



ED Update

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NOTE FROM AN ALUMNI

Dr. Hamilton,

I wanted to send you a pic of a lady I helped in Haiti using the pinhole eye test. She had blurry vision and was in the bush of Haiti. I used an 18-G needle and poked a bunch of holes in some cheap sunglasses we had. She said she had markedly improved vision while wearing them. Talk about 'first aid'!

-Brian Hartman
(2007 grad)



WINTER OF FINANCIAL DISENGAGEMENT

When we last talked in the autumn those of us who had squirreled away US minted green paper for our future or the future of our grandchildren saw significant contractions of the bill sizes. From the time we went to press in the last *Update* till the appearance of this issue we are now down to pennies on each dollar invested. Further we have been threatened with contraction of our take-home wages, coughing up potential loss of previously accepted itemized deductions and additional dollars as a down payment to the post-Hillary redo of the healthcare system (that will likely lower our reimbursements for care/ another bonus). To this all, I told Ruth, "It's only money." True there is hardship with this redistribution of wealth train, but it's only money.

RETENTION OF HEALTH

At the time of its introduction, the 60 second, made for TV scenario overtly pushing the benefit of multivitamins starred a grey headed couple in their garden who summarized the state of their personal world by suggesting, "At least we have our health." There was no catchy Super Bowl interlude moment as background attention getters.

Smiling Bob, until his creator was jailed, had a different spin on the benefit of multivitamins. Whether the focus is on a singular body part composition, or as a whole, the 70s commercial message holds. To that end none of our family has encountered additional life-threatening MVCs and our various biomarkers, which have documented less than ideal end points, have reverted to a range of normal. Further, we've been emotionally active and have participated in grand parenting in three of our kids hometowns and home rehabbing for two kids in need. We have no complaints and no obstacles.

Reminder: You can view the color version of our ED Updates on our website at:
<http://www.med.wright.edu/em/res/multimedia.html>

OVERCOMING OBSTACLES

As anticipated it was difficult to navigate the snow-blanketed interstates and back roads in January and February. This was especially true in two high intensity snow blowing events. One of these Dayton was spared, whereas roads south were covered. Several of us who attended our February Journal Club took two hours to transport ourselves home. I was fortunate to miss only the last session with medical students during my fourth-year teaching month due to impassible roadways.

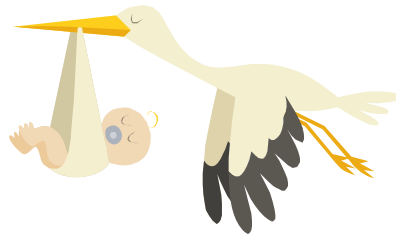
LONG JOURNEYS

We interviewed 95 individuals for the graduating class of 2012. Many of them had come from great distances. We were fortunate in that not too many got hung up on their travels. The demographics of the interviewed groups are shown below:

| Recruit Season | 06-07 | 07-08 | 08-09 |
|---|-------|-------|-------|
| Military | | | |
| Number Interviewed | 35 | 37 | 35 |
| Civilian | | | |
| Applications received | 433 | 458 | 439 |
| Invites Extended | 125 | 120 | 120 |
| -Number scheduled | 125 | 110 | 109 |
| -Number canceled | 34 | 22 | 14 |
| -Number unresponsive | 4 | 5 | 11 |
| -Number on wait list | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| -Number booked from wait list to fill cancels | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| -Empty slots (cancels not able to reschedule) | 11 | 12 | 2 |
| <i>Candidates Interviewed</i> | 91 | 87 | 95 |
| -Early interviews (rotating in area) | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| -WSU students | 14 | 13 | 11 |
| -Military deferred | 0 | 8 | 6 |
| Minority | | | |
| -Female | 30 | 21 | 34 |
| -Asian | 4 | 3 | 5 |
| -African American | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| -Middle East | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| -Hispanic | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| -Indian | 4 | 2 | 2 |
| Total | 42 | 32 | 46 |

As a result of a successful match meeting we submitted a fruitful list that secured us eight civilian candidates. Their biographical data is depicted in Dr. Brown's writings.

