

October 1, 2009

In today's Newsletter:



Excellence in Teaching Awards

The Department of Medicine would like to recognize **Pamela Pride, MD**, Assistant Professor, General Internal Medicine and Geriatrics/Hospitalist (winner - \$2000) and **Soon-ho Kwon, MD, MS** (runner-up - \$1000) as the sixth recipients of the **Excellence in Teaching Award** as recognized by the Housestaff and Medical Students of the Department of Medicine for the January - June 2009 term. (Shown above with Drs. Clyburn and Feussner)

Other faculty nominated were:

Jimmy Alele, MD	John Arthur, MD, PhD	Neal Axon, MD, MSCR	Jan Basile, MD
Marcy Bolster, MD	Alice Boylan, MD	Courtney Brady, MD	Alan Brown, MD
Jay Brzezinski, MD	Milos Budisavljevic, MD	Patrick Cawley, MD, MBA	Jennifer Clark, MD
Salvatore Chiamida, MD	Preston Church, MD	Ben Clyburn, MD	Larry Comerford, MD, MS
Luciano Costa, MD, PhD	Deborah DeWaay, MD	Peter Doelken, MD	Fitzgerald Drummond, MD
Ashley Duckett, MD	Robert Fenning, MD	Jyotika Fernandes, MD	Valerian Fernandes, MD
Patrick Flume, MD	Dee Ford, MD, MSCR	Gary Gilkeson, MD	James Glenn, MD
Juanmanuel Gomez, MD	Daley Gregg, MD	Monika Gupta, MD, MSCR	Grady Hendrix, MD
Kathie Hermayer, MD, MS	Kristin Highland, MD	Florence Hutchinson, MD	Beatrice Janulyte, MD
Marc Judson, MD	Brad Keith, MD	Michael Kilby, MD	David Koch, MD, MSCR
Karyn Lindsey, MD	Louis Luttrell, MD, PhD	Ramon Matawaran, MD	Sarah Mennito, MD
Larry Mohr, MD	William Moran, MD, MS	Edward O'Bryan, MD	Chris Parsons, MD
Jennifer Peura, MD	Eric Powers, MD	Shakaib Rehman, MD	Adrian Reuben, MD
Joseph Romagnuolo, MD	Paul Rousseau, MD	Julius Sagel, MD	William Shelley, MD
Michelle Shepard, MD	Keisuke Shirai, MD, MS	Rick Silver, MD	Jeremy Soule, MD
William Spencer, MD	Antine Stenbit, MD, PhD	Charlie Strange, MD	Robert Stuart, MD
Rachel Sturdivant, MD	George Taylor, MD	Marian Taylor, MD	Ira Willner, MD
Tamara Wolfman, MD	Peter Zwerner, MD		

This award is given twice a year in January and July in recognition of the dedication to the education of our housestaff and students. These faculty have been nominated through evaluations, their commitment, contribution, and mentoring of housestaff and student medical education, and to the Department of Medicine mission.

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

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On the Calendar:

**Oct 1 - 31
MUSC Benefits
Open Enrollment**

**Dec 10th
Medicine Research Day**

Stimulus Funding

As we go to press, we continue to be notified of stimulus grant funding awarded to our Department of Medicine investigators. To date, 17 investigators in the Department of Medicine have received stimulus related funding from the NIH directly (15) or as sub-contracts from other institutions (2). The total funding awarded to these investigators is more than \$7.2 million, which is more than 30% of the total stimulus funding received by the University so far.

