

THE Synapse

An educational bulletin of Mercer University School of Medicine
and The Medical Center of Central Georgia



World Class Care... right where you need it.

The Medical Center
of Central Georgia

AUGUST 2014

Mercer University School of Medicine and The Office of Medical Education at The Medical Center of Central Georgia Receives CME Accreditation with Commendation Designation

At its July meeting, the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) awarded Mercer University School of Medicine with Accreditation with Commendation as a provider of Continuing Medical Education for physicians for a six-year term from 2014 to 2020. Although MUSM has been an accredited provider for many years, this year marks MUSM's first term of ACCME accreditation with commendation.

ACCME states that the council, "commends your organization for meeting the ACCME's accreditation requirements and for demonstrating that yours is a learning organization and a change agent the physicians you serve. You have demonstrated an engagement with your environment in support of physician learning and change that is a part of a system for quality improvement."



To learn more about Mercer University School of Medicine, Office of Medical Education, contact Administrative Coordinator, CME Stacy B. Jackson at 478-633-1634.

In this issue

1. CME Accreditation with Commendation
2. Certified CME
3. Certified CME cont'd and New Fellowship Program
4. New 3rd Year Medical Students
5. Contact Us

Sponsoring Institutions



World Class Care... right where you need it.

The Medical Center
of Central Georgia

Certified Continuing Medical Education Activities (Cont'd)

August 1 **Family Medicine**
Regularly Scheduled
Series

12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.
MUSM Medical Education Bldg.
790 First Street Macon, GA 31201
Yolonda Howard (478) 633-5554
Topic: Prevention and Management of Heat Related Injury
Speaker: Hugh McLaurin, MD
Objective: Physicians will learn to identify, treat, and prevent common heat-related injuries. *This activity has been reviewed and is acceptable for up to 1.00 Prescribed credits by the American Academy of Family Physicians*

August 4 **Tumor Conference**
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
MCCG Trice Auditorium
777 Hemlock St Macon, GA 31201
Susan Pavoni (478) 633-1902
Objective: Apply learned cancer management issues in regard to diagnosis and treatment and to dictate a plan of care
Accreditation The Mercer University School of Medicine is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians. Credit The Mercer University School of Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™

August 6 **Internal Medicine**
Scheduled Series

8:00 a.m.—9:00 a.m.
MCCG Trice Auditorium
877 Hemlock Street, Macon, GA 31201,
Lenora Rogers (478) 301-5823
Faculty Grand Rounds
Topic: **The Impact of Behavioral Health Counseling on Medical Utilization and Improved Patient Outcomes**
Speaker: David Mathis, M.D.
Associate Professor of Medicine/General Internal Medicine MUSM
Objective: To understand the role of behavioral health counseling in a primary care setting and demonstrate the reduction of unnecessary health care utilization after appropriate patient counseling.
Accreditation The Mercer University School of Medicine is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians. Credit The Mercer University School of Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™

August 7 **Surgery Regularly**
Schedule Series

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
MCCG Eversole Auditorium
777 Hemlock St Macon, GA 31201
Carletta Grace (478) 633-1891
Multidisciplinary G.I. Conference
Objective: To review G.I. conditions and to discuss diagnostic and management plans to improve multi-disciplinary management.
Accreditation The Mercer University School of Medicine is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians. Credit The Mercer University School of Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™

August 8 **Family Medicine**
Regularly Scheduled
Series

12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.
MUSM Medical Education Bldg.
790 First Street Macon, GA 31201
Yolonda Howard (478) 633-5554
Topic: Management Options for the Family Medicine Patient with Heart Failure
Speaker: Erskine James, MD
Objective: Physicians will learn new management options for patients with heart failure. *This activity has been reviewed and is acceptable for up to 1.00 Prescribed credits by the American Academy of Family Physicians*

August 11 **Tumor Confer-**
ence
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
MCCG Trice Auditorium
777 Hemlock St Macon, GA 31201
Susan Pavoni (478) 633-1902
Objective: Apply learned cancer management issues in regard to diagnosis and treatment and to dictate a plan of care
Accreditation The Mercer University School of Medicine is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians. Credit The Mercer University School of Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™

