Harold Alper, MD, Humanitarian Award and Lecture Series

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, colleagues, community service, and humanitarian qualities during residency. Congratulations to this year’s eighteen nominees, each of whom exemplify these qualities (complete listing on page 2).

The 2011 recipient, William Andrew Todd, DO, is one of two Chief Residents in Internal Medicine Residency. He entered the program on July 1, 2008 after graduating from West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine. Dr. Todd exemplifies the ideal physician—one who consistently goes the extra mile to make sure his patients are safe and appropriately treated, involving all teams within the hospital as well as the family. He received several nominations, not only from his own department but from others. According to his nominators, Dr. Todd:

- is exceptional in his attentiveness to every task he assumes;
- is always striving for excellence, whether in a special project or in patient care;
- was our shining star in the darkest of midnights and in such a special, kind and caring way;
- demonstrates excellent leadership qualities as a resident;
- has demonstrated his commitment to the pursuit of a scholarly career in medicine;
- is also committed to service to the community, citizenship, and professionalism;
- is an excellent physician with a very good bedside manner;
- is very helpful and caring to patients and their families;
- is compassionate, hard-working and a friend to all;
- always puts his patients first;
- develops excellent rapport with his patients and shows that he is gifted with empowering patients to take better care of themselves;
- is a role model, friend, teacher and an excellent example for his colleagues.

Dr Yolanda Wimberly was the guest speaker for this year’s Alper Humanitarian Endowment Lecture (both at Grand Rounds in the morning and the community lecture at noon), entitled, “The Human Touch, Do We Still Have It?” She is the assistant dean of graduate medical education and designated institutional official at Morehouse School of Medicine, program director of the pediatric residency program, assistant professor of clinical pediatrics and associate director of the division of general pediatrics and adolescent medicine. She received her medical degree from Meharry Medical College, completed her residency at Northwestern Children’s Memorial Hospital and an adolescent medicine fellowship at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital. Dr. Wimberly practices at several adolescent/young adult health centers located in the Atlanta area. She directs a teen center at Morehouse Medical Associates and is a doctor at Student Health Services at Clark Atlanta University and Morehouse College, and is a staff physician at the Fulton County Department of Health and Wellness.
Harold Alper, MD, Humanitarian Award Nominees
April 1, 2011, Chattanooga, TN

Alicia Andrews DO
Pediatrics

Ron Buchheit, MD
Emergency Medicine

Susanna Carter, MD
OB/GYN

Christine Chhakchhuak, MD
Internal Medicine

Brandon Cincere, MD
Orthopaedic Surgery

Joe Furr, MD
Internal Medicine

Heath Giles, MD
Surgery

Leslie Griffin, MD
Family Medicine

Andrew Hester, MD
Orthopaedic Surgery

Jason Joseph, MD
OB/GYN

Erin Kinney, MD
Transitional Year

Brett Krummert, MD
Internal Medicine

Alexandra Martin, MD
Pediatrics

Paul Papilllon, MD
Surgery

Stan Ragon, MD
Orthopaedic Surgery

Philip Scherer, MD
Transitional Year

Brad Thomas, MD
Surgery

Wm. Andrew Todd, DO
Internal Medicine

Comments, articles and announcements for the UTComunicator can be submitted in publishable format to Sylvia Friedl, Office of Research Compliance, Sylvia.Friedl@Erlanger.org.
This year’s poster and oral presentations will be held on **Friday, April 15th 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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<td>The effect of an educational program regarding pertussis on the administration rates of the pertussis (Tdap) booster</td>
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2011 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 1, 2011. 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:

Alexander Albert Boucher
Elizabeth Noble Case
Whitney Ann Cesari
Catherine Foard Coffman
Andrew Todd Creek

William Frederick Ergen
Kimberly Ann Hunt
Kenneth Lewoczko
Sarah Pierrepont Matthews
Adeleke Ayokunle Oni

Joseph (Joey) Pietrangelo
Katherine Suzanne Redding
Charles Patrick Shahan
Crisanto Morton Torres
Andrew (Drew) Wodowski

Kyle Cunningham, MD, to Receive the 2011 Gold Foundation Humanism and Excellence in Teaching Award

Kyle Cunningham, MD, PGY2 surgery resident, has been selected by the Gold Humanism Honor Society Class of 2012 to receive the 2011 Gold Foundation Humanism and Excellence in Teaching Award, the only Chattanooga resident to be honored this year. Each year, with the assistance of the UTCOM Office of Student Affairs, outgoing third year medical students are asked to choose up to six residents who in their opinion have exhibited particularly strong teaching skills and serve as role models for compassionate, relationship-centered care. This award will be presented on April 29, 2011 in Memphis. Dr. Larry Kilgore, professor of gynecology/oncology at the Knoxville Graduate School of Medicine has been chosen as the keynote speaker. Congratulations to Dr. Cunningham.