NIH/NCI	R01	Alberg, Anthony	Biostatistics & Epidemiology	DNA Repair, Skin Cancer, and Overall Cancer Risk
NIH/NHLBI	R01	Bradshaw, Amy	Cardiology	Post-Synthetic Procollagen Processing in Load-Induced Left Ventricular Remodeling
NIH/NIDDK	R21	Delegge, Mark	Gastroenterology	Feeding in Elderly Late-Stage Dementia: the FIELD Trial
Univ of Virginia	ZC/1 R01	Fernandes, Jyotika	Endocrine	Genetic Contributors to Diabetes and Dyslipidemia in African Americans
NIH	RC1	Ford, Dee	Pulmonary	Critical Care Excellence in Sepsis and Trauma (CREST)
NIH/NIDCR	R03	Haycraft, Courtney	Nephrology	Role of Cilia in Mammalian Tooth Patterning
NIH/NCI	P30	Kraft, Andrew	Hem/Onc	Cancer Center Support Grant
Univ of S. Carolina	R03	Lawson, Andrew	Biostatistics & Epidemiology	Development and Evaluation of Spatial Survival Models
NIH/NIDDK	R01	Lopes-Virella, Maria	Endocrine	Biomarkers of Vascular Disease Progression in Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus - Competitive Revision
NIH/NLM	R01	Lu, Xinghua	Biostatistics & Epidemiology	Summer Research Supplement - Automatic Literature-Based Protein Annotation
NIH/NLM	R01	Lu, Xinghua	Biostatistics & Epidemiology	Administrative Supplement - Automatic Literature-Based Protein Annotation
NIH/NCRR	P20	Obeid, Lina	Geriatrics	COBRE in Lipidomics and Pathobiology - Advance Translational (T1 & T2) Research (Web Portal)
NIH/NCI	K08	Parsons, Christopher	Infectious Diseases	An Animal Model for Kaposi's Sarcoma
NIH/NIDDK	R01	Raymond, John	Nephrology	Mechanisms of Regulation of NHE-1 - Administrative Supplement
NIH/NCI	K24	Silvestri, Gerard	Pulmonary	K24 Mid-Career Investigator Award in Patient-Oriented Research
NIH/NIGMS	T32	Slate, Elizabeth	Biostatistics & Epidemiology	Biostatistics Training for Basic Biomedical Research
NIH/NIAMS	R03	Tourkina, Elena	Rheumatology	Caveolin-1 Regulation of Altered Functions of Scleroderma Fibrocytes



DIO & Associate Dean of Graduate Medical Education Named

Dr. Harry Clarke, MD, PhD, Associate Dean of Graduate Medical Education, and Professor of Urology, has been appointed as the permanent Designated Institutional Official (DIO) for the MUSC Graduate Medical Training Programs. Dr. Clarke has been serving in the capacity of Interim DIO and has been successful in assisting the various residency and fellowship training programs at MUSC to maintain their strict standards of excellence demanded for reaccreditation by their respective review committees. MUSC now has 600 residents in various training programs and the quality of House Staff training and the quality of the House Officers, has never been better. With Dr. Clarke at the helm, we will be well poised for our institutional Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) reaccreditation site-visit in 2010.

New Associate Dean for GME Faculty Development

The increasing expectations of central GME office support regarding educational planning, faculty development and resident training from the ACGME office has placed additional demands upon everyone's time and energy. From a strategic standpoint, there is much we can do, and should be doing, to anticipate future changes and to improve the overall educational climate at MUSC. With these needs in mind, Dr. E. Ben Clyburn, MD, has agreed to serve in the capacity of Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education and will, in conjunction with Dr. Clarke, be assisting the College in making these important educational improvements. According to Dr. Jerry Reves, Dean of the College of Medicine, "In Ben's role as Internal Medicine Residency Program Director over the past 10 years, he has gained an enormous wealth of experience and knowledge about ACGME operations and, indeed, he serves on the Residency Review Committee (RRC) nationally for Internal Medicine programs. Dr. Clyburn is recognized both locally and nationally as an excellent educator and we are very excited to welcome him to this new role."



Medical Case Discussion Series

Dr. Deborah DeWaay, Internal Medicine Clerkship Director, will be introducing a new Medical Case Discussion Series for all medical students on Tuesday, Oct. 6th at 5 p.m. in 300 CSB. These discussions are aimed at medical students from all levels (1st-4th years). The topics will be chosen to coordinate with the lectures in the 1st and 2nd year classes.

We will present an actual case from the wards. There will be an interactive discussion with the audience about the findings in the case for 20-30 minutes. The case will be wrapped up with a 5-10 minute didactic session on the disease process. A big thanks to the Department of Medicine for supporting this effort to show the students how their lectures will be used in the years to come.

