The University of Tennessee College of Medicine Chattanooga is pleased to announce accreditation of a new one-year fellowship in Emergency Medical Services (EMS) sponsored by our Department of Emergency Medicine. This is the first EMS Fellowship accredited in Tennessee.

Emergency Medical Services is a clinical specialty that includes care of patients in all environments outside of traditional medical care facilities, including clinics, offices, and hospitals. It includes evaluation and treatment of acute injury and illness in all age groups, planning and prevention, monitoring, and team oversight. An EMS Fellowship provides training specifically designed for an Emergency Medicine physician who will be able to serve as Medical Director for a local or regional EMS Service. Our EMS Program will begin training its first fellow, Dr. Paul Courtwright, on July 1, 2014.

The new EMS fellowship will be funded in part by a grant from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation for $17,190 will be used to purchase advanced airway equipment, a portable ultrasound, and additional advanced equipment for use in the pre-hospital setting for the new fellowship.

The ACGME approved Emergency Medicine Services (EMS) fellowship is the first program in Tennessee that will train the future leaders in EMS administration, event medicine, and disaster management. During the intensive 1-year program, the EMS fellow will work closely with local EMS agencies to provide cutting-edge education, participate in national EMS meetings, and become an advocate for patient safety and quality in the prehospital setting.
Alper Award Ceremony and Lecture

This year’s Alper Humanitarian Award Ceremony & Lecture was held on March 7, 2014. The Dr. Harold Alper Humanitarian Award is presented yearly to a graduating resident at the UT College of Medicine Chattanooga who has consistently demonstrated the humanistic qualities for which the late Dr. Harold Alper was known: integrity, exemplary compassion for patients, families & colleagues, community service, and humanitarian qualities during residency. This year’s nominees included:

Steven Peterson, MD - Emergency Medicine
Philip Sutherland, MD - Family Medicine
Gregory Nieckula, DO - Internal Medicine

James Ragins, MD - Internal Medicine
Kyle Cunningham, MD - Surgery
Andrea Ward, MD - Transitional Year

Congratulations to this Year’s Nominees and to Dr. Philip Sutherland

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.
Christmas Party

This year’s Christmas party was held on December 17, 2014.
Francis Fesmire - Ray Bahr Award Winner

The Society of Cardiovascular Patient Care (SCPC) has chosen Francis Fesmire as the 2014 Ray Bahr Award winner. The prestigious award will be presented on April 30th to his wife. The Ray Bahr Award is the SCPC’s highest honor. This designation goes to individuals who demonstrate extraordinary excellence, vision, and leadership in advancing cardiovascular health care.

Grant from Firehouse Subs Foundation

Congratulations to the department of Emergency Medicine on receiving a grant from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation for the new Emergency Medical Services fellowship. The Foundation’s Board of Directors approved Dr. Ron Buchheit’s request for $17,190 to purchase advanced airway equipment, a portable ultrasound, and additional advanced equipment for use in the pre-hospital setting for the new Emergency Medical Services Fellowship.

Doctors’ Day Honorees

The Chattanooga-Hamilton County Medical Society, Medical Foundation of Chattanooga, Medical Alliance, and Project Access, in conjunction with BlueCross BlueShield Community Trust, are recognizing local physicians by saluting ten honorees for Doctors’ Day Appreciation. The honorees were selected from nominations submitted by local residents.

- Stephen Adams, MD - UT Family Practice
- Susan Bhushan, MD - Galen Medical Group North
- Michael Gallagher, MD - Chattanooga Neurosurgery & Spine
- Monica Gefter, MD - Academic Internal Medicine
- Michael Goodman, MD - Gastroenterologist
- James Headrick, MD - Alliance of Cardiac, Thoracic & Vascular Surgeons
- Louis Lambiase, MD - Academic Gastroenterology
- Edward Peterson, MD - Southeast Eye Specialists
- Christopher Prater, MD - Family Medicine
- K. Dodd Shumate, MD - Highland Pediatrics

National Doctors’ Day provides a time for people to show appreciation to the doctors who care for them or their loved ones. The first Doctors’ Day observance was March 30, 1933, in Winder, Georgia, on the anniversary of the first use of general anesthetic in surgery. The U.S. House of Representatives adopted a resolution commemorating Doctors’ Day on March 30, 1958. In 1990, Congress established March 30 each year as the National Doctors’ Day.
Dr. Edward Luce - Visiting Professor

On Friday, January 10, 2014, Edward Luce, MD served as a Visiting Professor for the Department of Plastic Surgery. Dr. Luce is among the most lauded and recognizable plastic surgeons in the World. His academic appointments include Professor and Chairman of the Department of Plastic Surgery, University of Kentucky, Lexington; Keihn-Desprez Professor of Surgery and Chairman of the Department of Plastic Surgery, Case Western Reserve, Cleveland; and, currently, Professor of Plastic Surgery, University of Tennessee, Memphis. He has been the President of every major Plastic Surgical Academic Society, and he has been the recipient of virtually every award that our Academic Societies can bestow. He has even been elected to Who’s Who in the World. His research interests and publications reflect his focus on every major development in the field of Plastic Surgery in the last forty years. Dr. Luce has been center stage in our field since completing his residency at Johns Hopkins in 1973. His unparalleled commitment to plastic surgery education continued with his visit to Chattanooga today. During his visit he both lectured to the Department and heard presentations regarding the Faculty’s clinical research initiatives.

Dr. Joseph Cofer - JGME Board

Dr. Joseph Cofer joined the Journal of Graduate Medical Education Editorial Board.