BIRTHS



Class of 2001 graduate, **Frank Lee** and his wife welcomed Jonah Frank Lee on January 18th. He weighed 6 lbs. 6 oz. and was 19 1/4 inches.



Mike and Katie Crowder welcomed Chase Thomas Crowder on Feb. 5 at 2:30am.



Melissa and Mark Schloneger welcomed baby girl #3. Natalie Joy was born March 6th weighing 6 lbs 12oz. She was 20 inches long.



Ethan and Susan Wagner welcomed Lily Louise Mae Wagner on Feb 10th. She weighed 8 lbs. 9oz and was 21 inches long.



Alumni, **Melissa Williams** sent us photos from California.



Rod and Jaime Morrison welcomed Iain Roderick James Morrison on March 25th at 2:30pm. He weighed 8lbs and was 21 inches long.



DAGROSA'S SHADOWS

- Rick Dagrosa, M.D.



ULTRASOUNDING

Resident ultrasonography is going well. Everyone is producing good images and showing improvement throughout the selective. I continue to hear from attending physicians in the Dayton area lauding the residents' ultrasound efforts. On top of that, our residents are using ultrasound to significantly positively impact patient care. I am currently working on setting up a 1st year ultrasound introductory course with Ohio ACEP that, with luck, will be implemented with the incoming class in July. Hopefully, by the end of this academic year I'll be able to teach the ultrasound soft-tissue procedure lab.

MILITARY INCOMING

From the associate program director side, the military residents are doing well. Kudos to **Mark Shepherd** for the four medals he received during a recent commanders call at the Base. We're looking forward to our new military residents arriving in the next few months. This year, I've implemented a new wrinkle to the resident mentor program. I have matched each incoming military resident with a military resident in the program now. Not only will this allow the new residents to obtain much-needed information on how to inprocess to Base, what the expectations of the residency and the military are and how to survive the initial months of residency, but it will also forge a relationship between the residents that will hopefully continue throughout their academic journey. I hope to improve on this after I get some feedback and see how it comes together. In the meantime, make sure you are helping out the new residents transition into our program. The stronger they are, the better your life will be and the better the residency will be as well.

WE WELCOME OUR INCOMING MILITARY RESIDENTS!



Name: Scott Everson

Born: Jacksonville, FL

Currently reside: Miamisburg, OH

Current Job/Medical School: Surgery Resident (WSU/WPAFB)

Medical School: Kansas City University of Medicine & Biosciences

Favorite movie: *Blues Brothers*

Hobbies:

1 to survive surgery

2 a good movie

3 enjoy bar-b-q ing when ever I can

Interesting fact: We have a new baby on the way

Name: Pablo O. Medina

Born: Philadelphia, PA

Currently reside: Jacksonville, FL

Current Job: Preliminary Medicine Intern at University of Florida-Jacksonville

Medical School: University of Florida College of Medicine

Favorite movie: *The Bourne Trilogy*

Hobbies: Anything related to sports, guns, or motorcycles

Interesting fact: I am officially classified as a giant. I attempted to argue this point with a third grader, and he proved me wrong. Trust me, nothing will hurt your ego like losing an argument to a third grader...





Name: James Manley

Born: Omaha, NE; but I call Colorado home

Current job/medical school: USUHS

Favorite movie: *This is Spinal Tap*, "These all go to eleven!"

Hobbies: snowboarding, mountain biking, and I'm a killer Rock Band lead guitarist.

Interesting fact: I have been known to eat over 15 tacos in a sitting, with the reward of getting the meal paid for; a testament not to my competitive eating ability but my extreme cheapness.

