

Radiology

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Soddo Christian Hospital

In May 2015, UAB Radiology began reading CT exams from Soddo Christian Hospital in Soddo, Ethiopia. Soddo is located in rural western Ethiopia and serves a population of approximately 3 million. They perform 8-10 CT exams per day for patients who have very limited access to medical care and who typically present with advanced disease. UAB radiologists who are currently reading exams for Soddo include Drs. Bag, Langston, Larri-son, Rodriguez, Sonavane, Watts, and Zar-zour.



To date, UAB Radiology has interpreted over 160 CT exams. For more information, you may contact Dr. Matt Larri-son. You can also learn more about Soddo by watching this video—<https://vimeo.com/110139899>

Farewell Dr. Pitt

The end of an era for UAB Radiology has come as Dr. Michael J. Pitt will be retiring at the end of August. Dr. Pitt has been a beloved faculty member for over 22 years, and we are honored to have him as a part of UAB Radiology.

Dr. Pitt completed his residency at Jefferson Medical College in 1963, and proceeded to spend the next 22 years with the University of Arizona Health Sciences Center, where he was Director and Chief of Bone and Joint Radiology. In 1993, Dr. Pitt joined the UAB Radiology faculty as Director of Musculoskeletal Imaging. By 2007, he accomplished great strides and was awarded the title of Professor Emeritus by the University of Alabama Board of Trustees.

Dr. Pitt is an internationally recognized expert in musculoskeletal radiology and is a founding member of the International Skeletal Society. He has been recognized for excellence with a number of honors from academic and professional organizations, including Fellow in the American College of Radiology, Dean's List for excellence in teaching of the clinical scienc-



es at the University of Arizona, Grand Saguaro Award for Outstanding Teaching at the University of Arizona, Award for dedication in teaching Orthopaedic surgical residents at the University of Arizona, and listed in the "Best Doctors in America." In 2007, Dr. Pitt received the International Skeletal Society's Founder's Medal, their most prestigious award given to those who have distinguished themselves through their outstanding dedication to the society and by excellence in their field of science.

Dr. Pitt exhibits excellence and dedication to the instruction of residents in musculoskeletal radiology interpretation and procedural skills and has been regarded as a role model for residents and junior faculty. He has presented numerous lectures at national and international meetings and holds membership in a number of professional and scholarly organizations.

Dr. Pitt is the consummate radiologist, a role model for us all. His passion and dedication to teaching the art of radiology is unsurpassed. He will depart the end of August, and he and Margo are retiring to Boca Raton to be closer to family and friends. He will be missed.

Cheri L. Canon, M.D., F.A.C.R.
Professor and Chair of Radiology

2015 Distinguished Investigator Award

Congratulations to Kurt R. Zinn, DVM, MS, PhD for being a recipient of the 2015 Distinguished Investigator Award by the Academy of Radiology Research. Individuals are recognized for this prestigious honor through significant contributions made in the field of medical imaging. We are proud of Dr. Zinn's award and further accomplishments within our department as the Vice Chair of Transitional Research and Director of Radiology's Division of Advanced Medical Imaging Research and as Chair of the Cyclotron Task Force group.



ACR Lung Cancer Screening Center

The Kirklin Clinic is officially an ACR Lung Cancer Screening designation. Due to the commitment of saving many lives in providing a low dose lung cancer screening CT, we are proud to be a newly designated Lung Cancer Screening Center by the American College of Radiology. In addition to the GE HD 750 (64 slice dual energy) CT Scanners with the multidetector helical capabilities in The Kirklin Clinic, our faculty and staff worked hard to achieve the personnel qualifications, smoking cessation mechanisms, quality control, and the imaging protocols, in order to accomplish this goal. All roles in having this accomplished is greatly appreciated.



New Members of Radiology

Austin Hardison
Radiology Special
Developments Officer

2015-2016
FELLOWS



2015-2016
RESIDENTS



New Leadership Roles

We welcome Dr. Jessica Zarzour and Dr. Angel Gomez to their new role as Assistant Diagnostic Radiology Residency Program Directors. They are off to a wonderful start since their roles were announced in the July faculty meeting, and we are excited to have them a part of the Radiology Residency team. Dr. Tatum McArthur served as the Assistant Program Director since July 2014. We are thankful for all of her hard work and are sad to see her go, as she was a tremendous asset to the department. We wish her the best in Denver.

FUTURE EVENTS

join us for **happy hour**

September 10 | 5:30 p.m.

UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
Department of Radiology

hosted by: Cheri Canon

Pale Eddie's Pour House
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Birmingham, AL 35203

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Dr. Cheri Canon invites you and a guest to the

**UAB Department of Radiology
Alumni Social**

UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
Department of Radiology

during the 2015 RSNA Annual Meeting

Monday, November 30 | 7:00 p.m.
Osteria Via Stato
620 North State Street
Chicago, Illinois 60654

Please RSVP to alexandragross@uabmc.edu by November 13

FUTURE GUESTS

UAB RADIOLOGY GRAND ROUNDS

*The Inaugural Radiology
Diversity Visiting Scholar*

September 8, 2015
5:00 p.m. — 6:00 p.m.
West Pavilion
Conference Room E

Johnson B. Lightfoote, M.D., M.B.A.
Medical Director, Department of Radiology
Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center

Faculty Development Workshop

DR. HARPRIT BEDI
Assistant Professor, Department of Radiology

“Interactive Learning”

Tuesday, November 3, 2015
5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.
Tishler Conference Room

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Make Your Calendars & More Plans To Attend!

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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