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INTERNAL MEDICINE: EVIDENCE-BASED UPDATE

JULY 12-14, 2012

HARBOUR TOWN CONFERENCE CENTER

HILTON HEAD, SOUTH CAROLINA

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CONGRATULATIONS

To Our 2012 Graduating Residents and Fellows

RESIDENCY PROGRAMS

Family Medicine

Department Chair:
Fred Girton, M.D.
Program Director:
Roberta Weintraut, M.D.
Residency Coordinator:
Jo Harper

Aruna Chhabria
Gurpreet Dhanoa
Ngozi Ezech
Shameka Jones
Vincent Jones
George Rafeedie
Shalini Singh
Josleen Sohal

Internal Medicine

Department Chair:
Richard Snyder, M.D.
Program Director:
Edwin Grimsley, M.D.
Residency Coordinator:
Patricia Daniel

Neema Froutan
Wibisono Hartojo
Justin McCullough
Girish Murthy
Niki Patel
Pravinkumar Patel
Misty Poole
Beverly Sanders
Weigang Tong
Annie Harris (Preliminary)
Mark Twedt (Preliminary)

OB/GYN

Department Chair:
William Butler M.D.
Program Director:
Michael Makii, M.D.
Residency Coordinator:
Samanthia Jordan

Cynthia Cecil
Adrienne Crow
Genevieve Mejia

Pediatrics

Department Chair:
Edward Clark, M.D.
Program Director:
Yameika Head, M.D.
Residency Coordinator:
Teresa Beard

Tina Floy
Albright Gayagoy
Charlie Morehead
Adnan Safdar

Surgery

Department Chair:
Don Nakayama, M.D.
Program Director:
Don Nakayama, M.D.
Residency Coordinator:
Irma Miranda

Geary Bush
Jason Chapman
Eric Long
Vincent Scoglietti

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS

Surgical Critical Care

Fellowship Director:
Dennis Ashley, M.D.
Fellowship Coordinator:
Debra Kitchens

Amy Christie
Mustafa Ahmed

Geriatrics Fellowship

Fellowship Director:
Richard Ackermann, M.D.
Fellowship Coordinator:
Janette Carter

Paul Mathieu
Ami Patel
Nicola Presley

Hospice Palliative Medicine Fellowship

Fellowship Director:
Richard Ackermann, M.D.
Fellowship Coordinator:
Janette Carter

Allison Scheetz

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Certified Continuing Medical Education Activities

June 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: Using Genetic Counseling: Guidelines for the Family Physician

Speaker: Chris Delaney

Objective: The physician will be able to recognize the risks and benefits of genetic counseling for patients with breast cancer and ovarian cancer.

This activity has been reviewed and is acceptable for up to 1.00 Prescribed credits by the American Academy of Family Physicians

June 4 Tumor Conference

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

MCCG Trice Auditorium

777 Hemlock St. Macon, GA 31201

Brandi King (478) 633-1902

Objective: Apply learned cancer management issues in regard to diagnosis and treatment and to dictate a plan of care.

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

June 7 Surgery Regularly Schedule Series

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

MCCG Eversole Auditorium

777 Hemlock St Macon, GA 31201

Elizabeth Jennings (478) 633-7101

Topic: Multidisciplinary GI Conference

Objective: To review G.I. conditions and to discuss diagnostic and management plans to improve multi-disciplinary management.

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

June 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: The Management of Chronic Kidney Disease

Speaker: Shalini Singh, MD

PGY-3 Resident, Family Medicine
MUSM

Objective: Physicians will be able to broaden their treatment of chronic kidney disease to include optimal nutritional intervention.

This activity has been reviewed and is acceptable for up to 1.00 Prescribed credits by the American Academy of Family Physicians

June 11 Tumor Conference

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

MCCG Trice Auditorium

777 Hemlock St Macon, GA 31201

Brandi King (478) 633-1902

Objective: Apply learned cancer management issues in regard to diagnosis and treatment and to dictate a plan of care
The Mercer University School of Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™

June 14 Surgery Regularly Schedule Series

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

MCCG Eversole Auditorium

777 Hemlock St Macon, GA 31201

Elizabeth Jennings (478) 633-7101

Topic: Update on Therapeutic Endoscopy of the Foregut

Speaker: John D. Mellinger, M.D., FACS
Chair, Department of Surgery
Director, General Surgery Residency
Southern Illinois University of
Medicine

Objective: TBA.

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

June 15 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: The Management of Emergencies in Sick Cell Disease for the Family Physician

Speaker: Vishwas Sakhalkar, MD

Objective: Physician will be able to recognize the spectrum of emergencies complicated by sickle cell disease.

