March 2010

EDUCATION

New Baby
Congratulations to Dr. Tara Massini (3rd year resident) and her husband John on the birth of their new daughter! Anne Grace Massini was born on Saturday, February 20, 2010 here at Shands at the University of Florida. Annie weighed 6 lbs 1 oz and measured 18 ½ inches long.

Awards Program
Congratulations to Drs. Michael Antonucci (2nd year resident), Benjamin Corne (2nd year resident), and Carl Stalvey (1st year resident) who were recognized for their distinguished customer service at the Physician Customer Service is Key Awards Program on February 24. These three residents were specifically recognized for "Improving communication between staff members, techs, and physicians; and for providing efficient patient care with a team mentality."

Visiting Professor - Dr Ram
Dr. Sunil Ram is tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 19; Tuesday, April 20; and Wednesday, April 21. During his visit, Dr. Ram will give noon lectures and afternoon senior case sessions. More information will be provided once Dr. Ram's schedule is finalized.

Bayer Educational Program
Bayer Healthcare Pharmaceuticals will provide an educational program titled "Redefining Liver Imaging" at 12:30PM on Friday, April 23, in the large conference room. The program will be led by Dr. John R. Leyendecker, Associate Professor and Clinical Director of the Abdominal Imaging Section in the MRI Department of Radiology at Wake Forest School of Medicine. Refreshments will be provided.

Mock Oral Boards
Mock oral board sessions for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd year residents are tentatively scheduled as listed below. More information will be provided once the final schedules are finalized.
1st year residents - Tuesday, May 11
2nd year residents - Tuesday, April 27
3rd year residents - Tuesday, May 25

Resident Education Committee
The next resident education committee meeting is scheduled for 12:30PM on Monday, April 5, in the resident library.

Annual Program Review
The annual program review is scheduled for 12:00PM on Monday, April 12 in the large conference room. Faculty and resident attendance is essential! The review is not only a requirement of the ACGME, it is essential aspect of updating and improving our program.

ACGME Commendation
In addition to receiving full accreditation with a five year cycle, our recent site visit also resulted in the program receiving a special "commendation" for substantial compliance with the ACGME's requirements for Graduate Medical Education. This is an excellent report and is reflective of everyone's hard work and dedication.

American Board of Radiology
The American Board of Radiology recently notified us of our five year oral board pass rate of 100% - the highest possible. Special thanks to our faculty for their dedication to resident education.

Interview Season
Our residency interview season has concluded - special thanks to the faculty who assisted with the interview process.

Match Day
Match Day took place on Thursday, March 18 and we are pleased to announce the Class of 2011:

Abeer Ahmed - University of Alabama
John Beck - University of Texas
Craig Campbell - Florida State University
James Freeman - Medical College of Georgia
Thomas Kennedy - Creighton University
Jordan LeGout - Indiana University
Camden Medlin - University of South Alabama
David Miller - Loma Linda University
Philip Scherer - University of Florida
Garre Woodbury - Medical College of Georgia
Shamar Young - University of Florida

VIR Field Manual
The Vascular and Interventional Radiology division recently unveiled a field manual to improve the educational experience for residents rotating on their service.

Medical Student Program

MEL 7950 - Radiology Elective
Dr Elizabeth Vorhis (Clinical Assistant Professor - Abdominal Imaging) has taken over as course director for the 4th year medical student clerkship. Special thanks to Dr Patricia Moser (Clinical Assistant Professor - Abdominal Imaging)
Imaging) for serving as the course director for the past several years.

Hot Seats
Our annual Hot Seat course is underway. Upcoming sessions include:

Session 2: March 24-28
Session 3: April 14-18
Session 4: April 21-25

PATIENT CARE

Mul-Disciplinary Collaboration
The Department of Radiology is working very closely with the Department of Emergency Medicine to develop a cohesive approach to patient care. The two departments have implemented a multi-disciplinary conference that takes place at 7:15AM on the second Thursday of every month in the Department of Radiology's large conference room (G-101). An administrative meeting is also held each month to discuss service challenges and to implement mutually beneficial solutions (to include developing practice guidelines and implementing systems upgrades). The increased communication between the two departments has substantially benefited our patients!

Division Updates

Abdominal Imaging

Chapman Society
Congratulations to Dr. Patricia Abbi (Professor and Chief - Abdominal Imaging) who was inducted into the Chapman Chapter of the Gold Humanism Honor Society on Tuesday, March 2.

Weekly Journal Club
The division has established weekly journal club sessions which take place every Wednesday morning in the North Tower reading room. Articles that have been, or will be reviewed, are posted on our website:


Recruitment
The division is actively recruiting to fill a diagnostic radiologist position (Clinical Assistant Professor) - a full-time, non-tenure accruing position with primary assignment at Shands. Minimum requirements include an MD with board certification in Radiology (or board eligible) and candidates must be eligible for licensure in the State of Florida. Salary is negotiable. Experience with high volume CT of abdomen and pelvis, ultrasound, and body MR with
special emphasis on emergency room and trauma imaging is preferred. Clinical responsibilities will include patient care, and teaching of housestaff and medical students. The ability to perform percutaneous drainages would be a helpful addition. The application deadline for this position is April 1 with a tentative start date of July 1. For more information, including application instructions, please contact Chris Hunter (Administrative Assistant).

