

Radiology *focus*

Issue 4

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Knowledge that will change your world

The state-of-the-art PET/MR has arrived!

We are proud to announce that General Electric's time-of-flight PET/MR scanner with the Discovery MR750w 3.0 T magnet has been installed. Located in UAB's Advanced Imaging Facility (AIF), the new PET/MR is an additional state-of-the-art piece of equipment conjoining with UAB's T-24 cyclotron and two PET/CT scanners installed in 2014 to further the diagnosis and effective treatments for our patients.

With positron emission tomography providing physiologic data, along with magnetic resonance delineating exquisite anatomy, a powerful tool is created. As Director of UAB's AIF, Dr. Janet Eary stated, "The new PET/MR will position UAB at the forefront of patient care and research, improving our ability to diagnose and monitor treatment." The T-24 Cyclotron allows our physicians and researchers to create and perfect new tracers. With its proximity to the two time-of-flight GE Discovery PET/CT's, it will significantly impact the ability of creating novel PET imaging tracers. Ad-



ditionally, the new state-of-the-art PET/MR provides functional imaging, increased detector sensitivity, and future strides toward dose reduction. UAB's AIF has been a transformative project for healthcare at UAB, the City of Bir-

mingham, and the State of Alabama. Through the armamentarium of equipment launched in the past year, an astounding foundation has been established for the future of our patients and the future of radiology.

Leadership Changes in Radiology

A valued member of UAB's Radiology Department and the inaugural Vice Chair of Quality and Patient Safety, **Lincoln L. Berland, MD**, has stepped down. Due to the magnitude of his efforts, the department has been recognized on several occasions for its quality assurance. We are pleased to announce that **Matthew C. Larrison, MD**, has assumed this role.

Angel A. Gómez, MD, MPH, has assumed Dr. Larrison's previous role as the Musculoskeletal Imaging Section Chief, and will also serve as MRI Modality Chief.

The new Vice Chair of Clinical Research is **Janet F. Eary, MD**, and **Kurt R. Zinn DVM, MS, PhD**, has assumed the new position of Vice Chair of Translational Research. **Desiree E. Morgan, MD**, the department's inaugural Vice Chair of Clinical Research, created a remarkable network of research collaborations. Her formation of the research metrics program provided resources for the expansion of our research infrastructure. We appreciate Drs. Morgan and Zinn for their leadership in our research strategic planning process. We have exceeded our target goals and will clearly meet our five year benchmarks as a direct result of their efforts.

Desiree E. Morgan, MD has assumed the Vice Chair of Education position, overseeing all educational activities in the department including medical students, residents, and fellows, as well as faculty education development. Additionally, Dr. Morgan has begun her new role as the Residency Program Director. We appreciate **Joseph C. Sullivan, MD**, for his hard work and dedication to the program. He has been a strong resident advocate. We are fortunate that Dr. Sullivan has assumed the Neuroradiology Fellowship Program Director position, as well as continuing in his institutional role on the Dean's Council for Graduate Medical Education. Thank you to Dr. Roberson for his service as the Neuroradiology Fellowship Program Director. Under his leadership, the Neuroradiology Fellowship Program has consistently been one of our stronger fellowship programs.

OPEN HOUSE

Molecular Imaging and Therapeutics

Wednesday, June 17, 2015

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Jefferson Tower, North, 7th floor

Come see the newly renovated Division of Molecular Imaging and Therapeutics during our open house!

*light snacks and refreshments will be served

NEW HIRES

Loretta Johnson, PhD
06/22/2015 - Physics

Joseph Eason, MD
07/01/2015 - VIR

Kathryn Zamora, MD
08/24/2015 - Breast Imaging

Announcements

Diagnostic Radiology – Class of 2016-2020



Daniel Chibers
University of Arkansas
College of Medicine



Padma Manaragada
Gandhi Medical College
Secunderabad



Noah McGill
Louisiana State University
School of Medicine
in New Orleans



Brittany Nelson
University of Alabama
School of Medicine



Christabell Osakwe
Medical College of Georgia
at Georgia Regents
University



Harshang Patel
Medical College of Georgia
at Georgia Regents
University



Joel Raborn
University of Alabama
School of Medicine



Corey Sivels
University of Mississippi
School of Medicine



David Sumnerlin
University of Alabama
School of Medicine

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UAB Radiology Special Conference

BUSINESS & LEADERSHIP LECTURE

W. Scott Jennings, C.P.A., M.B.A.
Executive Administrator, Department of Radiology

TOPIC: **"Business and Finance"**

Wednesday, July 15, 2015 at 12:00 p.m.
Tishler Conference Room, JT N307

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UAB Radiology Special Guest

BUSINESS & LEADERSHIP LECTURE

Stephen Stair, M.D., F.A.C.P.
HSF Medical Compliance Officer

TOPIC: **"Business and Reimbursement"**

Wednesday, August 12, 2015
12:00 p.m.
Tishler Conference Room, JT N307

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FUNDS

Our Goal: Over the next five years, we hope to raise \$500,000. Please read about our leadership and education funds and consider contributing.

The **Robert J. Stanley, M.D. Leadership Fund** is appropriately named in honor of Dr. Stanley's many decades of leadership. We have begun incorporating a Business & Leadership Conference curriculum for our residents, designed to provide additional opportunities for in depth leadership training. As healthcare is undergoing monumental changes, we must invest in the training of our future leaders in order for the specialty of Radiology to remain viable. Therefore, funds received will provide opportunities for leadership development for trainees and faculty.

The **Robert E. Koehler, M.D. Education Fund** is named in honor of Dr. Koehler's lifelong educational accomplishments. The first project will be a new learning laboratory for our trainees. The need to expand our curricular offerings is vital in preparing our residents to be well-rounded radiologists for the future.

To Give A Gift:

By mailing a check made payable to the "UAB Department of Radiology" to the following address:

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Birmingham, AL 35294-0017

Or, you may give a gift online by clicking the fund of your choice:

- [Stanley Fund for Leadership](#)
- [Koehler Fund for Education](#)

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