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## Central Georgia Health System and The Medical Center of Central Georgia Selects New President and CEO



Dr. Ninfa Saunders

Central Georgia Health System (CGHS) and The Medical Center of Central Georgia (MCCG) announced on September 12, 2012 the appointment of **Ninfa M. Saunders, PhD, MBA, MSN** as its new President and Chief Executive Officer. Ms. Saunders comes to CGHS and MCCG with over 40 years of hospital administrative and clinical experience. Her most recent position was as President and COO of Virtua Health, the largest health system in southern New Jersey.

Ms. Saunders succeeds outgoing President and CEO Don Faulk who has led both Central Georgia Health System and the Medical Center to its current state of solid financial stability and growth.

Faulk served MCCG for over 39 years and leaves a tremendous legacy and a list of accomplishments to his credit. Ms. Saunders states that she is "honored to accept the position of President and CEO of this remarkable organization.". She comes in at a time when MCCG has established itself as the second largest hospital in Georgia having the designation as only one of five level one trauma centers in the state and most recently being recognized nationally by *U.S. News and World Report* for excellence in nursing, cardiology and nine other adult specialties. Dr. Saunders will begin her tenure on October 1, 2012. (Source: Central Georgia Health System Media Release retrieved on September 12, 2012)

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### 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](mailto:blash.tony@mccg.org) or fax (478) 633-1578

Mercer University School of Medicine & The Medical Center of Central Georgia  
-present the-

**22<sup>nd</sup> Annual**  
**TRAUMA**  
**Symposium**

Thursday, November 8, 2012  
8:00 a.m.—12:15 p.m.  
The Medical Center of Central Georgia  
Joseph W. Eversole Auditorium  
of The Medical Center  
West Tower  
Macon, Georgia

(See pg. 2 for a full agenda and brochure, registration information)



## 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Trauma Symposium

Thursday, November 8, 2012

Joseph W. Eversole Auditorium—West Tower  
The Medical Center of Central Georgia  
Macon, Georgia

### CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

**7:30 a.m. Registration/Breakfast**

**8:00 a.m. Welcome and Introductions**

*Dennis W. Ashley, MD, FACS*

**8:05 a.m. Management of Abdominal Vascular Injuries**

*David V. Feliciano, MD, FACS*

**8:40 a.m. Management of Penetrating and Blunt Thoracic Injuries**

*Corrado P. Marini, MD, FACS*

**9:15 a.m. Management of Post-Traumatic Enterocutaneous Fistulae**

*Ernest F.J. Block, MD, FACS.*

**9:50 a.m. Break/Visit Exhibits**

**10:20 a.m. Modern Approach to Pancreatic/Duodenal Trauma**

*David V. Feliciano, M.D, FACS*

**10:55 a.m. Protecting the Spinal Cord During Repair of Thoracoabdominal Injuries**

*Corrado P. Marini, MD,FACS*

**11:30 a.m. Regionalization of Emergency Surgical Services—Lessons Learned**

*Ernest F.J. Block, MD, FACS.*

**12:15 p.m. Will C. Sealy Surgical**

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CEU's for EMS are Available

### EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES

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

- Discuss the multiple exposure techniques needed to control abdominal vascular hemorrhage
- Discuss the different radiographic modalities needed to diagnosis pancreatic and duodenal injuries and identify the most appropriate treatment option for each class injury
- Describe the techniques used during surgery to prevent paraplegia from thoracoabdominal aortic injuries
- Distinguish between operative and non operative injuries of the chest and identify the operative approaches for each injury
- Describe evidence-based practices for the management of enterocutaneous fistulae
- Describe the possible benefits and infrastructure needed to develop surgical regionalization

### REGISTRATION POLICY

The Office of Medical Education employs the following policies with regard to registration:

We reserve the right to cancel this course based on enrollment or conditions beyond our control. In case of program cancellation, each registrant will be notified as soon as possible by telephone or fax with written notification following. Mercer University School of Medicine is not responsible for any other costs.

Please go to this link for a full brochure and registration form.



