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ACADEMIC YEAR
2012-2013
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Dear Colleagues and Friends:

I am pleased to provide you the Annual Report of the Department of Medicine at the University of Florida College of Medicine-Jacksonville for the academic year July 2012 through June 2013. I will briefly describe the departmental accomplishments for the past year.

**Patient care:** The Department was successful in increasing the revenues and limiting the operational costs which resulted in a budgetary surplus of $691,528. The clinical excellence of the faculty, coupled with continued improvements in clinical operations, lead to improvement in patient satisfaction scores in several of our clinical units.

**Education:** The Departmental faculty members continued to excel in educating students and residents. There were 14 faculty members in the Department who received the Exemplary Teacher Award. The scholarly productivity of the house staff was exceptionally good. Over 38% of research presentations on Research Day were made by Medicine house staff. The three year rolling average for Board pass rate in the core program is now 92%, significantly higher than the national average of 85%. The Department hosted 185 students from University of Florida. Of these 123 were MS3 and 30 were MS4 from the College of Medicine and 32 were physician assistant students. Continuing Medical Education (CME) initiatives were offered by all the Divisions within the Department.

**Research:** The Department had a productive year in research and scholarly output. There were a total of 114 peer reviewed publications and 13 book chapters and 16 monographs authored by faculty members. Faculty made 128 national and regional presentations. During the academic year 2013, there were 49 research studies with extramural funding.

Overall the Department has excelled in every aspect of the academic mission. I am proud to have the privilege of being the Chairman of such an exceptionally productive Department.

Sincerely,

Arshag D. Mooradian, M.D.
Professor and Chairman
Department Organizational Overview
Academic Year 2013 (7/12 - 7/13)

Arshag D. Mooradian, M.D.
Chairman, Department of Medicine

Linda R. Edwards, M.D.
Associate Chair, Department of Medicine

Jeffrey House, D.O.
Program Director, Internal Medicine Residency

Carlos Palacio, M.D., M.P.H.
Associate Program Director, Internal Medicine Residency and Director, Medical Student Clerkship

Nilmarie Guzman, M.D.
Associate Program Director, Internal Medicine Residency

Cristian Landa, M.D.
Associate Director, Medical Student Clerkship

Irene Alexandraki, M.D., M.P.H.
Director, Medical Student Clerkship

Michael Haas, Ph.D.
Director of Research

Donald Gilcrist, M.B.A.
Administrator

Nanci Morton
Administrative Manager

Division Chiefs

Cardiology
Theodore Bass, M.D.

Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism
Kent R. Wehmeier, M.D.

Gastroenterology
James Scolapio, M.D.

General Internal Medicine
Linda R. Edwards, M.D.

Hematology and Medical Oncology
Fauzia Rana, M.D.

Infectious Disease
Michael Sands, M.D., M.P.H. & T.M.

Nephrology and Hypertension
Charles Heilig, M.D.

Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine
Abubakr Bajwa, M.D.

Rheumatology and Clinical Immunology
Gurjit Kaeley, M.D.
RESIDENTS/ FELLOWS

Chief Residents
Emily Christman, M.D.
Ryan Wilson, M.D.

Housestaff I
Tracy Ashby, D.O.
Amit Babbar, M.D.
James Banks, M.D.
Sharika Brookins, M.D.
Bilkisu Gaye, M.D.
Saif Ibrahim, M.D.
Constance Katsafanas, D.O.
Haley Letter, M.D.
Robert Mannel, M.D.
Kaitlyn McCurdy, M.D.
Vinay Minocha, M.D.
Bashar Mourad, D.O.
Jesse Onyenekwe, M.D.
Kavita Pal, M.D.
Dhruv Panchal, M.D.
Dhruvkumar Patel, M.D.
Virin Ramoutar, M.D.
Khurram Tariq, M.D.
Sam Thomas, M.D.

Housestaff II
Ahmad Alkaddour, M.D.
Jason Bellardini, M.D.
Jason Hew, M.D.
Alexandra Joseph, M.D.
Aisha Khan, D.O.
Paul Maraj, M.D.
Christina Mathai, M.D.
Trevanne Matthews-Hew, M.D.
Garry McCulloch, M.D.
Ke Ning, M.D.
Avinash Ramdass, M.D.
Wesley Thompson, D.O.
Jean Touchan, M.D.
Kasey Treger, D.O.

Housestaff III
Candice Aurelus, M.D.
Ronald Brown II, M.D.
Matthew Clark, M.D.
Madhu Emani, M.D.
Stanley Giddings, M.D.
Vishal Jaikaransingh, M.D.
Priyanka Kapoor, M.D.
Jaisri Maharaj, M.D.
Sumit Narula, M.D.
Laurie Ramrattan, M.D.
Tanya Reimschissel, D.O.
Marwan Shaikh, M.D.
Estela Thano, D.O.

Medical School
Georgetown University School of Medicine
Ross University School of Medicine

Medical School
Debusk College of Osteopathic Medicine
St. George’s University School of Medicine
University of Cincinnati College of Medicine
Meharry Medical College
Ross University School of Medicine
Al-Nahrain University College of Medicine
Nova Southeastern College of Osteopathic Medicine
University of Florida College of Medicine
University of Sint Eustatius School of Medicine
Ross University School of Medicine
University of the West Indies School of Medicine, Trinidad & Tobago
Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine
Ross University School of Medicine
Ross University School of Medicine
Ross University School of Medicine
Ross University School of Medicine
University of the West Indies School of Medicine, Trinidad & Tobago
St. George’s University School of Medicine
St. George’s University School of Medicine

Medical School
Jordan University of Science and Technology
American University of Antigua College of Medicine
University of the West Indies School of Medicine, Jamaica
Ross University School of Medicine
Nova Southeastern College of Osteopathic Medicine
University of the West Indies School of Medicine, Trinidad & Tobago
St. George’s University School of Medicine
University of the West Indies School of Medicine, Jamaica
St. Matthews University School of Medicine
Ross University School of Medicine
University of the West Indies School of Medicine, Trinidad & Tobago
Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine-Midwestern
Aleppo University Faculty of Medicine
College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific

Medical School
Howard University College of Medicine
University of Louisville School of Medicine
St. Matthews University School of Medicine
Bangalore Medical College
University of the West Indies School of Medicine, Trinidad & Tobago
University of the West Indies School of Medicine, Trinidad & Tobago
Kasturba Medical College
University of the West Indies School of Medicine, Trinidad & Tobago
Kasturba Medical College
University of the West Indies School of Medicine, Trinidad & Tobago
Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine
University of Toledo College of Medicine
Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine
Subspecialty Fellowship Programs
Cardiac Electrophysiology
Cardiology
Endocrinology
Gastroenterology
Interventional Cardiology
Infectious Disease
Medical Oncology
Nephrology
Pulmonary Critical Care
Rheumatology

Subspecialty Fellow - Housestaff IV
Ramandeep Bambrah, M.D. - Oncology
Charles Bennin, M.D. - Cardiology
Zaid Brifikani, M.D. - Nephrology
Linda Engwenyu, M.D. - Cardiology
Jacinta Green, M.D. - Cardiology
Sujaiej Jalaj, M.D. - Gastroenterology
Priyanka Jalandhara, M.D. - Rheumatology
Wassim Jawad, M.D. - Cardiology
Ann Lee, M.D. - Gastroenterology
Salma Makhoul-Ahwach, M.D. - Endocrinology
Vinoo Ramsaran, M.D. - Pulmonary Critical Care
Hasan Riaz, M.D. - Nephrology
Amita Singh, M.D. - Pulmonary Critical Care
Kamaldeep Singh, D.O. - Cardiology
Melanie Thomas, M.D. - Endocrinology
Shobha Vootukuri, M.D. - Infectious Disease
Louise Zhou, M.D. - Oncology

Subspecialty Fellow - Housestaff V
Alian Aguila, M.D. - Cardiology
James Altman, M.D.- Cardiology
Hamid Bhatti, M.D. - Pulmonary Critical Care
Ankur Girdhar, M.D.- Pulmonary Critical Care
Line Kemeyou, M.D. - Cardiology
Hagop Kojanian, M.D. - Endocrinology
Bijo K. John, M.D. - Gastroenterology
Camille McGaw, M.D. - Gastroenterology
Raguveer Murthy, M.D. - Cardiology
Manish Relan, M.D. - Rheumatology
Muhammad Salahuddin, M.D. - Nephrology
Qurrat Shamim, M.D. - Nephrology
Anna Szafran-Swietlik, M.D. - Endocrinology
Shawn Tai, M.D. - Medical Oncology
Diane Vanhorne-Padilla, M.D. - Infectious Disease

Subspecialty Fellow - Housestaff VI
Michael Babcock, M.D. – Cardiology
Lacie Brenner, M.D. – Gastroenterology
Melvin Bullock, M.D. – Gastroenterology
Andrew Darlington, D.O. – Cardiology
Rachel Lee, M.D. – Cardiology
Jasip Matharu, M.D. – Pulmonary Critical Care
Ambar Patel, M.D. – Cardiology
Harendra Patel, M.D. – Cardiology
Tauseef Qureshi, M.D. – Pulmonary Critical Care
Vandana Seeram, M.D. – Pulmonary Critical Care

Medical School
Ross University School of Medicine
UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School
Ross University School of Medicine
Brown University School of Medicine
Rosalind Franklin University Chicago Medical School
SUNY at Downstate - Brooklyn College of Medicine
Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Medical College
St. George’s University School of Medicine
Ross University School of Medicine
Lebanese University Faculty of Medicine
University of the West Indies School of Medicine, Trinidad & Tobago
Nishtar Medical College
M.P. Shah Medical College
Nova Southeastern College of Osteopathic Medicine
Florida State University College of Medicine
JMJ Medical College
Ross University School of Medicine

Medical School
University of Miami School of Medicine
Medical University of South Carolina College of Medicine
King Edward Medical College, University of Punjab
All-India Institute of Medical Sciences
University of Texas Southwestern Medical School at Dallas
Aleppo University Faculty of Medicine
Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences
Howard University College of Medicine
University of South Florida College of Medicine
Armed Forces Medical College University of Pune
Ross University School of Medicine
Dow Medical College, University of Karachi
Medical University of Silesia
Ross University School of Medicine
Universidad De Mexico American Del Norte

Medical School
Wake Forest University School of Medicine
Medical College of Georgia
Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine
University of Hawaii John A Burns School of Medicine
St. George’s University School of Medicine
University of Florida College of Medicine
University of Alabama School of Medicine
St. George’s University School of Medicine
University of the West Indies School of Medicine, Trinidad & Tobago
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<td>Stephen Chen, D.O. – Interventional Cardiology</td>
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<td>University of Damascus Faculty of Medicine</td>
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Graduate Medical Education

Graduate Medical Education
Academic Year 2013 (7/12 - 6/13)

Highlights

The Internal Medicine Residency Program continued to grow and build upon its strong foundation during the 2013 academic year. Still enjoying full accreditation and robust cycle lengths, the training programs continued to focus on excellence in education, research, and clinical care. The program continues to focus on recruiting strong interns and then providing them with the mentorship to become successful in the future. This report will review some of the reasons for this past year’s success.