**Spinal Interventional Radiology**

**Service Growth**
Our spine service is growing. More sacroplasies (5 in 2010) are being performed with good results. A collaboration with Dr Michael Macmillan from the Department of Orthopaedics has resulted in several successful sacroiliac joint fusions.

**Vascular and Interventional Radiology**

**Volume Increase**
The division has had significant increases in volumes of cases for the past four months.

**Irreversible Electroporation**
Irreversible electroporation (IRE) is now available. The first case is forthcoming. Please direct potential candidates to the division.

**Tumor Viability**
In addition to IRE, the new CT scanner may be useful in determining the viability of tumors post percuaneous therapy. Current criteria rely on size and enhancement which is often suboptimal. This new technology may prevent unnecessary and potentially risky procedures as well as define patients for down-staging and possible transplantaion.

**Physics**

**AAPM Appointment**
Dr. Manuel Arreola (Clinical Assistant Professor and Chief - Clinical Radiological Physics) was elected as President of the Florida Chapter of the American Association of Physicists in Medicine (AAPM) for the 2010-2013 term.

**IAEA Course**
The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) of the United Nations has invited Dr. Manuel Arreola (Clinical Assistant Professor and Chief - Clinical Radiological Physics) to be one of three presenters at the First Latin American Course for Training of Clinical Diagnostic Physicists to be held at the General Hospital in Mexico City, Mexico from March 23-27. The IAEA has only held two similar courses in the past, one in Europe and one in Southeastern Asia. The IAEA will use this course as the model to follow for future courses in Central and South America, as well as Asia and Africa.

**ABR Appointment**
Dr. Libby Brateman (Associate Professor - Clinical Radiological Physics) has been appointed as Chair of the American Board of Radiology (ABR) Diagnostic Radiological Physics Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Exam Committee. The committee will be in charge of designing the MOC ABR exam for diagnostic physicists.
This is a very important issue as it determines, in some ways, the level of expertise required for physicists in private practice and academia.

ADMINISTRATION

Staff Highlights

Teamwork
Special thanks to Hollee Graham (Clerk), Cathy Moore (Grants Assistant), and June Cassala (Senior Fiscal Assistant) for assisting Shands Radiology with staffing the reading rooms. We genuinely appreciate their teamwork!

Superior Service
Sandra Westergard (Senior Secretary) was recently acknowledged for her exceptional support of the Division of Spinal Interventional Radiology. Sandy’s hard work has enabled the new service to begin operating efficiently - which is not only greatly appreciated by our faculty and staff, but by the numerous patients and referring physicians who she has assisted. Great job Sandy!

IT Updates

Netbooks
All clinical faculty involved in resident teaching should have received a netbook computer for accessing PowerScribe from home to sign-off on reports. Faculty are asked to contact John Bauldree (IT Expert) for user support, if necessary.

* Please note that John is currently working on correcting PowerScribe access difficulties for faculty who have Cox Communications as their internet service provider.

Mediasite
Mediasite, our new webcasting management system (which allows remote access viewing of lectures) has been successfully installed and is up and running. The new system, especially the audio, has dramatically improved our broadcasting abilities.

HR Updates

Reclassification
We are in the process of reclassifying our vacant IT Expert position to a Statistical Research Coordinator I to more appropriately reflect the needs of the department. The position will transition from one that primarily
provides IT support, to one that designs, develops, implements, and manages a comprehensive internal information system and statistical research program for our clinical (patient care systems), educational (medical student, fellowship and residency programs), and research endeavors. We will begin recruitment once the position has been approved.

**HIPAA**

The new HIPAA training modules, both General Awareness and HIPAA for Researchers, are now available for use by faculty and staff on the HR Training and Development website. Only UF employees with an active job appointment will be able to register for training via the myUFL system; all others (students, volunteers, visitors) should continue to use the training modules through the Privacy Office website. If you have questions pertaining to which training session to complete and/or how to complete the required training, please contact Chris Hunter (Administrative Assistant). The training deadline is March 31.

**Effort Report Certification**

Effort certification for the Fall 2009 semester (Term Code 2098) is underway. If you have not already certified your effort, please navigate in PeopleSoft to My Self Service>Effort Certification to complete the certification process as soon as possible. For questions and/or concerns regarding the certification process, please contact Chris Hunter (Administrative Assistant).

**Recycling**

Recycling bins located throughout the department have led to the successful recycling of soda cans, plastic bottles, cardboard, and plastic contrast containers. Thanks to everyone for their diligence and organization of our recycling efforts.

**Alumni Outreach**

We are in the process of updating our alumni files. If you are in contact with any of our former residents, fellows, post-doctoral associates, faculty, and/or staff, please provide their contact information to Hollee Graham (Clerk).

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