Remembering Karl Miller, MD

The faculty, staff, family, and friends of Dr. Karl Miller gathered at the Probasco Auditorium on August 27th to pay tribute to a beloved co-worker and friend. Dr. Miller died on Tuesday, August 21 from complications of cancer.

Dr. Miller joined the Department of Family Medicine in 1996 and contributed greatly as Professor, Associate Residency Director, and Director of Predoctoral Activities and Research. His dedication to patients as well as his energy and humor made him a favorite teacher and mentor to our residents and medical students. He served as assistant medical editor for the American Family Physician and as editor for the journal Family Medicine. He had numerous publications of articles and book chapters.

In addition to his university commitments, he provided a most valuable service to the Chattanooga community as Regional Medical Director for Adventa Hospice.

Dr. Miller’s professional affiliations included the Tennessee Academy of Family Physicians, the Chattanooga and Hamilton County Medical Society, the Tennessee Medical Association, the North America Primary Care Research Group, the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine, the American Academy of Family Medicine, and the National Council of Hospice Professionals.

Dr. Miller was nationally recognized and published in the areas of family medicine, women’s health and hospice care.

Although he was a successful physician and teacher, Dr. Miller considered his biggest accomplishments those of a loving husband and father.

All of us at the UT College of Medicine Chattanooga are saddened by his loss and will miss him.
Welcome Dr. David Seaberg, New UT COMC Dean

Deans Ronald Blankenbaker, MD, David Seaberg, MD, and BW. Ruffner, MD

Dr. Seaberg meets faculty and residents

University of Tennessee Physicians Selected to the Board of Directors of the Austin Hatcher Foundation for Pediatric Cancer

Orthopaedic spine surgeon Dr. James M. Osborn, pediatric oncologist Dr. Manoo Bhakta, and pediatrician Dr. Felcito Fernando have been selected to serve on the Board of Directors of the Austin Hatcher Foundation for Pediatric Cancer.

Dr. Osborn will serve as the Board’s chairman. He is a clinical instructor in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, UT College of Medicine Chattanooga. Dr. Osborn graduated from Loma Linda University School of Medicine, Loma Linda, CA in 1991.

Dr. Bhakta is the Director of Pediatric Oncology at T. C. Thompson Children’s Hospital at Erlanger since 1986 and is an associate professor at the UT College of Medicine Chattanooga. He also serves as a principal investigator for the Children’s Oncology Group, a prestigious cancer research organization in which T. C. Thompson Children’s Hospital holds membership status.

Dr. Fernando is a Cleveland, TN based Pediatrician and serves as the Chief of Staff at Sky Ridge Hospital. Dr. Fernando graduated from The University of Tennessee School of Medicine in Memphis in 1988.

The Foundation’s mission is to support research towards the diagnoses, treatment and development of a cure for pediatric cancer and to provide support and hope to children and families undergoing treatment as well as to those who have lost children due to cancer. For more information on the Austin Hatcher Foundation visit www.hatcherfoundation.org
Vascular Surgery Fellowship Program Approved

On August 27, 2007, the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education and its Surgery Residency Review Committee approved a new Vascular Surgery Fellowship Program (initial accreditation) that the UT COMC will begin July 2008. Richard Sprouse, MD, will direct the two year program, sponsored by the Department of Surgery. Physicians entering the fellowship program must be board eligible in general surgery and must have completed a Surgery Residency Program prior to beginning the fellowship. The program will offer two positions (one at each level).

The Surgery Residency Review Committee, “Commended the program for its demonstrated substantial compliance with the ACGME’s Requirements for Graduate Medical Education without citations.” Congratulations to Dr. R. Phillips Burns (Department Chair) and to Dr. Sprouse.

Publications


Publications--continued


Presentations

Brian Weatherby, MD will present a paper entitled, “Retrospective study of the Reamer Irrigator Aspirator (RIA) as a device for harvesting bone graft: union rates and complications,” at the Tennessee Orthopaedic Society and Clinical Orthopaedic Society combined annual meeting, September 27-29, 2007 in Memphis, TN. Co-authors are Peter Nowotarski, MD and Joe Rudd, Ph.D.

