

Department of Medicine Employee of the Year!

We are pleased to announce that **Richard Ancrum, Information Technology Consultant** for the Department of Medicine has been selected as our 2011 Employee of the Year for the Department of Medicine. Richard will receive a \$1,000 incentive payment in recognition of his award. Congratulations, Richard, on your award and your commitment to excellence!

Some excerpts from Richard’s nominations:

“Unwavering positive attitude, willingness to help, and extreme patience.”

“We recruited without exaggeration the best support technologist currently working outside our department that campus had to offer.”

“He never settles for not being able to resolve an issue”



In addition to the Employee of the Year Award, **Medicine Excellence Awards** were presented to: **Heidi Grund (Pulmonary & Critical Care) and Sandra Crosby (Hematology/Oncology)**

We would also like to Thank and Congratulate our



Employees of the Quarter for the past year:

Julie Benke	Lisa Burkhardt	Sandra Crosby
Sue Cwik	Kelly Gibson	Joe Gough
Heidi Grund	Meghan Hatfield	Terri Hayes
Louise Jones	Emma Kennedy	Andrew Mather
Ben Rogerris	Annie Lee Sallee	Aimee Tetrault
Jeffery Waltz	Paulette Okurowski	

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On the Calendar:

Labor Day
September 5th - Clinics Closed

United Way Day of Caring
September 9th

White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony for the College of Medicine Class of 2015 was held Saturday, August 20, 2011 at the Gaillard Auditorium with speaker Dr. Matthew D. McEvoy, Assistant Dean for Patient Safety and Simulation in the MUSC College of Medicine. Included in the Ceremony were the daughters of several faculty members of the Department of Medicine:



Elizabeth Church with her father
Dr. Preston Church, Infectious Diseases



Morgan Headden with her father
Dr. Garry Headden, Emergency Medicine



Emily Key Davis with her mother
Dr. Janice Key
Pediatrics & General Internal Medicine

2011 Day of Caring Live United!



Our Department of Medicine Teams will be participating in the 2011 Day of Caring Sponsored by the Trident United Way. One team will be cleaning and painting at the Dorchester Children's Center and the other will be cleaning and doing repairs at Lowcountry Orphan Relief. If you are interested in donating toiletries or gently used clothing (clean tennis shoes are especially needed) please bring them to 803 CSB by Thursday, September 8th at noon or contact Frances Glanville.

MUSC Division of Biostatistics Collaborates with Leading Neurology Stroke Researchers To Win a \$25 Million NIH Grant to Reduce Debilitating Effects of Stroke in Diabetic Patients



The Data Coordination Unit (DCU) in the Division of Biostatistics and Epidemiology will collaborate with researchers at the University of Virginia Health System to lead a multicenter national clinical trial investigating a promising new treatment that could greatly benefit thousands of acute ischemic stroke patients every year.

More than 750,000 people in the United States suffer from strokes annually, and an estimated 40 percent of patients with acute ischemic stroke have high blood sugar, or hyperglycemia. Although hyperglycemia is known to be associated with worse patient outcomes (death and disability), it is unclear if treatment interventions intended to bring blood sugar to normal levels can improve these outcomes without incurring the added risk of inducing hypoglycemia (low blood sugar levels).

With this new clinical trial, Stroke Hyperglycemia Insulin Network Effort (SHINE), researchers hope to determine the efficacy of a novel approach to controlling sugar in the early period after stroke in diabetic stroke patients.

Research sites across the country will be testing the current standard treatment against the new treatment, which involves the administration of a controlled IV insulin infusion therapy within 12 hours of the onset of stroke symptoms and lasting for up to three days. Karen C. Johnston, MD, MSc, UVA Department of Neurology is chair of this multidisciplinary national trial being conducted within the Neurological Emergencies Treatment Trial Network (NETT Network).

“The DCU could not be more excited about helping to lead this effort to improve the care of stroke patients with diabetes,” says Valerie Durkalski, PhD, director of the DCU and Principal Investigator of the trial’s Statistical and Data Management Center (SDMC). “The DCU has been collaborating with stroke experts across the country on various trials, and we now have a new opportunity to help to inform health care providers of best treatment approaches so patients all over the country will have better outcomes. Regardless of the results, this study will have a dramatic impact and we are proud to be a part of it.”

