

UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER

DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE



IMPACT REPORT

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



Friends and colleagues,

The past 20 months have certainly tested us in every way imaginable. The Department, tasked with caring for every inpatient infected with COVID-19, was stretched to new limits and met with seemingly unending challenges. Our faculty channeled their expertise into what they do best - caring for Mississippi - and in doing so, helped UMMC lead the way in this effort.

Inside this Impact Report, you'll find examples of some of the wonderful work being done by our outstanding faculty and trainees, innovations in each realm of our tripartite mission, and metrics of growth in our clinical and research activities. There is a special section on the Department's role in the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite the challenges brought about by the pandemic, the Department had another record year in research productivity, even with the temporary restrictions. Education programs rapidly adapted, both in terms of making sure that trainee education is not negatively affected, as well as how to recruit the best and the brightest class of future trainees. Clinical volumes and services have picked back up, innovative new services have been added, and evolving healthcare delivery modes to accommodate the needs of the pandemic rapidly have been embraced.

In a lot of ways, this experience has made us stronger by building fortitude and forcing us to find ways to adapt and innovate to meet our goals.

The articles in this Impact Report are but a glimpse into the larger picture of what the Department of Medicine is every single day - and what we strive to be. I am fortunate to witness it daily and I hope you will enjoy learning about what it is that makes us so great.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Javed Butler'.

Javed Butler, MBBS, MPH, MBA
Professor and Chair, Department of Medicine
Patrick H. Lehan Chair in Cardiovascular Research
Professor of Physiology and Biophysics
University of Mississippi Medical Center



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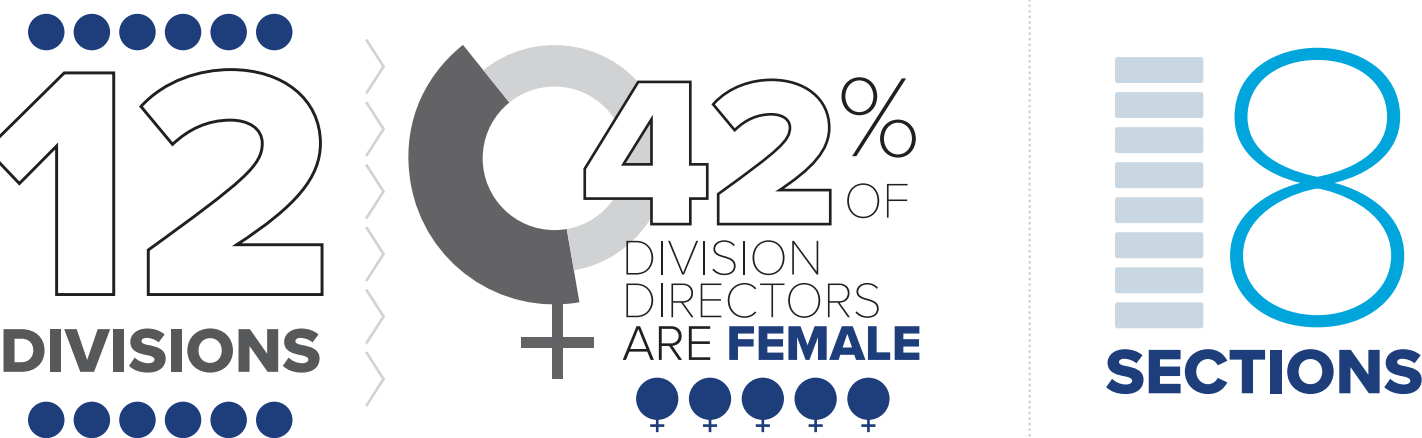
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DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE
BY THE
NUMBERS



WORK RELATIVE
VALUE UNITS
(WRVUs)

FY 18 533,609

FY 19 563,067

FY 20 580,107

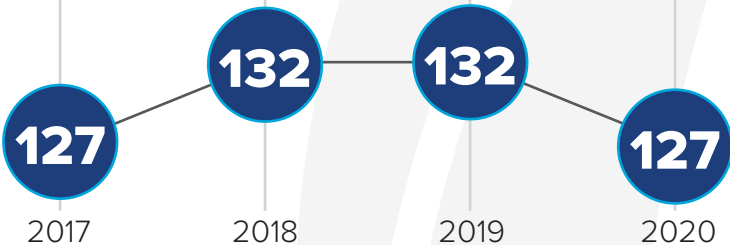
OUR PATIENTS SPEAK

10+
DIFFERENT
LANGUAGES

INCLUDING SPANISH, AMERICAN SIGN
LANGUAGE, VIETNAMESE, ARABIC,
HINDI, CHOCTAW, AND PUNJABI



KIDNEY
TRANSPLANTS
PERFORMED
AT UMMC



TOTAL NUMBER OF
INPATIENT/
NEW CONSULTS

FY18 18,691

FY19 19,165

FY20 19,920

3000+
LIVER TRANSPLANTS
SINCE 2013





DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE AWARDS

CARL G. EVERS SOCIETY AWARDS

 2021 M3 DEPARTMENT OF THE YEAR	 2021 M4 DEPARTMENT OF THE YEAR	 2020 M3 DEPARTMENT OF THE YEAR	 2020 M4 DEPARTMENT OF THE YEAR
 M2 ATTENDING OF THE YEAR 2021 Demondes Haynes, MD	 M3 ALL-STAR RESIDENT 2021 Will Crews, MD	 M3 RESIDENT OF THE YEAR 2020 John Caleb Grenn, MD	 M3 ALL-STAR ATTENDING 2020 Brett Jeter, MD
 M3 ATTENDING OF THE YEAR 2021 Asef Mahmud, MD	 M4 ALL-STAR RESIDENT 2021 Miles DeBardeleben, MD 2020 Nathalie Malcolm, MD Samer Mehio, MD	 M4 RESIDENT OF THE YEAR 2020 Adrian Sims, MD	 M4 ALL-STAR ATTENDING 2020 Amanda Clark, MD Asef Mahmud, MD
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SCHOOL OF MEDICINE PRE-CLINICAL PROFESSOR OF THE YEAR

2020
Zeb Henson, MD



SCHOOL OF MEDICINE CLINICAL PROFESSOR OF THE YEAR

2021
Zeb Henson, MD

2020
Savannah Duckworth, MD



DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE TEACHER OF THE YEAR

2021
Zeb Henson, MD

2020
Jessie Harvey, MD



NELSON C. NELSON ORDER OF TEACHING EXCELLENCE

2021
Savannah Duckworth, MD
Zeb Henson, MD
Lyssa Weatherly, MD

2020
Savannah Duckworth, MD



REGIONS TEACH PRIZE FINALISTS

2021
Lyssa Weatherly, MD

2020
Zeb Henson, MD



TRAILBLAZER TEACHING AWARDS

2021
TRAILBLAZER FACULTY OF THE YEAR
Savannah Duckworth, MD

TRAILBLAZER TEACHING AWARDS

2021
Amanda Clark, MD
Jessie Harvey, MD
Michelle Horn, MD
Pegah Hosseini-Carroll, MD

2020
Kenneth Bennett, MD
Jessie Harvey, MD
Brett Jeter, MD
Michael McMullan, MD
Rahat Noor, MD
Thomas Skelton, MD



ALPHA OMEGA ALPHA

**AOA FACULTY TEACHER OF THE YEAR
2020**

Zeb Henson, MD

**AOA INDUCTEES
2021**

Michael Hall, MD
Michelle Horn, MD
Samer Mehio, MD
Adam Parker, MD
Priya Patel, MD
Meredith Sloan, MD
Caroline Garraway, MD
Kelton Kingsley, MD
Jaslyn Paschal, MD
Sarah Grace Sobiesk, MD
Kelly Dale, MD, AOA President



**SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
ALUMNI HALL OF FAME**

2021

Bryan Barksdale, MD
Kenneth Bennett, MD
Joe Files, MD

2020

Bernard J. Dreiling, MD



INTERN OF THE YEAR

2021

Raina Muthukumar, MD

2020

Peyton Reves, MD



HOUSE OFFICER OF THE YEAR

2021

Samer Mehio, MD

2020

R. Jackson Ross, MD



FELLOW OF THE YEAR

2021

Paul Dotherow, MD

2020

Adam Parker, MD



**SPIRIT OF THE INTERNAL
MEDICINE RESIDENCY PROGRAM**

2021

Anna Carr, DO and Amor Royer, MD

2020

J. Cory Coleman, MD



CLINICIAN EDUCATOR TRACK GRADUATES

2021

Will Crews, MD
Dana Brunson, MD
Ashley Villarreal, MD

2020

Mark Lelli, MD
Nathalie Malcolm, MD
Meredith Sloan, MD



**HUMANISM AND
EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD**

2021

Mari Young, MD

2020

Lucas Buchanan, DO
John Caleb Grenn, MD

RECEIVE PILLARS AWARDS

Each year, UMMC's Office of Diversity and Inclusion sponsors "The Pillars," a series of institutional awards that honor individuals who have made meaningful contributions that broaden diversity and promote a climate of inclusion. Recent recipients from the Department of Medicine include



DR. JEREMY COURTNEY
PGY-IV, PULMONARY AND CRITICAL CARE

2021 EXCELLENCE AWARD

The Excellence Award honors a student, resident, or fellow from any school of UMMC who demonstrates an outstanding commitment to the institution's goals to promote diversity and inclusion within the institution and through service to the community.



DR. ERVIN FOX
PROFESSOR OF CARDIOLOGY

2021 BEACON AWARD

The Beacon Award honors any clinical or non-clinical faculty member with an academic designation or rank who demonstrates inclusive excellence in teaching, instruction, research, or clinical practice at UMMC.



DR. DEMONDES HAYNES
PROFESSOR OF PULMONARY AND CRITICAL CARE AND ASSOCIATE DEAN OF ADMISSIONS, SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

**2019 LIFETIME
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

The Lifetime Achievement Award acknowledges an alumni who has made a significant contribution to improving health outcomes in diverse communities in the state of Mississippi.

DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE ANNUAL AWARDS

MASTER CLINICIAN



2020-2021
DR. DOUGLAS A. WOLFE
(CARDIOLOGY)

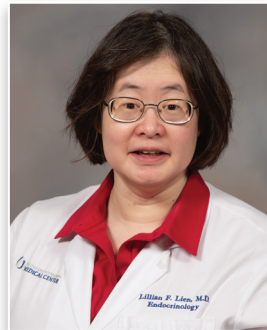


2019-2020
DR. MARK MEEKS
(GERIATRICS)

MENTORING

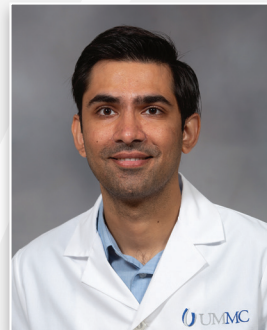


2020-2021
DR. MARION WOFFORD
(GENERAL INTERNAL MEDICINE)

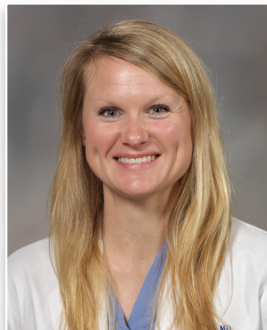


2019-2020
DR. LILLIAN LIEN
(ENDOCRINOLOGY)

EDUCATOR/TEACHER

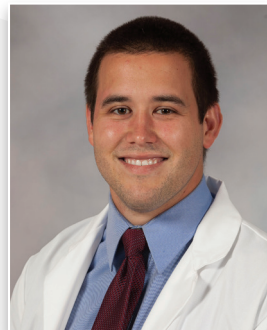


2020-2021
DR. PRAKHAR VIJAYVARGIYA
(INFECTIOUS DISEASES)



2019-2020
DR. JESSIE HARVEY
(PULMONARY AND CRITICAL CARE)

OUTSTANDING SERVICE/FACULTY



2020-2021
DR. BRETT JETER
(HOSPITAL MEDICINE)



2019-2020
DR. BRYAN BARKSDALE
(CARDIOLOGY)

OUTSTANDING SERVICE/STAFF



2020-2021
SANDY SARTIN
(GENERAL INTERNAL MEDICINE)



2019-2020
LORRAINE FINDLEY, RN
(ENDOCRINOLOGY)

DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE IMPACT REPORT



OUR DIVISIONS



- ALLERGY, ASTHMA, AND CLINICAL IMMUNOLOGY
- CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASES
- DIGESTIVE DISEASES
- ENDOCRINOLOGY, METABOLISM, AND DIABETES
- GENERAL INTERNAL MEDICINE
- GERIATRICS AND GERONTOLOGY
- HEMATOLOGY AND ONCOLOGY
- HOSPITAL MEDICINE
- INFECTIOUS DISEASES
- NEPHROLOGY
- PULMONARY, CRITICAL CARE, & SLEEP MEDICINE
- RHEUMATOLOGY AND MOLECULAR IMMUNOLOGY



DIVISION OF **ALLERGY, ASTHMA, AND CLINICAL IMMUNOLOGY**

▲ **GAILEN D. MARSHALL, JR., MD, PHD**
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AND IMMUNOLOGY AND DIVISION DIRECTOR

PATRICIA STEWART, MD
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AND FELLOWSHIP
PROGRAM DIRECTOR

LEIGH SKIPWORTH
DIVISION BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

Faculty Members with Joint Appointments:

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PROFESSOR OF PEDIATRICS AND MEDICINE

JESSICA PERKINS, MD
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF PEDIATRICS
AND MEDICINE AND FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

NINABEN DAVE, MBBS
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF
PEDIATRICS AND MEDICINE

LINDA SCHMIDT, MD
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF
PEDIATRICS AND MEDICINE

JOHN B. BATES, PHD
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF MICROBIOLOGY
& IMMUNOLOGY AND MEDICINE

RITESH TANDEN, PHD
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF MICROBIOLOGY &
IMMUNOLOGY AND MEDICINE

The Division of Allergy, Asthma, and Clinical Immunology is dedicated to pursuing cutting-edge, immunology-based research with direct clinical application, providing precision medicine-based care for patients with allergy, asthma, and immune-based illness, and educating the next generation of allergy, asthma, and immunology specialists for the citizens of Mississippi.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Gailen Marshall, MD, PhD serves as Executive Director of the Mississippi Clinical Research and Trials Center and recently completed his term as President of the Southern Society for Clinical Investigation. He serves as editor-in-chief of the *Annals of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology*, the official journal of the American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology. Marshall also serves as the Department of Medicine's Vice Chair for Research.
- Patricia Stewart, MD serves as principal investigator of a research project focused on improving asthma control. In collaboration with UMMC's Telemedicine Center of Excellence, the study uses remote patient monitoring aimed at improving barriers to appropriate asthma care, including adherence, inhaler technique, and education. Stewart is a past president of the Mississippi Allergy and Asthma Society and just completed her term as President of the Southeastern Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Society.
- The Division provides comprehensive clinical care for patients with allergic and immune-based diseases, both on campus and at the Jackson VA Medical Center. A telemedicine-based remote practice was established recently, which is making it possible for patients to be seen who would not otherwise be able to travel to our clinical facilities.



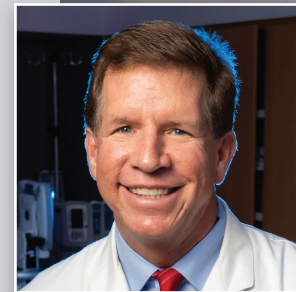
Dr. Patricia Stewart teaching fellows in clinic

DIVISION OF CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASES

The Division is dedicated to excellence in the diagnosis and treatment of cardiovascular diseases, providing high-quality comprehensive cardiovascular services to the community and state with a continuous commitment to education and research.

HIGHLIGHTS

- UMMC's Structural Heart Program, under the leadership of Kellan Ashley, MD, has received accreditation by the American College of Cardiology as a Transcatheter Valve Center. This accreditation is the first and only of its kind in Mississippi. Ashley's expertise lies in minimally-invasive heart valve procedures, allowing patients to avoid long operations and recovery time.
- UMMC's Advanced Heart Failure and Cardiac Transplant Program offers the only program in the state for advanced therapies for heart failure, including cardiac transplant as well as mechanical circulatory support for extracorporeal membrane oxygenation and ventricular assist device therapy. The program now offers tailored evaluation and management for patients with cancer and heart disease in the new Cardio-Oncology program, led by Brandon Lennep, MD.
- John Winscott, MD directs the Division's Endovascular Cath Lab and its Endovascular Training Program for both interventional cardiology and vascular surgery. He specializes in complex lower extremity revascularization and leads UMMC's multidisciplinary limb salvage program. UMMC is now home to one of the largest cardiac centers in the region that provides endovascular limb salvage, achieving recognition by the American College of Cardiology as a best performer.
- UMMC's Adult Congenital Heart Disease program, under the leadership of William Campbell, MD, offers the state's only program for patients with all forms of congenital heart disease. The program is accredited by the Adult Congenital Heart Association as a Comprehensive Care Center, the only one of its kind in Mississippi.
- Javed Butler, MBBS, MPH, MBA, Professor and Chair of the Department of Medicine is also the Patrick H. Lehan Chair for Cardiovascular Research. He is a leading authority on heart failure and is involved in multiple clinical trials and other national and international initiatives related to heart failure. Butler was identified by Clarivate's Web of Science in 2020 as being in the top one percent of highly cited researchers in clinical medicine.



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DIVISION OF DIGESTIVE DISEASES

The Division of Digestive Diseases is dedicated to advances in clinical and translational science, state-of-the-art clinical care, and the education of future leaders in digestive and liver diseases.

HIGHLIGHTS

- The Division is home to three board-certified hepatologists who work closely with the transplant teams to manage patients before, during, and after their liver transplant. UMMC has performed more than 300 transplants since the program was established in 2013.
- UMMC is the only center in Mississippi that offers EndoFLIP® (endoluminal functional lumen imaging probe), a newer, minimally invasive type of technology that can be used during upper endoscopy to measure the dimensions, movement, and pressure inside the esophagus and other organs. This technology is used by our division and in close collaboration with UMMC's Pediatric GI Division.
- The Division employs two experienced and well-trained advanced endoscopists and has the capability to perform advanced biliary direct imaging techniques that allow diagnoses not readily obtained by other methods.
- Sarah Glover, DO, Professor and Division Director, has bolstered the Division's research mission with her distinguished work in hereditary alpha tryptasemia syndrome, inflammatory bowel disease, and COVID-19 and immunity. She is assisted in caring for complicated IBD and short bowel patients by Bobby Owens, PharmD. Her translational science laboratory is run by Tanya Robinson, PhD.



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BOBBY OWENS, PHARM D
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ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

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PROFESSOR

YILIANYS PRIDE
DIVISION BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR



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ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

JOSE “PEPE” S. SUBAUSTE, MD
PROFESSOR AND FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM DIRECTOR

VIRGINIA WRIGHT, MD
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

SHEMINA RANSOM, NP

DEBRA TAYLOR, NP

TERESA CLAYTON
DIVISION BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

DIVISION OF **ENDOCRINOLOGY, METABOLISM, AND DIABETES**

The Division of Endocrinology, Metabolism, and Diabetes is committed to excellence and innovation. Our providers deliver state-of-the-art management of diabetes and obesity, thyroid, pituitary, and adrenal disorders, osteoporosis and metabolic bone disease, and all types of subspecialty endocrine disorders.



Dr. Vishnu Garla in clinic with fellows

HIGHLIGHTS

- UMMC developed the state's first endocrinologist-led subspecialty Diabetes Inpatient Consultation Service, founded by Lillian Lien, MD, Angela Subauste MD, Vishnu Garla, MD, and Shemina Ransom, NP, providing advanced management of patients with type 1, type 2, cystic fibrosis-related, and medication-induced forms of diabetes mellitus.
- The Division continues to expand subspecialty outpatient services including a Pituitary Disorders Clinic, a Metabolic Bone Diseases Clinic led by Vishnu Garla, MD, and a dedicated Thyroid Ultrasound Clinic offering fine needle aspiration biopsies of thyroid nodules, led by Virginia Wright, MD.
- The UMMC Endocrinology Fellowship Program, led by Pepe Subauste, MD, continues its tradition of excellence, including a 100 percent recruitment rate and a 100 percent pass rate for the American Board of Internal Medicine Certification Exam in Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Metabolism.
- In 2021, Lillian Lien, MD, FACP was awarded the Mississippi ACP (American College of Physicians) Laureate Award, which honors Fellows and Masters of the College who have demonstrated excellence by their example and display a commitment to outstanding medical care, education, or research and in service to their community, and to the ACP.

DIVISION OF GENERAL INTERNAL MEDICINE



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JASMINE KENCY, MD
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ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

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HA PHAN, PHARMD

KIRSTIN CAUSEY, NP

KELLY LAND, NP

MELISSA STEVENS, NP

CANDICE ADAMS
DIVISION BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

The Division of General Internal Medicine is dedicated to improving the lives of adults through excellent patient care, ground-breaking research, and professional education.



Dr. Lauren McManus and NP Kelly Land

HIGHLIGHTS

- Jimmy Stewart, MD, and Morgan McLeod, MD, serve as regular hosts of weekday radio shows on Mississippi Public Broadcasting (MPB), *The Original Southern Remedy* and *Kids and Teens*, respectively. *The Original Southern Remedy* is MPB's flagship wellness program dedicated to keeping Mississippians healthy, while *Kids and Teens* is specifically targeted to wellness in the pediatric population. Tune in live or download as a podcast.
- Mohammad I. Ullah, MD is board-certified in both Internal Medicine and Sleep Medicine. In addition to serving as a primary care physician, Ullah conducts evaluations for sleep-related disorders an area in which he is also an active researcher.
- Elizabeth Fryoux, MD and Jarrett Morgan, MD are board-certified in obesity medicine and operate a robust non-surgical weight management clinic.
- Patients with difficult-to-control hypertension are seen in the division's Hypertension Clinic. Faculty members recognized by the American Society of Hypertension as specialists in clinical hypertension are Drs. Kimberly Harkins, Zeb Henson, Jimmy Stewart, and Marion Wofford.
- The Division hosts internal medicine and medicine-pediatric resident clinics at two locations. Staffed by Division faculty, the clinics include pharmacy consultation by Deborah Minor, PharmD, Professor of Medicine, Ha Phan, PharmD, and rotating pharmacy students.

DIVISION OF GERIATRICS AND GERONTOLOGY



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ASSISTANT PROFESSOR AND
FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM DIRECTOR

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KATHARINE T. GREGG, MD
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ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

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PROFESSOR EMERITUS

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ROBBIE AND DUDLEY HUGHES DISTINGUISHED
MIND CENTER CHAIR AND DIRECTOR,
MIND CENTER

LYSSA WEATHERLY, MD
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

BEVERLY "GWEN" G. WINDHAM, MD
PROFESSOR

LYNDSEY DILL, NP

LEIGH SKIPWORTH
DIVISION BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

The Division provides comprehensive health care to older persons throughout Mississippi as well as comprehensive dementia care through the MIND Center, and is dedicated to training future leaders in geriatrics and gerontology.



Dr. Lyssa Weatherly in clinic

HIGHLIGHTS

- Mark Meeks, MD retired as Division Director after serving for 28 years in this role. Under his leadership, the Division of Geriatrics and Gerontology grew its faculty, created a fellowship program, and expanded both its outreach and research programs. Meeks is highly revered both within the medical center and throughout the state.
- Kim Tarver, MD was tapped to succeed Meeks as Division Director. With more than 20 years as a clinician educator and board certified in both Internal Medicine and Geriatrics, Tarver also serves as Director of Clinical Services for the MIND (Memory Impairment and Neurodegenerative Dementia) Center.
- Gwen Windham, MD was appointed to the Clinical Neuroscience and Neurodegeneration Study Section of NIH's Center for Scientific Review. A prolific author and active researcher, Dr. Windham is Principal Investigator of a study funded by the National Institute for Aging.
- Established and directed by Tom Mosley, PhD, the MIND Center is one of the nation's leading centers of Alzheimer's disease research, diagnosis, and treatment. Mosley continues to serve as Principal Investigator for the long-running ARIC (Atherosclerosis Risk in Communities) Study and the ARIC Neurocognitive Cognitive Study.