Name: Kevin Petronela Juozapavicius

Birthplace: Hinsdale, Illinois

Current Residence: Starkville, Mississippi

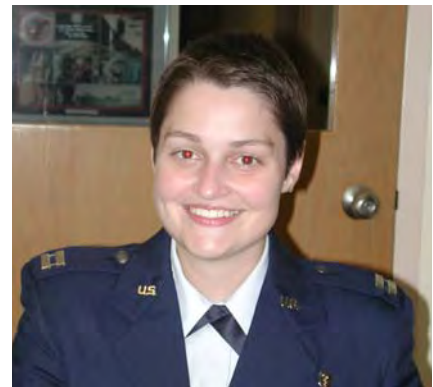
Current Job: GMO in Family Practice clinic - Columbus AFB, MS

Medical school graduated from: Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences

Favorite movie in the last year: *The Savages*

Hobbies: running, hiking, swimming (working out)

Fact about me: I am a sucker for English Bulldogs



Name: Brooke E. McCarthy

Born: Pittsburgh, PA

Currently reside: Chicago, IL

Job: Medical student (for only 2 more months!)

Med school: Midwestern University-Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine

Favorite movie: *Pretty Woman*

Hobbies: Dancing, running, reading, watching football.

Interesting fact: I BLEED black and gold. Pittsburgh Steelers...6 time Super Bowl Champs!

Name: Jacqueline (Jackie) Percy

Where you were born: Wauwatosa, Wisconsin

Where you currently reside: Monument, Colorado

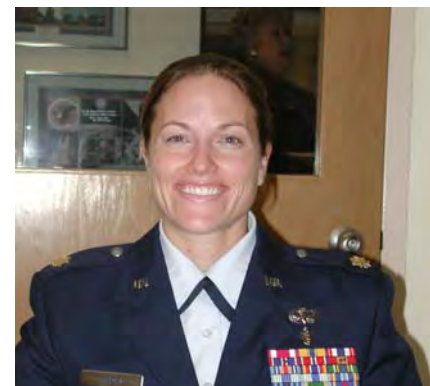
What your job is (if you are not in medical school): Family Practice Physician, United States Air Force Academy, CO

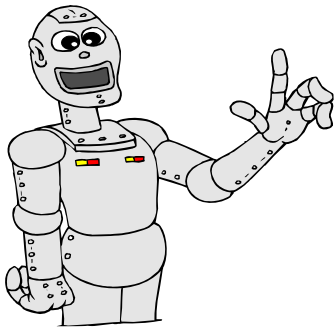
Where you are attending/graduating from medical school: Graduated Medical College of Wisconsin, May 2001

Favorite movie ever or in last year: Favorite recent movie- *Slumdog Millionaire*

Hobbies: Travel, skiing, soccer, most sports, backpacking, photography, reading

One interesting fact about you: I replied late to this e-mail because I was trekking in Nepal





Update from the Center for Immersive Medical Education and Research (CIMER)

- Ray Ten Eyck, M.D.

TEAM TRAINING

We hit the ground running in 2009 with the completion of our initial business plan and introduction of the pediatric emergency section of our curriculum. Dr. **Corey Heitz** initiated the series with a very successful laboratory exercise employing SimBaby for the R-2 class. We continued all of our core programs while embarking on our first venture with the integration of simulation into the first-biennium student curriculum. In February we presented a series of simulated cases, in one day, to the whole second-year class of the Boonshoft School of Medicine. The exercise was planned to support their scheduled Team Based Learning exercise addressing “Traumatic and Mechanical Pulmonary Disorders”. The sessions were very successful from the perspective of both our department and the students and they utilized all of the facilities available in the expanded Center for Immersive Medical Education and Research (CIMER). Special thanks go out to Dr. **Schloneger**, Dr. **Heitz**, Dr. **Janz**, Dr. Markus, Dean Parmelee, Mr. Adams and Mr. Cherolis for all of their efforts in support of the preparation and execution of this program. This effort helped us to develop a new format designed to meet the unique needs of students in the first two years of medical school. In addition, we developed a structure that will allow us to accommodate much larger groups of students than possible with previous formats. As we close out this quarter we are working with the Kettering College of Medical Arts, Division of Nursing to launch our first interdisciplinary simulation teaching sessions. These sessions will incorporate a specific section addressing team training objectives in addition to the standard clinical learning objectives.