Internal Medicine Residency Program: Much of the perceived success of any residency training program is their board pass rate. The ABIM continues to monitor and report the three year rolling average of all programs in the country. This program is proud to report that the three year rolling average for its graduates is 93%, significantly higher than the national average of 85%. This is also higher than most internal medicine training programs within the state of Florida. This success is a testament to the hard work the trainees have put into board preparation as well as the teaching contributions from the faculty.

This past academic year was the first full year with our new associate program director, Nilmarie Guzman replacing Christina Bailey, who went to private group practice. As with previous years, the incoming intern class for 2012-13 had an average two digit USMLE step 1 score of 92. When combined with the step 1 scores of the second and third year classes, the average comes to 92, marking another impressive year in terms of USMLE scores. The graduating class of 2012 was successful in the fellowship match. Ten of our 14 graduates for this class have gone on to fellowships. Others have gone on to traditional medicine practices, hospital medicine, and one joined us as academic faculty. This was the first year in which the fellowship match schedule was moved back to the fall of the PGY 3 year. Therefore we know the results of the 2013 graduating class as well for this report. Seven residents from this class will go on to subspecialty training. Our chief residents, Drs. Christman and Wilson were successful in matching into their fellowships of choice, gastroenterology at the University of Oklahoma and cardiology at the University of Kentucky, respectively. The core program carried on its long tradition of having strong Chief Resident leadership. Drs. Christman and Wilson, both provided excellent leadership and teaching throughout the year. They were tireless workers and served as great mentors for our young trainees. The program was excited to have a new leader in the GME office this year. Dr. Nilmarie Guzman, a long time Key Clinical Faculty member, was promoted to the position of Associate Program Director. Dr. Guzman already has considerable experience in the ACGME, serving as Assistant Program Director for the Infectious Disease Fellowship and Core Faculty for the IM Residency. She has been a resident mentor for several years, participated in site visits and internal reviews, given countless conferences to our trainees, and worked on several clinical teaching services. Her appointment to the position of Associate Program Director was a natural advancement and the program is already reaping the benefits of her leadership.

The Department of Medicine was granted an impressive 14 Exemplary Teacher Awards including three core faculty, Drs. Nilmarie Guzman, Fauzia Rana, and Jeff House. The University’s Annual Research Day was another success for the training program. About 37% of platform and poster presentations of fellows and residents were made by the members of the Department. Of the platform presentations cardiology fellow Andrew Darlington was the first place prize winner and second year resident Garry McCulloch received the 5th place prize. Among the poster presentations GI fellow Camille McGaw was the second place prize winner and residents Estela Thano and Sumit Narula received the fourth and fifth place prizes respectively. The resident house staff have been active in regional and national meetings as well. Residents presented at several venues, including the Florida Chapter American College of Physicians Meetings, American College of Physicians Internal Medicine Update, American Federation for Medical Research Southern Regional Meeting, Southern Hospital Medicine Conference, CHEST Annual
Meeting, the Global Health and Humanitarian Summit, and the Annual Institute for Healthcare Improvement National Forum on Quality Improvement in Health Care and the American College of Gastroenterology Annual Meeting. Resident research accounted for 1 research grant, 5 published manuscripts, 9 published abstracts and 35 poster/oral presentations. In other areas of research, residents submitted abstracts to the Florida Chapter American College of Physicians Meetings, American College of Physicians Internal Medicine Update, American Federation for Medical Research Southern Regional Meeting, Southern Hospital Medicine Conference, CHEST Annual Meeting, the Global Health and Humanitarian Summit, and the Annual Institute for Healthcare Improvement National Forum on Quality Improvement in Health Care and the American College of Gastroenterology Annual Meeting. Resident research accounted for 1 research grant, 5 published manuscripts, 9 published abstracts and 35 poster/oral presentations.

Subspecialty Fellowship Programs: This past academic year marks the first year that all 10 fellowships were up to full complement. Rheumatology underwent their first site visit during the spring of this academic year. All fellowship training programs have had stable, strong directors and therefore have not had any major turnover in GME leadership. As with prior reports, individual acknowledgement of each fellowships’ accomplishments will be noted in each divisions’ report.

Student Education: There were changes in the clerkship director leadership for this past academic year. Dr. Alexandraki left the program for other pursuits; however her successor has done an admirable job filling her shoes. Dr. Cristian Landa, from the graduating class of 2012, joined the division of internal medicine as a new teaching faculty. His enthusiasm toward teaching made him a natural fit to lead the clerkship experience. With Dr. Palacio as Clerkship Director and Dr. Landa as Associate Clerkship Director the medical student experience has flourished and continues to be one of the most well received training experiences. Students continue to have rotations in inpatient and ambulatory settings, as well as some subspecialty experiences. Requests for elective rotations from students from other medical schools continue to grow, further evidence of the positive experience that students have had on our campus.

LISTING OF PROGRAM LEADERSHIP

Jeff House, D.O., Associate Professor and Program Director
Medical School / Graduation date Nova Southeastern University 1997
Rotating Internship Broward General Hospital 1998
Internship/residency and year University of Florida Jacksonville 2001

Carlos Palacio, M.D., Associate Professor, Associate Program Director and Student Clerkship Director
Medical School / Graduation date University of Miami 1993
Internship/residency and year University of Florida Jacksonville 1996
Chief Medical Resident University of Florida Jacksonville 1997

Nilmarie Guzman, M.D., Assistant Professor and Associate Program Director
Medical School / Graduation date Ponce School of Medicine 1996
Internship/residency and year Damas Hospital 1999
Subspecialty training and year Infectious Diseases/University of Florida Jacksonville 2006
PUBLICATIONS

Published manuscripts:


Published abstracts:


Jafri SH. Inhibition of endoplasmic reticulum stress by vitamin d in endothelial cells. J Invest Med. 2012;60(450):435


Presentations
McCollough G. Can coronary artery calcium scoring in non-gated chest computed tomography be used to rule out ischemia on myocardial perfusion imaging? Oral presentation at: UF College of Medicine Research Day; Jacksonville, FL. May 16, 2013. Fifth place winner.

Alkaddour A. An unusual case of cirrhosis. Poster presentation at: UF College of Medicine Research Day; Jacksonville, FL. May 16, 2013.


Bellardini J. Use of pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH) specific therapy in pulmonary hypertension (PH) secondary to obstructive sleep apnea. Poster presentation at: UF College of Medicine Research Day; Jacksonville, FL. May 16, 2013.


Joseph A. A rare case of invasive fungal sinusitis only seven cases reported since 1983. Poster presentation at: UF College of Medicine Research Day; Jacksonville, FL. May 16, 2013.

Khan A. Institution of a sustainable chart review process at an internal medicine residency program. Poster presentation at: UF College of Medicine Research Day; Jacksonville, FL. May 16, 2013.


Minocha V. Diffuse large b-cell lymphoma of the lung in a 63-year old man with left flank pain (a case report and literature review). Poster presentation at: UF College of Medicine Research Day; Jacksonville, FL. May 16, 2013.


Thompson W. Why African Americans are more predisposed to pancreatic cancer: nature versus nurture. Poster presentation at: UF College of Medicine Research Day; Jacksonville, FL. May 16, 2013.

Banks J. Global HEED: innovating solutions to the challenges of poverty. Poster presentation at: Global Health and Humanitarian Summit; Emory University Atlanta, GA. April 12-14, 2013.

Brookins S. Mixed Connective Tissue Disease, Rheumatoid Arthritis & Severe Mixed-type Autoimmune Hemolytic Anemia responding to Prednisone. Poster presentation at: Florida Chapter American College of Physicians, Orlando, FL. March 2013.


Ning K. Role of surgical resection in solitary adrenal gland metastases from Small Cell Lung Cancer may potentially increase survival – A case report. Oral presentation at: Florida Chapter American College of Physicians, Orlando, FL. March 2013.

Khan A. Institution of a sustainable chart review system at an Internal Medicine residency program. Oral presentation at: Florida Chapter American College of Physicians, Orlando, FL. March 2013.


Maraj P. An unusual case of dysphagia. Poster presentation at: Florida Chapter American College of Physicians, Palm Beach Gardens, FL. September 2012.
HONORS AND AWARDS

Amit Babbar, MD  
Vishal Jaikaransingh, MD  
Cristian Landa, MD  
Saif Ibrahim, MD  
Laurie Ramrattan, MD  
Ke Ning, MD

Intern of the Year  
Resident of the Year  
Teacher of the Year  
Best Conference Attendance  
Procedure Completion  
ACP Resident of the Year

Jean Touchan, MD; Paul Maraj, MD and Kaitlin McCurdy, MD competed for the American College of Physicians, Florida Chapter - Doctor's Dilemma™ State Team.

Abubakr Bajwa, MD; Dave Cury, MD; Linda Edwards, MD; Jeff House, DO; Leighton James, MD; Gurjit Kaeley, MD; Naeem Latif, MD; Alan Miller, MD; Dat Pham, MD; Fauzia Rana, MD; Pramod Reddy, MD; Michael Sands, MD; Adil Shujaat, MD and Robert Zaiden, MD have been awarded the faculty UF College of Medicine Exemplary Teachers Award.

Vishal Jaikaransingh, MD has been awarded the resident UF College of Medicine Exemplary Teachers Award.

Jeff House, DO is the recipient of the UF Gainesville Department of Medicine Honors Award for Excellence in Teaching Medical Students and the Louis S. Russo Award for Outstanding Professionalism in Medicine Award.

Cristian Landa, MD was the recipient of the UF College of Medicine Excellence in Student Education Award.

Ronald Brown II, MD was awarded the Malcolm T. Foster, Jr., MD Scholarship Award.

