Family Medicine Physicians

We are delighted to welcome these first-year residents to the program:

Eileen Callaway, M.D. PGY-1
Shane Drahos, M.D. PGY-1
Tyler Hendricks, M.D. PGY-1
Alim Karim, M.D. PGY-1
Greg Stepp, M.D. PGY-1
Ashley Wallace, M.D. PGY-1
Clint Walls, M.D. PGY-1

Micrographic Surgery & Dermatologic Oncology Fellows

Dr. Conor Patrick Dolehide completed eight years of training at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago including medical school, internship, and a residency in dermatology. During his final year of residency he served as a chief resident in dermatology and completed a masters degree in clinical research.

Dr. Kaisa M. van der Kooi received her Doctor of Medicine from Wayne State University School of Medicine in Detroit, Michigan and completed her residency at Detroit Medical Center/Wayne State University and Johns Hopkins in Dermatology followed by a fellowship in Dermatopathology at the University of South Florida in Tampa.

Bernie Martinez, spouse of PGY-2 Resident Liz Midney-Martinez, and a coach at Immokalee High School helped arrange the day, school nurses took vital signs, and other staff helped with paperwork. Two MS-4 College of Medicine students (Aruna Khan and Amanda Danley) joined in for the day. Program Director Dr. Gary Goforth says, “I was incredibly proud of our residents participating in this event. They did 110+ physicals (which also included the middle school) in about 2 hours.” Following, residents took an airboat tour of Lake Trafford, saw a few alligators and lots of wildlife. The day’s events concluded with lunch at a Mexican restaurant.
Welcome, PGY-1 Internal Medicine Residents:

Justin Cyr, M.D.  Alexandra Da Rocha, M.D.  Suzin Duwaik, M.D.  Adam Engel, M.D.  Melia Holt, M.D.  Christina Kim, M.D.

Tahirali Motiwala, M.D.  Sachin Patel, M.D.  Cristin Sampson, M.D.  Anahita Sanaie, M.D.  Christopher Selleck, M.D.  Mike Yuan, M.D.

Welcome PL-1 Pediatric Residents

Osman Altun, M.D.  Stephanie Battistini, M.D.  Julienne Dreisbach, M.D.  Sanchitha Guruchandrasekar, M.D.  Jaclyn Havinga, M.D.  Vignesh Nayak, M.D.

Drexel Proctor, M.D.  Alina Sadaf, M.D.  Namra Tariq, M.D.

Correction: The article that was listed in the summer edition as being written by Dr. Lee Coghill was written by Dr. Chelsey Scheiner.

New Family Member on Way
Due somewhere around the beginning of the new year, family medicine resident Dr. Alyson Sanchious and husband announce, "It’s a girl."
Visit to Regional Campus

Program Directors Dr. Wade Douglas (General Surgery) and Dr. Greg Todd (Internal Medicine) recently paid a visit to third-year medical students at the Tallahassee Regional Campus. Topics of this panel discussion included perspectives on audition externships, as well as applying and interviewing for residency positions. The physicians offered tips on how students should present themselves.

Brainy Bunch Captures Statewide Award

Article courtesy of Sacred Heart Health System (SHHS) Snips

At the first-ever Florida American Academy of Pediatric (AAP) Residents Brain Bowl, pediatric residents captured second place out of nine teams competing for graduate medical education glory and the top award. The pediatric residents located at SHHS just narrowly missed out on first place, with the final question answered correctly by Johns Hopkins Medicine residents at All Children’s Hospital in St. Petersburg. The event was held at Walt Disney World in Orlando.

“A big thanks to our champions, Rachael, Allison, Mudassar and Christine,” says Dr. Peter Jennings, Director, FSU Pediatric Residency Program at Sacred Heart. “Our study efforts at noon the past couple weeks may have helped a little, but our residents are bright and, no doubt, people took notice.” Dr. Jennings also adds: “To all our faculty, your support and commitment to education helped lead to their awesome performance. A big thanks to Don Tinker and Darryl Hooks for their help in the local competition. I also want to thank Dr. Jim Burns for his support of the effort and in helping me with the team selection process. Jim even traveled from Denmark to meet us in Orlando for the competition. Everyone had a good time, and it was great to see all of Pediatric GME for the state of Florida together, engaged and enjoying the experience.”
A Message from the DIO

Dr. Joan Y. Meek

On behalf of our GME team, I want to welcome the 31 residents and two fellows entering the FSU College of Medicine Graduate Medical Education Programs. Our GME and College of Medicine faculty and staff participated in resident orientation on three different clinical campuses in June and July: in Pensacola at Sacred Heart Health System, in Tallahassee at Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare, and in Fort Myers at Lee Memorial Health System. It is always enjoyable to meet the new residents. One quarter of the incoming PGY-1s are from Florida medical schools, with six graduating from the FSU College of Medicine, one from UCF, and one from FAU. We are planning our first combined orientation for all entering residents in 2016 at the central campus on June 27.

