Welcome to our New Residents & Fellows!

Please join us in welcoming our New Residents and Fellows to the Graduate Medical Education Programs of the University of Tennessee College of Medicine Chattanooga. They have been relocating to Chattanooga since May and began orientation sessions and training as early as June 17, depending on their specialties and individual program requirements. Special orientation sessions and certification courses include: Basic Life Support, Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support, Advanced Trauma Life Support, and a Neonatal Resuscitation Program, Erlanger patient care computer systems overview and training, Erlanger policies and procedures, and University policy and procedures. The 61 diverse young men and women entering residency and fellowship training represent 32 medical schools -- 60 allopathic graduates (MD’s) and one osteopathic graduate (DO). Twenty elected medical student rotations in Chattanooga.

The University, Erlanger, and the House Staff Association sponsored a welcome reception on the Southern Belle Riverboat on June 25.
The new trainees by program are as follows:

**RESIDENCIES**
- Emergency Medicine Residency - 6
- Family Medicine Residency - 6
- Internal Medicine Residency - 11
- Obstetrics and Gynecology Residency - 4
- Orthopaedic Surgery Residency - 3
- Pediatrics Residency - 8
- Plastic Surgery Residency - 1
- Surgery Residency - 9
- Transitional Year Residency - 7

**FELLOWSHIPS**
- Colon and Rectal Surgery Fellowship - 1
- Orthopaedic Trauma Surgery Fellowship - 1
- Surgical Critical Care Fellowship - 1
- Vascular Surgery Fellowship - 1
- *Neuro-Interventional Surgery Fellowship - 1*
- *Transitions to Practice in General Surgery Fellowship - 1*

(American College of Surgeons Approved)

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**New Residents Directory - by Program**

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Internal Medicine Residency - Continued

Mohamed Hussein, MD
Elaine Shehata, MD
Orlando Turner, MD
Geralynn Williams, MD

Obstetrics & Gynecology Residency

Frederick Bossert, MD
Allison Cook, MD
Christy Pettes, MD
Meshell Stokes, MD

Orthopaedic Surgery Residency

Joseph Boaen, MD
Jason Fogleman, MD
Yoshihiro Katsuura, MD

Pediatrics Residency

Sonia Agarwal, MD
Samirah Ashraf, MD
Calixto Cornavaca, MD
Stacie Hamley, MD
Julia Katsuura, MD
Maci McDermott, MD
Michael McNeill, MD
Lyndsay Smith, MD

Plastic Surgery Residency

Paul Phillips, MD (PGY-6)

Surgery Residency

Stephen Greer, MD (Categorical)
Alan Hyde, MD (Categorical)
Cathryn McGill, MD (Categorical)
Timothy Stevens, MD (Categorical)
Gavin Wilks, MD (Categorical)
Andrew May, MD (Preliminary)
Jonathan Overcash, MD (Preliminary)
Veronica Patterson, MD (Preliminary)
Benjamin Powell, MD (Preliminary)

Transitional Year Residency

Patrick Aldred, MD
Sathish Chandra, MD
Carter Pelham, MD
Jay Salmon, MD
Megan Scott, MD
Valerie Stine, MD
Andrea Ward, MD

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Colorectal Surgery Fellowship

Steven Pobunderwala, MD (PGY-6)

Orthopaedic Trauma Surgery Fellowship

Ryan Ficco, MD (PGY-6)

Surgical Critical Care Fellowship

Darren Hunt, MD (PGY-7)

Vascular Surgery Fellowship

Homer “Trey” Keadle III, MD (PGY-6)

*Neuro-Interventional Surgery Fellowship

Justin Calvert, MD (Faculty/Fellow)

*Transitions to Practice in General Surgery Fellowship

Benjamin Kellogg, MD (Faculty/Fellow)

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**31st Annual Research Week**

On April 19, residents presented their research to this year’s panel of judges - Amar Singh, MD, David Stern, MD, and Melvin Twiest, MD - in the Probasco auditorium. Awards and cash prizes were presented to 8 residents later that evening during the awards dinner at the Walden Club. **Congratulations to the following residents for receiving a research award this year:**

