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Dr. Dennis Ashley

ASHLEY APPOINTED CHAIR OF SURGERY

Message from Dean Bina, Mercer University School of Medicine:

I am pleased to inform you that **Dennis W. Ashley, MD, FACS, FCCM** has accepted an appointment as Chair, Department of Surgery – Macon Campus of the Mercer University School of Medicine effective July 1, 2014.

Dr. Ashley earned an undergraduate degree from Transylvania University in Lexington, Kentucky and the Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Kentucky School of Medicine in 1988. He received post-graduate medical training in General Surgery at the Medical Center of Central Georgia in Macon from 1988-1993 and later completed a Trauma fellowship at the Grady Hospital of Atlanta in 1994 and a Surgical Critical Care fellowship at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 2002.

Dr. Ashley has served with the School of Medicine and the Medical Center of Central Georgia since 1988 to the present in various academic roles with the exception of his fellowship training. His responsibilities includes time as the Milford B. Hatcher Professor of the Department of Surgery, Director of the General Surgery residency program, Director of Surgical Critical Care fellowship program, Medical Director of MCCG's Respiratory Department and Operating Room, Surgical Services Executive Committee of the MCCG medical staff and as a practicing physician intensivist and trauma surgeon. His current appointment is Professor of Surgery and Interim Chair of Surgery.

In addition to his activities in trauma and critical care medicine, Dr. Ashley has been recognized for his expertise and appointments to number national, regional, state and local committees. In particular, he has been appointed by two successive Georgia State Governor's as the Chair of the Georgia State Trauma Commission from 2007 to the present. Please join me in welcoming Dr. Ashley. Additionally, please recognize Dr. Bill Butler for leading this successful search process.

William F. Bina, III, MD, MPH
Dean
Mercer University School of Medicine

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Certified Continuing Medical Education Activities

July 3 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)TM

July 7 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
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July 10 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: Lawrence X. Webb, MD
 Orthopaedic Surgeon
 Topic: TBA
 Objective: TBA
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July 11 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: Sports Medicine Pearls for the Family Physician
 Speaker: Shelley Calendar, MD
 Objective: Physicians will be able to identify common sports injuries, their prevention and initial management.
This activity has been reviewed and is acceptable for up to 1.00 Prescribed credits by the American Academy of Family Physicians

July 14 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
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July 17 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.
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July 18 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, Recognition and Management of Cryptogenic Stroke
 Speaker: Matthew Smith, MD
 Objective: Physicians will identify risk and prevention strategies for cryptogenic stroke, as well as recognition and initial treatment strategies.
This activity has been reviewed and is acceptable for up to 1.00 Prescribed credits by the American Academy of Family Physicians

July 21 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
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July 24 Surgery Regularly Schedule Series
7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
MCCG Eversole Auditorium
877 Hemlock St Macon, GA 31201
Carletta Grace (478) 633-1891
 Topic: Topics in Trauma
 Objective: To review the latest literature on trauma and to discuss plans to improve performance and safety.
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Credit The Mercer University School of

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

July 25 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: Hand Hygiene in the New Millennium
 Speaker: Roberta Weintraut, MD
 Objective: Physicians will identify risks to patients due to poor hand hygiene practiced in health care facilities, and will learn risk mitigation strategies for improved patient safety and quality outcomes.
This activity has been reviewed and is acceptable for up to 1.00 Prescribed credits by the American Academy of Family Physicians

July 28 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
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July 31 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: Adam H. Levy, MD
 Gastroenterologist—Surgeon
 Topic: TBA
 Objective: TBA
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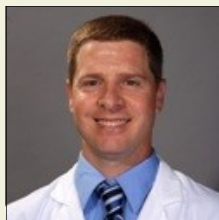
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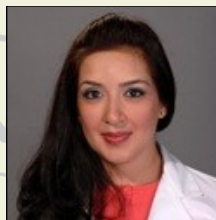
To Our 2014-2015 Chief Residents



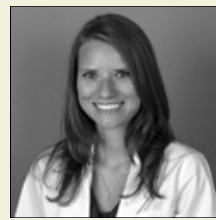
Family Medicine—Anthony Johnson, M.D.



OB/GYN—Whitney Cook, M.D.



Pediatrics—Maryam Belavilas, M.D.



General Surgery—Tracy Nolan, M.D.



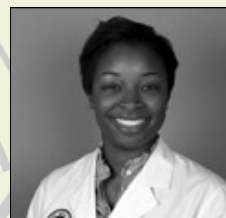
Family Medicine—Roderick Baker, M.D.



OB/GYN—Nneka Okezie-Okeh, M.D.



Pediatrics—Truitt Boatright, M.D.



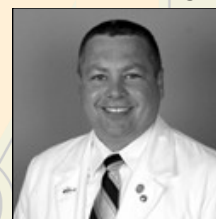
General Surgery—Princess Thomas, M.D.



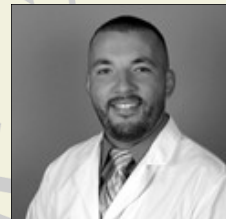
Internal Medicine—Ryan Nadelson, M.D.



OB/GYN—Marcela Torres, M.D.



General Surgery—Cecil Brown, M.D.



General Surgery—Preston Morehead, M.D.



Internal Medicine—Luke Williams, M.D.



OB/GYN—Megan Sutton, M.D.

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