ACEP Elects Dr. David Seaberg as its Next President

The American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) today announced that David C. Seaberg, MD, CPE, FACEP, an emergency physician and professor and dean of the UT College Of Medicine Chattanooga, was elected president-elect during the organization’s annual meeting in Las Vegas in September. Dr. Seaberg was elected by ACEP’s Council to serve a one-year term and will assume ACEP’s presidency at next year’s meeting in San Francisco.

Dr. Seaberg was first elected to the ACEP Board in 2005 and is chair-elect of the ACEP Foundation. In addition to his responsibilities in Chattanooga, he has been a leader in the state of Florida on medical and hospital aspects of domestic security. He founded the University Alliance for Weapons of Mass Destruction Education and served as co-chair of the Health/Medical/Hospital/EMS Committee of the State Work Group for Domestic Security. He has given testimony before the House Committee on Homeland Security on fighting pandemic flu.

“The crisis in emergency medicine is not going to be solved by health care reform alone,” said Dr. Seaberg. “Emergency departments continue to close, emergency visits continue to rise and medical emergencies are a fact of life that will not go away. Emergency physicians have a key role to play in health care reform, as we touch all parts of society and all parts of the health care system. Policymakers can look for us for solutions to individual and systemic problems.”

Dr. Seaberg has been a member of ACEP for 24 years. He served on ACEP’s board of directors.

Dr. Seaberg previously served as residency director and chairman of the department of emergency medicine at the University of Florida, where he was on faculty for 13 years. He served as president of the Florida College of Emergency Physicians.

Dr. Seaberg attended medical school at the University of Minnesota and did his emergency medicine residency training at the University of Pittsburgh. He is certified by the American Board of Emergency Medicine and the Certifying Commission in Medical Management. He has written more than 130 publications, book chapters and abstracts and has received numerous teaching and research awards.

ACEP is a national medical specialty society representing emergency medicine. ACEP is committed to advancing emergency care through continuing education, research and public education. Headquartered in Dallas, Texas, ACEP has 53 chapters representing each state, as well as Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia. A Government Services Chapter represents emergency physicians employed by military branches and other government agencies.

Comments, articles, and announcements for the COMmunicator can be submitted in publishable format to Sylvia Friedl, Office of Research Compliance, Sylvia.Friedl@erlanger.org,
**Orthopaedic Summer Research Internship Continues to Grow**

Thirty-two young people took part in the orthopaedic department’s summer research internship this year. In the past, most participants have been from local schools, but this summer there were participants from UT Memphis, a premed student from Harvard, and a premed student from Korea (who had to leave several weeks early because he was drafted into the Korean army). Participants, ranging in age from 16-22, were primarily premed majors, with several using the program to explore different fields of medicine.

An academic requirement was added to the program with interns being required to complete fifteen academic hours including cadaver dissection, casting class, and a trauma course. In addition, they had their choice of more than 20 hours of electives (developed and provided specifically for this program), including research compliance, patient and employee safety, simulation lab demonstration, biomechanical research, preparation for medical school, and a course on all aspects of medical school and residency. Additionally, all interns were required to complete the CITI (online Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative) course prior to participation in the program. Thirty-five clinical hours were earned on the trauma floor, in dialysis, the wound center, pre-op, surgery, pathology, radiology and the ob/gyn floor.

The program, now in its seventh year, is part of the FutureDocs program, the official student internship opportunity offered by the UT College of Medicine Chattanooga. Deadline for applications for next summer is 4/30/11.

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**UT COMC Physicians Present at ACP Chapter Meeting**

The 2010 Tennessee chapter scientific meeting of the American College of Physicians (ACP) was held in Memphis on September 16-18 and hosted numerous physicians from across the state, including ten from the UTCOMC.

Six residents presented eight posters. Bassel Obaid, MD, won third place among 36 posters for his work, “Sarcoidosis and lower extremity edema: piecing the puzzle together.” Brett Krummert, MD, won second place for his research poster, “Ensuring seamless effective and efficient patient care: use of a universal outpatient physician referral request form,” and first place for his oral presentation, “How to save a life 101.” Andrew Todd, DO, won first place for his research poster, “Falls in the elderly patient: a retrospective evaluation of the role of pain management.” Other presenters were Drs. Angel Brown, Joe Furr, and Philip Scherer.

