Department of Medicine. He expressed a strong belief that Physicians need to be Great Scientists as well as Clinicians. I was not familiar with the term Physician Scientist. The Development of the Physician Scientist Pathway ( PSP) program is intended to produce clinically well trained Scientists with interests ranging from basic to translational and clinical research. The goal is to recruit, inspire, develop and retain physician scientists who will make scientific breakthroughs for the future of medicine. The Department of Medicine has done this and is making significant breakthroughs in Cancer treatment specifically immunotherapy, Genetic discoveries. Understanding the Genetic contribution to disease and using this knowledge to develop new treatments and preventive strategies to prevent illness.

Dr. Anderson in no way downplayed the role of an excellent Clinician. This role is emphasised strongly at Hopkins. He discussed the Grant we approved for the Department, Handheld Ultrasound. This device enables the Physician to interact with the patient at the bedside, discuss symptoms and come together for a diagnosis. He is very aware of the Women's Board contributions to the Hospital and very grateful.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Gill