

# January 2010

*Happy New Year!*

## Message from the Chairman

### **Anthony A Mancuso, MD**

As we venture into 2010, we should all be filled with great pride - throughout 2009, the Department of Radiology made great strides in our educational, clinical and research endeavors. I am honored to lead the department into the New Year and look forward to our continued success, which is only possible because of you! Thank you for your commitment and unrelenting pursuit for excellence. I wish each of you good health and much happiness! Happy New Year!

## EDUCATION

### Diagnostic Radiology Residency Program

#### **Site Visit Results**

The residency program, under the direction of Dr Lori Deitte (Program Director and Clinical Associate Professor), recently received notification of the June 16, 2009 site visit result: full accreditation with a five year cycle - our next site visit is scheduled for November 2014. This is the longest accreditation cycle possible! Thanks to everyone for the team effort with the site visit preparation and for all that you do to help make the residency program successful.

#### **Interview Season**

Resident interviews for 2011-2012 are progressing well. We have received many positive comments from applicants regarding their interview experience - especially regarding the great camaraderie displayed between faculty, residents and staff. Special thanks to the members of the Residency Selection Committee, Drs Nate Jones and Candice Whitney (Chief Residents), Bree Dubois (Program Coordinator), and Kiersten Simmons (Program Assistant), for their hard work and dedication to our applicants.

#### **Chief Residents**

Special thanks to our current chief residents - Drs Nate Jones and Candice Whitney, for their leadership and commitment to our residency program! The new chief residents will be selected later this month.

#### **Kurt Scherer, MD**

Dr Kurt Scherer (1<sup>st</sup> year resident), recently published an article with Drs John Johnston and Mukta Panda in the November 2009 issue of the Journal of Radiology Case Reports. Dr Scherer's article "Dural Based Mass: Malignant or Benign" can be accessed via the following link: <http://www.radiologycases.com/index.php/radiologycases/issue/view/43>

#### **Visiting Professor**

Dr Marc S Levine (Professor of Radiology at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia), is scheduled to visit as follows:

##### **Thursday, February 4**

9:30<sup>AM</sup> - Case Sessions (Resident Library) - For senior residents only

12:30<sup>PM</sup> - Radiology of the Esophagus: A Pattern Approach (Large Conference Room) - Lunch will be provided

3:30<sup>PM</sup> - Case Sessions (Resident Library) - For senior residents only

##### **Friday, February 5**

9:30<sup>AM</sup> - Case Sessions (Resident Library) - For senior residents only

12:00<sup>PM</sup> - Lecture (Large Conference Room) - Lunch will be provided

#### **Mock Oral Boards**

Mock oral board sessions are currently being coordinated for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year residents. Schedules will be released by the end of the month.

## **Medical Physics Residency Program**

### **Program Establishment**

The Physics Division, under the direction of Dr Manuel M Arreola (Clinical Assistant Professor and Chief), is working diligently to establish an accredited Medical Physics Residency Program. The Physics Division has selected Dr Libby Brateman (Associate Professor) as the Director of the Physics Residency program. Dr Monica Ghita, a recent graduate of our department and contributor to our CT Dose monitoring program is our first physics resident. Recruitment is already underway for next year.

## **Neuroradiology Fellowship Program**

### **Site Visit Results**

The fellowship program, under the direction of Dr Jeff Bennett (Program Director and Assistant Professor), recently received notification of the June 17, 2009 site visit: full accreditation with a four year cycle.

## **Vascular and Interventional Radiology**

### **Site Visit Results**

The fellowship program, under the direction of Dr Darren Postoak - Program Director and Clinical Assistant Professor) recently received notification of the June 18, 2009 site visit: full accreditation with a five year cycle.

## **Medical Student Program**

### **BMS 6190 - Anatomy by Diagnostic Imaging**

The first year medical student course, under the direction of Dr Patricia Moser (Course Director and Clinical Assistant Professor) concluded in December. The course will resume in August.

### **BMS 6191 - Introduction to Clinical Radiology**

The second year medical student course, under the direction of Dr Patricia Abbitt (Course Director and Professor) resumes this month, after a short break during the holidays.