Left to right: Dr. Ten Eyck, Dr. Heitz, Dr. Schloneger, and Dr. Brown

RESEARCH EFFORTS

On the simulation research front, Dr. **Schlicher** had a poster accepted for presentation at the CORD conference in March and one accepted for the SAEM conference in May. We were well represented at the Boonshoft School of Medicine Central Research Forum with six posters presenting simulation research completed in our lab.

DAGMEC SIMULATIONS

The new year also marked the start of our department’s support of the DAGMEC Simulation Centers Initiative. All of the initial site visits to the DAGMEC teaching hospitals have been completed in order to assess the current simulation resources and both the current and planned simulation programs conducted at each facility. In support of this initiative, I presented in March a workshop for DAGMEC members addressing Simulation Curriculum Development.

Research Results

- Jim Olson, Ph.D.



THE MASTERS

In early February, Ian Wenker successfully defended his thesis for his Masters Degree in Physiology. Ian examined cellular signaling pathways that are involved in glia volume regulation relevant to cerebral edema. He has nearly completed a manuscript regarding this research. He has already left the fold of our laboratory and now is working towards his Ph.D. at the University of Connecticut.

At about the same time Ian completed his thesis work, Brian Tucker formulated his research proposal with his Masters degree committee. In our laboratory, Brian will be examining mechanisms by which oxidative stress induces brain swelling and will explore the response of the brain tissue to control cellular volume.

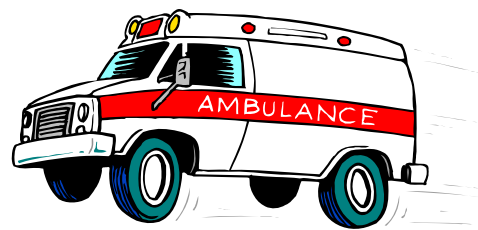
Jesse Caraway, a Masters student in the Department of Neuroscience Cell Biology and Physiology has elected to do her thesis research in our laboratory. While she has not decided the definite topic she will study, several options are available including a project that builds upon the previous work and manuscript (near completion) that Crystal Stuckey performed prior to her graduation last year.

STRESS DETECTORS

Dr. Olson published an article manuscript in the journal *Neuroscience* in collaboration with colleagues at the University of South Florida in Tampa. This manuscript describes changes in cell membrane structure following exposure to oxidative stress. Subtle changes in the membrane nano structure measured with an electron force microscope reveals that significant oxidative damage may occur during cell swelling. Collaborations with the group in Florida continue with another manuscript anticipated for submission later this year.

Gebhart's Runs

- Mark Gebhart, M.D.



VISITORS

We had the pleasure of welcoming many distinguished visitors to the NCMR for a briefing of our programs and projects, and a tour of the warehouse facility. Visitors included: Major General Kimberly Siniscalchi, Assistant Air Force Surgeon General, Medical Force Development, and Assistant Air Force Surgeon General, Nursing Services, Office of the Surgeon General, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Bolling Air Force Base, D.C; Col Colleen Ryan USAF (ret), Vice President of Defense Programs at the Dayton Development Coalition; Martin Tremmel from the Ohio Department of Health, Joe Renaud from the Ohio Department of Development; Colonel Dan Hansen, Director of FMC; Charlie Dean, Business Integration Specialist with USAF Brooks AFB; State Representative Jarrod Martin, Greene County Commissioners Alan Andrew and Marilyn Reid; Command Surgeon General Douglas Robb, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois; and General Richard Hersack, Command Surgeon, Air Force Materiel Command, WPAFB and staffers from Congressman Austria and Senator Turner's office.

TACTICAL LABORATORY

In early January, the NCMR and City of Fairborn submitted a proposal to the Ohio Department of Development's Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund (CORF) for \$3 million. CORF funding restores, protects, and connects Ohio's important natural and urban places by cleaning up brownfields to encourage redevelopment and revitalize communities. The funding will help with remediation costs for the CEMEX property, a proposed site for the Tactical Lab. Notification of award will be given in May.