DIVISION OF HEMATOLOGY AND ONCOLOGY

The Division of Hematology and Oncology is dedicated to developing the next generation of academic investigators and practitioners and providing evidence-based, compassionate care to our patients.



STEPHANIE ELKINS, MD
PROFESSOR AND DIVISION DIRECTOR

CAROLYN BIGELOW, MD
PROFESSOR

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PROFESSOR

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Dr. Kelly Wilkinson evaluates a patient in clinic

HIGHLIGHTS

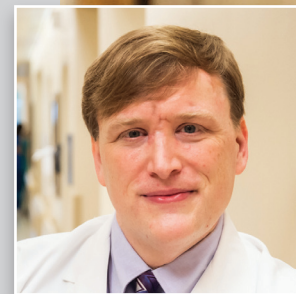
- As members of the UMMC Cancer Center and Research Institute, our physicians see approximately 2,000 new patients each year and closely follow around 6,700 patients at any one time.
- Carter Milner, MD recently assumed leadership of the Division's bone marrow transplant program. She was also responsible for securing approval for our new Chimeric Antigen Receptor (CAR) T-cell therapy program. UMMC hosts the only bone marrow transplant and CAR T-cell programs in Mississippi.
- Talal Hilal, MD serves as Transplant Section Editor for HemOnc.org, the largest, freely available medical wiki of interventions, regimens, and general information relevant to the fields of hematology and oncology.
- Although the COVID-19 pandemic forced the Division to temporarily close its clinical trials program, we recently resumed our program with 13 cooperative group studies and five industry-sponsored studies. Enrollment is now underway for our most recent Phase One clinical trial, directed by Shou-Ching Tang, MD, PhD and funded by Parexel International, LLC.

DIVISION OF HOSPITAL MEDICINE

The Division of Hospital Medicine is dedicated to excellence in delivering collaborative, compassionate, and comprehensive care to high-complexity patients and their families and by shaping the next generation of medical professionals through mentorship and education.

HIGHLIGHTS

- During the first several months of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Division of Hospital Medicine cared for all non-ICU inpatients at UMMC with the novel virus. The exceedingly high census of patients seen by the division during this time was unprecedented.
- The Division recently initiated UMMC's Procedure Service and performed more than 120 procedures in its first three months. This team is composed of Hospital Medicine faculty members and is able to perform paracenteses, lumbar punctures, central venous access, temporary hemodialysis catheter access, and arthrocentesis to any inpatient at UMMC.
- Rahat Noor, MD serves as an associate program director for the internal medicine residency program. In this role, he is a co-director of the quality improvement (QI) curriculum, which includes didactics about patient safety and QI as well as a yearly QI project by each resident.
- Fred Asher, MD and Seema McKenzie, MD serve as two of nine Physician Advisors for the UMMC health system. In this role, they work to enhance care coordination by working alongside social workers, nurse case managers, utilization review nurses, and caregivers to maximize value in quality of care.



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DIVISION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The Division of Infectious Diseases is composed of a diverse group of dedicated faculty who excel in patient care, education, and research, and are aligned in their mission of addressing health disparities and the healthcare needs of vulnerable populations.

HIGHLIGHTS

- The Division of Infectious Diseases hosts the most consulted inpatient program at UMMC, which includes two teams of general ID specialists, a COVID-19 ID service, and a transplant ID service.
- Under the direction of Ben Brock, MD, MSCI, the Adult Special Care Clinic, Mississippi's largest Ryan White-funded clinic, provides comprehensive services for more than 2,100 patients living with HIV with quality metrics for HIV care exceeding regional and national averages.
- The Infectious Diseases Division operates two additional unique ventures that join public health, healthcare, and research:
 1. Express Personal Health, which merges private industry and public health funding in an academic setting to explore novel prevention, linkage, and care delivery methods for patients at risk for sexually transmitted diseases, HIV, and chronic viral hepatitis; and
 2. CIRCLE (an acronym for Collaborative for Innovation, Research, and Clinical Engagement), which houses several ID clinical trials, including the NIH-funded Multicenter AIDS Cohort Study (MACS)/Women's Interagency HIV Study (WHS) Combined Cohort Study.
- Under the leadership of Jason Parham, MD, MPH, UMMC's Antimicrobial Stewardship Program was awarded Center of Excellence status by the Infectious Diseases Society of America for its comprehensive services engaging all areas of antimicrobial use, always under the guiding principles of pursuing best clinical practice and patient safety.



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The Division of Nephrology is dedicated to advancing our knowledge of a wide range of complex kidney diseases and kidney transplants, training the next generation of nephrologist clinicians and leaders, and providing compassionate, pioneering, advanced care for our patients.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Tariq Shafi, MBBS, MHS joined the UMMC faculty in 2018 as Director of the Nephrology Division. An active researcher and prolific author, Shafi is a member of NIH's Health Services Quality and Effectiveness Study Section and two editorial boards: *Clinical Journal of the American Society of Nephrology* and the *American Journal of Kidney Diseases*. In 2020, Shafi was elected a Fellow of the Southern Society of Clinical Investigation. He was also the recipient of the 2020 UMMC Herbert G. Langford Research Mentor Award. He is the principal investigator or co-investigator for five NIH-funded R01s focusing on patients with advanced kidney disease.
- UMMC hosts the state's only kidney transplant center, and the Division evaluates approximately 600 patients each year for kidney transplants and manages about 1,100 transplant recipients in its outpatient clinics. Pradeep Vaitla, MD serves as Medical Director for UMMC's Kidney and Pancreas Transplantation Programs.
- UMMC's Nephrology Fellowship program is the major pipeline for training nephrologists in Mississippi. Neville Dossabhoj, MD, Fellowship Program Director, has revitalized the fellowship program and increased interest in nephrology at UMMC.
- The Population Health, Research, and Innovation for Specialized Management of Kidney Diseases (PRISM-Kidney) program provides state-of-the-art care to patients with kidney disease in Mississippi. As part of this program, the Division is now offering non-radioactive glomerular filtration function (GFR) measurement for persons considering kidney donation. The procedure is included in the living donor transplant evaluation visit. Other PRISM-Kidney activities include a nephrology population health registry, continuous glucose monitoring for dialysis patients with diabetes, home blood pressure monitoring (in conjunction with UMMC's Telehealth Center) for dialysis patients, 24-hour ambulatory blood pressure monitoring, a clinical trial of nocturnal hemodialysis, and an advanced kidney disease education program designed to reduce disparities in living kidney donation. Programs in the final phases of development include two clinical trials focusing on genetic causes and treatment of kidney diseases.



Drs. Pradeep Vaitla and Clarissa Tio in the dialysis unit



DIVISION OF PULMONARY, CRITICAL CARE, & SLEEP MEDICINE

The Division provides state-of-the-art pulmonary and critical care and is dedicated to research and training future leaders in pulmonary and critical care medicine.

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*Drs. James Williams, Trey Abraham, and
Michal Senitko in the bronchoscopy suite*

HIGHLIGHTS

- Division faculty members and 12 pulmonary/critical care fellows care for approximately 2,000 ICU patients per year. The Division works closely with the Mississippi Critical Care Organization to provide advanced critical care services such as extracorporeal membrane oxygenation, critical care obstetrics, and a Pulmonary Embolus Response Team.
- The Division's Interventional Pulmonology Section, headed by Michal Senitko, MD, offers advanced minimally invasive diagnostic and therapeutic approaches to various diseases of the trachea, lung, and pleural space.
- John Spurzem, MD, MSPH serves as Director of the Adult Cystic Fibrosis Center. His research includes several clinical trials funded by both industry and the National Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Together with Joseph Majure, MD, a pediatric pulmonary specialist at UMMC, Spurzem received the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's 2020 Quality Care Award in recognition of "outstanding QI processes and accomplishments."
- The Division created a Post-ICU Recovery Clinic to accommodate patients recovering from COVID-19. This clinic is a member of the Critical and Acute Illness Recovery Organization global network and one of only 17 similar clinics across the U.S. It has since been expanded to include all non-COVID ICU recovery patients as well.



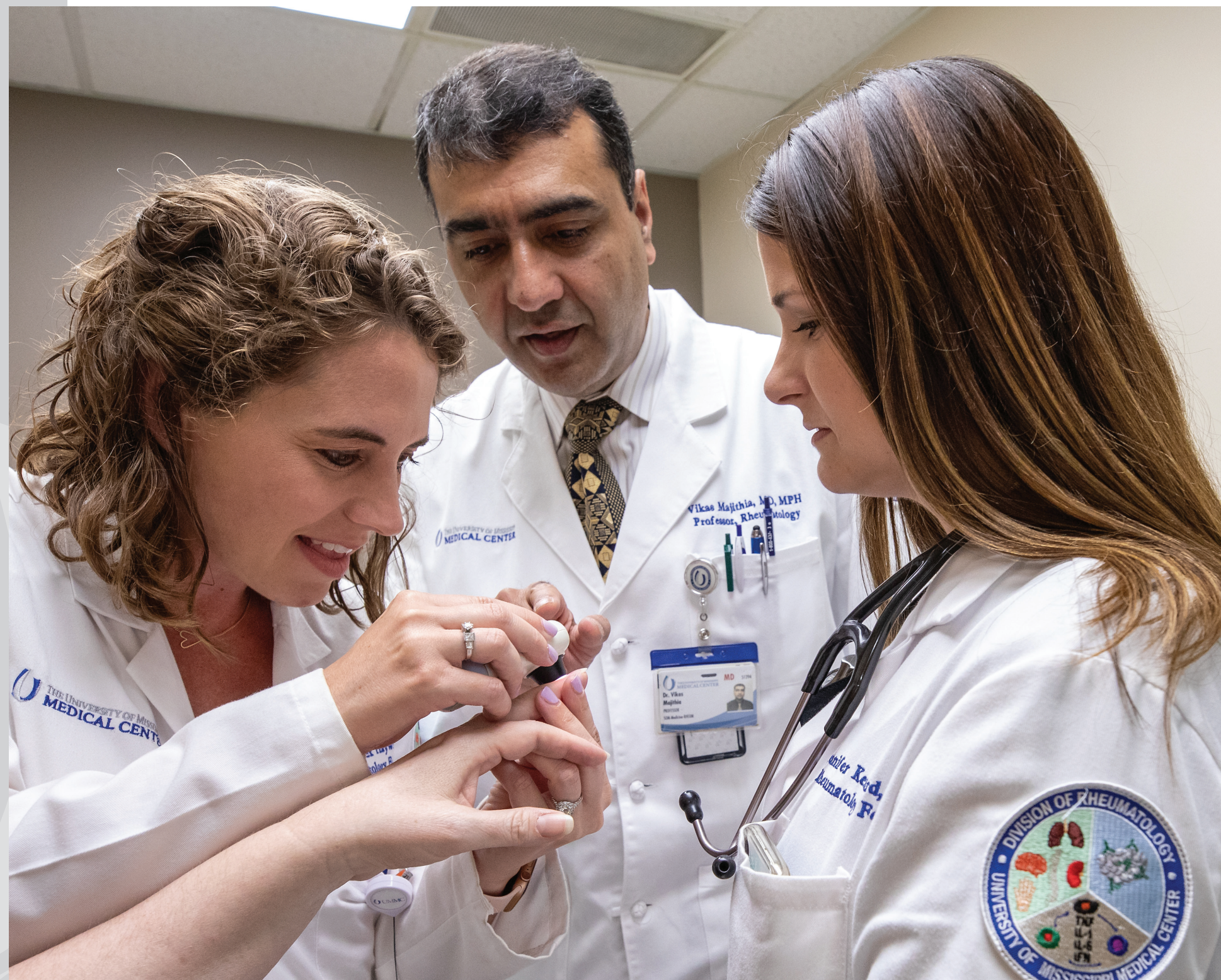
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Dr. Vikas Majithia teaching fellows in clinic

The Division is committed to improving our understanding of the nature and treatment of rheumatic disease and dedicated to training future leaders in rheumatology and molecular immunology.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Vikas Majithia, MBBS, MPH has an active research portfolio, including several industry-sponsored clinical trials and two sponsored through the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute. In addition to serving as Division Director, Majithia chairs the Department of Medicine's Promotion and Tenure Committee and is Vice Chair of Faculty Development for the Department of Medicine.
- The Division's Metabolic Bone and Osteoporosis Program provides osteoporosis care to Mississippians by supporting bone density measurement using DXA scans and administering as well as maintaining a robust service of injectable agents.
- The Division's Lupus Clinic provides care to more than 200 patients of Systemic Lupus Erythematosus, managing this complex illness in collaboration with other specialties in the institution.
- More than 60 percent of rheumatologists currently practicing in Mississippi were trained in the Division's fellowship program. Together, they formed the Mississippi Arthritis and Rheumatism Society, which meets annually to share the latest research and clinical information.



ZEB HENSON

APPOINTED ASSOCIATE CHIEF OF STAFF

Zeb Henson, MD was recently appointed UMMC's Associate Chief of Staff. A Mississippi State University graduate, Dr. Henson received his medical degree and his postgraduate training in Internal Medicine and Pediatrics at UMMC, where he also served as Chief Resident in Internal Medicine. He joined the UMMC faculty in 2009 and is now Associate Professor of Medicine and Internal Medicine/Pediatrics Residency Program Director. He also serves as Course Co-Director for "Introduction to the Medical Profession 2" and for the M3 Medicine Clerkship.

As a clinician, teacher, and mentor, Henson is respected, inspirational, well-rounded, and perfectly suited for this role. In addition to board certifications in both internal medicine and pediatrics, he also received certification in hypertension by the American Society of Hypertension. His accolades related to teaching and mentoring are numerous and include Clinical Professor of the Year, Pre-clinical Professor of the Year, AOA Faculty Teacher of the Year, Department of Medicine Teacher of the Year, and was inducted into the Evers Society Hall of Fame and Norman C. Nelson Order. He has also served on various institutional committees and task forces, including the Healthcare Compliance Management Committee, Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, Executive Committee, and the Documentation Standards and Architecture Committee, for which he serves as Co-Chair.

Henson joins Kirk Reid, MD, Medical Chief of Staff, and the rest of the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) leadership team in his new role. The CMO leadership team, led by Michael Henderson, MD, oversees the infrastructure for quality improvement at UMMC.



MYRNA ALEXANDER NICKENS

NAMED VICE CHAIR FOR DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Myrna Alexander Nickens, MD, Professor of Medicine, was named the Department of Medicine Vice Chair for Diversity and Inclusion in 2019. Mississippi's first female interventional cardiologist, Nickens has been on faculty at UMMC since 2012. Her current clinical interest lies in cardio-obstetrics focusing on high-risk cardiovascular disorders during pregnancy. She serves as President of the Women in Cardiology section of the American College of Cardiology. In her role as Vice Chair, Nickens formed a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee, which aims to foster and support a work community that allows all people to thrive and prosper.

Committee members include Monica Watkins and Drs. Amanda Clark, Jessie Harvey, Rahat Noor, Elizabeth Paine, Calvin Thigpen, Richard Wells, and Charletta Wright.

The University of Mississippi Medical Center was selected as one of six teams to participate in the AAMC pilot program *Applying Holistic Principles to Faculty Recruitment and Retention*. This program is based upon work that was conducted at Baylor College of Medicine, and is designed to identify effective strategies to both increase faculty diversity and to increase recruitment of faculty from groups that are historically underrepresented in medicine.

"I'm really excited about the work we are doing throughout the department and campus, which is exemplified through the initiatives of the DEI Committee and the Medical Center's enthusiastic embrace of the AAMC pilot program," said Nickens. ■

TELEHEALTH CENTER OF EXCELLENCE RECEIVES NEW ROUND OF FUNDING

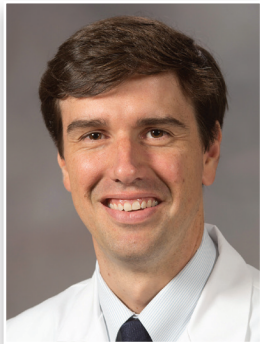
Originally named one of only two Telehealth Centers of Excellence in the U.S. in 2017, the Health Resources and Services Administration approved continuing its designation for an additional five years, starting September 30, 2021, with funding of slightly more than \$16 million.



SAURBH CHANDRA, MBBS, PHD, UMMC's Chief Telehealth Officer and an associate professor in the Division of Pulmonary, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine, noted, "Being named a Telehealth Center of Excellence is an incredibly prestigious designation. We will work to be deserving of this honor by thinking strategically about how to implement innovative telehealth programs and provide telehealth services throughout Mississippi and beyond."

Chandra summarized the mission of the UMMC Telehealth Center of Excellence (COE), saying that it was threefold. "We want to (1) serve as a platform for the development of innovative telehealth applications, (2) assess the efficacy and economy of telehealth services in the improvement of healthcare in underserved and rural populations, and (3) share expertise and resources to assist others in the effective integration of telehealth practices into rural healthcare delivery."

Several UMMC Telehealth COE programs have met with great success. **DONALD "TREY" CLARK, III, MD**, Associate Professor of Medicine in the Department of Medicine's Division of Cardiovascular Diseases, leads the Telehealth Center's Remote Patient Monitoring Program.

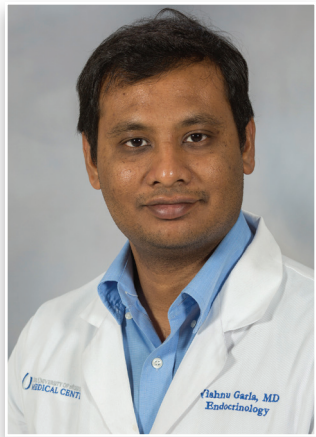


Remote patient monitoring uses digital technologies to collect medical and other forms of health data from individuals in one location and electronically transmit that information securely to healthcare providers in a different location for assessment and recommendations.

"Access to specialty care is often limited, especially to those living in rural areas," said Clark. Remote patient monitoring is a powerful tool in helping to address access to care issues, especially for chronic diseases such as diabetes and hypertension.'

Clark's article, "Digital Informed Consent in a Rural and Low-Income Population," which was published in *JAMA Cardiology* in June 2020, received special recognition for being rated in the 91st percentile for impact. Another article by Clark and colleagues demonstrating the effectiveness of remote patient monitoring, "Home Blood Pressure Telemonitoring with Remote Hypertension Management in a Rural and Low-Income Population," will be appearing in the journal, *Hypertension*.

VISHNU GARLA, MD, Associate Professor of Medicine in the Department of Medicine's Division of Endocrinology, Metabolism, and Diabetes, is working with members of the Telehealth's Center to treat patients with diabetes. Mississippi consistently has among the highest rates of diabetes (14.3%) and prediabetes (36.5%) nationally.



"Mississippians face several barriers for diabetes management," said Garla. "They often have to travel two to three hours to see a doctor, and that's often not feasible for them. The Telehealth Center's Diabetes Management Program provides patients with access to education so they can better manage their disease," he said.

With continued designation as a Telehealth COE, plans are underway for several new initiatives, according to Chandra. One initiative is to address the long-term health consequences of COVID-19 through telehealth. Often referred to as "Long Covid," this initiative will be led by **ANDY WILHELM, MD**, Director of the Department of Medicine's Division of Pulmonary, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine. The project team, which includes several faculty members from the Department of Medicine, will follow 300 COVID-19 patients discharged from University Hospital for one year. At the end of one year, clinical and economic outcomes will be assessed and analyzed.



KIM TARVER, MD, Director of the Department of Medicine's Division of Geriatrics and Gerontology, will expand the breadth and reach of a telehealth training program for caregivers of patients with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (ADRD). In 2020 alone, more than 11 million caregivers of people with Alzheimer's or other dementias provided an estimated 15.3 billion hours of unpaid care, a contribution to the nation valued at \$257 billion.

Caregiver University comprises a series of 18 educational sessions. Training is delivered over a two-week period in both live/virtual and on-demand video formats on topics ranging from diagnosis and treatment; the disease process; communication, behavior, and medication management; hands-on care delivery; community resources; legal and financial management; managing caregiver stress; and end-of-life considerations.

"We have found," said Tarver, "that completion of this course improves the quality of in-home care delivery for individuals battling ADRD, and reduces caregiver stress and associated health risks.

"The number of patients in Mississippi with Alzheimer's disease is expected to increase by 14 percent between now and 2025," Tarver continued, "so the value of offering this course only increases over time."

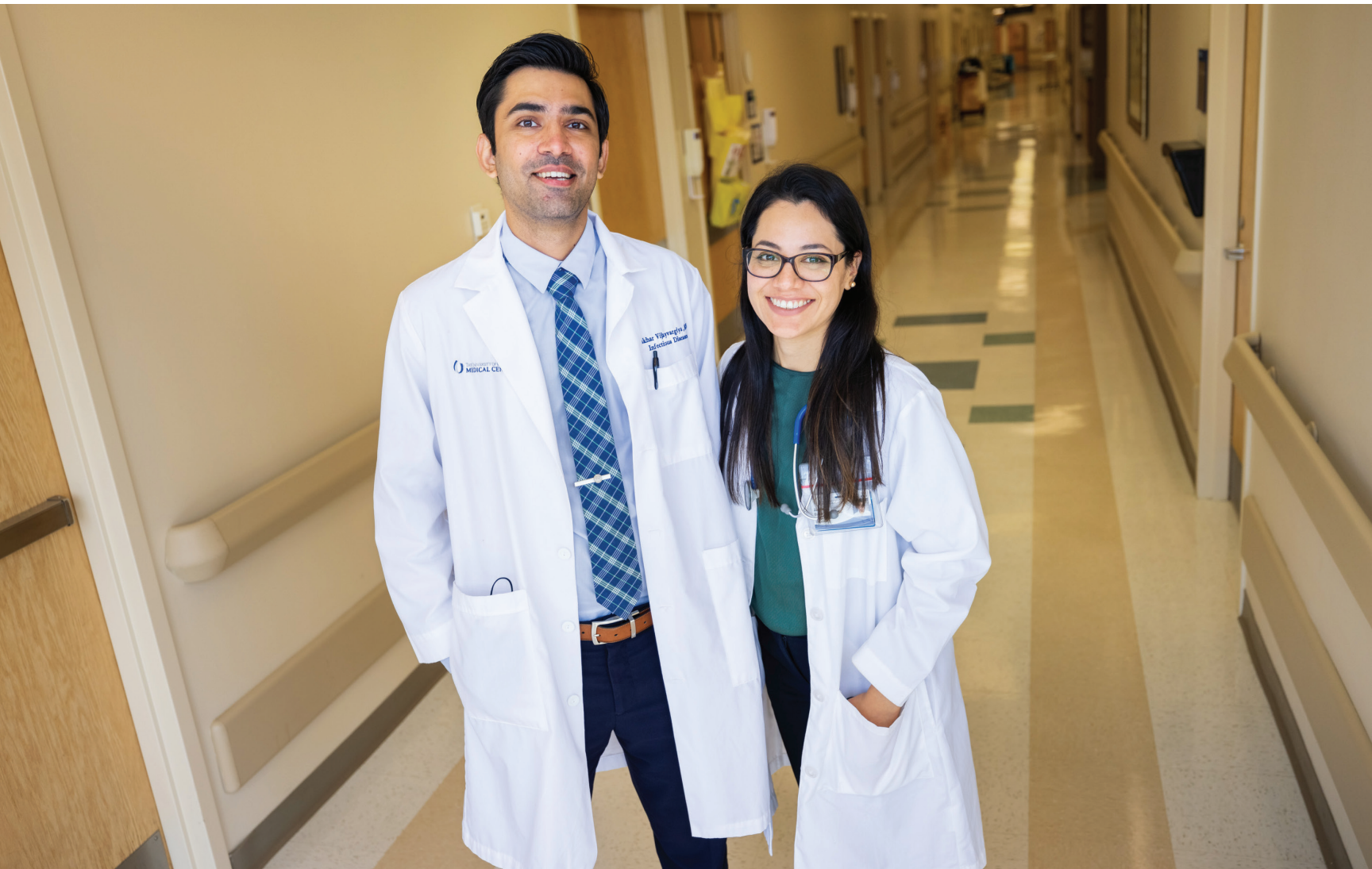
Chandra also noted that the Telehealth Center's Remote Patient Monitoring Program will be utilized for management of several chronic diseases, including COPD, congestive heart failure, adult asthma, gestational diabetes, and hypertension in chronic kidney disease. **TARIQ SHAFI, MBBS, MHA**, Director of the Department of Medicine's Nephrology Division, will lead efforts for the initiative addressing hypertension in chronic kidney disease.