This activity has been reviewed and is acceptable for up to 1.00 Prescribed credits by the American Academy of Family Physicians

June 18 Tumor Conference

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

MCCG Trice Auditorium

777 Hemlock St Macon, GA 31201

Brandi King (478) 633-1902

Objective: Apply learned cancer management issues in regard to diagnosis and treatment and to dictate a plan of care

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

June 21 Surgery Regularly Schedule Series

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

MCCG Eversole Auditorium

777 Hemlock St Macon, GA 31201

Elizabeth Jennings (478) 633-7101

Topic: Resident Case Presentations

Objective: Residents will present interesting cases including diagnosis management of unusual surgical conditions.

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

June 22 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: Preparing The Preschool Child for School: Immunizations

Speaker: Fred Gorton, MD

Objective: Physician will be able to broaden their understanding of the mechanism of actions of vaccines currently used for school entry.

This activity has been reviewed and is acceptable for up to 1.00 Prescribed credits by the American Academy of Family Physicians

June 25 Tumor Conference

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

MCCG Trice Auditorium

777 Hemlock St Macon, GA 31201

Brandi King (478) 633-1902

Objective: Apply learned cancer management issues in regard to diagnosis and treatment and to dictate a plan of care

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

June 28 Surgery Regularly Schedule Series

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

MCCG Eversole Auditorium

777 Hemlock St Macon, GA 31201

Elizabeth Jennings (478) 633-7101

Topic: Topics in Trauma

Objective: To review the latest literature on trauma and to discuss plans to improve performance and safety.

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

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Internal Medicine: Evidence-Based Update

July 12—14, 2012

Hilton Head, South Carolina

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Thursday, July 12

7:30 AM	Conference Registration Opens Continental Breakfast
7:55 AM	Welcome and Opening Remarks
8:00 AM	Common Valve Problems in Primary Care Richard Reinhart, M.D.
9:00 AM	Asthmas & Asthma Syndromes Carl Kemp, M.D.
10:00 AM	Break
10:30 AM	Evaluation and Treatment of Depression and Suicidality in Primary Care – Part I Grady Carter, M.D.
11:30 AM	Evidence Based Treatment of Tobacco Addiction Paul Seale, M.D.
12:30 noon	Boxed Lunch
1:00 PM	Diffuse Parenchymal Lung Disease Carl Kemp, M.D.
2:00 PM	Management of Infectious Diarrhea Jeffrey Stephens, M.D.
3:00 PM	Break
3:30PM	Community Acquired MRSA Ritu Kumar, M.D.
4:30 PM	Evaluation and Treatment of Depression and Suicidality in Primary Care – Part II Grady Carter, M.D.
5:30 PM	Day 1 Adjourn

Friday, July 13

7:15AM	Registration Desk Opens Breakfast buffet
7:30 AM	Key Nephrology Concepts for the Primary Care Physician Ajay Srivastava, M.D.
8:30 AM	EKG Interpretation for the Primary Care Physician Richard Reinhart, M.D.
9:30 AM	Medical Management of Stable CAD Ahmed Shah, M.D.
10:30 AM	Break
11:00 AM	Immunizations Update 2012 Jeffrey Stephens, M.D.
12:00 noon	Thyroid Function Tests in Health and Disease Kaveh Ehsanipoor, M.D.
1:00 PM	Day 2 Adjourn

Saturday, July 14

7:15 AM	Registration Desk Opens Continental Breakfast
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7:30 AM	GI EBM Update 2012: New Concepts in the Treatment of GI Disease Steven Carpenter, M.D.
8:30 AM	Pharmacologic Treatment of Dementia Richard Ackermann, M.D.
9:30 AM	What's New In Endocrinology Kaveh Ehsanipoor, M.D.
10:30 AM	Break
11:00 AM	GCA/PMR Than Win, M.D.
12:00 noon	Hepatitis C Edward Rydzak, M.D.
1:00 PM	Closing remarks and Conference Adjourn



Educational Outcomes

At the conclusion of this educational activity, the participant should be better able to:

- Utilize various pharmacologic approaches for treating dementia
- Recognize and treat common valve problems frequently seen in primary care practice to minimize additional valve damage
- Recognize the signs of depression and suicidal behavior and to develop effective strategies including promoting connectedness for the individual, family, and community
- Manage asthma long term in both adults and children by using a combination of risk reduction, stepped pharmacologic therapy, and monitoring/follow-up
- Utilize a variety of treatments, both pharmacologic (nicotine replacement, antidepressants, potential target vaccines) and tailored behavioral modifications (self-help materials, development of coping strategies, stress management, problem solving) to support patients in smoking cessation
- Utilize screening techniques including self-exam, laboratory tests (TSH, T3, T4), FNA appropriately to diagnose thyroid disease earlier and reduce additional health problems
- Understand and apply the CDC Strategies for Clinical Management in the Community to better diagnose, treat, and prevent CA-MRSA in their patient populations
- Evaluate primary care patients with stable CAD and develop treatment plans accordingly.
- Recognize the signs of PMR/GCA, utilize appropriate laboratory tests for prompt diagnosis, and initiate appropriate therapy
- Recognize the risk factors and symptoms of Hep C infection, utilize appropriate screening for at risk-patients, initiate appropriate therapy, and provide patient education to reduce at-risk behavior and transmission of the disease

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CREDIT

The Mercer University School of Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 18 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Contact Lenora Rogers at (478) 301-5823 to receive registration information or a full brochure.