Faculty members were also active at the meeting. James Sizemore, MD, presented the talk, “Antibiotics, resistant organisms, and stewardship.” Roger DeVersa, MD, presided as chair over the Council of Young Physicians session. Drs. Mukta Panda and Victor Kolade were also in attendance.
Welcome

Laura Cooley, MD, has joined the UTCOMC as assistant professor in the Department of Internal Medicine. Dr. Cooley specializes in Infectious Diseases and is a new member of The I.D. Group, Chattanooga, TN. A graduate of the Internal Medicine residency program at UTCOMC, she earned a medical degree from the University of Tennessee College of Medicine, Memphis TN. Dr. Cooley recently completed an adult infectious diseases fellowship at Tulane University School of Medicine, New Orleans, LA. She also received a master of public health and tropical medicine at Tulane University, New Orleans, LA. Dr. Cooley was the first recipient of the Charles Harold Alper, MD, Resident Humanitarian Award at the UTCOMC in 2008. She was Fellow of the Year in 2009 at Tulane University Department of Medicine.

Pediatric Orthopaedics welcomes Julie A. Zielinski, MD, who joined Dr. Moses’ practice on October 1, 2010. Dr. Zielinski earned a bachelor of science in biomedical engineering from Northwestern University, a master of science in mechanical engineering at University of Michigan, and her medical doctorate degree from Wayne State University Medical School. She completed her orthopaedic surgery residency at McLaren Regional Medical Center in Flint, Michigan and a fellowship in pediatric orthopaedic surgery at Orlando Health/Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children.

Publications and Presentations


RESEARCH NEWS BULLETIN BOARD

Scientific Review Committee Town Hall Meeting
Thursday, October 28, 2010, Noon
Dean’s Conference Room

All faculty, residents, fellows, and administrative staff are encouraged to come with any research related questions you may have. This is an informal workshop.

There is no presentation or agenda; just an opportunity to offer help with your research.

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Research Coordinator Forum
Tuesday, October 26, 2010, Noon
Dean’s Conference Room

Standard Operating Procedures: Not so Scary

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All About Grants

The NIH’s New Resources section of their e-newsletter, Extramural Nexus contains a series of podcasts to help listeners understand how NIH reviews the approximately 80,000 competing applications received every year.

NIH has a number of podcasts available for investigators, including a recent podcast on “Using Plain Language in NIH Applications.”

A list of podcasts with links and transcripts is available at:

http://grants.nih.gov/podcasts/All_About_Grants/index.htm
### 2011 Research Week Schedule and Deadlines

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<td>8/10 - 11/10</td>
<td>Research projects reviewed for content &amp; statistical analysis by Scientific Review Committee (SRC) and Institutional Review Board (IRB) as needed. Contact Stacey Hendricks or go to UTCOMC website for additional information. SRC/IRB Town Hall Meetings available; check website for details.</td>
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<td>11/3/10 Wed</td>
<td>Research proposal review submission to Stacey Hendricks by 11/3/10 to be reviewed by SRC (if not previously reviewed) at 11/10/10 meeting; investigator needs to be present.</td>
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<td>Research reviewed by IRB (if not previously reviewed); see website for appropriate form(s).</td>
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<td>12/15/10</td>
<td>Case reports require IRB review no later than 12/15/10; see website for appropriate submission form(s)</td>
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<td>Submit a completed hard copy AND electronic Abstract Submission Form to department/program chair for approval signature. Forms available at UT-COMC website.</td>
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<td>1/12/11 Wed</td>
<td>Department submits a completed/signed (approved) hard copy AND electronic copy of the Abstract Submission Form to <a href="mailto:Stacey.Hendricks@erlanger.org">Stacey.Hendricks@erlanger.org</a></td>
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<td>1/24/11 Mon</td>
<td>Blinded abstracts and score sheets distributed to the SRC.</td>
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<td>Departments and presenters notified of selections.</td>
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<td>Poster presenters meet with John Stroud and Dr. Heath in the Probasco Auditorium at 8:00 am for review of poster design guidelines and appointment scheduling with Mr. Stroud.</td>
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<td>2/16/11 - 3/21/11</td>
<td>Presenters meet by appointment with Mr. Stroud to submit a PowerPoint file with all text and graphic images for layout of posters, proofing, etc.</td>
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<td>3/21/11 Mon</td>
<td><strong>Final proof</strong> approvals from authors/departments so printing can begin.</td>
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<td>4/11/11 - 4/15/11 Mon - Friday</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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<td>4/15/11 Fri</td>
<td>Poster presentations are in the morning. Oral presentations are in the afternoon. Awards dinner at The Walden Club in the evening.</td>
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What To Do When Subjects Withdraw

A new guidance has been issued by the Office of Human Research Protections (OHRP), providing the first formal guidance on subject withdrawal. It applies to non-exempt human subjects research (clinical and social/behavioral) conducted or supported by HHS. It addresses six topics.

