23rd Annual Research Week 2005
April 25 - 29, 2005

Ronald G. Blankenbaker, MD, Associate Dean and Director for the University of Tennessee College of Medicine — Chattanooga Unit, and Colleen M. Schmitt, MD, MHS, Director of Research, join the Erlanger Health System to announce the 23rd Annual Research Week 2005, set for Monday - Friday, April 25 - 29, 2005. The purpose of this event is to provide residents with an opportunity to present results of their research project or scholarly case report.

Abstracts were submitted in 2/05 and were based on prospective or retrospective studies accomplished while in training in Chattanooga. Case reports are a scholarly analysis of uncommon disease or unusual presentation of a common disease.

Twelve abstracts were selected for poster presentations (eight case reports and four research projects). Posters will be on display the entire week in the Medical Mall Atrium. Three judges will conduct “Walking Poster Rounds” on Friday morning (ten minute presentation and five minutes for questions).

The three best abstracts were selected for oral presentations. Oral presentations will be given in the Probasco Auditorium at 3:00 pm on Friday afternoon. All faculty and residents, staff of the Chattanooga Unit, Erlanger administration, and guests of the presenters are invited to attend.

Special thanks to Erlanger for funding the cash awards as well as to the following faculty for agreeing to participate as judges:

Christopher LeSar, MD Department of Surgery
Paul Stafford, MD Department of Orthopaedic Surgery
Cathy Stevens, MD Department of Pediatrics

See the following page for details of the selected presentations and schedule.

Please make plans now to attend and show your support for the efforts of these outstanding residents and medical students.
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<td>Does Minority Status Affect Self-Reported Health?</td>
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**AWARDS RECEPTION (Coffee and dessert)**

**PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**
**Transitions**

**Orthopaedic Surgery Resident Returns as Faculty**

The Department of Orthopaedic Surgery welcomes one of its former residents back as a new faculty member. **Paul Stafford, MD** completed his Orthopaedic Surgery training in Chattanooga 2003. He completed a one year fellowship in Orthopaedic Trauma, Harborview Medical Center, Seattle, WA. In August 2004, Dr. Stafford returned to Chattanooga, joined the Orthopaedic Surgery faculty and has been appointed Medical Director of Research for the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery.

**Orthopaedic Trauma Fellow**

The Department of Orthopaedic Surgery would like to introduce you to our Orthopaedic Trauma Fellow, **Todd Swenning, MD**. He is currently doing a 6-month orthopaedic trauma fellowship, from January 2005 to June 2005.

**Adjunct Assistant Professor**

**Joseph N. Rudd, PhD** joined the faculty of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery as Adjunct Assistant Professor effective April 1, 2005.

**Voluntary Closing of the Ophthalmology Residency in Chattanooga**

After extensive discussion and consideration, the University of Tennessee College of Medicine--Chattanooga Unit has determined that the Ophthalmology Residency Program, based at Erlanger Medical Center and its Willie D. Miller Eye Center, should voluntarily surrender its accreditation to the national accrediting body, the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME). Ronald Blankenbaker, MD, Associate Dean and Director of the Chattanooga Unit, is working with the Ophthalmology Program Director and the ACGME to initiate the closure process. Other accredited residency programs across the country have been contacted to secure placement of the current residents and those committed to the Chattanooga program in July 2005 and July 2006. Based upon initial responses from several programs as well as the ACGME, we are hoping that our residents will be able to transfer to other quality programs in order to complete their ophthalmology education.

We all regret that this decision was necessary, but believe that closing the program is in the best interest of the residents to insure the quality of their education. On behalf of the entire UT College of Medicine we would like to thank the faculty of the Department of Ophthalmology for their dedication to the program.

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**Research Coordinators and Nurses**

**Second Tuesdays**

**Brown Bag Lunch Series**

**Finding and Becoming a Good Mentor**

**Sylvia Friedl, OHSP**

**May 10, 2005 at Noon**

**IRB Conference Room**
**Publications**


**Standridge JB.** Donepezil did not reduce the rate of institutionalisation or disability in people with mild to moderate Alzheimer’s disease. Evid Based Ment Health. 2004 Nov;7(4):112.


