



109 Physicians named 2011 - 2012 Best Doctors!

The 2011 - 2012 Best Doctors in America List has been announced, and we are proud to have 109 of our Department of Medicine Physicians included on this list! (A few in more than one category for a total of 152 listings!)

The Best Doctors in America database is a valued resource that includes the names and professional profiles of approximately 45,000 of the best doctors in the United States. An exhaustive peer-review by thousands of doctors determines the physicians included in the database. Only those who earn the consensus support of their peers as well as meet additional qualification criteria are included. Doctors cannot buy listings. For this reason, inclusion in the Best Doctors in America database is a remarkable honor!

The Department of Medicine doctors included on the list are:

Cardiovascular Disease: Congenital Heart Disease

David D. Gregg IV

Cardiovascular Disease: Congestive Heart Failure

Adrian Bennet Van Bakel

James Allen Lester Glenn

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On the Calendar:

President's Day

Feb 21 - Clinics Open

Michael R. Gold
Michael R. Zile
Terrence Xavier O'Brien

Cardiovascular Disease:
Echocardiography
Bruce W. Usher

Cardiovascular Disease:
Electrophysiology
J. Marcus Wharton
John Lacy Sturdivant
Michael R. Gold
Robert Burton Leman

General Cardiovascular Disease
Eric R. Powers
George Jesse Taylor IV
James Allen Lester Glenn
Joe Ellis Gaddy, Jr.
Marian Hazelton Taylor
Michael R. Gold
Michael R. Zile
Peter Lee Zwerner
Salvatore A. Chiaramida
Terrence Xavier O'Brien
Valerian Lancy Fernandes

Cardiovascular Disease:
Hypertension
Pamela Bowe Morris

Interventional Cardiology
Christopher Nielsen
Eric R. Powers

Nuclear Cardiology
Grady Hinson Hendrix

Preventive Cardiology
Pamela Bowe Morris

Cardiovascular Disease:
Transplantation
Adrian Bennet Van Bakel

General Clinical Pharmacology
Brent Egan

Critical Care Medicine:
Pulmonary Medicine
Alice Maxine Boylan
Charlton Bell Strange III
Dee Walker Ford
Gerard Anthony Silvestri
Kristin B. Highland
Marc Andrew Judson
Michael Frye
Patrick Allen Flume
Peter Doelken
Steven A. Sahn

General Emergency Medicine
Christine Carr
Gary F. Headden
James Tolley, Jr.
Laurence H. Raney

Endocrinology and Metabolism: Diabetes
Kathie Lynn Hermayer
Ronald Keith Mayfield

General Endocrinology and Metabolism
Beatrice Janulyte
Jeremy Soule
Julius Sagel
Jyotika K. Fernandes
Kathie Lynn Hermayer
Louis M. Luttrell
Maria F. Lopes-Virella
Soon-ho Ho Kwon

Gastroenterology:
Endoscopy
Brenda J. Hoffman
Peter B. Cotton
Robert H. Hawes

Gastroenterology:
Esophageal Disease
Donald O. Castell

Gastrointestinal Motility
Donald O. Castell
General Gastroenterology
Brenda J. Hoffman
Robert H. Hawes

General Geriatric Medicine
Jerome E. Kurent
M. Kathleen Wiley

General Infectious Disease
Joseph R. (Bob) Cantey
Dannah Wray
Joseph F. John, Jr.
L. W. Preston Church

Infectious Disease:
Hospital-Acquired Infections
Cassandra Salgado

Infectious Disease:
Transplantation Infections
Dannah Wray

Internal Medicine:
General
Anna Jane Senseney
Benjamin Clyburn
Brad Keith
Deanna Vroman
Donald Lee Fox
Elisha L. Brownfield
James Thomas
Jan Neil Basile
Jeffrey G. Wong
Kimberly S. Davis
Laurence Blumenthal
Lawrence Mohr
Leonard Egede

