The Harold Alper, MD, Humanitarian Award is presented annually to a resident in his or her last year of training at the UT College of Medicine Chattanooga who has consistently demonstrated exemplary compassion for patients and colleagues, community service, and humanitarian qualities during residency. Congratulations to this year’s thirteen nominees, each of whom exemplify these qualities (complete listing on page 2).

The 2010 recipient, Brent J. Campbell, DO, is one of two Chief Residents in the Family Medicine Residency. He entered the program on July 1, 2007, after graduating from Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine in Pennsylvania. Dr. Campbell exemplifies an ideal family practitioner – one who goes above and beyond to make sure a patient is safe and appropriately treated, involving all teams within the hospital as well as the family. He received numerous nominations not only from his own department but from others. Comments included:

“Dr. Campbell consistently shows care and compassion for his patients. He is uniformly patient, routinely takes extra shifts beyond what is required, and deals with conflict with quiet diplomacy. Dr. Campbell is a man of faith whose life demonstrates the values he believes in. He intends to devote his life to overseas missions once he has paid off his medical school debt. Dr. Campbell has consistently demonstrated compassion and humanistic qualities throughout his training in addition to superb leadership. All aspects of a humanistic physician apply to him: concern for human welfare, values, and dignity. I have known Brent since his time with us as a medical student, and he never fails to treat each patient with a fresh, unbiased approach catering to their every need. He listens intently and without judgment, always putting the patient’s concerns above agendas seen commonly in medicine, i.e. finishing early, taking the easy route, shifting responsibility, signing-off, etc. For this reason, he has a large following of patients devoted to the care he provides. He is a wonderful asset to the Erlanger system and well deserving of the Alper award.”

Dr. Yasmin Meah was the guest speaker for this year’s Alper Humanitarian Endowment Lecture, entitled, “Am I a Good Doctor? Humaneness and Humanness in Theory and in Practice.” She is the Chief Faculty Advisor for the Mount Sinai Office of Academic and Student Affairs. She currently directs a service-learning longitudinal care clerkship, one of the first of its kind in the United States. Much of her clinical time is spent visiting patients in their homes through the Mount Sinai Visiting Doctors Program, the largest academic practice of home care physicians in the United States. She created and serves as Chief Attending Physician and Director of the East Harlem Outreach Partnership, Mount Sinai’s first student-run attending directed clinic for the uninsured of neighboring East Harlem. For her work with the Visiting Doctors Program, East Harlem Outreach Partnership, and as a mentor to numerous students at Mount Sinai, she became the youngest recipient of the American Association of Medical Colleges Humanism in Medicine Award in 2007.
Dr. Harold Alper Endowment
Humanitarian Lecture Series and Award
April 9, 2010, Chattanooga, TN

Third Annual Resident Nominees

Joshua Arnold, MD  
Surgery

B. Shane Arbury, MD  
Orthopaedic Surgery

Brent Campbel, DO  
Family Medicine

Kristi Hawken, MD  
OB/GYN

Michael Hogan, MD  
Vascular Surgery

Philip Johnson, MD  
Transitional Year

Ahmad Kaako, MD  
Internal Medicine

Ashley Laing, MD  
Transitional Year

Julian “JP” Price, MD  
Orthopaedic Surgery

Phillip Ramsay, MD  
Surgery

English Rockholt, MD  
OB/GYN

Molly Tverite, MD  
Internal Medicine

Jennifer Williams, DO  
Pediatrics
**28th Annual Research Presentation Selections**

This year’s poster and oral presentations will be held on **Friday, April 16th at the Probasco Auditorium**. All interested faculty and staff are encouraged to attend. However, we would like to remind attendees that this is a juried event. As a courtesy to the speaker, please do not enter or exit during the presentation.

