It’s the time of year to take a quiet moment to remember those we have shared with, cared for, loved, and sometimes lost.

Many thanks to all of you for your gifts of healing. May your holiday season be a time of peace and joy.

Please join us at the UTCOMC Holiday Reception
Tuesday, December 13, 2011
2:00 - 3:30 pm
Erlanger Crossroads Atrium

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Dr. Phillip Burns Named American College of Surgeons Vice-President Elect

Phillip Burns, MD, FACP, has been named First Vice-President Elect of the American College of Surgeons. Dr. Burns will serve for one year and represent the college as its third highest-ranking official. Dr. Burns, a general surgeon, specializes in breast and advanced laparoscopic surgery, is Chairman of the Board of University Surgical Associates, as well as Professor and Chairman of the UTCOMC Department of Surgery. Dr. Burns has been a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons since 1974, and has served as President of the Tennessee Chapter (1998-1999), and as a Board of Governors’ Committee on Surgical Practices member (2004-2006) and Chair (2006-2009).

Founded in 1913, The American College of Surgeons (with over 78,000 members) is a scientific and educational association of surgeons dedicated to improving the quality of care for the surgical patient by setting high standards for surgical education and practice.

Dr. Burns is also the past Secretary-Director of the Southeastern Surgical Congress. He served two terms on the Residency Review Committee for Surgery and was appointed by the ACGME as a special site visitor to the surgery programs in Louisiana following the Katrina Disaster. He holds memberships in the Southern Surgical and the American Surgical Associations, and was recently inducted into the prestigious Halsted Society. He is the past president of the Southeastern Surgical Congress and the Southern Surgical Association. The Baroness Foundation at Erlanger named him as the Outstanding Physician of the Year for 2007. The Tennessee Medical Association named him Outstanding Physician of the Year for 2009 for his contributions to medical education.

Dr. Burns was raised on a cattle farm in Pikeville, TN. A product of the public education system in Tennessee, he is a graduate of Bledsoe County High School, where he was named an Outstanding Alumnus in 2000. He attended the University of Tennessee College of Medicine in Memphis as an Alpha Omega Alpha. He was named an Outstanding Alumnus of the College of Medicine in 2003.

Dr. James Creel Recognized at International ITLS Conference

James H. Creel, Jr., UTCOMC Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine and one of the founding pioneers of Georgia EMS and Region 1 EMS, was awarded the Medical Director of the Year at the International Trauma Life Support International Conference in Nashville, TN on October 28, 2011. The award was presented by Dr. John Campbell (who started the program in 1982) and was joined on the podium by Dr. Ray Fowler, another Georgia pioneer responsible for initiating a program in metropolitan Atlanta. Dr. Creel brought ITLS to the Chattanooga area in 1984. The Tennessee/Georgia Consortium, started by Dr. Creel, was the first trauma services consortium in the nation that relied on the instructional support of the EMS services and instructors who served the consortium, keeping costs low and the quality of instruction high for all students, whether from pre-hospital or in-hospital professions.

Dr. Thomas Sweets, Orthopaedic Surgery Resident, Receives Award

Thomas M. Sweets, MBA, MD, PGY2 resident in Orthopaedic Surgery, recently received the Sumner Koch, MD Award from the Chicago Society for Surgery of the Hand. The award was given for a paper presented at the 2010 ASSH Annual Meeting that was voted by the membership to be the most clinically relevant for the future. The paper, coauthored with Peter J. Stern, MD, is entitled, “Pyrolytic Carbon Resurfacing Arthroplasty for Osteoarthritis of the Proximal Interphalangeal Joint of the Finger.” Dr. Stern accepted the award on behalf of both authors at this year’s Annual Meeting in Las Vegas. In addition, the paper was published in the Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery, 2011 Aug 3;93A(15):1417-25.
Publications and Presentations

Five Orthopaedic Surgery residents presented papers at the 2011 Tennessee Orthopaedic Society Annual Meeting. The meeting was held Sept. 29 - October 1, 2011 at the Ross Bridge Golf Resort and Spa in Birmingham, AL. Residents presenting papers were Jeremy Bruce, MD, Chad Corrigan, MD, Michael Johnson, MD, Clay Spitler, MD, and Thomas M. Sweets, MBA, MD.