August 13 **Internal Medicine**
Scheduled Series

8:00 a.m.—9:00 a.m.
MCCG Trice Auditorium
877 Hemlock Street, Macon, GA 31201,
Lenora Rogers (478) 301-5823
Topic: **Alcohol Detoxification: Inpatient & Outpatient Strategies**
Speaker: Paul Seale, M.D.
Professor of Family Medicine MUSM
Objective: To recognize the benefits and risks of inpatient vs. outpatient detox regimens.
Accreditation The Mercer University School of Medicine is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians. Credit The Mercer University School of Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™

August 14 **Surgery Regularly**
Schedule Series

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
MCCG Eversole Auditorium
777 Hemlock St Macon, GA 31201
Carletta Grace (478) 633-1891
Speaker: Nicole Behnke, MD
Topic: An Introduction to Bone and Soft Tissue Sarcoma: Diagnosis, Treatment and Avoiding Pitfalls.
Objective: Physicians will recognize “Red Flag” findings on the history and physical exam; Obtaining the most helpful and relevant imaging studies; principles of biopsy and when to refer to a specialist; staging studies and understanding current treatment options for bone and soft tissue sarcoma.
Accreditation The Mercer University School of Medicine is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians. Credit The Mercer University School of

Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™

August 15 **Family Medicine**
Regularly Scheduled
Series

12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.
MUSM Medical Education Bldg.
Location: MUSM Medical Education Bldg.
790 First Street, Macon, GA 31201
Yolonda Howard (478) 633-5554
Topic: Immunization Update
Speaker: Fred Girtton, MD
Objective: Physicians will be able to identify the indications for immunization in the Family Medicine patient.
This activity has been reviewed and is acceptable for up to 1.00 Prescribed credits by the American Academy of Family Physicians

August 18 **Tumor Conference**
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
MCCG Trice Auditorium
777 Hemlock St Macon, GA 31201
Susan Pavoni (478) 633-1902
Objective: Apply learned cancer management issues in regard to diagnosis and treatment and to dictate a plan of care
Accreditation The Mercer University School of Medicine is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians. Credit The Mercer University School of Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™

August 20 **Internal Medicine**
Scheduled Series

8:00 a.m.—9:00 a.m.
MCCG Trice Auditorium
877 Hemlock Street, Macon, GA 31201,
Lenora Rogers (478) 301-5823
Resident Grand Rounds
Topic: **Managing Sepsis**
Speaker: Luke Williams, M.D., PGY-3
Objective: To review appropriate therapy for management of sepsis
Topic: **Hypothyroidism**
Speaker: Manjit Pakkala, M.D., PGY-3
Objective: To appropriately diagnose & manage hypothyroidism
Accreditation The Mercer University School of Medicine is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians. Credit The Mercer University School of Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™

(Continued on page 3)

THE
Synapse

August 21 Surgery Regularly Schedule Series
7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
MCCG Eversole Auditorium
777 Hemlock St Macon, GA 31201
Carletta Grace (478) 633-1891
Topic: Resident Case Presentations
Objective: To review interesting cases including diagnosis management of unusual surgical conditions.
Accreditation The Mercer University School of Medicine is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.
Credit The Mercer University School of Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)TM

August 22 Family Medicine Regularly Scheduled Series
12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.
MUSM Medical Education Bldg.
Location: MUSM Medical Education Bldg.
790 First Street, Macon, GA 31201
Yolonda Howard (478) 633-5554
Topic: Primary Amenorrhea
Speaker: Sandhya Ramayya, MD
Objective: Physicians will be able to identify common etiologies of primary amenorrhea, as well as appropriate and cost effective evaluation and treatment options.
This activity has been reviewed and is acceptable for up to 1.00 Prescribed credits by the American Academy of Family Physicians

August 25 Tumor Conference
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
MCCG Trice Auditorium
777 Hemlock St Macon, GA 31201
Susan Pavoni (478) 633-1902
Objective: Apply learned cancer management issues in regard to diagnosis and treatment and to dictate a plan of care
Accreditation The Mercer University School of Medicine is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.
Credit The Mercer University School of Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)TM

August 27 Internal Medicine Scheduled Series
8:00 a.m.—9:00 a.m.
MCCG Trice Auditorium
877 Hemlock Street, Macon, GA 31201,
Lenora Rogers (478) 301-5823
Topic: Enhancing COPD Management Across the Continuum of Care
Speaker: Dennis E. Doherty, M.D.
Professor of Medicine—Div. of Pulmonary, Critical Care & Sleep Medicine
University of Kentucky College of Medicine
Lexington, Kentucky
Objective: To develop an evidence-based & efficient approach for diagnosis & severity assessment for patients with COPD.
Supported by an educational grant from Boehringer Ingelheim Pharm.
NOTE: CME credit provided by Paradigm Medical Communications