**CASE STUDY AWARDS**

1st Place – **Drs. Bryan England and Jared Shell** (Emergency Medicine) - “Usefulness of CT Perfusion Scan in Treatment of an Acute Stroke Patient With Unknown Time of Symptom Onset”

2nd Place – **Dr. Matthew Higgins** (Orthopaedic Surgery) - “Total Knee Arthroplasty With Autograft Patellar and Allograft Extensor Reconstruction in a Patient With Multiple Prior Quadriceps Ruptures and Patelllectomy: A Case Report”

3rd Place – **Dr. Benjamin Lambert** (Emergency Medicine) - “Fatal Anaphylaxis Following Copperhead Envenomation”

4th Place – **Drs. Ryan Moore and Daniel Zapko** (Transitional Year and Internal Medicine) - “Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm With Inferior Vena Cava Compression: An Unusual Cause of Deep Venous Thrombosis”

**RESEARCH AWARDS**

1st Place – **Dr. Joshua Worthington** (Surgery) - “Outcomes of Elderly Patients Undergoing Elective Abdominal Surgery”

2nd Place – **Drs. Jared Shell and Bryan England** (Emergency Medicine) - “Pre-Hospital Creatinine Decreases Door-to-CT Times But Not Door-to-Treatment Time in Stroke Patients Undergoing Acute Interventional Therapy”

3rd Place – **Drs. Bryan England and Jared Shell** (Emergency Medicine) - “Patients Undergoing Endovascular Therapy for Middle Cerebral Artery Strokes Have Worse Outcome When Associated With Coexistent Thrombosis of the Ipsilateral Internal Carotid Artery”

4th Place – **Dr. Alexander Lemons** (Orthopaedic Surgery) - “Arthroscopic Biceps Tenodesis in the Lateral Position: An Osseous Tenodesis Technique Integrated Into Rotator Cuff Repair”

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The Alper Humanitarian Award Ceremony includes a lecture that highlights the importance and role of humanism in medicine. This year’s speaker was Porter Storey Jr, MD, and he spoke on “Palliative Care is Whole-Person Care.” The 2013 Alper Humanitarian Award went to Bryan Vance, MD from the department of Emergency Medicine. The winner is kept a secret until the announcement is made at the ceremony, but Dr. Vance’s family was notified ahead of time and came from out of town in order to attend the ceremony.

About Dr. Harold Alper and the Alper Award

Dr. Harold Alper began practicing in 1947 and was named to the UT College of Medicine faculty as Clinical Associate Professor of Surgery in 1976. He was instrumental in founding the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Speech and Hearing Center in the early 1950’s, and he pioneered microscopic surgery and laser surgery in Chattanooga. Dr. Alper’s community service included work as the president of the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Medical Society, the Chattanooga Jewish Welfare Foundation and the Jewish Community Center. The UT College of Medicine Chattanooga, in conjunction with the Baroness Foundation and an endowment from the family of the late Dr. Harold Alper, has established the yearly ceremony and Grand Round lecture.

Congratulations to this year’s nominees and to Dr. Bryan Vance

Alper Award nominees Michael Malandra, MD (2nd from left), Vanessa Slots, MD (3rd from left), Xiangke Huang, MD (5th from left), Ryan Moore, MD (6th from left), Seth Wagner, DO (7th from left), James Wagner, MD (8th from left), Bryan Vance, MD (seated, left) and Kristin Salter, MD (seated, right) with Robert Fore, EdD (far left), Porter Storey Jr, MD (4th from left), and Ms. Maxine Alper (seated, middle).

Top: Bryan Vance, MD, winner of the 2013 Alper Award, with Ms. Maxine Alper.
Bottom: Bryan Vance, MD with family.
**Hyundai $75,000 Grant for Pediatric Cancer Survivorship Clinic**

Hyundai Hope On Wheels and Chattanooga-area Hyundai dealers awarded a $75,000 Hyundai Scholar Grant to the Center for Childhood Cancer and Blood Disorders at T.C. Thompson Children's Hospital at Erlanger to develop Southeast Tennessee's first Pediatric Cancer Survivorship Clinic. Dr. Jennifer Keates and Dr. Manoo Bhakta were one of 40 recipients of the Hope On Wheels 2013 Hyundai Scholar Grant, which supports principal investigators known as Hyundai Scholars. Hyundai Scholars pursue research and implement clinical programs aimed at improving the lives of children battling pediatric cancer.

