2000-2010: FROM IDEAS TO OUTCOMES

This year is the 10-year anniversary of The Florida State University College of Medicine. What began as the vision of medical education innovators such as Drs. Myra Hurt and J. Ocie Harris with support from the Florida Legislature, has led to our innovative, distributed, community-based model of education. We remain committed to our mission to train exemplary physicians and address the pressing healthcare needs of Florida, especially for the elderly, rural, minority, and underserved populations. We are dedicated to accomplishing this by utilizing sophisticated educational technologies, innovative curricula, and our unique community physician-based model of instruction at regional campuses. We have even taken our high-tech innovation on the road directly to the regional campuses. What are the results of our groundbreaking curricular approaches? We have 10 years of data to address the question and the answer is impressive. The “experts” and pundits of 2000 said it could not be done—that our proposed methods and use of community physician educators bordered on folly. Yet our students have performed far beyond what these experts predicted, including board exam scores well above the national average. Our graduates who finished residency are returning to Florida in impressive numbers. We are national leaders in primary care education. We are young, but well on our way to fulfilling our mission thanks to amazing ideas and amazing community partnerships. Happy Anniversary to us all!
Faculty Awards

Dr. Joan Meek
Recognized with American Academy of Pediatrics Special Achievement Award

Dr. Meek was presented with an American Academy of Pediatrics Special Achievement Award on October 10, 2009 for distinguished service and dedication to the mission and goals of the Academy for her role in developing the Florida Breastfeeding Coalition in an effort to increase breastfeeding rates in Florida. Dr. Meek, who is the current chair of the United States Breastfeeding Committee, participated in both of those meetings and has been elected as the vice president of the FBC. The Florida Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics has appointed Dr. Meek as the liaison from the Florida Chapter to the Florida Breastfeeding Coalition. Dr. Meek has served as the Florida Chapter State Breastfeeding Coordinator since 1997.

Dr. Edgar Jimenez
Elected President of the World Federation of Societies of Intensive and Critical Care Medicine

Dr. Jimenez, Director of Medical Critical Care at ORMC, has been a faculty member with FSU College of Medicine since September 2005 and joined ORMC in 2004. Dr. Jimenez was elected to a four-year term as president of the prestigious World Federation of Societies of Intensive and Critical Care Medicine at their 10th World Congress in Florence, Italy. With a membership of more than 136,000, the World Federation is comprised of more than 56 countries. “Traditionally the World Federation has been a scientific forum. Now we are taking a very active role in developing and supporting critical care in areas that need it most,” said Dr. Jimenez.

Alpha Omega Alpha - Our Newest Inductees

“It is an incredible honor to be inducted into Alpha Omega Alpha. The organization honors scholastic excellence, leadership, service, and character, and my inclusion in its membership is very humbling. My classmates at The Florida State University College of Medicine are all talented and dedicated individuals. I did not envy the selection committee’s challenging decision, and thank them for the honor.” -Emily Taylor (Class of 2010)

“I am humbled by this award, which I owe to those who helped me build my character: my mentors who taught me to love and respect my profession, professors who demonstrated patience and dedication in their teachings, attendings who taught me the art of medicine, patients who placed their trust in me, and my family for their unconditional love and support. I dedicate this honor to them.” -Vanessa Vazquez (Class of 2010)

Congratulations to our Newest Faculty

Sarfraz Ahmad, Ph.D  Ob-Gyn
April Anderson, PHARMD Pharmacology
Laura Bancroft, M.D.  Radiology
Josiah Bancroft III, M.D.  Radiology
Amanpreet Bhullar, M.D.  Ob-Gyn
Glenn Bigsby IV, M.D.  Ob-Gyn
Lawrence Chin, M.D.  Surgery
Megan Crider, M.D.  Emergency Medicine
Neil Finkler, M.D.  Ob-Gyn
Joseph Foss, M.D.  Radiology
Mary Garrett, M.D.  Radiology
Giselle Ghurani, M.D.  Ob-Gyn
Antonio Gonzalez, M.D.  Radiology
Gina Hanna, PHARMD Pharmacology
James Hannah, M.D.  Radiology
Matt Hesh, D.O.  Radiology
Robert Holloway, M.D.  Ob-Gyn
Susan Ingersoll, Ph.D.  Ob-Gyn
Cara Jakob, M.D.  Family Medicine
James Kendrick, M.D.  Ob-Gyn
Amy Kyte, PHARMD Pharmacology
Alejandro Levy, M.D.  Pediatrics
Carolyn Lyon, M.D.  Emergency Med
William Maish, PHARMD Pharmacology
Steve Martin, PHARMD Pharmacology
Rahul Mehta, M.D.  Radiology
Peter Mikhail, M.D.  Surgery
Renee Mueller, M.D.  Surgery
Angela Rollins, PHARMD Pharmacology
Marcy Rosenberg, M.D.  Emergency Med
Peter Salazar, M.D.  Radiology
Efren Salinero, M.D.  Emergency Med
R. Scott Shill, M.D.  Radiology
Heidi Smith-Hoopingarner, PHARMD Pharmacology
Susan Smolen, M.D.  Family Medicine
William Steele, M.D.  Dermatology
Christine Van Dillen, M.D.  Emergency Med
Christopher Wasyliw, M.D.  Radiology
J. Christopher Webster, M.D.  Surgery
Community Medicine Clerkship

The Third-Year Community Medicine Clerkship is required for all students at the College of Medicine regional campus sites as a three-week clerkship, designed to broaden students understanding of the role played by community agencies in health promotion and disease prevention. Students work as a member of a community agency team to assist the agency in fulfilling its goals of maintaining the health of the community and to share and discuss their observations with agency members, faculty, and other students. The goals published in Healthy People 2010 serve as a template for inquiry and analysis of the agency’s place in the healthcare of the community.