After earning his medical degree from Dow Medical College in Karachi, Pakistan, Shafi completed his residency at Wayne State University in Detroit and a nephrology fellowship at Johns Hopkins Hospital. He is an NIH-funded clinician-scientist with a research focus on cardiovascular risk factors and outcomes in patients with kidney disease treated with dialysis. Shafi is also a member of the NIH Health Services Quality and Effectiveness Study Section and serves on the editorial boards of the *Clinical Journal of the American Society of Nephrology*, the *American Journal of Kidney Diseases*, and *Kidney360*.

Shafi's telehealth initiative has built a program for remote home blood pressure monitoring for patients with chronic kidney disease including those treated with dialysis. The program expects to provide home blood pressure monitoring to about 50 patients over the course of one year. This population health approach to blood pressure monitoring will be seamlessly integrated into the flow of clinical care with regular reports integrated to the Epic electronic medical record. The project will evaluate the feasibility of broader expansion of blood pressure monitoring in this patient population and also assess clinical outcomes, cost effectiveness, patient satisfaction, and provider satisfaction.

Shafi's clinical research programs also include biomarker studies using large specimen banks to understand the mechanisms of symptoms experienced by patients with kidney failure, a study to understand the cardiac arrhythmias contributing to sudden death in patients on dialysis, and a recently funded collaborative trial (with Duke University) designed to improve living kidney transplantation before dialysis initiation and reduce disparities in this area.



Drs. Vijayvargiya and Garrigos

HUSBAND-AND-WIFE TEAM ESTABLISH UMMC’S TRANSPLANT INFECTIOUS DISEASES PROGRAM

Zerelda Esquer Garrigos, MD and Prakhar Vijayvargiya, MBBS recently joined the faculty in the Department of Medicine’s Division of Infectious Diseases with a specific charge: establish UMMC’s Transplant Infectious Diseases Program. Their paths to Mississippi were both circuitous in nature and international in scope.

Garrigos was raised in Mexico and earned her MD from the Universidad Autonoma De San Luis Potosi Facultad De Medicina in 2010. She completed her residency at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York and a fellowship in general infectious diseases and transplant infectious diseases at Mayo Clinic in Rochester.

Vijayvargiya was raised in Pachore, India and earned his MBBS degree from Grant Medical College in Mumbai. He completed his residency at the University of Miami Palm Beach Campus and a fellowship in general infectious diseases and transplant infectious diseases at Mayo Clinic in Rochester—where he and Garrigos met.

Their interests and expertise in transplant infectious diseases aligned with the planned initiatives of UMMC’s administration, including Jason Parham, MD, Director of the Division of Infectious Diseases. “Recruiting faculty to start a comprehensive transplant ID program has been on my wish list for a while,” said Parham. “It was clear from our first interview that Drs. Garrigos and Vijayvargiya were two exceptionally well-trained and motivated physicians, and that they were the right team to build this program.”

HIV-positive patients frequently experience organ failure and, historically, they were not seen as good candidates for kidney transplants. Over time, however, HIV-positive transplantation surgery was found to be safe and effective.

Mississippi has a relatively large population of residents who are infected with HIV: it has the nation’s 8th highest rate of HIV diagnoses among all adults and the 6th highest rate of AIDS diagnoses. UMMC’s Adult Special Care Clinic, which specializes in HIV care provided through the Division of Infectious Diseases, serves more than 2,100 patients.

With the arrival of Garrigos and Vijayvargiya, Mississippians with HIV who also have kidney failure will no longer need to travel out of state to get a kidney transplant. They will work closely with UMMC’s transplant team to manage the care of their transplant patients.

Garrigos and Vijayvargiya are specifically trained to monitor drug therapy for patients living with HIV and manage any infections they might have before and after the transplant surgery. “We make sure that each patient’s immune system will tolerate the anti-rejection drug therapy they would receive after a transplant,” said Garrigos. “We perform a thorough evaluation of patients’ previous infections and evaluate their risk.”

Vijayvargiya is pleased with the journey that led him and Garrigos to UMMC to establish the Transplant Infectious Diseases Program. “It’s a unique opportunity to start something from scratch, and to design a program the way we want it to be,” he said. “We really like the transplant team, and the ID team here is incredibly supportive.”

UMMC ACCREDITED AS ADULT CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE COMPREHENSIVE CARE CENTER



Dr. Michael McMullan in clinic

UMMC received accreditation from the Adult Congenital Heart Association as one of only 40 Comprehensive Care Centers in the nation.

Requirements for certification are stringent. Comprehensive Care Centers must include on their staff a minimum of two adult congenital heart disease (ACHD)-certified cardiologists, board-certified or board-eligible in either pediatric or internal medicine cardiology. They also must have a cardiothoracic surgery and cardiothoracic intensive care unit led by an ACHD-certified surgical director who is board-certified as a congenital heart surgeon by the American Board of Thoracic Surgery.

Other requirements include having access to heart failure and heart transplant programs; offering interventional cardiac catheterization and interventional electrophysiology; and offering inpatient, outpatient and transitional services, patient-centered care and psychology and social work services.

Comprehensive Care Centers also must offer cardiac MRI, cardiac computed tomography, pulmonary arterial hypertension services, exercise testing and cardiac rehabilitation, and reproductive services.

Congenital heart disease is the most common birth defect in the U.S. and is diagnosed in close to one percent of all births—about 40,000 per year. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that approximately 2.4 million children and adults in the U.S. are living with congenital heart disease.

Drs. Lance Majors and Brett Jeter are two of the physicians that staff the Procedure Service



HOSPITAL MEDICINE'S PROCEDURE SERVICE FILLS A NEED ACROSS CAMPUS

The Procedure Service was started in 2019 with four Hospital Medicine faculty and 1-2 rotating internal medicine residents. In its first three months, more than 120 procedures were performed in the hospital. Lance Majors, MD, Assistant Professor, serves as Director; Pradeep Bathina, MD, Brett Jeter, MD and Zack Knott, MD also staff the service. The goals of the service are to provide excellence in patient safety and quality of inpatient procedures, improve patient care by streamlining procedure availability, and decrease unnecessary length of stay from delayed procedures for hospitalized patients. In a review of length-of-stay data related to procedure team interventions, the average hospital length of stay for a patient was 10.5 days for a paracentesis and 24 days for a lumbar puncture when performed by the Procedure Team compared to 20.3 days for a paracentesis and 27.5 days for a LP when performed by other hospital services.

The service is available from Monday-Friday 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM to any hospitalized patient. Procedures performed include paracentesis, lumbar puncture, central venous access, temporary hemodialysis catheters, and arthrocentesis.



Dr. Kellan Ashley in clinic

UMMC RECEIVES ACCREDITATION FOR TRANSCATHETER AORTIC VALVE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

Kellan Ashley, MD, Associate Professor in the Department of Medicine's Division of Cardiovascular Diseases, reported that UMMC recently received accreditation from the American College of Cardiology for its Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement (TAVR) Program.

Patients who have severe, symptomatic aortic stenosis and wish to avoid traditional open heart surgery might be candidates for TAVR. TAVR is a less invasive procedure that typically allows a new valve to be inserted into the diseased aortic valve through a catheter placed in the groin. It is less complicated than open heart surgery and is especially suitable for older patients with chronic diseases.

Ashley, who directs UMMC's Structural Heart Program, works with a dedicated TAVR team consisting of cardiologists, cardiothoracic surgeons, echocardiographers,

anesthesiologists, nurse practitioners, nurse coordinators and members of the surgical and cardiac catheterization lab staff.

"We enjoy a high level of collaboration among the TAVR team," said Ashley. "As a result," she continued, "We keep improving our procedures and the experiences of our patients. When we first started doing TAVR several years ago, patients went to the ICU and had several days' stay in the hospital. It was better than open heart surgery, but today we take a minimalist approach. Patients generally can go home one day after the procedure."

Ashley, an interventional cardiologist, earned her medical degree and completed her residency at UMMC. She then went to Cleveland Clinic Foundation where she completed a fellowship in cardiovascular medicine and an advanced fellowship in interventional cardiology. She joined the faculty at UMMC in 2018.



Dr. Keith Mansel

PALLIATIVE AND SUPPORTIVE CARE SERVICES BRING HEALING TO UMMC PATIENTS

November is National Hospice and Palliative Care Month. The purpose of the Senate's 2021 bipartisan resolution, endorsed by the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, is to honor the work and dedication of long-term and palliative care providers and the critical services they provide to families and their loved ones facing serious illnesses.

Each year, according to the World Health Organization, an estimated 40 million people are in need of palliative care, but only about 14 percent of them receive it.

The Department of Medicine established its Adult Palliative and Supportive Care Service Line in 2016. Headed by J. Keith Mansel, MD, Professor of Medicine, the service line currently operates an inpatient consult service and is most frequently asked to help with goals of care, facilitating family meetings, and guiding patients with decisions surrounding serious illness.

Mansel, a pulmonary and critical care physician, decided to return to training at the age of 58 for a palliative care

fellowship at Mayo Clinic, where he originally trained after completing medical school at UMMC. Afterwards, he remained on staff for four years before being recruited to his home state of Mississippi to lead the Palliative and Supportive Care Service Line. "At age 63, I had to consider if I wanted to start something new," he said. "But my wife and I love Mississippi, and it's a chance to give something back."

Mansel is the director of the fellowship program in Hospice and Palliative Medicine. The one-year training program provides inter-professional learning opportunities, clinical experience, didactic instruction, and intensive communication skills training and practice. Four fellows have trained in the program since 2018.

Working side-by-side with Mansel are Brooke Banks, NP and Carole Ward, RN. Ward, who has worked with Mansel for more than five years, said, "I enjoy working with this team to help our patients and families better understand their illness and make wise decisions."





Drs. Craig Long and Brandon Lennep in clinic

BRANDON LENNEP DIRECTING UMMC'S CARDIO-ONCOLOGY CLINIC

Brandon Lennep, MD, Assistant Professor in the Department of Medicine's Division of Cardiovascular Diseases, has been named to direct UMMC's Cardio-Oncology Clinic, located within the Cancer Center and Research Institute at its Jackson Medical Mall outpatient facilities.

Developments in cancer treatment and care have dramatically improved survival for cancer patients, allowing them to live longer, fuller lives. However, just as these treatments can damage and kill cancer cells, they can also damage other parts of the body, including the heart. Cardio-oncology is an emerging field in cardiovascular medicine, developed in response to the growing need for clinicians with expertise in both cancer and cardiology.

Cardio-oncology focuses on the detection, monitoring, and treatment of cardiovascular disease occurring as a side effect of chemotherapy and radiotherapy. Both cancer treatment modalities can cause cardiac dysfunction, a major cause of morbidity and mortality in the oncologic population.

Lennep completed two fellowships at UMMC: one in cardiovascular diseases, and another in advanced heart failure and transplant cardiology. He also spent additional training time in cardio-oncology clinic at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis.

"I've been very pleased with the recent growth of our clinic," said Lennep. "The collaboration between our Cardiology and Hematology/Oncology divisions

allows us to deliver high-quality cardiovascular care in a setting that promotes open communication among doctors and reduces stress on a heavily-burdened patient population."

Stephanie Elkins, MD, Director of the Department of Medicine's Division of Hematology and Oncology, agrees. "We are delighted to have this service to offer to our patients," she said. "It allows us to evaluate and intervene, hopefully, before any cardiac toxicity can occur from our medications."

Lennep is gratified by the strides being made in the cardio-oncology clinic. "It's been rewarding to see our patients with heart disease receiving the best possible cancer treatments, and even more rewarding to hear those patients express their thanks for what we are doing," he said.

Dr. Michal Senitko in the bronchoscopy suite



INTERVENTIONAL PULMONOLOGY OFFERS MINIMALLY INVASIVE PROCEDURES FOR BOTH DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT

Michal Senitko, MD, Assistant Professor of Medicine and Surgery and Chief of the Department of Medicine's Interventional Pulmonology (IP) Section, is building a team that focuses on minimally invasive diagnostic and treatment methods for patients with lung disease. He is serving as the Section's inaugural chief with a team that includes George E. "Trey" Abraham III, MD, Professor of Medicine; advanced bronchoscopist Yang Guo, MD, Co-director of UMMC's Lung Cancer Program; Jonathan Hontzas, NP; and Carol R. Bartley, RN.

Senitko first performed an endoscopic lung volume reduction procedure in September 2020, the first in the state since FDA approval in 2018. Lung volume reduction is one of a growing number of novel procedures performed by Senitko and his team. They also are using a novel approach to the biopsy of peripheral lung nodules that uses an adjunctive imaging modality added to navigational bronchoscopy, which allows them to confirm instrument location within the lesion in question. Senitko also has expertise in the management of central airway obstruction; the ability to select from several therapeutic approaches helps the team serve as Mississippi's main referral center for lung disease.

Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer-related deaths in Mississippi, and the IP Section plans to continue introducing new technologies that focus on shortening the 'nodule-to-diagnosis' time and endoscopic treatment. "One of our other top priorities is to offer an endoscopic lung volume reduction treatment option for patients with advanced COPD" said Senitko.

Senitko joined the UMMC faculty in 2016. Born in Slovakia, he graduated from First Faculty of Medicine, Charles University Prague, Czech Republic in 2006. After completing his internal medicine residency and pulmonary and critical care fellowship at UMMC, he completed an interventional pulmonology fellowship at Yale University. Senitko serves as co-director of the UMMC Cancer Center and Research Institute's Lung Cancer Screening Program. He is a diplomate of the American Association of Bronchology and Interventional Pulmonology, serving as its southern chapter representative, and a member of the American Thoracic Society's Clinical Advisory Committee.

DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE

EDUCATION



Dr. Calvin Thigpen

The Department of Medicine has a rich history in education and has paved the way in this mission throughout campus.



**BEST
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ON CAMPUS**
19 of the past **20 YEARS**
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ALL-STAR ATTENDINGS
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CLINICAL
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THE YEAR

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TEACHING AWARDS

MEDICAL SCHOOL COURSES TAUGHT BY DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE FACULTY

REQUIRED COURSES

IMP 1: Introduction to the Medical Profession I
Course Director: Savannah Duckworth, MD
Course Co-Director: Jarrett Morgan, MD

CONJ 621: IMP 2: Introduction to the Medical Profession II
Course Co-Directors: Zeb Henson, MD and Lyssa Weatherly, MD

MED 631: Medicine Clerkship
Course Co-Directors: Zeb Henson, MD and Michelle Horn, MD

MED 651: Medicine Sub-Internship
Course Director: Michelle Horn, MD

CONJ 670: Transition to Residency
Course Director: Michelle Horn, MD

ELECTIVE COURSES

MED 633: Clinical Endocrinology
Course Director: Jose Subauste, MD

MED 657: Infectious Diseases
Course Director: Prakhar Vijayvargiya, MD

**MED 634: Outpatient Care
of the Geriatric Patient**
Course Director: Scott Gibson, MD

**MED 659: Pulmonary Diseases/
Critical Care Medicine**
Course Director: Jessie Harvey, MD

MED 635: Hematology/Oncology
Course Director: Robert Hamilton, MD

MED 660: Nephrology
Course Director: Neville Dossabhoy, MD

MED 636: Infectious Disease
Course Director: Svenja Albrecht, MD

MED 661: Geriatrics/Gerontology
Course Director: Scott Gibson, MD

MED 637: Pulmonary Medicine
Course Director: Jessie Harvey, MD

**MED 663: Ambulatory Medicine in the
Amazon Jungles of Peru**
Course Director: Svenja Albrecht, MD

MED 638: Rheumatology
Course Director: Day Lennep, MD

MED 667: Medical Consult Service
Course Director: Brett Jeter, MD

**MED 640: Ambulatory
Internal Medicine Clerkship**
Course Director: Savannah Duckworth, MD

MED 668: Rheumatology
Course Director: Day Lennep, MD

MED 641: Cardiology
Course Director: Douglas Wolfe, MD

MED 670: Medical Oncology
Course Director: Robert Hamilton, MD

MED 652: Ambulatory Medicine
Course Director: Michelle Horn, MD

MED 673: Rural Internal Medicine Practice
Course Director: Michelle Horn, MD

MED 653: Special Medicine
Course Director: Michelle Horn, MD

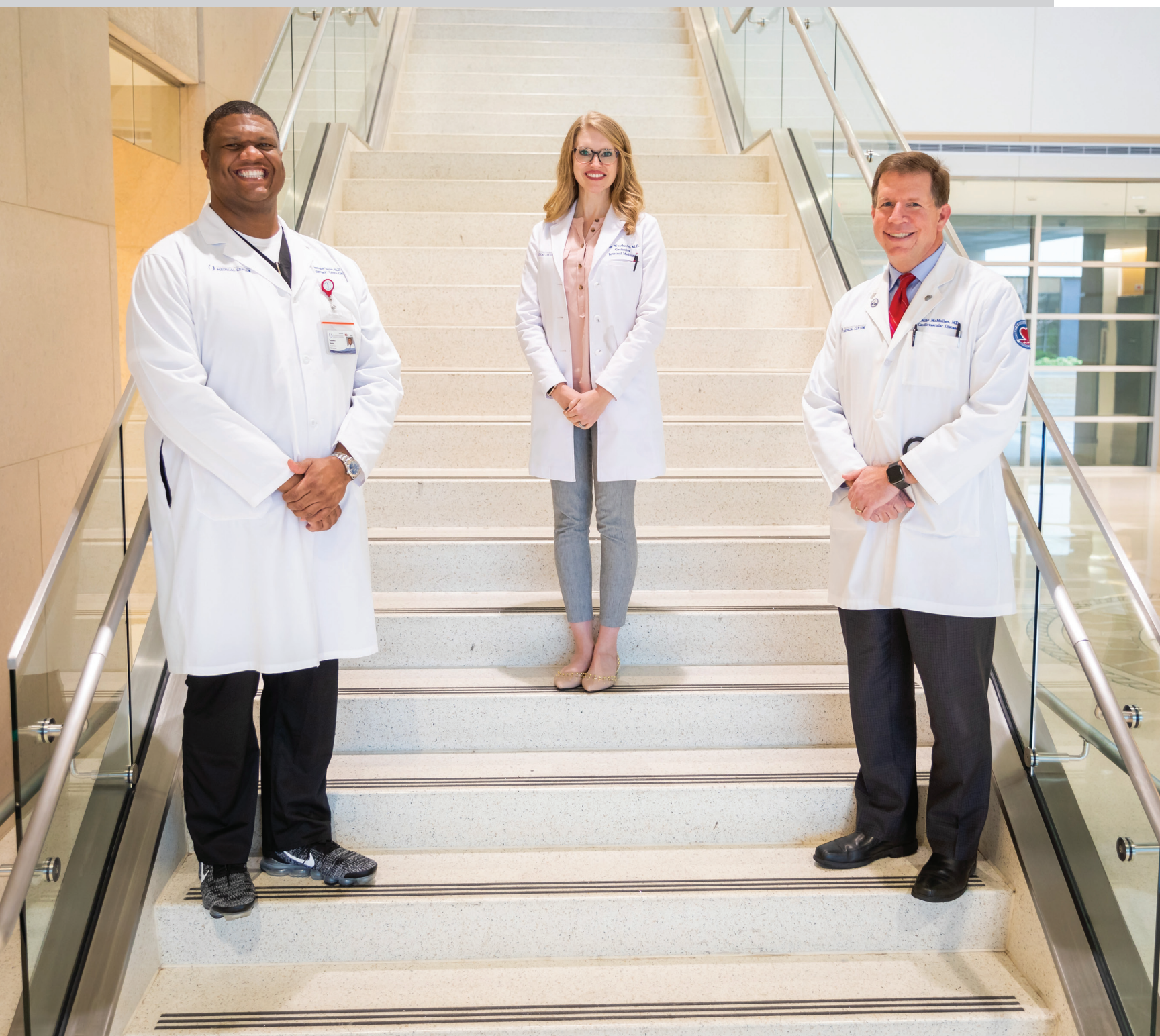
MED 674: Hospital Medicine
Course Director: Brett Jeter, MD

MED 654: Cardiology
Course Director: Brandon Lennep, MD

MED 675: Interventional Cardiology
Course Director: Kellan Ashley, MD

MED 655: Gastroenterology
Course Director: Pegah Hosseini-Carroll, MD

PAVING THE WAY: NEW LEADERS IN THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE



DEMONDES HAYNES, MD, Professor in the Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care, was named Associate Dean of Medical School Admissions in 2019. He has served in the past as both Executive Vice Chair for the Department of Medicine and Fellowship Program Director for Pulmonary and Critical Care. Haynes has been awarded numerous accolades, including Intern of the Year, Fellow of the Year, All-Star Clinician, AOA Resident of the Year, Teacher of the Year and, most recently, M2 Clinical Professor of the Year in 2021. In his current role, he focuses on broadening outreach and increasing diversity within each medical school class. One such initiative is an early assurance program for students underrepresented in medicine – the PROMISE program. PROMISE (Promoting Recruitment Opportunities in Medicine with Individual Study Experiences) aids students through the admission process, outlines requirements for acceptance, and provides prep work for the MCAT. PROMISE is just one of the innovations that Haynes and his staff in admissions have created. They also offer numerous webinars and outreach programs to pre-medical students to help them better understand and be better prepared for the medical school admissions process. Haynes spends a significant amount of time providing individual counseling services to students to help them create their individual plans and paths to medical school.

MICHAEL R. MCMULLAN, MD, Professor in the Division of Cardiology, was named Associate Dean for Student Affairs for the School of Medicine in 2020. He also serves as Division Director of Cardiovascular Diseases and Director of the Cardiovascular Service Line, and in the past has served as Director of the state’s only Adult Congenital Heart Program. McMullan has received numerous teaching accolades, including the Carl G. Evers Hall of Fame and Normal C. Nelson Order induction, Clinical Professor of the Year, Department of Medicine Teacher of the Year, and the Trailblazer Teaching Award. In his role as Associate Dean for Student Affairs, McMullan, along with Dr. Weatherly, works with more than 650 medical students annually, guiding them through everything from orientation and the White Coat Ceremony at the beginning of medical school, to preparation for the Match, and finally to the Long Coat Ceremony the evening before their graduation from medical school.



LYSSA WEATHERLY, MD, Assistant Professor in the Division of Geriatrics, was named Assistant Dean of Student Affairs for the School of Medicine in 2019. She serves as an associate program director in the internal medicine residency program with particular interest in medical student and resident education and mentorship. Weatherly also serves as Course Co-director for the M2 Introduction to the Medical Profession and the M3 Bootcamp Transition to Clinical Medicine courses as well the UMMC chapter advisor for the Gold Humanism Honor Society. Weatherly has received numerous accolades, including Intern of the Year, Resident of the Year, Fellow of the Year, Clinical Professor of the Year, Department of Medicine Teacher of the Year, and induction into the Carl G. Evers Hall of Fame and Norman C. Nelson Order. In her role as Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, Weatherly works alongside the Office of Student Affairs to foster an environment that promotes academic success and medical student development. She focuses on student counseling, advising, wellness initiatives, and the smooth transition from classroom to clinical education.