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2010 Inductees to the Gold Humanism Honor Society Announced

Induction of the Gold Humanism Honor Society (GHHS) followed the Dr. Harold Alper Humanitarian Community Lecture on Friday, April 9, 2010. Established in 2002, the GHHS is an international association of individuals and medical school chapters whose members are selected as exemplars of empathy, compassion, altruism, integrity, and service in their relationships with patients and others in the field of medicine. The University of Tennessee Gold Humanism Honor Society Chapter was approved in March 2009 and the first inductees were named on April 17, 2009. This was made possible by an initial grant from the Arnold P. Gold Foundation. The GHHS is dedicated to foster, recognize, and support the values of humanism and professionalism in medicine. The Society commits itself to work within and beyond medical education to inspire, nurture, and sustain lifelong advocates and activists for compassionate patient care. Congratulations to these inductees from the Class of 2011:

Phillip Michael Bell
Eric Matthew Cohen
Seth Alan Cooper
Melissa Dawn Crowder
Patrick Thomas Davis
Katie Marie Greene
Sarah Ann Milam
Travis John Pagliara
Joshua Paul Parlaman
Trey Amerson Pegram
Susan E. Sapp
Timothy Daniel Thompson
Kathleene Cook Thornton
John Barton Williams
Anna Kathryn Winter

UTCOMC Faculty Receive Golden Apple Honors

Three UTCOMC faculty were honored at this year’s Caduceus Ball, held March 20, 2010 in Memphis. The Caduceus Ball is a longstanding tradition at the College of Medicine held in recognition of the graduating class and exceptional faculty.

Michael Greer, MD, Associate Professor of Surgery, and Patrick Keegan, MD, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, were named Golden Apple Teaching Award recipients. In addition, Sudave Mendiratta, MD, Instructor in Emergency Medicine received recognition as Outstanding Fourth Year Clinical Director. Congratulations to all three faculty members.

Pediatric Residents Support ImmuneWise

Jennifer Williams, DO, Third Year Pediatric Resident, is currently serving on the national executive committee for SOMSRFT (the American Academy of Pediatrics’ Section on Medical Students, Residents, and Fellowship Trainees). Each year SOMSRFT selects an advocacy issue for education and promotion. In October 2009, SOMSRFT announced its 5th Annual Campaign: ImmuneWise, focusing on increasing national childhood immunization rates. The 10,000 members of the group intend to act to improve immunization rates in the United States by becoming more educated on immunizations and utilizing tools provided by this program to implement change. Resources and advocacy projects were compiled in a CD-ROM which was distributed at their annual assembly at the 2009 National Conference and Exhibition in Washington DC. The material is also available at www.aap.org/ypn/r/advocacy and was provided to each program director. In addition to serving on the national executive committee, Dr. Williams is Co-Chair of the ImmuneWise project.
Publications and Presentations


Dowden JE, Stanley JD, Moore RA. Obstructive defecation following stapled hemorrhoidopexy: a report of 4 cases. Poster presentation at the Southeastern Surgical Congress (SESC), Savannah, GA, February 20-23, 2010.


Koontz CS, Johnson K, Romero R, Ricketts RR. Hepatic porto-cholecystostomy (i.e. gallbladder kasai) as a primary treatment in biliary atresia. Poster presentation at the Southeastern Surgical Congress (SESC), Savannah, GA, February 20-23, 2010.


Ramsay PT, Mejia VA. Closure of enteroatmospheric fistulae in the open abdomen. Poster presentation at the Southeastern Surgical Congress (SESC), Savannah, GA, February 20-23, 2010.
Publications and Presentations (continued)


First Emergency Medicine Training Promoted

Bruce Janiak, MD, from the First Emergency Medicine Training Physician Program, was Visiting Professor in Emergency Medicine on Thursday, February 11, 2010. He spoke of his experiences as a First Emergency Medicine training physician. Dr. Janiak is a Professor of Emergency Medicine at the Medical College of Georgia.