James H. Creel, MD, Named EMS Medical Director of the Year

James Creel, MD, Program Director of Emergency Medicine Residency and Interim Chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine, received the Dr. C. Robert Clark EMS Medical Director Award from the Tennessee Ambulance Association. He is pictured here with Chip Brake, the award sponsor, (on the left) and Ken Wilkerson, Hamilton County EMS Chief (on the right).

James M. Osborn, MD, Honored by the Tennessee Medical Association

James Osborn, MD, has been selected by the TMA Board of Trustees to receive the Tennessee Medical Association’s Distinguished Service Award at their House of Delegates annual meeting on April 16, 2011. Dr. Osborn is a clinical instructor with the UT COMC in orthopaedic surgery. He and his wife are the cofounders of the Austin Hatcher Foundation for Pediatric Cancer which recently opened Hatch’s house of hope in Chattanooga. The Foundation provides services to children with cancer as well as their families at no cost. They are funded solely by donations from supporters.

In addition, Patricia Kassebaum, Clinic Director of Hatch’s house of hope, attended Children’s Cancer Awareness and Advocacy Day in Washington, DC. The event, the first of its kind, was held on March 17 and brought together pediatric cancer organizations and advocates from across the nation to lobby for the needs of pediatric cancer patients and their families. Participants met with local Representatives and Senators.
Mark K. Parson, MD, Honored

On March 16, 2011, a presentation was made to Mark K. Parsons, MD, assistant professor of pediatrics, Division of Pediatric Cardiology. Dr. Parsons recognizing his long-standing contribution to the care of children with heart disease in the Chattanooga area, as well as his exemplary teaching of resident physicians in the Department of Pediatrics.

In attendance for the plaque presentation, made by Dr. Seaberg, Dean of the UT COMC, were Mark Hays, MD, Chief of the Division of Pediatric Cardiology, and Alan Kohrt, MD, Chair of the Department of Pediatrics. Dr. Hays also presented Dr. Parsons with a signed, framed photograph of T.C. Thompson Children’s Hospital.

Erlanger Names New Bi-Plane Imaging Suite for Walter Puckett, MD

The Baroness Erlanger Foundation and Erlanger Health System announced the dedication of the new Walter Puckett, MD, Bi-Plane Imaging Suite. Dr. Puckett, associate professor of internal medicine and a member of UT Erlanger Cardiology, has dedicated 47 years to the treatment of heart patients at Erlanger and served as Chief of Cardiology at Erlanger for more than 10 years. Dr. Puckett was recently honored for both his leadership efforts in Erlanger’s fundraising campaign on behalf of a new bi-plane cath lab, and his longstanding impact on the health of the tri-state community. A plaque in the new imaging suite reads, “Always the relentless patient advocate, Dr. Puckett inspired the community to advance cardiac care for the region’s most fragile hearts.”

The new bi-plane equipment is used to perform invasive cardiology and peripheral vascular procedures in babies, children and adults. Bi-plane imaging offers a higher level of interventional heart care to diagnose and treat complex congenital heart disease and heart defects. The technology serves a vital role for children because it allows multiple images to be taken with just one dose of contrast, greatly reducing the risk to a child’s kidneys. Invasive procedures are performed by cardiologists specifically trained to treat newly-born infants to adults.

For older adults and children, the features provide two, independently-rotating cameras to capture moving, real-time pictures of the heart; this new imaging technology provides crystal clear images to help guide the cardiologist through intricate procedures.

UT-Erlanger Library Selected for National Research

Rachel Bohannon, manager of the UT-Erlanger Medical Library, announced that the library has been selected to participate in the Value of Library and Information Services in Patient Care Survey of Physicians, Residents and Nurses. Anyone who conducts clinical research or contributes directly to patient care is invited to participate. This study is being sponsored by the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Middle Atlantic Region and regional library groups in Delaware, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania. It is being conducted by researchers at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Dr. Lambiase, principal investigator of the study, noted that, “It is an honor for our institution to be a participant in this important national study. Being a part of the National Library of Medicine federally funded project helps advance our education and research on the Chattanooga campus and progresses us further on the road to a nationally recognized academic medical center.”