Department of Medicine Chair Search Update

The following candidates for the position of Chair of the MUSC Department of Medicine will be presenting on campus during their visits. **Department of Medicine faculty are strongly encouraged to attend these presentations.**

Chair Candidate	Presentation Date	Location
Rajiv Kumar (Mayo Clinic)	August 30th @ 8 a.m. (Grand Rounds)	IOP Auditorium
Anna Mae Diehl (Duke)	September 15th @ 12 pm noon	CSB 300
Fredric Wondisford (Johns Hopkins)	September 20th @ 8 am (Grand Rounds)	IOP Auditorium
Samuel Dudley (Univ of Illinois-Chicago)	September 28th @ 12 pm noon	IOP Auditorium
Don Rockey (UT - Southwestern)	To be announced	
John Buse (UNC)	October 11th @ 8 am (Grand Rounds)	IOP Auditorium
Anne Nattinger (Med College of Wisconsin)	To be announced	
Mary Nettleman (Michigan State)	October 18th @ 8 am (Grand Rounds)	IOP Auditorium

Thank you Wendy Stogner!

Dr. Feely,

My name is Finisha Bennett and I am the Benefits Administrator with Charleston Water System. I am writing you because a few weeks ago I made several calls to your office in regards to clarification on a medical certification form. Nurse Wendy [Stogner] was so extremely helpful I wanted to just write to let you know.

I deal with lots of doctor's offices and I don't think in my three years in this position I have ever encountered anyone so pleasant, caring, and helpful. I know she probably had a million things to do, but she never let that get in the way of offering assistance to me.

I think the service she provided is so commendable!
GREAT JOB NURSE WENDY!

Finisha I. Bennett
Benefits Administrator, Charleston Water System

Thank you Carol Blessing-Feussner!



Wow, Carol—

Are we talking about patient-centered care or what? I am amazed and delighted with your e-mail. Thank you so much. I actually teach quality improvement and patient satisfaction in my MHA program, and this is the first time I have ever seen this. Yes, I am feeling better. No problems with the meds.

Thanks so much for the care you provided me yesterday and for checking up on me today. I very much appreciate it. And I see why MUSC's ambulatory care clinics are winning patient satisfaction awards. Makes me proud to work here!

Andrea White, PhD
Professor and MHA Division Director

Social Networking Guidelines

At college campuses across the country, online social networks have become a way for students to stay connected with people and boost friendships. Unfortunately, the information that students, staff and campus departments post can be seen by others.

Darlene Shaw, Ph.D., Associate Provost for Education and Student Life, helped initiate these new guidelines to help colleges and students use social networking tools more effectively.

The guidelines were prepared under the guidance of university leadership and a campus-wide committee to address issues and provide a quick reference to students, according to Chris Pelic, M.D., Associate Dean of Students, College of Medicine, and committee chairman.

The top priority was to make students aware of these types of tools—Facebook, MySpace, LinkedIn, etc. They also made available relevant guidelines and resources to help students.

Transparency

- ◆ Be transparent about your identity and relationship to MUSC.
- ◆ Identify yourself as an MUSC student only when appropriate; provide a disclaimer that helps distinguish your views from those of MUSC;
- ◆ While there might be reasons to register using your MUSC e-mail address, consider changing to your personal e-mail address to avoid the misperception that your views represent the views of MUSC.

Judgment

- ◆ You can be sued for libel or slander.
- ◆ Membership in some groups may reflect negatively on you.
- ◆ Be conscious of potentially inappropriate images being posted of you.
- ◆ Be thoughtful of the content of your wall posts and status updates.

Professionalism

- ◆ Adhere to professional standards of conduct, including compliance with all applicable MUSC and medical center policies. Off-campus and off-duty, you still represent MUSC and your profession.
- ◆ Patients, families, faculty, future employers, and the media routinely “troll” sites.
- ◆ Maintain professional boundaries with patients and their families.
- ◆ Do not post anything about a patient (de-identified or not).
- ◆ Obtain written consent before posting copyrighted material.
- ◆ Social networking should not interfere with your professional duties or academic obligations.

Personal privacy, safety

- ◆ Read the site’s Terms of Use and Privacy Policy.
- ◆ Restrict access to your personal information and remember to update your privacy settings periodically.
- ◆ Consider maximum privacy settings at least initially and beware sites often change their policies without notifying you.
- ◆ Scams and identity theft exist so do not post detailed personal information.
- ◆ Report any threat of violence.

Computer security

- ◆ Be aware of computer security risks. Social networking sites are frequently targeted by cyber criminals.
- ◆ Do not use any university or medical center computer that handles sensitive data or supports critical functions to access social networking Web sites or personal e-mail accounts without permission.
- ◆ Never use your MUSC password on personal e-mail accounts or social networking sites.
- ◆ When in doubt, contact the University Compliance Office at <http://academicdepartments.musc.edu/uco>.

