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Faculty Highlights

Irvin (Dick) Hawkins, MD
Congratulations to Dr Dick Hawkins, Professor - Vascular and Interventional Radiology, who will be awarded the Society of Interventional Radiology Gold Medal. Dr Hawkins joins Dr Anthony A Mancuso, Chairman and Professor - Neuroradiology, as one of the two radiologists in the department to be awarded the Gold Medal by their respective societies (in 2005, Dr Mancuso was awarded the Gold Medal by the Society of Head and Neck Radiology). The Gold Medal is a prestigious honor and is the ultimate award for radiologists. Dr Hawkins spearheaded many innovative technologies and procedures, which resulted in developing the interventional radiology specialty. As a result of his dedication and endless energy, many residents and fellows have gone on to follow in his footsteps and consequently improve the lives of many sick patients.

Scott Peterson, MD
Dr Scott Peterson, Assistant Professor - Vascular and Interventional Radiology, was recognized by a tech for providing exceptional patient care. The tech noted that Dr Peterson "went above and beyond to ease the patient and her family."

Manuel Arreola, PhD
Dr Manuel Arreola, Clinical Assistant Professor and Chief - Physics, was elected to the University of Florida Faculty Senate for a three year term.

Sharatchandra (Sharat) Bidari, MD
Congratulations to Dr Sharat Bidari, Clinical Post-Doctoral Associate - Neuroradiology, and his wife Dr Divya Bidari, on the arrival of their beautiful baby boy "Dhruv" who was born on July 30, 2009.

Health Information Technology (HIT) Improvements

Dr Chris Sistrom, Associate Chairman, Chief Information Officer, and Associate Professor - Abdominal Imaging, recently completed a sabbatical year during which he worked jointly with the Department of Radiology and the Physicians Organization at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) in Boston. While at MGH, Dr Sistrom played a key role in the analysis of the variation of imaging utilization and quality that became a major component of imaging utilization management in that institution. He also became an expert on the architecture and development of the MGH version of computer physician order entry (CPOE), known as Radiology Order Entry (ROE). Dr Sistrom has been invited to continue the collaboration with MGH and has been granted a UF Faculty Enhancement Opportunity grant to support these efforts.

The group at MGH will also be developing a next generation system to provide a federated and secure web-based platform for linking referring clinicians, imaging providers, and patients throughout a large region (for example: Shands system in North Florida). This will provide a “turnkey” solution for ordering, scheduling, protocols, billing, and back-end analytics.

The College of Medicine and Shands Healthcare have a unique opportunity for institutional collaboration with MGH as a prime development site for this "Enterprise ROE" platform outside of the Partners Healthcare System. We plan to invite our Massachusetts General Hospital colleagues - Drs Jeff Weiburg - Associate Medical Director of the Physicians Organization, and Keith Dreyer, Associate Chief of Radiology, to spend a few days with us at UF and Shands. Our goals for their visit include outilining how ROE works and how it could be applied at UF and Shands for both outpatient and...
inpatient imaging. We will also explore how we may obtain extramural funding and improve relationships with our major payers regarding order entry, decision support, and proactive imaging utilization management.

**Abdominal Imaging Update**

**Appropriateness**

Dr Chris Sistrom, Associate Chairman, Chief Information Officer, and Associate Professor - Abdominal Imaging, recently gave a Grand Rounds presentation to the Department of Medicine regarding the appropriateness of imaging studies that are ordered. The presentation was well received by the Department of Medicine's residents, fellows, and faculty. The Department of Radiology is committed to enhancing communication between departments to ensure that the needs of our patients are met. We hope to give similar presentations to other departments.

**Musculoskeletal Radiology Update**

**Case Review**

In an effort to enhance the MSK educational experience, the MSK attendings are now leading discussions regarding the most interesting cases from the previous day. These discussions will take place every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, beginning at 8:15AM in the MSK reading room. This will ensure that all fellows, residents, and medical students have an opportunity to view cases they were not involved with, or may have missed.

**Topic Review**

The MSK attendings have also implemented weekly review sessions, during which a focused review is completed on a specific MSK topic. These sessions will take place every Friday beginning at 8:15AM in the MSK reading room. Topics of discussion are assigned to specific fellows and residents in advance.

**Neuroradiology Update**

**CT Guided Biopsies**

Neuroradiology performs CT-guided biopsies of deep face, neck, and skull base lesions. These difficult to reach masses can be safely biopsied with CT-guidance and conscious sedation. A core biopsy can be obtained in the majority of cases. All lesions can be biopsied with fine needle aspiration. This minimally invasive approach can save the patient from a major surgical procedure to obtain tissue for diagnosis.