You can participate in the study through Friday, April 15th by clicking here or at www.ssgresearch.com/value074. By sharing your experiences you are making a positive contribution to the future provision of information services within the clinical setting. Your participation will enhance the completeness and accuracy of the study’s conclusions. We appreciate your thoughts and input. If you have questions about the study please do not hesitate to contact Rachel Bohannon, study facilitator, at 423-778-7498 (Rachel.Bohannon@erlanger.org).
Publications and Presentations


Cesari W, Stewart C, Panda M. Getting to the heart of rectal bleeding: subacute bacterial endocarditis presenting as shortness of breath and anemia. Poster presentation given at the 42nd Annual Southern Regional Meeting of the Society of General Internal Medicine, New Orleans, LA; 2/17-19/11.


Creel N, Mejia V, Stanley JD. Embolization of multiple intrahepatic aneurysms. Poster presentation given at the Southeastern Surgical Congress, Chattanooga, TN; 2/13-15/11.


Fesmire F. EKG findings you don’t want to miss. Oral presentation at the Fifteenth Annual Scientific Assembly of the TN College of Emergency Physicians (TNCEP), Chattanooga, TN; 3/28-29/11.


Huang X, Panda M, Payne C, Kapadia A, Paule E. An acute onset of respiratory distress caused by bronchiolitis obliterans organizing pneumonia in a COPD patient. Poster presentation given at the 42nd Annual Southern Regional Meeting of the Society of General Internal Medicine, New Orleans, LA; 2/17-19/11.


Kinney E, Crudup J, Jones N. Hey, where’s my arm? An unusual presentation of a lacunar infarct. Poster presentation given at the 42nd Annual Southern Regional Meeting of the Society of General Internal Medicine, New Orleans, LA; 2/17-19/11.


Krummert B, Panda M, Mastin P, Willeford W. Sometimes you have to hunt for the diagnosis: a rare cause of facial palsy in a 41 year old female. Poster presentation given at the 42nd Annual Southern Regional Meeting of the Society of General Internal Medicine, New Orleans, LA; 2/17-19/11.


Rudolph C. Rolling calendar, or time flies when you’re having fun. Oral presentation at the 2nd annual meeting of the Association of Vascular Surgery Coordinators, Chicago, IL, 3/25-26/11.


Senators Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) and Max Baucus (D-Montana) are investigating the research-related activities of Timothy Kuklo, MD, specifically those that took place at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. After leaving his post there, he joined the faculty at Washington University in St. Louis. He resigned from there, effective in 9/09, after allegations surfaced that he had falsified data in studies involving Infuse, a bone protein made by Medtronic of Minneapolis. Walter Reed’s own internal investigation of Kuklo concluded that he had not obtained the Army’s permission to conduct the study, the results of which were published in *The Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery* and then later retracted at the request of the Army.

One of the key issues Grassley is investigating (at Walter Reed and elsewhere around the country) is the use of medical devices or experimental procedures that are unnecessary or fail to follow the regulations on the protection of human research subjects.

For example, in an article entitled, “Washington roundup: Baucus, Grassley, ask about off-label device use at Reed,” author Mark McCarty (of the *Medical Device Daily*) describes FDA Warning Letters that point out the same problems in other settings. One letter noted noncompliance involving informed consent requirements:

> “Three subjects... were given the ... study informed consent form which differs in describing the follow-up times and whether all subjects would be implanted with the investigational device. Subject ___ signed the form which indicated that all subjects would receive the investigational device; however, the subject was implanted with the control device. Your response is inadequate in that it does not describe your corrective and preventive actions for failing to use the correct versions of informed consent.”

A second area of noncompliance was the failure of the researcher to follow the protocol, FDA regulations, and any conditions of the Institutional Review Board.

> “An investigator is responsible for ensuring that an investigation is conducted according to the signed agreement, the investigational plan, and any applicable FDA regulations for protecting the rights, safety, and welfare of subjects under the investigator’s care ... You failed to conduct the investigation in accordance with the investigational plan. Examples of this failure include but are not limited to the following:

- Seven subjects out of 25 were enrolled into the study who met the exclusion criteria of [redacted]
- The study protocol, section 7.2, requires the clinical investigator, or designate, to report major complications including anticipated and unanticipated events no later than 5 days after and preferably within 24 hours of the occurrence. Two subjects experienced major complications which were not reported.