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**Sickle Cell Pain Crisis Trial opens at the Children’s Hospital**

A new clinical trial opened on April 22, 2013 for ADVENTRX/MAST trial ANX 188-01 and ANX 188-04 studies to benefit the sickle cell patients at the T.C. Thompson Children’s Hospital at Erlanger. The trial benefits Hb SS and HbSβ0thal patients experiencing veno-occlusive crisis and requiring hospitalization for treatment with parental opioids, and it will be administered under Institutional Principal Investigator Jennifer Keates-Baleeiro, M.D. This is the first trial in Chattanooga of patients between ages 8-18 years and specifically targets children with sickle cell crisis and tries to alleviate the crisis by changing the shape of the sickle cell thus decreasing viscosity and relieving pain crisis.

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**Medical Explorations Program: FUTURE Docs**

Medical Explorations is a three week program in June sponsored by the UT College of Medicine Future Docs program. High school seniors and undergraduate students interested in the medical field rotate through various clinical services to see the world of healthcare in the medical setting. They go through an extensive orientation that includes not only HIPAA training, but also training in professionalism and the doctor-patient relationship.

“The purpose of the program is to help students decide if they want to pursue a career as a physician. They observe resident and attending physicians in their daily work life, giving them a very unique behind-the-scenes look at a career in medicine.” according to R. Kent Hutson, MD, Chief of Radiology at Erlanger Health System and Chair of Radiology at UTCOM Chattanooga, who heads the program.

“If I had known about this program when I was in high school, I definitely would have taken the opportunity and the decision to be a physician wouldn’t have been as hard to decide when I got to college. I love what this program offers students and I feel blessed to be a part of the program. I truly believe the students in the program learn a lot while they are with us and have some clarity when they leave.” says Ashley Broadway, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga student, who is the coordinator of the program.

Medical Explorations is made possible by all the UTCOM/Erlanger physicians that agree to participate. Those doctors make this program possible each summer. Hutson and Broadway hope that this program will be able to continue to educate and inspire future generations to pursue careers as physicians.

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**Dr. Lambiase recognized among Top 1% in the Nation**

*Excerpt from an Erlanger Article*

In its 2013-14 Top Hospitals edition, U.S. News & World Report has recognized Dr. Louis Lambiase, Professor and Associate Dean with the UT College of Medicine and physician with Erlanger’s Academic Gastroenterology practice, as among the top 1% of gastroenterologists in the nation. Before his arrival at Erlanger in 2009, Dr. Lambiase served as Chief of Gastroenterology at University Medical Center in Jacksonville, Florida.

[Click here to view the entire article](#)

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**Dr. Gardner II - Orthopaedic Surgery Board Certification**

Congratulations to Dr. Warren E. “Ren” Gardner II, an assistant professor with the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, for receiving his certification in November, 2012 from the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery. Dr. Gardner joined the department in 2010 as a Clinical Instructor.

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Dr. Brzezienski: AAPS invitation

Dr. Mark Brzezienski, Program Director in the Department of Plastic Surgery, was honored this year by election to the American Association of Plastic Surgery (AAPS). The AAPS is an invitation only academic plastic surgery society. In addition, Dr. Brzezienski is serving on the Education Committee of the American Council of Academic Plastic Surgeons (ACAPS) and the By-Laws Committee of the ASAPS (American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgeons).

Dr. Kennedy: President of the Hamilton County Medical Society

Dr. J. Woody Kennedy is currently the President-Elect of the Hamilton County Medical Society and will become President in January 2014.

Erlanger named Best Hospital in Chattanooga, One of the Top 8 Hospitals in Tennessee, and One of America’s Top Hospitals

Excerpt from an Erlanger article

“For the third straight year, the Erlanger Health System has been named among “America’s Best Hospitals” by U.S. News & World Report in the publication’s 2013-14 Top Hospitals edition. Erlanger was named “Best Hospital by Metro Area,” and ranked one of the top eight hospitals in Tennessee. Erlanger was also the only local hospital to be recognized for the high performing specialties of diabetes and endocrinology, pulmonology and nephrology.

