Health Law Partnership Announced

The Erlanger Health Law Partnership (EHLP) is a community collaboration of the Erlanger Health System and Legal Aid of East Tennessee. By combining the health care expertise of hospital professionals with the legal expertise of attorneys, the Erlanger Health Law Partnership can provide services to address the legal, policy, and ethical issues that affect patients’ health.

The patients served by the Erlanger Health Law Partnership face many barriers to accessing the services of an attorney, including lack of transportation, lack of knowledge about the availability of services, language barriers and mistrust of the legal system. To address the poverty-driven risk factors that affect asthma and other health conditions, EHLP was founded to provide legal services for Erlanger patients.

EHLP places an attorney into the medical setting, mitigating these barriers and building on the trust developed in the physician-patient relationship. By placing a poverty law attorney from Legal Aid of East Tennessee directly into Erlanger’s main location on the Baroness campus, EHLP aims to help patients with issues such as substandard housing, lack of access to public support programs, and family violence. EHLP can assist with legal issues such as:

- Public benefits, such as food stamps;
- Domestic violence;
- Housing;
- Education;
- Employment, such as Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA);
- Consumer issues;
- Power of attorney and advanced directives.

The UT COMC faculty and residents will benefit greatly from this new and much needed resource for our patients and applaud the new community collaboration.

The office for the EHS Health Law Partnership is located on the first floor of the Erlanger Baroness Campus, between the Blood Assurance Office and the Post Office. Hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. For more information, visit www.laet.org or www.erlanger.org/ehlp.
2011 Outstanding Teaching Awards

The University House Staff Association of the UT College of Medicine Chattanooga hosted its Annual Physician Awards Banquet on Saturday, December 17, 2011 at the Hunter Museum. Residents and medical students from each department recognized a faculty member for his/her outstanding mentoring and teaching.

Awards were presented by residents from the programs listed below. Congratulations to the all the honorees.

2011 August McCravey Award for Teaching Excellence

Joel Clements, MD
Surgery

Emergency Medicine
Ben C. Smith, MD

Family Medicine
Paul Dassow, MD

Internal Medicine
Victor Kolade, MD

Internal Medicine Subspecialty
Larry Schlabach, MD

Obstetrics/Gynecology
Stephen DePasquale, MD

Orthopaedic Surgery
Peter J. Nowotarski, MD

Pediatrics
Wesley King Galen, MD

Plastic Surgery
Jimmy Waldrop, MD

Surgery
Coleman Arnold, MD

Dr. Harold Head Surgical Subspecialty Award
Philip W. Smith, MD

Surgery
Augustus McCravey Award for Lifetime Contribution to Medical Education
Joel Clements, MD

Transitional Year
Gary Malakoff, MD
Baroness Awards for Teaching Excellence

In addition to the teaching awards listed on page 2, junior and senior medical students who have rotated in Chattanooga over the past calendar year selected three individuals to honor with these awards for teaching excellence.

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<td>Michael Greer, MD Surgery</td>
<td>Patrick Keegan, MD Pediatrics</td>
<td>Chad Corrigan, MD Orthopaedic Surgery</td>
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Congratulations

The Chattanooga-Hamilton County Medical Society and Medical Foundation of Chattanooga installed new officers on January 27th during the annual President’s Reception. The Chattanooga-Hamilton County Medical Society was founded in 1883 and is an advocate for physicians and for the continual improvement of community health. The Medical Foundation of Chattanooga was formed in 1986 to manage the charitable initiatives of Medical Society Members. The Society and Foundation sponsor the Hamilton County Project Access Community Health Collaborative, which has coordinated more than $78.6 million in donated health care services since it was founded in 2004. The program provides specialty care, medical testing, and hospital services to low-income uninsured Hamilton County residents.