Leonard Steven Lichtenstein
M. Kathleen Wiley
Scott H. Stewart
Shakaib Ur Rehman
Tamara Wolfman
Walter A. Brzezinski
William P. Moran

Internal Medicine:
Hospice and Palliative Medicine
Angus S. Baker
Paul Rousseau
Robert Scott Lake

Hospital Medicine
Ashley Duckett
Courtney Brady
Pamela L. Charity
Pamela Pride
Patrick James Cawley
Robert Axon
T. Rogers Kyle III

Bone Marrow Transplantation
Robert Kenneth Stuart

Medical Oncology and Hematology: Breast Cancer
Neal P. Christiansen

General Medical Oncology and Hematology
Andrew Steven Kraft
Carol A. Sherman
Lawrence Brian Afrin
Neal P. Christiansen
Paul Edward O'Brien
Rayna Kneuper Hall
Robert Kenneth Stuart
Robert Lawrence Fenning

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Medical Oncology and Hematology: Lung Cancer

Carol A. Sherman

General Nephrology

David Ploth

Florence Hutchison

John M. Arthur

Juan Carlos Velez

Michael Ullian

Milos Budisavljevic

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease

Charlton Bell Strange III

Steven A. Sahn

Cystic Fibrosis

Patrick Allen Flume

General Sleep Medicine

Michael Frye

General Pulmonary Medicine

Alice Maxine Boylan

Charlton Bell Strange III

Dee Walker Ford

Gerard Anthony Silvestri

Kristin B. Highland

Lawrence Mohr

Marc Andrew Judson

Mary Jean Vogt

Michael Frye

Patrick Allen Flume

Peter Doelken

Steven A. Sahn

Interstitial Lung Diseases

Charlton Bell Strange III

Marc Andrew Judson

Steven A. Sahn

Timothy P. Whelan

Pulmonary Medicine:

Lung Cancer

Gerard Anthony

Silvestri

Pulmonary Medicine:

Transplantation

Marc Andrew Judson

General Rheumatology

Alan N. Brown

Edwin A. Smith

Faye N. Hant

James C. Oates

Marcy Bolster

Richard Michael Silver

Rheumatology: Lupus

Gary S. Gilkeson

Rheumatology:

Scleroderma

Edwin A. Smith

Marcy Bolster

Richard Michael Silver



Welcome Dr. Clara Dismuke!

Clara Dismuke, PhD joined the Division of General Internal Medicine & Geriatrics as a Research Assistant Professor effective February 1, 2011. Dr. Dismuke was previously a faculty member in the MUSC College of Pharmacy and College of Health Professions.

Dr. Dismuke earned her PhD in Economics at the University of South Carolina, following which, she served as faculty (eventually promoted to Associate Professor) in the Department of Economics, School of Economics and Management, University of Minho, Portugal. She later joined the MUSC Center for Health Economics and Policy Studies as an Assistant Professor. In 2004 she was awarded the MUSC Developing Scholar of the Year Award.

For the last several years Dr. Dismuke has been a Research Health Scientist at the Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center. She will continue to hold that position moving forward, with her MUSC efforts focused within our Center for Health Disparities Research.

CME Reminder

South Carolina Physicians need 40 hours of CME Credit in a two year period in order to renew their medical licenses. Attendance at the Department of Medicine's weekly Grand Rounds sessions is one excellent way to earn the required CME credits.





New Student Evaluation Policy

Dear Faculty,

The LCME (Liason Committee on Medical Education) will be coming to MUSC in 2 years to review our medical school. One aspect they will be reviewing is how timely evaluations are given to students. Per their policy a student must receive their grade within 4-6 weeks of completing their rotation. At this point in time, we are not in compliance with this policy in many cases.

Here is the new policy regarding medical student evaluations:

“All student evaluations are due 1 week from the time they are assigned. If the evaluations are not done within 4 weeks, the evaluator may have their privileges suspended pending completion of the evaluations. Prior to this the evaluator will receive the following warnings:

After one week a reminder will be sent. After 12 days, course coordinators will send a reminder page to the faculty member. After two weeks, the division directors will be sent a list of those who are delinquent in their evaluations. After 3 weeks the Chairman’s office will be notified of any delinquent evaluations.”