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

# Certified Continuing Medical Education Activities

<b>October 1</b>	<b>Tumor Conference</b>	
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	MCCG Trice Auditorium 777 Hemlock St. Macon, GA 31201 <b>Brandi King (478) 633-1902</b>	the current literature on the various implants as it related to when and how to use them. <i>The Mercer University School of Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™</i>
Objective: Apply learned cancer management issues in regard to diagnosis and treatment and to dictate a plan of care. <i>The Mercer University School of Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™</i>		
<b>October 4</b>	<b>Surgery Regularly Scheduled Series</b>	
7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	MCCG Eversole Auditorium 777 Hemlock St Macon, GA 31201 <b>Elizabeth Jennings (478) 633-7101</b>	Topic: Multidisciplinary GI Conference Objective: To review G.I. conditions and to discuss diagnostic and management plans to improve multi-disciplinary management. <i>The Mercer University School of Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™</i>
12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	MUSM Medical Education Bldg. 790 First Street Macon, GA 31201 <b>Yolonda Howard (478) 633-5554</b>	Topic: Ocular Manifestations of Systemic Disease Speaker: Monali Sakhalkar, MD Objective: Physicians will be able to recognize common ocular manifestations of diabetes, hypertension, and sickle cell disease. <i>This activity has been reviewed and is acceptable for up to 1.00 Prescribed credits by the American Academy of Family Physicians</i>
<b>October 5</b>	<b>Family Medicine Regularly Scheduled Series</b>	
12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	MUSM Medical Education Bldg. 790 First Street Macon, GA 31201 <b>Yolonda Howard (478) 633-5554</b>	Topic: Dietary Supplements and the Hospitalized Patient Speaker: Roberta Weintraut, MD Objective: Physicians will be able to identify four common risks to the hospitalized patient of dietary supplement usage, and will learn strategies to modify these risks to prevent adverse events. <i>This activity has been reviewed and is acceptable for up to 1.00 Prescribed credits by the American Academy of Family Physicians</i>
<b>October 8</b>	<b>Tumor Conference</b>	
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	MCCG Trice Auditorium 777 Hemlock St Macon, GA 31201 <b>Brandi King (478) 633-1902</b>	Objective: Apply learned cancer management issues in regard to diagnosis and treatment and to dictate a plan of care <i>The Mercer University School of Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™</i>
<b>October 11</b>	<b>Surgery Regularly Scheduled Series</b>	
7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	MCCG Eversole Auditorium 777 Hemlock St Macon, GA 31201 <b>Elizabeth Jennings (478) 633-7101</b>	Topic: Bioimplants & Abdominal Wall Surgery: What Do We Do? Speaker: Daniel J. Vargo, M.D., FACE Program Director, Residency in Surgery; Associate Professor University of Utah School of Medicine Objective: Review types of bioprosthetics for use in the abdominal wall and discuss the mechanism of action of these materials. Review
the current literature on the various implants as it related to when and how to use them. <i>The Mercer University School of Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™</i>		
<b>October 12</b>	<b>Family Medicine Regularly Scheduled Series</b>	
12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	MUSM Medical Education Bldg. 790 First Street Macon, GA 31201 <b>Yolonda Howard (478) 633-5554</b>	Topic: Resident Case Presentations Objective: Residents will present interesting cases including diagnosis management of unusual surgical conditions. <i>The Mercer University School of Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™</i>
<b>October 15</b>	<b>Tumor Conference</b>	
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	MCCG Trice Auditorium 777 Hemlock St Macon, GA 31201 <b>Brandi King (478) 633-1902</b>	Topic: Best Practices for the Management of Hepatitis C: Screening, Linkage to Care and Treatment Speaker: Paul Martin, M.D. Professor of Medicine & Chief Division of Hepatology University of Miami School of Medicine Objective: Improve screening for HCV, better diagnose HCV infection and prescribe appropriate anti-HCV regimen. <i>Supported by an educational grant from Vertex Pharmaceuticals through Clinical Viewpoints: CME credit provided by Rush University Medical Center.</i>
<b>October 17</b>	<b>Internal Medicine Regularly Scheduled Series</b>	
8:00 a.m.—9:00 a.m.	MUSM Medical Education Building 790 First Street Macon, GA 31201 <b>Lenora Rogers (478) 301-5823</b>	Topic: Topics in Trauma Objective: To review the latest literature on trauma and to discuss plans to improve performance and safety. <i>The Mercer University School of Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™</i>
<b>October 18</b>	<b>Surgery Regularly Scheduled Series</b>	
7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	MCCG Eversole Auditorium 777 Hemlock St Macon, GA 31201 <b>Elizabeth Jennings (478) 633-7101</b>	Topic: Resident Case Presentations Objective: Residents will present interesting cases including diagnosis management of unusual surgical conditions. <i>The Mercer University School of Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™</i>
<b>October 19</b>	<b>Family Medicine Regularly Scheduled Series</b>	
12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	MUSM Medical Education Bldg. 790 First Street Macon, GA 31201 <b>Yolonda Howard (478) 633-5554</b>	Topic: Prevention of Pulmonary Embolism and New Management Strategies for the Family Medicine Patient Speaker: Juan Ayerdi, MD Objective: Physicians will be able to recognize appropriate management strategies for the patient with Pulmonary Embolism. <i>This activity has been reviewed and is acceptable for up to 1.00 Prescribed credits by the American Academy of Family Physicians</i>
<b>October 22</b>	<b>Tumor Conference</b>	
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	MCCG Trice Auditorium 777 Hemlock St Macon, GA 31201 <b>Brandi King (478) 633-1902</b>	Objective: Apply learned cancer management issues in regard to diagnosis and treatment and to dictate a plan of care <i>The Mercer University School of Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™</i>
<b>October 24</b>	<b>Internal Medicine Regularly Scheduled Series</b>	
8:00 a.m.—9:00 a.m.	MUSM Medical Education Building 790 First Street Macon, GA 31201 <b>Lenora Rogers (478) 301-5823</b>	Topic: Cystic Fibrosis (CF) in 2012 Speaker: Hector Gutierrez, M.D. Director, CF Care Center & Professor of Pediatrics University of Alabama at Birmingham & Children Hospital Objective: Improve identification, treatment and evaluation of treatment plans for patients diagnosed with CF. <i>Supported by an educational grant from Gilead Sciences Medical Affairs through ABCComm, Inc.: CME provided by ABCComm, Inc..</i>
<b>October 25</b>	<b>Surgery Regularly Scheduled Series</b>	
7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	MCCG Eversole Auditorium 777 Hemlock St Macon, GA 31201 <b>Elizabeth Jennings (478) 633-7101</b>	Topic: Topics in Trauma Objective: To review the latest literature on trauma and to discuss plans to improve performance and safety. <i>The Mercer University School of Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™</i>
<b>October 29</b>	<b>Tumor Conference</b>	
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	MCCG Trice Auditorium 777 Hemlock St Macon, GA 31201 <b>Brandi King (478) 633-1902</b>	Objective: Apply learned cancer management issues in regard to diagnosis and treatment and to dictate a plan of care <i>The Mercer University School of Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™</i>