Light refreshments will be served and random prizes will be awarded.



Biostatistics & Epidemiology Strategic Planning Meeting

Faculty members from the Division of Biostatistics & Epidemiology met for a day-long strategic planning meeting on September 18th. Kathy Church, of Strategic Focus Associates, led the group through a series of activities designed to help define goals and develop measurable objectives. Workgroups were formed to focus on specific goals, and will continue to meet to develop action plans for achieving the goals.



Visiting Professor

Dr. Earl Silverman, visiting professor in pediatric rheumatology from Toronto's Hospital for Sick Kids, is pictured to the right with first-year rheumatology fellows (left to right):

Aleksandra Granath, MD, Ph.D.,
Martin Trojanowski, MD,
Earl Silverman, MD and
Marina L. Pulin-Franks, MD



This annual visiting professorship is supported by the Becky DeRose and Mark Motley Endowed Lectureships in Pediatric Rheumatology.



Welcome Dr. Sonia Bains!

Sonia Bains, M.D. joined the MUSC Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine as an Assistant Professor on September 1st. Dr. Bains will be providing Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Services in North

Charleston and at Rutledge Tower.

Dr. Bains completed medical school at Aga Khan University in Pakistan, a center that endeavors to provide state of the art health care and is dedicated in public health. Having been exposed to community health issues, she decided to shift her focus to the other end of the spectrum; studying physiology at the molecular level. Dr. Bains worked as a research fellow at Washington University for 18 months in the laboratory of Russell Van Gelder, MD with the help of the Fight for Sight-Prevent Blindness in America grant. She did her residency training in Internal Medicine at Saint Louis University Hospital in St. Louis, MO. After residency, Dr. Bains decided to pursue a career in Allergy and Immunology and completed a fellowship in Allergy & Immunology at Cleveland Clinic, OH. She extended her fellowship for one year with the help of the Crile grant at Cleveland Clinic to complete some of the basic science projects she had initiated during training. Dr. Bains is board certified in Internal Medicine as well as adult and pediatric Allergy & Immunology.

According to Dr. Bains, "Having had the opportunity to work in such diverse and exciting areas of medicine has filled me with the desire to continue with this journey of learning and, hopefully contributing to science. My career goal is to be a clinician scientist... I will strive to achieve an improved understanding of the mechanisms underlying allergic inflammation of asthma. I hope to continue delivering patient care and performing patient-oriented research. My goal is to develop an Allergy, Asthma & Immunology center that delivers a high standard of patient care."

Indications for referral to an allergist:

- ◆ Asthma: moderate to severe persistent, poorly controlled, or if Omalizumab administration is a consideration.
- ◆ Chronic cough
- ◆ Allergic rhinitis: To identify allergenic triggers, if allergen immunotherapy is a consideration, or if associated with asthma, nasal polyps or frequent sinusitis.
- ◆ Atopic Dermatitis/eczema: To identify allergenic triggers, severe or persistent disease not responsive to first-line therapy.
- ◆ Chronic urticaria: To establish diagnosis, identify allergenic or physical triggers and aid in management.
- ◆ Angioedema: Diagnosis and management of hereditary vs. idiopathic vs. acquired angioedema.
- ◆ Food allergy: To identify allergenic triggers, or if food challenge is required.
- ◆ Latex allergy: To confirm presence or absence of latex allergy, especially important prior to surgery.
- ◆ Drug allergy: To confirm diagnosis, carry out graded oral drug challenges or desensitization, if required.
- ◆ Anaphylaxis: To establish diagnosis, to identify triggers, or if desensitization is required.
- ◆ Intraoperative anaphylaxis
- ◆ Stinging insect hypersensitivity: To confirm diagnosis of this common and potentially life-threatening condition, and if indicated, administration of venom immunotherapy.
- ◆ Immunodeficiency: To confirm diagnosis, establish whether it is a T cell, B cell or combined defect, and administration of intravenous gammaglobulin (IVIG).
- ◆ Mastocytosis: To establish diagnosis and to aid in management
- ◆ Hypereosinophilic syndrome: Diagnosis and management
- ◆ Elevated serum IgE
- ◆ Eosinophilia

New patients always welcome! Same Day Visits available.

