Welcome from Dean David Seaberg

Just as many of our residents have recently moved into town, my family and I are looking forward to arriving in Chattanooga soon and starting a new phase in all of our lives.

As we begin the new academic year, I anticipate exciting growth for the College of Medicine Chattanooga. I believe that the Chattanooga campus will become a stronger academic medical center through its enhanced working relationships with the UT College of Medicine and Erlanger Health System. I expect the research programs will become more active and more recognized on a regional level. I also believe we have the potential to continue to develop into a top tier training center for medical students and resident physicians.

In the next year, we plan to start two more training programs, Emergency Medicine Residency and a Vascular Surgery Fellowship, and expect to develop others in subsequent years. Within a year it is my hope that the Chattanooga community has a greater understanding of the importance of the UT and Erlanger academic medical center and how vital it is to their future health care.

My goals for the Chattanooga campus will be to work with Erlanger Health System to enhance the academic missions of excellence in patient care, education, research and community service. The development of the academic medical center is at the core of the success of the UT College of Medicine and Erlanger Hospital. As the only physician training center within a hundred mile radius of Chattanooga, the UT and Erlanger relationship will be instrumental to the future of healthcare in middle and eastern Tennessee. We not only want to train competent physicians but expect our graduate physicians to exhibit excellent interpersonal skills and to become leaders within their communities.

Times of transition always present opportunities for growth and development. I am grateful for the opportunity to work closely with the dedicated faculty and staff who have helped create the College of Medicine Chattanooga and expect that our efforts can make the program and the community stronger and more meaningful. See you soon!
Mukta Panda, MD Serves as Interim Internal Medicine Chair

Dr. Mukta Panda has been named Interim Chair of Internal Medicine. Dr. Panda joined the UT COMC faculty in 1998 after she completed her residency here.

In addition to clinical responsibilities, she has served as Transitional Year Program Director, Vice Chief of the Erlanger Medical Quality Improvement Committee, and has served on many EHS and UT COMC committees. She has received Outstanding Teacher Awards both in Internal Medicine and the Transitional Year Program. Dr. Panda serves on several national boards and is a champion of resident research and presentations. She will continue to serve as Transitional Year Program Director.

UT Graduate School of Medicine Launches Cardiovascular Disease Fellowship

The UT Graduate School of Medicine in Knoxville has announced a new fellowship program focusing on cardiovascular disease. The program is one of only four in the state of Tennessee.

During the three-year program, the UT fellows will receive specialty training in invasive cardiac catheterization, echocardiography, electrophysiology, nuclear cardiology, computed tomographic cardiac imaging, electrocardiography, exercise stress testing and diagnostic cardiac catheterization. They will evaluate patients with cardiovascular disease both in private practice as well as in a clinic setting. Additionally, each fellow will work closely with a research mentor on a project of their choosing and will be provided six months of dedicated research during the third year of the fellowship to complete the project.

“The UT fellowship program will improve access to quality cardiac care in East Tennessee, and as our fellows graduate from the program and begin their medical practices, cardiac care across the nation will be improved,” said UT GSM faculty physician Dale Wortham, MD, cardiologist and director of the fellowship program. “Currently, the United States is experiencing a shortage of cardiologists,” Dr. Worth said, “Particularly as the Baby Boomers age.”

The program will accept two fellows a year for a total of six fellows in the program. Future applications will be accepted through ERAS (electronic residency application system), and the program will participate in the Medical Specialties Matching Program through the National Resident Match Program.

For more information about the fellowship, visit http://gsm.utmck.edu/internalmed/fellowships_cardio.htm.
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Brian A. Weatherby, MD  Orthopaedic Surgery
Yury Bykov, MD  Orthopaedic Surgery
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Jimmy Waldrop, MD  Plastic Surgery
Alexander J. Davit, III, MD  Plastic Surgery
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Did You Know ...

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Publications and Presentations


Gaurav K and Panda M. An uncommon cause of bilateral pulmonary nodules in a long term smoker. Manuscript accepted for publication in the peer reviewed J of Gen Int Med.


Weatherby B. Biomechanical testing of a novel proximal femur plate for treatment of vertical shear Pauwel’s Type III unstable femoral neck fractures. Accepted for presentation at the Orthopaedic Trauma Association annual meeting, October 18-20, 2007 in Boston, MA. Co-authors are Peter Nowotarski, MD, Roe Rudd, PhD, and Bain Ervin, BSE.

**Note to PI**

**New Year for the Coordinator Forum**

The Coordinator Forum will begin the fifth year of monthly noon conferences. Please note that we are moving from the second to the **third Tuesday** of the month.

This forum is open to all investigators, nurses, and support staff who want to stay current on changes in federal and local policy as well as establish a network in the research community. It’s an excellent introduction to the challenges of research for new coordinators and it provides an opportunity for experienced research staff to share their expertise and serve as mentors. Please mark your calendars, bring a lunch, and join us.

