The Orlando Campus of the Florida State University College of Medicine has begun its second decade of medical education. We have a lot to be proud of in the last ten years and much to look forward to in the next. We are at a point in our development that is both symbolic and real. We have rightly celebrated past accomplishments, including being the first new med school in the USA in 25 years, a school with a risk-taking model of community-based education which thrived and became a national standard for its type, graduating students whose scholastic achievement exceed the national averages, meeting all of our mission mandates to date, establishing the Clinical research network that utilizes community practices and affiliate institutions at our regional campuses across the state with major collaborations with the University of Florida, beginning the translational research programs to link to our community-based faculty. 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Michael J. Muszynski, MD

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The 2014 All Faculty Meeting was held on August 12th at Dubsdread. The All Faculty Meeting is an annual event hosted by the Orlando campus which allows all of the clerkship faculty a chance to not only socialize, but also to hear about upcoming events, and regional campus and College-wide news. Speakers at the meeting included Dr. John Fogarty, Dean of the College of Medicine, and Dr. Michael Muszynski, Orlando Regional Campus Dean.

Each year, Clerkship Directors nominate faculty members to receive a Teaching Award and a Mission award. This year, **Dr. Andrew Braunstein** (left), Clinical Assistant Professor for Surgery, was presented with the *Outstanding Community Faculty Educator Award*. Recipients of this award are Florida State University College of Medicine clinical faculty members who consistently demonstrate dedication to principles of the curriculum, to identifying and meeting educational needs of students, and enthusiasm for teaching, participation in faculty development, and willingness to work collaboratively to deliver the clinical curriculum effectively. Dr. Braunstein has been an FSU College of Medicine faculty member since 2006.

**Dr. Kevin Sherin** (below), Clinical Professor for Family Medicine, was presented with the College’s *Mission Award*. This award honors the clinical faculty member who has distinguished him/herself by participating in activities that model the mission of the college to educate and develop exemplary physicians who practice patient-centered health care, discover and advance knowledge, and are responsive to community needs, especially through service to elder, rural, minority, and underserved populations. Dr. Sherin is currently with the Orange County Health Department and has been an FSU College of Medicine faculty member since 2004.
Clinical Research Network Update

Major Grant Award
The Clinical Research Network (CRN) is pleased to announce that the Department of Health has awarded a $1.6 million grant to University of Florida in partnership with FSU College of Medicine, University of Miami, Florida A&M University, and Edward Waters College. The grant funding is supported by the James and Esther King Biomedical Research Program. These funds will be used to establish a statewide network, initially launching quality improvement-focused tobacco cessation programs into physician offices across the state to promote cancer prevention. The grant will also fund three pilot studies each year originating from junior investigators at Florida A&M University or Edwards Waters College. Other fully funded investigator-initiated studies may also be implemented within the network. At the Orlando Campus, our goal is to identify 20 primary care practices to participate in the tobacco cessation protocol portion of the project. Site recruitment is scheduled to begin this Fall.

Faculty and Student Research Spotlight

Finding the treatment outcomes following stereotactic radiosurgery (SRS) for brain metastases by Dr. Ramakrishna and Orlando campus student Zhigang “Mike” Yuan

Among adult cancer patients, brain metastases are the most prevalent intracranial tumor. Over 170,000 cancer patients develop brain metastases each year in the United States. Dr. Naren Ramakrishna, MD, PhD, a former faculty member at Harvard Medical School, moved to Orlando to serve as the director of Neurologic and Pediatric Radiation Oncology at UF Health Cancer Center at Orlando Health. Dr. Ramakrishna treats brain metastases and other primary brain tumors using stereotactic radiosurgery (SRS), a method of radiation treatment which delivers between 1 and 5 intense and highly focused radiation doses to precisely-defined tumor targets. This treatment technique has dramatically improved the quality of life and survival of patients with brain metastatic disease.

Currently, one of our fourth year medical students, Zhigang “Mike” Yuan (pictured left), is working closely with Dr. Ramakrishna to investigate the outcomes of SRS treatment of brain metastases from various histologies including melanoma, breast, lung, renal, and colorectal cancer. This is an IRB-approved retrospective data collection study. The research team has reviewed 500 charts from the Radiation Oncology department at UF Health Center at Orlando Health of patients treated for brain metastases with SRS. Now, they are analyzing the collected data to examine the outcomes including survival, local control, distant brain failure rate, volumetric response, and treatment-related toxicity such as radiation necrosis. Using this information, Dr. Ramakrishna is hoping to identify patient, treatment, biologic, and histology-specific parameters which are prognostic for outcomes.

Naren R. Ramakrishna, MD, PhD (pictured right) is the director of neurologic and pediatric radiation oncology at UF Health Cancer Center – Orlando Health. He is a Clinical Associate Professor of Medical Oncology and has been an FSU faculty member since 2010.
Each year many of our students and faculty volunteer at Shepherd’s Hope, which provides healthcare services to patients who are at or below 200% of the poverty level, are uninsured and are not eligible for government assisted services. The following are some testimonials from students who have volunteered and how it has helped shape them into better doctors.