ENDOWMENTS AND GIFTS

The Anne and Max Michael, Jr. Education Fund, Established 2006, by Mrs. Anne Michael

CONTRACTS AND GRANTS

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# CLASS OF 2013 DESTINATIONS

**Chief Medical Residents**
Emily Christman, MD  
Ryan Wilson, MD

**Professional status**
Gastroenterology Fellowship  
Cardiology Fellowship

**Location**
University of Oklahoma  
University of Kentucky

**Preliminary Residents**
James Banks, MD  
Constance Katsafanas, DO  
Haley Letter, MD  
Robert Mannel, MD  
Dhruvkumar Patel, MD

**Professional status**
Radiology Residency  
Neurology Residency  
Radiology Residency  
Neurology Residency  
Radiology Residency

**Location**
University of Miami  
University of Florida Jacksonville  
Florida Hospital - Orlando  
University of Florida Jacksonville  
Memorial Univ., Savannah, GA

**Categorical Residents**
Candice Aurelus, MD  
Ronald Brown II, MD  
Matthew Clark, MD  
Madhu Emani, MD  
Stanley Giddings, MD  
Vishal Jaikaransingh, MD  
Priyanka Kapoor, MD  
Jaisri Maharaj, MD  
Sumit Narula, MD  
Laurie Ramrattan, MD  
Tanya Reimschissel, DO  
Marwan Shaikh, MD  
Estela Thano, DO

**Professional status**
Hospital Medicine  
Chief Medical Resident  
Chief Medical Resident  
Medical Oncology Fellowship  
Infectious Disease Fellowship  
Nephrology Fellowship  
Hospital Medicine  
Endocrinology Fellowship  
Nephrology Fellowship  
Rheumatology Fellowship  
IM Faculty  
Hospital Medicine  
Cardiology Fellowship

**Location**
Miami, FL  
University of Florida Jacksonville  
University of Florida Jacksonville  
University of Florida Jacksonville  
University of Utah  
University of Texas - Southwest  
Jacksonville, FL  
University of Utah  
University of Kentucky  
University of Florida Jacksonville  
University of Florida Jacksonville  
Jacksonville, FL  
University of Florida Jacksonville
The faculty in the Department of Medicine continue to obtain research awards and train future investigators; an important aspect of the University of Florida Jacksonville's mission. Trends in external funding for the past five years are shown in Figure 1. External funding from federal, state, industry and foundation sources decreased 43.6% this fiscal year compared to last. This correlated with a significant decrease in the number of funded investigators (from 23 investigators last fiscal year to 15 investigators this fiscal year) (Figure 2) and a decrease in the number funded projects (from 67 projects last fiscal year to 49 this fiscal year) (Figure 3).

Several faculty members in the Department of Medicine have basic/translational science projects in the Medical Research Building. Michael Haas, Ph.D. (Endocrinology) is investigating molecular mechanisms that regulate expression of genes involved in cholesterol transport and oxidative and endoplasmic reticulum stress. Charles Heilig, M.D. (Nephrology and Hypertension) is examining the regulation of glucose transporter 1 expression by mechano-growth factor. In appreciation of his excellent work, Dr. Heilig was also the recipient of the 2012 Robert C. Nuss Researcher/Scholar award. Cristian Landa, M.D. (General Internal Medicine) is investigating the potential protective effect of vitamin D on hepatitis C virus infection in hepatocytes. Leighton James, M.D. (Nephrology and Hypertension) is examining the roles of various growth factors in diabetic kidney disease.

Residents and sub-specialty fellows in the Department of Medicine have many opportunities select a mentor and participate in basic, translational, epidemiological, or clinical research. Several residents and fellows received Deans Fund Research Grant funding, enabling them to carryout research projects under the mentorship of faculty. This has increased the scholarly output of our trainees. At research day, over 37% of the presentations were from residents and sub-specialty fellows in the Department of Medicine. Andrew Darlington, M.D. and Garry McCulloch, M.D. placed first and fifth place, respectively, in the oral platform competition. Camille McGaw, M.D. won the second place prize for her poster presentation. Estela Thano, M.D. and Sumit Narula, M.D. received fourth and fifth place.
prizes for their poster presentations. These great outcomes are in part due to the desire and hard work of their faculty mentor. Michael Haas, Ph.D. has also worked with interns from the Florida State College of Jacksonville Biotechnology program and received a HealthCare Hero Award in Research from the Jacksonville Business Journal.
DIVISION OF CARDIOLOGY
ACADEMIC YEAR 2013 (7/12 - 6/13)

Highlights
Clinical program development remained robust including:
- Restructuring of the Lakeshore Practice and HMA partnership
- Development of the multidisciplinary valve program with resulting increases in valve surgery and expansion of services both long and short term for patients with cardiac valvular disease. This project is moving forward with development of TAVR percutaneous valve program
- Continued growth of high risk coronary intervention services using left ventricular assist device
- Met or surpassed preset hospital productivity targets

Patient Care:
Cardiology Goals for 2013 are as follows:
- Lake Shore Partnership phase 2
- Valve Program: enhancing services and meeting needs of surgical program
- Bring TAVR program on board
- Continue to build Emerson program
- Increase physician research productivity in sections currently less active
- Continue the support and growth of the Women’s program
- Dr. Ted Bass will continue to Chair ABIM Interventional Board writing committee. He has also assumed Presidency of our national organization Society of Cardiovascular Angiography and Intervention.

Education: Cardiovascular faculty have received one exemplary teaching award. All three fellowships remain competitive and are comfortably in mid review cycles. Our fellows and residents have received several research awards including Dean’s grants and 1st and 5th place finish on the oral presentations on Research Day. Our post doc research fellows have also received this recognition.

During this past year, the Cardiology fellows have updated and revised a teaching curriculum for the medical residents, physician assistant students, and Emergency Medicine residents when they rotate through the CCU. The readings and presentations are reviewed with the trainees and afterwards they are administered a pre-test and post-test after the completion of their rotation. The prior curriculum resulted in 10-15 point increase their scores on the post-test as compared to the pre-test.

Research: Our faculty continues to excel in research, scholarly production and participation in national and international scientific sessions. We have over 40 active clinical trials, many of which are locally investigator initiated. We have published over 40 peer-reviewed manuscripts, over 40 abstracts and presentations at local, national and international meetings and five book chapters. We currently hold leadership positions in most major CV societies and editorial positions in many major cardiovascular journals. We continue to receive consistently increasing extramural funding.

LISTING OF FACULTY MEMBERS

Dominick Angiolillo, M.D. Ph.D., Associate Professor
Medical School / Graduation date  The Catholic University of the Sacred Heart Medical School, Italy 1997
Internship/residency and year  The Catholic University of the Sacred Heart Medical School, Italy 1997
Subspecialty training and year  University Hospital of Salamanca, Spain/The Policlinico 1998
University Hospital of Salamanca, Spain/The Policlinico 2003
Agostino Gemelli University Hospital, Italy/San Carlos 2003
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<td>Theodore Bass, M.D.</td>
<td>Professor and Division Chief</td>
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Cardiology Division Chief: Theodore Bass, M.D.

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Medical School / Graduation date: University of Pittsburgh 1966
Internship/residency and year: Mount Sinai 1968
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Subspecialty training and year: Joslin Clinic 1979
Subspecialty training and year: Mass General Hospital 1981

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Internship/residency and year: University of Mississippi 1977
Subspecialty training and year: Cornell University Medical College 1974
Subspecialty training and year: Albert Einstein College of Medicine 1977

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Medical School / Graduation date: State University of New York Upstate Medical University 1970
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Subspecialty training and year: Cornell University Medical College 1974
Subspecialty training and year: Albert Einstein College of Medicine 1977

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Medical School / Graduation date: New York University School of Medicine 1992
Internship/residency and year: Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center 1995
Subspecialty training and year: Boston University/Mount Sinai Hospital 1998

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Internship/residency and year: John Hopkins Bayview Medical Center 1991
Subspecialty training and year: Cardiovascular Disease, Wake Forest University 1994
Subspecialty training and year: Cardiac Electrophysiology, Wake Forest University 2001

**Martin Zenni, M.D., Associate Professor**
Medical School / Graduation date: University of Chicago 1986
Internship/residency and year: Tufts University 1989
Subspecialty training and year: Harvard Medical School 1992

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Peer-reviewed manuscripts:**


O’Connor CM, Fiuzat M, Carson PE, Anand IS, Plehn JH, Gottlieb SS, Silver MA, Lindenfeld J, **Miller AB** et al: Combinatorial pharmacogenic interactions of bucindolol and beta 1, alpha 2c adrenergic receptor polymorphisms. 2012 PLOS ONE 7: (10); 1-9

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Highlights

The Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism had a year of sustained growth and development in all areas of the academic mission of the University of Florida. Clinically, major events included expansion of clinical services and clinical research. The endocrinology faculty initiated new in vitro investigations into hormonal action with new acquisitions in the laboratory. Academically, the division submitted multiple publications and contributed immensely to the University’s educational mission, many training programs at the University of Florida as well as non-university affiliated health care providers.

Patient care: The division provides inpatient and outpatient consultation to the University of Florida College of Medicine-Jacksonville providers and referring physicians in the Northeast Florida/Southern Georgia region and beyond at its sites at UF Health at the downtown Jacksonville campus and its flagship location on Emerson St. Dr. Joe Chehade, Dr. Arshag Mooradian, Dr. Mae Sheikh-Ali and Dr. Kent Wehmeier are the core clinical faculty. The division addresses clinical endocrinology problems related to hypothalamus, pituitary, thyroid, pancreas, adrenal and sex hormone gland dysfunction. Patients with metabolic disorders including diabetes mellitus, metabolic syndrome, obesity, anorexia, hypercholesterolemia, calcium and metabolic diseases such as osteoporosis and vitamin D deficiency are evaluated and treated as well. The division’s main clinical operations occur at University of Florida Endocrinology and Diabetes at Emerson Medical Plaza. The number and variety of consultations continue to rise. Patients are evaluated at the UF Health Ambulatory Care Center (ACC). Dr. Chehade, Dr. Sheikh-Ali and Dr. Wehmeier perform analyses of the glucose monitoring data, obtained by continuous glucose monitoring, to make recommendations regarding diabetes management. Diabetes care has broadened through the partnering of outpatient diabetes education with the Division of Endocrinology. Meredith Smith, MS, RD, LD provides onsite education at the UF Emerson location for diabetes management, carbohydrate counting and medical nutrition therapy (MNT.) Dr. Chehade and Dr. Sheikh-Ali both utilize ultrasound guidance for the evaluation of patients with thyroid nodules, and thyroid cancer to provide comprehensive care to patients with thyroid disease.

A unique collaboration with the University of Florida, College of Medicine-Jacksonville’s Department of Surgery, Radiology and Pathology, has enhanced the care of patients with thyroid and parathyroid disease. Through the discussion and implementation of diagnostic and treatment protocols, the care of these patients has been standardized to better evaluate outcomes and focus on patients with more challenging management issues. This collaboration is coordinated through Dr. Sheikh-Ali.

