

# Medicine In Touch



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## Highlights:

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Residency Report  
Grand Rounds

## ETSU Quillen College of Medicine Department of Internal Medicine

### Notable Announcements

**Dr. Rebecca Copeland** has been appointed by Dr. Gene LeSage as the Division Chief of General Internal Medicine in Johnson City. Also, **Dr. Bhuvana Guha** has been chosen as the Clinic Coordinator for Johnson City IM and **Dr. Hetal Brahmbhatt** is the JCIM Residency site Director.

**Dr. John Yao** has been notified that his NIH grant for "The Role of PD-1 and SOCS-1 in HCV core/gCiq-mediated IL-12 Suppression" has been funded. Congratulations Dr. Yao!!

**Dr. Steve Loyd**, Residency Program Director, **Dr. Hetal Brahmbhatt**, Associate Residency Program Director,

**Angie Metcalf**, IM Office Manager and **Catherine Shuttle**, IM Residency Program Coordinator, recently attended the Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine annual meeting in Philadelphia, PA. "AAIM is a consortium of five academically focused specialty organizations representing departments of Internal Medicine at medical schools and teaching hospitals in the United States and Canada."

## TN Chapter of American College of Physicians

The TN Chapter of ACP met in Nashville September 11-12 for the 2009 Scientific meeting. ETSU was well represented by several faculty members, residents and one medical student. Our own, Dr. Ken Olive currently serves as Governor of the Tennessee Chapter of ACP. Dr. Reena Kuriacose was elected to serve a two year term on the Governor's Council and also participated as a judge for the resident poster competition this year. 3<sup>rd</sup> year medical student, Mimi Shafer, was appointed as a student representative to the Governor's Council. Former faculty member, Dr. Roger Smalligan presented a workshop entitled "Work and Family Balance".

Several ETSU Internal Medicine residents presented posters at this year's meeting. They are listed below:

"Gastro Paresis: A Novel Cause of Persistent TSH Elevation in Hypothyroidism" by Ola Kraish, MD, Mohammed Al-Madani, MD., and co-authored by Amapols Garcia, MD. and Alan Peiris, MD.

"Gnawing Gabapentin" by Pablo Lopez, M.D., co-authors Stuart Leicht, MD and Roger Smalligan, MD.

"Demographic and Clinical Characteristics predicting ECG Parameters among Normal Adult Population" by Tareq MS Islam, M.D., and co-authored by John Litchfield, DO, Matt Parks, MD, Amanda Parks, MD, Chowdhury Ferdous, MD, and Steve Loyd, MD.

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**\*\*REMINDER\*\*  
FACULTY  
MEETING  
Thursday,  
January 28, 2010  
5:00 pm  
Please place on  
your calendars**

**We're on the Web!  
See us at:**

[www.etsu.edu/com/intmed](http://www.etsu.edu/com/intmed)

## 2009 ACP Participants



Drs. Becky Copeland and Elizabeth Bray



Drs. Mohammed al-Madani & Olga Kraisha with their poster



Dr. Ken Olive & Mimi Shaffer



Dr. Islam presents his poster



. Kuriacose iudaina poster



Dr. Pablo Lopez, ETSU resident



Dr. Olive presents award to Dr. Griffin



Drs. Kuriacose, Pavne & Walker

### *Publications, Grants, Awards....*

Moorman J, Zhang Y, Liu B et al. HIV-1 gp120 primes lymphocytes for opioid-induced, beta-arrestin 2-dependent apoptosis. *Biochim Biophys Acta* 2009; 1793(8):1366-1371.

Maatouk J, Barklow TA, Zakaria W, Al-Abbadi MA. Anaplastic thyroid carcinoma arising in long-standing multinodular goiter following radioactive iodine therapy: report of a case diagnosed by fine needle aspiration. *Acta Cytol* 2009; 53(5):581-583.

Marino A, Wason WM. Successful Treatment of Idiopathic Orbital Inflammatory Disease with Leflunomide: A Case Report. *South Med J* 2009.

Mehta J, Keith R, Al HM, Ryland B, Roy T. Mini epidemic of isoniazide resistant TB in rural TN: a need for supervised preventive therapy. *Tenn Med* 2009; 102(8):41-44.

**\*\*\*Mark your calendars\*\*\***



**\*\*\*Annual Internal Medicine\*\*\*  
Holiday Party**

**December 5<sup>th</sup>  
IM Faculty, ETSU & MEAC Staff**

**December 11<sup>th</sup>  
IM Residents & Fellows &  
Program Directors**

**To be held at the home of Dr. & Mrs. Gene LeSage  
Watch your email for more info soon**

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"I already diagnosed myself on the Internet. I either have three left kidneys, recurring puberty, or Dutch Elm disease."

## November, December and January Grand Rounds

- 11/3/09 "Bariatric Surgery-What the Primary Care Physician Needs to Know"  
Mouna Abouamara, M.D.
- 11/10/09 "Stem Cell Transplantation"  
Madan Jagasia, M.D.
- 11/17/09 TBA  
Anil Tumkur, M.D.
- 12/1/09 TBA  
Lucien Abboud, M.D.
- 12/8/09 "Bone Marrow and Stem Cell Transplant"  
Jamal Maatouk, M.D.
- 12/15/09 TBA  
Jim Myers, M.D.
- 12/22/09 M & M  
IM Residents
- 12/29/09 **No Grand Rounds - Holiday Break**
- 1/5/10 "A Patient with Large Red Blood Cells, Linear Glossitis and Repeated Infections"  
Guha Krishnaswamy, M.D.
- 1/12/10 "TB or Non TB, What is New?"  
Jay Mehta, M.D.
- 1/19/10 TBA  
Richard Reed, M.D.
- 1/26/10 M & M  
IM Residents

## ETSU RESIDENTS PARTICIPATE IN DRAGON BOAT



The Department of IM was proudly represented at the recent Dragon Boat race held at Winged Deer Park and Boone Lake. This annual event is a fundraiser for the Children's Hospital at Johnson City Medical Center. Several of our residents along with faculty members, **Dr. Camelia Chirculesu** and **Dr. Matt Parks** participated in this event.