“As the region’s only academic teaching hospital and Level One Trauma Center, we are extremely pleased to have earned this national recognition from U.S. News & World Report for the third straight year,” said Erlanger President and CEO Kevin M. Spiegel, FACHE. “It’s a notable tribute to Erlanger’s capabilities and service to the region; we practice what we teach.”

The 24th edition of U.S. News and World Report showcases the best of the nation’s 5,000 hospitals. Methodology for rating hospitals includes data that is publicly available and less subjective, such as information collected by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS Hospital Compare). Other criteria used in the U.S. News & World Report ratings include patient survival, infection rates, patient safety measures, nurse-to-patient ratios and responses from medical specialists to opinion surveys.”

Click here to view the entire article
Nuts and Bolts Research Methods Symposium

The 14th Annual Nuts and Bolts Research Methods Symposium will be held on Friday, August 16, at the University Center on the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga campus. The symposium is designed for community and university-based investigators and focuses on the development and conduct of research projects.

No-cost registration begins at 8:15. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided, and continuing education credits will be provided to attendees. Speakers will discuss how to select a research design, choose a mentor, implement the research project, and organize data. A panel of residents will discuss lessons learned as they developed their research projects. Finally, the research project awarded the 2013 Coddington Award during this year’s Research Week will be presented. More information about the speakers and agenda can be found on the UTCOMC website under Research (Research Events and Educational Series).

Research Coordinators’ Forum

The schedule for the Research Coordinators’ Forum is being developed for Fall 2013 and Spring 2014! Some of the topics you can expect are as follows: (a) recruiting and retaining African Americans in clinical research, (b) obtaining meaningful child assent for clinical research, (c) audit readiness, and (d) best practices in reviewing medical literature. More information about topics, speakers, and meeting dates will be posted on the UTCOMC website under Research (Research Events and Educational Series) as it becomes available.

The Research Coordinators’ Forum is a monthly brown-bag lunch series designed for research coordinators and other key study personnel. The group usually meets at 12:00 on the 4th Tuesday of the month in the Dean’s Conference Room in Suite 100 of the Whitehall Building.
**OB/GYN Farewell to Dr. Stumpf**

Dr. Robert Fore (left) and Dr. David Seaberg (right) presented a plaque to Dr. Paul Stumpf during a recognition ceremony in his honor on June 21. Dr. Stumpf, Professor Chair and Program Director of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, has worked in this capacity the last two years building a much stronger department with UTCOMC and providing medical services to the community. Dr. Stumpf, who was quite surprised by the gratitude, stated “these are the finest individuals I have ever worked with.” Erlanger and UTCOMC wish him well as he relocates to be closer to his family.

**OB/GYN Program Director Appointment: Dr. Gist**

The Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology has appointed William Gist, MD as the Program Director for the OB/GYN Residency effective June 22, 2013.

**Neuro-Interventional Surgery Fellowship Director: Dr. Baxter**

Dr. Blaise Baxter was appointed as Program Director for the new Neuro-Interventional Surgery Fellowship effective July 1, 2013.

**Plastic Surgery Appointments**

Dr. Mark Brzezienski was appointed Program Director of the Department of Plastic Surgery in January 2013. Dr. Jason Rehm was appointed Associate Program Director of the Department of Plastic Surgery in January 2013.

**Surgery Appointment: Dr. Calvert**

Dr. Justin Calvert joins Tennessee Interventional Associates as a NeuroInterventional Surgery Fellow in conjunction with the Department of Surgery. In addition to his Fellowship, Dr. Calvert joined the University of Tennessee, College of Medicine as a Clinical Faculty member. Dr. Calvert attended the University of Mississippi, School of Medicine and went on to complete his General Surgery Internship at the University of Mississippi Hospital and Clinics. From there he went to Vanderbilt University Medical Center where he completed his residency in diagnostic radiology and served as Chief Resident during his time there. Following his four years at Vanderbilt, Dr. Calvert went on to Northwestern University McGaw Medical Center where he completed a one year Vascular and Interventional Radiology Fellowship. Dr. Calvert not only has experience in diagnostic and interventional radiology but in rural emergency medicine as well.
CME Opportunities

