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The Medical Center
of Central Georgia

First Annual “White Coat” Ceremony

39 Residents and Fellows Begin Post-Graduate Medical Training



The Medical Center of Central Georgia (MCCG) a subsidiary of Central Georgia Health System (CGHS) held its first ceremony welcoming 39 new residents and fellows to their respective residency programs. This was the first observance of its kind at MCCG and is the tradition of a “white coat” ceremony held at academic hospitals.

The ceremony commences post-graduate medical training for residents and additional specialized experience for fellows.

The incoming residents and fellows enjoyed a brief welcome and remarks from Chief Operating Officer at CGHS/MCCG Joe Lavell and Chief Academic Officer, Marcia Hutchinson, M.D.

“As a premier teaching facility, The Medical Center of Central Georgia has five accredited physician residency programs and three fellowship programs,” MCCG Chief Academic Officer Dr. Marcia Hutchinson said. “More than fifty percent of physicians that train here enter practice in Georgia, caring for the citizens of central and south Georgia.”

They were then formally introduced to the Middle Georgia community and greeted individually by CGHS/MCCG Chief Executive Officer Don Faulk. (Source: Media Relations, MCCG)

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Welcome New Employee!

Ms. Carletta Grace joins the Department of Medical Education-Surgery as their new department secretary. Carletta comes to us from the Albert Luce Heart Institute where she was the unit secretary on H5. Please join us in welcoming Carletta to the medical education family.



Carletta Grace

Continuing Medical Education (CME) Conferences & Meetings

July 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

Multidisciplinary G.I. Conference

Objective: Review G.I. conditions

and to discuss diagnostic and

management plans to improve

multi-disciplinary management

The Mercer University School of

Medicine designates this educational

activity for a maximum of 1.0 AMA

PRA Category 1 Credit(s)TM

July 11 Tumor Conference

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

MCCG Trice Auditorium

777 Hemlock St. Macon, GA 31201

Debbie Chambers (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 educational

activity for a maximum of 1.0 AMA

PRA Category 1 Credit(s)TM

July 13 Houston Cancer Conference

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Houston Medical Center

1601 Watson Boulevard

Warner Robins, Georgia 31093

Dawn Carpenter (478) 542-7963

Cancer Conference

The Mercer University School of

Medicine designates this educational

activity for a maximum of 1.0 AMA

PRA Category 1 Credit(s)TM

July 14 Surgery Regularly

Scheduled Series

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

MCCG Eversole Auditorium

777 Hemlock St Macon, GA 31201

Elizabeth Jennings (478) 633-7101

Surgical CME / QI Program Grand Rounds

Clostridium Difficile Infection: The unrecog-

nized Epidemic

Olivia Sharpe, Geary Bush, MD and

Macon Surgical Society Visiting Professor

Donald Fry, M.D.

Emeritus Chair of Surgery, University of New

Mexico and Executive Vice-President Clinical

Outcomes Management Michael Pines and

Associates

Diagnostic Imaging: Implications for Our

Patients

Objective: To provide information about the

increasing frequency of Clostridium Difficile in

U.S. hospitals and in surgical patients. To de-

tail risk factors and clinical behaviors that re-

sults in Clostridium Difficile infection, and to

give detailed information about the manage-

ment and indications for surgical information in

Clostridium Difficile infection.

July 18 Tumor Conference

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

MCCG Trice Auditorium

777 Hemlock St Macon, GA 31201

Debbie Chambers (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

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maximum of 1.0 AMA PRA Category 1

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July 21 Surgery Regularly

Schedule Series

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

MCCG Eversole Auditorium

777 Hemlock St Macon, GA 31201

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Resident Case Presentations

Objective: Residents will present interesting

cases including diagnosis management of un-

usual surgical conditions.

The Mercer University School of Medicine

designates this educational activity for a

maximum of 1.0 AMA PRA Category 1

Credit(s)TM

July 21 Anesthesia Regularly

Scheduled Series

7:00 a.m.—8:00 a.m.