We are currently refining design elements of the Tactical Laboratory campus. A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a Site Master Plan of Calamityville™ has been solicited.

Jim Gruenberg and Dr. Bill Germann traveled to NORAD-Northcom in Colorado Springs and met with Dr. Houston H. Polson, Col, USAFR (ret), Chief of the Joint Education Branch and Chair of the Homeland Security/Defense Education Consortium; Mr. Eugene G. Pino, Director of Joint Training and Exercises; and Captain James W. Terbush, M.D., Command Surgeon of the U.S. Navy Medical Corps. The trip consisted of a brief of the NCMR and discussions regarding collaboration with the DoD on disaster medical training.

Dr. Bill Germann has taken a position at the Dayton VA as the Chief of Primary Care Services. He will continue to offer his guidance on the Calamityville project as it progresses. We thank him for his commitment and contributions to the NCMR and the Calamityville project and wish him the best in his new position.



New NCMR logo above.

NCMR TRAINING

Pete Savard, Mike Porter, Jim Gruenberg, and Jack Smith traveled to Bowling Green Ohio to train regional healthcare professionals with the MEMS cache which was delivered back in November. This training included a table top exercise with the Lego mock up of the MEMS trailer, and lectures covering medical readiness, hospital surge, and medical logistics. The training was offered to help local health officials understand the MEMS cache as a vital resource in the event of a disaster in the region.

The FBI were onsite for BLS training and other medical exercises. The month of March kicked off our American Heart Association (AHA) training for this year.

In mid-March, the Center had a week long offering of NDLS courses from BDLS, ADLS and the NDLS Instructor.

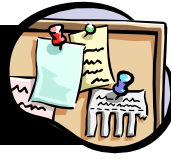
Over a 100 first year medical students attended a half day mass casualty course taught by the NCMR staff. They learned the basics triage, and participated in a MASS casualty exercise in the MACIE warehouse.

Soon we will be holding a one day in-service for first year medical students to introduce basic first-aid and patient assessment.

In the midst of all this activity I managed to spend some time in Michigan and South Dakota to present at the American College of Emergency Physicians conferences. Then it was off to Colorado Springs for a talk on CBRNE at the United States Air Force Academy and finally Dallas, Texas to attend the NDMS Conference.

Cassie's Bulletin

- Cassie Browning



RESIDENT APPRECIATION DAY!

Medical Education at the Kettering Medical Center handed out folding lawn chairs to our residents during one of our Friday afternoon conferences as a token of their appreciation.



RENOVATIONS

Please check out the photos of our ongoing renovations of our new SIM Center and our newly designed lobby at the end of this newsletter. Let us know what you think.

WEBSITE STATISTICS

I know some of you missed reading about our web statistics in the last issue. Here are our current stats according to statcounter.com:

- ◆ We have had people visit our site from the US, India, Canada, Italy, Germany, Malaysia, IR, Poland, Oman, Bulgaria, United Kingdom, Iraq, and Russian Federation.
- ◆ The top ten states that have visited our site recently are: Ohio, Texas, New York, California, Illinois, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Florida, Virginia, and Kentucky.
- ◆ So far this year we have had a total of 10,017 page loads on our site.
- ◆ We have had 4,521 unique visitors, 3,950 first time visitors and 571 returning visitors so far this year.
- ◆ Our 2008 year end statistics are as follows: We had a total of 42,963 page loads last year. We had 16,879 unique visitors, 14,702 first time visitors, and 2,177 returning visitors. We had the most page loads, unique visitors, first time visitors, and returning visitors in November 2008.



| Num | Perc. | Country Name |
|-----|--------|---------------------------|
| 397 | 93.85% | United States |
| 10 | 2.36% | India |
| 3 | 0.71% | Canada |
| 2 | 0.47% | Italy |
| 2 | 0.47% | Germany |
| 2 | 0.47% | Malaysia |
| 1 | 0.24% | Iran, Islamic Republic Of |
| 1 | 0.24% | Poland |
| 1 | 0.24% | Oman |
| 1 | 0.24% | Bulgaria |
| 1 | 0.24% | United Kingdom |
| 1 | 0.24% | Iraq |
| 1 | 0.24% | Russian Federation |

PAPER OR EMAIL???