Upcoming Opportunities to earn Continuing Medical Education credits

AMA Credit Designation: The University of Tennessee College of Medicine designates these live activities for a maximum of the number of AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ indicated above. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Featured Sessions

Death with Dignity Legislation & Physician-Assisted Suicide • Speaker: Dennis Plaisted, PhD
October 8, 2013 • 12-1pm • Probasco Auditorium, Erlanger Baroness Campus
1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ • Click Here for More Info about the HPP series

Annual Conferences (one-time offerings)

Tennessee Society for Addiction Medicine Conference (3rd annual)
August 29-30, 2013 • University Center Auditorium • University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
12 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ • Joint Sponsor: Tennessee Society of Addiction Medicine
Click here for More Info and to Register

Chattanooga Stroke Conference (7th annual)
September 13, 2013 • Chattanoogan Hotel, Chattanooga, TN • Joint Sponsor: Pleiades Foundation at Erlanger
6.75 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ • Click here for More Info and to Register

Tennessee Dermatology Society Annual Meeting
November 9-10, 2013 • Biltmore Inn, Asheville, NC • Joint Sponsor: Tennessee Dermatology Society
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Rotating Courses (offered various times and locations throughout the year)

Avoiding Electronic Health Record (EHR) Pitfalls
2 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ • Joint Sponsor: State Volunteer Mutual Insurance Company
September 11, 2013 • 6-8pm • Chattanooga Convention Center, Chattanooga, TN
September 12, 2013 • 8-10am, 12-2pm & 6-8pm • Chattanooga Convention Center, Chattanooga, TN
September 24, 2013 • 6-8pm • Holiday Inn University of Memphis, Memphis, TN
September 25, 2013 • 8-10am, 12-2pm & 6-8pm • Holiday Inn University of Memphis, Memphis, TN
October 16, 2013 • 12-2pm & 6-8pm • Millenium Centre, Johnson City, TN
October 17, 2013 • 12-2pm & 6-8pm • Meadowview Conference Center, Kingsport, TN
Click here to Register and for More Info

Preparing the Physician for Deposition & Trial
2 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ • Joint Sponsor: State Volunteer Mutual Insurance Company
August 21, 2013 • 6-8pm • Embassy Suites, Rogers, AR
August 22, 2013 • 12-2pm & 6-8pm • Embassy Suites, Little Rock, AR
August 26, 2013 • 6-8pm • Sloan Convention Center, Bowling Green, KY
August 27, 2013 • 6-8pm • Luther Carson Four Rivers Centers, Paducah, KY
September 5, 2013 • 6-8pm • NW Georgia Trade Center, Dalton, GA

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September 10, 2013 • 12-2pm & 6-8pm • Leslie Town Centre, Cookeville, TN
September 19, 2013 • 12-2pm & 6-8pm • Embassy Suites Hotel, Murfreesboro, TN
October 29, 2013 • 12-2pm • Gatlinburg Convention Center, Gatlinburg, TN
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(offer the same days & times each month)

All RSS meetings below have been approved for 1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™
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Healthcare Principles in Practice (Dean’s Office series)
Internal Medicine Grand Rounds
Orthopaedic Surgery Grand Rounds
Orthopaedic Surgery Journal Club
Orthopaedic Surgery M&M Conference
Surgery Grand Rounds
Surgery Morbidity & Mortality Grand Rounds
Erlanger Pediatrics Grand Rounds
Erlanger Tumor Board Conferences
Redmond Weekly Cardiology Series

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Publications: Articles


Chapman-Jackson E., MD (Attending: Brzezienski M., MD) “Surgical Scar – The Final Refinement in Implant-based Breast Reconstruction; an Introduction to the Circumvertical Mastectomy Incision.”


Dale E., MD (Attending: Sargent L., MD) “Orbital Reconstruction for Sphenoid Wing Aplasia Associated with Neurofibromatosis Type 1.”


Griner D., MD (Attending: Sargent L., MD) “Paramedian Forehead Flap to Treat Chronically Infected Base of Skull Defects in the Posttraumatic Patient.”

Publications: Oral Presentations


Publications: Posters


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