The course involves experiential, service, and reflective learning including on-line e-Portfolio assignments. At the end of the clerkship students must prepare and deliver a presentation of their experiences to the entire class, the Regional Campus Dean, and invited guests from the agencies. Thus, every student learns about the roles played by multiple service organizations within the health-care matrix of the community.

We thank our community agency partners who teach this important clerkship every year:

- The Center for Drug Free Living
- Central Florida Reception Center
- Harbor House
- Gentiva Healthcare
- Hope and Help Center
- HUG Me
- FSU-Immokalee Health Education Site
- Orange County Health Department
- Senior Resource Alliance
- Teen Xpress
- United Cerebral Palsy

Shepherd’s Hope

The community-based education model of The Florida State University College of Medicine especially lends itself to community service. Our students regularly participate in volunteer efforts at organizations at each of its regional campuses across Florida. At the Orlando Regional Campus, Shepherd’s Hope is one of the organizations that was chosen by students for community service opportunities.

The idea behind Shepherd’s Hope came to light in the summer of 1996 through Dr. William S. Barnes. Just six months later the first Shepherd’s Hope Health Center, staffed completely by volunteers, opened its doors. Today with the help of many generous physicians, nurses, and other volunteers who donate their time and knowledge to serve uninsured, low-income families, Shepherd’s Hope now operates ten medical clinics. Local schools, churches, mosques, and community agencies donate clinic space. Additionally, area hospitals accept referrals without compensation to provide routine laboratory and radiology services. Patients who are eligible for services through Shepherd’s Hope must have an income at or below 200% of the federal poverty level, be uninsured, and ineligible for government assisted health care.

The Florida State University College of Medicine students regularly volunteer at Shepherd’s Hope, teaming up with College of Medicine physician faculty to provide assistance to the agency in whatever capacity they might be needed. To date more than 20 students have participated. We encourage all faculty to consider working for this worthy cause.

For more information regarding volunteer services at Shepherd’s Hope please contact Diane Sawyer at (407) 876-6699 ext 3 or visit www.shepherdsHope.org

“Volunteers are at the heart of Shepherd’s Hope mission...Without dedicated volunteer physicians and nurses thousands of our neighbors would not receive the hope and healing they have come to know through Shepherd’s Hope.”

—Diane Sawyer-Director, Volunteer Operations

When I was tired after a long day, my volunteering at Shepherd’s Hope rejuvenile me. Their patients were so thankful for the care and help we provided. It was eye-opening to witness how many people fall through cracks in the health-care system, but it was very rewarding to be a part of their safety net at Shepherd’s Hope.

—Jenny Zingarelli, Class of 2010

“By working in a community agency for three weeks, students develop a thorough understanding of how to access community resources that can benefit their patients and how to participate in a team approach to healthcare delivery.”

—Dr. Alma Littles, Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education and Academic Affairs.
Informatics technology is a vital component of the medical education process—so important that each regional campus has the position of Informatics Director. Doug Meuser M.D., Clinical Associate Professor and Family Medicine Clerkship Director, has been given the additional appointment of Informatics Director for the Orlando Regional Campus. Dr. Meuser has an extensive background in electronic resources integration for clinical practice and education. He has authored numerous applications of electronic resources for the Doctoring Course continuum for year-3 of medical school. He will take the lead for informatics faculty development at our campus.

The Florida State University College of Medicine requires all clinical faculty to acquire faculty development hours based on teaching duties. Hours can be fulfilled at any of the regularly scheduled Faculty Development sessions held at the Orlando Regional Campus and our teaching partner hospitals. Many of these events qualify for AMA Category-1 CME credit hours. Faculty must earn the needed number of hours to maintain their faculty appointments. Please refer any questions regarding faculty development to Leeann Parker at 407-835-4103 or leeann.parker@med.fsu.edu.

**Upcoming Sessions**

February 9  
**Florida Hospital Staff Faculty Development**  
Effective Clinical Teaching, Part 3  
By Michael Muszynski MD & Dennis Baker PhD

February 10  
**Disease Quick References and e-Books**  
By Nancy Clark

March 30  
**Views from Our Learners**  
By Michael Muszynski MD and student panel

April 14  
**Calculators and Decision Support Tools**  
By Doug Meuser MD and Nancy Clark

May 20  
**Handling Challenging Teaching Situations**  
By Dennis Baker PhD

June 8  
**Writing Letters of Recommendation**  
By Michael Muszynski MD

For more information or to RSVP call Mica Smith at 407-835-4103