August 28 Surgery Regularly Schedule Series
7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
MCCG Eversole Auditorium
777 Hemlock St Macon, GA 31201
Carletta Grace (478) 633-1891
Speaker: C. Powell Massey
Life Link of Georgia
Topic: Brain Death Diagnosis
Objective: Physicians will better understand brain death & how to determine/declare brain Death; MCCG policy on brain death and brain death checklist utilization.
Accreditation The Mercer University School of Medicine is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.
Credit The Mercer University School of Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)TM

*** AAFP Prescribed credit is accepted by the AMA as equivalent to AMA PRA Category 1 Credit toward the AMA Physician's Recognition Award. Many state licensing boards will accept AAFP Prescribed credit from members to meet CME requirements.**

REMINDER



Submissions for printing in the Synapse Newsletter must be received in the Office of Medicine Education by the 5th of each preceding month prior to the actual event month.

You may email or fax your submissions to blash.tony@mccg.org or fax (478) 633-1578



World Class Care... right where you need it.

The Medical Center of Central Georgia

Department of Medicine Introduces New Fellowship Program in Infectious Disease



Farhan Siddiqui, M.D.
2014-2016 Infectious Disease Fellow

About the New Fellow

The Department of Medicine's Division of Infectious Disease introduces Dr. Farhan Siddiqui as the first fellow for their newly established fellowship in Infectious Disease at Mercer University School of Medicine. Dr. Siddiqui is board certified in Internal Medicine and comes to us from Regency Hospital located in Macon, Georgia where he was an attending physician.

About the Fellowship Program

The Division of Infectious Diseases Fellowship training program in infectious diseases is organized to provide training and supervised experience at a sufficient level for the ID fellow to acquire the competency of a specialist in the field of infectious diseases. The ID training program is a minimum of 2 years in duration. All RRC and ABIM requirements are met in the first two years of training. During their training, the ID fellows participate in a formal didactic experience, a wide variety of direct patient care rotations and learning experiences designed to teach all six core competencies as specified by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) which is the accrediting body for all residency and fellowship training programs nationwide.

We are excited to have him as part of our Mercer and Medical Center Family.

**The Medical Center of Central Georgia and Mercer University
School of Medicine proudly welcomes the incoming Class of 3rd Year
Medical Students**

Thomas Aiken
Olaseni Ajibade
Reena Anand
Chelsey Bayer
Andrew Bernstein
Samrath Bhimani
Melody Bowen
Byron Brooks
Virginia Brown
Jay Bryant
Lamar Callaway
Andrew Carlone
Clinton Cawley
Mudit Chowdhary
Audra Cochran
Curran Dalal
Katherine Daniels
Ulysses Davila
Trenton Dittmer
Alexander Ericksen
Immaculate Fernandes
Wesley Garland
Christopher Harper
David Holmes

Joshua Hornsby
Steven Hotz
Audrey Jernigan
Drew Johnson
Jenny Joseph
Ali Kamran
Carson Keck
Jonathan Miller
Elijah Mitcham
Sean Morris
Morgan Moss-Kurz
Audrey Mueller
Katherine Pate
Michelle Payne
Parin Rimtepathip
Catherine Roe
Riley Sanders
Erika Sigman
David Sorenson
Patricia Tran
Daniel Turk
Nicole Wischmeyer
Aaron Worth
Tyler Wright

World Class Care... *right where you need it.*

**The Medical Center
of Central Georgia**



The Synapse

Tony G. Blash, Medical Education Coordinator
Editor: Stacy Jackson, Administrative Coordinator, Continuing Medical Education

Office of Medical Education

790 First Street, Macon, Georgia 31201 (478) 633-1634

Fax: (478) 633-1578 e-mail: blash.tony@mccg.org

View this edition of the Synapse at:

<http://medicine.mercer.edu/cme/synapse/>

*The Synapse is a monthly newsletter produced by Mercer
University School of Medicine/Medical Center of Central Georgia Office of Medical Education as a
resource for the physicians of Georgia.*