



SPECIAL DATES OF INTEREST

- **Oct. 14th** — Departmental reception for Dr. Wayne Riley
- **Oct. 28th** — PGY1 applicant interviews begin.
- **Dec. 19** — Faculty and Residents Holiday Party at the Holiday Inn Express hotel.

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INTERIM CHAIR'S COMMUNIQUE

**Marquetta Faulkner, M.D.,
MBA, FACP**

Academic year 2009-2010 began with golden opportunities.



Needed faculty were recruited and joined the department; a student-run Walk-in Clinic is planned to be launched this Fall; and, identified clinic issues are being addressed and remedied.

Outstanding faculty with the expectations of providing superior teaching and learning

opportunities for our residents and students have joined the faculty. See their profiles on page 2. Dr. Somayaji returned as a consultant.

Responding to the increased demand for health services for the indigent, Meharry is investing in the vision of its students and joins the ranks of over 49 medical schools providing a student-run clinic. This clinic will provide primary care services to walk-in patients at the General Internal Medicine Clinic. While providing needed health care services to the community, this student-run clinic has the capacity to provide a unique

enhancement of their medical education. It places the students in the forefront of problem solving, system navigation and may supplement current curricular arenas in teaching students about systems-based practice systems, patient advocacy, and multi-disciplinary collaboration.

Congratulations! to Dr. Monique Bennerman who received a *Certificate of Appreciation* award this August from Gov. Bredesen for "delivering outstanding care to her patients and going above and beyond the call of duty."

ANOTHER DEPARTMENTAL FIRST

- Roland Jones

Congratulations to **Yasmine Subhi Ali, MD, MSCI**, who was recently named Chief Editor of the Atherosclerosis section of **eMedicine**. Dr. Ali is Assistant Professor of Medicine and Director of Preventive Cardiology and

Echocardiography.

eMedicine is the largest and most current clinical knowledge base available to physicians and healthcare professionals. It is web-based and consists of clinical overviews of disease entities by experts in the field.

Continuing medical education credits may be extended to those who complete questionnaires relating to each of the articles. **eMedicine** is read by physicians and medical students from approximately 120 countries.

WELCOME NEW FACULTY MEMBERS

Academic year 2009-2010 welcomed the arrival of Drs. Joseph Akamah, Kehinde Carew, Andrew Desruisseau, Kevin Palka, and Johanna Shaw. Dr. Buntwal Somayaji returns as a consultant.

Dr. Joseph Akamah, MPH, FACC (cardiologist) returns after completing a fellowship in interventional cardiology. He is board certified in Internal Medicine, Cardiovascular Disease, Nuclear Cardiology, and Echocardiography. He is Director of Interventional Cardiology and the Cath Lab.

Dr. Kehinde Carew completed his Internal Medicine residency at Meharry in 2006, served as Chief Resident in 2007, served a year as a

Hospitalist in rural Tennessee, and returns to us this year as assistant professor.

Dr. Andrew Desruisseau, infectious disease specialist and assistant professor, returns to Meharry having completed an infectious disease fellowship at Vanderbilt. His concentration is in HIV and related illnesses.

Dr. Kevin T. Palka, hematologist/oncologist, completed a Fulbright Scholarship in Stockholm Sweden in 1996 before graduating from the University of Texas Southwestern, Dallas school of medicine. Having completed a hematology/oncology fellowship at Vanderbilt University Medical Center June 30, 2009 and the author of several

publications, Dr. Palka joins the department as assistant professor.

Dr. Joanna E. Shaw, infectious disease specialist, completed an Infectious Disease fellowship at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas in 2008. Engaged in research and the author of several publications, Dr. Shaw joins the department as assistant professor.



Excellent faculty providing outstanding opportunities for the transfer of skills and knowledge.

“Meharry, dedicated solely to the education of minority and other health professionals.”

WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

The 2009 PGY Class of Interns marks Meharry's continued commitment to training and diversity. This year's intern class represents the world in its cultural diversity — eight countries, including the U.S., are represented. Thirty-three percent have already passed the ABIM Step 3 exam.

Following are the members of the *PGY1 Class of 2009*:

Dr. Oluwafisayo Adebisi, a graduate of the University of Ilorin.

Dr. Kim D. Canlas, an University of Santo Tomas alumnus.

Dr. Karem Figueroa, a graduate of the Universidad Nacional de Trujillo.

Dr. Linda Esuzor, an University of Benin alumna.

Dr. Amaka Ezimora, a graduate of the University of Lagos.

