Physicians in Touch Spotlight

M3 Outstanding Attending Award

Patrick Macmillan, MD

Awarded by 3rd year students to the attending physicians who demonstrate superior teaching skills and also serve as excellent physician role models
Charles A. Stuart, MD, has been named by the Dean of Quillen College of Medicine as our new Interim Chair of Internal Medicine. Dr. Stuart has agreed to serve for at least one year or until a new chair is appointed. The search for a permanent chair may begin as early as January 2016.

Dr. Stuart served as Chair of the department from 2000 – 2006 and as Interim Chair during our previous search in 2012 and is a Professor of Medicine certified in Internal Medicine and Endocrinology and Metabolism. Dr. Stuart earned his medical degree and completed his residency in Internal Medicine at the State University of New York at Buffalo. He continued his training with clinical and research fellowships in Endocrinology and Metabolism at Duke University Medical Center.

Dr. Stuart’s research interests include diabetes, obesity, and insulin resistance, and his research has been funded by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the National Institutes of Health. He also has been active with sponsor-funded clinical trials. Dr. Stuart has served as a grant reviewer for NIH, Veterans Affairs, and NASA. He was awarded a patent in 2012 for “positive control proteins for glucose transporter proteins and processes for the generation of such positive control proteins.”

Serving as a mentor to students at East Tennessee State University, Dr. Stuart has been a member of the committees for several Ph.D. and Master’s level students. He is the author or co-author of more than 90 articles in peer-reviewed journals, and has served as a reviewer for several professional publications, including the Journal of Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism, Diabetes Care, and the American Journal of Physiology. He is a member of the American Diabetes Association, the American Physiological Society, and the Endocrine Society.

Becky Stallard started working for the College of Medicine Financial Services Office after graduating with an Associate of Applied Science Degree in 2008. She enjoyed her position as a Financial Aid Assistant for 6 years, where she assisted the Medical Students with their financial aid processes, organized information workshops and prepared for committee meetings.

After moving to Internal Medicine in 2015 as an Information Research Tech., she now provides support for the GME Program Director and Coordinator, maintains Education Fund expenditures, and processes travel and reimbursement requests for all Residents and Fellows.

Becky resides in Elizabethton with her fantastic family: husband Stuart, and two awesome kids, Marcus and Emma. They enjoy spending time camping, hiking, traveling & having family movie nights. Becky likes to craft, read and bake in her (limited) spare time.
To all the Faculty, Staff and Family who helped make this day possible. Thank you!

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**2015 Graduating Fellows**

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| Eli Saraceno, M.D.            |
| Michael Sutherland, D.O.      |
| Georges Tanios, M.D.          |
| Pierce, Allison, M.D.         |

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Created in 1998 by the Class of 1999, the Caduceus Club allows students to take an active role in promoting a standard of excellence in both resident physicians and faculty. The Club carries out the nominations and voting for awards presented to outstanding teachers and clinicians at the annual Caduceus Club Faculty and Resident Teaching Awards ceremony. Nominations are accepted from first- through fourth-year medical students, who then vote for those individuals they think have best exemplified the standards of professionalism, academic excellence, and scholarship in both the clinical and basic science years of medical school.

### M3 Outstanding Resident Awards
Awarded by 3rd year students to individuals who perform as role model residents characterized by approachability, excellent patient care, and willingness to teach.

Jennifer Phemister, MD

### M4 Outstanding Fellow Award
Awarded by the 4th year class to the fellow who demonstrates superb teaching skills as well as an excellent fund of knowledge.

Samit Bhatheja, MD
Happy Retirement!

May your days be filled with joy, fulfillment and too much fun!

Dr. Jim Kelley

Sarah Miller
Graduation!

You and a guest are cordially invited to

Quillen College of Medicine
Department of Internal Medicine

2015 Resident and Fellows Graduation and Awards Ceremony

Friday, June 12, 2015

Reception—5:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.
Dinner—6:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.
Ceremony—7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

Holiday Inn
101 W. Springbrook Drive
Johnson City, Tennessee

Please R.S.V.P. by May 8th
Retirements

ABIM Board Review
Publications, Grants, Posters and Presentations

Notice: Publications listed are current January 2015 unless not listed in last newsletter. No publications will be listed older than our current fiscal year. If you have publications and published/presented abstracts not listed in this or the last newsletter please submit those to heatonka@etsu.edu. These publications will be submitted to the Dean’s Office at the end of our fiscal year. All submissions should be in the National Library of Medicine (NLM) format.