J.P. Price, MD will present a paper entitled, “Lateral decubitus position for reduction and fixation of intertrochanteric femur fractures using a unique traction device versus standard supine position using a standard traction table,” at the Tennessee Orthopaedic Society and Clinical Orthopaedic Society combined annual meeting, September 27-29, 2007 in Memphis, TN. Co-authors are Robert Blease, MD, Barry Hodges, MD, Joe Rudd, PhD and Baine Ervin, BSE.
New Faculty Appointments

Stephen Beasley, MD joined the UT College of Medicine Chattanooga in February 2007 at the rank of Clinical Assistant Professor. Dr. Beasley serves as the Medical Director of the Pediatric Emergency Medicine Department at T.C. Thompson Children’s Hospital.

Dr. Beasley attended the University of Southwestern Louisiana in Lafayette where he completed a B.S. in 1973. He obtained his Medical Degree at Louisiana State University in 1977. His Pediatrics residency was completed at Earl K. Long Hospital in Baton Rouge, Louisiana in 1981. Dr. Beasley is boarded in both Pediatrics and Pediatric Emergency Medicine.

Julio Castillo, MD joined the UT College of Medicine Chattanooga in May 2007 at the rank of Clinical Assistant Professor. Dr. Castillo is currently a Pediatric Emergency Medicine physician at T.C. Thompson Children’s Hospital.

Dr. Castillo obtained his Medical Degree at the National Autonomous University of Honduras School of Medicine in Tegucigalpa in 1982. He completed his Pediatrics residency at Ochsner Medical Foundation in 1989. His Pediatric Emergency Medicine fellowship was completed in 1991 at The University of Tennessee, LeBonheur Children’s Hospital. Dr. Castillo is boarded in both Pediatrics and Pediatric Emergency Medicine.

Jennifer Keates-Baleeiro, MD joined the UT College of Medicine Chattanooga in March 2007 at the rank of Affiliate Assistant Professor. Dr. Keates is currently a physician with the Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Division at T.C. Thompson Children’s Hospital.

Dr. Keates attended Tufts University where she completed a B.S. in Biology and Developmental Psychology in 1989. She obtained her Medical Degree at MCP-Hahnemann University in 1999. She completed her Pediatrics residency in 2002 at Children’s Hospital of Michigan. Most recently, her fellowship in Pediatric Hematology-Oncology was completed at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in December, 2006. Dr. Keates is board certified in Pediatrics and Board Eligible in Pediatric Hematology-Oncology.

Janet Lawley, MD joined the UT College of Medicine Chattanooga in March, 2007 at the rank of Clinical Instructor. Dr. Lawley is currently a physician with the Alton Park and Dodson Avenue Health Centers.

Dr. Lawley attended the University of South Alabama in Mobile where she completed a B.S. in Biology in 1999. She obtained her Medical Degree at the University of South Alabama College of Medicine in Mobile in 2003. She completed her Pediatrics residency in 2006 at the UT College of Medicine Chattanooga. Dr. Lawley is board certified in Pediatrics.

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.
New Medicare Changes for Research Subject Coverage Proposed

On June 7, 2000, the President of the United States issued an executive memorandum directing the Secretary of Health and Human Services to “explicitly authorize [Medicare] payment for routine patient care costs ... and costs due to medical complications associated with participation in clinical trials.” CMS is now defining the routine costs of clinical trials and identifying the clinical trials for which payment for such routine costs should be made.

The proposed Clinical Research Policy will require principal investigators to submit a letter of self-certification to CMS prior to initiation of a study (for which payment will be sought). Self-certification requires the study be listed on the CMS website, the Federal Register, or ClinicalTrials.gov.

In addition this Policy proposes the following standards:

- The research study has a written protocol.
- The clinical research study is not designed to exclusively test toxicity or disease pathophysiology in healthy individuals.
- The clinical research study is registered on the ClinicalTrials.gov website.
- The research study protocol specifies the method and timing of public release of results.
- The research study protocol must explicitly discuss subpopulations.
- The research study protocol must discuss how the results are to be generalized to the Medicare population.

The Final National Coverage Determination will be made on October 17, 2007. Look for more details here next month on how this may impact your submissions to the IRB.

Transitions

Dr. John Morgan stepped down as Chair of the EHS/UT Institutional Review Board as of the August 22nd meeting. Dr. BW. Ruffner has been appointed as new IRB Chair.

Dr. Morgan served in this position for over ten years, reviewing hundreds of protocols and counseling research nurses, medical students, residents, staff and community physicians, and faculty both from the College of Medicine and the UTC campus. We are very grateful for his patience and leadership. Dr. Morgan will stay on the Board as a voting member.

Erlanger Reads!