Dr. Ngozi Igbinosa, an University of Nigeria alumna.

Dr. Taophee Mustapha, a graduate of the University of Lagos.

Dr. Syed Imam, an Army Medical College alumnus.

Dr. Monay Mahmoud, a graduate of the University of Alexandria.

Dr. Hetalben Patel, a Government Medical College Bhavnagar alumna.

Dr. Nisha Prakash, a graduate of Ross University.

Dr. Michelle Stanford, a *Meharry Medical College* alumna.

Welcome interns!

Dr. Ruki Odiete joined the Residency Program as a PGY2 resident. He completed Ross University medical school, and has done self-directed research in EKG findings in sicklers.

Dr. Payal Shah also joined the Residency Program as a PGY2 resident. She transferred from the Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center. Dr. Shah, also, is passionate in her pursuit of excellence in medicine.

Welcome Drs. Odiete and Shah!

REALIZING ASPIRATIONS



June 26, 2009 witnessed twelve PGY3 residents in training fulfill their training obligations

and step boldly into the health care delivery matrix to begin their chosen careers.

Dr. Olayinka Akinpelu & Dr. Selnorm Adzokpa, accepted the challenge to remain as Chief Residents at Meharry and the Murfreesboro VA, respectively, and hone their administrative skills and managerial acumen.

Stepping into the health care delivery system to begin their career as primary care clinicians are:

Nader Bahri, M.D. - remains in

TN studying for the ABIM.

Olukayode Bamgbelu, M.D. – joined with the Hospitalist Management Group.

Hani Bleibel, M.D. – is a hospitalist in Mississippi and will enter a Nephrology fellowship program at Vanderbilt in 2010.

Emmanuel Edosomwan, M.D. – joined with the Americare Health, P.C. in Charlotte, NC.

Kumar Tammareddi, M.D. – entered a Neurology Residency program at the University of Missouri School of Medicine .

Blessing Ucheya, M.D. – joined a private practice group in New Jersey.

Jameel Ugdah, M.D. – returned to the Air Force Medical Services corps to begin a career in military

medicine..

Nnena Onochie, M.D. - is interviewing for a hospitalist position in the southeast.

Katrina Todorov, M.D. — entered private practice in Maryland.

Emmanuel Chukwunyere, M.D.— remains in TN preparing to join a group practice in TX.



Training programs in the health sciences providing excellent education and training for people of color.

CONTINUING THE PURSUIT

Remaining in the discipline of primary care training, the Department of Internal Medicine welcomes our returning PGY2 residents:

Dr. Adelekun, Dr. Oluwaseyi Ajayi, Dr. Jeralyn Allen, Dr. Cesar Cardona, Dr. JaHana Hill, Dr. Choudhury Nomany, Dr. Chinyere Odu, Dr. Ndubuisi Okafor, Dr. Amanke Oranu, Dr. Babar Parvez, Dr. Payal Shah, and Dr. Ebele Umeukeje .

Emerging elatedly from the PGY1 year with no serious battle scars

are:

Dr. Chuck Ball is interested in ; **Dr. Onan Bomar** is interested in endocrinology; **Dr. Kadallah Brandy** is interested in international work; **Dr. Zaid Brifkani** is interested in hematology-oncology; **Dr. Fred Cesar** is interested in primary care; **Dr. Chineyre Emuwa** is interested in critical care; **Dr. Edith Henderson** is interested in gastroenterology; **Dr. Chijiuba Nwazue** is interested in primary care; **Dr. Olufemi Owolabi** is interested in primary

care; **Dr. Makeda Williams** is also interested in primary care; and, **Dr. Minaba Wariboko** is interested in cardiology.



THOMAS — HARDY INTERNAL MEDICINE

- Daniel Addison, MD'09



Where should I begin? It was an honor and a pleasure to serve as 2008-2009

President of the Thomas Hardy Internal Medicine Society (THIMS). As a member of THIMS since the 2006-2007 academic year, I believe the society saw great strides in the 2008-2009 academic year. When we began this journey, there were many questions to be answered. However, we started off with a bang. The St. Ann's Bay, Jamaica Orphanage dental supply collection was an excellent labor of love. With the help of Ms. Johnnie Thomas and St. Anselm's Episcopal Church, dental items were collected and delivered to the orphanage. Subsequently, we addressed our biggest challenge, the election of the Executive Board.