Conveniently located in North Charleston on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays from 8:30AM to 4:00PM. Please call (843) 876-2722 to schedule an appointment. Also at Rutledge tower on Wednesday mornings.



In the photo at left, College of Medicine Associate Dean, **Dr. Jeff Wong** videotapes a role play exercise between Cardiologist **Jennifer Peura, MD** and Rheumatologist **Faye Hant, DO, MSCR** playing the parts of the attending and a resident presenting a patient in the clinic.

Clinical Teaching Seminars

This Summer several of our Department of Medicine faculty were fortunate to be able to participate in the first of what we hope will be recurring seminar series taught by **Jeff Wong, MD and Lynn Manfred, MD, EdD**. The 7-week seminar series on Clinical Teaching skills is based on a curriculum developed at Stanford to help clinicians enhance their teaching skills.

The Clinical Teaching curriculum consists of didactic presentations, group discussions, role play exercises, videotape review, and personal goal setting. Drs. Wong and Manfred are both graduates of the month long Stanford Faculty Development Program & are trained to teach these seminars locally.

Comments from the Participants:

“I have LOVED taking this course. I wish it was mandatory for anyone teaching students. It is was easy to follow. I really appreciated getting to learn the “language” of education because it helps me do self-assessments easier. I have a long way to go but this helped a lot. I would love to take parts of it again in the future for a “refresher”.”

- Deborah DeWaay, MD

“It really gave me a new perspective on how to think about teaching. The different modules were great and through examples and role playing make you feel as if you can really utilize them in daily teaching. The course highlighted that we are all learners, no matter what level of training.”

- Faye Hant, DO, MSCR

“We have the good fortune at MUSC to have 2 graduates of the esteemed Stanford Clinical Teaching program on our faculty. I learned so many ways to improve my teaching from Jeff and Lynn and having acted out these strategies in class makes it much easier to identify “teachable moments” and incorporate more effective teaching methods.”

- Diane Kamen, MD, MSCR

“The role of a physician is always that of a teacher. This course has stimulated me to examine how I am teaching not only students and residents but also patients. Lessons learned in this course would benefit those who wish to pursue academic careers as well as those who intend to enter private practice.”

- Holly Mitchell, MD

“This was a great opportunity to consider new approaches to teaching. It was enlightening to share experiences with other clinical faculty. Enjoyed role play, provided opportunity to practice new ideas.”

- Jennifer Peura, MD

“Thank you, Jeff and Lynn, for taking the time out of your busy schedules and lives to do this!”

Class Participants:

- Preston Church, MD

- Deborah DeWaay, MD

- Faye Hant, DO, MSCR

- Diane Kamen, MD, MSCR

- Holly Mitchell, MD

- Jennifer Peura, MD

Dr. Neeraj Sharma to attend IBD Mentoring Program



Neeraj Sharma, MD, Fellow in Gastroenterology & Hepatology,

was selected to attend the IBD Mentoring Program for GI Fellows this year November 6–8, 2009 at the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass in Chandler, Arizona. According to Dr. Larry Comerford, Assistant Professor in GI & Hepatology, “This is actually a very competitive program nationwide amongst fellows and it is an honor to be selected. Criteria for selection is based on nominating letter from home institution, academic record, and clinical skills. Many apply, but few are chosen (like the Marine Corps). Good job Raj!”



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Update in IBD Conference

I hope you will consider joining us Saturday October 10th at Francis Marion Hotel downtown for "Update in Inflammatory Bowel Diseases", sponsored by MUSC as well as SCGA. The IBD section here (especially Michelle Duenas,

Jennifer page, Merriman Dowdle), and Marylou Stinson from SCGA have put in a lot of work to make this a success. We need a good MUSC turnout. We have some real experts travelling here to the Holy City to make us smarter (Doug Rex from Indiana, Gary Lichenstein from Penn, David Schwartz from Vanderbilt, and David Rubin from Univ of Chicago to name a few). We also have a gang of MUSC experts participating (David Lewin, GI Pathology, Andrew Hardie in Radiology, Kerry Hammond in Surgery, Alan Brown in Rheumatology, Bhanu Pillai in Peds GI, Laura Campbell in Behavioral Medicine, Christine Martin in Nutrition, Body Building Expert and Physical Trainer George Moultrie discussing importance of exercise, plus many more. We will also have several of our community GI colleagues participate (Rustin, Brenner, Moscatello, Klein)

There are 2 simultaneous programs - one for physicians/providers and one for patients. CME is offered.