The dynamic testing clinic at UF Endocrinology and Diabetes at Emerson Medical Plaza has enhanced the evaluation of adrenal and pituitary disease.

On the inpatient service, many more patients are served by endocrinology consultation. The division also presented evaluation and management techniques in the areas of diabetes, thyroid disease and osteoporosis to UF Family Practice clinics to facilitate optimal care of patients with these conditions.

Education: The Endocrinology Fellowship continues to maintain its ACGME accreditation, under the direction of Dr. Kent Wehmeier and Assistant Program Director Dr. Mae Sheikh-Ali. Dr. Harshit Shah from Loma Linda and Dr. William Kurban, from Louisiana State University will join the division July 1st of 2013. All four fellows have made substantive contributions to the clinical care, education and research mission of the Division. Dr. Hagop Kojanian and Dr. Anna Swietlik have accepted positions in private practice in Boston, Massachusetts and Tampa, Florida, respectively. Dr. Salma Makhoul from the Henry
Ford Hospital in Detroit Michigan, and Dr. Melanie Thomas from Mayo Clinic Jacksonville, continue to make contributions and will continue their second year of instruction.

In residency education, Dr. Wehmeier continues as rotation director of relevant educational programs for Endocrinology. He is the primary liaison between the Core Residency Program and the Division, and is a member of the Resident Education Committee. The faculty members and fellows participate in teaching rounds in the clinic and in conferences, to enhance the experience of the rotating residents.

In the educational program of University of Florida, medical students and physician assistant students, Dr. Chehade, Dr. Sheikh-Ali and Dr. Wehmeier are in preceptor clinics in Endocrinology and coordinate lectures for the University of Florida medical students, residents in medicine, and emergency medicine. The division’s Endocrinology grand rounds provides an avenue for speakers at UFCOM-Jacksonville and Gainesville to share knowledge and enhance collaboration between various disciplines at UF. The faculty also delivered lectures internationally in the care of patients with diabetes mellitus.

**Research:** Strides have been made in making clinical research more attractive to industry and to potential subjects. Under the guidance of division members, the awards and numbers of subjects have continued to grow. Additional research staff has been added to grow the division’s efforts. The basic science research lab continues to be a place of learning and scholarly activity. Investigations regarding the effects of multiple hormones on the expression of the most important protein in the high density lipoprotein (HDL) particle, Apo AI, and the involvement of endoplasmic reticulum (ER) stress and oxidative stress in coronary artery disease continue to reveal critical insights. The division made a strong showing at the University of Florida College of Medicine Jacksonville Research Day, with five posters; one poster received a third place award and a platform presentation garnered a fourth place award in the judging. All four fellows had poster presentations displaying their research at national meetings including the American Association of Clinical Endocrinology and the Endocrine Society. Four investigator-initiated clinical trials are also in the process of studying topics in thyroid disease and macronutrient metabolism.

**Philanthropy:** The division members have been the recipients of many gifts. In the spirit of giving back the members have contributed of their time, effort and resources to the underserved and to children in Jacksonville, as well as overseas.

**LISTING OF FACULTY MEMBERS**

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Abstracts and presentations:


Research grants:


Haas MJ Co-Investigator. Investigation into the insulinotropic properties of black seed (Nigella sativa) in hepatocytes. DFRA-Dean's Fund Research Award for Residents and Fellows, 2013.


Mooradian AD American Heart Association “Role of novel Na+/H+ antiporters in essential hypertension” 07/01/2010-06/30/2014; (Role: CO-PI); Xiang M (PI).

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Mooradian AD NIH RO1DK091710 "Mechanism of diet induced leptin resistance in ARC and VTA" 6/2012-5/2017; (Role Consultant); Dr. Philip Scarpace (PI).

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Highlights

The Division of Gastroenterology had an outstanding 2012-2013 fiscal year. Clinically, the Division has significantly reduced patient wait list times with patients now being able to be seen the same day at both campuses. Patient satisfaction surveys have improved at all campuses with the most significant improvement noted at the Emerson and Medical Partners practice. A direct referral system with a one phone number calling system has been implemented for endoscopic procedures including screening colonoscopy. Kimmie Holcomb has been appointed as our new GI office manager and is doing a wonderful job. Patients are now being accommodated for their procedures the same week as well as open access screening colonoscopy when requested. A direct referral system for primary care physicians has now been in place for several months and has been very successful thus far. The IBD and Hepatology clinics have been reorganized to optimize patient care and enhance the trainees’ education. The fellowship curriculum has been restructured to provide competency based training and progression of a fellow’s responsibility based on mastery of the competencies. The fellowship program was fortunate to recruit its top 2 candidates during this year’s match and looks forward to another successful year. Our fellows have received multiple awards including the outstanding research award at UF Research Day. Each key faculty member of the division has active roles and important responsibilities. Dr. James Scolapio serves as Chief and Program Director, Dr. Juan Munoz is Director of Endoscopy, Dr. Xiaoyu Li is Director of Hepatology and Research, Dr. Paul Sievert is the GI champion for quality improvement projects and Dr. Robert Bass is Director of Practice Management.

Patient Care: The patient care aspect of our academic mission is pursued at the following locations: inpatient consult service at the Shands Hospital; inpatient and outpatient GI services at Baptist Beaches; inpatient and outpatient GI services at Southside and St. Vincent’s Hospital; two weekly IBD and Hepatology Clinics at both the 8th Street and Emerson campus; endoscopy services at both the Shands GI Lab and Medical Partners Emerson campus; general GI clinics at both the 8th Street and Emerson campuses. In addition to routine endoscopic procedures, the following procedures are provided for our patients: high resolution esophageal manometry, BRAVO pH testing, capsule endoscopy, single balloon enteroscopy, infusion therapy with biologics for IBD patients and treatment and counseling for patients with viral hepatitis. Our goal going forward is to continue to improve patient access and overall quality of care and patient safety. Specific attention will focus on reduced patient wait times and improved systems to increase patient flow.

Education: Our five (ACGME listed) key faculty members of the division include Dr. Eid, Dr. Li, Dr. Munoz, Dr. Scolapio and Dr. Sievert. The division has a total of six fellows, two per year. We have been successful to report a 100% first time pass rate on the GI boards by all fellows over the past 10 years. We have also consistently matched our top candidates. All fellows have participated and completed quality improvement and research projects. Many of our fellows have been selected for research awards and presented their research at both state and national meetings. Education rooms at both 8th Street and Emerson have also been created with teleconferencing capability to enhance our fellows training. Our goal going forward will focus on competency based training with progression of a fellow’s clinical responsibility based on mastering of specific core competencies or milestones. Specific attention will also focus on the core competency of professionalism.

Research: Divisional research activities include basic and clinical studies on a variety of Gastroenterology disease states. We have a basic molecular genetics lab lead by Dr. Xiaoyu Li, Director of GI Research and Hepatology. His research has been focused on interactions of host innate immunity and hepatitis C virus. Two new genes involved in interferon therapy and HCV replication were identified in his laboratory. His work was presented at regional, national and international conferences and
published in high-quality peer-reviewed journals. Dr. Li was invited to give speeches at international conferences and other universities. Other faculty members have published papers on a wide range of topics including Barrett’s esophagus, IBD, liver diseases, pancreas diseases, and nutrition. Our goal going forward is to increase the number and quality of extramurally funded studies. Specific attention will focus on mentoring our GI fellows on prospective hypothesis driven clinical studies.

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<td>Emely Eid M.D.</td>
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<td>American University of Beirut, Beirut, Lebanon</td>
<td>Indiana University , Indianapolis, IN</td>
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<td>Harbin Medical University, China</td>
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PUBLICATIONS


Presentations:


Li X. Therapeutic strategy for chronic HCV patients. Oral presentation at: College of Pharmacology. Harbin Medical University, Harbin, China. Dec 2012.


Book Chapters and Monographs:


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| Shands Jacksonville Outpatient Procedures (IDX) | 4710 |
| Baptist Beaches Outpatient Procedures (IDX) | 570 |
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DIVISION OF GENERAL INTERNAL MEDICINE
ACADEMIC YEAR 2013 (7/12 - 6/13)

 Highlights

The division continues a robust inpatient and outpatient practice and is an integral part of the educational experience for the Internal Medicine residency.

Patient Care: The Division of General Internal Medicine is comprised of 13 members, including the two chief medical residents. All full time faculty are certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine. The clinical care provided by members of the division include the provision of inpatient care as the attendings for the four inpatient teaching services, outpatient care at three locations: the Ambulatory Care Center at Shands Jacksonville, the Faculty Clinic and the UF Internal Medicine Clinic at Emerson, an inpatient Internal Medicine consultation service and medical evaluation of patients admitted to the Psychiatry service. The division has a busy outpatient practice and based on patient satisfaction, the physicians in the group are considered excellent clinicians. In addition to the excellent physicians in the group, the outpatient primary care practices hold NCQA Level I certification as a Patient Centered Medical Home and plan to pursue Level 3 certification in the coming year. JaxHATS (Jacksonville Health and Transition Services) clinics held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings continue to serve as a model primary care home for emerging adults with chronic illness and special healthcare needs. Dr. Linda Edwards, in conjunction with Dr. David Wood, a general pediatrician, established this clinic for adolescents and young adults who are transitioning from their pediatricians to adult providers in 2005. In addition to the JaxHATS clinics, a new clinic for adults with intellectual and developmental disability, PAIDD (Program for Adults with intellectual and Developmental Disability) has been started by Dr. Edwards. The clinic and care coordination of these patients is supported by a grant from the Riverside Foundation. Our geriatrician, Dr. Hsiao-Yen Kuo, has developed a growing geriatric outpatient practice, seeing patients at the Faculty Clinic and our Emerson site and continues to provide care to patients admitted to one of our local nursing homes.

Education: The division provides faculty supervision of residents on the four general internal medicine inpatient teaching services, the inpatient medicine consultation service and geriatrics as well as faculty supervision and mentoring of all categorical medicine residents in their outpatient continuity practice and urgent care clinics.

Dr. Jeff House serves as Program Director for the Internal Medicine residency program and Dr. Palacio is one of the Associate Program Directors for the training program. He is focusing his efforts in the ambulatory care arena and quality improvement initiatives with the residents in their outpatient practice. Dr. Landa serves as the Clerkship Director for medical students from Gainesville who rotate on the Internal Medicine service (inpatient and outpatient). Drs. Landa, Reddy and Palacio served as core faculty for the residency training program in Internal Medicine and are members of the Clinical Competency Committee (previously the Resident Education Committee).