I have had several people e-mail me to tell me that they love getting the *ED Update* by e-mail. Thank you for all of the wonderful responses. While we want to move in this direction, we do not have everyone's e-mail address. We are currently contacting those who we do not have an e-mail address for. You can e-mail me your current e-mail address at cassandra.browning@wright.edu. Also if you haven't done so already please let me know if you prefer a hardcopy or if you prefer it by e-mail.

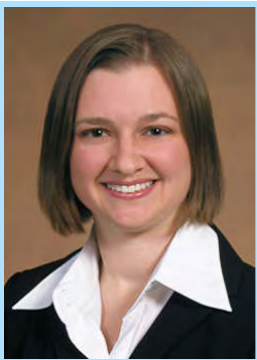


BROWN KNOWS

- James Brown, M.D.

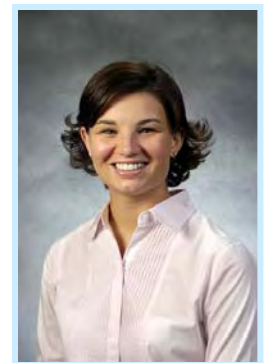


WE WELCOME OUR INCOMING CIVILIAN RESIDENTS!



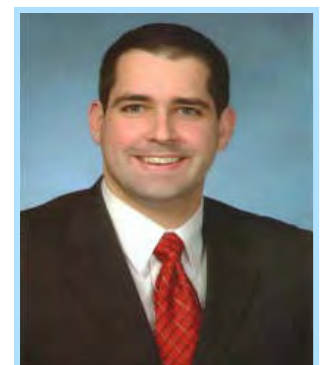
Christina Boncek hails from East Tennessee State University College of Medicine. If you're in need of a French translator, give her a call... it was her undergrad major and she's quite fluent. Christina also has a love for music, an active orchestra member for Highlands Baptist Church. So you can say.... Fluent in French—Fluent on Flute.

Michelle Broestl, a WSU graduate and Xavier University undergrad spends her free time reading, cooking and is involved in intramural sports. One of her favorites is innertube waterpolo. She is busy now planning her May wedding.



Gene Corson is coming to us from the University of Washington School of Medicine, Seattle. He enjoys soccer, basketball and among the sports paintball. (I want him on my team) Fluent in Spanish, Gene has volunteered as a translator for Spanish speaking patients and medical providers at free clinics.

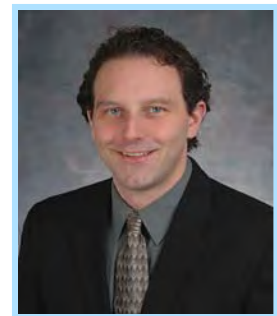
Back home again, **Danny Giltner** completed his undergrad at the University of Dayton and is returning to the Dayton area from Loyola University of Chicago. He describes himself as a 'sports fanatic' favoring Cleveland teams. Lacrosse and soccer are among his favorite sports to participate in. Sprechen Sie Deutsch? Danny does.





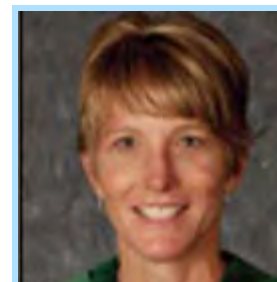
Linda Hinkelman, graduate of WSU-BSOM, experienced Hoosier-ism for a few years at Ball State as an undergrad. It was at Ball State where she got hooked on cross country and track and field and continues as a runner with the Miami Valley Track Club.

Cory Long, has an interest in International Medicine and has volunteered in Karangatha, Kenya. He comes to us from Indiana University School of Medicine. He enjoys outdoor activities, home improvement projects and family time.