All of the FSU sponsored residency programs are registered and participating in the NRMP Main Residency Match, which opened on September 15. The general surgery program will be recruiting its first group of interns (two categorical and two preliminary) through the Match, and two PGY-2 surgery residents outside of the Match. The application, interview, and rank process for all programs will culminate with Match Day on March 18, 2016.

Nationwide, there were 27,293 PGY-1 positions offered during the match process in 2015. This included 615 more positions than in 2014, with most of that increase occurring in the primary care disciplines, defined by the NRMP as family medicine, internal medicine, and pediatrics. In total, 6,611 U.S. seniors matched in these three disciplines. Vying for the 27,293 PGY-1 positions offered in 2015 were 34,905 applicants, made up of the following categories of applicants: 18,025 senior allopathic U.S. medical students; 7,366 foreign International Medical Graduates (IMGs); 5,014 US IMGs; 2,949 osteopathic seniors or graduates; 1,520 previous allopathic graduates; 24 Canadian students or graduates; and, seven Fifth Pathway students or graduates.

For the 2015-2016 academic year, our GME Committee approved the institution of a requirement for completion of 10 specific independent study modules in the American Medical Association Introduction to the Practice of Medicine series for trainees in our sponsored programs. The modules cover core content in five of the six GME competency areas: Interpersonal and Communication Skills, Patient Care, Patient Safety: Identifying Medical Errors, Patient Safety: National Patient Safety Goals, Practice-Based Learning and Improvement, Professionalism, Confidentiality, Cultural Competency in Healthcare, Physician Health: Physicians Caring for Ourselves, Sleep Deprivation: Your Life and Your Work Systems Based Practice, Working Effectively within an Interprofessional Team.

The modules include didactic information, videos, and clinical vignettes, and require successful completion of a post-test to ensure that the content was understood. The Family Medicine Program at Lee Memorial conducted joint training on these modules during their didactics, so they win the award for earliest compliance with the requirement.

I will conclude with my wish for a highly successful academic training year in GME!
In my short time thus far in the FSU College of Medicine Family Medicine Residency Program at Lee Memorial Health System, I have had a smooth transition from being a medical student to an intern (first year resident). Becoming a physician and having a lot more independence and expectations placed upon me can be stressful, but I found that the faculty, residents, and staff helped make that process a lot more manageable.

After finding out that I matched in this residency program on March 20, 2015, I was eager to start the process of completing all the formal paperwork. Coming from Canada, I needed to fill out a lot of extra forms for the residency program and to obtain a visa in order to be eligible to train in the USA. The program coordinator and other Canadian residents helped greatly by getting me the required forms that I needed to complete in a timely manner. They even went to the trouble of sending one of the documents overnight since it was so important. When I came to Fort Myers a few months before residency to look for a place to live, one of the faculty member’s wives donated her time to make suggestions and help me find an apartment. I felt like everyone in the program was going above and beyond to help me get settled in.

When late June rolled around and I officially moved to Fort Myers, it was time to begin day one as an intern on June 23. The program had an excellent set up which allowed us to have the first month to get oriented to the in’s and out’s of how the hospital worked, get certified in emergency protocols, and get a glimpse of what life as an intern would be like before we officially hit the floors as “Doctors”. I found this to be especially helpful because it allowed us to get acquainted with the residents, faculty, and learn our responsibilities and expectations. It was the first time our residency program had all three years filled with residents, so it was a historic time for the entire program.

A few of things that drew me to the program were the fact that it is unopposed, meaning that there are no other residency programs at our hospital. This was important as it allows us the opportunity to get hands-on training and extra experience that may not be available at other residency programs. We also work directly with attending physicians in other specialties, and get to learn from all their years of experience. Finally, I was very excited to be at a program that was teaching-based. The faculty is dedicated to teaching and helping the residents make the most of their training, and making sure we are competent and proficient when we graduate. In my short two months so far, I would say that the program is living up to the billing, and I can’t wait to see how I further develop as a physician and a person.