Please note, if you did not work with the student at all or did not work with the student long enough to evaluate them, please simply “suspend” the evaluation. If you are ever contacted to complete an evaluation that you believe you have completed, contact Mary Ann Snell for Internal Medicine courses (snellma@musc.edu, 2-7282) or Karen Murphy for Emergency Department courses (murphk@musc.edu, 2-5392) for assistance.

Thank you so much in advance for helping us be compliant with the LCME’s regulations.

Deborah DeWaay, MD, Associate Vice Chair for Medical Education

eIRB available for Full Board Protocols to IRB III

As MUSC now has all of IRB I and II initial protocols being submitted, reviewed and approved in the eIRB system, we are poised to take the next step.

Now, researchers submitting corporate sponsored “Full Board” initial protocols to IRB III have the option of using ERMA or the new eIRB system.

Beginning March 8, 2011, all “full Board” initial protocols going to IRB III will be accepted only through the eIRB system.

We will continue to provide computer training sessions for as long as we have requests for additional sessions. All sessions are held in the computer labs on the 4th floor of the library.

In addition to guidance material and tegrity sessions on use of the eIRB system available at <http://research.musc.edu/ori/irb/eIRB.html>, support is available through IRB administration (ori@musc.edu, 792-4148), the Success Center (success@musc.edu, 792-8300) and the office of the Associate Provost for Research (veatchlm@musc.edu, 792-3247).

Dr. Leonard Egede, Allen Johnson Chair in General Internal Medicine and Geriatrics

Last Thursday, January 27th, the Department of Medicine held a reception to honor Dr. Leonard Egede's appointment as the Allen Johnson Chair in General Internal Medicine and Geriatrics.





Called to the ED

Are you ever called to the ED, but after examining the patient decide against placing an order for observation or admission?

In an effort to bill for all of the work you are doing, you will need to submit a billing card (white card) to capture this service.

If you complete a note, but do not write an order for observation or admission, the only way the coder will know to bill for this service is by receiving one of these billing cards.

The coders can bill an established or new patient visit code for reimbursement. If you do place an order for observation or admission and subsequently decide to discharge the patient on the same calendar day, we are able to bill as a same day admission/observation and discharge.

Annie Lee Sallee, MBA, CPC
Clinical Revenue Manager
Department of Medicine
792-3945

HIPAA, HITECH Session

The UMA Compliance Department, in cooperation with the MUHA Health Information Management Department, will be conducting a class on "HIPAA, HITECH and Release of Information" This education session is designed to aid all UMA, MUSC and MUHA staff that work with protected health information.

Monday, Jan. 31 - 4 - 5pm, Storm Eye Auditorium
Wednesday, Feb 2 - 8 - 9am, Storm Eye Auditorium
Tuesday, Feb 8 - 10 - 11am, 2 West Auditorium
Thursday, Feb 10 - 2 - 3pm, Storm Eye Auditorium

For more information contact:
Suzanne Collins, RHIA, CPC, CEMC
876-1323 collinsu@musc.edu

Wine Tasting Fundraiser

Submitted by
LoriAnn Ueberroth, CCRC
Clinical Research Coordinator
Rheumatology & Immunology

The Virtuous Ladies Motorcycle Club is sponsoring a Wine Tasting - All proceeds will benefit the Lupus Research Group of MUSC, M.U.S.C.L.E..

This event will be held at the St. Julian Devine Center, Downtown Charleston on Saturday, March 19, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. It promises to be a night of elegance and sophistication filled with live music, great spirits and great food. We would appreciate you considering joining us at this spirited event.