JIMMY STEWART SERVING AS SITE PI OF \$1.8 MILLION AMA GRANT AIMED AT REIMAGINING RESIDENCY PROGRAMS

Jimmy Stewart, MD, Professor in the divisions of both General Internal Medicine and Pediatrics, was named Associate Dean of Graduate Medical Education in 2017. In this role, Dr. Stewart serves as the Designated Institutional Officer (DIO) and oversees all resident and fellow training programs at UMMC. Currently, the institution trains 670 residents and fellows in 64 programs throughout campus. The DIO is responsible for assuring compliance with Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) Institutional, Common, and specialty-specific program requirements and other applicable professional, educational, accreditation, and regulatory standards.

Stewart serves as Co-Investigator of an American Medical Association (AMA) grant to transform the way future physicians are trained. UMMC was awarded this grant, entitled The GOL2D Project (Goals of Life and Learning Delineated): Collaboration Across Academic Health Systems to Better Align GME with Learner, Patient, and Societal Needs, in partnership with Vanderbilt University Medical Center. The AMA is providing \$1.8 million over five years to fund each of the eleven innovation projects that were selected to promote systemic change in residency training.

CALVIN THIGPEN SELECTED TO LEAD DEPARTMENT'S EDUCATION EFFORTS

S. Calvin Thigpen, MD, Associate Professor in the Division of General Internal Medicine, was named Vice Chair of Education for the Department of Medicine in 2021. A Rhodes Scholar, Thigpen completed medical school, residency, chief residency and a hematology/oncology fellowship at UMMC. He also serves as Director for the Internal Medicine Residency Program. He is the immediate Past-President of the Mississippi American College of Physicians, which received Chapter Excellence Awards under his tenure. He is the recipient of multiple accolades, including Resident of Year, Fellow of the Year, Nelson C. Order, Evers Hall of Fame, Clinical Professor of the Year, Trailblazer Teaching Award, Department of Medicine Teacher of the Year, and AOA Teacher of the Year. In his role as Vice Chair of Education, Thigpen oversees all education programs within the Department, which includes two residency programs, 14 fellowship programs, the third-year medical student clerkship, fourth-year medical student sub-internship, and 26 additional medical school courses.



JUST LIKE DR. COURTNEY

“Momma, I’m hungry,” I said as we sat on the cold hard bunk bed early one morning. “We have to wait until they tell us to eat,” my mother replied. “Now, hold your sister, and tell her to stop crying.” Luckily, my sister was too young to comprehend homelessness. I guess some would consider that Ground Zero, leaving nowhere else to go but up.

Growing up in East Atlanta in a single-parent home, I learned the true meaning of hard work and sacrifice needed to survive. My mom always instilled in me that whatever I put my mind to, I could achieve. Whenever anyone asked what I wanted to be when I grew up, my eyes would light up, and a giant grin would come across my face as I’d reply, “a doctor.”

My childhood dream of becoming a physician to help heal others was something I held on to despite the hurdles I faced. Coming from Atlanta, Georgia to Mississippi was a considerable adjustment with a slower pace. I attended Alcorn State University on a full band scholarship as I believed that I would be a professional flutist in addition to becoming a doctor.

While attending Alcorn, I was asked by an advisor what my plans were after college. Emphatically I said I was going to be a physician. He took one look at me and said, “Have you considered an alternative?”

Stunned into silence, I sat there looking at him with a blank stare. I had never had a teacher or an advisor tell me that I should consider another career. I explained that there were no other options because I didn’t see myself doing anything else. That moment still sticks with me as a reminder that despite what others may think, as long as I believe in myself, that is what counts.

I want to say that the fairy tale of getting into medical school right after college came true, but that was not the case. After failing the MCAT, I enrolled in Mississippi College’s Master of Medical Science program, where I learned that I was far more capable than I previously believed.

Third time’s a charm

I retook the MCAT, applied to UMMC, but was not accepted. I was working at Target as a cashier to try and make ends meet. One day as I was receiving the items across the conveyor belt, I saw that my customer was the then Dean of Admissions for UMMC Medical School. Immediately, I said excitedly, “I know you probably don’t remember me, but I’m reapplying to medical school this year.” Startled, she said, “That is wonderful, I am so glad you are not giving up.”

I retook the MCAT, and this time I was ready. I look back at that time and remember studying my MCAT prep book constantly, even while walking my dog. My MCAT score was high enough not only for admission but to qualify for a full academic scholarship!

Residency Humbles You

I chose Internal Medicine and Pediatrics as my specialty. I loved the idea of being able to take care of anyone at any age—the feeling of wanting to “do it all” in Medicine.

Residency was a trying and humbling time, with the long hours, extensive information one learns, and battling fatigue. Not to mention getting married, having a child, and being a trainee through a pandemic.

But when I reflect on residency, the times that helped me move on were the smallest moments. You know, the ones no one is ever around to witness. For example, I was in the pediatric ER doing a shift when an African-American seven-year-old female came in. After workup, education, and discharge instructions, she beams up and looks at me. Thinking she was just happy that I told her they could leave, her mom looks at her and says, “Go ahead and tell her.”

The young girl looks at me and says, “I didn’t know we could be doctors. Will you be my doctor?” I looked at her as tears welled in my eyes. I couldn’t help but think of myself as a child. Some weeks later, she had a follow-up appointment in my clinic. Her mom explained that she had been so excited to see me and going around telling everyone that she, too, will be a doctor one day, just like Dr. Courtney. ■



SHARON DOUGLAS CELEBRATES 35 YEARS IN EDUCATION



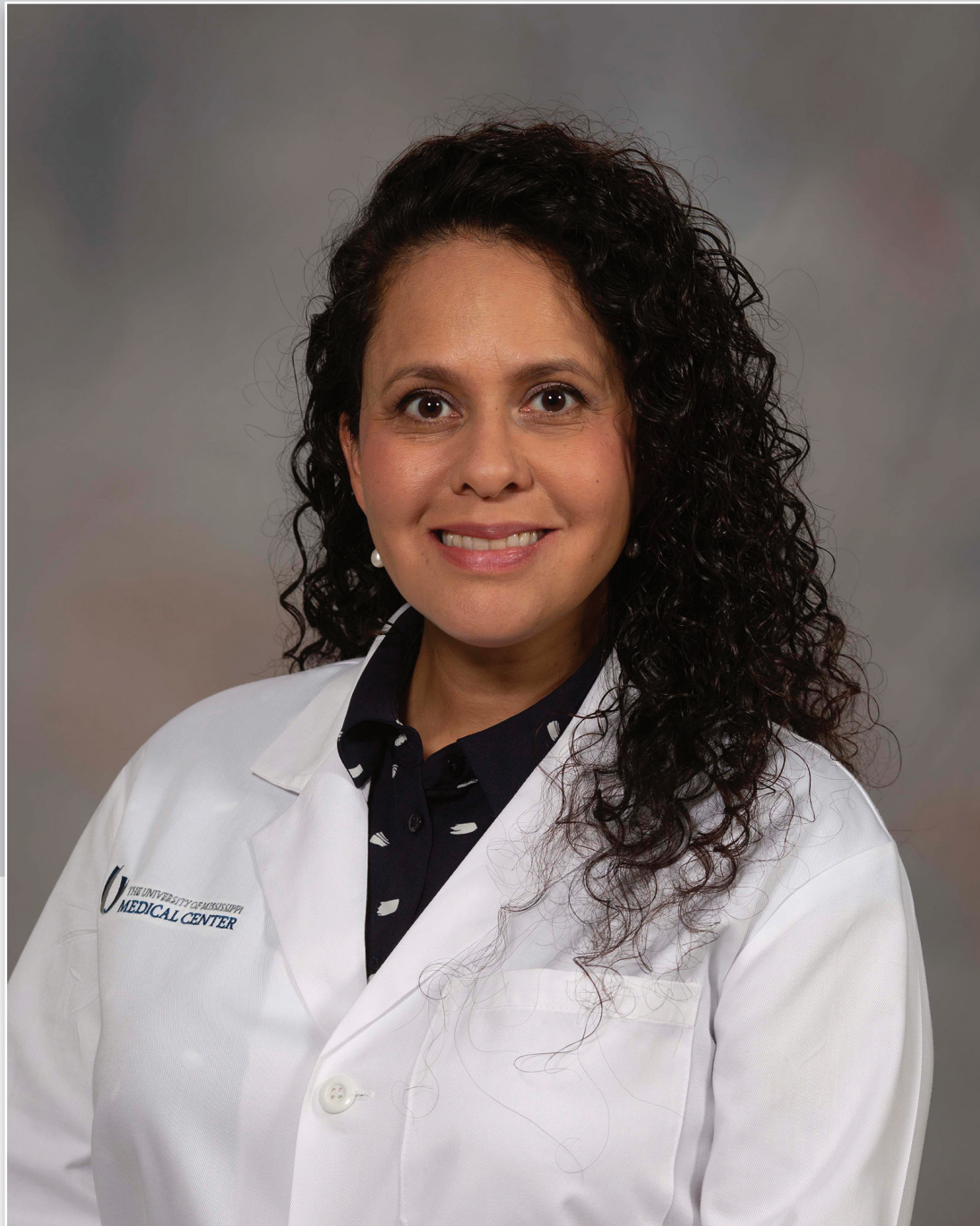
Sharon Douglas, MD, Professor of Medicine and Associate Dean for Education at the G.V. (Sonny) Montgomery VA Medical Center, recently celebrated her 35th anniversary at UMMC. Douglas clinically practices pulmonology at the VA and is heavily involved in medical student education at UMMC. In her education role, she advises medical students about the residency match process, meets twice monthly with the Deans' Group, and addresses all educational issues related to the VA. She also writes Medical Student Performance Evaluations for the Office of Medical Education, which are required letters for residency.

Douglas also has a strong interest in ethics, having earned certification in healthcare ethics from the University of Washington in 1998. She is a core faculty member of the Center for Bioethics and Medical Humanities at UMMC, Associate Chief of Staff for Education and Ethics at the VA, and a former member of the Veterans Health Administration National Ethics Committee. The VA has recognized Douglas' work with a number of awards, including the 1998 Chief of Staff Award, the 2005 VA Secretary's Hero Award for her work in disaster response following Hurricane Katrina, and the 2009 William A. Nelson Award for Excellence in VHA Healthcare Ethics. Douglas has been selected as a School of Medicine All-Star Teacher three times, AOA Teacher of the Year in 2010, and Keynote Speaker for both the Long Coat and White Coat Ceremonies in recent years.



SAVANNAH DUCKWORTH NAMED INAUGURAL TRAILBLAZER OF THE YEAR

Savannah Duckworth, MD, Assistant Professor in General Internal Medicine, received the 2021 Trailblazer of the Year Award in the School of Medicine. The Trailblazer Teaching Awards are given each year by the Office of Medical Education to celebrate faculty who have shown dedication to excellence and innovation in undergraduate medical education. This award is the only one in the School of Medicine in which a faculty member is recognized for outstanding performance by his or her peers. In 2021, faculty members also placed nominations for the inaugural Trailblazer of the Year award to represent the "best of the best." Duckworth completed medical school and internal medicine residency at UMMC. She serves as Course Director for the Introduction to the Medical Profession I course and M3 Ambulatory Elective in Internal Medicine. Duckworth is also the medical director of the Judith G. Gearhart Clinical Skills Assessment Center, which provides a setting for medical students to practice and be given feedback in communication and clinical skills using a realistic clinical environment and standardized patients.



CHRISTINA WALLACE: RECORD SETTER FOR MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS



*Wallace's mother, Barbara Willis, made a traditional Choctaw dress to help celebrate her daughter's graduation from medical school.
(Photo courtesy of Wes Wallace)*

Christina Wallace, MD must be getting used to setting records for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians. In 2019, Wallace was the first member of her tribe to earn her medical degree from UMMC. Now in her third year of residency, Wallace is in line to also become the tribe's first internal medicine physician.

With more than 11,000 members, the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians is the only federally-recognized American Indian tribe living within the state of Mississippi. Its lands cover more than 35,000 acres in ten different Mississippi counties.

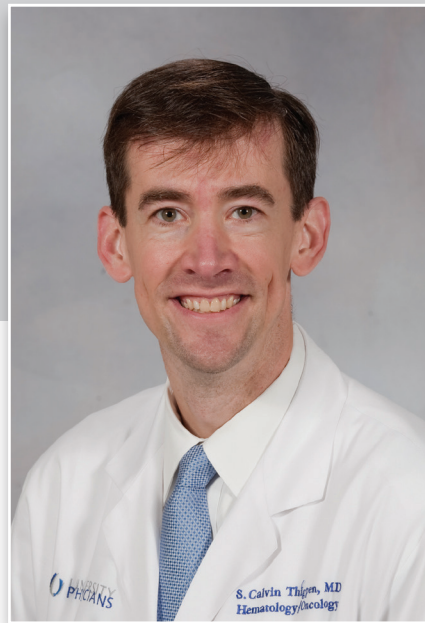
American Indians and Alaska Natives represent less than one-half of one percent of the nation's physician workforce. Of the estimated 5.2 million American Indians and Alaska Natives in the U.S., only about 3,400 are physicians.

Wallace's interest in medicine started at a young age. Her grandfather was a "traditional healer," and her mother was a nurse at the G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Jackson.

Married with two children, Wallace earned her undergraduate degree in chemistry from the University of Mississippi. Prior to applying to medical school, Wallace worked for the Mississippi State Department of Health in the biomonitoring and chemical terrorism section of its Public Health Laboratory. She also worked as a patient liaison for the Choctaw Health Center in Neshoba County.

Those experiences only strengthened her desire to become a primary care physician. "I plan to practice in Mississippi and stress to my patients the importance of preventive care," said Wallace. "At some point, I want to give back to my community."

Wallace will undoubtedly add tremendous value to her community. When describing her attributes, Michelle Horn, Associate Professor of Medicine and Director of the Department of Medicine's Division of General Internal Medicine, said, "[Wallace] has an innate ability to make patients and their families feel at ease and is able to explain things to them in such an easy-to-understand manner. Even for physicians it's sometimes difficult to achieve this skill, but with Christina, it's a part of her nature, and patients certainly respond to that and to her."



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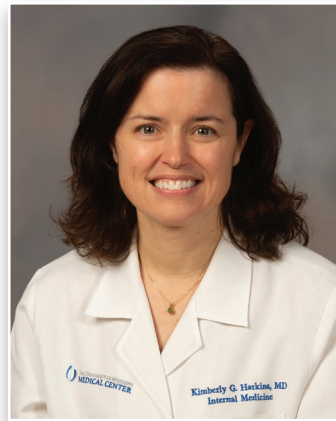
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Drs. Ashley Villarreal, Austin Burkenstock, Anna Owings, and Caleb Stanfield



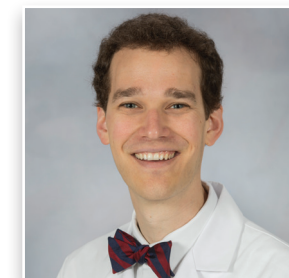
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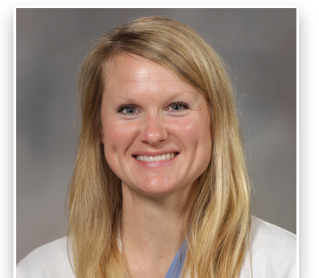
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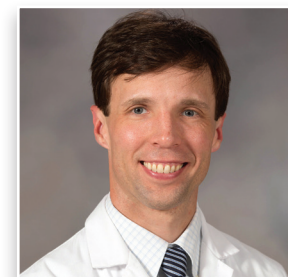
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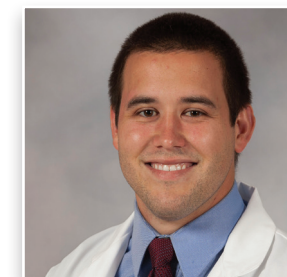
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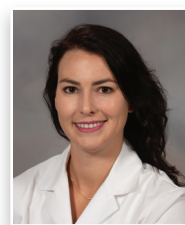
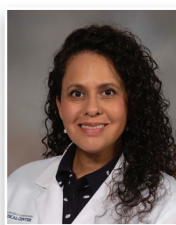
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 Heidi Latiolais, MD	 Mia Missel, DO	 Valencia Oglesby, DO	 Mauricio Ordaz, DO	 Aayush Patel, DO	 Aleks Pivovarova, DO
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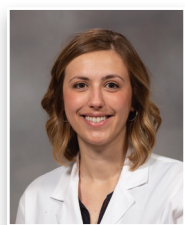
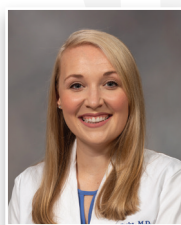
PRIMARY CARE PGY – IIII

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 Michael McCain, MD	 Adil Mohyudin, MD	 Raina Muthukumar, MD	 Ritesh Patel, MD	 Mari Rader, MD	 Uttav Sandesara, DO
 Ryan Shephard, DO	 Mindy Talley, MD	 Spurthi Tarugu, MD	 Christopher Tidwell, MD	 Sydney West, MD	 Christian Young, MD

PRIMARY CARE PGY – II

 Rachel Mullins, DO	 Sara Parks, MD
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Will Ross, MD	Jessica Smith, DO	Khawaja Talha, MBBS	Sam Thomas, MD	Nathan Usry, MD		

PRELIMINARY PGY – 1

				
Caroline Garraway, MD	John Nelson Huffman, MD	Vidya Medepalli, MD	KeShawn Pope, MD	Neil Shannon, MD

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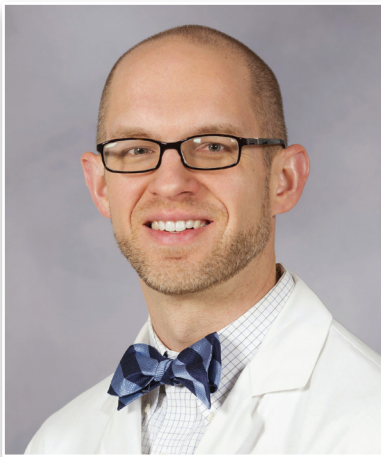
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MEDICINE-PEDIATRICS RESIDENCY PROGRAM



2021-2022 Medicine-Pediatrics Residents and Faculty. Not pictured: Claudia Aayoub, DO; Jackson Browning, MD; Samuel Davidson, MD; Caleb Zumbro, MD; Morgan McLeod, MD

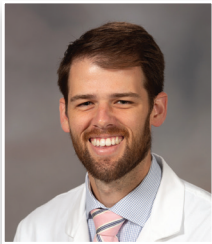


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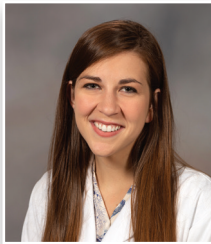


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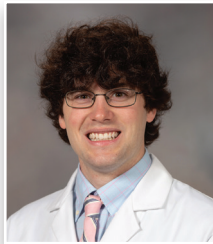
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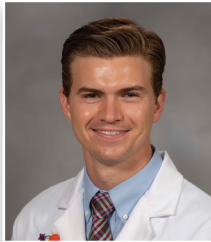


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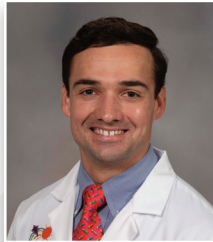
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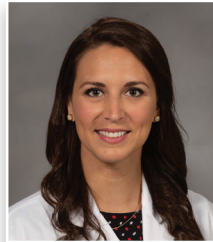
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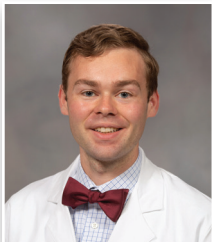


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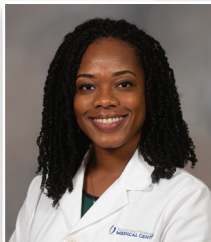


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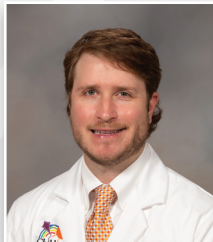
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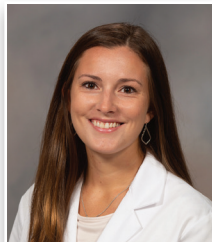
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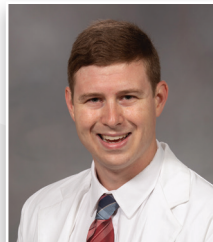
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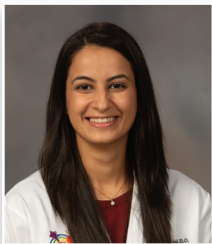


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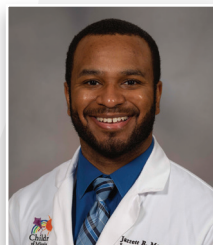
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RESIDENCY PROGRAMS NEW INITIATIVES

- The first “virtually recruited” class consisted of twenty-six categorical and five medicine-pediatrics interns, who started in July 2021. Residency and fellowship recruitment is currently virtual for the 2021-2022 academic year.
- Current board pass rates are 96 percent for internal medicine and 100 percent for medicine-pediatrics, both above the national mean of around 91 percent. The Department offers a free board review course for all residents.
- In 2019, the Medicine-Pediatrics intern class increased to five interns per year. This program expansion, now with 19 total residents reflects the growth of the Medical Center and its education efforts.
- The internal medicine residency program implemented an X+Y+Z schedule in the 2021-2022 year, allowing for more schedule flexibility and increased subspecialty clinic exposure.
- Point of Care Ultrasound (POCUS) Curriculum, led by Jessie Harvey, MD, includes ultrasound didactics and hands-on practice with technique. The Department recently obtained two additional ultrasound machines, now with a total of five for use while on wards or in the MICU.
- Licy Yanes Cardozo, MD was named Director of Resident Research for the Internal Medicine Residency Program. She oversees research curricula and aids residents in their pursuit of clinical research or quality improvement projects.

