

Medicine Grand Rounds - Black History Month

In recognition of the importance of Diversity to our institution in two weeks we begin our annual recognition of Black History Month with our Medicine Grand Rounds Diversity Series.



February 3 **“Chronic Pain, Functional Status, Quality of Life in Sickle Cell Disease”**



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Jerry Reves, M.D. , Professor and Dean,
College of Medicine
and
Deborah Deas, M.D., MPH, Professor
Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
Senior Associate Dean, Strategic Diversity Initiatives
Associate Dean, College of Medicine Admissions

I urge all of our faculty and trainees to join us on Tuesday mornings.

*John R. Feussner, M.D., M.P.H.
Distinguished University Professor
and Chairman*

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On the Calendar:

Save the date:
Dean's State of the
College Address
February 11, 2009
5-6 p.m.
BSB Auditorium

Tarr Gift to support Research



[Pictured above from left to right: Mr. Robert Tarr, Dr. Antine Stenbit, Dr. John Feussner, Mrs. Molly Tarr and Dr. Monika Gupta]

Robert and Molly Tarr of Kiawah, SC, have recently made a most generous gift in support of two of the Department of Medicine's young investigators: **Dr. Antine Stenbit** from the Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine and **Dr. Monika Gupta** from the Division of Nephrology.

Dr. Stenbit has received funding for her research in circulating stem cells and cytokine profile in better survivors of ARDS/ALI while Dr. Gupta received funding for her research in the recovery of kidney function after acute kidney failure. Each investigator received a generous **\$50,000 award** to support their research programs.

Gifts such as the Tarr's greatly enhance the ability of young investigators to achieve their scientific aims. Both Dr. Stenbit and Dr. Gupta divide their time between clinical/educational work and their research endeavors.

Other Philanthropic Wins:

In addition to the generous support from Mr. and Mrs. Tarr, the Department of Medicine has been the beneficiary of several other significant gifts this past quarter:

- ◆ Almost \$65,000 was received last quarter for the **Kitty Trask Holt Endowed Chair for Scleroderma Research** which has received more than \$1.3 million in gifts and pledges.
- ◆ More than \$1.6 million has been raised toward our \$5 million goal for the **Renal Disease Biomarker Center of Economic Excellence**;



- ◆ **Dr. Lawrence Comerford** has received a \$12,000 gift from the **Pate Family Fund** for his research in inflammatory bowel disease.



- ◆ **Mrs. Spotswood Box** gave \$10,000 in honor of **Dr. Rick Silver** for the Division of Rheumatology and Immunology
- ◆ Former Nephrology fellow and faculty member, **Dr. Joel Brunt**, made a \$5,000 gift to the **Williams-Brackett fund** which provides support for nephrology fellows who are involved in research.

For more information about our philanthropic mission, please contact Jane McCullough, Director of Development, 843.792.4280 or mccul-loj@musc.edu.

Dr. Mark Payne celebrates 10 Years as GI & Hepatology Division Director!



On Tuesday, January 13th, Dr. Mark Payne was awarded a framed print of the new hospital in honor of his 10 years of service as Division Director of Gastroenterology and Hepatology. (Shown above with Dr. Mark DeLegge and Ms. Vick Marsi.) The print was signed by MUSC leaders.

Dr. Payne exhibits a superior level of clinical competence and service, carrying a heavy load of clinical responsibilities in addition to his educational efforts and demanding administrative load. He sees patients in the general GI clinics, the advanced endoscopy clinics and the Hepatology service – a combination not frequently exhibited by GI physicians.

Dr. Payne's has exhibited considerable talent in his administration of the Division. He has worked actively to address billing and compliance concerns, to develop an effective model of clinic scheduling and to increase the productivity of the Division's physicians on all fronts. Dr. Payne has also worked hard to recruit an enthusiastic core of physician faculty – including the establishment of Nutrition and Motility sections. His plans include the establishment of an Inflammatory Bowel Disease Section and growing the Hepatology and Transplant sections.

Dr. Gilkeson joins the Henry Kunkel Society



Gary Gilkeson, M.D., Vice Chairman for Research and Professor in Rheumatology and immunology, has been approved as a new member of the Henry Kunkel Society. The Henry Kunkel Society is dedicated to fostering patient-oriented research, particularly in the field of immunology, as exemplified by the scientific life of Dr. Kunkel. The Society aims to continue to grow as an organization that brings together and fosters the success of investigators with similar goals.