Drs. Masri and Sottile serve as peer reviewers for the University of Florida College of Medicine-Jacksonville faculty development program. Dr. Sottile also serves as a facilitator and is the co-developer of the “Teaching Residents to Teach”-a 6-8 hour intradepartmental seminar offered each year at the University of Florida College of Medicine-Jacksonville to residents and subspecialty residents.

All members of the division participate in morning report and have presented at the noon conference core curriculum series held daily, as well as the Friday afternoon ambulatory didactic sessions and Board review.

The division serves as an integral part of the education program for 3rd and 4th year medical students from the University of Florida. Members of the division serve as preceptors for students in both the...
inpatient setting as well as in the outpatient practice. Student evaluations of their experience are excellent and are reflected in the number of exemplary teacher awards given to faculty within the division.

**Quality:** Dr. Jeff House coordinates monthly M&M/QA for the training program. He serves as the Chair of the Medical Performance Improvement Committee (MPIC) and reports to the Performance Improvement Committee—the institutional body that oversees quality and safety for the Shands Jacksonville campus. The Division of GIM continues to participate and exceed CMS expectations for PQRS documentation in diabetes care (measurement of A1c, LDL and BP). The division is working with the hospital quality team to review and assess our readmission rates, timeliness of discharges as well as identify opportunities to continue to improve our patient satisfaction. In addition to these opportunities for improvement, there is an initiative underway to evaluate early and accurate diagnosis of sepsis in order to initiate appropriate treatment and reduce mortality. Dr. Palacio is coordinating a number of quality improvement projects with the residents to look at access, show rates and whether preventive care and screening guidelines are being met.

**Research:** Research in the division varies among the faculty. Many of the faculty have mentored residents in their research projects and have assisted them in submitting and being awarded grants from the Dean’s Fund for Research. The division continues to be productive as demonstrated by the publications list below.

**Future Directions:** Development of registries through EPIC and Allscripts will assist the division in meeting the needs of our patients and allow us to provide better care to them. As growth in the outpatient setting occurs, methods to ensure that quality care is rendered are critical. We also plan to expand the nursing home network of our division to serve as a training ground for our residents and students as well as facilitate the care of our patients.

The division will have the opportunity to develop performance improvement initiatives that will lead to improved patient care and safety and result in the preparation of scholarly works. Faculty and resident involvement in these initiatives will be critical.

**LISTING OF FACULTY MEMBERS**

**Lori A. Bilello, Ph.D., M.B.A., M.H.S., Assistant Professor, Associate Director, CHEQR**
PhD Health Services Research University of Florida 2012
Master of Business Administration University of Florida 1998

**Linda Edwards, M.D., Associate Professor, Associate Chairman and Division Chief**
Medical School / Graduation date East Carolina University 1981
Internship/residency and year Jacksonville Health Education Programs 1985

**Malcolm Foster, M.D., Adjunct Professor**
Medical School / Graduation date Bowman Gray School of Medicine 1963
Internship/residency and year University of Florida, Gainesville 1966
Subspecialty training and year University of Florida, Gainesville (Infectious Disease) 1967
### Alan Halperin, M.D., Professor
- **Medical School / Graduation date**: University of Kansas 1971
- **Internship/residency and year**: University of Wisconsin 1974

### Jeffrey House, D.O., Associate Professor
- **Medical School / Graduation date**: Nova Southeastern College of Osteopathic Medicine 1997
- **Internship/residency and year**: University of Florida – Jacksonville 2001

### Syed Hammad Jafri, M.D., Assistant Professor
- **Medical School / Graduation date**: University of Karachi 2005
- **Internship/residency and year**: University of Florida – Jacksonville 2011

### Hsiao-Yen Kuo, M.D., Assistant Professor
- **Medical School/Graduation date**: Institute of Medicine II, Myanmar 1999
- **Internship and year**: Wyckoff Heights Medical Center 2007
- **Residency and year**: Unity St. Mary’s Campus 2009
- **Subspecialty training and year**: University of Florida (Geriatrics) 2010

### Cristian Landa, M.D., Assistant Professor
- **Medical School / Graduation date**: Ross University 2009
- **Internship/residency and year**: University of Florida – Jacksonville 2011

### Ghania Masri, M.D., Assistant Professor
- **Medical School / Graduation date**: Damascus University, Syria 1989
- **Internship and year**: Cleveland Clinic Foundation 1992
- **Residency and year**: Case Western Reserve University 1994

### Carlos Palacio, M.D., M.P.H., Associate Professor
- **Medical School / Graduation date**: University of Miami 1993
- **Internship/residency and year**: University of Florida, Jacksonville 1997
- **Post-graduate training and year**: University of North Florida 2007 (MPH, Master of Public Health)

### Pramod Reddy, M.D., Assistant Professor
- **Medical School / Graduation date**: Sri Dev Raj Urs Medical College, India 1992
- **Internship/residency and year**: Stony Brook University Hospital 2000
**PUBLICATIONS**

**Book Editor:**

**Monographs:**


**Publications:**


Abstracts/ Presentations:


Khan, A, Palacio C, Guzman N, House J. Institution of a sustainable chart review process at an Internal Medicine Residency Program (Poster Presentation) University of Florida College of Medicine-Jacksonville Research Day May 16, 2013.

Khan A, Palacio C, Guzman N, House J. Institution of a sustainable chart review process at an Internal Medicine Residency Program, Advances in Medical Education 2013, April 11, 2013.

Edwards L. Assessing behavior change in adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities, University of Florida College of Medicine-Jacksonville, Department of Neurology Grand Rounds, March 27, 2013.


Sottile, E Lecturer/Facilitator: Clinical Teaching; Stanford Faculty Development Course, University of South Florida Graduate Medical Education Office, Tampa, Florida, Feb 11-12, 2013.

Journal Reviewer/ Editor:


HONORS AND AWARDS

Linda Edwards, M.D. Hanson Professorship of Medicine University of Florida Exemplary Teacher Award 2013

Malcolm Foster, M.D. Board of Directors, ACP Foundation, Vice-Chairman

Alan Halperin, M.D. Chair, Institutional Review Board, UF & SJMC

Jeff House, D.O. University of Florida Exemplary Teacher Award 2013

Cristian Landa, M.D. Department of Medicine Attending of the Year 2013 University of Florida Student Teaching Award 2013

Pramod Reddy, M.D. University of Florida Exemplary Teacher Award 2013
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Division of Hematology and Medical Oncology
Academic Year 2013 (7/12 – 6/13)

Highlights

The Division of Hematology and Medical Oncology continued its clinical and academic mission of the University of Florida. The division consists of three board certified medical oncologists and one dual boarded in Medical Oncology and Hematology. The division provides inpatient clinical consultation in hematology and medical oncology and maintains an ACGME accredited Oncology fellowship training program. The division actively participates in training internal medicine residents, medical students, pharmacy and nursing in inpatient and outpatient settings.

Dr. Rana appeared on the local News 4 Jax Channel 4 educating viewers on breast cancer and participated in Dr. Shahla Masood’s public forum on “What Everyone Should Know about Breast Health”. Dr. Rana was invited to participate in the Breast Cancer Campaign Lunch and Learn at AHCA Florida (Agency for Healthcare Administration) and has joined the Community Hospice Advisory Board as a member. Dr. Naeem Latif spoke on breast cancer at the Women’s Conference, Sheraton Hotel in Jacksonville and continues to provide community service to poor and uninsured patients at the Islamic Center, We Care Clinic in Jacksonville, FL. Dr. Robert Zaiden participated in the prostate screening and education event in partnership with the AUA (American Urological Association) and NFL’s “KNOW YOUR STATS” campaign on campus at the University of Florida College of Medicine-Jacksonville. Invited speaker, James Tumlin, M.D., Professor of Medicine at University of Tennessee presented on TTP/Hus Syndrome Treatment & Diagnosis to the Medical Oncology Faculty and Fellows. The Oncology division continues to host the Oncology Pharma Expo quarterly. This program has been very successful in boosting faculty and staff moral and building better relationships with industry without disruption in clinical activity.

Each member of the division has a strong role in division activities. Dr. Rana, Division Chief and Assistant Fellowship Program Director, continues to provide care and leadership as Director of the Sickle Cell Program. She serves as an important component in the Multidisciplinary Breast Program and is an active member of Cancer Committee. Dr. Dat Pham is the Fellowship Program Director and works closely with the education of the fellows. Dr. Pham continues his efforts in the Multidisciplinary Thoracic Oncology Program. Dr. Zaiden developed the Multispecialty GI Cancer Program and is working very closely with Proton Therapy Institute and the Department of Surgery. Dr. Latif continues the Head and Neck Multidisciplinary program with ENT and Radiation Oncology and is Compliance Leader for the Department of Medicine.

Patient care: Patient care is provided at UF Health, UF College of Medicine-Jacksonville campus, CB McIntosh Center and Emerson Medical Plaza. Our faculty members of the division include Dr. Fauzia Rana, Dr. Dat Pham, Dr. Robert Zaiden and Dr. Naeem Latif. The division continues to work closely with Radiation Oncology, Surgical Oncology and central administration of the UF College of Medicine-Jacksonville, providing multimodality care for oncology patients. All faculty members work closely with the Proton Therapy Institute in collaboration of patient care. Our goal is to improve patient access and overall quality of care.

Education: In 2009, after a successful ACGME site visit, our Medical Oncology Fellowship Program received 5 year accreditation. The Medical Oncology Fellowship, under the direction of Program Director Dr. Dat Pham, has remained strong and has 100% match rate, with one position filled for July 2013.

Our division works closely with the GME office at UFCOM-J, playing an active role in the educational core lecture series including Grand Rounds and Hematology/Oncology Didactic Lecture Series. The physicians provide mentoring and teaching to the residents interested in our specialty. Faculty supervises medical
Hematology and Medical Oncology fellows in their outpatient continuity clinics and provides supervision during all bone marrow procedures.

The division continues to support the Internal Medicine Residency Program through facilitation of Night Float Rotation, Medicine Resident’s Noon Conference and Grand Rounds. The division offers a consult experience in hematology and oncology to residents at all training levels. Fellows have opportunities to contribute at weekly didactic lecture series. Our monthly Journal Club generates discussion on various topics and keeps us up to date on the latest advances in hematology and oncology. Fellows have submitted peer review manuscripts, several of which were accepted for publication. Dr. Rana serves as a key clinical faculty for Internal Medicine and is a member of the Resident Education Committee. Our quarterly Pharma Fair has been successful this year, which provides additional educational materials and latest cancer treatment guidelines.