The MUSC Student Guidelines to Electronic Communications and Social Networking is located at <http://academicdepartments.musc.edu/webcopyright/studentguidelines.html>.

by Cindy Abole, Public Relations
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Welcome New Department of Medicine Faculty!



Katherine Lewis, MD, MSCR joined the Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Medical Genetics effective August 15, 2011. Dr.

Lewis will also have a dual appointment in the Department of Pediatrics. Dr. Lewis earned her bachelor's degree in Chemistry at Wright State University, followed by her medical degree at The Ohio

State University College of Medicine. She completed a combined residency in internal medicine and pediatrics at the Ohio State University. Dr. Lewis completed a combined internal medicine/pediatric fellowship in endocrinology at Indiana University during which she also earned a master's degree in clinical research. Dr. Lewis is board certified in internal medicine and pediatrics.

Dr. Lewis has an interest in transition of patients from pediatric endocrine care to adult endocrine care. Her previous research has been in the treatment of central precocious puberty, but she also has an interest in establishing future research projects that will establish how to improve medical care during the transition of endocrine patients from the pediatric to the adult care setting.



Beje Thomas, MD joined the Division of Nephrology as an Assistant Professor and transplant nephrologist effective August 18, 2011.

Dr. Thomas attended LaSalle University for his undergraduate education majoring in biology, followed by his medical degree at the University of Debrecen Medical and Sciences Health Centre in

Hungary. His internal medicine internship was done at Michael Reese Hospital in Chicago, Illinois. He went on to complete his internal medicine residency at the University of Connecticut where he spent a year as a Chief Medical Resident.

Dr. Thomas completed his general nephrology fellowship at the University of Connecticut, followed by a transplant nephrology fellowship at the Medical University of South Carolina. He is board certified in both internal medicine and nephrology.

Dr. Thomas has presented at various national meetings in nephrology. His interests in transplant include induction therapy and viral infections in transplant patients.

As a result of his volunteer work Dr. Thomas was the recipient of the Consortium Community Service Award while at UCONN.

Paula S. Ramos, PhD joined the Division of Rheumatology & Immunology as an Assistant Professor effective August 22, 2011.

Dr. Ramos earned her bachelor's degree in biology at the Universidade de Aveiro in Portugal, followed by a master's degree in developmental biology at Universidade Lusofona, Lisbon, Portugal. She earned her doctorate in molecular, cellular, developmental biology and genetics at the University of Minnesota. Dr. Ramos completed her post-doctoral fellowship in the Division of Public Health Sciences at Wake Forest School of Medicine.



Dr. Ramos' main research interest is in genomic medicine. She is interested in understanding how the interaction between several factors (behavioral, sequence variation, environmentally-induced DNA modifications, and the regulation of their expression) translate into increased disease susceptibility, specific diagnostic criteria, or clinical outcomes.

She is also interested in understanding the genetic mechanisms that explain the higher prevalence and incidence of autoimmune disorders in ethnic minorities, such as those of African descent.

According to Dr. Ramos, she "is delighted to join the Division of Rheumatology & Immunology and looking forward exciting and fruitful collaborations. [She] is also happy that her husband and two little boys are very excited about coming to Charleston."

Excellent Employees!

Andrew Mather Research Specialist General Internal Medicine & Geriatrics



What do you like about working at MUSC?

As a local, MUSC gives me the opportunity to work and study while being close to my family and friends as well. My current lab group is amazing in the fact that they take the time to explain the "why" in research. Not only have they been unbelievable in training me in scientific research, but they constantly teach me new things in science.

What is your job?

I am part of a team responsible for the day-to-day experiments concerning various components of kidney disease, including lupus nephritis, acute kidney injury, and kidney cancer.

Any outside of work interests you'd like to share?

I try everyday to train for the 2nd Charleston Marathon (my 3rd marathon) in January and am hoping to break 3 hours this year.

If you could have any career what would it be?

Ideally, I would love to get an M.D. and work for Partners in Health particularly in Haiti. Getting to see the great things that they are doing down there is really inspiring and the Haitian culture is one of the most amazing that I have experienced.

Tea, Coffee, Soda or Water?

Coffee and water...I get more done and I stay hydrated.

Favorite book? **The Great Santini by Pat Conroy**

Strangest day you've had on the job at MUSC?

Finding ancient science equipment during the lab clean-up day we held.



Teri Oltmann Administrative Specialist Cardiology

What do you like about working at MUSC?

Being associated with the MUSC family as a whole. I like coming to work in the morning knowing that all my friends will be there too. We are a very close group.

What is your job?