Congratulations to these UT COMC faculty members who will be serving this year:

- Mark Anderson, MD, Infectious Disease Physicians of Chattanooga, Medical Society President-Elect (Assistant Professor)
- Mark Brzezienski, MD, the Plastic Surgery Group, President of the Medical Foundation (Assistant Professor)
- Peter Rawlings, MD, Pediatric Diagnostic Associates, Vice-President of the Medical Foundation (Instructor)
- Phyllis Miller, MD, Women’s Institute for Specialized Health, Immediate Past President (Assistant Professor)
- Jennifer Whitley Dooley, MD, University Hospitalists at Erlanger, Medical Society Board (Assistant Professor)
- Mukta Panda, MD, University Medical Associates, Medical Society Board (Professor and Chair, Internal Medicine)
- Chris LeSar, MD, University Surgical Associates, Medical Society Board (Assistant Professor)
- BW. Ruffner, MD, Erlanger Oncology, Medical Society Board (Professor and former Dean)

A special note of congratulations goes out to all six members of the first graduating class in Emergency Medicine, who have completed and passed Part I (qualifying exam) of the American Board of Emergency Medicine (ABEM). This includes David Ball, DO, Ron Buchheit, MD, Jacob Hennings, MD, Gaurav Mavinkurve, MD, Alton Temple, MD, and Heather Whaley, MD.

Dr. Richa Sood received the 2012 SSPR/APA Trainee Travel Award of the Southern Society of Pediatric Research.

Harry Severance, MD, Professor of Emergency Medicine, recently received Board Certification in Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine (Emergency Medicine Subspecialty Boards).
Welcome

Vonda R. Ware, MD, is a Board-certified Fellow of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology. She received her medical training/residency at Emory University School of Medicine, and actively strives to provide excellence in women’s healthcare. Compassion and caring combined with staying current with the advancement of medicine, surgery, and technology for optimal success in the care of patients is a good description of Dr. Ware’s interests and commitment to women’s healthcare. Dr. Ware’s focus is broad in office-based gynecology with interests in contraceptive management, peri- and postmenopausal hormone therapy, vulvar disorders, urinary incontinence, bladder pain syndrome (interstitial cystitis), and medical treatments for bleeding disorders, fibroids, pelvic pain, and endometriosis. Surgically, Dr. Ware performs minimally invasive laparoscopic procedures as well as advanced laparoscopic surgeries consisting of total laparoscopic hysterectomies and laparoscopic suturing and extracorporeal suture tying. Invasive surgeries such as abdominal hysterectomies, pelvic floor reconstruction, and incontinence procedures are performed with cutting edge technology, evidence-based medicine and clinical knowledge.

Previously serving as an Assistant Clinical Professor for the Emory University School of Medicine for medical students during their Gynecology clerkship, she now has great aspiration to work with residents and medical students at the UT COMC OB/GYN Department, providing comprehensive and collaborative care to each patient seen within the Southside/Dodson Avenue Community Health Centers. Dr. Ware looks forward to a rewarding experience combining academic medicine, teaching, and clinical application to help assist in excellence in women’s healthcare. Her desire is to become actively involved in Chattanooga and surrounding areas as a servant of the public working collaboratively within the community. Another pride and joy for Dr. Ware is her family. She is married to her beloved husband, Pastor Roderick Ware of New Monumental Baptist Church and is the blessed mother of two beautiful daughters, Kara and Jadyn.

William E. Gist, MD, has joined the UT COMC Obstetrics and Gynecology Department as Assistant Professor. Dr. Gist was born and raised in Chicago, IL. After high school, he journeyed to the University of Illinois in the city of Champaign. There, he obtained his Bachelor of Science Degree in computer engineering. Upon graduation he procured a job with Procter and Gamble in Cincinnati, OH. There he developed computer applications for process and control systems in the U.S., Canada, Mexico, and Europe. A new chapter in his life began when he ventured into medicine, earning his medical degree from the University of Cincinnati and completing a residency at North Oakland Medical Center in Pontiac, MI. He is a Board-certified Fellow of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology. He has had the pleasure to practice the art and science of Obstetrics and Gynecology for twenty years, with most of those years served as a consulting physician with nurse-midwives. One such partnership developed into a life-long contract with a Certified Nurse-Midwife, his wife, Beth. She is currently working on her Doctorate in Nursing Practice at Vanderbilt University. Together they have three children and three grandchildren. In his spare time, Dr. Gist enjoys ice skating, wine making, and flying his airplane.