# Macon Surgical Society Case Studies in Complex Abdominal Wall Reconstruction

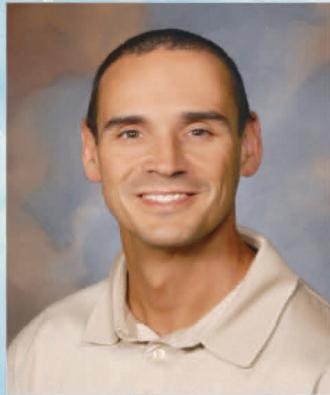
**Wednesday, October 10th**

**6:30pm -8:30pm**

**Trice Auditorium RSVP to: 633-1891**

## **Objectives**

Outline an algorithm for the approach to abdominal reconstruction  
Review technical aspects of abdominal wall reconstruction.



**Daniel J. Vargo, MD, FACS**

Program Director, General Surgery  
Associate Professor, Dept. of Surgery  
University of Utah School of Medicine

## **Department of Surgery Grand Rounds Bioimplants & Abdominal Wall Surgery: What Do We Know?**

**Thursday, October 11th**

**7:30am -8:30am**

**Eversole Auditorium \*No RSVP Required**

## **Objectives**

Review types of bioprosthetics for use in the abdominal wall  
Discuss the mechanism of action of these materials  
Review the current literature on the various implants as it relates to when and how to use them.

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## **NON-Certified Continuing Medical Education Activities**

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

**October 3** 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  
**Primary Headache Syndromes**  
Speaker: Lisa Snellgrove, M.D.  
Assistant Professor of Medicine/General Internal Medicine  
MUSM  
Objective: Identify and appropriately treat primary headache syndromes.

**October 31** 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: **Hospital Care: Hazardous for the Older Adult**  
Speaker: Richard Ackermann, M.D.  
Professor, Department of Family Medicine  
Director, Geriatrics Fellowship Program  
MUSM  
Objective: Understand the issues and health concerns specific to hospitalized geriatric patients.

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