



INTERNAL NEWS

INTERIM CHAIR'S COMMUNIQUE

Upcoming Events

- **June 19:** Residents' Graduation at the Hilton Garden Hotel
- **June 21-30:** New Residents' Orientation, Campus
- **June 29:** Chairman's Awards Banquet, Campus
- **July 31– Aug. 4:** NMA Scientific Assembly, Orlando, FL
- **Sept. 16-18:** ACP Regional Scientific Assembly, Peabody Hotel, Memphis, TN
- **April 7-9, 2011:** ACP National Scientific Assembly, San Diego, CA

- Marquetta Faulkner, MD, MBA, FACP



Academic year 2009-2010 began with exciting challenges and golden opportunities.

It closes with exceptional strides made amidst exceptional challenges.

"Welcome!" is extended to Drs. Frederick Junard (general internist) and Matthew S. King (pulmonologist/critical care).

It is with warmest regard that I communicate that Dr. Ayodeji Oso has graciously accepted the position of Chairman of the Division of Medical Education of the School of Medicine; Dr. Monique Bennerman will step up as the Program Director of the Internal Medicine

Clerkship Program; Dr. Kehinde Carew has graciously accepted the Associate Director position of the Internal Medicine Clerkship Program; and, Dr. Olumuyiwa Esuruoso accepted the position of Associate Program Director of the Internal Medicine Residency Training Program.

Dr. Chike Nzerue accepted the Interim Chief Medical Officer position at Nashville General Hospital.

Electronic scripting will commence by the end of June with Relay Health. All attendings and residents will be expected to use this electronic infrastructure tool to write their prescriptions. This tool is designed to decrease errors associated with illegibly written prescriptions and can reduce the time a patient may have to wait for a new med once they

arrive at the pharmacy.

Our latest Town Hall presentation to the residents (June 4th) addressed improving communication between residents and the hospital staff. It was entitled "Communication Goes Both Ways."

Our sincere appreciation is extended to Dr. Ballard for his enthusiasm and most capable leadership as Dean, School of Medicine. Before the next issue of this newsletter, Dr. Charles P. Mouton, dean-elect of the School of Medicine will have arrived. He brings with him energy, enthusiasm, and a vision of empowering Meharry's SOM to become the best it can be, bar none. We look forward to Dr. Mouton's most capable leadership, in fostering dynamic growth and positiveness as our new dean of the School of Medicine.

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CLERKSHIP PROGRAM TRANSITIONS

Transition in the leadership of the Clerkship Program was flawless. Dr. Monique Bennerman assumed the helm July 1, 2010. This Spring the students realized an unprecedented accomplishment! They scored 80 percent on the Inter-

nal Medicine subject board exam.

Other clerkship transitions include: a shift from didactic lectures to the DxR problem-based patient simulated case presentations; classroom time reduced to one-half day on Wednesdays; and,

Exam Master questions being utilized on tests. These questions are formatted to help improve test-taking skills

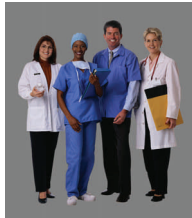
Ms. Abonda Smith remains as the clerkship coordinator.

RESIDENCY PROGRAM UPDATE

“Dedicated to the best training, to provide the best care.”

*Dr. Richmond Akatue,
Program Director*

- **Richmond Akatue, MD, MSCI**, Ensuring that **EDUCATION** remains the focal point of residency training is my prime directive. To create and adhere to a complete and up-to-date curriculum incorporating



didactics lectures, simulation sessions, inpatient and outpatient care, research and other scholastic activities is my goal.

This education process also includes testing and evaluating the knowledge imparted to our residents. Improving and enhancing our methods of testing and evaluating to better capture more objective data reflective of the knowledge and performance of our residents is critical. To this effect, starting this academic year, our 2010 intern class will sit for the web-based NBME Sub-Internship exam. We hope to continue this exam on yearly basis to not only to establish the baseline

for our interns but to help us identify and remediate struggling residents early.

Monthly tests per specialty area will continue and we look to re-introduce a departmental yearly exam aside from the external In-Training Exam (ITE) also done yearly.

We are also developing a module to evaluate our residents' bedside performances/clinical skills. We expect this to replace or compliment our current end of rotation evaluations.

WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

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

The 2010 PGY Class of Interns marks Meharry's continued commitment to training and diversity. This year's intern class represents six countries, including the U.S; the female/male ratio is 9:3; the age range is 26-48 years of age; and 25 percent (3) have passed Step 3.

Following are the members of the **PGY1 Class of 2010:**

Dr. David Adejorin, a 2004 graduate of the University of Ilorin.

Dr. Amina Bilal, a 2010 Meharry Medical College graduate.

Dr. Jonathan Hudson, a 2009 Meharry Medical College graduate.

Dr. Chinh Mai a 2000 University of Medicine of Ho Chi Minh City alumnus.

Dr. Daniel Njingeh, a 2002 graduate of the University of Ibadan.

Dr. Affy Nsunwara, a 2002 University of Lagos alumna.

Dr. Richard Okafor, a 2009 graduate of the American University of the Caribbean.

Dr. Frank Okosun, a 2007 University of Benin alumnus.

Dr. Kemi Oluwole, a 2006 graduate of Obafemi Awolowo College of Health Sciences.

Dr. Giezy Sardinias, a 2008 Central America Health Sciences University alumnus.

Dr. Idowu Uzzi, a 1999 graduate of the University of Benin..