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS


ABSTRACTS PUBLISHED AND/OR PRESENTED

Devani K, Phemister J, Sajnani K, Kulbacki E, Ginn D. Primary High Grade B Cell Lymphoma Presenting with Arthralgia and Isolated Bone Marrow Involvement on MRI. Journal of Investigative Medicine. Feb 2015; 63(2):376


Pourmorteza, Mohsen, Pourmorteza, Mehdi, Patel B, Peiris A, Patel P. A Case of Hyponatremia Potentiated by NSAIDS. Journal of Investigative Medicine, March 2015, 63 (2):328

POSTERS, PRESENTATIONS


Barry B. Right Ventricle Laceration and Pseudoaneurysm Formation. Society of Critical Care, Phoenix AZ. January 2015


Devani K. Primary High Grade B Cell Lymphoma Presenting with Arthralgia and Isolated Bone Marrow Involvement on MRI. Southern Society for Clinical Investigation Southern Regional Meeting, New Orleans, LA, February 2015

Devani K. Spindle Cell Carcinoma of Lung, Rare and Aggressive Type of Pulmonary Carcinoma. Southern Society for Clinical Investigation Southern Regional Meeting, New Orleans, LA, February 2015

Fitzgerald L. Acute Respiratory Failure Requiring Mechanical Ventilation as Initial Presentation of Myasthenia Gravis. Southern Regional, New Orleans, LA. February 2015


Georges Tanios, Devapiran Jaishankar, MD, Pituitary apoplexy, complication of prostate cancer treatment. SGIM, New Orleans, LA. February 2015

Manar J. Alternating Bundle Branch Block. Appalachian Student Research Forum, Johnson City, TN. April 2015
POSTERS, PRESENTATIONS...cont.


Pourmortezza, Mehdii. Expected and Unexpected Electrolyte Disturbances With Bath Salt Ingestion. Southern Society for Clinical Investigation (SSCI), New Orleans, LA. February 2015


Rives, C. A Rare Case of Attenuated Familial Adenomatous Polyposis. American Federation of Medical Research, Western Regional Meeting, Carmel, CA. January 2015

Rives, C. Distal Ileal Stricture Due to a Tubulo-villous Adenoma Mimicking a Small Bowel Tumor. American Federation of Medical Research, Western Regional Meeting, Carmel, CA. January 2015

Rives, C. Improved Protocol to Minimize Delays in Intensive Care Unit Transfers to the Medical. ETSU, Johnson City, TN. January 2015

Rives, C. Meka, M. Brahmbhatt, P. Hepatitis C Virus Widow Period Causing False. American Federation of Medical Research, Eastern Regional Meeting, Washington D.C. April 2015

Rudd D, Fenir M. Elizabethkingia meningoseptica as a cause of cellulitis and bacteremia. Southern Society for Clinical Investigation, New Orleans, LA. February 2015


Schlactus L, Jbara M, Panchal H, Bhatheja S, Ladia V, Patel B, Paul T. Takotsubo Cardiomyopathy in Subclinical Hyperthyroidism: A Case Report, Johnson City, TN. East Tennessee State University, Quillen College of Medicine, February 2015


POSTERS, PRESENTATIONS...cont.


Sethi P, Panchal HB, Terry Forest, Troponin Elevation masquerading as Acute Coronary Syndrome., Appalachian Student Research Forum, Johnson City, TN, April 2015

Sethi S, Panchal HB, Rahman ZU, Forest T. Breathless: At the edge of a Sword, Appalachian Student Research Forum, Johnson City, TN, April 2015


Sitwala P. Calciphylaxis or cellulitis? A Diagnostic challenge. Appalachian Student Research Forum, Second Place, Johnson City, TN, April 2015

Sitwala P. Complete Heart Block: A dangerous complication of hyperkalemia, Appalachian Student Research Forum, Second Place, Johnson City, TN, April 2105

Tanios G, Jaishankar D. Tongue tied by prostate cancer. SGIM, New Orleans, LA. February 2015


GRANTS

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