### **MEL 7950 - Radiology Elective**

The fourth year medical student clerkship, under the direction of Dr Patricia Moser (Clerkship Director and Clinical Assistant Professor) also resumes this month after a short break during the holidays. The Radiology Elective is extremely popular with our medical students and thus the next several periods are very full.

## **Physician Assistant Program**

### **2010 Sessions**

The Physician Assistant Program, under the direction of Dr Robbie Slater - (Clinical Assistant Professor) is currently in hiatus. The program will resume in July.

## **Hot Seats**

### **2010 Sessions**

The Hot Seats sessions, under the direction of Dr Walt Drane (Professor and Chief) are currently being finalized for 2010. The dates of the sessions are listed below. For scheduling information, please contact Chris Hunter (Administrative Assistant) at extension 44317.

- Session 1 - Wednesday, March 10 to Sunday, March 14
- Session 2 - Wednesday, March 24 - to Sunday, March 28
- Session 3 - Wednesday, April 14 to Sunday, April 18
- Session 4 - Wednesday, April 21 to Sunday, April 25

## **Neuro Course for Stroke Management**

## **Course Overview**

Neuroradiology will be offering a CME accredited course for physicians interested in training in the management of acute stroke. The course will focus on the role of CTA in the diagnosis and treatment of acute stroke. Specifically - the benefit of the newer "whole brain" volume scan method in the evaluation of acute stroke. Physicians from Neuroradiology and Neurosurgery will be working together to offer the three day course throughout the year.

# **PATIENT CARE**

## **Clinical Updates**

### **Addendums**

Faculty are reminded to complete addendums on the same day they are received - please return completed addendums to Brenda Tieden (Assistant Director) promptly. Addendum delays require extra work and may result in a significant loss of revenue.

### **AquilionOne**

With the AquilionONE volume scanner, we now have the ability to evaluate perfusion not only of the brain, but also tumors and organs of the body. In the coming months, Dr Roger Shifrin (Clinical Assistant Professor) will be using this perfusion CT protocol to study angiogenesis in non- small cell lung cancer correlated with histologic microvessel density and genetic markers of angiogenesis. Dr Jim Caridi (Associate Professor and Chief) will use this new technology to evaluate liver tumors following RF ablation and embolization procedures. Drs Anthony Mancuso (Professor and Chairman) and Sharatchandra Bidari (Post-doctoral Associate) will be studying head and neck cancer to assess therapeutic response.

## **Division Updates**

### **Neuroradiology**

#### **3T Advanced Imaging**

Dr Jeff Bennett (Assistant Professor) is working closely with Drs Clark Diffendaffer and John Murray (Fellows), and the MRI Techs to implement 3T advanced imaging - including brain tumor perfusion, and diffusion tensor imaging of neoplastic, developmental, and degenerative processes.

### **Spine Interventional Radiology**

#### **Procedures**

The Spine Interventional Radiology group performed its first intercostal nerve block and its first CT-guided sacroplasty in November. Both procedures were successful and resulted in dramatic pain reduction.

### **Vascular and Interventional Radiology**

#### **Irreversible Electroporation**

The Vascular and Interventional Radiology division recently placed a purchase order for Irreversible Electroporation - which is a minimally invasive means of eliminating small tumors. There are only a few sites in the United States with this technology and less than 100 patients have been treated worldwide. Since this technology is in its infancy, we hope to be instrumental in its development for the treatment of metastatic and primary cancer.

### **Community Group**

#### **Reading Room**

The new location of the Community Group's main reading room (Room G-517) is working out well. Thanks to everyone involved in ensuring a smooth transition. The reading room can be reached via extension 47385.

#### **Response Times**

Residents are asked to pay special attention and to confirm successful receipt when calling and faxing results between the hours of 4:00<sup>AM</sup> and 7:00<sup>AM</sup>.

#### **Night Image Librarian**

A Night Image Librarian position is now posted and is expected to be filled quickly.

### **Image Quality and Protocol Adherence**

Image quality and protocol adherence is a priority at our rural hospitals. If you are made aware of a study that has to be repeated when a patient transfers to UF, the Community Group would greatly appreciate appropriate feedback - specific information would be extremely helpful so that they can educate techs, correct common mistakes, and improve quality.

### **Infirmiry (SHCC) Dictation System**

The dictation system is up and running and the SHCC is very happy with the services provided.