9/14/07 Nuts and Bolts Research Symposium
UTC University Center  [See details on pp 7, 8, 9]

10/16/07 Who Are Your Subjects?
Issues in Local Cultural Diversity
Wally Leary
Chief Diversity Officer, EHS

11/20/07 Device Trials
Sylvia Friedl, CIP
UT OHSP

12/18/07 UT/EHS Research Coordinator presentations

1/15/08 Third Party Payors and Clinical Trials:
How Your Research Matters
Rick Mathis, BCBST
Sr. Mgr., Medical Policy Research and Development

2/19/08 Riverbend Medicare Review
Deborah Coke, CPC, CPC-H
Riverbend Government Benefits Administrator

3/18/08 EHS/UT Research Compliance Initiative
Research Compliance Committee

4/15/08 Legal Developments in Biological Research
Sherry Shurden Brewer, JD, CIP
Director, OHSP Knoxville

5/20/08 The IRB Negotiations and Contracts
Stacey Hendricks, CIM
COMC IRB Specialist

6/17/08 HIM Update
Rita Bowen
Director, HIM

Comments, articles, and announcements for the COMmunicator can be submitted in publishable format to Sylvia Friedl, Office of Human Subject Protections, Sylvia.Friedl@erlanger.org, 423.778.3899.
Current Program Directors

There have been a number of changes over the past few months, and since it is the beginning of a new academic year, realized it might be helpful for us to share a list of the current program directors.

James Creel, MD  Emergency Medicine
Steve Adams, MD  Family Medicine
John Standridge, MD  Geriatric Fellowship
Roger Jones, MD  Internal Medicine
Roger Deversa, MD  Associate Program Director
Lisa Staton, MD  Associate Program Director

Joseph Kipikasa, MD  Obstetrics/Gynecology
Michael Tew, MD  Orthopaedic Surgery
Janara Huff, MD  Pediatrics
Joseph Cofer, MD  Surgery
Richard Moore, MD  Associate Program Director
Robert Maxwell, MD  Critical Care Fellowship
Richard Sprouse, MD  Vascular Fellowship

Mukta Panda, MD  Transitional Year Program

SAVE THE DATE
Health Care Fraud Trends in Tennessee

Sponsored by East Tennessee Compliance Officers Forum and the Tennessee Association of Compliance and Ethics officers (TACEO)
Fall Conference
The Chattanoogan Hotel
Thursday and Friday, October 18 and 19, 2007

Speakers to include Randy Chartash (Criminal Division of the US Attorney’s Office), Chris Covington and Jennifer Trussel (Special Agents, Office of the Inspector General, DHHS).

Nuts and Bolts Research Symposium
Sponsored by UT COMC and Erlanger Health System
UTC University Center
Friday, September 14, 2007
(See pp 7, 8, 9)
Upcoming CME Events

Annual Renal Symposium: Challenges and Changes
Sponsored by The Kidney Foundation of the Greater Chattanooga Area

The Chattanoogan Hotel
Tuesday, August 28, 2007
Contact Sylvia Friedl for registration information (sylvia.friedl@erlanger.org)

8:00 Introduction and Welcome
   Suzanne Hemphill, President
   Kidney Foundation of the Greater Chattanooga Area

8:15 Vascular Challenges in the Renal Population
   Christopher LeSar, MD
   University Surgical Associates
   Assistant Professor, UT College of Medicine Chattanooga

9:15 Diabetic Nephropathy and Cardiovascular Disease
   Sam Dagogo-Jack, MD, FRCP
   University of Tennessee Health Science Center, Memphis
   Professor of Medicine & Program Director
   Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism

10:15 Break

10:30 Continuous Venoveno HemoDialysis (CVVHD)
   Christopher Poole, MD
   Nephrology Associates
   Instructor, UT College of Medicine Chattanooga

11:30 Lunch

1:00 Health Care Challenges from a Patient Perspective
   Jane Bryan, RD, LDN: Moderator
   Beginning dialysis
   Transplant (failed transplants, returning to dialysis)
   Travel planning
   Transient/transferring dialysis care

2:15 So Whose Job Is It, Anyway?
   Maurie Ferriter, Director of Programs and Services
   Kidney Foundation of Michigan
   Director of Programs and Services
This program is funded through the generous support of Erlanger Health System.

NUTS AND BOLTS
Research Symposium

The UTC University Center
Friday, September 14, 2007
7:30 AM - 4:00 PM

A collaborative approach to research development, study design, academic promotion, authorship, and ethics.

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NUTS AND BOLTS RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM
The UTC University Center
September 14, 2007

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sylvia.friedl@erlanger.org

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Directions to The Nuts and Bolts Symposium/UTC University Center

The UTC University Center is 0.4 mile from Erlanger.

Just take a left at Palmetto and a right on Fifth St. You’ll see the UTC Bookstore which is in the University Center. Look for signs to the room.

There’s parking across the street but, seriously, it’s only 4/10 of a mile!