Bill Reynolds, MBA, joined the UT COMC as Director of Continuing Medical Education in January. He was born in Fort Oglethorpe, GA and grew up in Chattanooga. He moved to Lakeland, FL in 2001 to attend Florida Southern College, and graduated in 2005 with his Bachelor of Arts in Graphic Design. From 2005-2007, Bill was the Creative Director for Digitech Graphics Group where he designed vehicle graphics, trade show displays, and other promotional marketing materials, and from 2007-2009 he was the Director of Marketing for Turning Leaf Custom Homes. He moved back to Chattanooga in 2009 and was a Project Manager for Prerogative Marketing Services while working on his master’s degree and he graduated with his Master of Business Administration from UTC in December 2011. His first experience in health care was as a Financial Analyst intern at Memorial Health Care System from August to December, 2011.

Bill is rather health-conscious and an aspiring author. He began writing a book in May, 2011 that explores the relationship between physical fitness and success in various areas of life. He hopes to finish writing it sometime in 2012. Additional extracurricular interests include exercise, sports (soccer, volleyball and tennis), ping-pong, playing guitar, singing, and painting.
# 30th Annual Research Presentations

This year’s poster and oral presentations will be held on **Friday, April 13th 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 and switch your pagers to silent.

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<td>Use of CT perfusion imagining and CT angiography in the selection of hyperacute stroke patients to undergo emergent carotid endarterectomy</td>
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<td>G. Ralston Major, II, MD</td>
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<td>Expanding the phenotype of Perrault Syndrome with total anomalous pulmonary venous return and new orthopaedic abnormalities</td>
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<td>Colleen Forsyth, DO</td>
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<td>Medical child abuse: a father’s role</td>
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<td>First report of biopsy-proven acute interstitial nephritis associated with escitalopram</td>
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<td>Fernando Windemuller, MD</td>
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<td>Diana Tamboli, MD</td>
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<td>8/26/11 - 11/30/11</td>
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<td>Poster presenters (or their representatives) meet in the POB Dining Room at 7:30 am for information regarding scheduling, submissions, and awards.</td>
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<td>4/9/12 - 4/13/12 Mon - Fri</td>
<td>Posters on display in the Medical Mall. All poster authors, residency staff and/or research coordinators will take posters to the Medical Mall at 9:30 am on Monday, 4/11 to assist in setting up the displays.</td>
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Fifth Annual Harold Alper, MD, Humanitarian Award Nominations and Award

Nominations are now being taken for the 2012 Annual Harold Alper, MD, Humanitarian Award for the University of Tennessee College of Medicine Chattanooga campus.

Nominations are due no later than March 1, 2012.

Each department is encouraged to submit at least one nomination for this prestigious award. Nominations may be submitted at:
http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22ES5DEWFJM.

This plaque and monetary award are presented to the resident or fellow in his/her final year of training who has consistently demonstrated the qualities of integrity, respect, and compassion in the care of patients and their families, including:

• the ability to listen, be honest, courteous, and responsive to the patient’s wishes;
• respect of the patient’s need for information and autonomy;
• earning the patient’s trust, provide empathy and maintaining credibility and rapport with the patient and the patient’s family;
• demonstrating a sympathetic understanding of the interaction between health needs and socioeconomic factors; and
• possessing an appreciation of particular issues surrounding cultural and ethnic differences.

SAVE THIS DATE

Friday, March 30, 2012
8:00 AM
Probasco Auditorium

Announcement of the 2012 Annual Harold Alper, MD Humanitarian Award Winner
Alper Humanitarian Grand Rounds Lecture
Presentation of Nominees

Friday, March 30, 2012
NOON
POB Dining Room
Honors Luncheon (by invitation)
Recognition of the 2012 Annual Harold Alper, MD Humanitarian Award Winner
Annual Gold Humanism Honor Society Induction

The guest speaker will be
Jonathan Amiel, MD,
Assistant Dean for Curricular Affairs,
Columbia University College of Physician’s and Surgeons
and Chair, Task Force on Residents, Gold Humanism Honor Society
Publications and Presentations


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The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released their proposed rule for the Physician Payment Sunshine Provision for section 6002 of the Affordable Care Act. The proposed rule will require manufacturers of drugs, devices, biologicals, and medical supplies covered by Medicare, Medicaid, or the Children’s Health Insurance Program to report to CMS payments or other transfers of value they make to physicians and teaching hospitals. Teaching hospital is defined as “any institution receiving payments under the IPPS Indirect Medical Education (IME) Act or the psychiatric hospitals IME during the most recent year for which such information is available.”