Fellows are free, but please mark on the registration form "fellow". Please encourage your patients to come. Flyers are in clinics.

We appreciate Tracy Farber getting us some marketing coverage in The Sept 25th issue of the Catalyst as well as Post and Courier on Oct 3rd. Harold Mackey and Linda McDaniel are helping us tape the talks as well for those of you who cannot make it.

Lawrence W. Comerford, M.D., M.S.
Assistant Professor of Medicine
Gastroenterology & Hepatology
Medical University of South Carolina

Dr. Rick Silver presents at Harvard

Rick Silver, M.D., MUSC Distinguished University Professor and Director of the Division of Rheumatology and Immunology, recently presented two lectures as part of the Advanced in Rheumatology Conference September 12-15, 2009 in Boston, MA. Dr. Silver's lecture topics were "Scleroderma", "Interstitial Lung Disease & Pulmonary Hypertension" and he also participated in a "Panel on Scleroderma & Inflammatory Myopathies".



This course is jointly sponsored by the Divisions of Rheumatology at the Massachusetts General Hospital and the Brigham & Women's Hospital. It focused on new advances in the pathogenesis, diagnosis and management of rheumatic diseases. The annual course is intended for rheumatologists, rheumatology fellows in training, and internists or other specialists with particular interests in rheumatic diseases. The lectures cover selected topics related to the scientific basis of rheumatology and they place special emphasis on practical clinical information for the diagnosis and management of the patients with rheumatic diseases. Conferences include discussions of illustrative cases, and panel discussions of current issues in therapeutics.

University Open Enrollment in October

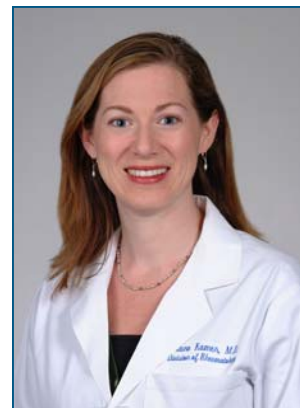
Employees of MUSC (the University and Hospital) may participate in Benefits Open Enrollment during the month of October. Changes and additions to benefits may be made on line.

For more information please visit:

<http://academicdepartments.musc.edu/vpfa/hrm/benefits/2009%20open%20enrollment.htm>

Dr. Diane Kamen receives Grant Award

Diane L. Kamen, MD, MSCR, Assistant Professor in Rheumatology & Immunology, has been awarded an R21 Grant, "Environmental Determinants of Autoimmunity among African Americans in Coastal SC" by the NIH/NIEHS effective September 17th. This award is not stimulus funding.



MUSC Alert—MUSC's Emergency Notification System

In an effort to provide the MUSC Community with relevant, timely information regarding campus-related emergencies, MUSC University Risk Management and the MUSC Marketing Department are offering students, faculty, and staff the opportunity to receive text message alerts via their mobile devices such as cell phones & blackberries. Desktop alerts (MUSC networked computers only) and email alerts will be sent out as well. Please note this system does not currently incorporate the Simon paging system.

This notification will only be sent in the event of a dangerous situation that would impact the MUSC campus. To sign up please go to www.muschealth.com/ealerts/

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Thank you Dr. Ira Willner & Team!

Dear Dr. Greenberg,
Our son, William Eric Buntin, was a patient of MUSC/ART on two occasions in the past seven months and under the ongoing care of **Dr. Ira Willner and his team**. He was a patient in the ART DDC-ICU from February 10 for five weeks, then to the 6th floor for 2 weeks, 3 months at Kindred Hospital, 5 weeks at Heartland of West Ashley, then 10 days at MUSC 6th floor west. To our great sorrow, Bill passed away on August 9, his 41st birthday. Bill had begun the process of qualifying for organ transplants, and was himself an organ donor.

