Program Development Continues for IM

We had a very successful program site visit for the Internal Medicine Residency Program at Sarasota Memorial Hospital. Dr. Wilhelmine Wiese-Rometsch, Dr. Karen Hamad, Dr. Steve Taylor and the team at Sarasota Memorial presented a well-developed program design, enthusiastic leadership support and engaged faculty when Dr. Li Tang visited Jan. 14. We anticipate a positive response when the Internal Medicine Review Committee meets in April. The program requested 13 residents per year in the new program application. Sarasota Memorial will be developing a new clinic site in an underserved area of Sarasota for ambulatory training of the residents.

Gitu Receives Health Education Award

Dr. Alfred Gitu, faculty, Family Medicine Residency Program at Lee Memorial Health System (LMHS) in Fort Myers, received the Award for Health Education by Lee County Medical Society in recognition of being an exemplary physician who educates other physicians and health workers, and for his dedication to caring for the community. Dr. Gitu has received numerous written and oral commendations from residents and medical students over the past nine years while he served as a residency faculty member in South Carolina and now Fort Myers (since 2012).

He currently serves admirably on numerous institutional committees at LMHS, Lee Physician Group and the Lee Physical Hospital Organization. Dr. Gitu is a graduate of the Lee Physician Group Physician Leadership Institute (Class of 2015). In the residency program, he serves as the curriculum coordinator for the inpatient medicine, adult medicine selective, pulmonary/ICU, neurology, emergency medicine and neurology rotations.

His scholarly activity is also quite impressive with his authorship of six book chapters and seven peer-reviewed journal publications since 2011. He has been the primary faculty member responsible for several innovations in medicine – developing a collaboration between the pharmacy and family medicine residencies for training and patient care in the Family Medicine Clinic, the structuring of Academic Afternoon to allow for both didactic and interactive activities to enhance residency education, and the development of a new professional enhancement series for residents. Please join us in congratulating Dr. Gitu.
Accreditation Received

On Jan. 17, we received notification from the Dermatology Review Committee that the FSU-Sponsored Dermatology Residency Program at Dermatology Associates of Tallahassee received initial accreditation. After the site visit in June 2015, there was a long delay until the review committee met in January 2016, but the outcome was positive. The program is registered in ERAS and NRMP to participate in the 2016 Match and will be recruiting two PGY-2 residents to begin in July 2016 and two PGY-2 to begin in July 2017. Congratulations to Dr. George Cohen, the program director, Faith Stoutamire, program coordinator, and the rest of the committed faculty at Dermatology Associates.

Dean’s Day at Capitol

FSU’s College of Medicine was well represented on Dean’s Day at the state Capitol. Pictured are Dr. Alma Littles, senior associate dean for medical education and academic affairs; Amanda Danley, class of 2016; Dr. John Fogarty, dean; Dr. Anthony Herzog, internal medicine resident at Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare; and Danielle Guinan, class of 2017.

AHA Heart Walk

The AHA Heart Walk on Dec. 12 was well attended by our Family Medicine Residency clinic staff, under the direction of faculty member Dr. Rose Anne Illes. The program has participated for the past three years. The walk is a 5K at Centennial Park in downtown Fort Myers. Thanks to all who were able to help sponsor our walkers since this is a major fundraiser for the American Heart Association.

Family Medicine Residency Program Director Dr. Gary Goforth was pleased to accept appointment by the Florida surgeon general with confirmation by the Florida Senate to the Florida Physician Workforce Advisory Council. He will be representing ACGME-accredited residency programs on the council as it works toward alleviating the shortage of physicians in our state.

On Jan. 25, Dr. Gregory Todd, Internal Medicine Residency Program director at Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare, participated in “Medical, Legal, and Ethical Aspects of Pain Management in Florida” at the FSU Alumni Center. Dr. Todd did an excellent job serving as a presenter.
Coordinator’s Corner

Join us in welcoming two new residency coordinators to the FSU College of Medicine . . .

Katie Axiotis has been hired as the Internal Medicine Residency Program coordinator at Sarasota Memorial Health System. Katie has been working in medical education since 1999, when she began her role as Standardized Patient Program associate at Northeastern Ohio Medical University in Rootstown, Ohio. After relocating to Florida in 2009, she joined the staff of Lake Erie College of Medicine in Bradenton, as the standardized patient coordinator. In that position, she worked closely with medical students and clinical faculty to facilitate teaching and testing activities. She joined the staff of the FSU College of Medicine Sarasota Campus as the administrative assistant in 2014. She earned her bachelor’s and master’s degrees at Kent State University in Kent, Ohio. She and her husband, George, live in Sarasota with their rescue dog, Lulu.