I serve as a doctor/patient liaison for cardiology - I answer the main phone line and triage calls. I assist in any patient concerns or appointment issues.

Any outside of work interests you'd like to share?

Right now that would be my Grandchildren! Mara age 4, Cayden age 2 and Amberly 10 wks. Very Blessed.

If you could have any career, anywhere, what would it be? **Guest Services and Operations Manager for Grove Park Inn & Spa in Asheville, NC.**

Tea, Coffee, Soda or Water?

I'm going to have to step out of the box here and say Wine! for all the obvious reasons, and it goes with anything.

Favorite book? **"Forever Amber" by Kathleen Winsor**

Strangest day you've had on the job at MUSC? **That would be the day that I had the pleasure of showing Dr. Naveen Pereira around campus. I was lost at every turn (went through wrong doors, made wrong turns, hopped on elevators to nowhere) and all the while I was trying to convince him that the MUSC maze was really not that difficult to navigate and that he would catch on quickly. By the end of the day when he asked "How long have you worked here?" I very proudly said 2 years! We both died laughing.**

Excellent Comments

From being checked in , to seeing **Dr. [Patrick] Flume**, everything is done in a timely and efficient manner by courteous professional staff. Dr. Flume is a caring doctor who talks to me in a way I can understand what's going on with me.



Dr. [Mary Jean] Vogt rates a superior in her ability to listen to what I have to say about my care. I always feel like its a collaborative care experience.

Dr. [Eric] Powers is a superb physician; his bedside manner is excellent! I would refer anyone to this practice.



Dr. [Diane] Kamen is excellent in every way.

Dr. Neal Christiansen, taking care of my disease is a wonderful doctor

Very good and concerned care and attention given to us. **Dr.**

James Glen and staff are always responsive.



I am more than pleased with my medical care as provided by **doctors Feely, Vogt & Hatfield**. How fortunate I was to locate such professional & capable doctors. What is needed in Mt. Pleasant, SC is a new MUSC Hospital (like Roper). It is quite a distance & inconvenience for senior citizens to go downtown for MRI's, et al. I am saddled with oxygen, walker, imbalance & do not drive.

Thank you Dr. Golshayan!



Dear Dr. Drabkin:

I wanted to take this opportunity to call attention to the superb medical care recently provided by one of your faculty members, **Dr. Ali Golshayan**.

We had recently admitted a 20-year-old college student to the Gynecologic Oncology Service with state IV metastatic germ cell malignancy of the ovary. The patient was seriously ill with a massively distended abdomen, anemia, profound tachycardia, hyponatremia, and as it turns out, severe cardiomyopathy with an ejection fraction of 22%. As such, it quickly became evident that she was not a surgical candidate. Given his special expertise in the area of germ cell malignancies, our team called Dr. Golshayan on Friday afternoon, to see if he would be willing to see the patient. Even though he was not the consult attending on duty, Dr. Golshayan dropped what he was doing, and along with his Fellow immediately evaluated the patient, and in fact had complex chemotherapy orders written for the patient by that evening.

I will tell you that for the last year or so, I have had occasion to work to Dr. Golshayan on a number of such complicated young patients with aggressive germ cell and stromal malignancies of the ovary. He is an extraordinarily caring, dedicated, thorough physician.

He always goes the extra mile and beyond the call of duty. It is a privilege to work with such a fine colleague. I would be honored if you would be willing to make this letter part of his permanent personnel files, as I do believe he is an extraordinary physician indeed.

Sincerely,

Matthew F. Kohler, M.D.
Professor and Director
Division of Gynecologic Oncology
Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology

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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.

September 6 “Quality: The Rubik’s Cube”



Danielle Scheurer, MD, MSCR
Assistant Professor
Medical Director
Quality & Safety
General Internal Medicine
MUSC

September 13 “To be announced”



Megan K. Baker, MD
Assistant Professor
Department of Surgery
MUSC

September 20 **Candidate for Chairman**



Fredric Wondisford, MD
Professor of Medicine,
Pediatrics and Physiology,
Director, Metabolism Division
JHU-MD Diabetes Research
and Training Ctr
Co-Director, Ctr Metabolism &
Obesity Research
Institute of Basic Biomed Sci
Johns Hopkins University
School of Medicine

Employee of the Quarter Nominations Close September 30th!



Go to:

[http://clinicaldepartments.musc.edu/
medicine/administration/admintoolkit/
serpform/serpform.htm](http://clinicaldepartments.musc.edu/medicine/administration/admintoolkit/serpform/serpform.htm)

and submit your nomination today!

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through the highest quality patient care, excellence in
education, and innovative research*

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