Bruce Shack, MD Named Dean

R. Bruce Shack, MD has been named dean of the University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC) College of Medicine in Chattanooga and Senior Vice President of the Erlanger Health System. Dr. Shack comes to UTHSC after serving almost 20 years as chair and a professor of the Department of Plastic Surgery at Vanderbilt University Medical Center (VUMC) in Nashville. Dr. Shack will begin his new role in Chattanooga on November 15.

In making the appointment, David Stern, MD, Robert Kaplan Executive Dean of the College of Medicine, said UTHSC is “delighted and honored” that Dr. Shack will lead the college’s Chattanooga campus. “He brings an exceptionally strong set of leadership skills from his years as chair of Plastic Surgery at Vanderbilt,” Dr. Stern said. “Our Chattanooga campus and its partner hospital system, Erlanger Health System, have improved dramatically over the last year, and the addition of Dr. Shack will accelerate and help guide new and exceptional health services for the region.”

Dr. Stern thanked Robert C. Fore, EdD, FACEHP, CHCP, for his exceptional service as interim dean for Academic Affairs in Chattanooga. “Dr. Fore’s extensive experience in graduate and continuing medical education has been a major asset to our College of Medicine in Chattanooga, as we continue to train the physicians of the future.”

Kevin M. Spiegel, FACHE, president and CEO of Erlanger Health System, said, “Dr. Shack’s executive leadership skills over the past 20 years as chair of Plastic Surgery at Vanderbilt University Medical Center will significantly benefit the undergraduate and graduate medical education enterprise.” He also noted, “We are most grateful to the search committee for all their hard work.”

As chief academic and administrative officer for the Chattanooga campus, Dr. Shack will be responsible for leading the college’s missions of excellence in education, patient care and research. As senior vice president in the Erlanger Health System, he will represent faculty physicians, oversee clinical care and ...
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...develop collaboration among university faculty and community physicians in the Erlanger system.

“This is an opportunity I couldn’t refuse,” said Dr. Shack. “Chattanooga is a beautiful city, and there are a lot of opportunities and challenges there that I am looking forward to.”

Dr. Shack graduated from Midwestern University in Wichita Falls, Texas, and received his medical degree from the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston. He did an internship in surgery and his residency in plastic surgery at Vanderbilt.

He served as an assistant professor of plastic surgery at Johns Hopkins Hospital and at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, both in Baltimore, before joining the faculty of Vanderbilt University Medical Center in 1982. He was named chair of the Department of Plastic Surgery at Vanderbilt in 1997.

Dr. Shack also maintains teaching duties at VUMC. He is responsible for the lecture series for third-year medical students, has been involved in resident training in the operating room and ward, and has served as a faculty adviser for third- and fourth-year medical students.

Dr. Shack is a member of many professional associations, including the American Association of Plastic Surgeons, the American College of Surgeons as a Fellow, the American Society of Maxillofacial Surgeons, the American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery and the Association of Academic Chairman of Plastic Surgery.

His numerous leadership roles include serving on the VUMC Medical Board of Directors and the Vanderbilt Burn Center Advisory Committee. Dr. Shack has also served as president of the Nashville Surgical Society, president and on the board of directors of the Southeastern Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons, vice president of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons, president of the Southern Medical Association and chairman of the city-wide Journal Club of Tennessee Plastic Surgeons.

Dr. Shack has been a guest lecturer on multiple occasions, was voted among the “Best Doctors in America” seven times, and has authored or contributed to more than 75 articles, books and chapters related to plastic surgery.

Established in 1973 as a branch campus of the UTHSC College of Medicine in Memphis, the Chattanooga campus provides training for junior and senior medical students, as well as residency and fellowship programs. The college also has campuses in Nashville and Knoxville.

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Chattanooga Champions of Care

5 UTCOMC faculty & staff have been honored for their outstanding contributions to health care in the Chattanooga community. The Chattanooga Times Free Press, Edge magazine, the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Medical Society, and BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee teamed up to host their Chattanooga Champions of Health Care annual program, and it honored the following UT faculty & staff:

Jackson Yium, MD was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award, which honors health care leaders who carved a legacy in health care quality and delivery.

Michael Carr, MD was also honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award, which honors health care leaders who carved a legacy in health care quality and delivery.

Mack Worthington, MD was honored with the Physician Award, which honors physicians whose performance is considered exemplary by patients and peers.

Coleman Arnold, MD was also honored with the Physician Award, which honors health care leaders who carved a legacy in health care quality and delivery.

Walter Puckett, MD was honored with the Health Care Volunteer, which honors volunteers who have been committed and passionate in serving.

This recognition is a great honor because more than 130 people and organizations were nominated. Please join us in showing appreciation for their great work.