This is the first year that all faculty members from our division were chosen to receive the 2013 University of Florida College of Medicine’s Exemplary Teachers Award. This award is given in recognition of outstanding teaching contributions of individual faculty member. Through Baptist Medical Center rotation, our fellows have also been gaining valuable clinical experiences from Dr. Troy Guthrie, a seasoned mentor who loves to teach.

Research: The Division of Hematology/Oncology is currently conducting seven clinical trials. We are planning to start five new trials in the near future. We are currently collaborating with Mayo and will partner in the future on additional trials. We have been grandfathered into the ALLIANCE cooperate group, as an affiliate site, which merged ACOSOG, CALGB, and NCCTG. In addition, we will be a co-applicant for a grant program that provides scientists with leading-edge products and services to advance genomics research, breast and prostate cancer. We will be partnering with Dr. Patrick Allen from Annai Systems, JPL Innovations, and BBRM (Black Biomedical Research Movement) on this grant.

All of the Medical Oncology Fellows had an abstract accepted for poster presentation during the University of Florida College of Medicine-Jacksonville Research Day 2013. Dr. Rana was involved in The Palliative Liaison Pilot Study (PAL-II) to improve patients’ quality of life and collaboration with Mayo clinic. This clinical trial was a monumental success which led to the acceptance of poster presentation at The Fifth AACR Conference on The Science of Cancer Health Disparities in Racial/Ethnic Minorities and the Medically Underserved in San Diego, California.

Scholarly activity this past academic year has included three abstracts presented at UF Research Day, five published monographs and six journal articles published in peer reviewed journals.

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HONORS AND AWARDS

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DIVISION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES  
ACADEMIC YEAR 2013 (7/12 - 6/13)

Highlights

The Division of Infectious Diseases continued its clinical and academic missions during this past year. The division is comprised of four university-based infectious diseases consultants, all of whom are dually boarded in internal medicine and infectious diseases; one nurse research coordinator and one travel medicine nurse. An additional 10 community-based boarded infectious diseases physicians and a doctoral level microbiologist are actively involved in various aspects of the fellowship training program.

The division provides hospital infection control direction and inpatient clinical consultation in infectious diseases at the ShandsJacksonville, outpatient travel and tropical medicine services, outpatient infectious diseases consultation and clinical infectious diseases research. The division maintains an ACGME accredited Infectious Diseases fellowship training program and actively participates in the training of internal medicine residents and medical students in inpatient and outpatient infectious diseases. The division has a contract with the Duval County Health Department (DCHD) to provide consultation and clinical care to the counties’ HIV/AIDS patients in DCHD specialty clinics.

Members of the division also assume administrative and teaching roles in the ID division and IM activities. Dr. Michael Sands is the university ID Division Chief and ID Division Fellowship Program Director. Dr. Nilmarie Guzman is the Chair of Hospital Infection Control for ShandsJacksonville, the ID Fellowship Associate Program Director and Associate Program Director for the Core Internal Medicine Residency. Dr. Diana Mercado oversees fellow’s research initiatives and is actively involved in Internal Medicine resident teaching and impaired adolescents clinics. Dr. Ivan Guerrero brings years of private ID consultation experience to his fellowship teaching.

Patient care:

University ID Division inpatient and hospital based activity: The division provides full time inpatient infectious diseases consultation throughout the ShandsJacksonville hospital system. During the 2012-2013 academic year, the division performed over 596 inpatient infectious diseases consultations with subsequent follow-up at Shands Hospital.

Outpatient services: The division offers outpatient ID consultation by referral at the Emerson and the Ambulatory Care Clinic (ACC) subspecialty clinics. During the 2012-2013 academic year there were over 678 outpatient ID consultative visits.

Travel medicine services are provided three times per week for overseas travelers at the Faculty Clinic. Over 500 travel patients were seen during the academic year.

Under contract with the DCHD, the division provided clinical care and the availability of NIH funded research participation opportunities for the HIV/AIDS seen at the DCHD specialty clinics. During the 2012-2013 academic year, ID division physicians delivered or oversaw the care for over 1,600 HIV/AIDS patients visits at DCHD specialty clinics.

Education:

Grand Rounds: The division actively participates both presenting at Medical Grand Rounds and as regular attendees. This academic year faculty gave presentations at four Grand Rounds and two topical lecture at the Internal Medicine Annual Update.

Fellowship Training: The division maintains an ACGME accredited fellowship in infectious diseases with one fellow for each of the year clinical fellowship years. The fellowship program had an accreditation inspection during this past academic year and has been re-accredited on a five year cycle. The
fellowship training is unique in offering two months of clinical microbiology, dedicated research time, two months of training in solid organ transplantation ID at the Mayo Clinic, one month training in Pediatric Infectious Diseases at Wolfson Children’s’ Hospital and one month as a junior ID faculty consultant in the Shands MICU, in addition to 15 months experience as the consultant and teaching fellow on the general ID in-patient consult service at Shands.

Our infectious diseases fellows continue distinguishing themselves through maintaining a 100% ID boards pass rate and achieving successful employment as full time infectious diseases consultants in a variety of metropolitan areas including San Francisco, Atlanta, Tampa and here in Jacksonville.

**Resident Training:** Faculty provided noon ID core curriculum conferences for the residents; ID consultation teaching rounds; outpatient HIV/AIDS continuity clinics; and resident ID board review sessions.

**Medical Student Education:** Dr. Guzman presented the HIV/AIDS core content conference for UF medical students by teleconference with UF Gainesville. Medical students rotate on the infectious diseases consultative service and the outpatient ID clinics at both the ACC and Emerson campuses.

**ID Division Conference Schedule:** The division maintained a full conferencing schedule with topics including: core infectious diseases topics, regularly scheduled case conferences; ID board reviews; monthly journal club; HIV topical reviews; monthly TB cases and topical reviews; monthly research conferences; travel and tropical medicine conferences; transplantation ID conferences; and monthly Med/Peds ID joint conferences.

**Cooperative extramural resident and fellows’ training:** As part of their curricula, Mayo Clinic ID fellows, UF Intensivist fellows, UF Pediatric ID fellows and UF Podiatric-Orthopedic residents rotated on the UF ID inpatient consultative service and in the HIV outpatient clinics.

**Research:** Dr. Sands is the principal investigator on two NIH sponsored research grants through the INSITE network; an observational study of pandemic influenza H1N1 complications and the START study (Strategic timing of anti-retroviral therapy study) to define the appropriate time to initiate antiviral therapy for HIV infected patients.

Scholarly activity this past academic year has included: four abstracts presented at UF Research Day, five published ID monographs and seven journal articles published in peer reviewed journals.

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**Mayo Clinic - Transplantation ID**
- Walter Hellinger, M.D.
- Julio Mendez, M.D.
- Salvatore Alvarez, M.D.
- Lisa Brumbacker, M.D.
- Wendy Bosch, M.D.

**Wolfson Children's Hospital - Pediatric ID**
- Ana Alvarez, M.D.
- Nizar Maraqa, MD
- Ayeshia Mirza, MD

**Duval County Health Department - Communicable Diseases Clinics**
- Wilfredo Sanchez, M.D.
- Jeffrey Lauer, M.D.

**Microbiology Laboratories**
- Yvette McCarter, Ph.D.
- Sharon Crowe, B.S., M.S.

**PUBLICATIONS**


Achhra AC, Amin J, Sabin C, Chu H, Dunn D, Kuller LH and the INSIGHT ESPRIT and SMART Study groups including Sands M. Reclassification of risk of death with the knowledge of D dimer in a cohort of treated HIV infected individuals. AIDS 2012;26:1707-17. PMID 22614887


Monographs:

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DIVISION OF NEPHROLOGY AND HYPERTENSION
ACADEMIC YEAR 2013 (7/12-6/13)

Highlights

In the 2012 – 2013 academic year, the Division of Nephrology and Hypertension continued to make headway in meeting the goals of the academic mission.

In patient care, the offsite dialysis venture with DCI at the Gateway Unit has continued to expand the hemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis patient populations and services at that site. In education, the Nephrology fellowship continued to thrive and Dr. Andreea Poenariu took over as Assistant Program Director. She is also the Assistant Director and Coordinator for the Nephrology Research Laboratories. Dr. Leighton James continued to direct the fellows’ Renal Physiology Course. The joint Renal Pathology conference with Mayo Clinic Jacksonville continued as a successful and important piece of the educational program. In addition, our annual Update in Nephrology & Hypertension CME symposium was once again a success in 2013, with grant support from Dialysis Clinics Inc. and visiting professors from the University of Miami VAMC and Georgia Regents University.

The Division recently welcomed new members Melissa Goalen, ARNP and Travis Long, PAC who are involved in outpatient dialysis patient care and nephrology clinics.

Dr. James presented his growth factor research work on diabetic nephropathy at the American Society of Nephrology meeting. Dr. Ashwani Gupta, with a clinical research interest in dialysis, has developed roles in three clinical dialysis research trials, i.e. two national trials and one local trial, with topics including membranous glomerulonephritis, Cytopherx treatment to improve outcomes from sepsis, and modeling of anemia management in hemodialysis patients. The laboratory of Dr. Charles Heilig continued with funded basic research studies into the pathogenesis of diabetic and nondiabetic glomerulosclerosis in mice, with a focus on the role of Mechano-Growth Factor (MGF). Dr. Yongxin Gao recently joined the Nephrology Division as an Assistant Scientist in the Nephrology Research Laboratories, from her position in the Dept. of Pharmacology at the University of Florida.

Fellows and faculty attended and participated in meetings of the American Society of Nephrology, the American Federation for Medical Research, the National Kidney Foundation, a national Home Dialysis Educational Seminar, the Update in Nephrology & Hypertension 2013 symposium and the UFCOM-J Research Day symposium.

Patient care: The Division of Nephrology provides physician services and the medical director for two outpatient dialysis units, and provides services to the inpatient Shands Jacksonville acute hemodialysis unit. The newer Gateway Dialysis Unit in Jacksonville continues to grow with both hemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis services at that site. The Gateway Dialysis Unit has 24 hemodialysis chairs and more than 70 patients. The total chronic dialysis population cared for by UFCOM-J Nephrologists has reached approximately 300 patients and continues to grow. Dr. James and Dr. Gupta, both recruited in the summer of 2010, have made substantial contributions to the Nephrology clinical effort, and this allowed for expansion of clinical services to the Emerson Clinical Facility. The Nephrology Clinics at the Shands Jacksonville campus include the Nephrology Faculty Clinics, the Anemia Clinic, the Post-Renal Transplant Clinic, the Fellows’ Continuity Clinics, the Correctional Facility Clinic, the HD Center, the PD Clinic, and fellow participation in an associated Vascular Access Clinic located in the Department of Surgery. The inpatient Nephrology Consult Service continued with a high level of activity and a daily census of approximately 25-45 patients. This Service was split into two separate services: Acute Renal Disease Consults and the Chronic Dialysis Consults. These services continue to provide important educational platforms for fellows and medical residents. Dr. Gupta continued as Medical Director of Dialysis Services,
and has worked to continuously improve the dialysis services. Dr. Ronald Mars continued in his position as Quality Officer for the Division.