1. **What does it mean when a subject withdraws from a research study?**
2. **May an investigator retain and analyze already collected data about a subject who withdraws from the research or whose participation is terminated by the investigator?**
3. **Can investigators honor subjects’ requests to have their data destroyed or excluded from any analysis?**
4. **Should the withdrawal of a subject from research study be documented?**
5. **What is the relationship of this guidance to FDA’s guidance on this issue and to the HIPAA Privacy Rule?**
6. **When seeking the informed consent of subjects, what should investigators tell subjects about data retention in the event the subjects withdraw?**

The guidance addresses how researchers should plan ahead of time on what to do if a subject withdraws from participation. OHRP recommends that when investigators are seeking the informed consent of subjects, they should explain whether already collected data will be retained and analyzed even if the subjects choose to withdraw from the research. Including this explanation would better inform subjects about what it means that they may “discontinue participation at any time” (45 CFR 46.117(a)(8)).

Below are some examples of what such an explanation might include, depending on whether the HHS-conducted or -supported research study is also subject to FDA regulations or the HIPAA Privacy Rule:

- For HHS-conducted or -supported research that is also FDA-regulated, regardless of whether the research is subject to the HIPAA Privacy Rule, the investigator should inform subjects that data collected about the subject up to the time of subject withdrawal will remain in the trial database and be included in the data analysis.

- For HHS-conducted or -supported research that is not FDA-regulated but is covered by the HIPAA Privacy Rule, if the investigator intends to retain and analyze already collected data about the subject after a subject chooses to withdraw from the research, the investigator should inform subjects that if a subject revokes authorization in writing for continued use or disclosure of his/her PHI that was already obtained in the research, analysis of that PHI will continue only to the extent necessary to protect the integrity of the research study.

- For HHS-conducted or -supported research that is not subject to FDA regulations or the HIPAA Privacy Rule, the investigator should inform subjects whether the investigator intends to either: (1) retain and analyze already collected data relating to the subject up to the time of subject withdrawal; or (2) honor a research subject’s request that the investigator exclude the subject’s data from any analysis.
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<td><strong>Faculty Development Retreat</strong></td>
<td>Friday, November 12, 2010</td>
<td>8:00 am - 5:00 pm</td>
<td>UTC University Center</td>
<td>Profession and Improving Evaluation. Guest Speaker, Frank J. Medio, PhD. Information and registration information available at <a href="http://utcomchatt.org/docs/2010_Faculty_and_Resident_Retreat.pdf">http://utcomchatt.org/docs/2010_Faculty_and_Resident_Retreat.pdf</a></td>
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<td><strong>Ethics Quarterly: Life Saving Devices at the End of Life</strong></td>
<td>Monday, December 13, 2010</td>
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<td>Mitchell L. Mutter, MD, FACC, EHS Cardiology. All residents, fellow, medical students and faculty are strongly encouraged to attend.</td>
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<td><strong>SAFER Update--Sleep and Fatigue Education in Residency</strong></td>
<td>Tuesday, December 14, 2010</td>
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<td>Probasco Auditorium</td>
<td>Gabe Tallent, MD, Medical Director, Erlanger Sleep Lab and Clinical Assistant Professor, Dept. of Medicine-Neurology. All 1st, 2nd, and 3rd year residents and fellows are required to attend. All key faculty are required to attend. All residents, fellows, medical students, and faculty are invited.</td>
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<td><strong>Research Challenges: Consenting Participants With Reduced Capacity</strong></td>
<td>Monday, February 14, 2011</td>
<td>noon - 3:30 pm</td>
<td>Probasco Auditorium</td>
<td>Faculty Development, Core Curriculum, and Ethics Quarterly Special Presentation. All 1st, 2nd, and 3rd year residents and fellows are required to attend. All key faculty are required to attend. All residents, fellows, medical students, and faculty are invited. IRB, SRC, and Ethics Committee members are strongly encouraged to attend.</td>
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