Dr. Dwayne Wilson, a 2007 Meharry Medical College alumnus.

Dr. Efe Iyamu, a 2008 graduate of the University of Kansas School of Medicine and a 1999 Meharry SOGS Ph.D. degree recipient was invited to transfer-in as a PGY2 resident.



GRADUATING RESIDENTS

Our cadre of outstanding graduating PGY3 residents were recognized at the GMEC Graduation Dinner Saturday, June 19, 2010 at the Hilton Garden Inn Hotel.



Dr. Olu-m a y o w a Adelekun is awaiting a Nephrology fellowship spot and is pursuing a hospitalist position in the interim.

Dr. Jeralyn Allen accepted a Sports Medicine Fellowship in the Dept of Family Medicine at Meharry.

Dr. Oluseyi Ajayi accepted a Hospitalist position in Pennsylvania.

Dr. JaHana Hill accepted a primary care position in Alabama. She will work with her father, Dr. Bobby E. Hill.

Dr. Choudhury Nomany accepted a Hospitalist position in Seattle, WA.

Dr. Chinyere Odu accepted a primary care position in the state of Texas.

Dr. Ndubuisi Okafor accepted a fellowship position in Pulmonology at the Cleveland Clinic in FL.

Dr. Amanke Oranu accepted a Research Fellowship in Boston, MA as part of his pursuit of a gastroenterology fellowship.

Dr. Babar Parvez accepted fellowship positions in the Clinical Pharmacology and the Cardiology programs at Vanderbilt and is, also, enrolled in the MSCI program.

Dr. Payal Shah is pursuing a Hospitalist position in the Nashville-Davidson County area.

Dr. Selorm Adzokpa will explore options after the birth of her child in August.

Dr. Olayinka Akinpelu accepted a Hospitalist posi-

tion at Emory Eastside Hospital in Georgia.

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CHIEF RESIDENTS for AY 2010-2011...

Dr. Cesar Cordona will be at Meharry and has accepted a 2011 Nephrology Fellowship position at VUMC.

Dr. Ebele Umeukeje will be at the VA and has accepted a 2011 Nephrology Fellowship position at VUMC.

THIMS MEMBERS STEPPING OUT BOLDLY

~**Nkiruka Emeagwali**
THIMS President

THIMS members participated in the 2010 ACP National Convention in Toronto Canada. We attended CME level training in a variety of subjects such as Cardiology, Endocrinology, Gastroenterology & Hepatology, Geriatric Medicine, Hematology, Hospital Medicine, Medical Practice Management, Nephrology, Hypertension, Oncology, Pulmonary Diseases and Critical Care, Rheuma-

tology, Allergy and Immunology, Women's Health, Ethics and Health Policy, and Health Information Technology. We had the opportunity to network with mentors at the *African Americans in Medicine* reception, ACP Tennessee & Kentucky chapter receptions, Women in Medicine luncheon, and the Medical Student Breakfast. Also offered were sessions on the match process, residency life and hands-on training in

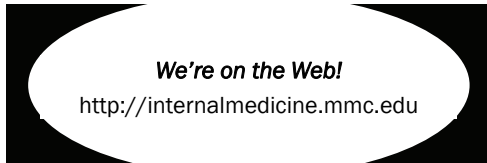
a variety of clinical skills. We were able to take a practice STEP 2 clinical skills exam, perform breast and male GU exams on standardized patients who provided immediate objective feedback. We also had the opportunity to learn about and perform several procedures such as skin biopsies, ultrasound guided central line placements, ophthalmologic exam, doppler studies, heart sounds and lumbar punctures.

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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, MD.'44, FACP, internist;
- Robert S. Anderson, MD.'43, FACP, endocrinologist;
- Cleve W. Ewell, Jr., MD.'47, hematologist;
- John Thomas, Jr., MD.'44, FACP, cardiologist
- Benjamin L. Love, MD.'51, infectious diseases; and,
- Emile C. Nash, MD.'43, FACP, 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.

MEHARRIANS MATCHING IN INTERNAL MEDICINE...

Bridget Battles matched at Morehouse/Emory Hospital.

Amina Bilal matched with **MeHarry**.

David Coffey matched at East Tennessee State University, Johnson City.

Eric Davis matched with the University of Mississippi, Jackson.

Jonathan Hudson matched at **MeHarry**.

Michelle Latham matched with Eastern Virginia.

Francinia McCartney matched with the University of Tennessee, Baptist Hospital.

Allison McDaniel matched at the University of South Alabama, Mobile.

Luis Ocampo matched with Cedars-Sinai Hospital, Los Angeles.

Adedoyin Okusanya matched at the University of Illinois, Chicago.

Amarnadha Reddy matched with the Medical College of Georgia, Augusta.

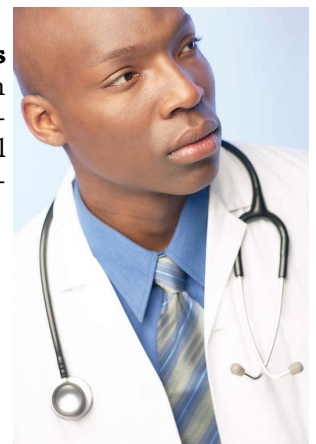
Ashley Reed matched at Temple University Hospital in Philadelphia, PA.

Christopher Stewart matched with Eisenhower Army Medical

Center in Fort Gordon, CA.

Kelly Stewart matched at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

Shanon Willis matched with Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus.



*MeHarrrians preparing to live out our motto:
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