October 2009

Diagnostic Radiology Residency Program

2011-2012 Resident Interviews
Resident interviews for 2011-2012 are scheduled to begin later this month and will through January. Special thanks to the Resident Selection Committee for their hard and dedication.

Obstetrical Ultrasound Simulation Sessions
Three obstetrical ultrasound simulation sessions for senior residents will take place month at the UF Center for Safety Education and Research in Jacksonville.

Abdominal Imaging Education Sessions
The Body Division has started "Topics" education sessions during which two articles and correlative radiological cases are reviewed. The sessions take place at 8:15AM every Wednesday in the Body Room.

Journal Club Sessions
Special thanks to Dr Chris Sistrom - Associate Chairman, for sharing his research a data analysis expertise at monthly journal club meetings.

"Aorta" Lecture
Please mark your calendars for a special "Aorta" lecture to be given by Dr Tom Ma Associate Professor, with the Division of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery in t Department of Surgery. Dr Martin's lecture is scheduled for 7:15AM on Thursday October 29 in the large conference room. We hope you can attend!

Portfolios
Dr Lori Deitte, Program Director, was the guest speaker at a recent Master Educato Fellowship Program session. Dr Deitte gave a presentation on portfolios.

Resident Highlights

Candice Whitney, MD - 3rd year radiology resident
Congratulations to Dr Whitney on her recent engagement to Matt Bolan! The wedd scheduled for April 2010. Dr Whitney will be a beautiful bride and we are so excite her!
Neuroradiology Fellowship Program

Neuroimaging MR Course
Later this month, our neuroradiology fellows, Drs Clark Diffendaffer and John Murray, will attend an advanced Neuroimaging MR Course at Massachusetts General in Boston.

Abdominal Imaging

Pediatric Radiology Coverage
Effective October 1, Abdominal Imaging attendings will begin providing Pediatric Radiology coverage on Mondays and Wednesdays. Abdominal Imaging attendings also begin to provide Pediatric Radiology call coverage the third full week of every month.

Community Group

Relocation
The relocation of the Community Group (due to the closure of AGH) is currently in its final phase. Room G-517 is almost completely remodeled and the community group scheduled to begin utilizing the room effective November 1.

Physics

Bi-Annual Inspection
The Radiation Control Office of the Florida Department of Health conducted its bi-annual inspection of all x-ray systems at Shands UF. The outcome of the inspection was a perfect "bill of health". Not a single citation was issued for any of the numerous x-ray systems in the department - this includes those at the Medical Plaza, Sports Medicine, Orthopedics Institute. It also includes all of the new equipment at the South Campus. Congratulations to the entire group of Physics GAs for an excellent job!

New Graduate Assistants
Please join us in welcoming our two new graduate assistants - Ryan Fisher, MS and Lindsay Sinclair, MS. Ryan and Lindsay follow the tradition of first class medical physics students that we have been fortunate to have.

Spinal Interventional

Procedures
The Spinal Interventional Division is now offering procedures five days a week with a general goal for a 48-hour turnaround time from the procedure being ordered to being completed. Procedures offered now include the following:
Epidural Steroid Injections (Cervical; Thoracic; Lumbar; Caudal); Interlaminar; Transforaminal Sensory Nerve Root Blocks Facet Joint Blocks Median Branch Blocks RF Ablation of Median Branch SI Joint Steroid Injection Sacroccocygeal Injection for Coccygodynia Sympathetic Ganglion Blocks Diskography Lumbar Punctures including C1/C2 Myelograms Bone Biopsy Disk Biopsy Abscess Drainage Vertebral Augmentation (Vertebroplasty; Kyphoplasty; STAXX; Tumor Ablation) Sacroplasty Alternative Cement Augmentation Sites (Acetabulum; Femoral Head)

VA

Cardiac CTA and Virtual Colonography
Beginning the week of October 5, the VA has begun to perform Cardiac CTA and Virtual Colonography.

Vascular and Interventional Radiology

Irreversible Electroporation
The VIR Division is currently attempting to procure Irreversible Electroporation to the oncology repertoire. Unlike Ablation, Irreversible Electroporation causes tumors to undergo normal cell death avoiding scar and collateral damage. This technology is revolutionary and will cross multiple disciplines. Recent applications have been used on pancreatic tumors.