Advanced tickets are \$20 per person. Also for interested businesses, we are offering tables for \$200. In order to make this evening a success, we are in need of the following items:

- Light h'or dourves
- Items to raffle or include in a basket
- Various wines
- Various food items such as crackers, cheeses, fruit and trays
- Paper products
- Decorations

We appreciate what ever you can give to make this event a success. An EIN number is available upon request.

We look forward to your presence or support during this evening of fun and excitement. For ticket information contact Karen Holt at (843) 364-8150 or Dana Singleton at (843) 312-0183. Our organization can also be reached at virtuousladiesmcosc@yahoo.com

Sincerely,
Dana Singleton, President
Virtuous Ladies Motorcycle Club

Meet Carolyn Colavita, Accountant/Fiscal Analyst, Hematology/Oncology



What do you like about working in your division?
In the Hematology/Oncology division, it's fulfilling to support the people who are not only working to find a cure for cancer but who are also caring tirelessly for people with cancer. These doctors and researchers are remarkable people. It's an honor to have the opportunity to work with them.

What's your job?
I work closely with our Business Manager to manage and maintain our division's finances and assist with the submission and management of research opportunities. It's difficult to summarize my role in just a few sentences. However, I'm more than willing to help in any way that I can. So, bring it on!

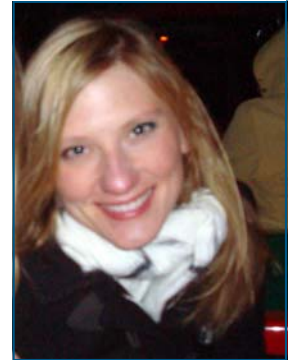
Any outside of work interests/hobbies you'd like to share?
I really enjoy being outdoors. I spend most of my time at the beach when the weather permits. Also, my dogs Pinky and Bosco have given me a genuine appreciation for running.

If you could have any career, anywhere, what would it be?
I'd be a Nature Observer in Bora Bora. Unfortunately, it's nearly impossible if you're not a French citizen. Believe me, I've researched it.

Favorite book?
There are so many great books it's hard to pick one, but right now I'm reading Water for Elephants. Thanks for the suggestion, Joyce!

Anything else you'd like to tell us?
Watch out for me. If you're not recycling, I will find you.

Meet Stacy Steele, Research Specialist III, Nephrology



What do you like about working at MUSC? Or in your division/workgroup?

I like my boss and my lab mates! Dr. Bell is very supportive and easy to work with and my coworkers and I try to see the funny side of things. Being around people that you like makes going to work fun.

What's your job?
I'm a research specialist and lab manager, so I design and run experiments, do a lot of reading research, train students and manage the daily operation of the lab. I get to play with very cool science toys, like wide field and confocal microscopes and I give eternal life to cells.

Any outside of work interests you'd like to share?
I love to run and race cars

If you could have any career, anywhere, what would it be?
Travel photographer/internationally known race car driver

Tea, Coffee, Soda or Water?
Water because I'd die without it. Soda because I'd die without it (in moderation, folks).

Favorite book?
That's like trying to pick a favorite blade of grass. It really depends on my mood. At the moment, "The Art of Racing in the Rain" comes to mind.

Strangest day you've had on the job at MUSC?
I haven't really had any strange days. I've had surreal days, when I've worked through the night to finish a project.

Anything else you'd like to tell us?
The only other thing I'd like to say is be nice to people! It has a ripple effect!

Excellent Comments

“**Dr. Milos (Budisavljevic) and his staff** are the best I have ever visited. Keep up the good work!”



“I am very pleased with care I get, or I would not travel from Marion, N.C. to see my doctor - - - **Dr. James Glenn**”

“You all are very friendly and all the staff are great I love my Dr., **Christopher Lawrence MD**. He is the best he takes time to explained what going on with me. And all the staff is very good to me. Please keep up the good work and keep that smile.”