Angela Guzman, M.D., Class of 2014

What is a typical “day” of volunteering like? We arrive at the clinic at 6:00pm and find Dr. Sherin. As a third year we would walk into the room with Dr. Sherin to see the patients. He allowed us to record the history and physical while he observed. After this is finished he would discuss the case with us and then ask for our input on the course of treatment. As a fourth year, Dr. Sherin would allow us to see the patient by ourselves and then step outside of the room to discuss the treatment plan with him. Once this was discussed in detail, we would return to the room and deliver the news to our patient.

What, if anything, have you learned while volunteering? I learned that patients have a right to health care despite what parts of the nation believe. I learned that all indigent patients are not lazy individuals without aspirations or goals. In fact, many of my patients came to Shepherd’s Hope because they lost their insurance when they were laid off from their jobs. Most importantly, I learned that physicians have a unique opportunity to heal even when it is in the form of listening and caring. At Shepherd’s Hope, we aren’t able to perform miracles, but we are able to help alleviate pain and direct patients so that they can get the help that they deserve.

How do you think volunteering at Shepherd’s Hope has affected you as a doctor? Volunteering at Shepherd’s Hope has been an amazing experience. It forces me to be cognitive of the social issues that impact the health of my patients. Furthermore, it made me realize that all patients have a story that is pertinent to their presentation. As a physician I will strive to take the time and listen. Many of the patients that present to Shepherd’s Hope are there because they have concerns and fears. The patients at Shepherd’s Hope taught me to be conscious of this and to always inquire about their fears.

Joanna Meadors, Class of 2015

What, if anything, have you learned while volunteering? Volunteering at Shepherd’s Hope has truly been a blessing to me this year – the patients have continually taught me lessons of compassion, hope, sincerity and appreciation. I have learned that, in medicine, it is crucial to not be quick to judge. The people who come to Shepherd’s Hope vary from individuals who do not have a family or a home to people who used to have great jobs but were let go only to be left uninsured. Every patient I have interacted with at Shepherd’s Hope has been beyond grateful for the help provided and the gratitude expressed by each person is truly amazing and humbling. Additionally, I have seen some incredible pathology while volunteering at Shepherd’s Hope; from esophageal cancer to a rare seizure disorder to chronic hypertension and diabetes. This experience has not only improved my clinical reasoning, but more importantly, it has truly opened my eyes to fallacies of our healthcare system today. Too many people are slipping through the cracks and Shepherd’s Hope provides people the opportunity to get the care that they need. Working with Dr. Sherin has been such a wonderful experience. His compassion and dedication to working with the uninsured population of downtown Orlando has been an amazing thing to see. He is an incredible physician and a wonderful mentor.
Gold Humanism Honor Society Inductees

Orlando Regional Campus Year-Four students Joanna Meadors, Patrick Murray, Jonathan Salud, and Tyler Zorn are the most recent inductees included among the Class of 2014 Gold Humanism Honor Society (GHHS) members. "The GHHS comprises individuals who have been recognized for practicing patient-centered medical care by modeling the qualities of integrity, excellence, compassion, altruism, respect and empathy. Members may be selected as 3rd and 4th year medical students. Residents, faculty and administrators may also be recognized for humanistic practice at various stages in their careers." For more information about the GHHS, please click here. Congratulations to these Orlando Campus students for exemplifying the FSU College of Medicine mission and for their nomination to the Gold Humanism Honor Society.

The Orlando Campus recently appointed Orlando faculty member Debra Andree, MD, to the role of Clerkship Director for Pediatrics. Dr. Andree will direct the educational program for pediatrics for the FSU COM Orlando Campus and work with more than one hundred Orlando community faculty members appointed to teach pediatric clerkships for third and fourth year FSU COM students. Dr. Andree joined the Orlando Campus community teaching faculty in 2004 as Clinical Assistant Professor, Pediatrics. In 2011, she became one of the inaugural participants of the FSU COM Clinical Research Network. Dr. Andree is a past recipient of the FSU College of Medicine Faculty Council Award for advancing the mission of FSU COM.

ALL IN ORLANDO

Please join other Orlando campus faculty, alumni, and community members to answer the call to be ALL IN with a gift or pledge to the Orlando Campus Fund.
Alpha Omega Alpha

Alpha Omega Alpha (ΛΩΑ) is the national medical honor society which is “dedicated to the belief that in the profession of medicine we will improve care for all by recognizing high educational achievement, honoring gifted teaching, encouraging the development of leaders in academia and the community, supporting the ideals of humanism, and promoting service to others” (for more information about ΛΩΑ, please click here). The Orlando Regional campus is proud to announce the Class of 2015 students inducted into ΛΩΑ this year.

Upcoming Faculty Development Sessions

11/12/2014: Introduction to the Maguire e-Library and Mobile Resources

1/14/2015: Social Media and Medicine

2/4/2015: Effective Clinical Teaching: Views from Our Learners

3/18/2015: Pearls from Your Colleagues

4/8/2015: Decision Support Resources

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