A Book Club for Erlanger employees will hold their first meeting on Friday, October 5th, 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm in the Organizational Development Classroom A. Discussion of this month’s selection, The Five Dysfunctions of a Team, will be facilitated by Langhorne Waterhouse, EHS/UTCOMC Medical Library Manager.
This program is funded through the generous support of Erlanger Health System.

**NUTS AND BOLTS**
Research Symposium

The UTC Student 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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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!
East Tennessee Fraud Working Group
Tennessee Hospital Association

Fall Compliance Conference 2007
October 18 – 19, 2007
The Chattanooga Hotel
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Program Description
The detection and elimination of health care fraud and abuse is a top priority of federal and state law enforcement. According to Associate U.S. Attorney, Jim Sheehan, the False Claims Act brought in the largest amount ever in 2006 ($2.2 billion) and over 500 new whistle-blower cases are filed a year.

Participants at this conference will join government representatives from the OIG, DOJ and TBI as well as other legal experts and compliance professionals for analysis and discussion of current and emerging fraud trends in Tennessee. Other topics of interest include the different categories of health care fraud cases, case examples and the individual responsibilities of and coordination between federal, state, and commercial insurance companies regarding health care fraud investigations.

Who Should Attend
This conference is designed for CEO’s, CFO’s, Compliance Officers, In-House and Outside General Counsels, Regulatory Affairs VP’s and Directors, Physicians, Privacy Officers, Risk Managers, Billing/Coding Professionals, Health Care Professionals.

Speakers
♦ Chris Covington, Special Agent, Office of Inspector General, DHHS
♦ Donna Davis, Federal Investigator, U.S. Attorney’s Office
♦ Carl Florez, Investigator, Health Integrity, LLC
♦ Sylvia Friedl, Research Compliance Officer, UT College of Medicine, Chattanooga
♦ Paula Godsey, Legal Division Deputy Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration
♦ Robert Lower, Partner, Alston & Bird, LLP
♦ Steven Parks, Vice President, ERMC II
♦ Mark Pastin, President, Council of Ethical Organizations and Health Ethics Trust
♦ Betsy Tonkin, Asst. United States Attorney, U.S. Attorney’s Office
♦ Valerie Smith, Staff Attorney, Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, TBI
♦ Jennifer Trussell, Special Agent, Office of Inspector General, DHHS
♦ Curtis Watkins, Program Director, AdvanceMed Corporation

Continuing Education Credit: This workshop has been pre-approved for 14 hours of Category II (non-ACHE) continuing education credit. HCCA credit has been applied for. You must attend the entire day to receive a certificate of attendance.
Agenda

Thursday, October 18, 2007

7:00 – 8:00 am  Registration
8:00 – 8:15 am  Welcome
Jim Brexler – President and CEO, Erlanger Health Systems
Tish Breeding – President, East Tennessee Compliance Officers Forum
8:15 – 9:15 am  Keynote Speaker
Office of the Inspector General, Dept. of Health and Human Services
– Washington Office has been invited
9:15 – 9:30 am  Break
9:30 – 10:30 am  An Overview of the Tenn. Bureau of Investigation Medicaid Fraud Control Unit
Valerie Smith – Staff Attorney, Tennessee Bureau of Investigations, Medicaid Fraud Control Unit
10:30 – 11:30 am  A Medicare Part A and Part B Program Safeguard Overview
Curtis Watkins – Program Director, AdvanceMed Corporation
11:30 am – 1:00 pm  Lunch (on your own)
1:00 – 2:00 pm  Emerging Fraud Trends in Tennessee
Jennifer Trussell – Special Agent, Office of the Inspector General, Dept. of Health and Human Services
2:00 – 3:00 pm  The Anti-Kickback Statue: Criminal Prosecutions in Tennessee
Chris Covington – Special Agent, Office of the Inspector General, Dept. of Health and Human Services
3:00 – 3:15 pm  Break
3:15 – 4:00 pm  Long-Term Care Case Presentation
Donna Davis – Federal Investigator, U.S. Attorney’s Office
4:00 – 4:30 pm  Medicare Part D Fraud
Carl Florez – Investigator, Health Integrity, LLC
4:30 – 5:00 pm  Case Study To Be Announced