### **Infirmiry (SHCC) Report Turn-around Times**

The Community Group is exploring scheduling and report turn-around times for any additional study that a student might need (US, CT, MRI). Currently, the SHCC send students to outside imaging services due to ease of scheduling and rapid turn-around times. Our goal is to secure those services by efficiently scheduling and processing of reports.

### **Starke**

#### **OR Cholangiograms**

The C-arm is up and running at Starke for OR Cholangiograms. Thanks to all involved.

### **Lake Shore**

#### **Equipment**

Lake Shore will have a digital mammography unit, stereo, and ultrasound mammotome system installed in the near future. Location and logistics are currently under review.

#### **Breast Lymphoscintigraphy**

Lake Shore has begun breast lymphoscintigraphies for palpable, proven cancers. The first needle loc(s) are scheduled in January.

### **Live Oak**

#### **Advent Christian Village**

The contract between Live Oak and Advent Christian Village has been signed. Intermed is in the process of connecting image transfer and dictation systems.

#### **Reading Room Relocation**

The reading room at Live Oak will be moving to an adjacent building in early 2010. Updated contact information will be provided once the relocation is complete.

## **ADMINISTRATION**

### **W-2 Forms**

#### **Distribution**

2009 W-2 forms will no longer be distributed by the departments as a result of the implementation of electronic W-2 forms.

In accordance with IRS regulations, employees' 2009 W-2 forms will be mailed by January 31, 2010 to employees who do not consent to receive their W-2 forms electronically. The printed W-2s will be mailed to the employees' local home address in the Directory. ***Each employee is responsible for maintaining current Directory information.***

For employees who consent to receive their W-2 electronically: The electronic 2009 W-2 forms will be available at least one week earlier than the mailed forms; Communication will be sent to the employees' UF e-mail address when the electronic W-2s become available; and Employees consenting to receive their 2009 W-2 forms electronically by Friday, January 15 will not receive a paper 2009 W-2 form via U.S. mail.

### **Year-End Earnings Statements**

## **Update**

Employees will be provided Employee Year-End Earnings Statements which will assist them in comparing the amounts on the 2009 W-2 form to the earnings, deductions, taxes and net pay on their last biweekly earnings statement for 2009.

This year's Employee Year-End Earnings Statements will only be available electronically through [my.ufl.edu/My Self Service](http://my.ufl.edu/MySelfService). Employee consent is not required for an employee to have access to the Employee Year-End Earnings Statements. Foreign national employees or nonresident aliens will receive their IRS 1042-S forms on or before March 15, 2010 since these employees have special withholding and reporting requirements with the IRS. Nonresident aliens receiving IRS 1042-S forms will not receive Employee Year-End Earnings Statements.

Employees should direct any questions concerning their W-2, W-2C, 1042-S forms and Employee Year-End Earnings Statements to University Tax Services at (352) 392-1324 or visit the website at University Tax Services - Finance and Accounting (<http://fa.ufl.edu/tax>).

## **Staff Highlights**

**Clerk** Hollee Graham (who previously worked as an OPS employee) was offered, and has accepted, our full-time Clerk position. Hollee has proven to be an extremely hard worker and we are fortunate to have her on our team.

## **Information Technology**

### **Netbooks**

All clinical faculty involved in resident teaching will be receiving a netbook computer for accessing PowerScribe from home to sign-off on reports. In addition to being able to access Powerscribe, you will also be able to access your e-mail account and the internet. **Faculty are advised not to install additional software.** These computers are currently being configured and distributed by John Bauldree (IT Expert).

### **Mediasite**

Mediasite, our new webcasting management system (which will allow remote access viewing of lectures) is currently being installed and is expected to be functional by the end of the month.

## **Gator Basketball**

### **UF vs LSU - FSN**

Saturday, January 16 (8:00<sup>PM</sup>)

### **UF at Arkansas - ESPN/ESPN 2**

Thursday, January 21 (9:00<sup>PM</sup>)

### **UF vs South Carolina - ESPN**

Saturday, January 23 (6:00<sup>PM</sup>)

### **UF vs Georgia - CSS**

Wednesday, January 27 (7:00<sup>PM</sup>)

### **UF at Tennessee - CBS**

Sunday, January 31 (1:00<sup>PM</sup>)