The rule applies to all payments to physicians of $10.00 or more or any combination of payments that total more than $100.00 in a calendar year. The following forms of payment apply:

- Consulting fees;
- Compensation for services other than consulting;
- Honoraria;
- Gifts;
- Entertainment;
- Food;
- Travel (including the specified destinations);
- Education;
- Research;
- Charitable contributions;
- Royalty or license;
- Current or prospective ownership or investment interest;
- Direct compensation for serving as faculty or as a speaker for a medical education program;
- Grant;
- Any other nature of the payment or transfer of value.

CMS is proposing that manufacturers and group purchasing organizations will be required to submit a partial year on March 31, 2013. Once the data has been submitted, CMS will aggregate manufacturer submissions at the individual physician and teaching hospital level, provide them with a 45-day period to confidentially review, and if necessary correct that data, and make the data publicly available by September 30, 2013.

The public website must be searchable, understandable, downloadable, and easily aggregated on various levels, as stated in the statute.

CMS will accept comments on the proposed rule until February 17, 2012 (which can be downloaded from the Federal Register Inspection Desk at: https://s3.amazonaws.com/public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2011-32244.pdf), and will respond to comments in the final rule.

The Affordable Care Act provides that violators of the reporting requirements will be subject to civil monetary penalties, capped at $150,000 annually for failing to report, and $1,000,000 for knowingly failing to report.

“Disclosure of these relationships will discourage the inappropriate influence on clinical decision-making that sometimes occurs while still allowing legitimate partnerships,” Peter Budetti, CMS deputy administrator for program integrity, said in announcing the proposed rule. The increased transparency is intended to help reduce the potential for conflicts of interest with physicians or teaching hospitals might face as a result of their relationship with manufacturers.
SPECIAL EVENTS

Saturday, March 10, 2012 • 8:00 a.m.
UT Conference Center, Knoxville, TN
8th Annual Diabetes Regional Conference

Hosted by The University of Tennessee Graduate School of Medicine
To register, visit www.tennessee.edu/com/Diabetes2012

Tuesday, March 13, 2012 • 12:00 noon
Probasco Auditorium
Ethics Quarterly:
Ethical Considerations During Medication Shortages
Healthcare Principles in Practice

Presentation given by Dustin Smith, Pharm D, MBA, BCPS, Pharmacy Operations Manager, Erlanger Health Systems

June 13 - June 16, 2012
The Chattanoogan Hotel, Chattanooga, TN
27th Annual Family Medicine Update

Hosted by The UT College of Medicine Chattanooga, Department of Family Medicine
To register, email CME@erlanger.org

ERLANGER GRAND ROUNDS

General and Pediatrics Tumor Board Conference
Fridays, 12:00 - 1:00 pm
Contact: Kim Wicks, (423) 778-6357

Gynecology Tumor Board Conference
3rd Tuesday of each month, 7:30 - 8:30 am
Contact: Kim Wicks, (423) 778-6357

Internal Medicine Grand Rounds
2nd and 4th Thursday of each month, 8:00 am
Probasco Auditorium
Contact: Becky Swanson, (423) 778-2611

Pediatrics
Wednesdays, 8:00 - 9:00 am
Children’s Massoud Building, Room 140
Contact: Annette DeVilbiss, (423) 778-8074

Surgery
Wednesdays, 7:00 - 8:00 am
Probasco Auditorium
Contact: Gwen Fryar, (423) 778-7695

Surgery, Morbidity & Mortality
Thursdays, 7:00 - 8:00 am
Probasco Auditorium
Contact: Gwen Fryar, (423) 778-7695

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