MCCG Trice Auditorium

877 Hemlock Street Macon, GA 31201

Becky Patton (478) 633- 1200

Anesthesia Informatics/GA

Interesting Cases & Grand Rounds Series

The Mercer University School of Medicine desig-

nates this educational activity for a

maximum of 1.0 AMA PRA Category 1

Credit(s)TM

July 25 Tumor Conference

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

MCCG Trice Auditorium

777 Hemlock St. Macon, GA 31201

Debbie Chambers (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 desig-

nates this educational activity for a

maximum of 1.0 AMA PRA Category 1

Credit(s)TM

July 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

Topics in Trauma

Objective: To review the latest literature on

trauma and to discuss plans to improve perform-

ance and safety.

The Mercer University School of Medicine desig-

nates this educational activity for a maximum of

1.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)TM

INTERNAL MEDICINE: EVIDENCE-BASED UPDATE

JULY 14-16, 2011

HARBOUR TOWN CONFERENCE CENTER

HILTON HEAD, SOUTH CAROLINA



(CHECK PG. 3 FOR A FULL SCHEDULE OF SPEAKERS AND TOPICS)

-Presents-

**Internal Medicine:
Evidence-Based Update
July 14-16, 2011**

**Harbour Town
Conference Center
Hilton Head, South Carolina**

**Program Agenda
Thursday, July 14**

7:30 A.M. Conference Registration
Opens
Continental Breakfast

7:55 A.M. Welcome and Opening
Remarks
Edwin Grimsley, M.D.

8:00 A.M. Congestive Heart Failure
Update
Richard Reinhart, M.D.

9:00 A.M. COPD
Carl Kemp, M.D.

10:00 A.M. Break

10:30 A.M. Diagnosis &
Management of Anxiety
Disorders
Grady Carter, M.D.

11:30 A.M. Incorporating
Motivational Interviewing
Into Your Patient Encounters
Part 1
Paul Seale, M.D.

12:30 P.M. Boxed Lunch

1:00 P.M. Sleep Apnea
Carl Kemp, M.D.

2:00 P.M. Trilogy of Tick-Borne
Illness
Jeffrey Stephens, M.D.

3:00 P.M. Break – Visit Exhibits

3:30 P.M. Travel Medicine
Ritu Kumar, M.D.

4:30 P.M. Coronary Artery Disease
in Women
Ahmed Shah, M.D.

5:30 P.M. Day 1 Adjourn

Friday, July 15

7:15 A.M. Registration Desk Opens/
Breakfast buffet -Visit Exhibits

7:30 A.M. Evaluation and
Management of Resistant
Hypertension
Ajay Srivastava, M.D.

8:30 A.M. EKG Interpretation for
the Primary Care Physician
Richard Reinhart, M.D.

9:30 A.M. Diagnosis & Management of
Somatization & Other Somatiform
Disorders
Grady Carter, M.D.

10:30 A.M. Break

11:00 A.M. Incorporating Motivational
Interviewing
Into our Patient Encounters – Part 2
Paul Seale, M.D.

12:00 P.M. Work-up and Treatment
of Osteoporosis
Kaveh Ehsanipoor, M.D.

1:00 P.M. Day 2 Adjourn

Saturday, July 16

7:15 A.M. Registration Desk Opens/
Continental Breakfast -Visit Exhibits

7:30 A.M. GI Update 2011
Steven Carpenter, M.D.

8:30 A.M. Prevention of Dementia
Richard Ackermann, M.D.

9:30 A.M. Treatment of Type 2
Diabetes Mellitus
Kaveh Ehsanipoor, M.D.

10:30 A.M. Break – Visit Exhibits

11:00 A.M. Fibromyalgia
Than Win, M.D.

12:00 P.M. Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver
Disease
Edward Ryzdzak, M.D.

1:00 P.M. Closing remarks and
Conference Adjourn

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tinuing Medical Education to provide continu-
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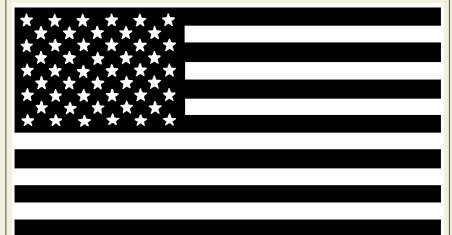
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**November 3, 2011
21st Annual Trauma Symposium**

**February 3, 2012
Annual Day of Medicine**

**February 9, 2012
12th Annual History of Medicine**

**Happy Independence Day
America!**



Mercer University School of Medicine and The Medical Center of Central Georgia

Welcome Our New Residents and Fellows

Family Medicine (PGY-1)