The Nephrology Division also continues to work with the Department of Surgery to optimize placement of permanent vascular access for patients preparing for hemodialysis, and improvements have been recognized toward goals of the Fistula First Program. The Post-Renal Transplant Clinic continued to serve as another platform for education of the fellows and care of patients previously transplanted at this program.

**Education:** Dr. James, Associate Professor of Medicine and Assistant Program Director from 2011–2013, initiated the fellows’ Renal Physiology Course in 2010, which continues as an important addition to the nephrology educational experience. The joint Renal Pathology conference with Mayo Jacksonville which is teleconferenced with Mayo Rochester, has continued to be an important educational component for the Nephrology Fellowship program. The Update in Nephrology & Hypertension 2013 CME Symposium provided by the Division of Nephrology was well attended and well received. This is an important educational venue for fellows and faculty alike. The Division plans another course in the spring of 2014. Visiting professors Dr. Leopoldo Rajj, Dr. Stanley Nahman and Dr. Anupam Agarwal provided special lectures in renal physiology, molecular biology and hypertension during the academic year, which complemented the fellows’ educational program. The Nephrology faculty continue to participate in educational programs for the Medicine residents, including the Night Float Rotation, Medicine Residents’ Noon Conference and the Nephrology Consult Rotation. The Mayo Renal Transplant Rotation for UF-Jacksonville Nephrology Fellows continued successfully and complements the Nephrology training program at UF Health-Jacksonville.

**Research:** The topics of research studies in the Division of Nephrology spanned from anemia management and sepsis treatment in dialysis patients, to glucose transporter & growth factor roles in diabetic renal disease, nondiabetic glomerular disease and renal transplant rejection.

An important accomplishment beyond the year’s publications was the recruitment of Dr. Gao to work on basic research studies of diabetic and nondiabetic glomerular disease.

Dr. Heilig’s laboratory focuses on glucose transporter regulation of glomerulosclerosis, and more recently on a potential role for Mechano - Growth Factor (MGF) in diabetic kidney disease. This laboratory continues to be funded by DCI, Inc. Dr. James’ laboratory focuses on growth factors in the pathogenesis of diabetic nephropathy. Dr. Gupta’s research primarily focuses on research in anemia management of ESRD, dialysis access hemodynamics, and sepsis in acute renal failure. Dr. Mars’ current research focuses on the dynamics of the hemodialysis procedure and improvements which may lead to cost-saving measures. He is also involved in studying the efficacy of different brands/types of hemodialysis catheters in the outpatient setting.

The Nephrology fellows participated in clinical research studies and in the basic science laboratory as part of their research training. Fellows also attended and participated in research activities at the American Society of Nephrology Meeting, the AFMR Meeting and the National Kidney Foundation Meeting. The Nephrology Division produced six publications, two abstracts, and five presentations during the academic year.
Special Initiatives:
Nephrology & Hypertension Yearly Update, Jacksonville, FL: This year’s meeting organized by the UFCOM-Jacksonville Division of Nephrology was held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Jacksonville with strong attendance by local healthcare professionals, and was well received. This yearly meeting provides education and CME credits for doctors, nurses and others involved in the care of patients with renal disease.

Nephrology Fellows’ QI Project in Dialysis: Dr. Gupta directs this important activity which helps to fulfill the ACGME – required competency requirements.

Nephrology Fellows’ Patient Safety Project: This Fistula-First Project includes, but is not limited to fellow tracking of AV-fistula placement and outcomes from the time of referral to dialysis initiation and beyond. Goals include optimizing AVF function for initiation of dialysis and reduction of vascular access complications once dialysis has begun.

Simulation Laboratory Experience: The Nephrology fellows received Patient Safety Training in the Simulation Laboratory, and current plans include expansion to experiences in intravascular line placement and renal biopsies.

Fistula First Initiative: Faculty and fellows continue to participate in this QI and patient safety initiative, aimed at improving patient outcomes on hemodialysis.

Faculty Recruitment: Dr. Yongxin Gao, PhD was hired in June, 2013 as Assistant Scientist, Department of Medicine, from the University of Florida Dept. of Pharmacology. Dr. Gao is involved in research on diabetic and nondiabetic glomerular disease in the Nephrology Research Laboratories.

LISTING OF FACULTY MEMBERS

Charles Heilig, M.D., Professor, Division Chief
Medical School / Graduation date University of Minnesota 1984
Internship/residency and year Mayo Clinic Rochester 1987
Subspecialty training and year Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Harvard Medical School 1990

Ronald Mars, M.D. Associate Professor
Medical School / Graduation date St Louis University 1972
Internship/residency and year Emory University 1976
Subspecialty training and year Emory University 1978

Leighton James, M.D., Associate Professor
Medical School / Graduation date University of Toronto 1994
Internship/residency and year University of Toronto 1997
Subspecialty training and year University of Toronto 1999
PUBLICATIONS


Abstracts:

Presentations:

**Heilig C.** Angiotensin Blockade in Diabetic Nephropathy. Update in Nephrology and Hypertension symposium, 2013, Jacksonville, Florida.


**James LR.** Update on HIV Associated Nephropathy. Update in Nephrology and Hypertension symposium, 2013, Jacksonville, Florida.

**Mars, RM.** Pathogenesis of Metabolic Bone Disease in Chronic Kidney Disease. Update in Nephrology and Hypertension symposium, 2013, Jacksonville, Florida.

**Poenariu A.** Evaluation of the Patient with Hematuria- Update in Nephrology and Hypertension symposium, 2013, Jacksonville, Florida.

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DIVISION OF PULMONARY, CRITICAL CARE AND SLEEP MEDICINE
ACADEMIC YEAR 2013 (7/12 - 6/13)

Highlights

The Division of Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine has had continued growth with addition of Dr. Mariam Louis who will join the Division in November 2013 and Dr. Vandana Seeram who will join the Division in July 2013. The fellowship training program continues to be popular with over 300 applications for the two available positions per year. Clinically we have expanded to initiate Bronchial Thermoplasty for refractory asthma, adding it to the list of vast interventional pulmonary services provided by our division. Academically, the division continues to be productive in the areas of clinical and original research and publications. The Faculty was involved as moderators for various sessions in Society of Critical Care Medicine and CHEST conferences. The fellows under the mentorship of faculty are engaged in a number of clinical studies. The division has had a number abstracts presented in national and international conferences and was represented in various regional meeting in the form of providing educational lectures.

Patient care: The division faculty staffs a number of specialized and general pulmonary clinics. The Asthma Clinic under the supervision of Dr. Cury is part of the American Lung Association Asthma Clinical Research Network.

Pulmonary Hypertension Clinic continues to be a regionally known referral center with patients being referred from regions all over the east coast. As member of Pulmonary Hypertension Association it continues to be a center of excellence. The clinic currently manages approximately 200 pulmonary hypertension patients. We are performing our own Right Heart catheterizations in our endoscopy suite.

Under Dr. Jones’ supervision, the Interstitial Lung Disease and Sarcoidosis clinic continues to expand and is attracting clinical trials.

The fellows’ continuity clinic is staffed by at least 5 fellows once a week and supervised by faculty. The number of pulmonary function tests performed has also accordingly increased.

Thoracic Oncology Clinic continues its multidisciplinary approach to patients with Thoracic malignancy. The division successfully initiated the lung cancer screening program which is currently the only comprehensive screening program available in Jacksonville.

The division, under the leadership of Drs. Bajwa and Jones, is continuing its efforts for an institution wide implementation of sepsis recognition and management protocol.

The inpatient pulmonary consult service continues to be busy and with the continued evolution of the bronchoscopy suite, the number, efficiency and timeliness of bronchoscopic procedures offered by the division were enhanced.

Education: At a regional level the division gained recognition with leadership roles in South East Thoracic Association affiliated with American Lung Association. The organization conducts state of the art educational conference twice per year (The Pulmonary Winter Course and the Tri-State Conference) which is well attended by participants from the region of Florida, Georgia and South Carolina.

The division continues to play an active role in educational core lecture series including Grand Rounds and Updates in Internal Medicine 2012-2013. The division faculty also has an active role in the educational lectures for a variety of residency programs including emergency medicine, obstetrics, internal medicine and trauma critical care. Drs. Cury, Bajwa and Shujaat were honored with the exemplary teacher award.
The pulmonary and critical care fellowship program, under the direction of Dr. Cury as Program Director, has been doing extremely well. The board pass rate is 100%. Dr. Shujaat continues to be the Assistant Program Director and, along with Dr. Cury, is responsible for coordinating the educational activities for the fellowship. The fellows are regularly mentored by a faculty member in preparation and presentation of lectures.

The division was involved in various regional meetings with faculty representing the University of Florida/Jacksonville by providing educational lectures in various topics of interest.

The faculty has and continues to mentor and supervise family medicine residents from the Navy residency program during their rotation in medical intensive care unit and have always received a very positive feedback from the leadership of that program. In addition, we have been active in training nurse practitioners and physician assistants not only from the University of Florida sponsored training programs but also for the nurse practitioners preparing to be a part of the neuro-critical care program.

Research: The Division has been very successful in obtaining and continuing its clinical research trials along with funded research. The funded research includes dean’s grants, UF clinical quality grant and investigator initiated trials.

The number of internal unfunded clinical research protocols has also increased substantially resulting in quality abstracts being presented at national and international meetings.

A dedicated clinical research coordinator (Minal Patel) which has enabled the division to participate in more hospital based clinical research protocols as well.

The faculty has had an increasing number of publications in peer review journals and a number of manuscripts in preparation. Close collaboration with other departments with common research interests is the key to future protocols and publications.

The focus of the division is to enhance collaboration with other departments and regional centers and continue to strive for excellence in this arena.