My purpose for writing today is to express thanks from our entire family for the warm, compassionate and professional treatment given to our son and our family by all employees of MUSC. We were profoundly distressed by Bill's condition and were greatly helped by the over-the-top caring MUSC personnel. Because of the positive feedback we constantly received from them during very difficult times, we were better able to cope. There was never any hesitation to do whatever they could to get him well. Be assured that your staff created many good will "ambassadors".

It is important to us to express our deep appreciation and admiration to all who cared for our son and, in particular, Dr. Ira Willner, his Administrative Assistant Margie Myers (who went above and beyond business assistance; she gave us personal support on numerous occasions and was an absolute angel to us throughout Bill's six month journey), **Dr. Lawrence Comerford, Dr. Sharma, Dr. Halley, [and many other fine physicians], technicians, the outstanding nursing staff of ART DDC ICU and 6th floor west. Dr. David Koch, Dr. Corey Walker and Dr. Joseph Thomas** were a God sent gift in Bill's final days.

Please thank the sixth floor west nursing staff for compassionately helping Bill and us through Bill's final days [**Nurses: Charity, Jennifer, Lenia, Anna, Sylvia, Melissa, Diana, Stephanie, Rick, Rie, Ashley and Terri and PCTS: Delores, Cheryl,**

Kenya, Ankur, Shirley, Ricki and Christina [who even sang softly to him].

Our family requested that in lieu of flowers that donations be made to MUSC Foundation and designated to Transplant Support Fund. Thank you for providing the leadership that inspires so many wonderful MUSC personnel; you have a great team! Thank you and your staff for helping our son and our entire family.

Sincerely,
Joel A. Buntin on behalf of Joel A, Christina, Staley {Bill's wife} & Joel T. {Bill's brother} Buntin.

Thank you Dr. Wharton & Heart & Vascular Staff

Jennifer [Carullo],

I wanted to let you know how impressed I am with your staff in the Heart and Vascular Clinic and in the procedure area on the third floor, they are all meeting the goals of MUSC Excellence. I am an RN in Ambulatory Recovery and my brother has been a recent pt of Dr Wharton's and your Heart and Vascular staff. As an employee here at MUSC it is always rewarding and comforting when you refer family and friends here for medical care and they receive such excellent care. I accompanied my brother on every visit and from the registration desk, to the clinic staff, to the Nurse Practitioner Judy, to Dr Wharton and to the staff on the third floor where he had his ablation, we were always greeted warmly, kept up to date on the flow of the appointment and what was to be expected. Martha RN in the clinic on our first visit was extremely informative. On our second visit we had a 3 hour wait to see Dr Wharton and although it was long, the staff kept us updated which helped in making the wait not as bad as it could have been without any communication. The RN who checked us in on the morning of the ablation (I can not remember her name but she works the early shift 5:15 AM) was very professional and personable and immediately put us at ease. Please commend your staff for me on a job well done and much appreciated by a fellow employee.

Sincerely, M Caroline Williams RN, BSN, CPAN
Ambulatory PACU



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Building On Success

- ◆ I was treated by **Dr. Amanda Wood** - Instructor. She was knowledgeable and very nice.
- ◆ **Dr. Bush** provided excellent care and concern the whole staff did also.
- ◆ MUSC is the best hospital ever and the only hospital I would ever come to. Thank you for your services. **[Emergency Room]**
- ◆ **Dr. [Bruce] Usher** is great!



- ◆ **Dr. [Larry] Comerford**, his nurse **Michelle [Duenas]**, & nurse practitioner **Jennifer [Page]** go above & beyond, very friendly, & understanding.
- ◆ **Dr. Rita Kramer** is exceptional. A great physician i.e., very effective communication.
- ◆ I have tremendous respect, confidence in and affection for **Dr. [Robert] Stuart** and above all **[Nurse Practitioner] Christine Shaub**. She is an outstanding health care provider.