Cancer Survivors Speak Out At Research Challenges Conference

The 8th Annual Research Challenges Conference was held on Thursday, February 25, 2010. This year’s program, A Patient’s View of Risk and Benefit, provided an opportunity for patients to discuss their experiences with faculty, staff, and the regional healthcare community. All speakers were breast cancer survivors. The speakers were honest and open in their comments, which resulted in a lively panel discussion with comments and questions from the audience. Talks included:

- Treatment and Trial: Not the Same (Amy Piazza)
- Physician to Patient (Susan Raschal, DO)
- Lost to Follow-Up: I Quit (Rosalind Connor)
- The Patient as Advocate (Darlene Smith)
- Conquering the Consent Process (Mary Ann Davidson)

Comments, articles, and announcements for the COMmunicator can be submitted in publishable format to Sylvia Friedl, Office of Research Compliance, Sylvia.Friedl@erlanger.org, 423.778.3899.
Note to PI


The following article contains excerpts from the Office of Human Research Protection and the UTCOMC IRB/EHS Policies and Procedures.

**What is the IRB’s responsibility regarding informed consent?**

The fundamental purpose of IRB review and approval of the consent process and document is to protect the rights and welfare of human subjects. The IRB is responsible for ensuring that procedures are in place to appropriately provide the subject or legally authorized representative (LAR) with the elements of information needed by a reasonable person to make a decision about research participation.

**What is the Principal Investigator’s responsibility regarding informed consent?**

Investigators may not generally involve a human subject in clinical research without the legally effective informed consent of the subject or the subject’s LAR.

**Whose signatures are required on UTCOMC/EHS research consent forms?**

The UTCOMC/EHS IRB requires the following signatures to be obtained with dates and times to confirm that consent was obtained prior to a subject’s participation:

- Subject or LAR;
- A witness who attests that the person who signs the consent as subject is the person represented by the signature. It should not be someone involved with the study;
- The person obtaining consent who is informed and knowledgeable about the study;
- Principal or faculty co-investigator who attests to the best of his knowledge that the process was properly conducted and completed. This signature is required within 72 business hours of the subject’s entry into the study.

**Do signatures on consent forms have to be dated?**

Although the Department of Health and Human Services regulations at 45 CFR 46.117 do not require the consent form to be dated at the time it is signed, OHRP recommends that it be dated so that the IRB and others can document that informed consent was obtained prior to a subject’s participation in the research.

SAVE THE DATE: Friday and Saturday, 6/25-26/10, SOCRA (Society of Clinical Research Associates) Prep and Review Course and Clinical Research Professional (CCRP) Certification exam at Erlanger Hospital in conjunction with the SE Renal Research Institute. Deadline to register is 5/14/10. A CCRP functions as a clinical investigator, sub-investigator, clinical researcher, research nurse, administrator, coordinator, consultant, or educator in clinical trial management. Additional information is available at http://www.socra.org/html/certific.htm#Examination%20Sample%20Questions or by contacting Sylvia Friedl (sylvia.friedl@erlanger.org).
2010 Annual Research Week Presentations
UT COMC Resident Research Poster and Oral Presentations
Friday, April 16, 2010
9:00 am - noon; 3:00 pm - 4:15 pm (see p. 3 for complete schedule)
Probasco Auditorium

Awards Dinner 6:00 - 8:30 pm at The Walden Club

Open School: Chapter for UTCOMC and EHS
Tuesday, April 20, 2010
5:00 - 6:30 pm, POB Dining Room Erlanger Baroness Campus
For more information contact Robert Fore at: Robert.Fore@erlanger.org

Triple Aim Initiatives
Faculty and Resident Development Series
Monday, May 10, 2010
R. Cyrus Huffman, MD, Senior VP/Chief Medical Officer, EHS
Probasco Auditorium
For more information contact Sally Ward at: Sally Ward@erlanger.org

Open School: Chapter for UTCOMC and EHS
Tuesday, May 18, 2010
5:00 - 6:30 pm, POB Dining Room Erlanger Baroness Campus
For more information contact Robert Fore at: Robert.Fore@erlanger.org

25th Annual Family Medicine Conference
Wednesday-Friday, June 16-18, 2010
The Chattanoogan Hotel
For more information and registration click: http://222.utcomchatt.org/subpage.php?pageId-1093

Ethics Quarterly
Ethical Considerations in Healthcare Allocation
Healthcare Crisis Management: The Haiti Experience
Wednesday, June 16, 2010, Noon
Mitch Mutter, MD, Clinical Associate Professor in Cardiovascular Disease
Probasco Auditorium

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