Dr. Reuben invited to Mayo Medical School

Adrian Reuben, M.D., Professor in Gastroenterology and Hepatology, has been

invited to inaugurate the Mayo Medical School Humanism in Medicine Lecture Series in honor of the late Dr. Hugh Butt. The invitation cited Dr. Reuben's consistent demonstration of his commitment to the value of humanism in his professional and personal endeavors and his ability to express this commitment eloquently.

Dr. Reuben not only leads the Hepatology Section, but is also known as an eloquent speaker, drawing large audiences to his annual Grand Rounds lectures - an average of 32% more than other MGR speakers in the last 5 years.

Financial Data Update

The data is in for the first six months of the fiscal year and overall our research funding has increased by \$454,577 or 2%, our number of overall research awards is up from 132 to 161, with the largest increases in corporate and VA awards. Our NIH award amount has also increased by 13%.

On the clinical side of the house, charges are up 14% and payments are up 12%. Work RVU's are up 2.46%.

From *Inklings*...

Mark Your Calendar: February 19th, Faculty Orientation

The Office of the Associate Provost for Research is hosting a Research Orientation for both new and seasoned faculty who are involved or interested in the research process. The faculty orientation is scheduled for Thursday, February 19th with more details to follow. This orientation session will introduce new faculty and those new to research with the MUSC research support process, the South Carolina Clinical and Translational Research (SCTR) and SUCCESS Center, and updates since the August orientation.

New Director, University Compliance

The University Compliance Office is pleased to welcome **Cynthia Teeter**, the new Director of the University Compliance. Cindy's previous position was Privacy Officer at MUHA. She comes to us with a wealth of Corporate Compliance Experience, and looks forward to working with faculty and staff to promote compliance with the numerous policies, laws and regulations that impact our institution in the areas of research, academics, training and community service. Cynthia will be replacing Reece Smith who is returning to her role as compliance officer for the hospital.



Dr. Egede Awarded RO1 Grant

Leonard Egede, M.D., M.S., Associate Professor in the Division of General Internal Medicine and Geriatrics and

Director of the Center for Health Disparities Research, was recently awarded an RO1 grant titled "Telephone Delivered Behavioral Skills Intervention for African Americans with Type 2 Diabetes (T2DM)." The grant is awarded from 8/1/2008 – 6/30/2012 with a budget of \$2,066,132.

This study will test the effectiveness of separate and combined telephone-delivered diabetes knowledge/information and motivation/behavior skills training intervention in high risk African Americans with poorly controlled T2DM. The study will also examine whether the intervention improves physical activity, diet, medication adherence, and self-monitoring of blood glucose at 12 months of follow-up compared to usual care.

Dr. Gooz receives DCI Grant



Monika Gooz, MD, PhD,

Assistant Professor in Nephrology recently received the DCI Paul Teschan Research Fund to study "Role of ADAM-17/TACE in the Development of Chronic Kidney Disease". The award started on 12/1/2008 and can be renewed upon satisfaction of the Fund for 2 more years (until 11/30/11). The award amount is \$48,000/ year.

Dr. Larry Raney to speak

Larry Raney, M.D., Associate Professor and Director of the Emergency Medicine Division, has been invited to speak at the American Academy of Emergency Medicine's annual Scientific Assembly in March in Phoenix, Arizona. Dr. Raney will give two lectures titled "Codeine is a worthless drug" and "Ibuprofen is better than acetaminophen for acute musculoskeletal pain".



Thank you Dr. Larry Afrin!

Over the past year or so, each of you was kind enough to communicate with me in my search for someone to whom to refer my dear friend (a nurse with whom I worked in the CCU in the early 70s). Despite an early diagnosis, of polycythemia vera, she persisted with a complex group of symptoms which severely affected her quality of life.

Rob [Stuart, MD], because he knew she had a hematologic problem, suggested we try Larry Afrin, and finally, last month, after exhaustive testing and evaluation, Larry diagnosed her with systemic mastocytosis. He is treating her and her symptoms are greatly reduced. He was absolutely wonderful, patient, and thorough. (Though I have to say those characteristics fit you all, given my long association and knowledge of you.)