“I am convinced I am in the best hospital within the treatment area. After dealing with the **Cancer Center for the Pulmonary Group and Head and Neck group**, I am satisfied I am in the right place for my upcoming surgery. I have been impressed with both **Dr. Hainez and Dr. Silvestri** and their professionalism as well as their staff. When I called I received prompt responses. Thanks,”



This was the first time I've seen **Dr. Sean Boger** - From doctor to staff they were all excellent in my care -very professional - It's the first time I felt comfortable and understood everything - Be proud to have him at your hospital - we need more like him.

“**Tamara Bowman, Gail (Dr. Kraft's nurse) and Sarah** (study coordinator) are always very responsive, explain things, and caring. **Dr. Kraft** answers questions and spends time with me whenever I need it.”

“I appreciate the care and attention I get at the Hollings Cancer Clinic. Everyone there that I have been in contact with the receptionist, and **Dr. Robert Stuart and the nurses** are all very nice and

treat you with a caring attitude. The patient comes first with the staff. Thank you,”



“I am more than satisfied with the care I am receiving. It is excellent. **Dr. Kilby, Linda Scott, and the staff** are very friendly and caring. I want everyone to know, they are excellent in their care and I very much appreciate, each and everyone in this clinic.”

“**Dr. Strange and his staff** are always great!!! Can't say enough good things about them!”

“I am retired faculty and am very pleased with standard of care. **Dr. Wiley** provides super care for me, my wife, and now my entire family. That is an ultimate compliment from one physician to another.”



“When I go to see **Dr. Highland**, everything runs like a well oiled machine. Each group cooperated and communicates with the other. (PFTs, Labs and 6 min walker.) The doctor is always nice, explains everything and cares about the whole person not just the disease. Great job!”

“**Dr. Comerford** always takes time with his patients and explains any procedures, medications, etc. He is a great physician.”

“I have all faith in my medical care with **Dr. Pastis** he has helped me more in 4 months than any doctor has in 30 years. This is a great place I would recommend to anyone I know.”

“Nurse **Paulette Zelder & Dr. Rachel Sturdivant** are excellent in their fields.”

“After coughing everyday for 11 years and suffering through upper respiratory virus all my life, a friend told me to go to MUSC. My primary care doctors had told me nothing could be done - just tough it out! At MUSC I started seeing **Dr. John T. Huggins** and in the past 2 years I have had back my quality of life! Thank you”

MUSC Shuttle Bus Re-Routing

Message from:
Steven Mengler



In support of the Drug Discovery and Bioengineering project, the MUSC and CARTA shuttle bus routes must be temporarily re-routed. Curb work on President and Jonathan Lucas Streets will require that the north-bound lanes be closed for approximately 5 weeks. Buses will only be able to access Jonathan Lucas south-bound.

The following route changes will be implemented on Monday February 7:

1. The CSB bus stop will be relocated to the West side of Jonathan Lucas in front of PGI (buses will be traveling towards Calhoun).
 2. The ART bus stop will be relocated to Courtenay, just south of Doughty (buses will be traveling from Calhoun towards Doughty).
 3. The Family Medicine stop will not be serviced for the duration of the project.
 4. The PGII Stop on President will not be serviced for the duration of the project.
- Route Sequence Changes
5. The MUSC ART (AM) Route sequence will be: Hagood - Harborview/Lockwood - Courtenay (ART) - Jonathan Lucas - Ashley Avenue.
 6. The MUSC ART (PM) Route sequence will be: Ashley Avenue-Harborview/Lockwood-Hagood-Courtenay (ART)-Jonathan Lucas.
 7. The MUSC Midday and Night stop sequence will be: Jonathan Lucas - Hagood - Harborview/Lockwood - Courtenay (ART)
 8. The MUSC Jonathan Lucas (AM/PM) Route sequence will be: Hagood - Harborview/Lockwood - Courtenay (ART) - Jonathan Lucas
 9. The CARTA 203 Medical Shuttle (AM/PM) Route sequence will be: Hagood - Harborview/Lockwood - Courtenay(ART) - Jonathan Lucas

These changes are expected to be in effect for a minimum of 5 weeks. For more detailed information, please go to

<http://academicdepartments.musc.edu/vpfa/operations/Transportation/index.htm>

Thank you Ashley Miller, NP!