The complete Times Free Press article can be found here: http://www.timesfreepress.com/news/business/aroundregion/story/2016/aug/14/champions-health-care/380766/
**Dr. Cowart SOA/OREF Resident Award**

Justin Cowart, MD received an SOA/OREF Resident Award for this paper which was presented at the Southern Orthopaedic Association’s Annual Meeting in Naples, FL (July 2016), “Exparel Versus Bupivacaine Following Wrist Operations: Prospective, Randomized Control Trial” (Dale EL, Cowart SJ, Jemison DM, Kennedy JW, Brzezienski MA, Rehm J, Gao C)

**Dr.’s Huddleston & Huggins - TACS Surgical Jeopardy Winners**

Mary Kathryn Huddleston, MD and John Huggins, MD won the Surgical Jeopardy contest held at the 2016 annual meeting of the Tennessee Chapter of the American College of Surgeons on July 22-24 in Memphis, TN.

Chief-year surgery resident Dr. John Huggins and fifth-year surgery resident Dr. Mary Kathryn Huddleston competed against teams from four other residency programs in the contest. The game is modeled after the Jeopardy television show and tests the general and specialty surgical knowledge of residents. This smaller competition helps prepare the residents for the larger competition held at the American College of Surgeons meeting October 14-20, 2016, in Washington, DC.

The questions are wide ranging and challenging – example, “Question: What is the number of HPV strains that the vaccine Gardasil protects against?” “Answer: 4 (6, 11, 16 and 18)”. Board-based knowledge of all things surgical are needed to win the competition. Other examples include: name the instrument displayed, name the 20th century American innovator most noted for his research on the medical condition of shock and blue baby syndrome (Dr. Alfred Blalock), and sometimes surgical videos are played for a more challenging question adventure.

Ultimately, the wagering strategy helped Dr. Huggins and Dr. Huddleston to overcome the other teams in the “Final Jeopardy” Championship round, having only to wager a meager $50.00 dollars to win it all. The winning team will hold the 1st place title and trophy until the battle begins next year at the 2017 TN Chapter ACS Annual Meeting August 4-6, 2017 in Nashville, TN.
**Dr.’s Fenin & Schweikert - TNAAP Top Picks**

From the department of Pediatrics, Dr. Fenin’s quality improvement project and Dr. Schweikert’s case report were chosen as two of the top three resident projects submitted to Tennessee Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (TNAAP) for this year’s resident presentation forum in September. These projects will be presented orally at the 2016 Tennessee State Pediatric Conference (the annual meeting of the TNAAP) with all expenses paid by TNAAP, and they will be featured in TNAAP publications.

**Audry Fenin, MD**’s quality improvement project is titled “Reducing Subcutaneous Insulin Medication Errors Through the Introduction of a Standardized Order Set”.

**Andrea Schweikert, MD**’s case report is titled “Suspected Acute Kidney Injury Following Ingestion of Toy Care Fuel”.

Please join us in congratulating their scholarly efforts!

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**Dr.’s Fenin, Niklinska & Peeler - TNAAP Publication**

Three Pediatrics resident projects were chosen for publication in the conference manual for the 2016 Tennessee State Pediatric Conference, the annual meeting of the Tennessee Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (TNAAP).

**Audrey Fenin, MD** – *Meckel’s Diverticulum Presenting as a Small Bowel Obstruction: A Case Report*

**Joanna Niklinska, MD** – *Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome - Parent Education & Guide for Babies at Risk*

**Elizabeth Peeler, DO** – *A Multidisciplinary Approach to Managing Asymmetric Anterior Spinal Artery Syndrome of Unknown Etiology in a Healthy 14 year old Female*

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**Dr.’s Doty, Fogleman & Katsuura - TOS Meeting**

Orthopaedic faculty Dr. Doty (J.) and residents Dr. Fogleman and Dr. Katsuura (Y.) presented the following research at the Tennessee Orthopaedic Society’s annual meeting in Nashville, TN in September 2016:

**Jesse Doty, MD** - “Acute Traumatic Jump Park Related Fractures and Dislocations” (Doty J, Voskuil R, Davis C, Gardner W, Kiner D, Nowotarski P)

**Jason Fogleman, MD** - “Primary Tibiototocalcaneal Arthrodesis for Combined Pilon, Talus, and Calcaneus Fractures Utilizing a Lateral Locking Plate and Fibular Strut Autograft” (Fogleman J, Doty J)

**Yoshi Katsuura, MD** - “A Novel Technique for Achilles Tendon Repair” (Katsuura Y, Richardson N, Doty J)

Please join us in celebrating their scholarly achievements!