Huma Arain, MD
Holly Clemons, MD
Todd Deavens, MD
Walter Floyd, MD
Fiona Kehoe, MD
Jung Kim, MD
Sasha Smith, MD
Kameisha Williams, MD

Internal Medicine (PGY-1)

Syed Baber, MD
Sushee Gadde, MD
Christopher Inhulsen, MD
Sunitha Kaluehallimatta, MD
Rami Reddy Bonam, MD
Neel Girish Patel, MD
Yalew T. Debella, MD
Christian Bolea, MD
Christopher Middendorf, MD
Annie Harris, MD
Mark Twedt, MD

OB/Gyn (PGY-1)

Whitney Evans, MD
Nneka Ezekwueche, MD
Marcela Jimenez Ramirez, MD
Megan Sutton, MD

Pediatrics (PGY-1)

Gabriella Assi, MD
Empress Hughes, DO
Robert Johnson, MD
Gargi Shikhare, MD
Nathanael Swinger, MD
Joulia Thompson, MD

General Surgery (PGY-1)

Elizabeth Almon, MD
Robert Baskin, MD
Jonathan Cudnik, MD
Tonya Johnson, MD

Surgical Critical Care Fellowship (PGY-6)

Mustafa Ahmed, MD
Amy Christie, MD

Geriatrics Fellowship (PGY-4)

Ami Patel, MD
Paul Mathieu, MD
Nicola Presley, MD

Hospice Palliative Medicine Fellowship (PGY-4)

Allison Scheetz, MD

NON-CME Conferences & Meetings

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

July 8 Family Medicine regularly Scheduled Series

12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

MUSM Medical Education Bldg.

790 First Street Macon, GA 31201

Contact the department (478) 633-5550

Topic: Drug-Nutrient Interactions
for Cardiac Patients

Speaker: Roberta Weintraut, M.D.

Family Medicine Residency Director
MUSM / MCCG

July 15 Family Medicine Regularly Scheduled Series

12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

MUSM Medical Education Bldg.

790 First Street Macon, GA 31201

Contact the department (478) 633-5550

Topic: Hospital Care—Hazardous for the
Older Patient

Speaker: Richard Ackermann, M.D.

Family Medicine Geriatrics
Program Director
MUSM / MCCG

July 22 Family Medicine Regularly Scheduled Series

12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

MUSM Medical Education Bldg.

790 First Street Macon, GA 31201

Contact the department (478) 633-5550

Topic: Residents Guide to Avoiding
Lawsuits

Speaker: Hal Meeks, JD

Attorney at Law

July 29 Family Medicine Regularly Scheduled Series

12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

MUSM Medical Education Bldg.

790 First Street Macon, GA 31201

Contact the department (478) 633-5550

Topic: Growth Disorders in Children:
Recognition, Management and
Referral

Speaker: Frank Bowyer, MD

Chair, Department of Pediatrics
MUSM/MCCG

**No further NON-CME
Conferences or Meetings are
scheduled during the month of
July**

Congratulations to the 2011-2012 Chief Residents

The following residents were voted by their peers to represent their respective departments as Chief Resident for the new academic year.



Family Medicine— Gurpreet Dhanoa, M.D.



Pediatrics—Charlie Morehead, M.D.



Internal Medicine— Niki Patel, M.D.



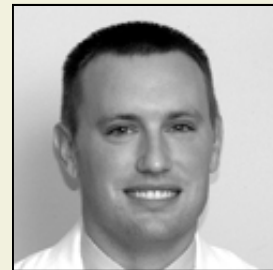
General Surgery—Geary Bush, M.D.



Internal Medicine—Misty Poole, M.D.



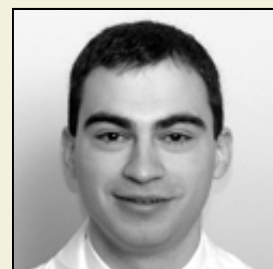
General Surgery—Jason Chapman, M.D.



General Surgery—Eric Long, M.D.



Obstetrics & Gynecology—Adrienne Crow, M.D.



General Surgery—Vince Scoglietti, M.D.



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