**Vascular and Interventional Radiology Update**

**Angio Club**

The next Angio Club meeting is scheduled for 6:00PM on Wednesday, September 9, 2009, at Dr Scott Peterson's personal residence. Dr Robin Kim, Assistant Professor in the Division of Transplantation/Hepatobiliary Surgery with the Department of Surgery, is the featured speaker. Dr Kim's lecture is titled "Surgical Therapies of Hepatobiliary Disease".

**Spinal Interventional Radiology**

Faculty members from the divisions of Neuroradiology and Vascular and Interventional Radiology have teamed up to form the Spinal Interventional Radiology group, a premier clinical spine program. This group, which includes Drs Jeff Bennett, Scott Peterson, and Jeff Vogel, will perform diagnostic and therapeutic spinal procedures including bone biopsies, vertebroplasties, kyphoplasties, and vertebral body fracture reduction by inserting PEEK wafers, as well as epidural and facet blocks. Kyphoplasty, in combination with radiofrequency tumor ablation (which will utilize new technology known as Spinewand), will soon be offered. This procedure will help alleviate unrelenting pain in patients with boney metastasis. The group aims to expand its services in an effort to best treat the large group of patients suffering from back pain.
VA Update

Procedures
The VA will begin doing Virtual Colonography and CT Enterography in the next few weeks and are expected to begin Cardiac CTA by October. Cardiac PET scanning should begin within the next few months - once the rubidium generator has been manufactured.

Equipment
A new 320 slice CT scanner has been purchased for the VA.

Physics Update

Lindsey Lavoie, PhD
Dr Lindsey Lavoie, Graduate Assistant - Physics, successfully defended her PhD dissertation entitled "Organ Dose Measurements from Multiple-Detector Computed Tomography Using a Commercial Dosimetry System and Tomographic, Physical Phantoms" on July 14. We are sadly wishing farewell to Dr Lavoie after an outstanding tenure as a graduate assistant. Her work on the Radiology Practice Committee has been instrumental. She will become the Diagnostic Medical Physicist at Tufts University Hospital this fall. Not only is this a tremendous opportunity for her, but a dream job because it brings her back home to her beloved Boston!

Monica Ghita, PhD
Dr Monica Ghita, Graduate Assistant - Physics, also successfully defended her PhD dissertation entitled "Computer Simulations to Estimate Organ Doses from Clinically Validated Cardiac, Neuro, and Pediatric Protocols for Multiple Detector Computed Tomography Scanners" on July 24. Dr Ghita will continue her brilliant work here in Radiology where she will become our first Medical Physics resident starting this fall. The Physics Section is currently developing the residency program, which we hope to get accredited in the next few years.

Bo Hartman
Bo Hartman, Graduate Assistant - Physics, successfully defended her master's project, and now holds two Master's degrees - her first master's degree is in Biomedical Engineering from UF. Bo continues to work towards her PhD, which she expects to complete this academic year.

Matt Hough
Matt Hough, Graduate Assistant - Physics, will be leaving the department to join the physics staff at the Florida Hospital in Orlando. Good luck Matt!

Ryan Fisher
Ryan Fisher, Graduate Assistant - Physics, is a new addition to our team. Ryan has a master's degree in medical physics from UF and is working towards his PhD, which he expects to complete in 2010.

Facilities Update

Ayers Radiology Services
Ayers Radiology Services officially became part of UF on August 10. As a result, UF radiologists will begin reading MRI and plain film images from that facility effective September 1.

Vista Rehabilitation Center
Vista Rehabilitation Center officially became part of UF on July 1. As a result, UF radiologists will begin reading images from that facility effective September 1.
Faculty Reminders

Labcoats
Attendings are reminded to turn in dirty lab coats to staff in the mail room. Lab coats will be cleaned, pressed, and returned to you within two weeks.

Dosimeters
Attendings are reminded to retrieve and wear their dosimeters at the beginning of each month, and to return the previous month's dosimeter(s) at the same time.

Leave
Attendings are reminded to return leave slips to Judy Daugherty, Office Assistant in a timely manner. Leave slips are placed in mailboxes for occurrences of vacation and sick leave.

Residency Updates

1st Year Radiology Resident Learning Module
Dr Patricia Moser, Clinical Assistant Professor - Abdominal Imaging, recently developed a "Fundamentals of Abdominal Imaging" learning module as a project for the Master Educator Fellowship Program in which she is enrolled. The learning module consists of thirty cases - each with history, findings, diagnosis, and discussion. The module is currently in testing mode, with plans to begin distributing it to 1st year Radiology Residents on an annual basis prior to the beginning of their Abdominal Imaging rotation. Other divisions may also create such modules to assist our residents with transitioning into their new roles.

Annual Fellow/Resident Welcome Party
Special thanks to Dr Patricia Moser, Clinical Assistant Professor - Abdominal Imaging, for hosting this year's fellow/resident welcome party. There was a great turnout!