Faculty Highlights

James G Caridi, MD - Associate Professor and Chief - Vascular and Interventional Radiology
Dr Caridi was recently recognized by several nurses/techs for his ability to skillfully manage several procedure rooms while maintaining a positive attitude and sense of humor.

Lori Deitte, MD - Clinical Associate Professor - Abdominal Imaging
Dr Deitte was recently selected for reappointment to the RSNA Education Committee which focuses on the development of education initiatives for practicing radiologist residents in training.

Robert L Dubuisson, MD - Clinical Assistant Professor
Effective November 1, Dr Dubuisson will shift from his role in the Community Group working in Abdominal Imaging and Pediatric Radiology.
Thomas Scagnelli, MD - Clinical Assistant Professor - Vascular and Interventional Radiology

Dr Scagnelli, who has been with the department since July 2006, recently accepted a position with the Baptist Cardiac and Vascular Institute at Baptist Health International Center in Miami. Dr Scagnelli's last day with us is scheduled for October 30. We wish him much success.

Medical Student Education

2nd Year Medical Students

The second year medical student course (BMS 6191 - Introduction to Clinical Radiology), under the direction of Dr Patricia Abbitt, Professor and Chief - Abdom Imaging, began on October 6. The course is designed to acquaint students with the imaging findings of certain disease states.

Equipment

Verio 3T Magnet

As of Monday, October 5, the department has begun using the new Verio 3T magnet, which utilizes the latest software for advanced imaging.

Facilities

South Tower

As we begin our transition to covering the new tower, we will soon be implementing the Radiology Tower Transition Hotlink campaign which will provide our customers with...
Access to information regarding the transition; and 2) A means by which to confidentially contact us with questions, concerns, or comments. The goal of the campaign is to ensure a seamless transition during which we are committed to providing our patients with the highest quality of care. We also hope to be alerted to potential service deficiencies before they become an issue. The campaign will include A) An updated website banner directing customers to a site dedicated to up-to-date information regarding the transition; B) Email service providing customers with the ability to contact us - to include paging abilities for inquiries requiring immediate attention; C) Business cards for techs to distribute to our customers as necessary; and D) Flyers to post throughout the department. We look forward to a successful transition!

Staff Highlights

Andrew Baldwin - Associate Director
Please join us in wishing Andrew a very Happy Birthday on October 11! Andrew turns (FIFTY)! Yes, it's true!

Michael Smith - IT Entry
Please join us in welcoming Michael Smith, our new IT liaison whose first day is scheduled for Monday, October 12. Michael will assist with providing PC and AV support to the department.

Sean Wiley - Clinical Programs Coordinator - Vascular and Interventional Radiology
Sean Wiley was recently recognized by several technologists who noted that they are always glad to see him coming to their room as he is extremely patient, very efficient, and willing to answer questions. Great job Sean!

Important Dates to Remember

Friday, October 16
Gator Growl: (7:00PM)

Saturday, October 27
Football: Florida vs Arkansas

Saturday, October 24
Football: Florida at Mississippi State

Saturday, October 31
Football: Florida vs Georgia (3:30PM; CBS)

Human Resources

Electronic W-2
The Office of Human Resource Services is launching a new initiative that will provide UF employees with the ability to access their IRS W-2 forms electronically through myUFL system. Electronic W-2 forms are expected to be available earlier than printed forms and will provide unlimited access to prior years’ documents dating back to 2005. Once an employee has signed up consent is valid for all subsequent years unless the employee chooses to withdraw consent, or upon termination of employment. Employees...
who do not consent to the electronic W-2 form will continue to receive a paper form through the U.S. Postal Service. Printed forms will be mailed by January 31, 2010 address listed in the UF directory. Employees are responsible for updating their contact information in the myUFL system. In order to obtain on-line access, employees must consent to receive the electronic version of the form. Sign up now by logging in to myUFL system and navigating to: My Self Service - W-2/W-2c - Consent.

IT

Unsolicited E-mail Attachments
Please remember to not open attachments that are sent via unsolicited e-mails. Often these e-mails contain viruses that will infect your computer. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our IT Expert - John Bauldree, at extension 47002 or at 352-745-8778.

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