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## 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Trauma Symposium to feature noted Trauma Critical Care Physician as Keynote

Peter M. Rhee, M.D. (pictured left), is professor of surgery and director of Trauma and Critical Care at the University of Arizona Medical Center in Tucson. He will be the featured speaker at the 21st Trauma Symposium on November 3 that will focus on the operative and critical care management of head injury. He is a 24-year veteran with the U.S. Navy, and was leader of the team that treated the Tucson shooting victims in January 2011, including U.S. Representative Gabrielle Giffords.

*(Pre-registration information and complete program agenda to be released soon.)*

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## Governor Deal Appoints Local Pediatric Faculty Member to Board of Public Health

The Office of Georgia Governor Nathan Deal released a statement on Friday, July 22, 2011 announcing the appointment of Pediatrician Mitch Rodriguez, to the state Board of Public Health. Dr. Rodriguez currently serves as Regional Neonatal

Medical Director for the Macon region.

He is a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics, member of the Medical Association of Georgia, clinical associate professor of Pediatrics at Mercer Medical School and is a practicing neonatologist at the Medical Center of Central Georgia in Macon, Georgia.

He serves as chairman of the board at Mount de Sales School in Macon. Rodriguez earned his medical degree from Universidad Nordestana in the Dominican Republic and an MBA from Kennesaw State University. He and his wife have two children. The family resides in Macon.

## Continuing Medical Education (CME) Conferences & Meetings

### August 1 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 live activity for a maximum of 1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)<sup>TM</sup>*

### August 4 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**

Multidisciplinary G.I. Conferences

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

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### August 8 Tumor Conference

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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777 Hemlock St. Macon, GA 31201

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### August 10 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

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### August 11 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**

Malignant Bowel Obstruction

**Richard Ackermann, M.D.**

Objective: To outline steps in the Management of patients with bowel obstruction due to terminal malignancy.

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### August 15 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

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### August 18 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**

Resident Case Presentations

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

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### August 18 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/QA

Interesting Cases & Grand Rounds Series

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### August 22 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

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### August 25 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**

Trauma Topics Conference

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

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### August 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**

**Resident Grand Rounds**

Topic: Advances in the Management and Treatment of Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension

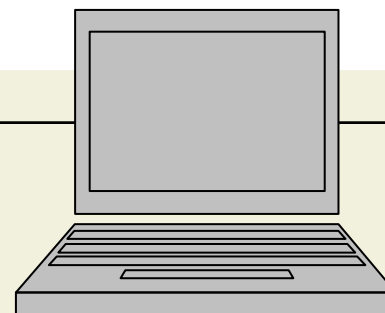
Speaker: Anna Hemnes, M.D.

Assistant Director, Center for Pulmonary Vascular Disease  
Assistant Professor of Pulmonary Medicine  
Vanderbilt University Medical Center  
Nashville, Tennessee

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**Synapse Submissions**  
**DEADLINE: 5th of**  
**every Month prior to**  
**upcoming event(s) dates**

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# NON-CME Conferences & Meetings

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

**August 2 Pediatric Regularly Scheduled Series**

8:00 a.m.—9:00 a.m.  
**MCCG Trice Auditorium**  
**777 Hemlock Street Macon, GA 31201**  
**Felicia Bentley (478) 633-7140**  
 Topic: Therapeutic Hypothermia  
 Speaker: Mitch Rodriguez, MD  
 Pediatric Neonatology  
 MCCG

**August 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**  
**Resident Grand Rounds**  
 Topic: Patient Management with LDL Particle Number and Traditional Lipid Values  
 Speaker: Hector Malava, M.D.  
 Cardiology of Atlanta  
 Atlanta, Georgia

**August 5 Family Medicine Regularly Scheduled Series**

12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.  
**MUSM Medical Education Bldg.**  
**790 First Street Macon, GA 31201**  
**Yolanda Howard (478) 633-5554**  
 Topic: Which Antihypertensive Should I Prescribe? Evidence-Based Prescribing of New Options and Old Favorites  
 Speaker: David Burtner, M.D.  
 Professor, Department of Family Medicine  
 MUSM

**August 9 Pediatric Regularly Scheduled Series**

8:00 a.m.—9:00 a.m.  
**MCCG Trice Auditorium**  
**777 Hemlock Street Macon, GA 31201**  
**Felicia Bentley (478) 633-7140**  
 Topic: Fifty Six Year Journey in Medicine  
 Speaker: Angel Vazquez, MD  
 Pediatrician  
 MCCG

**August 10 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: TBA

**August 12 Family Medicine Regularly Scheduled Series**

12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.  
**MUSM Medical Education Bldg.**  
**790 First Street Macon, GA 31201**  
**Yolanda Howard (478) 633-5554**  
 Topic: Pulmonary Nodules: Evaluation and Management Strategies  
 Speaker: James Foster, M.D. & Laura Reed, M.D.