**Standridge JB.** Improving antihypertensive agent selection to promote nephroprotection. Current Hypertension Reviews, accepted October 2004.

**Standridge JB.** Hypertension and atherosclerosis: Clinical implications from the ALLHAT Trial. Current Atherosclerosis Reports, accepted October 2004.


**Standridge JB.** A family physician questions the conclusion from ALLHAT. Am J of Hypertension. 2004 April;17(4):361-365.

**Standridge JB.** What is special about the specialty of breadth? Tennessee Family Physician. 2004 Spring;15(2):11-12.

Publications--continued


Presentations

Richard Alvarez, MD along with Glenn B. Pfeffer, MD participated in the October 2004 Orthopaedics Today panel on “Plantar fasciitis: Perspectives on the most common adult foot problem” with Ronald W. Smith, MD as moderator.

Congratulations

Phillip Burns, MD, Professor and Chairman of the Department of Surgery, is President-elect of the Southeastern Surgical Congress. The SESC is the largest regional surgical society in America. He will become president in 2006.

Casey Batten, MD, PGY-2 Resident with the Department of Family Medicine, was selected by the Membership Committee to receive the Annual Resident Scholarship Award to attend the American Medical Society for Sports Medicine Annual Meeting in Austin, Texas. This year the membership committee received 32 applicants from which three were chosen for the Resident Scholarship Award. Dr. Batten will receive a check in the amount of $1,000.00 to help cover expenses incurred for attending the meeting. In addition, he will also receive complimentary registration for the 14th Annual Meeting in Austin and membership in the American Medical Society for Sports Medicine.

Virginia Cairns, MLIS, Library Manager, Erlanger Health System, is listed on the 2004 Scroll of Exemplary Service by the Medical Library Association, recognizing her demonstrated service in the area of leadership, publishing, service or special project on the job or in the community.

Faculty Promotions

Four faculty members will receive promotions effective July 1, 2005. Faculty members are nominated for promotion because of their continuing commitment to academic excellence. Nominees are recommended by their department chairs and are closely scrutinized by both the local and the Memphis Committees on Academic Appointments and Promotions. The Chattanooga Unit congratulates the following individuals for their achievements.

Frances Fesmire, MD Clinical Associate Professor
Roger Jones, MD Associate Professor
Christopher LeSar, MD Assistant Professor
UT Family Practice Praise

This letter was recently shared with the UT Family Practice staff. Mr. Morris has given us permission to publish it.

My wife and I have been sharing a rather unpleasant “bug” for the past few weeks. After much prompting from friends and neighbors, we finally consented to “go see a doctor.” Since neither of us had a personal physician in Chattanooga, I suggested we see if UT Family Practice could see us any time soon. I called yesterday morning and to my amazement, they made arrangements to see both of us at the same time that afternoon. We both were extremely pleased with our experience at UTFP. Everyone we encountered, from the lady on the phone, who made our appointment, to the registration staff, the nurses, nurse practitioners, physicians and the lady who accepted our co-payment, were not just professionally courteous but were very pleasant and friendly. The facility was very nice and the processes we experienced seemed efficient and service was prompt. We were impressed and will certainly recommend UT Family Practice to our family and friends.

I know too well how quick people are to complain, so I thought I would share with you our experience, which was exceptionally positive.

Blaine A. Morris
Administrator, Radiology Services
Erlanger Health System

Continuing Medical Education Events--2005

For information call 423-778-6884 or
visit our website: www.cmeconferences.org

June 8-11, 2005
20th Annual Family Medicine Update
Read House, Chattanooga TN
Conference Director: John Standridge, MD

June 16-17, 2005
Annual OB/GYN Summer Seminar
Probasco Auditorium, Erlanger Medical Mall, Chattanooga TN
Conference Director: Michael Breen, MD

August 30, 2005
Chattanooga Renal Symposium
The Chattanoogan, Chattanooga TN

Comments, articles, and announcements for the COMmunicator can be submitted in publishable format to: Sylvia Friedl, Office of Human Subject Protections, UT College of Medicine--Chattanooga Unit [sylvia.friedl@erlanger.org]