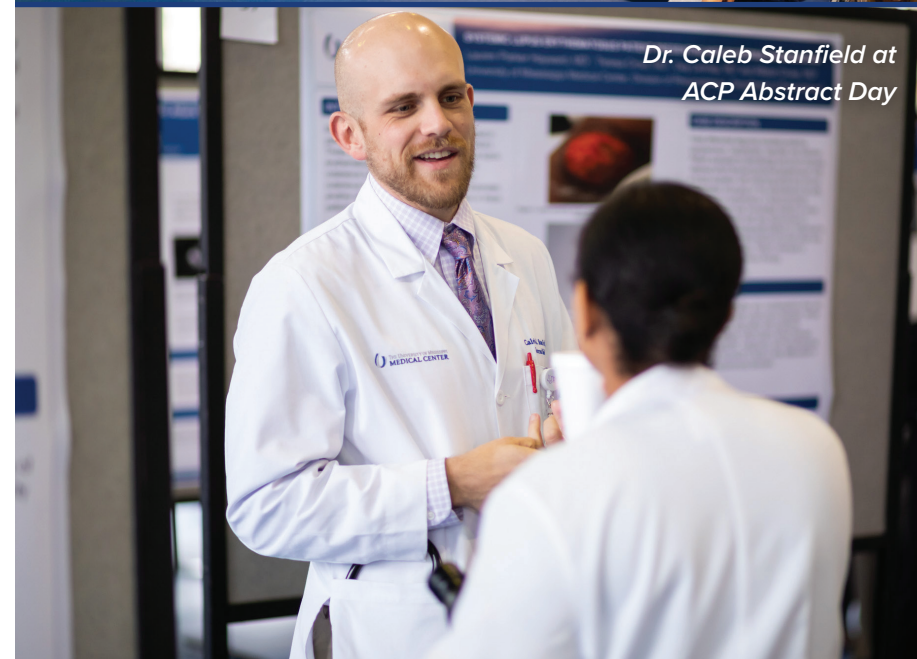
- Medicine-Pediatrics residency graduates have a long history of serving in primary care after graduation, with recent graduates serving in ten communities throughout Mississippi.
- Jessie Lavender, MD was named Director of the Primary Care Track for the internal medicine residency program. In her role, she will serve to enhance ambulatory education in both general medicine and subspecialty medicine.
- The Internal Medicine Residency Program, in partnership with Magnolia Regional Residency Program, received a \$20,000 grant, entitled Building Trust through Diversity, Health Care Equity and Inclusion in Internal Medicine Training. The grant is sponsored by the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM), ABIM Foundation, Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine, American College of Physicians, and the Josiah H. Macy Foundation. Principal investigators include Drs. Jessie Lavender, Lyssa Weatherly, and Hayes Baker of Magnolia Regional. The grant will expand the curriculum for primary care residents to include education about community-focused health topics.
- The Clinician Educator Track was implemented in 2019 and is a longitudinal curriculum throughout two academic years to develop teaching and leadership skills of residents interested in becoming clinician educators. The track includes eight upper-level residents who teach their peers, medical students, and assist in teaching two medical student courses. Drs. Amanda Clark and Lyssa Weatherly serve as Co-Directors of the track.
- Two Medicine-Pediatrics graduates, John Caleb Grenn, MD and Ashley Villarreal, MD, are currently serving as 2021-2022 Chief Residents for Pediatrics and Internal Medicine respectively. Meagan Robbins, MD will serve as a Pediatrics Chief Resident for the 2022-2023 academic year.
- The internal medicine residency program’s health disparities curriculum serves to educate residents about the health disparities that exist in the state and country, social determinants of health, implicit bias, advocacy opportunities, and provide resources to aid the underserved.
- Residents are able to work with the Procedure Team as an elective rotation. The Procedure Team is managed by Hospital Medicine faculty and offers a number of procedures to all hospitalized patients, including paracentesis, lumbar punctures, central venous access, temporary hemodialysis catheters, and arthrocentesis.
- In 2021, the Internal Medicine Residency Program resumed continuity clinic operations at the Jackson VA Medical Center. Around half of the 2021-2022 intern class has continuity clinic at the VA where Drs. Nikesia Beamon-Webb, Fowler Joiner, Sue Roberts, and Brendan Ross serve as clinic preceptors.
- Several Medicine-Pediatrics residency graduates are currently serving in leadership positions throughout UMMC, including:
 - J. Ben Brock, MD, Fellowship Program Director, Infectious Diseases
 - David Gilliam, MD, Physician Advisor, UMMC Health System
 - Zeb Henson, MD, Associate Chief of Staff, UMMC
 - Michelle Horn, MD, Division Director, General Internal Medicine
 - Jasmine Kency, MD, Medical Director of the Office of Patient Experience
 - Seema McKenzie, MD, Physician Advisor, UMMC Health System
 - Jarrett Morgan, MD, Co-Course Director, Introduction to the Medical Profession I
 - Jimmy Stewart, MD, Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education



Faculty judges at ACP Abstract Day



Mississippi ACP Abstract Day



Dr. Caleb Stanfield at ACP Abstract Day

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT LEADS TO QUALITY CARE

The Internal Medicine Residency Program's curriculum in quality improvement (QI), led by Drs. Rahat Noor and Charletta Wright, is aimed at developing residents' skills in the area of QI and patient safety. Each year, every resident participates in a project as part of a team, along with other residents and a faculty advisor. The residents' understanding of QI processes is supplemented by didactic sessions throughout the academic year.

Over the past few years, residents have been actively involved in projects that have led to improved patient care. One such example is the I-PASS project, which is aimed at standardizing hand-off communication between teams. This was identified as an area in need of improvement to heighten patient safety and, working with UMMC's Chief Quality Office and Dr. Noor, led to implementation by other programs throughout our campus. The current, three-tiered, sliding scale insulin regimen and the colonoscopy order set are other examples of projects where the residents identified a problem and brought about change and improvements to current care.

At a national level, our Department is also engaged with ACP's "I Raise the Rates" program. This QI initiative is supported by grants from the Centers for Disease Control, Merck, and GlaxoSmithKline, and is a collaborative effort designed to help clinicians increase adult immunization in their practices. Noor is the faculty sponsor and Jessie Lavender, MD leads this project in the internal medicine resident clinic.

In 2019, nine resident QI projects were presented at the American College of Physicians (ACP) Mississippi Chapter Abstract Day. Despite the pandemic, the residents represented the Department by presenting their work at various meetings, including the American College of Physicians National and Alabama and Mississippi Chapters Scientific Meetings in 2021 and Digestive Disease Week in 2021.

RESIDENCY SCHOLARSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

2021 BEST RESEARCH ABSTRACT, NATIONAL AMERICAN COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS MEETING

"Utilization and the cost burden analysis of amylase testing in acute pancreatitis"

Himmat Brar, MD Jannat Kang, MD, and Pradeep Bathina, MD

2021 INTERNAL MEDICINE RESIDENCY PROGRAM, BEST RESIDENCY QI PROJECT

"SGLT2 inhibitors in T2DM and ASCVD in LB clinic: Implementation of Pocket Cards on Empagliflozin Prescription Rates"

Will Crews, MD Samer Mehio, MD, Aayush Patel DO, and Steven Billingsley MD; Faculty Advisor Asef Mahmud, MD.

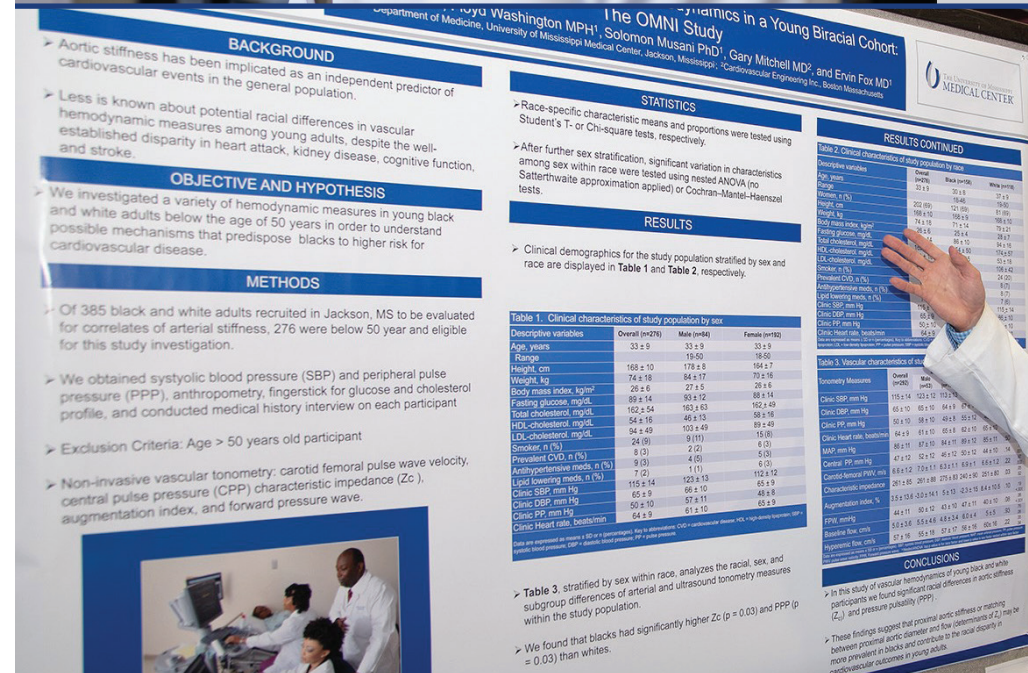
2021 "BEST POSTER" AT ACP ALABAMA AND MISSISSIPPI CHAPTERS SCIENTIFIC MEETING

Ryan Shephard, DO

2021 SOUTHERN SOCIETY OF CLINICAL INVESTIGATION TRAINEE RESEARCH AWARD

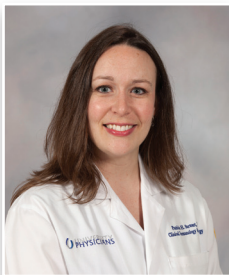
Arsalan Hamid, MD

▼ Dr. Preston Bell discusses his abstract with Dr. Ervin Fox



FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS LEADERSHIP

ALLERGY, ASTHMA, AND CLINICAL IMMUNOLOGY

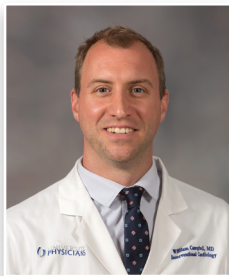


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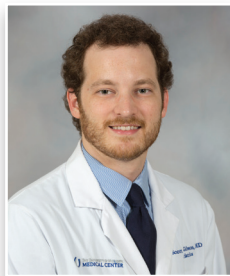
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ADULT CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE



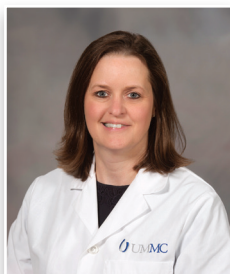
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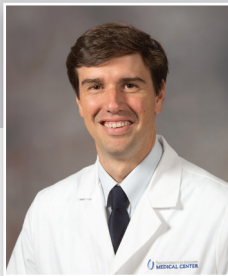


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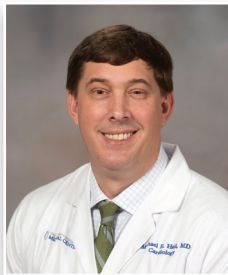


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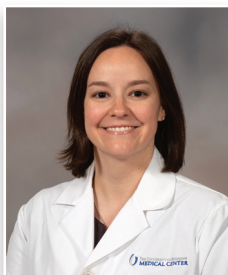
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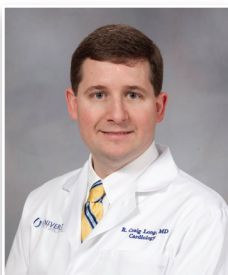


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ADVANCED HEART FAILURE AND TRANSPLANT CARDIOLOGY



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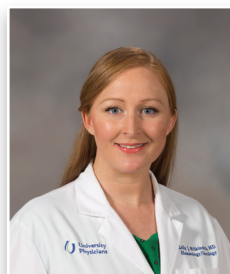


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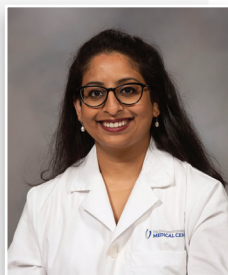


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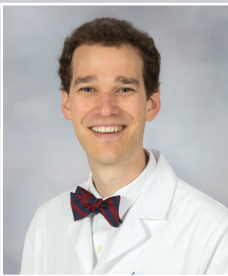


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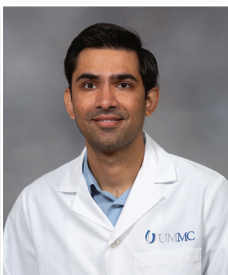


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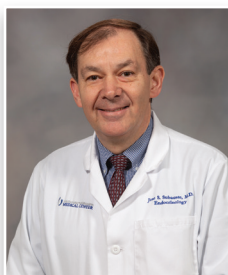
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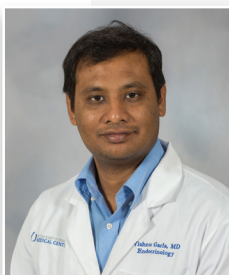


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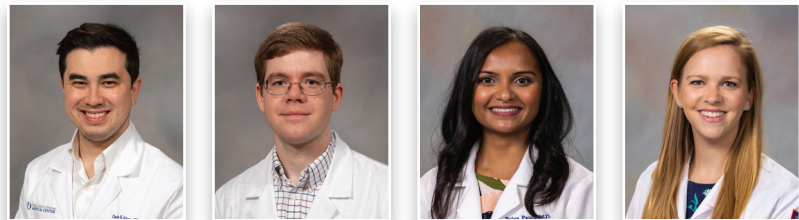
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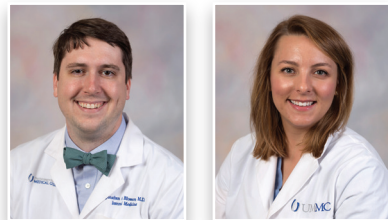
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Natalie Rudsenske, MD (PGY-IV)

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Jonathan Blossom, MD (PGY-VII)
Catherine Lowe, MD (PGY-VII)

CARDIOLOGY



Patrick Dauphin, MD (PGY-VI)
Murphy Hinson, DO (PGY-VI)
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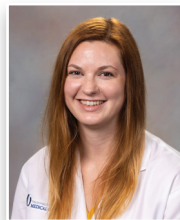


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Drew Daniels, DO (PGY-IV)
Samer Mehio, MD (PGY-IV)
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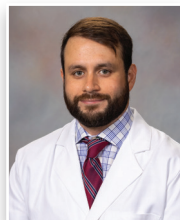


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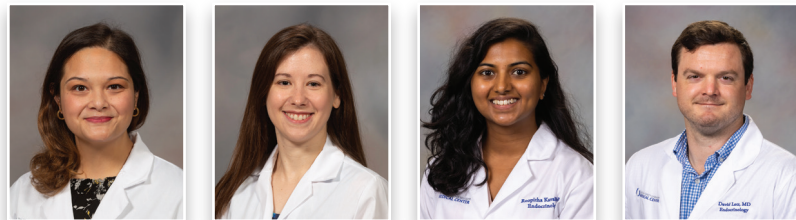
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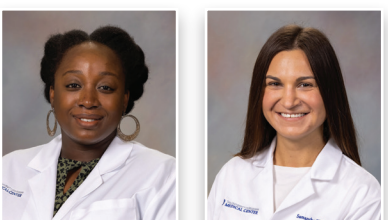
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Parth Maheshwari, MD (PGY-IV)
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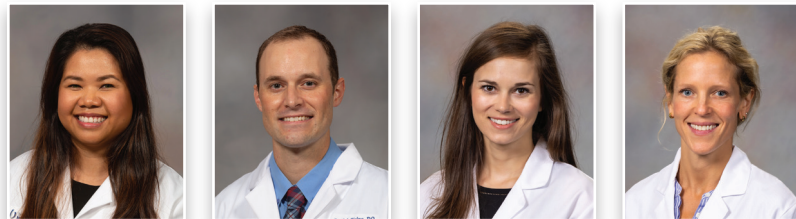
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Carter Schwartz, DO (PGY-IV)
Sriram Sriperumbuduri, MD (PGY-IV)

RHEUMATOLOGY



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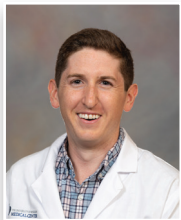
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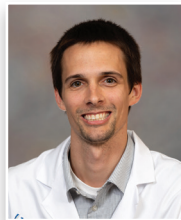
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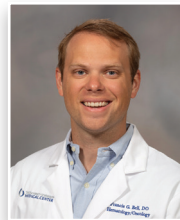
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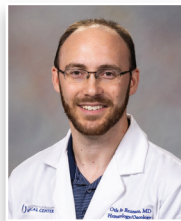
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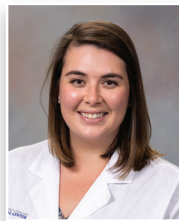
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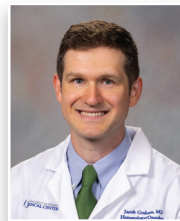
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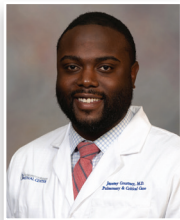


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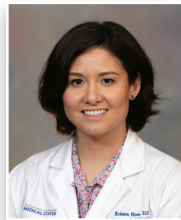
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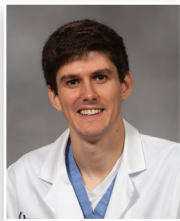
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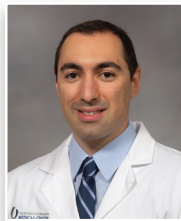
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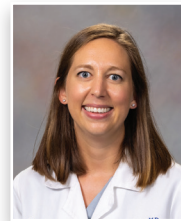
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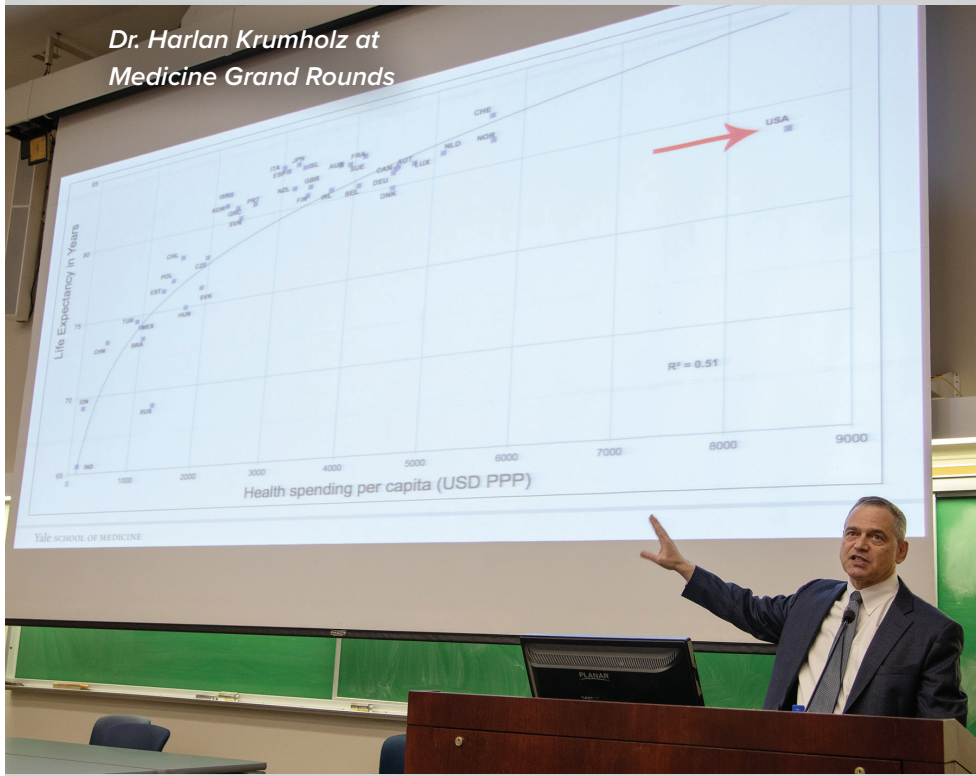
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MEDICINE
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The Department of Medicine’s Grand Rounds program hosts local faculty and outstanding regional or national leaders in their respective fields who present on a range of topics representing each of the department’s subspecialties. These presentations are designed for our faculty, residents, fellows, other healthcare professionals, and researchers who wish to remain up to date on new science in their field and to encourage collaboration among scientists and physicians. Attendees can receive CME credit. Beginning in March 2020, Grand Rounds was changed to a virtual platform. Jasmine Kency, MD serves as Faculty Lead of Medicine Grand Rounds.

FEATURED SPEAKERS, 2020-2021 DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE GRAND ROUNDS

Alan Maisel	University of California San Diego	Sushma Cribbs	Emory University School of Medicine
Aziz Ansari	Loyola University Medical Center	Joshua Berkowitz	University of North Carolina
Reinaldo Rampolla	Ochsner Clinic Foundation	Janet Jokela	University of Illinois
Arshed Quyyumi	Emory University School of Medicine	Joshua Berkowitz	University of North Carolina School of Medicine
Nancy Collop	Emory University School of Medicine	Lawrence Leiter	University of Toronto
Micah Whitson	University of Alabama at Birmingham	Olivia Van Gerwen	University of Alabama at Birmingham
Harlan Krumholz	Yale School of Medicine	Jonathan Lyons	National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, Bethesda, Maryland
Neal Dickert, Jr.	Emory University School of Medicine	Rajiv Agarwal	Indiana University
Amanda Peltier	Vanderbilt University Medical Center	Ethan Weiss	University of California, San Francisco
Stephan Anker	Charite University, Germany	George Mensah	National Heart, Lung, Blood Institute, Bethesda, Maryland
James Januzzi	Massachusetts General Hospital	Mitchell Kaminski	Jefferson College of Population Health
Vasan Ramachandran	Boston University School of Medicine	Mark Anderson	Johns Hopkins University
Chris McCartney	University of Virginia	Neha Sachdev	AMA Diabetes Prevention Program, Chicago
Gurpreet Dhaliwal	University of California, San Francisco	Thomas Huddle	University of Alabama at Birmingham
Tracy Henry	Emory University School of Medicine	Robert Harrington	Stanford University
Keith Swetz	University of Alabama at Birmingham	Dennis Ledford	University of South Florida
Gerard Silvestri	Medical University of South Carolina	Leah Leisch	University of Alabama at Birmingham
Barry Greenberg	University of California San Diego	Rana Awdish	Henry Ford Health System
Brigitta Brott	University of Alabama at Birmingham	Edward Marcantonio	Harvard Medical School
Jeffrey Klausner	University of California, Los Angeles		

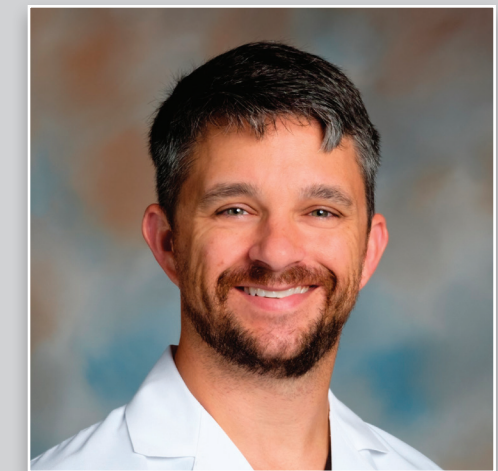


GIVING BACK

The Jackson Free Clinic, lovingly known as the JFC, is a 501(c)(3) non-profit run by UMMC students and has been serving the uninsured of Jackson for more than 20 years. The clinic offers free medical, dental, psychiatric, physical therapy, and occupational therapy services to anyone without insurance. In 2020, the JFC served 760 patients with 1,345 patient visits.

The partnership between the Department of Medicine and the JFC is strong. Fifty percent of JFC medical staffing coverage is provided by volunteers within the Department of Medicine, including residents, fellows, and faculty. To many, there is no greater use of our ability as medical providers than to provide high-quality care to those who need it most.

Savannah Duckworth, MD, serves as the Department's liaison for JFC staffing. In 2019, the JFC Board of Directors instituted two awards in Duckworth's honor. Known as the "Savannah Duckworth Excellence in Education Awards," one is presented to a medical student and another to a medical resident each year who demonstrate exemplary education skills at JFC.



Dr. Bobby Tullos

PULMONARY TRAINING FUND ENDOWMENT ESTABLISHED

The Class of 2018 Pulmonary Training Fund endowment was established by Bobby Tullos, MD, who completed his fellowship in pulmonary and critical care medicine in 2018. The endowment will be used for the Department of Medicine's Division of Pulmonary, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine for the purpose of training pulmonary fellows in the area of advanced airway management, ultrasound, bronchoscopy procedures, and other specialized pulmonary medical care. The fund will also support pulmonary fellows who attend courses that are not available at UMMC facilities.

A native of Mississippi, Tullos joined the U.S. Army after graduating high school. After serving in active duty for five years, Tullos earned an undergraduate degree from the University of Mississippi. He subsequently went to medical school at UMMC, where he also completed his internal medicine residency and pulmonary/critical care fellowship.