**Dr.’s Cowart & Katsuura - SOA Meeting Presentations**

UTCOMC residents Dr. Cowart and Dr. Katsuura (Y.) gave the following presentations at the Southern Orthopaedic Association’s annual meeting in Naples, FL in July 2016:

**Justin Cowart, MD** - presentation of “Exparel Versus Bupivacaine Following Wrist Operations: Prospective, Randomized Control Trial” (Dale EL, Cowart SJ, Jemison DM, Kennedy JW, Brzezienski MA, Rehm J, Gao C)

**Yoshi Katsuura, MD** - selected for a Rapid Fire podium presentation of “Meta-Analysis of the Epidemiology of Thoracolumbar Trauma” (Katsuura Y, Cason GW, Osborn JM)

Please join us in celebrating their scholarly achievements!

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Dr. Day - Fall issue of ASPS Resident Magazine

Congratulations to second year Plastic Surgery resident Kristopher Day, MD who wrote an essay titled “Osler’s Ideals as a Model for Professionalism in Plastic Surgery” that was highlighted in the Fall Issue of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons’ Plastic Surgery Resident magazine. Dr. Day participated in submitting an essay to the ASPS Professionalism Task Force. Twenty-four essays were submitted, and Dr. Day’s was one of three runner-up essays to be highlighted. Dr. Day’s essay can be read at http://asps.imirus.com/Mpowered/book/vpsr16/i3/p1

Dr.’s Day & Steffen - PSTM Presentations

Dr.’s Day and Steffen from the department of Plastic Surgery presented during the Resident Abstract Session at Plastic Surgery The Meeting 2016, the annual meeting of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons on September 23-27, 2016 in Los Angeles, California.

Kristopher Day, MD presented “Hand Surgery Chief Resident Clinics Facilitate Progressive Surgical Autonomy and Continuity of Care.”

Caleb Steffen, MD presented “Same-Day Reconstruction of Mohs-Related Soft Tissue Defects, a Collaborative Approach.”

Plastic Surgery The Meeting is the premier educational and networking event of the year for both domestic and international plastic surgeons.
Internal Medicine Update (3rd annual)

The 3rd annual Internal Medicine Update was held on September 28 – October 1, 2016 at the Chattanoogan Hotel and offered 23.5 hours of CME/AMA credits.

Visit www.utcomchatt.org/imu in the coming months for more info about the 2017 meeting.

James Tumlin, MD gives the welcome address to kick-off the meeting.

Scott Gottlieb, MD gives the meeting-opening keynote “Physician Inducements for Quality Medical Care...”

Above: A panel consisting of Kevin Spiegel MBA, Steve Schwab MD, James Blumstein LLB, Mayor Andy Berke, and Scott Gottlieb MD fielded questions from Dr. Tumlin and the audience.

Dr. Mukta Panda gives Karen Sutberry flowers and a plaque for her contributions to the meeting.

James Tumlin, MD and Mukta Panda, MD (5th) with Emma Miller PA, Aliaksandr Trusau MD, medical student Vernisha Hearn, Ashish Verma MD, and Dinesh Poudyal MD.

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**eChart Update from Stephen Adams, MD**

The eCHART project continues to meet its milestones as the countdown to ambulatory go-live continues. We are about six months away from May 1st, when the ambulatory practice site will transition from their current systems to eCHART.

We appreciate the continued willingness of the Erlanger Health System medical staff to provide guidance to the eCHART team. Many of our peers are dedicating large amounts of time towards making sure that the right configuration decisions are being made. This is a necessary ingredient in any successful implementation.

Epic provides each client with a monthly project status rating, and ours continues to be in the “excellent” range (4.5/5). In order to assure ourselves that the project is on task, an outside auditing company will again review our system build, processes, and governance in the coming weeks. Our last audit during the summer was favorable, with no major deficiencies found.

The main emphasis of the project is now shifting from content creation and validation to testing. In the coming weeks all the discrete modules of eCHART will be tested individually, as well as all of our interfaces between eCHART and outside systems such as laboratories, pathology, and radiology. Once this testing is complete, we will begin integrated testing where the overall functionality of the system is validated from “end to end.”

Contact Stephen Adams MD, Chief Medical Informatics Officer at Erlanger and Professor of Family Medicine at UTCOMC, at stephen.adams@erlanger.org or other project leadership if you have questions about the project.

**New Orthopaedic Surgery Faculty - Doty, Sanders & Quigley**

The Department of Orthopaedic Surgery has added three new faculty members.

**Daniel Doty, MD** completed his residency here at UTCOM Chattanooga and a shoulder and elbow fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. Dr. Doty received his medical degree from UTHSC.

**Case Sanders, MD** also completed his residency at UTCOM in Chattanooga. He then completed an adult hip and knee reconstruction fellowship at Cleveland Clinic Florida in Weston. He is a graduate of Louisiana State University School of Medicine.