Devan Griner - SSPRS Abstract Presentation

Dr. Devan Griner’s abstract entitled “Mastectomy Skin Flap Stabilization Preventing Seromas and Decreasing Duration of Drain Time in Tissue Expander Based Breast Reconstruction” was accepted for podium presentation as part of the resident’s competition at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons to be held June 8-12, 2014 at Paradise Island in the Bahamas. Dr. Griner’s work, under the guidance of Dr. Mark Brzezienski, was one of eight abstracts chosen out of 69 submissions! Congratulations Dr. Griner. We are proud of your hard work and we wish you the best of luck!

Dr. Pradeep Jacob - Board Recertification

Congratulations to Pradeep Jacob, MD, MBA for successfully recertifying by examination in both the Neuroradiology Board and Nuclear Medicine Board in October 2013. Dr. Jacob is board certified by the American Board of Radiology in Diagnostic Radiology and subspecialty of Neuroradiology. He is also Board Certified by the American Board of Nuclear Medicine and holds an MBA degree from the University of Tennessee. He is a Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Radiology and Vice Chief of Radiology Clinical Services.
Volunteer Research Assistants

Do you need help with a research project? Pre-medical students from Southern Adventist University worked with various UTCOMC investigators during the 2013/2014 academic year. The program was such a success that Southern Adventist University would like to recruit another group of students to serve as volunteer research assistants during the 2014/2015 academic year. If your department could use pre-medical students as research assistants, please contact Amy Hutcherson (amy.hutcherson@uthsc.edu or 778-3899).

2014 Research Week

The UTCOMC will host its 2014 Research Week from April 21 through April 25. The event will highlight 23 research projects conducted by residents. Posters will be on display throughout Research Week in the Medical Mall on the Erlanger Baroness campus. On Friday, projects will be judged as residents make brief presentations in Probasco Auditorium. The most outstanding projects will be announced at an awards dinner on Friday night at the Walden Club in downtown Chattanooga. For more information about Research Week and the schedule of presentations, please visit www.utcomchatt.org/researchweek.

Nuts and Bolts Research Methods Symposium

Save the date! The 15th Annual Nuts and Bolts Research Methods Symposium will be held on Friday, August 15, 2014. Eric Heidel, Ph.D. (Office of Medical Education, Research, and Development; University of Tennessee Graduate School of Medicine), will conduct a day-long workshop focused on research design and statistics in medicine. Information will be posted on www.utcomchatt.org/nutsandbolts as it becomes available.

Funding Opportunity Announcements

Reminder! A webpage has been created that lists funding opportunity announcements issued by foundations and federal agencies. Add http://www.utcomchatt.org/subpage.php?pageId=1196 to your list of favorite sites and check it often: It is updated as announcements are received. As always, investigators can contact Amy Hutcherson (amy.hutcherson@uthsc.edu or 778-3899) to discuss specific funding needs.
Continuing Education Opportunities

Upcoming Opportunities to earn Continuing Education credits

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Annual Conferences (one-time offerings)

Erlanger Trauma Symposium
May 14, 2014 • Chattanooga Convention Center (Chattanooga, TN)
7 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ • Joint Sponsor: Erlanger Health System, Trauma Services
Click here for More Info and to Register

ACEP Southeast Chapters Educational Conference (32nd annual)
June 9-12, 2014 • Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort (Destin, FL)
18.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ • Joint Sponsor: ACEP Chapters
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Family Medicine Update (29th annual)
June 11-14, 2014 • Chattanooga Hotel (Chattanooga, TN)
25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ • Click here for More Info and to Register

Vascular Summit (9th Biennial)
August 22-23, 2014 • Chattanooga Convention Center (Chattanooga, TN)
20 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ • Joint Sponsor: University Surgical Associates
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Internal Medicine Board Review Course (1st annual)
October 1-4, 2014 • The Chattanooga Hotel (Chattanooga, TN)
15 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ • Click here for More Info and to Register

Featured Sessions from our regularly-scheduled series

Erlanger Pediatrics Grand Rounds • Click Here for more info about the series
April 30, 2014 • Tics and Other Pediatric Movement Disorders • Lewis McCoy Miller, MD
1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ • 8:00-9:00am • T.C. Thompson’s Children Hospital at Erlanger

Erlanger Radiology Journal Club • Click Here for more info about the series
May 13, 2014 • Neurology Molecular Imaging • Pradeep Jacob, MD
1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ • 6:00-7:00pm • Blue Water Grille, Chattanooga, TN

Healthcare Principles in Practice: Dean’s Office Faculty & Resident Developmental Series
Click Here for more info about the series
May 13, 2014 • How to Identify and Approach an Impaired Physician • Roland Gray, MD
1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ • 12:00-1:00pm • Probasco Auditorium, Erlanger, Chattanooga, TN

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Teamwork Skills Workshop
3.75 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ • Joint Sponsor: LifeWings Partners, LLC
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Regularly-Scheduled Series (offered the same days & times each month)

Healthcare Principles in Practice (Dean’s Office series)  Surgery Grand Rounds
Internal Medicine Grand Rounds  Surgery Morbidity & Mortality Grand Rounds
OB/GYN Friday Morning Conferences  Erlanger Pediatrics Grand Rounds
Orthopaedic Surgery Grand Rounds  Erlanger Tumor Board Conferences
Orthopaedic Surgery Journal Club  Hutcheson Tumor Board Conferences
Orthopaedic Surgery M&M Conference  Redmond Hospital Weekly Cardiology Series

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