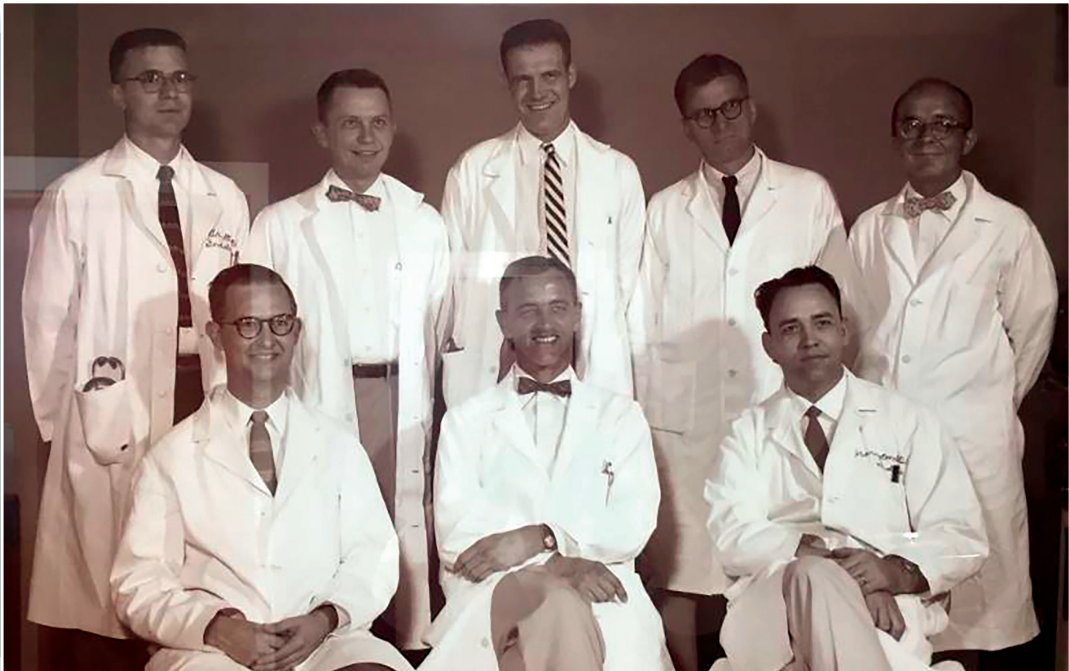
During his undergraduate education and medical training, Tullos remained in the U.S. Army Reserves. With 21 years of service under his belt and a current rank of Major, Tullos is now Brigade Surgeon for the 155th Infantry Brigade located in Tupelo, Mississippi. He practices pulmonary and critical care at Memorial Hospital in Gulfport, Mississippi.

When asked what made him decide to create a pulmonary training endowment, Tullos said, "During my 20 plus years in the Army and with multiple deployments, I've learned how valuable thorough training can be for mission success. My residency and fellowship training at UMMC was topnotch and prepared me to competently practice medicine anywhere in the world."

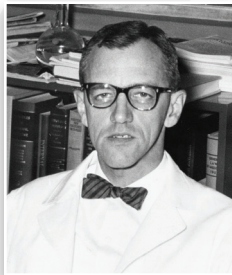
A HISTORY OF EXCELLENCE:

LEADERSHIP TIMELINE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE

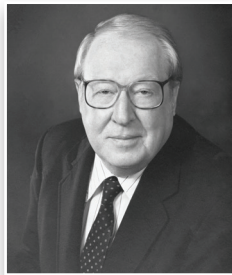
The Department of Medicine's original faculty: From left, sitting: Guy Gillespie, MD, senior resident; J. Robert Snively, MD, Chair; Joe Covington, MD, senior resident. From left, standing: George Pratt, MD, senior resident; Peter Blake, MD, Assistant Professor; Warren Bell, MD, Assistant Professor; Herbert Langford, MD, Assistant Professor; and Fred Allison, Jr, MD, Assistant Professor.



CHAIRS OF MEDICINE



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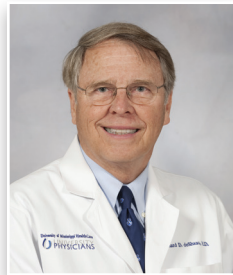
HARPER HELLEMS, MD
1965-1990



JOHN O'CONNELL, MD
1991-1996



JOE FILES, MD, INTERIM
1996-1997



RICHARD DESHAZO, MD
1997-2010



SHIRLEY SCHLESSINGER, MD, INTERIM
2010-2013



WILLIAM LITTLE, MD
2013-2015



DANIEL JONES, MD, INTERIM
2015-2017



JAVED BUTLER, MBBS, MPH, MBA
2017-PRESENT

UMMC DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE'S RESPONSE TO

COVID-19



COVID-19 | **BY THE NUMBERS**

2,667
ADULT HOSPITALIZATIONS WITH
COVID-19 AS OF 11/28/21

35%
REQUIRED ICU CARE

21,221
TELEHEALTH VISITS FY 20

26,331
TELEHEALTH VISITS FY 21

15,273
VACCINES ADMINISTERED BY UMMC'S
VACCINE CLINIC AS OF 9/12/21

19
CLINICAL TRIALS RELATED TO COVID-19



In late 2019, the Department of Medicine learned of the novel coronavirus and its associated outbreaks throughout the world. Before the first case was reported in Mississippi, leaders within the department and institution began preparing for the feared influx of infected patients. This comprised a multitude of initiatives and adjustments to prepare for the imminent surge.

COVID-19 | HEROES



Drs. Bhagy Navalkele and Jason Parham

Bhagyashri “Bhagy” Navalkele, MBBS, Medical Director for UMMC’s Infection Prevention Program, and Jason Parham, MD, Division Director of Infectious Diseases and Executive Vice Chair for the Department of Medicine, held pivotal roles in the COVID response, serving as lead in-house experts.

On March 11, 2020, Mississippi reported its first case of COVID-19, and two days later UMMC had its first hospitalized case of COVID-19. Faced with an overwhelming number of calls and questions regarding COVID-19 screening, diagnostic testing, and infection prevention practices, it became imperative for infection prevention and infectious diseases teams to collaborate in their response. In less than seven days they established the Infectious Diseases-Infection Prevention Command Center, which was operational 24/7.

The Command Center was staffed by infection preventionists, infectious diseases physicians, antimicrobial stewardship pharmacists, volunteer students, and residents—all working together to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. Many DOM faculty members worked at the Command Center in lieu of their clinics during the shutdown, on overnight shifts, and on weekends. The infection prevention team, supervised by infectious diseases physicians, operated the COVID-19 hotline for students and employees. Infectious diseases physicians, along with volunteer students and residents, answered calls from UMMC’s Jackson, Grenada and Lexington campuses and provided

recommendations on COVID-19 diagnostic testing for patients presenting to ERs.

Navalkele and Parham ensured front-line clinical staff were prepared for the incoming flood of patients and adept at using personal protective equipment (PPE), such as face masks, face shields, gowns, and gloves.

In early 2020 there was, of course, very limited data available on COVID-19: how best to diagnose it, how to treat it, and how to prevent its spread. Navalkele and Parham, along with Jose Lucar, MD, Medical Director of the Outpatient Antimicrobial Service and other ID physicians, often engaged in long after-hours discussions and brainstorming sessions to formulate multiple COVID-19 policies and procedures, including approaches to acute respiratory illness during the pandemic, discontinuation of isolation precautions of COVID-19 positive patients in inpatient and outpatient settings, home discharge guidance, process for pre-operative COVID-19 testing, student and employee testing and isolation guidance, and infection prevention guidance, which are currently available on UMMC’s intranet under COVID-19 clinical processes.

“The creation of an in-house COVID-19 testing facility was a game changer,” said Navalkele. The testing facility allowed staff members to confirm a COVID-19 diagnosis in hours instead of days, and to isolate only the patients who needed it.

By the end of October 2020, the Command Center operations closed and Navalkele and Parham returned to their offices. Their COVID work, however, has not stopped. They continue to monitor the number of patients in the hospital with COVID and provide daily guidance for testing, treatment plans for hospital patients, and COVID-19 outbreak investigations.

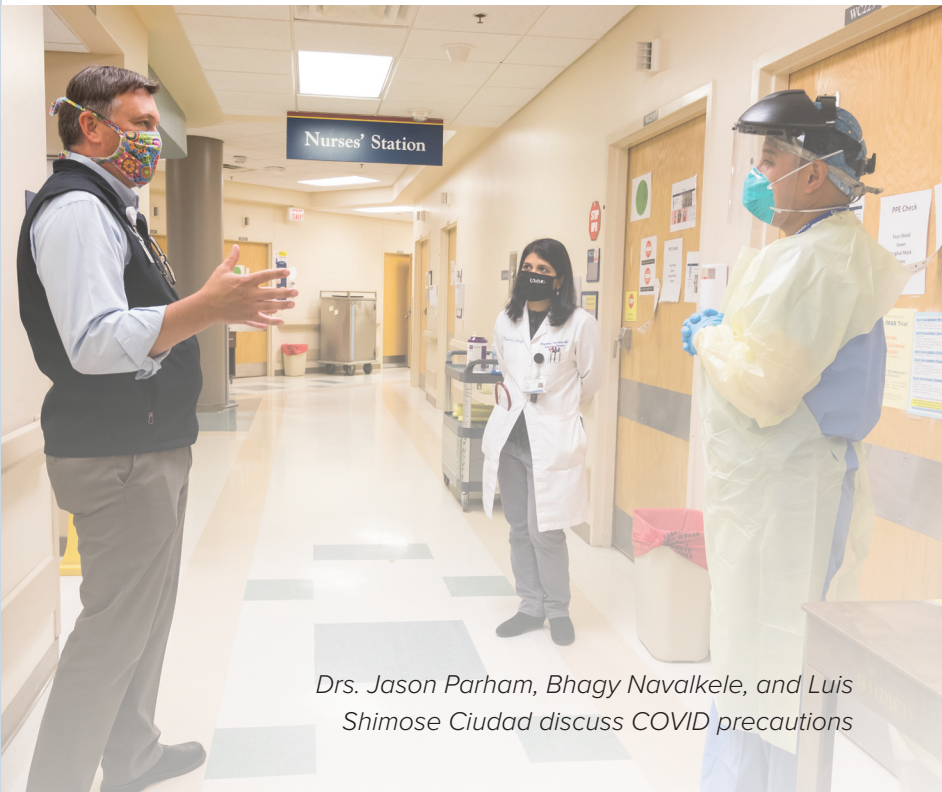
For their contributions, both Navalkele and Parham were named “Community Heroes” by the Mississippi Clarion Ledger in April 2020.

Dr. Bhagy Navalkele



“The Medical Center is lucky to have Dr. Navalkele and Dr. Parham leading our infection intervention efforts.”

*— LouAnn Woodward, MD
VICE CHANCELLOR FOR HEALTH AFFAIRS
AND DEAN OF THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE*



Drs. Jason Parham, Bhagy Navalkele, and Luis Shimose Ciudad discuss COVID precautions

COVID-19

CRITICAL CARE COORDINATION RESPONSE



Dr. Andy Wilhelm

In his role as Director of University Hospital's ICU, Andy Wilhelm, MD, Division Director of Pulmonary, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine, played an essential role in UMMC's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Wilhelm led multiple response teams that included pulmonary and critical care faculty, fellows, ICU nurse managers, ED disaster response providers, and critical care pharmacy personnel. "There was one day during noon conference when we realized the train was coming and we had to prepare. So, I grabbed a marker and a whiteboard and called the troops to the table," said Wilhelm.

These teams developed processes for caring for patients infected with COVID-19. "Our processes were meticulously detailed, including, for example, who pushed the elevator button during COVID transport and how to bring food in and out of negative pressure rooms," said Wilhelm. With assistance from the Mississippi Critical Care Organization, Wilhelm also assembled a multidisciplinary group of critical care physicians to rotate caring for COVID-19 ICU patients. His response teams met daily for several months. The teams created living recommendations documents, which they continue to edit as new treatment data emerges. This, along with other process protocols are available on a public site as a resource for institutions across the state.

Dr. Andy Wilhelm discusses
the outbreak on CNN

COVID-19

A PATIENT STORY

WEATHERING THE STORM



Sherry Jones,
RN Case Manager for Coordinated Care

In February 2021, Mississippi had a rare and historic ice storm. That month, Sherry Jones, RN Case Manager for Coordinated Care, and her husband experienced a different kind of storm.

Jones' husband was in a rehabilitation facility when he tested positive for COVID-19 and was admitted to UMMC. Sherry tested positive as well and went home to quarantine. Over a period of several days, her symptoms continued to worsen – severe cough, loss of appetite, and shortness of breath. Her symptoms eventually became so worrisome that she asked her son to take her to the emergency room.

On their way to the ER, however, the bridge on Woodrow Wilson Avenue was so icy from the storm that it was barricaded with barrels. Undeterred, Sherry's son drove around the barricade to get her to UMMC's Emergency Room. She was admitted with hypoxemic respiratory failure from COVID-19.

"It was so scary. I was scared for myself, my husband, and for our four sons. Having both parents hospitalized at the same time was petrifying. The worst part was that none of us could see or visit each other in person due to our isolation status," said Jones. She remained in the hospital for seven days and her husband for ten days.

"It truly was a test of my faith," she said, "but from the ER staff to the floor staff, I was amazed at the care I received. I began to write down names of all those who took such good care of me, but I lost track of names and did not want to leave anyone out. The day shift and night shift on 2North were awesome. It was all very touching."

Jones recalls some of the small things that made a big difference in her care. She remembers one morning when she was very thirsty and wanted a Sierra Mist. John, her nurse, checked and could not find any on the floor and went to a vending machine to get her a ginger ale. "To him, it was probably nothing, but to me it was just over the top."

Her oxygen levels remained low, and she was discharged from the hospital with oxygen. She returned to work one week later but for weeks, she would have occasional shortness of breath. Sometimes after returning home from work, she would use oxygen through the night until returning to work the next morning. "It was tough to be winded and to sometimes have shortness of breath," she said.

Jones currently works on one of UMMC's COVID-19 floors, but does not have to go into the COVID-19 isolation rooms. However, after her experience with COVID-19, she is sure to encourage patients' family members to get vaccinated. In fact, when she and her husband were in the hospital, many of their family members got the vaccine. "We were the poster children for the importance of vaccination!"

Jones is thankful for her care and recovery and looks forward to the future. "One of my favorite quotes is from scripture about God's grace being sufficient. I say that every day no matter the situation or what is going on – his grace is sufficient. I'm just glad we are both okay."

"[F]rom the ER staff to the floor staff, I was amazed at the care I received. I began to write down names of all those who took such good care of me, but I lost track of names."

COVID-19 | ONE TEAM, ONE MISSION



At the department level, an Internal Medicine COVID-19 Task Force, chaired by Vikas Majithia, MD, Division Director of Rheumatology, was assembled that included Drs. Fred Asher, Stephanie Elkins, Tariq Shafi, John Spurzem, and Richard Wardrop. Majithia and his team focused on managing patient censuses, trainee education, cautious use of PPE, critical care integration planning, and renal failure management plans, all the while ensuring balance of the department's educational initiatives with the demands of clinical care.

During the national shutdown, all UMMC elective, non-essential surgeries and procedures were cancelled and all outpatient appointments were rescheduled or transitioned to telehealth visits. The telehealth platform was piloted first by the divisions of Cardiology and Geriatrics. Drs. Trey Clark, Lillian Lien, Tariq Shafi and Kim Tarver provided department personnel with guidance on documentation, billing, and telehealth logistics. The DOM conducted more than 47,000 telehealth visits during fiscal years 2020 and 2021.

During early 2020, all patients at UMMC with COVID-19 were cared for either by the Hospital Medicine Division or in the Medical ICU. During this time, other DOM divisions and services assisted with the increased capacity to offload non-COVID patients from the Hospital Medicine services. Team census caps were raised, faculty and fellows stepped up and took on more inpatient service responsibilities to accommodate the increased load, and residents volunteered to move from a primarily outpatient rotation to services that provided COVID care.

Faculty members in the Infectious Diseases (ID) Division were consulted and followed all patients with COVID-19. They reorganized their inpatient consult services into general ID and a new COVID-ID consult service, with the goal of seeing all symptomatic COVID inpatients. The COVID-ID consult team provided a frontline presence and ensured that UMMC was following best evidence-based practices for treatment of this novel patient population. The Division also established the first telehealth clinic for follow-up of discharged COVID patients.

The Division of Nephrology was consulted on patients with COVID-19 and renal failure. At times, dialysis machines were in short supply due to increased need, and our nephrologists were able to develop and implement processes that allowed for maximum efficiency and use of machines. In order to assist the hospitalists' increased patient load, the Division of General Internal Medicine took over the staffing of medicine consults and the Advanced Practice Provider services from June until September 2020.

As hospitalizations increased, patients with COVID-19 began to be admitted to other DOM services, including the internal medicine teaching teams, geriatrics, cardiology, hematology, and oncology. The internal medicine and medicine-pediatrics residency programs made more than 200 schedule changes in 2020 due to COVID-19. The 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 Medicine Chief Residents were instrumental during this time.

The Division of Hematology and Oncology was able to continue chemotherapy treatments to its patients while streamlining its processes. In order to social distance as much as possible, the Division set up a mobile blood draw tent in a public space within the Jackson Medical Mall and utilized telehealth visits as much as possible. It also provided consultative services to help manage the coagulation and platelet abnormalities often seen with COVID, and worked with others to develop inpatient anticoagulation guidelines for all hospitalized patients with COVID.

COVID-19
A PATIENT STORY

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DOREMUS



Terry Doremus

“The care I received at UMMC was exceptional and I am sure I would have died had I not been treated by your team.”

Terry Doremus expresses her appreciation to all who saved her life in August 2020 after becoming critically ill due to COVID 19. See her story below in her own words from a letter she wrote to UMMC’s Vice Chancellor, Dr. LouAnn Woodward.

I arrived at UMMC August 8, 2020 by ambulance from my hometown hospital after being diagnosed with COVID-19 on July 28. I was in my hometown hospital from August 4-8 and then was transferred to UMMC CICU as I needed a higher level of care.

The care I received at UMMC was exceptional and I am sure I would have died had I not been treated by your team. My days in CICU aren’t completely clear but are clear enough to know that Dr. Andy Wilhelm and Dr. Michael Brewer were intentional, thoughtful, and proactive in treating me. It also helped that my daughter and son-in-law, Drs. Zach and Kelly Pippin, both physicians who recently completed residency at UMMC, knew the critical care team and put me at ease reassuring me I was receiving excellent care. The nurses were attentive, professional, and sensitive to my needs in an environment that put their own health at risk. I will never forget their selflessness.

Dr. Mansel’s visits over my time at UMMC were especially “above and beyond the call of duty.” He provided a calm and reassuring presence that I needed more than I knew. He read Scripture to me, took notes for my husband as he could not visit due to visitor restrictions, and gave me the feeling of a family member at my side.

After being at UMMC for 26 days, I had encountered many physicians, NP’s, Nurses, Assistants, Therapists and others; I could count on one hand the negative experiences but the good far exceeds them. I probably saw Dr. Zack Burns the most. He was very kind, professional, thorough, and honest when he was unsure. He and the August Geriatrics Ward team were attentive and I felt they were addressing my health needs no matter how big or small.

There is a special and unique calling for Nurses, LPN’s, CNA’s, Assistants and Techs. They do for people of all ages things that others of us would only consider doing for our own children. There is no thank you big enough for them. Latarsha and Pat met the challenge of a malfunctioning bedside potty chair. They cleaned, never complained, and are two champs in my book. LaGeorgianna gave great bed baths. She was gentle, sensitive and sweet.

One of my issues was anxiety and panic attacks due to shortness of breath. I had never experienced fear like this before so this was a foreign sensation for me. I thought I would die because I couldn’t breathe. One of the attributes of many of the nurses was to coach and comfort me through these episodes. Oby and Vicki were especially sensitive, helpful and empathetic. Oby would stop in, say hello, and check on me even when I was not her patient.



Terry Doremus (front) with a few of the physicians who cared for her at UMMC. From left to right: Drs. Zack Burns, Austin Burkenstock, Keith Mansel, Fred Asher, Scott Gibson, and Lyssa Weatherly

After being sick for 3 weeks, I was in need of a real hair wash. Three times Aliah, Kayla, Karen, Janna and her assistant accomplished the impossible. They actually shampooed my hair in the bed—with hardly a drop of water on anything but my hair. I will forever be grateful to these Nurse Angels for working “outside the box” to make a 63-year-old just feel better to have clean hair. There are many other stories of your Nursing Staff—too many to list but all of whom I appreciate for their work ethic, genuine care for patients and “patience.” After talking with many of them I know some are pursuing new degrees, buying a first home, getting married and having babies.

I have to give a shout-out to Randy, OT. His first day in the room I asked him to climb up and reset my clock which was an hour and 10 minutes off, which was driving me crazy. Without hesitation he fixed it like it was part of his job. He also tidied up my room if it needed it while he was working with me. And Jasmine is a great motivator!

Housekeeping: Ora—always cheerful, pleasant, does a good job and cheered for me if she saw me walking in the hall.

Last and certainly not least—my primary care doctor, Dr. Lyssa Weatherly. There isn’t enough room here or enough positive adjectives to describe this special lady. She has been the perfect choice of doctor for my husband and me; recommended to us by our daughter, Kelly Pippin. She looks through our eyes and into our hearts (and health) and not just at us or at a computer screen. She is genuinely concerned about us.

From sweet, bubbly Gladys with 18 years in nursing to Aliah who spent her first solo night of nursing expertly attending me, to medical teams who completed whole month rotations during my time at UMMC, I know God used so many to put me on the road to recovery. I went to rehab in Natchez, Mississippi to get stronger prior to returning home. I will be praying for you all as you continue in your endeavors and pursuits. I also pray that you would love and know Jesus so that when our time is over here, we will see each other again.

Update: September 2021

As I am approaching the one year anniversary of 9-11-2020, my discharge date from Natchez Merit Health, I can tell you I hardly resemble the person I was a year ago. I came home on oxygen which I continued to use until I tapered off sometime in January. I continued outpatient therapy at King’s Daughters Therapy Center until December. However, I walk and do exercises at home that I will continue. I was able to experience the birth of our 3rd granddaughter, Amelia Ann Pippin on June 30th which was the absolute highlight of our year!

I continue to have long haul symptoms and remain under the care of my doctors at UMMC. I have scar tissue in both lungs, pressure in my chest, fatigue and brain fog to mention a few symptoms. BUT.... I am SO much better than this time last year and pray that under my doctors’ care, I will continue to improve and enjoy my life as a wife, mom, Mimi, daughter, sister, aunt, great aunt, cousin, and business owner!

I am convinced God laid His Hands on the medical teams who cared for me and I am forever grateful. I pray that my witness will be for God’s glory.

—Terry C. Doremus

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your path.

COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

UMMC's first round of employee vaccinations began in December 2020. Several DOM faculty members worked volunteer shifts to assist in the Medical Center's employee vaccination effort. UMMC opened a vaccine clinic for patients at the Jackson Medical Mall in January 2021 administering the Pfizer vaccine. As the eligibility criteria broadened, an option for the public to sign up for vaccination was added. The clinic was staffed by UMMC ambulatory operations employees and volunteers and overseen by a scheduled ID attending present daily on site throughout clinic hours. As of September 2021, a total of 15,273 vaccines have been administered to 8,318 patients.



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UMMC OPENS ACUTE RESPIRATORY FIELD CLINIC



In April 2020, UMMC implemented an acute respiratory field clinic on campus to see and evaluate those who had a non-severe respiratory illness. The clinic opened in UMMC's Parking Garage B and evaluated both adults and children with a respiratory illness. The clinic was equipped with lab and X-ray capability and was staffed by internal medicine, pediatrics, and allergy and immunology physicians and nurse practitioners.

The Acute Respiratory Clinic was led by Marion Wofford, MD, MPH, Professor in the Division of General Internal Medicine; Kim Tarver, MD, Division Director of Geriatrics; Candice Adams, Director of Ambulatory Services for the DOM; and Jessica Bernamonti, Supervisor of the LB Internal Medicine Clinic.

