



Message from the Chairman



This time of year always brings about both a reflection of the events of the past year and an uplifting spirit and anticipation of what the new year may bring.

For all of the changes experienced at MUSC in 2008, there were major developments within our own department that are worth remarking upon. We look back upon a year when much of our service moved to the Ashley River Tower. We gained new staff, new equipment and new knowledge that made us better in 2008.

Now, we look forward to the beginning of a new year. While we continue to make changes in our lives personally and professionally in order to adjust to the shifts in our nation's economy, the department faculty is making changes of their own. Going into the new year, many of the faculty have committed to voluntary furloughs in order to save money for the department and potentially save jobs.

I feel confident that though we face challenges in the coming year, the hard work and dedication of our staff will continue to strengthen the foundation of the department and with those challenges will come growth and victories. Thanks to the aforementioned sacrifices of our faculty and the hard work of all of our staff I strongly believe that 2009 will be a stronger year for us.

Happy new year to each of you!

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January 2, 2009

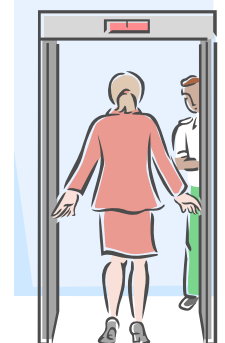
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MUSC Department of Radiology will be featured in the January 2009 SC Radiologic Technologist Society magazine, The Image Maker.

Standard of the Month

Practice elevator etiquette: allow visitors to enter and exit first & do not discuss patient information.



New PACS to Go Live on February 2

PACS will be down Friday, January 30 at 5pm to Monday, February 2 at 8am. During that time, please use Web 1000.

On February 2, 2009 at 8 am, the new 6.3 version of PACS will replace the current 5.2 version. All radiology faculty and residents have enrolled in the required training class for the new version of the system. To verify your class date/time, call **Cindy Brown** at **876-2525**.

For information about the upgrade, PACS reference guides, and a reference video for users, visit www.musc.edu/radiology. (Click on the green Radiology PACS Upgrade link on the right side of the page).

Training classes are available for **non-radiology physicians, residents & staff**. Classes will be held in the Main Conference Room 270 at 10am and at 2pm on the following dates:

January 19, 2009 (Monday)	February 2, 2009 (Monday)
January 21, 2009 (Wednesday)	February 4, 2009 (Wednesday)
January 23, 2009 (Friday)	February 6, 2009 (Friday)
January 26, 2009 (Monday)	
January 28, 2009 (Wednesday)	
January 30, 2009 (Friday)	

To enroll in a class, call **Cindy Brown** at **876-2525**.

(ICU & ED workstations will have access to a limited version of PACS with only the last two weeks of studies.)

Welcome New Faculty!



Dr. Abbie Cluver has joined the radiology faculty as an assistant professor. Dr. Cluver completed a breast imaging fellowship as well as a diagnostic radiology residency at MUSC. She also received her M.D. from MUSC.

Welcome Visiting Fellow!

Alan Sechtin, MD, has joined the department for a 3 month breast imaging fellowship. Dr. Sechtin received his M.D at MUSC. He completed an internship and family practice residency at Self Memorial Hospital in Greenwood, SC. He completed a Radiology residency at Pennsylvania State University and an abdominal imaging fellowship at University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.

In the News



Joseph Schoepf, MD, was selected as a Fellow of the American Heart Association by the Council on Cardiovascular Radiology Leadership Committee. The fellowship recognizes members who are making outstanding contributions to the field of cardiovascular and interventional radiology.

Dr. Schoepf also was recognized in the RSNA Daily Bulletin for his study on the correlation between radiation risk and CT.

Dr Schoepf has been chosen to serve as Associate Editor for the Journal of Thoracic Imaging.

Please let us know if you have news to share!

Email Amy Hill at hillam@musc.edu

Neuro-Interventional Radiology Spotlight

Neuro-Interventional Radiology consists of a multidisciplinary team of physicians, nurses and technologists in neuroradiology, neurosurgery, neurology and emergency medicine who specialize in vascular disorders of the brain and spine. The team uses the latest minimally invasive techniques to treat the most complex cerebral vascular diseases, including stroke and atherosclerosis. Guided by state-of-the-art imaging, procedures generally involve using microcatheters (tiny tubes) to close (embolize) or open (recanalize) abnormal vessels. This endovascular approach often eliminates the need for open surgery and may provide lifesaving options for previously untreated lesions.

The team maintains ongoing participation in the latest clinical trials for the treatment of intracranial stenosis and brain aneurysms.



Make your New Year's Resolution to Save Lives!

Donate Blood to the Red Cross!

Call the MUSC Blood Donation Center at 792-0219 or visit them in MH Room 179.

When you donate, sign in & list Radiology as your department to be eligible for the blood donor contest ending September 2009. (Top donors will receive a plaque for their accomplishment!)

Congratulations, Dr. Curry!



Nancy Curry won the Resolution Run on January 3rd. The 5K race, sponsored by the Trident United Way, began and ended at Joe Riley Stadium.

Dr. Frey's Retirement Drop In!



Department Holiday Party