**August 16 Pediatric Regularly Scheduled Series**

8:00 a.m.—9:00 a.m.  
**MCCG Trice Auditorium**  
**777 Hemlock Street Macon, GA 31201**  
**Felicia Bentley (478) 633-7140**  
 Topic: The Cootie Check  
 Speaker: Yameka Head, MD  
 Pediatric Forensic Medicine  
 MCCG

**August 17 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**  
**Resident Grand Rounds**  
 Topic: TBA  
 Speaker: Girish Murthy, MD—PGY-3  
 Niki Patel, MD—PGY-3  
 MUSM/MCCG

**August 19 Family Medicine Regularly Scheduled Series**

12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.  
**MUSM Medical Education Bldg.**  
**790 First Street Macon, GA 31201**  
**Yolanda Howard (478) 633-5554**  
 Topic: Common Alternative Medical Systems Your Patients May be Using Homeopathy and Traditional Chinese

Medicine  
 Speaker: Roberta Weintraut, M.D.  
 Family Medicine Residency  
 Director  
 MUSM / MCCG

**August 23 Pediatric Regularly Scheduled Series**

8:00 a.m.—9:00 a.m.  
**MCCG Trice Auditorium**  
**777 Hemlock Street Macon, GA 31201**  
**Felicia Bentley (478) 633-7140**  
 Topic: Mercer on a Mission—Cambodia  
 Speaker: Fred Girton, MD  
 Chairman, Department of Family Medicine  
 MUSM

**August 24 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: Post Stroke Depression  
 Speaker: Grady Carter, MD  
 Associate Professor, Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences  
 MUSM/MCCG

**August 26 Family Medicine Regularly Scheduled Series**

12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.  
**MUSM Medical Education Bldg.**  
**790 First Street Macon, GA 31201**  
**Yolanda Howard (478) 633-5554**  
 Topic: The Evaluation and Management of Psychosis in Primary Care  
 Speaker: Grady Carter, MD  
 Associate Professor, Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences  
 MUSM/MCCG

**August 30 Pediatric Regularly Scheduled Series**

8:00 a.m.—9:00 a.m.  
**MCCG Trice Auditorium**  
**777 Hemlock Street Macon, GA 31201**  
**Felicia Bentley (478) 633-7140**  
 Topic: TBA  
 Speaker: Andrew Reisner, MD  
 Pediatric Neurosurgeon  
 Children's Healthcare of Atlanta



# The Medical Center of Central Georgia and Mercer University School of Medicine proudly welcome the incoming class of 3rd Year Medical Students



**Alena, Caroline**

**Bell, Eugene**

**Brook, Arthur**

**Bui, Trang**

**Cantrell, Jacob**

**Carmichael, Matthew**

**Cene, John**

**Craig, Amanda**

**Davidson, James**

**Derryberry, Joshua**

**Edmonston, Daniel**

**Grahl, Daniel**

**Griffin, Laura**

**Gurr, Jonathan**

**Hoffman, Dustin**

**Hollman, Lauren**

**Hudspeth, Loren**

**Keith, Ashley**

**Kelley, Nicholas**

**Khan, Arshia**

**Korede, George**

**Lai, Oi**

**Lakhani, Naheed**

**Lewis, Stephanie**

**Lohmann, Kathryn**

**Lyle, Melissa**

**Marlowe, Brooklyne**

**Mayo, Dana**

**McKeel, Amber**

**Meehan, Erin**

**Mehta, Mudresh**

**Miller, India**

**Mullis, Stephen**

**Nolan, Larry**

**Nourparvar, Shabnam**

**Overmon, Allison**

**Padgett, Ashley**

**Pope, Sara**

**Price, Catherine**

**Ruiz, Andres**

**Schraudenbach, Brooke**

**Smith, Jonathan**

**Smith, Saletha**

**Talbot, Jeffrey**

**Thompson, Wes**

**Waits, Kevin**

**White, Christopher**

**Williams, Christopher**

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➞ Admitting  
➞ Patient Dismissal

➞ H.C Access  
➞ Valet Parking



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