**Robert Quigley, MD** completed his residency at Loma Linda University. He is fellowship trained in pediatric orthopaedic surgery, coming from the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. Dr. Quigley received his medical degree at Loma Linda University School of Medicine.
Publications


Orthopaedic Surgery Grads Join Erlanger - Doty & Sanders

2 UTCOM Orthopaedic Surgery graduates are joining Erlanger:

Jesse Doty, MD  Case Sanders, MD

Both graduated from our Orthopaedic Surgery residency in 2015.

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Upcoming Opportunities to earn Continuing Education credits

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

Annual Conferences (one-time offerings)

**TCEP Annual Scientific Meeting**
February 27-28, 2016 • 13 CME/AMA Category 1 Credit(s)™ • The Chattanoogan Hotel
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**Alper Humanitarian Award Ceremony & Lecture (10th annual)**
March 31, 2017 • 1 CME/AMA Category 1 Credit(s)™ • Probasco Auditorium, Erlanger
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**Save the Date: Southern Surgeons Club Scientific Program**
May 1, 2017 • CME/AMA Category 1 Credit(s)™ will be provided • room TBD, (Erlanger Baroness Campus)
More Info to be provided in the coming weeks/months

**Family Medicine Update (32nd annual)**
June 14-17, 2017 • 25 CME/AMA Category 1 Credit(s)™ • Chattanooga Convention Center
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Featured Sessions from our Regularly-Scheduled Series

**Healthcare Principles in Practice** • Click Here for more info about these talks and the series
1 AMA Category 1 Credit™ • 12:00-1:00pm • Probasco Auditorium, Erlanger
December 13, 2016 • Clinical Research 2: Types of Studies • Gregory Heath, DHSc
February 14, 2017 • Clinical Research 3: Calculating Sample Sizes and Developing Hypotheses • Rehan Qayyum, MD
March 14, 2017 • Clinical Research 4: Organizing Research Data • Jenny Holcombe, PhD
April 11, 2017 • Clinical Research 5: Statistical Methods & Measurements • Culian Gao, PhD & Jenny Holcombe, PhD
May 9, 2017 • Clinical Research 6: Analytical Techniques and Statistical Tests • Rehan Qayyum, MD

**Internal Medicine Grand Rounds** • Click Here for more info about the series
1 AMA Category 1 Credit™ • 8:15-9:15am • Probasco Auditorium, Erlanger
December 8, 2016 • Lifestyle Modifications and Impact on Heart Health • Alison Bailey, MD
December 16, 2016 • Noon Presentation • Intersections of HIV and Nutrition • Douglas Heimburger, MD, MS
January 12, 2017 • The Scourge of COPD: A Population Health Perspective • Jigme Sethi, MD
January 26, 2017 • Exosomes, Atherosclerosis, and Immune Modulators Lecture • Michael Salama, MD
February 9, 2017 • Topic TBD • Asma Khan, MD
February 23, 2017 • Lung and Cancer Screening • Patrick Koo, MD

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**OB/GYN Faculty & Resident Development Series** • Click Here for more info about the series
1 AMA Category 1 Credit™ • Fridays 8-9am, 9-10am & 10-11am • Call (423) 778-7515 for meeting locations

- **December 9, 2016** • 8-9am • MIGS Series • Dr. Radtke
  9-10am • Gyn Chapter Review: Williams Chapter 16 • Mark Branch, MD
  10-11am • Gyn Series: Urinary Incontinence • Dr. Gist
- **December 16, 2016** • 8-9am • Gyn Oncology Chapter Review: Berek Hacker • Dr. Boren
  9-10am • Guest Lecturer: Drugs in Pregnancy/Lactation • Dr. Taslimi
  10-11am • Gyn Series: Contraception • Dr. Reeves

**Pediatric Grand Rounds** • Click here for more info about these talks and the series
1 AMA Category 1 Credit™ • Wednesdays, 8-9am • Massoud Bldg, conference room 140

- **December 7, 2016** • What’s New in Pediatric Diabetes? • Pamela Clark, MD
- **December 14, 2016** • Pediatric Hydrocephalus • Joseph Miller, MD
- **December 21, 2016** • Seizure Classification, Terminology & Common Epilepsy Syndromes of Childhood • Thomas Ireland, Jr, MD
- **December 28, 2016** • No Grand Rounds due to holiday break

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- Healthcare Principles in Practice (Dean’s Office series)
- Internal Medicine Grand Rounds
- OB/GYN Faculty & Resident Development Series
- Orthopaedic Surgery Grand Rounds
- Orthopaedic Surgery Journal Club
- Orthopaedic Surgery M&M Conference
- Surgery Critical Care Conference
- Surgery Grand Rounds
- Surgery Morbidity & Mortality Grand Rounds
- Urology Faculty & Resident Development Series
- Erlanger Tumor Board Conferences
- Erlanger Utilization Management Lunch & Learn
- Hutcheson Tumor Board Conferences
- Redmond Hospital Weekly Cardiology Series

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