Alper Humanitarian Award & Lecture

This year’s Alper Humanitarian Award Ceremony & Lecture was held on March 20, 2015. 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 were:

- Nikhil Anand, MD - Transitional Year
- Kevin Crawford, MD - Transitional Year
- Natalie Johnson, DO - OB/GYN
- Rehan Kahloun, MD - Internal Medicine
- Shavonda Thomas, MD - Internal Medicine
- Apphia Wang, MD - Transitional Year
- Chad Ward, DO - Pediatrics
- Josh Worthington, MD - Surgery

This year’s recipient of the Alper Humanitarian Award, Natalie Johnson, DO from the department of OB/GYN.

Dr. Johnson was unable to attend this year’s ceremony because she was on a medical mission/global health elective rotation in India.

Natalie Johnson’s mother, Vickie, attended the award ceremony to receive the award on behalf of Natalie.

This year’s speaker was Danielle Ofri, MD, PhD, a physician at Bellevue Hospital (New York) and an author/writer.

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.
**R. Phillip Burns Surgical Society**

Phillip Burns, MD has been bestowed the high honor of having a specialty society named after him. The R. Phillip Burns Surgical Society was established in February to honor Dr. Burns. Its mission is to promote lifelong learning and excellence in training of surgeons of all generations. Dr. Burns has been with the UT College of Medicine Chattanooga since being appointed Chair of the department of Surgery 39 years ago. Visit [www.rpbsurgicalsociety.org](http://www.rpbsurgicalsociety.org) for more information about the society.

**Erlanger a test site for the PROMISE Trial - Severance & Huang**

Erlanger was a test site for the PROMISE trial, a groundbreaking “randomized comparison of anatomic versus functional diagnostic testing strategies in symptomatic patients with suspected coronary artery disease”. Dr. Harry Severance was the principal investigator and Robert Huang, MD was a sub-investigator, and Erlanger enrolled the last patient in the trial, which included more than 10,000 patients. The study found that a cardiac CT scan may be a better way to diagnose chest pain than an EKG or a stress test among other things. The results were published in the New England Journal of Medicine and revealed at the 2015 American College of Cardiology Scientific Assembly.

Click here or copy/paste the following link to view the Chattanoogan.com article with more information about the PROMISE Trial and its findings and implications:  [http://www.chattanoogan.com/2015/4/13/298135/Heart-Study-Clinical-Trial-Conducted.aspx](http://www.chattanoogan.com/2015/4/13/298135/Heart-Study-Clinical-Trial-Conducted.aspx)

**Skoretz - TAGME Certification**

Sharron Skoretz, Residency Coordinator for the department of Family Medicine, has attained certification from the Training Administrators of Graduate Medical Education (TAGME). The TAGME has established standards to acknowledge the expertise needed to successfully manage graduate medical education programs, and to recognize training administrators who have achieved competence in all areas related to their profession. Ms. Skoretz is the first residency coordinator at the Chattanooga campus to earn this designation, and will now be identified as Sharron Skoretz, C-TAGME.

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A 1-day course offered May 6, 7 and 8, 2015 • Metropolitan Building, UTC Nursing (Chattanooga, TN)
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June 8-11, 2015 • Sandestin Golf & Beach Resort (Destin, FL)
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June 10-13, 2015 • The Chattanoogan Hotel (Chattanooga, TN)
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- **April 30, 2015** • Transplants • Asad Zaman, MHA
- **May 7, 2015** • Cardiology • Douglas Morris, MD
- **May 21, 2015** • Hypertensive Management of CKD & Cardiovascular Patients • George Bakris, MD
- **May 28, 2015** • TBD • Transitional Residents Group Presentation
- **June 4, 2015** • Hyperchloremic Solutions & Hypervolemia in the Critically Ill • Micheal Connor, Jr, MD
- **August 13, 2015** • Advancing Quality Care in Rheumatoid Arthritis • Jeffrey Curtis, MD, MS, MPH
- **September 10, 2015** • New Advances in the Treatment of Obesity • Christopher Sanborn, MD
- **October 8, 2015** • Treatment & Prevention of Venous Thromboembolism • Christian Ruff, MD, MPH

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