Inez Hudlow as been hired as the Internal Medicine Residency Program coordinator at Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare. Inez grew up in Lynn, Massachusetts, just north of Boston. Prior to moving to Tallahassee, she was the senior administrative coordinator at Boston University’s Internal Medicine Residency Program. Throughout her career, Inez never imagined she’d be working in medical education, let alone in an internal medicine residency program. She says, “I’m glad to have gotten the opportunity, as there is so much to learn from the faculty and residents that come through the office on a daily basis.” Outside of work, her interests include spending time with family, shopping, sports and planning the next family vacation.

Poster Presentation

Dr. Brian Seilus, Family Medicine Residency Program faculty, presented Implementing a Pharmacist-Led Warfarin Clinic in a Family Medicine Residency - A Team-Based Approach to Improve Patient Care, during the recent Society of Teachers of Family Medicine Conference in Dallas.

Dermatology Fellows at Work

Tumor board is a multidisciplinary, challenging case that allows the fellows to review the background of the patient (health history, family background, current health, etc.) to enhance patient care and quality of treatment, specific to the patient’s diagnosis(es) and medical condition.
Recent Scholarly Activity for General Surgery Residency Faculty


General Surgery New Residency Recruitment

Dean John Fogarty with medical students from the University of South Alabama School of Medicine and the Texas A&M Health Science College of Medicine - Round Rock

The General Surgery Residency Program at Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare recently concluded its first recruiting season. Informal meet-and-greet socials, hosted at the Hotel Duval the evening before interviews, were attended by residency candidates, program faculty and administration. Dean John Fogarty, M.D., Joan Y. Meek, M.D., and Chris Mulrooney, Ph.D., also participated in the events to welcome the guests. The program is looking forward to Match Day and welcoming its first class of residents this July.

Congratulations to Dr. Roy Klossner, PGY-3 Family Medicine resident, on his approval to begin serving on the faculty effective April 2016. Dr. Klossner was the first resident to sign a contract in our new residency program and will be the first graduate to serve on the faculty.

Dr. James Toldi, PGY-3 Family Medicine resident was selected for a sports medicine fellowship in New Mexico.

Dr. Wilhelmine Wiese-Rometsch, program director, upcoming Internal Medicine Residency in Sarasota, will present Strategies for a Successful Residency Application at the Sarasota Campus on March 23 from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m.

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Our Internal Medicine (IM) Residency Program at Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare celebrates the end of another successful recruitment season.

Please join us in congratulating Drs. Rachel Russell and Vishal Dahya, who were selected to serve as our co-chief residents for the upcoming academic year, 2016-2017.

We look forward to their leadership and are confident they will continue to follow in the path of our current chiefs who have already contributed so much to the growth of our program.

Internal Medicine Program Selects New Co-Chiefs

Dr. Russell

Dr. Dahya

New Family

Congratulations to PGY-2 family medicine resident Dr. Alyson Sanchious on the birth of her daughter, Alyssa Marie Sanchious, Jan. 12, at 5:25 p.m., weighing 6 pounds, 4 ounces and 19½ inches tall.

General Surgery Presents Posters

Internal Medicine resident and co-chief Dr. Sura Jermanus (center), with TMH Family Medicine residents, volunteering in the medical tent at the triathlon.
A Message from our DIO

Dr. Joan Y. Meek,
Associate Dean / Designated Institutional Official

The new and existing GME programs are eagerly anticipating the upcoming National Resident Matching Program Main Match—THE Match! Results of the match will be made public March 18. Candidates indicated great interest in the new programs in general surgery at Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare and dermatology at Dermatology Associates of Tallahassee. There were also record numbers of applicants for the internal medicine and family medicine programs. In the 2016 match, the programs will be recruiting eight categorical and two preliminary residents in internal medicine, two categorical and two preliminary residents in general surgery, six residents in family medicine, as well as two dermatology residents to begin training in July 2016 and two residents to begin in July 2017.

Two PGY-2 transfer residents have signed contracts for the 2016-2017 academic year for general surgery. Dr. Paul Clark, from the University of Texas Health Science Center Houston, and Dr. Emanuela Silva Alvarenga, from Cleveland Clinic Florida, will provide leadership as the new program begins training residents. In addition, Dr. Matthew Hoffman matched for the Micrographic Surgery and Dermatologic Oncology Program at Dermatology Associates through the San Francisco Match. Dr. Hoffman completed dermatology residency at LSU Health New Orleans.

FSU College of Medicine GME program directors and coordinators from across the state will be meeting at the College of Medicine in Tallahassee on May 11 for our annual Spring GME Retreat. Topics for this meeting will include leadership development, conflict resolution, College of Medicine resources, and opportunities for networking. The agenda will also include opportunities for participants to share new ideas gleaned from the annual ACGME conference and the specialty-specific program director/Coordinator meetings.

On June 27, all incoming residents for 2016-2017 will participate in a full day of orientation to the College of Medicine and its GME programs. This will provide an opportunity for residents from all programs to meet one another, learn more about the FSU College of Medicine and complete mandatory training.