The Acute Respiratory Clinic served to fill several gaps in the care of patients in the community since many clinics were temporarily closed or not able to see patients with acute symptoms. The clinic also alleviated crowding in UMMC's Emergency Department. The clinic was open from April until late June 2020.



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CLINICAL TRIALS

The Department of Medicine took on a major role in clinical trials related to COVID-19. As of December 2020, 19 clinical trials had begun at the institution that involved COVID-19. Gailen Marshall, MD, PhD, Division Director of Allergy, Asthma, and Clinical Immunology and Executive Director of the Mississippi Clinical Research and Trials Center, played a crucial role in this process. "The purpose of clinical trials is to help us prepare so that we can have more knowledge, treat more people quickly, prevent severe disease, and decrease the number of deaths during a future outbreak," said Marshall.



WHAT LIES IN STORE?

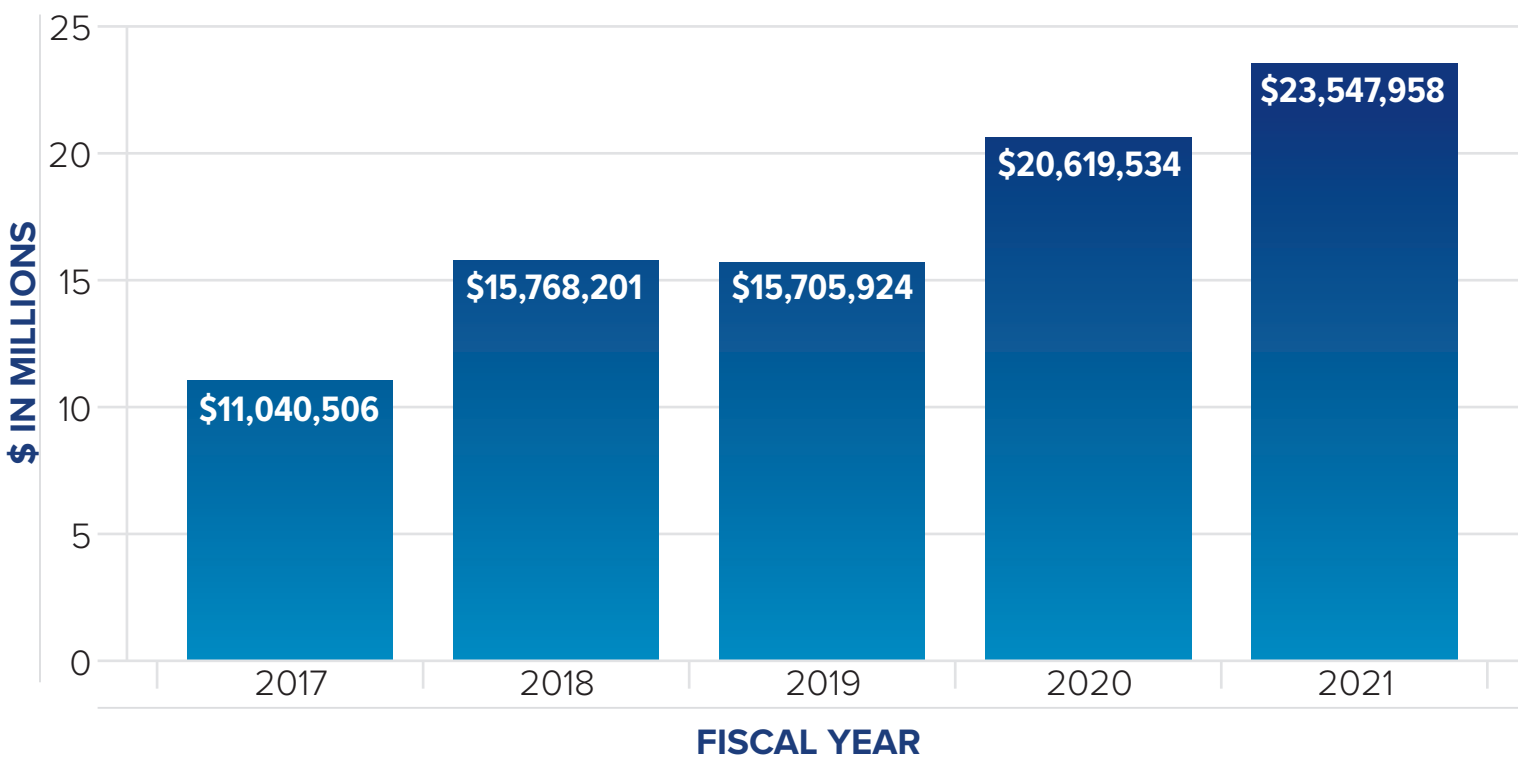
As this article is going to press, the fourth wave of COVID-19 is hitting Mississippi hard. During the month of August 2021, for example, the Mississippi State Department of Health reported more than 87,000 new cases of COVID-19. "The seriousness of this fourth wave cannot be overstated," said Javed Butler, MBBS, MPA, MBA, Chair of the Department of Medicine. "I am so impressed with and grateful to all of our faculty and staff members in how they've rallied to treat COVID-19 since early 2020. And I have every confidence they will continue their excellent work and passionate care as we get through this next wave. I am very proud to be a member of this fantastic team," he said.



RESEARCH ROUNDUP

DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE RESEARCH BY THE NUMBERS

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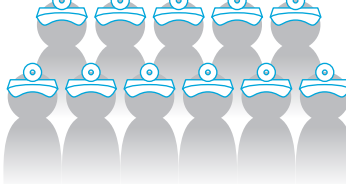
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ERVIN FOX

DIRECTS THE MISSISSIPPI SITE FOR THE MULTI-SITE RURAL STUDY

Ervin Fox, MD, MPH is directing Mississippi's participation in the NHLBI-funded "Risk Underlying Rural Areas Longitudinal (RURAL) Cohort Study." While communities in the rural south play an important role in the U.S. economy, their residents have higher rates of heart, lung, blood, and sleep disorders. The RURAL Cohort Study is designed to address a critical gap in research data regarding the health of people in the rural south.

Headed by Boston University's Vasan Ramachandran, MD, University of Alabama at Birmingham's Suzanne Judd, PhD, and University of Virginia's Paul Targonski, MD, PhD, this six-year project focuses on ten rural counties in Alabama, Kentucky, Louisiana, and Mississippi. The research team, which includes 50 investigators from 16 institutions, will examine 4,600 residents to study different aspects of their heart, lung, and general health.

Within Mississippi, Fox plans to enroll 1,350 study participants by mid-2022: approximately 725 residents of Oktibbeha County and 625 residents of Panola County. According to Fox, "These two counties are well matched in terms of rurality, income, ethnicity, and other important variables."

The Mississippi RURAL Study team will conduct a four-hour detailed baseline exam of each study participant. Team members will use a combination of tools, such as a mobile examination unit, wearable activity monitors, and smart phones to assess familial, lifestyle, behavior, and medical histories, including risks for heart, lung, blood, and sleep disorders. They will also examine daily activities of participants, such as eating conditions, heart health procedures, water supply access, and home environment.

"The results of the RURAL Cohort Study will help researchers and clinicians better understand the unique drivers of disease and outcomes in rural communities throughout the U.S.," said Fox.

Fox is Professor of Medicine in the Division of Cardiology and Medical Director of the Clinical Noninvasive Laboratory for Cardiac Testing. He also serves as an associate editor for the American Heart Association journal, *Circulation: Cardiovascular Imaging*. He was a 2011 recipient of the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers, 2014 recipient of the Herbert G. Langford Research Mentor Award, 2021 recipient of the Pillars Beacon Award, and 2021 recipient of the IHL Excellence in Diversity and Inclusion Award for UMMC.

CLINICAL TRIALS INCREASE BY 35 PERCENT IN FISCAL YEAR 2020



Dr. Marshall is the R. Faser Triplett Chair of Allergy and Immunology; Professor of Medicine, Pediatrics, Pathology, and Population Health Sciences; Vice Chair for Research in the Department of Medicine; Director of the Division of Allergy, Asthma, and Clinical Immunology; Executive Director of the Mississippi Clinical Research and Trials Center; and Medical Director for UMMC’s Clinical Research and Trials Unit.

Gailen Marshall, MD, PhD, who, in addition to the several hats he wears within the Department of Medicine, is Executive Director of the Mississippi Clinical Research and Trials Center, reported a 35 percent increase in the number of clinical trials started during Fiscal Year 2020.

“I am so pleased at the progress we are making with our clinical trials program,” said Marshall. “For a relatively new endeavor, we are making great strides.”

UMMC’s Clinical Research and Trials Unit (CRTU), for which Marshall serves as Medical Director, officially opened in 2019. Located on the seventh floor of University Hospital, the CRTU comprises 22 inpatient/outpatient rooms, a research pharmacy, a sample processing lab, an eight-chair infusion center, encounter rooms, and a conference room.

“During our first year of operation,” said Marshall, “We hosted 74 new clinical trials. This past year, that number jumped to 100, and I suspect we’ll see a dramatically higher number by the end of this year.”

The CRTU is home to clinical research in several specialties, including cardiovascular disease, cancer, neurology, and—most recently—COVID. Marshall’s work in particular is exploring the use of convalescent plasma and the potential for anti-inflammatory products as potential treatments for COVID-19. He and colleagues are embarking on a study to better understand post-acute sequelae of having contracted the virus.

JOHN AND MICHAEL HALL CO-AUTHOR 14TH EDITION OF WORLD-RENOWNED PHYSIOLOGY TEXT

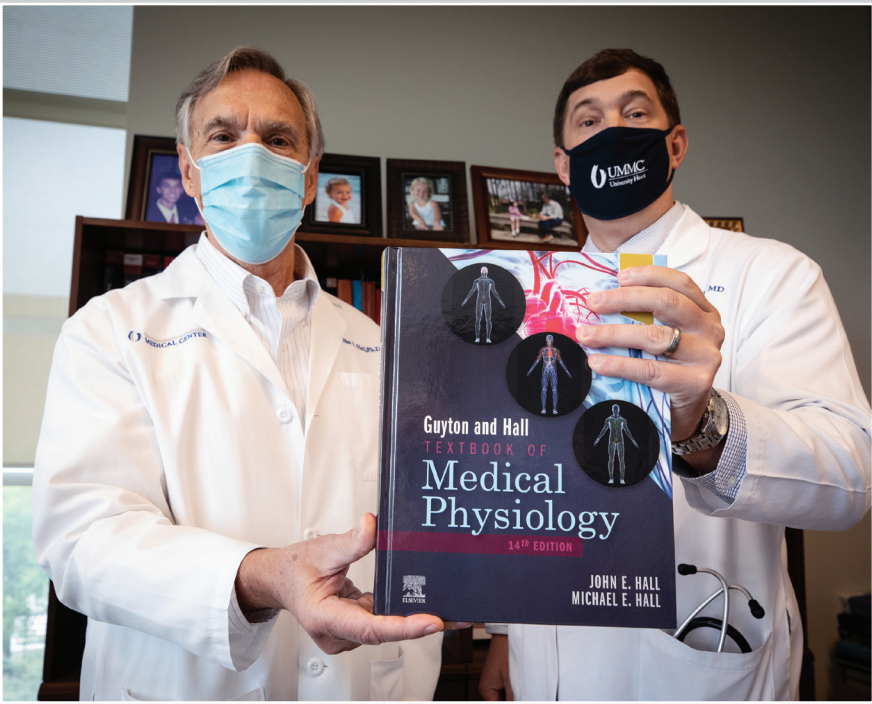
Michael Hall, MD, MS joined forces with his father, John E. Hall, PhD, to co-author the 14th edition of the *Guyton and Hall Textbook of Medical Physiology*. Published in 2020 by Elsevier, this textbook is widely regarded as the gold standard in the field of medical physiology.

The first eight editions of the textbook were authored by Arthur C. Guyton, PhD, beginning in 1956. Guyton’s seminal contributions to our understanding of cardiovascular physiology continue to guide our treatment of hypertension, heart failure, and other types of cardiovascular disorders. John Hall, who chairs UMMC’s Department of Physiology and Biophysics, began co-authoring the textbook with Guyton—who died in 2003—beginning with the 9th edition, which was published in 1986.

Michael Hall is an Associate Division Director in UMMC’s Division of Cardiovascular Diseases, Associate Vice Chair for Research in the Department of Medicine, and Director of Clinical and Population Studies for the Mississippi Center for Clinical and Translational Research.

With more than 1,200 full-color drawings and diagrams within its 1,100 pages, the *Guyton and Hall Textbook of Medical Physiology* has been translated into 22 languages. Reviews of the 14th edition are excellent. One reader wrote, “The current edition incorporates many of the recent developments in physiology, and still explains all the basics comprehensively and well.”

After receiving the textbook, a medical student wrote, “Best physiology text in existence,” and then went on to add, “Now I can torture myself.”





JACKSON HEART STUDY: **NEW EXAM; NEW DIRECTOR**

The Jackson Heart Study (JHS), which was established in 1998, is the largest study of cardiovascular health among African American adults. Funded by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute and the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities, JHS is a collaboration between the University of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson State University, Tougaloo College, the Mississippi State Department of Health

Now beginning its fourth exam of cohort members, the JHS also has a new director. April Carson, PhD officially took the reins of the JHS on September 20, 2021. Prior to her appointment at UMMC, Carson was a faculty member at the



University of Alabama at Birmingham's School of Public Health as Associate Professor of Epidemiology and Associate Dean for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

Carson brings to this role a wealth of experience. Her research focuses on health disparities in cardiovascular disease and diabetes. She has been involved with several large observational cohort studies and has published on a range of social, clinical, and lifestyle factors related to the occurrence of disease in disadvantaged populations.

As co-investigator of the CARDIA (Coronary Artery Risk Development in Young Adults) Study, Carson evaluated the performance of cardiovascular disease risk prediction models and the role of glycemic markers in the development of microvascular and macrovascular disease.

Noting that she was honored to accept the role of JHS Director, Carson added, "While I am quite familiar with JHS and its long, rich history, I am excited to now become a part of the Jackson community and join the outstanding JHS staff members and partner institutions to build upon this storied foundation."

Commencement of Exam 4 of the JHS was postponed from its originally planned start date because of COVID-19. The exam will include an echocardiogram, and electrocardiogram, blood and urine samples, and surveys to determine family and medical history, food intake, and brain health. JHS expects to administer the fourth exam to approximately 2,000 members of the JHS cohort.

THE GLOVER RESEARCH LAB



Yillianys Pride, Haley Williams, Dr. Tanya Robinson, Dr. Anna Owings, Hannah Laird, Taylor Christian, and Dr. Sarah Glover

Sarah Glover, DO joined the UMMC faculty in January 2019 as Director of the Division of Digestive Diseases. An active NIH and industry-funded researcher, Glover wasted no time in establishing her own research lab and fostering the establishment of a state-of-the-art flow cytometry core at UMMC.

Glover's laboratory focuses on innate immune mechanisms of gut inflammation and COVID-19 immune responses in the nasal and oral mucosa. Her work in gut inflammation has focused on inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) and hereditary alpha tryptasemia. She and her team have been increasingly focused on improving understanding of the disease mechanism and treatment for African Americans with IBD. In collaboration with the UMMC revenue cycle office and NIH, Glover got an ICD-10 code approved for hereditary alpha tryptasemia.

In addition to three other peer-reviewed papers, she and the six members of her lab also recently co-authored an article published in the journal *Cell*, "Impaired Local Intrinsic Immunity to SARS-CoV-2 Infection in Severe COVID-19." The article was the result of collaborations with researchers from the Ragon Institute of MGH, MIT, and Harvard; the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard; Boston Children's Hospital; and MIT. Additional authors from the Department of Medicine include Drs. Mohammad Hassan and Adam Parker (Division of Digestive Diseases); Drs. George Abraham, Michal Senitko, Campbell B. Sindell, and Meredith Sloan (Division of Pulmonary Medicine). The research team is working on a follow-up study to compare their initial findings to patients with either the COVID-19 Delta variant or who are experiencing breakthrough infections after having had been vaccinated.

This team also recently received funding for two projects from the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative (CZI) Pediatric Networks for the Human Cell Atlas. The first is focused on understanding normal mucosal immunology in the nose and mouth in children. Glover will serve as the site PI for this project in collaboration with Drs. Justin Davis (pediatric ED) and Laura Saxton-Wright (PICU). The second seeks to understand how the pediatric gut immunity is influenced by environmental factors. Dr. Phyllis Bishop (pediatric GI) will serve as site PI.

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Title:	Efficacy and Safety of Rezafungin for Injection Versus Intravenous Caspofungin Followed by Optional Oral Fluconazol Step Down in the Treatment of Subjects with Candidemia and/or Invasive Candidiasis
Principal Investigator:	Svenja Albrecht, MD
Sponsor:	Allergen Sales LLC
Title:	A Phase 3, Multicenter, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Study to Evaluate the Efficacy and Safety of Cenicriviroc for the Treatment of Liver Fibrosis AWD-000984 SP14065
Principal Investigator:	Thomas Amankonah, MD
Sponsor:	Inc Research through Intercept Pharmaceuticals
Title:	Obeticholic Acid in Subjects with Compensated Cirrhosis due to Nonalcoholic Steatohepatitis
Principal Investigator:	Thomas Amankonah, MD
Sponsor:	Syneous Health through Durect Corporation
Title:	A Randomized, Open-label, Phase 1b Study to Evaluate Safety, Pharmacokinetic and Pharmacodynamic Signals of DUR-928 in Patients with Non-Alcoholic Steatohepatitis
Principal Investigator:	Thomas Amankonah, MD
Sponsor:	My Brother's Keeper
Title:	Open Arms Non-Ryan White Part B Care and Services
Principal Investigator:	Laura Beauchamps, MD
Sponsor:	National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases through University of Washington
Title:	University of Washington / Fred Hutch Center for AIDS Research
Principal Investigator:	Laura Beauchamps, MD
Sponsor:	Vanderbilt University
Title:	AIDS Education and Training Centers Program
Principal Investigator:	Laura Beauchamps, MD
Sponsor:	MedPace, Inc.
Title:	GRAVITAS-301: A Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Phase 3 Study of Itacitinib or Placebo in Combination With Corticosteroids for the Treatment of First -Line Acute Graft-Versus-host Disease
Principal Investigator:	Carolyn Bigelow, MD
Sponsor:	AIDS United
Title:	Using Evidence-Informed Intervention to Improve Health Outcomes among People Living with HIV Initiative
Principal Investigator:	James Brock, MD
Sponsor:	Health Resources and Services Administration
Title:	Ryan White Part C EIS COVID-19 Response
Principal Investigator:	James Brock, MD
Sponsor:	Health Resources and Services Administration
Title:	Ryan White Part C Outpatient EIS Program
Principal Investigator:	James Brock, MD

Sponsor:	Health Resources and Services Administration through My Brother's Keeper
Title:	Ryan White HIV Care and Services
Principal Investigator:	James Brock, MD
Sponsor:	Health Resources and Services Administration through Vanderbilt University Medical Center
Title:	AIDS Education Training Center
Principal Investigator:	James Brock, MD
Sponsor:	Health Resources and Services Administration through Mississippi State Department of Health
Title:	Ryan White Part B, Adult Specialty Care
Principal Investigator:	James Brock, MD
Sponsor:	National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute through Massachusetts General Hospital
Title:	REPRIEVE Study
Principal Investigator:	James Brock, MD
Sponsor:	National Institute on Drug Abuse through University of Washington
Title:	National Drug Abuse Treatment Clinical Trials Network: Pacific Northwest Node
Principal Investigator:	Jennifer Brumfield
Sponsor:	American Heart Association
Title:	A-TRAC Pilot Core
Principal Investigator:	Javed Butler, MD, MPH, MBA
Sponsor:	Duke University
Title:	CHART Substudy
Principal Investigator:	Javed Butler, MD, MPH, MBA
Sponsor:	Duke University through Verily Life Sciences
Title:	Baseline Learning Health Systems Consortium
Principal Investigator:	Javed Butler, MD, MPH, MBA
Sponsor:	European Union Framework 7 Programme
Title:	Targeting Cardiac Fibrosis for Heart Failure Treatment (Zannad)
Principal Investigator:	Javed Butler, MD, MPH, MBA
Sponsor:	National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute
Title:	PROHIBIT-Sodium (Prevention of Heart Failure Hospitalization by Intervening on Sodium)
Principal Investigator:	Javed Butler, MD, MPH, MBA
Sponsor:	Vanderbilt University through Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute
Title:	GWTG Interventions to Reduce Disparities in AHF Patients Discharged from the ED (GUIDED-HF)
Principal Investigator:	Javed Butler, MD, MPH, MBA
Sponsor:	University of Michigan
Title:	A Social Epigenomic Approach to Health Disparities in Cardiovascular Risk Factors
Principal Investigator:	Kenneth Butler, PhD

Sponsor:	Mayo Clinic
Title:	Tailored Antiplatelet Initiation to Lessen Outcomes Due to Decreased Clopidogrel Response after Percutaneous Coronary Intervention
Principal Investigator:	William Campbell, MD
Sponsor:	Pluristem, Ltd.
Title:	A Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled, Multicenter, Parallel-Group Phase II Study to Evaluate the Efficacy and Safety of Intramuscular Injections of PLX-PAD for the Treatment of Severe COVID
Principal Investigator:	Luis Shimose Ciudad, MD
Sponsor:	American Heart Association
Title:	Home Based Hypertension Management Using Remote Blood Pressure Telemonitoring
Principal Investigator:	Donald Clark, MD, MPH
Sponsor:	National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute
Title:	Jackson Heart Study Coordinating Center
Principal Investigator:	Adolfo Correa, MD, PhD
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Principal Investigator:	Adolfo Correa, MD, PhD
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Title:	Jackson Heart Study Coordinating Center – Task Area B.1 – Exam 4
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Title:	Jackson Heart Study Field Center – Task B
Principal Investigator:	Adolfo Correa, MD, PhD
Sponsor:	National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute through Boston University School of Medicine
Title:	Rapid and Comprehensive Platelet Reactivity Phenotyping on Small Blood Volumes in the Jackson Heart Study Addressing the Unknowns of Platelet Reactivity in a Large Diverse Population Sample
Principal Investigator:	Adolfo Correa, MD, PhD
Sponsor:	National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute through Brigham and Women's Hospital
Title:	Quantifying Cardiac Structure and Function to Define the Progression to Heart Failure in African Americans
Principal Investigator:	Adolfo Correa, MD, PhD
Sponsor:	National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute through Broad Institute
Title:	Return of Genomic Results and Estimating Penetrance in Population-Based Cohorts
Principal Investigator:	Adolfo Correa, MD, PhD
Sponsor:	National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute through Columbia University
Title:	Automated Clinic Blood Pressure Assessment and Detection of White Coat and Masked Hypertension Study in African Americans
Principal Investigator:	Adolfo Correa, MD, PhD