Dear Ashley,
Now that things have calmed down for us, I wanted to take a moment to thank you so much for the kind, personal care you took for Fred and me. It meant so much when you would come back to the infusion area to see us, or to take the time to e-mail labs. I know you have many, many patients, but we always felt that your attention was fully directed to us during the time you spent with us. On the last day that I took Fred into the clinic, and I called you in a panic because of my confusion over which numbers to call, you took the time to alert the clinic staff and to check in with us at the hospital. Hearing a caring voice and seeing a friendly voice at those moments had much more of an impact that you can know.

I have also written to Darryl Lee, Valerie Warren, Jackie Richard and Dr. Stuart. And those are just a few of the wonderful MUSC folks who helped us.

With deepest appreciation, Sharen Kardon
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*To improve the health of those we serve
through the highest quality patient care, excellence in
education, and innovative research*

VISION

*To be a leader of academic internal medicine
in South Carolina and the Nation*

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2011 Medicine Grand Rounds

Focus on African-American Health Care Issues

Sessions are open to all students, house staff, faculty, research and nursing staff.

To the Future



February 1:

DISPARATE CARE – ROOT CAUSE ANALYSIS AND SOLUTIONS

Clyde W. Yancy, MD, MSc, FACC, FAHA, MACP
Chief of Cardiology
Northwestern University – Feinberg School of Medicine
Chicago, Illinois

February 8:

SOUTHEASTERN VIRTUAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH EQUITY AND WELLNESS: AN INTEGRATIVE APPROACH TO ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES



Sabra C. Slaughter, PhD
Associate Professor, Chief of Staff
Office of the President
Medical University of South Carolina
Charleston, South Carolina



Leonard E. Egede, MD, MS
The Allen Johnson Endowed Chair in
Internal Medicine and Geriatrics
Director, Center for Health Disparities
Research
Medical University of South Carolina,
Charleston, South Carolina



February 15:

RACIAL VARIATION IN HEALTH CARE: THE CASE OF JOINT REPLACEMENT UTILIZATION

Said A. Ibrahim, MD, MPH
Professor of Medicine and Vice Chair Department of Medicine
University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine
Associate Chief of Staff for Medicine
Philadelphia VA Medical Center



February 22:

PERSONALIZED MEDICINE AND LUNG CANCER DISPARITIES

Alex A. Adjei, MD, PhD, FACP
Senior Vice President, Clinical Research
Professor and Chair, Department of Medicine
The Katherine Anne Gioia Chair in Cancer Medicine
Roswell Park Cancer Institute, Buffalo, New York

All Lectures will be held at 8:00 am in the
Institute of Psychiatry's Auditorium

Updates in General Internal Medicine for Primary Care 2011



This two and one half day Conference is led and presented by faculty from MUSC. Faculty include members from the Departments of Medicine, Neurology, Psychiatry, Dermatology, Obstetrics & Gynecology, and the College of Pharmacy.

Topics to be covered during the Conference will include:

- “Systolic and Diastolic Heart Failure”
- “Stroke 2011: an update for the Internist and Hospitalist”
- “ECG: 100 Year Old Tool to Diagnose 21st Century Diseases”
- “Medicine in the News”
- “Current Management of Atrial Fibrillation and Atrial Flutter”
- “Managing Patients with Chronic Pain: A Behavioral Medicine Perspective”
- “Preventive Medicine Strategies - State of the Art or Not Ready for Primetime?”
- “Diabetes Update 2011”
- “Updates in Contraception”
- “Dermatology Review and Update”
- “Updated on the Patient-centered Medical Home”
- “Hypertension Update”
- “GERD”
- “Asthma 2011 - Diagnosis and Outpatient Management”
- “What’s New? New Drug Update”