She is thankful to have come to MUSC and I am thankful for all of your suggestions and concern for my friend. You're my heroes!
[A long-time MUSC Employee]

Another Thank you for Dr. Afrin

[note: the following was sent separately by the patient mentioned in the letter above]

[Dr. Larry Afrin] has been outstanding in his pursuit of a diagnosis and has finally succeeded in identifying and treating my condition. I wondered if there was anything set up at Hollings where I could make a donation in his honor.

I am open to any suggestions you might have. He is such a committed professional and I want to do something to thank him. I thought that a contribution to an institution he is affiliated with would be appropriate.

Thank you in advance for any information or suggestions,
[a grateful patient]

Dr. Sam Kini at EMCON

Sam Kini, MD, Associate Professor and Program Director for the Emergency Medicine Residency Program recently presented at the Emergency Medicine Conference (EMCON 2008) in Salem, India. Dr. Kini gave three lectures "Red eye differential" and "Management of Acute Decompensated Heart Failure" and "ED management of Seizures"



Dr. Kini will also be presenting twice at the Caribbean Emergency Medicine Conference in Barbados, West Indies: "Eye Trauma" and "Procedural Sedation".



MUSC Excellence

Building On Success



◆ This facility & care providers are above & beyond others. As far as administrative staff, **Suzanne [Davis]** is very helpful & courteous. She has a caring attitude & is very kind. She should train others to be MORE LIKE her - She always goes out of her way to assist me. Suzanne is excellent

- ◆ **Dr. Chafin and Dr. Alan Brown** are very good.
- ◆ I wish all doctor's will be like **Dr. [Bruce] Usher and staff.**
- ◆ **Dr. [Deanna] Vroman** is very sensitive to people's problems and has deep concern for health issues.
- ◆ **Cameron [Oswald]** is [very good] she takes her time and explain what she wants you to do rather it be to have blood drawn/or to talk about the change of your medicines.
- ◆ I was impressed by attentiveness of staff - we already recommended **Travel Clinic** to family traveling nurses.
- ◆ **Dr. [Pamela] Morris** was excellent.
- ◆ **Dr. [Kenneth] Wurtz** was



"PHENOMENAL"

- ◆ **Dr. [James] Glenn** is OUTSTANDING.
- ◆ **Merriman Dowdle** is one of the best health care providers I've ever encountered.
- ◆ **Dr. [Soon-ho] Kwon** spends an ample amount of

time during each visit & has yet to seem rushed or in a hurry!

- ◆ **Rebecca Strickland** was most helpful - excellent person.
- ◆ **Dr. Jimmy Alele**, is a very sweet doctor, his warmth & gentleness is felt when he walks into the room & he treated me like I was a very special person. I'm honored to have him as my doctor.
- ◆ **Dr. [Gerard] Silvestri** was very personable & compassionate as well as being extremely knowledgeable. As a very busy [doctor] he made sure to take extra measures to reassure me.
- ◆ **Heidi Grund, RN** excellent!
- ◆ **Dr. [James] Glenn and his staff** are the best professionals I have ever seen. I cannot stress how blessed I & MUSC is 2 have him and his team. Thanks!
- ◆ **Carol Blessing-Feussner** is wonderful!



- ◆ My doctor is the best! **Dr [Mary Jean] Vogt.** She was really sensitive, good, and I feel better, since I take care of me. I really recommend her to others.
- ◆ **Dr. [Jeremy] Soule** is great.
- ◆ **Dr. [Kathy] Wiley** is a very caring and concerned MD, always willing to listen to the patient.
- ◆ **Dr. Larry Comerford** does

everything in his power to help in my recovery. His knowledge & care I would never question his decision.

- ◆ I drive a good distance to see **Dr. [Kerry] Briones & Dr. [Soon-ho] Kwon** - I feel it is worth the drive & then some. They are wonderful doctors
- ◆ Doctor is conscientious & thoughtful. **Dr. [Preston] Church** is the best doctor I've ever had. He takes time with me explains my illness & treatment in a way I understand. He always return my calls - day or night. Never rushes me in or out of off. What I can I say Dr. Church is the best doctor ever! He's funny too.



Medicine Grand Rounds

All lectures are held in the IOP Auditorium each Tuesday at 8:00am

CME credit applies if you have signed/swiped in by 8:15 am.

January 27 **"The Top 10 Things Internists Should Know About HIV"**



J. Michael Kilby, M.D.
Director
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Professor of Medicine and
Microbiology/Immunology

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