The momentum continued as we heard from an outstanding lineup of speakers during our regularly scheduled monthly meetings. Concurrently, we saw support of the society continue to grow. I must express my deepest gratitude for the support of all THIMS members. The society continued to demonstrate this commitment even as the calendar changed from 2008 to 2009. Despite facing a number of unforeseen difficulties, THIMS pressed on with the year's signature event. On Friday, March 30, 2009, THIMS held the inaugural *Internal Medicine Residency Luncheon*. With the support of Dr. Trochtenberg, Internal Medicine Residency Program Director, Dr. Onan Bomar, PGY1 at Meharry, and Dr. Shawna Holly, Chief Resident at UT-Baptist Hospital, the theme of the THIMS Residency Luncheon focused on the intricacies of residency application and placement. The Luncheon was informative and may serve as a model for future years.

The year came to an end with two final meetings, "Mastering the Match" and "Formal Elections",

respectively. During these sessions students were given the opportunity to exchange information and to directly influence the course of THIMS. Overall, the year was both a challenge and a time for progress. THIMS saw the realization of its mission. We, the members, matured as individuals and as future physicians. I am thankful to have had this opportunity to serve.



Editor's Note: Dr. Daniel Addison matched in Internal Medicine at Baylor School of Medicine, Houston, TX.

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PREPARING FOR EXCELLENCE

Emerging from the cadaver lab to clinical patient care is a breath of fresh air to many freshman students. Continuing its commitment



to developing outstanding physicians and honing students'

bold and expansive visions of becoming a physician, the department continues to provide shadowing experiences to freshman medical students. Fifty-two students are expected to participate during the fall/winter semester to shadow internists in the Clinic, the Cardiology Clinic, the Infusion Center, ICU, and Medicine Rounds. The shadowing experience is designed to provide stu-

dents exposures to the realities of clinical care and medical relationships, and challenge them to become critical thinkers in connecting the classroom with professional practice.

Students will write logs of their visits and a brief narrative of their clinical observations to be graded by the program's faculty: Drs. Linda Sanders and Carolyn Szetela and Regina Offodile, M.D..

Editor's Note: The above faculty of the Shadowing Program thank the Department of Internal Medicine participating faculty for their splendid cooperation.

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MEHARRY MEDICAL COLLEGE:

"Worship of God through service to mankind."

Contemporary History of the Department of Internal Medicine

Under the visionary leadership of Frederic Tremaine Billings, M.D., FACP, chairman and professor of medicine (1950-1961), the Department of Internal Medicine became one of the most prestigious departments in the South. Key faculty were:

- George B. Brothers, M.D.'44, FACP, internist;
- Robert S. Anderson, M.D., FACP, endocrinologist;
- Cleve W. Ewell, M.D.'47 hematologist;
- John Thomas, Jr. M.D.'44, FACP, cardiologist;
- Benjamin L. Love, M.D.'51, infectious disease; and,
- Emile C. Nash, M.D.'45, gastroenterologist

Dr. Billings envisioned a cadre of highly trained, exceptionally competent physicians providing high quality medical care and services to underserved populations, a tradition that continues today.

CONTINUING MEHARRY'S EXCELLENT TRADITION OF PROVIDING HIGH QUALITY MEDICAL CARE

The Community Based Outreach Clinic (CBOC) located on the first level of the Meharry Clinic building provides comprehensive medical services/care to qualified veterans residing in Middle Tennessee and surrounding areas. Opened in February, the CBOC operates Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. It has 11 full-service exam rooms, an on-site laboratory and provides parking and shuttle services.

Responding to the increasing patient back-log at the main V.A. Health facility located on Vanderbilt's campus, the leadership at Meharry's School of Medicine and the V.A. collaborated to establish a new paradigm. The Community Based Outreach Clinic situated at Meharry Medical College, an academic health center, is the first in the nation designated to

provide high quality comprehensive medical care to qualified veterans. In conjunction with the CBOC located on campus, medical services are also provided through the CBOC's located at our 1919 Charlotte Avenue site. All providers are fully credentialed and board-certified in their respective specialty.



Reducing the wait-time to see a physician has tre-

mendously improved the overall health status of our veterans. CBOC's provide qualified veterans immediate access to providers who can evaluate their physical, emotional, mental, and social health needs and refer to subspecialist care when needed. Many veterans do not have adequate health insurance and rely solely on the V.A. to supply their health care services. It is the shared goal of the V.A. and Meharry "to provide the highest quality of comprehensive ambulatory health care services to qualified veterans of Middle TN and surrounding areas," said Dr. Darryl Jordan, Liaison Medical Director of the Community-Based Outreach Clinic on Meharry's campus.

"Providing the highest quality comprehensive medical care services to those most worthy of our respect."