Sponsor:	National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute through Jackson State University
Title:	Jackson Heart Study Graduate Training and Education Center
Principal Investigator:	Adolfo Correa, MD, PhD
Sponsor:	National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute through Johns Hopkins University
Title:	Clonal Hematopoiesis in Health Individuals from Families with Early Onset Coronary Artery Disease
Principal Investigator:	Adolfo Correa, MD, PhD
Sponsor:	National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute through Mississippi State Department of Health
Title:	Jackson Heart Study Community Engagement Center
Principal Investigator:	Adolfo Correa, MD, PhD
Sponsor:	National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute through Tougaloo College
Title:	Jackson Heart Study Undergraduate Training and Education Center
Principal Investigator:	Adolfo Correa, MD, PhD
Sponsor:	National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute through University of Washington
Title:	Subclinical Atrial Fibrillation and Supraventricular Ectopy in the Jackson Heart
Principal Investigator:	Adolfo Correa, MD, PhD
Sponsor:	National Institute on Aging through Columbia University
Title:	Blood Pressure and ADRD in African Americans: the Jackson Heart Study
Principal Investigator:	Adolfo Correa, MD, PhD
Sponsor:	National Institute on Aging through University of North Carolina
Title:	Arterial Stiffness and Brain Health in African Americans
Principal Investigator:	Adolfo Correa, MD, PhD
Sponsor:	LSU Health Science Center
Title:	Increasing Awareness of and Support for Young Women with Breast Cancer in the Gulf South
Principal Investigator:	Barbara Craft, MD
Sponsor:	Bayer Healthcare Pharmaceuticals
Title:	Phase 3, Randomized, Study of Intravenous P13K Inhibitor Copanlisib in Combination with Standard Immunotherapy Versus Standard Immunotherapy in Patients with Relapsed Indolent Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma
Principal Investigator:	Stephanie Elkins, MD
Sponsor:	Janssen Research and Development
Title:	A Randomized Study of Daratumumab Plus Lenalidomide Versus Lenalidomide Alone as Maintenance Treatment in Patients with Newly Diagnosed Multiple Myeloma who are Minimal Residual Disease Positive
Principal Investigator:	Stephanie Elkins, MD
Sponsor:	MorphoSys AG
Title:	ICON MOR208C204: A Phase 2/3 Randomized Study of MOR00208 with Bendamustine Versus Rituximab with Bendamustine in Patients with Relapsed or Refractory Diffuse Large B-Cell Lymphoma Who are Not Eligible for High-Dose
Principal Investigator:	Stephanie Elkins, MD
Sponsor:	National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute through Boston University
Title:	Pros and Cons of Conducting Community-Based Cardiovascular Research
Principal Investigator:	Ervin Fox, MD, MPH
Sponsor:	National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute through Boston University
Title:	RURAL: Risk Underlying Rural Areas Longitudinal Cohort Study
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	Title: Aptamer Proteomics of Cardiometabolic and Renal Traits in African Americans		Title: American Heart Association Tobacco Regulation and Addiction Center		Title: Provision of Treatment for Substance Use Disorders and Mental Health Disorders in Mississippi to Reduce Transmission and Improve Clinical Outcomes in People Living with HIV		Title: A Phase 3, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Study Assessing the Efficacy and Safety of Anti-Spike SARS-Cov-2 Monoclonal Antibodies in Preventing SARS-Cov-2 Infection in Household Contact
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Principal Investigator:	Sponsor: AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals through Saint Luke's Hospital of Kansas City	Principal Investigator:	Sponsor: National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute through American Heart Association	Principal Investigator:	Sponsor: Health Resources and Services Administration	Principal Investigator:	Sponsor: AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals through Brigham and Women's Hospital
	Title: A Study Testing Dapagliflozin in Respiratory Failure in Relation to COVID 19 (DARE 19)		Title: AHA Tobacco Center for Regulatory Science (A-TRAC)		Title: Ryan White Part C, Outpatient EIS Program		Title: DAPA ACT HF-TIMI 68:Dapagliflozin and Effect on Cardiovascular Events in Acute Heart Failure-Thrombolysis in Myocardial Infraction 68
	Principal Investigator: Vishnu Garla, MD		Principal Investigator: Michael Hall, MD, MS (for Mississippi Site)		Principal Investigator: Deborah Konkle-Parker, PhD		Principal Investigator: Robert Long, MD
Principal Investigator:	Sponsor: AbbVie, Inc.	Principal Investigator:	Sponsor: National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute through Yale University	Principal Investigator:	Sponsor: Health Resources and Services Administration through Mississippi State Department of Health	Principal Investigator:	Sponsor: Bayer Healthcare, Inc.
	Title: A Multicenter, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Induction Study to Evaluate the Efficacy and Safety of Upadacitinib (ABT-494) in Subjects with Moderately to Severely Active Ulcerative Colitis		Title: Torsemide Comparison with Furosemide for Management of Heart Failure (TRANSFORM-HF)		Title: Ryan White Part B, Adult Specialty Care		Title: 19334 Oral sGC Stimulator Vericiguat to Improve Physical Functioning in Activities of Daily Living in Patients with Heart Failure and Preserved Ejection Fraction (VITALITY-HFpEF)
	Principal Investigator: Sarah Glover, MD		Principal Investigator: Michael Hall, MD, MS		Principal Investigator: Deborah Konkle-Parker, PhD		Principal Investigator: Robert Long, MD
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	Title: Combined Phase 3, Double-blind, Randomized, Placebo-Controlled Studies Evaluating the Efficacy and Safety of Filgotinib in the Induction and Maintenance of Remission in Subjects with Moderately to Severely Active Crohn's Disease		Title: Strategic Management to Improve CRT Using Multi-Site Pacing Post Approval Study (Reference #C1918)		Title: UAB Mississippi WIHS Cohort ECG		Title: EMPERIAL-Preserved: A Phase III Randomized, Double-Blind Trial to Evaluate the Effect of 12 Weeks Treatment of Once Daily EMPagliflozin 10 mg Compared with Placebo on Exercise Ability and Heart Failure Symptoms, in Patients with Chronic Heart Failure with Preserved Ejection Fraction (HFpEF)
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	Title: A Phase 3b Randomized Double-blind Multicenter Study to Evaluate the Safety and Efficacy of Intravenous Reinduction Therapy With Ustekinumab in Patients with Moderately to Severely Active Crohn's Disease		Title: Implementing Shared Decision Making for Individualized CV Prevention		Title: WIHS Cohort Echo		Title: EMPERIAL-Reduced (1245,168) - A Phase III Randomized, Double-Blind Trial to Evaluate the Effect of 12 Weeks Treatment of Once Daily EMPagliflozin 10 mg Compared with Placebo on Exercise Ability and Heart Failure Symptoms, in Patients with Chronic Heart Failure with Reduced Ejection Fraction (HFrEF)
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	Title: Repurposing Pharmacological Agents for Inherited Mast Cell Disorders of the Gut		Title: A Phase 2 Open Label Study of IMMU-132 in Metastatic Urothelial Cancer after Failure of Platinum-based Regimen or Anti-PD-1/PD-L Base Immunotherapy		Title: WIHS Cohort Turan		Title: EMPULSE
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	Title: Innate Immune Mechanisms of Periodontal Disease and Inflammatory Bowel Disease		Title: SWOG NCORP Research Base		Title: WIHS PFT Supplement		Title: 2019-07-LN-PP: Autonomic Regulation Therapy to Enhance Myocardial Function and Reduce Progression of Heart Failure with Reduced Ejection Fraction (ANTHEM-HFrEF)
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	Title: A Phase 2 Randomized Placebo Controlled Study of the Safety and Efficacy of BMS-986165 in Subjects with Moderate to Severe Crohn's Disease		Title: SWOG Network Group Operations Center of the NCTN		Title: Women HIV Cohort Study: HIV Infection and Treatment among Women of Reproductive Age		Title: Algorithm using LINQ Sensors for Evaluation
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Principal Investigator:	Sponsor: Robarts Clinical Trials, Inc	Principal Investigator:	Sponsor: Seattle Genetics	Principal Investigator:	Sponsor: National Institute of Mental Health through University of Alabama at Birmingham	Principal Investigator:	Sponsor: National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute through Brigham and Women's Hospital
	Title: An-Open Label, Phase 4 Study to Evaluate the Efficacy and Safety of Triple Combination Therapy With Vedolizumab IV, Adalimumab SC, and Oral Methotrexate in Early Treatment of Subjects With Crohn's Disease Stratified at Higher Risk for Developing Complications		Title: A Study of Enfortumab Vedotin (ASG-22CE) as Monotherapy or in Combination with Other Anticancer Therapies		Title: Improving Retention in Care Among Postpartum HIV-infected Women in Mississippi		Title: DAPA ACT HF-TIMI 68: Dapagliflozin and Effect on Cardiovascular Events in Acute Heart Failure -Thrombolysis in Myocardial Infarction
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	Title: Clinical and Pre-Clinical Predictors of Response to Gattex in Short Bowel Syndrome		Title: A Phase 1b/2 Study of Ibrutinib Combination Therapy in Selected Advanced Gastrointestinal And Genitourinary Tumors		Title: Mechanisms and Longitudinal Effects of Stigma on Women's Adherence and Outcomes		Title: Prospective Comparison of ARNI with ARB Given following Stabilization In Decompensated HFpEF, and Tolerability in Patients with Acute Decompensated HFpEF
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Principal Investigator:	Sponsor: Endotronix	Principal Investigator:	Sponsor: Mayo Clinic	Principal Investigator:	Sponsor: Northern California Institute for Research and Education	Principal Investigator:	Sponsor: Synoes Health
	Title: A Prospective, Multi-Center, Randomized, Controlled, Single Blind Clinical Trial Evaluating the Safety and Efficacy of the Cordell		Title: Association Between Financial and Health Insurance Literacy and Financial Distress of Cancer Treatment		Title: HIV, HCV and the Menopausal Transition: Effects on Steatosis and Fibrosis Progression		Title: A Multicenter, Double Blind, Placebo-controlled, Randomized, Withdrawal, Parallel Group of Patiomer for the Management of Hyperkalemia i Subjects receiving Renin-Angiotensin-Aldosterone System Inhibitants
	Principal Investigator: Gabriel Hernandez, MD		Principal Investigator: Tilal Hilal, MD		Principal Investigator: Deborah Konkle-Parker, PhD		Principal Investigator: Robert Long, MD

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	Title: SCNSA Gene and Prolonged QT in Sickle Cell Disease		Title: 2020-0092 Phase 1b/2, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled, Multi-Center Study to Evaluate the Safety and Efficacy of TJ003234 in patients with COVID-19		Title: Theoretically Based Mobile App to Increase PrEP Uptake Among MSM		Title: Early Detection of Transthyretin Cardiac Amyloidosis: Defining a Novel Target for HFpEF Treatment and Prevention in Late Life
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Principal Investigator:	Title: The Ovarian Cancer Academy	Principal Investigator:	Title: TP-000172/TP-000224 Female Specimen Collection for the Development of the Click Sexual Health Test	Principal Investigator:	Title: Prospective, Multi-Site, Method Comparison Clinical Study of the Resistance Plus MG Diagnostic Accuracy in Detecting M. Genitalium and Mutations Associated with Azithromycin Resistance	Principal Investigator:	Title: Mapping the Progression to HFpEF in the Elderly through Longitudinal Changes in Cardiac Function
	Title: Nita Maihle, PhD		Title: Leandro Mena, MD, MPH		Title: Leandro Mena, MD, MPH		Title: Thomas Mosley, PhD
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	Title: Serum Proteins, Human Aging and Disease Risk: EGFR Isoform D as a Model		Title: Ryan White Part B, Early Intervention Services		Title: A Randomized, Double-Blind, Multicenter Study of Denosumab Compared With Zoledronic Acid (Zometa) in the Treatment of Bone Disease in Subjects with Newly Diagnosed Multiple Myeloma		Title: Collaborative Cohort of Cohorts for COVID-19 Research
Principal Investigator:	Title: Nita Maihle, PhD	Principal Investigator:	Title: Leandro Mena, MD, MPH	Principal Investigator:	Title: Carter Milner, MD	Principal Investigator:	Title: Thomas Mosley, PhD
	Sponsor: CARE Arthritis, Ltd.		Sponsor: Merck Foundation		Sponsor: Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corp.		Sponsor: National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute through Johns Hopkins University
Principal Investigator:	Title: Classification of Axial Spondylarthritis Inception Cohort (CLASSIC)	Principal Investigator:	Title: Mississippi HIV Care Connect	Principal Investigator:	Title: Managed Access Program to Provide Access to CTL109 for ALL or Large B-cell Lymphoma Patients	Principal Investigator:	Title: Quantifying Cardiovascular Calcification at Very Old Age for Personalized Risk Classification
	Title: Vikas Majithia, MD		Title: Leandro Mena, MD, MPH		Title: Carter Milner, MD		Title: Thomas Mosley, PhD
Principal Investigator:	Sponsor: Janssen Research and Development	Principal Investigator:	Sponsor: My Brother's Keeper	Principal Investigator:	Sponsor: Medpace, Inc.	Principal Investigator:	Sponsor: National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute through University of Michigan
	Title: A Multicenter, Randomized, Double-blind, Placebo-controlled, Parallel-group Study of Ustekinumab in Subjects with Active Systemic Lupus Erythematosus		Title: Capacity Building Assistance for High-Impact HIV Prevention		Title: Performance Evaluation of the AMIA Automated Peritoneal Dialysis (APD) Solution Generation System in Patients Using the AMIA APD Cycle		Title: Atherosclerosis Risk in Communities (ARIC) Coordinating Center - Community Surveillance, Feasibility and Calibration Study
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Principal Investigator:	Title: A Phase 2 Randomized Placebo Controlled Study to Evaluate Efficacy and Safety of BMS-986165 in Subjects with Systemic Lupus Erythematosus	Principal Investigator:	Title: Clinical Study of a Single-Use, Point-of-Care Molecular Diagnostic Device for the Detection of Neisseria Gonorrhoeae, Trichomonas Vaginalis, and Chlamydia Trachomatis Utilizing Vaginally Collected Swabs	Principal Investigator:	Title: A Phase 3 Study to Demonstrate the Safety and Effectiveness of Neutrolin in Preventing Catheter-related Bloodstream Infections in Subjects receiving Hemodialysis as Treatment for ESRD	Principal Investigator:	Title: Significance of Atrial Fibrillation and Atrial Fibrillation Burden Detected by Novel ECG Monitoring in Community-Dwelling Elderly
	Title: Vikas Majithia, MD		Title: Leandro Mena, MD, MPH		Title: Divya Monga, MD		Title: Thomas Mosley, PhD
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	Title: Implementation of Decision-Aid for Lupus in Practice Settings for Shared Decision-Making: IDEAL Study		Title: Clinical Validation of a Molecular Test for Ciprofloxacin-Susceptibility in Neisseria Gonorrhoeae		Title: A Phase 3, Event Driven Study in Non-Dialysis Subjects with Anemia Associated with Chronic Kidney Disease to Evaluate the Safety Efficacy of GSK1278863 Compared to Darbeapoetin Alfa		Title: ARIC Study - Coordinating Center
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Principal Investigator:	Title: An Investigator-Initiated, Phase II, Randomized, Withdrawal Study of Mycophenolate Mofetil in Patients with Stable, Quiescent Systemic Lupus Erythematosus	Principal Investigator:	Title: A Multisite Randomized Trial of BattleViro: A Mobile Gaming App to Improve ART Adherence for Youth	Principal Investigator:	Title: Barostim Neo-baroreflex Activation Therapy for Heart Failure	Principal Investigator:	Title: Epigenetics of Successful Aging
	Title: Vikas Majithia, MD		Title: Leandro Mena, MD, MPH		Title: Charles Moore, MD		Title: Thomas Mosley, PhD
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	Title: 2020-2786 A Multicenter, Double Blind, Randomized Controlled Study to Evaluate Factor XIIa Antagonist Monoclonal Antibody (CSL312, Garadacimab) as Early Treatment in Adults with Severe Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID 19) Induced Pneumonia		Title: Mobile Health Platform for Providing Real-time Follow-up After Home-based HIV Self-testing for High-Risk Men Who Have Sex with Men		Title: Precision Medicine for Dilated Cardiomyopathy in European and African Ancestry		Title: Cognitively Healthy Nonagenarians in the Cross Cohort Collaboration
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Principal Investigator:	Title: UMMC IMab Central Lab Capability (Cytokine Testing)	Principal Investigator:	Title: Characterizing the HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis Care Continuum for African American and Hispanic/Latino Men Who Have Sex with Men	Principal Investigator:	Title: Randomized, Double-blind, Placebo-controlled, Parallel-group, Multicenter Study to Evaluate the Effects of Sotagliflozin on Clinical Outcomes in Hemodynamically Stable Patients with Type 2 Diabetes	Principal Investigator:	Title: Diabetes and Prediabetes in Older Adults in ARIC
	Title: Gailen Marshall, MD, PhD		Title: Leandro Mena, MD, MPH		Title: Charles Moore, MD		Title: Thomas Mosley, PhD
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	Title: Immune Modulators for Treating COVID-19 (ACTIV-1 IM)		Title: A Mobile Intervention to Improve Uptake of PrEP for Southern Black MSM		Title: Atherosclerosis Risk in Communities (ARIC) Field Center		Title: ARIC PET Amyloid Imaging Study
Principal Investigator:	Title: Gailen Marshall, MD, PhD	Principal Investigator:	Title: Leandro Mena, MD, MPH	Principal Investigator:	Title: Thomas Mosley, PhD	Principal Investigator:	Title: Thomas Mosley, PhD
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Principal Investigator:	Title: Pediatric Asthma Disparities: The Role of Sleep and Immune Balance	Principal Investigator:	Title: A Mobile Intervention to Improve Uptake of PrEP for Southern Black MSM	Principal Investigator:	Title: Thomas Mosley, PhD	Principal Investigator:	Title: Aging, Cognition, and Hearing Evaluation in Elders (ACHIEVE) Randomized Trial
	Title: Gailen Marshall, MD, PhD		Title: Leandro Mena, MD, MPH		Title: Thomas Mosley, PhD		Title: Thomas Mosley, PhD
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	Title: Safety, Tolerability, and Efficacy of Anti-Spike (S) SARS-CoV-2 Monoclonal Antibodies for Hospitalized Adult Patients With COVID-19		Title: Leandro Mena, MD, MPH		Title: ARIC Neurocognitive Study		Title: Eye Determinants of Cognition (EyeDOC) Study
Principal Investigator:	Title: Gailen Marshall, MD, PhD	Principal Investigator:	Sponsor: National Institute of Mental Health through University of Illinois	Principal Investigator:	Sponsor: National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute through Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Inc.	Principal Investigator:	Sponsor: National Institute on Aging through Johns Hopkins University
	Title: Gailen Marshall, MD, PhD		Title: A Mobile Phone Intervention Using a Relational Human Talking Avatar to Promote Multiple Stages of HIV Care Continuum in African American MSM		Title: Clinical Implications of Blood Pressure Patterns Among Older Adults		Title: Thomas Mosley, PhD
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	Title: Hearing Loss, Brain Aging, and Speech-in Noise Performance in the ACHIEVE Study		Title: Phase 3 Study Evaluating the Efficacy and Safety of Pembrolizumab plus Platinum-based Doublet Chemotherapy With or Without Canakinumab as First Line Therapy for Locally Advanced or Metastatic Non-squamous and Squamous NSCLC Subjects		Title: Pseudo Aeruginosa and Staph Aureus Proteases and Toxins in CF Exacerbations		Title: A Phase 1 Dose Escalation and Expanded Cohort Study of PF-06821497 in the Treatment of Adult Patients with Relapsed/Refractory Small Cell Lung Cancer, Castration Resistant Prostate Cancer
Principal Investigator:	Sponsor: National Institute on Aging through Johns Hopkins University	Principal Investigator:	Sponsor: John Ruckdeschel, MD	Principal Investigator:	Sponsor: John Spurzem, MD	Principal Investigator:	Sponsor: Shou-Ching Tang, MD, PhD
	Title: The Role of Intracranial Atherosclerosis in the Development of Alzheimer's Disease		Title: 2019-0247 A Phase 2 Open Label Study of Sacituzumab Govitecan (IMMU-132) in Subjects with Metastatic Solid Tumors		Title: Cystic Fibrosis Fundamental to OneCF Learning and Leadership Collaborative		Title: An Open-Label, Randomized-Sequence, Multicenter, Single-Crossover Study to Assess the Relative Bioavailability and Bioequivalence of NiraparaiB Tablet Formulation Compared to NiraparaiB Capsule Formulation in Patients with Advanced Solid Tumors
Principal Investigator:	Sponsor: National Institute on Aging through University of North Carolina	Principal Investigator:	Sponsor: John Ruckdeschel, MD	Principal Investigator:	Sponsor: Vertex	Principal Investigator:	Sponsor: Shou-Ching Tang, MD, PhD
	Title: Changes in Arterial Stiffness, Cognition and Dementia Risk in a Diverse Cohort		Title: A Phase 3, Open label Study Evaluating the Long-term Safety and Efficacy of VX-445 Combination Therapy in Subjects with Cystic Fibrosis		Title: Identifying Novel Biological Pathways for Gout Using DNA Methylation and Genetics		Title: An Open-Label, Randomized-Sequence, Multicenter, Single-Crossover Study to Assess the Relative Bioavailability and Bioequivalence of NiraparaiB Tablet Formulation Compared to NiraparaiB Capsule Formulation in Patients with Advanced Solid Tumors
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	Title: DISCOVERY: Determinants of Incident Stroke Cognitive Outcomes and Vascular Effects on Recovery		Title: Evidence-based Practice Centers v. End State Renal Disease in the Medicare Population		Title: A Phase 3, Open label Study Evaluating the Long-term Safety and Efficacy of VX-659 Combination Therapy in Subjects with Cystic Fibrosis who are Homozygous or Heterozygous for the F508del Mutation		Title: Identifying Novel Biological Pathways for Gout Using DNA Methylation and Genetics
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	Title: DISCOVERY: Determinants of Incident Stroke Cognitive Outcomes and Vascular Effects on Recovery		Title: National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute through Johns Hopkins University		Title: A Phase 3, Open label Study Evaluating the Long-term Safety and Efficacy of VX-659 Combination Therapy in Subjects with Cystic Fibrosis who are Homozygous or Heterozygous for the F508del Mutation		Title: Identifying Novel Biological Pathways for Gout Using DNA Methylation and Genetics
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	Title: Novel EGG Measures and Risk of Sudden Cardiac Death		Title: Cardiac Arrhythmia Monitoring and Related Outcomes in End Stage Renal Disease Patients		Title: A Phase 3, Open label Study Evaluating the Long-term Safety and Efficacy of VX-659 Combination Therapy in Subjects with Cystic Fibrosis who are Homozygous or Heterozygous for the F508del Mutation		Title: Identifying Novel Biological Pathways for Gout Using DNA Methylation and Genetics
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	Title: An Ethnicity-Specific MetS Severity Score to Assess Risk: The Jackson Heart		Title: Cardiac Arrhythmia Monitoring and Related Outcomes in End Stage Renal Disease Patients		Title: A Phase 3, Open label Study Evaluating the Long-term Safety and Efficacy of VX-659 Combination Therapy in Subjects with Cystic Fibrosis who are Homozygous or Heterozygous for the F508del Mutation		Title: Identifying Novel Biological Pathways for Gout Using DNA Methylation and Genetics
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Principal Investigator:	Sponsor: National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases through University of Michigan	Principal Investigator:	Sponsor: Tariq Shafi, MD	Principal Investigator:	Sponsor: Vertex	Principal Investigator:	Sponsor: National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases
	Title: Human Population Based Genetic Studies to Elucidate the Biology of NAFLD		Title: Cardiac Arrhythmia Monitoring and Related Outcomes in End Stage Renal Disease Patients		Title: A Phase 3, Open label Study Evaluating the Long-term Safety and Efficacy of VX-659 Combination Therapy in Subjects with Cystic Fibrosis who are Homozygous or Heterozygous for the F508del Mutation		Title: Identifying Novel Biological Pathways for Gout Using DNA Methylation and Genetics
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	Title: Identification and Functional Impact of NAFLD Associated Genetic Variants (GOLD Functional)		Title: Cardiac Arrhythmia Monitoring and Related Outcomes in End Stage Renal Disease Patients		Title: A Phase 3, Open label Study Evaluating the Long-term Safety and Efficacy of VX-659 Combination Therapy in Subjects with Cystic Fibrosis who are Homozygous or Heterozygous for the F508del Mutation		Title: Identifying Novel Biological Pathways for Gout Using DNA Methylation and Genetics
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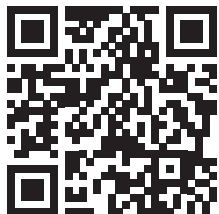
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