NON-Certified Continuing Medical Education Activities

The Following Educational Opportunities Are Available But Do Not Have Continuing Medical Education Credit

June 1 Pediatric Regularly Scheduled Series

12:00 noon—1:00 p.m.

MCCG Trice Auditorium

777 Hemlock Street Macon, GA 31201

Felicia Bentley (478) 633-7140

Topic: Allosensitization & Transfusions in Sick Cell Diseases

Speaker: Vishwas Sakhalkar, M.D.
Pediatric Hematology/Oncology

June 6 Internal Medicine Regularly Scheduled Series

8:00 a.m.—9:00 a.m.

MUSM Medical Education Building

790 First Street Macon, GA 31201

Lenora Rogers (478) 301-5823

Topic: Faculty Grand Rounds
A Virtual Tour of Medical Museums

Speaker: George Hart, M.D.
Assistant Professor/Internal Medicine
MUSM

June 13 Internal Medicine Regularly Scheduled Series

8:00 a.m.—9:00 a.m.

MUSM Medical Education Building

790 First Street Macon, GA 31201

Lenora Rogers (478) 301-5823

Topic: Resident Grand Rounds
Diagnosis of Multiple Myeloma

Speaker: Kamal Mandalapu, M.D.
PGY-2 Internal Medicine Resident
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June 22 Pediatric Regularly Scheduled Series

12:00 noon—1:00 p.m.

MCCG Trice Auditorium

777 Hemlock Street Macon, GA 31201

Felicia Bentley (478) 633-7140

Topic: Hematuria and Proteinuria

Speaker: Larry Greenbaum, M.D., Ph.D.
Pediatric Nephrology
Emory University

June 29 Pediatric Regularly Scheduled Series

12:00 noon—1:00 p.m.

MCCG Trice Auditorium

777 Hemlock Street Macon, GA 31201

Felicia Bentley (478) 633-7140

Topic: Pediatric Surgery/Pathology/Radiology
Combined Conference

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Faculty and Staff Departmental News

Department of Family Medicine

At the recent Medical School Graduation Awards Ceremony, **Dr. Dipesh Patel, M.D.**, Assistant Professor of Family Medicine and Director of the Long-Term Rotation with the Geriatrics Fellowship Program, was the recipient of the Outstanding Faculty award and **Vincent Jones, M.D.**, a PGY-3 Family Medicine Resident was recipient of the Outstanding Resident award.

These awards are selected by a vote among the graduating medical students based on the awardees teaching and mentoring, which is a great honor. We congratulate them both on these deserving honors.



Surgical Residency Program Highlighted in Southeastern Surgical Congress, Southern California Chapter of the American College of Surgeons Publication



Dr. Nakayama

Don K. Nakayama, M.D., M.B.A., Milford B. Hatcher Chair of Surgery, Mercer University School of Medicine at the Medical Center of Central Georgia and Martin L. Dalton, M.D., Associate Program Director, Residency Program in General Surgery have published historical summaries that come from the history of the MUSM recently authored by Dr. Dalton to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the school in 1997.

In part, they highlight the distinct musical heritage of Macon with such musical superstars as Little Richard, Otis Redding and the Allman Brother's Band who all achieved musical notoriety in the clubs and music halls of Macon. Macon was the backdrop for the vision that was soon to become Mercer University School of



Dr. Dalton

Medicine and the Surgical Residency Program. This vision was the work of Dr. Milford B. Hatcher, a prominent surgeon who practiced in Macon. He was the founding program director for the surgery residency program. In the early 1980's, Dr. Hatcher was a driving force in the establishment of the medical school.

Drs. Nakayama and Dalton highlight the research activities as well as the clinical accomplishments of the department of surgery's residents and faculty. The department is currently involved in several quality improvement projects and boasts one of the most education-rich faculty cohorts in the country.

The department of surgery is supported by a strong hospital and medical school administration that is committed to fulfilling the mission of producing residents trained in surgery that not only remain in practice locally but are prepared to take their skills and talents around the world. We congratulate them on this notable accomplishment. (See pg. 6 for full text citation information)



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2012 WELCOMING RECEPTION
for our First Year Residents

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TRICE LOBBY
3:30 PM**

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