LISTING OF FACULTY MEMBERS

Abubakr Bajwa, M.D., Associate Professor and Division Chief
Medical School / Graduation date  King Edward Medical College 1998
Internship/residency and year  University of South Dakota 2003
Subspecialty training and year  Mayo Graduate School of Medicine 2007

James D. Cury, M.D., Associate Professor
Medical School / Graduation date  University of Miami 1981
Internship/residency and year  Barnes Hospital/Washington 1984
Subspecialty training and year  Washington University 1987
Lisa Jones, M.D., Assistant Professor
Medical School / Graduation date: University of Cincinnati, 1998
Internship/residency and year: University Hospital Cincinnati, 2001
Subspeciality training and year: Naval Medical Center, 2007

Adil Shujaat, M.D., Assistant Professor
Medical School / Graduation date: King Edward Medical College, 1998
Internship/residency and year: St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital Center, 2003
Subspeciality training and year: St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital Center, 2006

Faisal Usman, M.D., Assistant Professor
Medical School / Graduation date: King Edward Medical College, 2002
Internship/residency and year: Mount Sinai Hospital, 2008
Subspeciality training and year: University of Florida College of Medicine-Jacksonville, 2011

PUBLICATIONS

Manuscripts:


Presentations:

Shujaat A, Usman F, Jones LM, Cury JD, Bajwa AA, Qureshi T. Comparison of baseline characteristics of pulmonary arterial hypertension patients that require combination therapy compared to those maintained on monotherapy. American College of Chest Physician 2013.


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Highlights

The Division of Rheumatology and Clinical Immunology had a successful and productive academic year on multiple levels. Despite significant challenges, we have seen some of the fruits of our dedication to the University of Florida College of Medicine–Jacksonville (UFCOM-J) mission. We are grateful for the continued guidance of our leadership including the education deans as well as our chairman, Dr. Arshag Mooradian. The division had significant accomplishments in patient care, research, and education.

The division successfully graduated the first rheumatology fellow in June 2013, from its UFCOM-J Rheumatology Fellowship training program. The program continues with one fellow in each year. Meanwhile, we continue to work with other training programs and the GME office at UFCOM-J in order to provide mentoring and teaching for many students and residents who are interested in our specialty. The division organized the fourth extremely successful CME musculoskeletal ultrasound sound training course. It was also successful in directing the American College of Rheumatology Intermediate ultrasound course, held at the Orthopedic Simulation Center in Chicago. It was attended by rheumatologists from all over the world.

Despite the reduction in faculty members, we maintained our growth and hard-work by maintaining our publications and outpatient visits, compared to the previous year. Our faculty members were featured in local, national and international professional meetings, served on expert advisory boards and as professional journal reviewers, participated in local and professional medical societies. Currently, we offer the most up to date patient care and rheumatology services to our patients both in the inpatient and outpatient settings.

The Division of Rheumatology and Clinical Immunology was able to build and maintain its research unit from the ground up. After overcoming many challenges, the division has maintained its budget and is looking forward to a robust pipeline of pharmaceutical studies.

Currently, the division is planning an expansion by recruiting more faculty members. However, the backbone to our success is the loyal and hardworking staff at our clinics, hospital and administrative offices.

Patient care: Despite faculty reduction, we were able to maintain our clinical volume and growth. Patients with numerous medical conditions including, but not limited to, many types of arthritis, lupus, scleroderma, myositis, autoimmune and systemic diseases, osteoporosis, connective tissue diseases related to inflammation and metabolic dysfunction, soft tissue conditions and pain such as fibromyalgia. We continue to be on the forefront of providing the very up to date rheumatology services and 24/7 consultations at Shands Jacksonville, the ambulatory care clinic and our dedicated outpatient clinic on Emerson Street. The division also provides musculoskeletal ultrasound services related to rheumatologic care both for inpatient and outpatient settings.

In the outpatient setting, we provide full rheumatology coverage from Monday to Friday, where we provide diagnostic musculoskeletal ultrasound, musculoskeletal procedures under ultrasound guidance.

Excellence is our only goal when it comes to patient care. Our faculty members achieved or exceeded the average in our specialty and in comparison to others at our institution. We touch our patients’ lives during some of the most vulnerable moments they will ever encounter alone or with their loved ones. As physicians of the UFCOM-J, we always strive for excellence in our practice.
**Education:** Education is one of the main missions at the UFCOM-J. Our faculty members have been very dedicated and creative in delivering the best of what they can offer to our students and residents. Our achievements in education were highlighted in multiple venues but the rheumatology fellowship program was a major cornerstone in the growth and development of our academic program.

The Rheumatology Fellowship started in July 2011 with the graduation of Dr. Manish Relan as the first fellow in June 2013. Under the leadership of Dr. Kaeley and Dr. Pappa and under the direction of Graduate Medical Education office, the program continues to be strengthened. The recommendations of the ACGME site visit from June 2013 are awaited. It provides a strong clinical focus as well as many opportunities in clinical research, quality improvement as well as musculoskeletal ultrasound.

In the educational program of the University of Florida medical students and residents, Dr. Pappa and Dr. Kaeley participated in precepting clinics in rheumatology and delivered core curriculum lectures for the Internal Medicine Residency Program at the UFCOM-J. All of the rheumatology faculty members participated in internal medicine grand rounds and shared the knowledge of their invited rheumatology speakers on a regular basis.

The fourth Musculoskeletal Ultrasound Course in February 2013, was a great success. This was a 3-day CME hands-on training course that uniquely utilized our state of the art simulation laboratory at the UFCOM-J. Dr. Kaeley and Dr. Pappa organized the course as well as serving as faculty providing lectures and practical ultrasound instruction. The course was attended by rheumatology educators and fellows from 28 States. The attendees were very complimentary of the innovative cadaver based curriculum held in the UFCOM-J CSESaR simulation center. The division is grateful for the hard work of the simulation staff in making the courses such a success. The division also continues to be heavily involved with musculoskeletal ultrasound at the national level. Dr. Kaeley directed the intermediate ultrasound course at the Orthopedic Simulation Center in Chicago and has again proposed that the 2014 course be hosted in Jacksonville, FL. The division has also been deeply involved in musculoskeletal ultrasound advocacy by assisting the American College of Rheumatology, and Florida Society of Rheumatology coordinate efforts to interact with Medicare representatives.

ELearning is an entrepreneur unique project that was pioneered by Dr. Kaeley and Dr. Pappa. The aim of this project is to develop electronic learning content to cover basic Rheumatology Core Curriculum, as well as musculoskeletal ultrasound training material. Internal Medicine Residents need to assimilate core knowledge rapidly in order to gain the most out of the clinical Rheumatology rotations. This is now being developed as a blended learning project for the Rheumatology fellows as well as rotating internal medicine residents.

**LISTING OF FACULTY MEMBERS**

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PUBLICATIONS


Activities, Presentations and Abstracts:


Pappa C. “Let’s talk about pain” Internal Medicine Grand Rounds, UFCOM-J March 2013


Kaeley GS Invited Faculty for hands on instruction at the Inaugural Musculoskeletal Ultrasound workshop of the South Carolina Rheumatism Society. Charleston, South Carolina. April 2013.


Kaeley GS Sonography of the Shoulder - normal scans and sonopathology. Musculoskeletal Ultrasound Course and Interventional Cadaver Workshop for Rheumatologists, University of Florida College of Medicine, and Jacksonville course in partnership with the American College of Rheumatology and USSONAR. Jacksonville, FL. Feb 2013.

Kaeley GS Ultrasonography of Inflammatory Arthritis. Musculoskeletal Ultrasound Course and Interventional Cadaver Workshop for Rheumatologists, University of Florida College of Medicine, Jacksonville course in partnership with the American College of Rheumatology and USSONAR. Jacksonville, FL. Feb 2013.

Kaeley GS Ultrasonography of Crystalline Arthropathy. Musculoskeletal Ultrasound Course and Interventional Cadaver Workshop for Rheumatologists, University of Florida College of Medicine, Jacksonville, course in partnership with the American College of Rheumatology and USSONAR. Jacksonville, FL. Feb 2013.

Kaeley GS Faculty for hands on instruction in workshops and cadaveric injection guidance sessions - Musculoskeletal Ultrasound Course and Interventional Cadaver Workshop for Rheumatologists, University of Florida College of Medicine, Jacksonville course in partnership with the American College of Rheumatology and USSONAR. Jacksonville, FL. Feb 2013.

Pappa C Sonography of the knee University of Florida continuing medical education course in partnership with the American College of Rheumatology and USSONAR, February 2013

Pappa C Faculty for hands on instruction in workshops and cadaveric injection guidance sessions - Musculoskeletal Ultrasound Course and Interventional Cadaver Workshop for Rheumatologists, University of Florida College of Medicine, Jacksonville course in partnership with the American College of Rheumatology and USSONAR. Jacksonville, FL. Feb 2013.

Kaeley GS Ultrasound of the Foot and Ankle. First National Musculoskeletal Ultrasound Course, Sanjay Gandhii Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow, India. December 2012.
**Kaeley GS** Sonography of the Shoulder. First National Musculoskeletal Ultrasound Course, Sanjay Gandhi Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow, India. December 2012.

**Kaeley GS** Ultrasound of the Elbow. First National Musculoskeletal Ultrasound Course, Sanjay Gandhi Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow, India. December 2012.

**Kaeley GS** Introduction to Musculoskeletal Ultrasound. First National Musculoskeletal Ultrasound Course, Sanjay Gandhi Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow, India. December 2012.

**Kaeley GS** Invited faculty for hands on instruction - First National Musculoskeletal Ultrasound Course, Sanjay Gandhi Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow, India. December 2012.

**Kaeley GS** Sonographic assessment of Spondyloarthritis Workshop. SPARTAN-GRAPPA Educational Symposium, Houston, Texas, December 2012. (SPARTAN - Spondyloarthritis Research and Treatment Network)

Torallba KD, Higgs JB, Cannella AC, Kaeley GS. From Novice to Expert: Competency Milestones for Musculoskeletal Ultrasound. Oral poster presentation at the American College of Rheumatology National Scientific Meeting, November 2012, Washington DC.


**Kaeley GS** Invited faculty for hands on instruction - American College of Rheumatology ultrasound course, Washington DC. November 2012.

**Kaeley GS** Faculty Musculoskeletal Ultrasound Workshop at American College of Rheumatology annual meeting. Washington DC. November 2012.

**Kaeley GS** Sonographic assessment of Spondyloarthritis Workshop. SPARTAN-GRAPPA Educational Symposium, Dallas, Texas, October 2012. (SPARTAN - Spondyloarthritis Research and Treatment Network)


**Kaeley GS** Sonographic assessment of Spondyloarthritis Workshop. SPARTAN-GRAPPA Educational Symposium, Portland, Oregon, July 2012, (SPARTAN - Spondyloarthritis Research and Treatment Network)

**Kaeley GS** Sonography of the foot and ankle: anatomy and pathology. Clinical Applications of Musculoskeletal Ultrasound Conference, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. July 2012.


**Kaeley GS** Introduction to ultrasound and tissue characterization. Florida Society of Rheumatology Ultrasound Course. Orlando, FL. July 2012.
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