Heath GW. Physical activity promotion and evidence based interventions within the public health framework: overview. Community-wide policy and environmental strategies for physical activity promotion. Indicators and tools to measure physical activity: PA levels, environment, policy. Presented at the Curso Internacional de Actividad; Fisica y sala publica in Caracas, Venezuela, 11/17/11 - 11/19/11.


The Chattanooga Research Institute Needs Your Input!

The Chattanooga Research Consortium is an association of organizations committed to translational research and life science discovery in the region. They are seeking input from regional physicians in evaluating the current economic impact of biomedical business in the Chattanooga area. If you are interested in participating or would like additional information, please contact Stephen Meyer, cofounder, at:

www.chattanoogaresearchinstitute.org

Or by calling the CRI at 423-842-3335.

Upcoming Knoxville Events

Eighth Annual Hematology Conference: An Update on Selected ASH Topics, Saturday, 1/21/12, UT Conference Center. Approved for AMA, AAPA, ACPE credits, as well as CEUs and contact hours. www.tennessee.edu/cme/Hematology2012.

Eighth Annual Diabetes Regional Conference: Trends and Treatments, A Practical Approach, Saturday, 3/10/12. UT Conference Center. Approved for AMA, AAPA, ACPE credits (AAFP credit pending) as well as CEUs and contact hours. www.tennessee.edu/cme/Diabetes2012.

Correction

In the September/October 2011 issue of the COMmunicator it was incorrectly stated that Dr. Louis Lambiase, UTCOMC Assistant Dean for Clinical Affairs, and gastroenterologist in the UTCOMC Internal Medicine Department, was listed in the U.S. News and World Report of Best Doctors in the United States as being among the top 10% in the region. In fact, he was noted to be in the top 1% of the nation. Apologies and congratulations to Dr. Lambiase.
Are there additional regulatory considerations for research involving prisoners?

Yes, there are special requirements for research involving prisoners. The major additional considerations are:

• the exemptions that generally apply to certain types of research involving human subjects do not apply to research involving prisoners;
• in order to approve research involving prisoners, the IRB must find that the proposed research falls into one of the permissible categories of research, and make six other findings;
• the institution must certify to OHRP that an IRB has reviewed the proposal and made seven required findings, and receive OHRP authorization prior to initiating any research involving prisoners;
• the IRB must include a prisoner or prisoner representative and meet a membership requirement concerning the number of IRB members not associated with a prison involved in the research;
• Secretarial waiver of informed consent in certain emergency research is not applicable to research involving prisoners.

How do the regulations define “prisoner”?

“Prisoner” means any individual involuntarily confined or detained in a penal institution. The term is intended to encompass individuals sentenced to such an institution under a criminal or civil statute, individuals detained in other facilities by virtue of statutes or commitment procedures which provide alternatives to criminal prosecution or incarceration in a penal institution, and individuals detained pending arraignment, trial, or sentencing.

Individuals are prisoners if they are in any kind of penal institution, such as a prison, jail, or juvenile offender facility, and their ability to leave the institution is restricted. Prisoners may be convicted felons, or may be untried persons who are detained pending judicial action, for example, arraignment or trial.

What happens if a human subject becomes a prisoner during the course of a research study?

If a human subject involved in ongoing research becomes a prisoner during the course of the study, and the relevant research proposal was not reviewed and approved by the IRB in accordance with the requirements for research involving prisoners, the investigator must promptly notify the IRB. All research interactions and interventions with, and obtaining identifiable private information about, the now-incarcerated prisoner-subject must be suspended immediately. Upon receipt of the investigator’s report that a previously enrolled research subject has become a prisoner, if the investigator wishes to have the subject continue to participate in the research, the IRB must promptly re-review the proposal in accordance with the requirements, and the institution(s) engaged in the research involving the prisoner subject must send a certification to OHRP and wait for a letter of authorization in reply. Otherwise, the prisoner subject must stop participating in the research.

In special circumstances in which the investigator asserts that it is in the best interests of the subject to remain in the study while incarcerated, the subject may continue to participate in the research until the requirements are satisfied.
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