Introductory Lectures
Dr Lori Deitte, Residency Program Director and Clinical Associate Professor - Abdominal Imaging, recently launched a new lecture series targeted towards our 1st year Radiology Residents. These introductory lectures have been taking place in the Resident Library as outlined on the lecture calendar (https://rad.xray.ufl.edu/res/). Resident feedback has been very positive and thus the lectures will become a permanent part of the curriculum.

New Innovations
Our transition to New Innovations, a residency management suite of applications, is underway. Beginning this month, all resident evaluations are to be completed in New Innovations. Please note that the system will send automated e-mail alerts notifying users of overdue evaluations. These e-mails will continue to be sent until the evaluations are completed. If you need help logging in, please contact Bree DuBois - Residency Program Coordinator, or Kiersten Simmons - Residency Program Assistant.

Visiting Professors
Dr Ilona Schmalfuss, Clinical Associate Professor - VA, has successfully recruited the following visiting professors for this academic year (specific lecture dates/times/topics will be announced at a later date):

Dr Marc S Levine - Professor of Radiology at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia

Dr Koenraad J Mortele - Associate Professor of Radiology at Harvard Medical School in Cambridge, Massachusetts
VA Rotations
The VA is restructuring faculty and resident rotations to improve the learning experience. The new rotations are scheduled to go into effect on October 1.

Resident Highlights

Bebe Huynh, MD
Dr Bebe Huynh - 3rd Year Radiology Resident, recently gave a poster presentation at the Florida Radiological Society Meeting in Palm Beach, Florida. The poster, which is hanging outside of the body/chest reading rooms, is titled "Endometrioma in Cesarean Section Surgical Scar".

Medical Student Education

1st Year Medical Students
The first year medical student course (BMS 6190 - Anatomy by Diagnostic Imaging), under the direction of Dr Patricia Moser, Clinical Assistant Professor - Abdominal Imaging, began on August 27, 2009. The course focuses on the appearance of normal human anatomy as depicted by various diagnostic imaging modalities used routinely in the practice of medicine.

Fiscal Update

NICA Dues
The Neurological Injury Compensation Association (NICA) is currently sending renewal statements to members. When you receive your statement, please provide it to Stephanie Proper, Senior Fiscal Assistant, for payment.

IT Update

IT Concerns
Malfunctioning microphone? Broken keyboard? Lost mouse? Can't log on? Please immediately notify John Bauldree, IT Expert, so that he can troubleshoot and correct the problem as soon as possible. Call John at extension 47002 or e-mail him at bauldj@radiology.ufl.edu

Staff Highlights

Angeline Leong, PA
Angeline Leong, Physician Assistant, was commended for her commitment and dedication to our patients. A patient wrote that "She is the alpha and omega of these (embolization) procedures for me and I could never thank her enough." We are fortunate to have Angeline as part of our health care team!

Sandra Westergard
Sandra Westergard, Senior Secretary, was recognized for her outstanding teamwork! Sandy goes above and beyond expectations on a daily basis and we would love to clone her!

Lisa Feindt, PA
Lisa Feindt, Physician Assistant, recently joined the Vascular and Interventional Radiology division. Lisa will work with our other extenders whose efforts allow our attendings to perform procedures in a timely manner.

Taylor Wiley
Taylor Wiley, Volunteer, recently devoted several hours each week (during her summer
vacation!) to the department, during which she converted hundreds of slides into digital images. We are so grateful to Taylor for helping us with this tedious task! Taylor is entering the 9th grade at Vanguard High School in Ocala.

George Snyder
George Snyder, Assistant Radiation Safety Officer - Environmental Health and Safety, is retiring from UF effective September 30. Please join us in wishing George farewell at his surprise retirement party on Wednesday, September 30 at 2:00PM in large conference room (G-101). Remember - it's a SURPRISE!

Human Resources
Staff Recruitment
We are currently recruiting for two staff positions:

* **IT Entry** - this full-time position provides PC and AV support for the department. A high school diploma is required. Starting pay range is $9.02 to $10.00 per hour, commensurate with qualifications and experience. A criminal background check will be conducted.

* **Senior Clerk** - this full-time position provides clerical support for the department. A high school diploma and two years of appropriate experience is required. Starting pay range is $9.02 to 10.00 per hour, commensurate with qualifications and experience. A criminal background check will be conducted.

Insurance Benefits
Open Enrollment
This year's Open Enrollment is scheduled from Monday, September 14 to Friday, October 9. During this time, faculty and staff have an opportunity to review their current supplemental insurance plans (life, dental, vision, hospitalization, intensive care, cancer, disability, reimbursement, etc) and make adjustments, as necessary. Staff are also able to review and adjust their health insurance plan.