Friday, October 19, 2007

Track A – Compliance/Investigations

8:00 – 10:30am  Investigation Workshop – Part 1
Mark Pastin, Ph.D. – President, Council of Ethical Organizations and Health Ethics Trust
10:30 – 12:00 pm  Conducting Successful Interviews During an Investigation
Jennifer Trussell – Special Agent, Office of the Inspector General, Dept. of Health and Human Services
12:00 – 1:30pm  Lunch (on your own)
1:30 – 2:00pm  Investigation Workshop – Part 2
Mark Pastin, Ph.D. – President, Council of Ethical Organizations and Health Ethics Trust
2:00 – 3:00pm  Differences in Federal, State, and Local Enforcement Actions in Healthcare – Panel Discussion
Federal – Betsy Tonkin – Assistant United States Attorney, U.S. Attorney’s Office
State – Valerie Smith – Staff Attorney, Tennessee Bureau of Investigations, Medicaid Fraud Control Unit
Local – Steve Parks – Vice President, ERMC II
3:00 – 3:15pm  Break
3:15 – 5:00pm  Investigation Workshop – Part 3
Mark Pastin,
Track B – Compliance/Legal/Research

8:00 – 9:00am  HIPAA Privacy and Security Update
Robert Lower – Partner, Alston & Bird, LLP

9:00 – 10:00am  Oncology Case Presentation
To Be Announced

10:00 – 10:15am  Break

10:15 – 11:00am  TennCare OIG – Fraud Discussion
Paula Godsey - Legal Division Deputy Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration

11:00 – 11:45am  Compliance Law Update
Sara Kay Wheeler – Partner, Powell Goldstein, LLP

11:45 – 1:15pm  Lunch (on your own)

1:15 – 5:00pm  Research Mock Trial
Moderator – Sylvia Friedl – Research Compliance Officer, UT College of Medicine, Chattanooga
Judge – W. Neil Thomas, III – Circuit Court of Tennessee
Plaintiff’s Attorney – Mike Richardson, Esq. – Horton, Maddox and Anderson
Defense Attorney – Sue Scruggs, Esq. – Spears, Moore, Rebman and Williams
Defendant – Donald Chamberlain, MD – Chattanooga Oncology –Gynecology

Sponsorship
Baptist Memorial Healthcare Corp.  Memorial Health Care System
Blount Memorial Hospital  St. Mary’s Health System
Covenant Health  Tennessee Association of Compliance and Ethics Officers
Erlanger Health System  Tennessee Hospital Association
West Tennessee Healthcare  The University of Tennessee Medical Center
LifePoint Hospitals, Inc.  Vanderbilt University Medical Center
Knoxville District Hospitals

Location/Registration Information

The Chattanoogan Hotel
1201 South Broad Street
Chattanooga, TN 37402
1-800-619-0018
www.chattanooganhotel.com

Room Rate: $89 per night
(Mention code #248390 - the East Tennessee Fraud Working Group Conference to receive the above rate)

Registration deadline: The registration deadline is October 10. If you have not received a confirmation letter prior to the program, please call Penny Williams at THA, 1-800-258-9541 or pwilliams@tha.com to confirm your registration.

Additional Information
✦ Registrants unable to attend may send an alternate.
✦ The Association reserves the right to cancel or reschedule a program due to insufficient number of registrants or other unforeseen circumstances.
✦ Please contact the education department if you have any questions.
✦ Everyone will receive a certificate of attendance upon completion of this conference.
✦ Maps to the meeting site will be emailed or faxed with confirmation.

Refund/Cancellation Policy: An alternate registrant from the same institution will be accepted under the original registration. Registration fees are non-refundable unless written notice of an individual’s cancellation is received five (5) business days prior to the program date, in which case a cancellation fee of $25.00 will be deducted from the refund. If notice of the cancellation is received after five (5) business days required, there is NO refund. The same procedure applies for the registration that is faxed in with the indication of payment to follow. You will be billed whether or not you attend the program.
TACEO REGISTRATION FORM
October 18-19, 2007

Fee: $25.00 per person/per day  Thursday, October 18 Friday, October 19  
(If attending one day only, indicate which day(s) you plan to attend.)

$40.00 per person/both days  Both Days

Please print!  (all attendees must complete a registration form)

Name
Organization
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City/State/Zip
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(Confirmations will be emailed or faxed.)

Method of Payment
Check enclosed and payable to THERF
Mail Registration  form with payment to: THERF, 500 Interstate Blvd. South, Nashville, TN 37210.

Credit Card Payment  Visa  Mastercard
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Cardholder’s Signature

Fax Registration
To register by fax, send your complete registration form, along with a purchase order. Your registration will not be accepted by fax without a purchase order. Fax number (615) 742-3753

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Registration Deadline: October 10, 2007  
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