- ◆ Doctor's and nurse's are so kind and friendly toward you and they show their concern for you. **Dr. [Gerard] Silvestri** is like a friend to us.
- ◆ **Dr. Marian Taylor** is always extremely patient and understanding. She never makes you feel like you're being rushed in and out, but that your health is an important concern to her.
- ◆ **Dr. Spencer** is #1 in my book - Along with everyone who did my stress test (**Michelle**) - are all very special people - **Dr. Timothy** - fantastic - the only thing I have to say is everyone I met there went above & beyond.
- ◆ **Dr. [Lacy] Sturdivant** is the best! He even e-mailed me when I was concerned about the leads



- ◆ I was very impressed with **Dr. [Mary Jean] Vogt** so she is now my physician.
- ◆ **Dr. [Joe] Gaddy** was easy to engage in conversation and obviously was a very caring and nurturing doctor.
- ◆ Perhaps you need an excellent column for **Dr. Jennifer Murphy**. She is all the above and more. She herself has called me several

times when I needed her!

- ◆ I can't say enough about **Dr. [Deanna] Vroman** - she makes you feel like you are the most important thing at the time listens & doesn't RUSH!!
- ◆ Can't say enough good things about **Dr. [Jennifer] Murphy** - She's thorough, explains every thing clearly and obviously cares about her patients.
- ◆ I feel so very blessed to have **Dr. [Kathy] Wiley** as my doctor.
- ◆ **Dr. Silvestri** made me feel important to him as his patient. He spent time answering my questions and concerns.
- ◆ **Dr. [Diane] Kamen** is very professional, attentive, and an excellent physician. She is extremely knowledgeable and has made my quality of life exponentially better.



- in my defibrillator & eased my concerns.
- ◆ **Merriman Dowdle** is my favorite PA. She's lovely, kind hearted, genuinely care.
- ◆ **Dr. [Alan] Brown** was excellent. He listened provided great treatment, and spoke to me like a peer.
- ◆ **Dr. [Juanmanuel] Gomez** did an excellent job.

- ◆ **Dr. Kim Davis** is exceptional!
- ◆ **Dr.'s Goodman & Fenning** are informed & attentive!
- ◆ **Dr. [Charles] Greenberg** and nurse **Susan Keller** were professional, courteous and friendly. Really excellent professionals and friendly people.
- ◆ **Dr. Pastis** is great!!! He is the "bomb"!!!

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.

October 6 **“Multiple Myeloma:
A Generalist's Perspective
(not a partialist)”**



Ramon Velez, MD, MPH, MSc
Professor of Internal Medicine
Associate in Public Health
Sciences (Epidemiology)
Wake Forest University

October 13 **“H1N1”**



Cassandra Salgado, MD, MS
Associate Professor
Division of Infectious Diseases

and



Michael Schmidt, PhD
Professor
Microbiology & Immunology



4th Annual Research Day

Message from
Jill Griffith
Research Administrator

The 4th Annual Department of Medicine Research Day will be held on December 10th from 4-7pm in the Harper Student Center Gymnasium.

Abstract Submissions Guidelines:

1. Participants: All Department of Medicine Faculty, Fellows, Residents, Post-doctoral Fellows and Graduate Students. One abstract per presenter.
2. Length of abstract approximately 300 words
3. Abstract content should include:
 - ◆ Title of abstract
 - ◆ Authors, Division and Department affiliations
 - ◆ Identify if you are a student, post-doc, resident, fellow, clinical, or basic.
 - ◆ Identify the type of research project (clinical or basic science, epidemiology, etc)
 - ◆ Email address of the corresponding author
4. Submit abstract as an attachment to Jill Griffith at **griff@musc.edu**
5. Abstract Submission deadline is **November 6th**
6. All abstracts will be accepted for poster presentation.

5 awards will be presented to the best poster in the following categories:

- ◆ Graduate Student
- ◆ Clinical Resident/Fellow
- ◆ Basic Research Postdoctoral Fellow
- ◆ Basic Research Junior Faculty
- ◆ Clinical Research Junior Faculty

*Wine and Cheese Reception immediately following poster presentations