Benefits Fair
The annual Benefits Fair is scheduled for Friday, September 25, at the Touchdown Terrace located in Ben Hill Griffen Stadium from 9:00AM to 4:00PM. There will be food and prizes, along with an opportunity to meet with UF's benefit and retirement vendors.

Health Updates
H1N1 Swine Flu Virus
The Department of Radiology is urging all employees to follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's newest guidelines regarding the H1N1 Swine Flu Virus. These guidelines, released August 7, 2009, include the following:

Please practice basic good hygiene, which includes covering your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze and throwing the tissue in the trash after you use it; Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze - alcohol-based cleaners are also effective; Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth as this spreads germs; Limit contact with others if you are sick. Remember - prevention is one of the most effective ways to deal with the virus!

People with H1N1 or influenza-like illness are asked to remain at home until at least 24 hours after they are free of fever (100° F/37.8°C), or signs of a fever without the use of fever-reducing medications. Consider having your own digital thermometer to monitor your temperature.

The symptoms of H1N1 include fever (100° F), cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. A significant number of people who have been infected with this virus also have reported diarrhea and vomiting.

Most people are expected to recover without needing medical care. If you have severe illness or you are at high risk for flu complications, please contact your health care provider or seek medical care.

The H1N1 situation is subject to change as the flu season progresses. For the latest information, please access UF's Environmental Health and Safety office's website:
Gator Spirit

Gator Growl
Gator Growl will be held on October 16. Comedian Dana Carvey (Saturday Night Live) will headline. UF faculty and staff may purchase up to four Gator Growl 2009 tickets at a discounted rate of $15 per ticket. Tickets can be purchased via the following link: gatorgrowl.org

Football
The 2009-2010 Florida football season is set to kick-off next month - Go Gators!

Saturday, September 5 - Charleston Southern
Saturday, September 12 - Troy
Saturday, September 19 - Tennessee
Saturday, September 26 - at Kentucky (Lexington, KY)
Saturday, October 10 - at LSU (Baton Rouge, LA)
Saturday, October 17 - Homecoming - Arkansas
Saturday, October 24 - at Mississippi State (Starkville, MS)
Saturday, October 31 - vs Georgia (Jacksonville, FL)
Saturday, November 7 - Vanderbilt
Saturday, November 14 - at South Carolina (Columbia, SC)
Saturday, November 21 - Florida International
Saturday, November 28 - Florida State

Basketball
The 2009-2010 Florida basketball schedule has been finalized and tickets are on sale now!

Monday, November 2 - St Leo University
Monday, November 9 - Webber International
Sunday, November 15 - Stetson
Wednesday, November 18 - Georgia Southern
Friday, November 20 - Troy
Tuesday, November 24 - Florida State
Friday, November 27 - vs Michigan State (Atlantic City, NJ)
Saturday, November 28 - vs UMass/Rutgers (Atlantic City, NJ)
Tuesday, December 1 - Florida A&M
Friday, December 4 - at Jacksonville (Jacksonville, FL)
Thursday, December 10 - vs Syracuse (Tampa, FL)
Saturday, December 19 - vs Richmond (Sunrise, FL)
Tuesday, December 22 - South Alabama
Monday, December 28 - American
Wednesday, December 20 - Presbyterian
Sunday, January 3 - at North Carolina State (Raleigh, NC)
Saturday, January 9 - at Vanderbilt (Nashville, TN)
Tuesday, January 12 - Kentucky
Saturday, January 16 - LSU
Thursday, January 21 - at Arkansas (Fayetteville, AR)
Saturday, January 23 - South Carolina
Wednesday, January 27 - Georgia
Sunday, January 31 - at Tennessee (Knoxville, TN)
Thursday, February 4 - at Alabama ( Tuscaloosa, AL)
Saturday, February 6 - Mississippi State
Wednesday, February 10 - at South Carolina (Columbia, SC)
Saturday, February 13 - Xavier
Thursday, February 18 - Auburn
Saturday, February 20 - at Ole Miss (Oxford, MS)
Tuesday, February 23 - Tennessee
Saturday, February 27 - at Georgia (Athens, GA)
Tuesday, March 2 - Vanderbilt
Sunday, March 7 - at Kentucky (Lexington, KY)

Fire Safety
Thank you for participating in fire evacuation drills. In the event of an actual fire:

Fire Response (RACE)
R = Rescue (rescue patients and others at risk from the fire)
A = Alarm (pull the nearest alarm)
C = Confine (confine the fire)
E = Evacuate/Extinguish (evacuate patients and others/extinguish)

**Extinguisher Use (PASS)**
P = Pull the pin
A = Aim at the base of the fire
S = Squeeze handle
S = Sweep side to side