UT COMC research investigators and key personnel can always check on federal and local policies, procedures and guidances at the research compliance website (http://www.utcomchatt.org/subpage.php?pageId=710).
Grants Corner
Ever wonder who gets funded ... and what projects are awarded?

Langhorne Waterhouse, MLS
UTCOMC Grant Writer

As you are considering research and defining your specific project, you may wish to see what other projects (particularly related work) may have been funded. Understanding agency support can help you in formulating your ideas.

There are a variety of ways to learn about funded research projects. For example, you can try these strategies:

- Look at the federal agency websites. For example, AHRQ (Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality) maintains a site dedicated to projects the group has funded. This website, called “Research Activities,” summarizes research funding from AHRQ supported studies. For more info, go to http://www.ahrq.gov/research/resact.htm

- View NIH’s “Research Portfolio Online Reporting Tools (RePORT).” The RePORT database provides access to reports, data, and analyses of NIH research activities including information on NIH expenditures and the results of NIH-supported research. To view and search this up-to-date resource, go to http://report.nih.gov/index.aspx.

- As with RePORT, you can utilize another NIH tool, the Institute’s new computerized process called the “Research, Condition, and Disease Categorization (RCDC)” system. RCDC provides detailed, up-to-date funding information for approximately 230 major categories (or “disease/research areas”). Category examples include alcoholism, autism, diabetes, food safety, gene therapy, kidney disease, neurosciences, obesity, spina bifida, uterine cancer, and many more. Information is gleaned from grants, contracts, and intramural research, available at http://report.nih.gov/rcdc/. For a list of categories, please see http://report.nih.gov/rcdc/categories.

- And finally, as always, you can contact me in the grants department, 778-8102 or Langhorne.Waterhouse@erlanger.org. I’m happy to look for you!

Take a Peek at Four Funded Applications

Here is an intriguing overview of successful applications from “Rock Talk” (http://nexus.od.nih.gov/all/rock-talk/) authored by NIH’s Extramural Research Chief, Dr. Sally Rockey:

Looking to see how other investigators have presented their projects and ideas using the new, shorter application format? The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) recently published four funded applications and their summary statements. Go to http://funding.niaid.nih.gov/researchfunding/grant/pages/appsamples.aspx.

Please note, what works for one person may not work for everyone, however, you might get some good ideas for your next application.
Adult Learning Principles and How to Apply Them to Residents as Teachers  
*Healthcare Principles in Practice*  
Paul Stumpf, MD, Chair, UTCOMC Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology  
Tuesday, April 12, 2011, noon - 1:00 pm  
Probasco Auditorium  
All 1st, 2nd, and 3rd year residents and fellows are required to attend. Key faculty are strongly encouraged to attend. All faculty, fellows, residents, and medical students are invited.

**Impaired Physicians--Recognizing and Acting**  
*Healthcare Principles in Practice*  
Roland Gray, MD, Medical Director, Tennessee Medical Foundation  
Tuesday, May 10, 2011, noon - 1:00 pm  
Probasco Auditorium  
All 1st, 2nd, and 3rd year residents and fellows are required to attend. Key faculty are strongly encouraged to attend. All faculty, fellows, residents, and medical students are invited.

**Ethics Quarterly: Donation after Cardiac Death**  
*Healthcare Principles in Practice*  
Patrick Keegan, MD  
Tuesday, June 14, 2011, noon - 1:00 pm  
Probasco Auditorium  
All 1st, 2nd, and 3rd year residents and fellows are required to attend. Key faculty are strongly encouraged to attend. All faculty, fellows, residents, and medical students are invited.

**Family Medicine Update**  
Wednesday, June 15, 2011 - Saturday, June 18, 2011  
The Doubletree Hotel  
Four-day course offered by the  
UT College of Medicine Chattanooga Dept. of Family Medicine  
(http://www.utcomchatt.org/subpage.php?pageId=981)  
Click here for 2011 brochure and registration

**Lean for Healthcare**  
Six-day course offered by the  
UTK Center for Executive Education (UT College of Business)  
8/21/11-8/26/11, 11/6/11 - 11/11/11  
Haslam Business Building

**Heart, Lung Vascular Update for Primary Care Providers**  
September 9-10, 2011  
Knoxville Marriott, Knoxville  
For information about all continuing medical and dental education activities at the UT Graduate School of Medicine, visit www.tennessee.edu/cme