Ben Mack, graduate of WSU-BSOM, has been involved with EMS throughout medical school. He enjoys cycling and Ohio State football.

Deb Ozner, a graduate of Nova Southeastern University, Ft. Lauderdale, is finishing up a one year internship in Urology at Ingham Regional Medical Center. She has worked at Miami Beach as captain of Coast Guard vessels supervising search and rescue missions. She enjoys mountain biking, sailing and has participated in dog training-field trials.



Springer's Stuff

- Brian Springer, M.D.



HILL OF BEANS

Kim and I have just returned from a much needed vacation, and celebration of her 40th birthday. We spent 3 days in Panama adjusting to the tropical climate at poolside, and then a week bicycling our way through Costa Rica. All the standard Costa Rican vacation goodies were included: bird and game watching, volcano visits, raft trips, zip-lining, guaro sours, Imperial beer, and all the rice, black beans, and plantains you could ever wish for. The terrain was hilly and the cycling was challenging, but the scenery and hospitality of the locals made it well worthwhile. Kim took on the challenge like it was nobody's business. I highly recommend the company we travelled with (Vermont Bicycle Tours, www.vbt.com), and Kim and I look forward to travelling with them again.



HILLSIDE CONSTRUCTION

Back on the work front, the Kettering Emergency Department continues its expansion/restructuring. Many thanks to the rotating residents who have kept their cool while trying to see patients as drills and jackhammers drone in their ears. And thanks to **Ryan Mihata**, who somehow manages, as the KMC Chief, to keep things running smooth.

FOR THE HILL OF IT

Recent work with the FBI has included warrant service, and protection details for both the US Attorney General and the FBI Director. My medical bag was always handy; luckily it remained unused. Thanks to **Bill Brady, Rod Morrison, Aaron Rubin**, and **John Dorsch** for helping bring FBI SWAT and support up-to-speed on BLS and basic TEMS. I still owe you all beers for your hard work. Pura Vida!



The Chair's Perspective

- Glenn Hamilton, M.D.

DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT COMPLETED FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2008

We are pleased that the 2008 Department Annual Report has been completed. It is available on the departmental website for your review. Highlights include a wide variety of successes in undergraduate and graduate medical education, grantsmanship, fellowship, and research. Most impressive was the number of publications and presentations by our full-time academic faculty. Please take the time to look at the report on our website. Comments and observations are welcome.

Gregg A. Pane, MD, MPA returns as MCMS guest speaker and DEM visiting professor.

We're delighted to welcome **Gregg A. Pane**, MD, MPA class of 1984 as a guest speaker at the Montgomery County Medical Society on Thursday, April 16, 2009. Reception at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. with program to follow. Dr. Pane will be speaking on the "community physicians role in a disaster." We have been very proud of Dr. Pane's many accomplishments since graduating from our program. He was the director of the DC health department from 2004-07, and was recently the Director of the National Health Preparedness Programs before the Office of the Secretary US Department of Health and Human Services. Dr. Pane brings tremendous experience in the realm of public health and disaster preparedness to his role and we look forward to an excellent presentation on Thursday night as well as his visiting professor engagement at a luncheon on Friday, April 17th with the residents, and the talk at 1:30 p.m. for the Friday afternoon conference.



Please sign-up for any or all of these events. The Medical Society is happy to host residents and faculty as potential members. Of course the department will be hosting the luncheon and the visiting professor series.

CHANGES PLANNED FOR THE SIMULATION CENTER (CIMER)

Once the initial rebuilding plans were completed, it didn't take us long to recognize that a few more "tweaks" in construction would substantially add to our capabilities in the simulation laboratory area. Therefore, we have reengaged the facilities people at the Boonshoft School of Medicine and Wright State University to assist us in more building in our back area. When completed, it will allow us two additional single rooms (one designated for pediatrics) with observation centers and a planned multi-purpose potential double mannequin room, again with a separate control room.

These are exciting and busy times for the simulation center, and we continue to grow successfully. As always we are interested in opportunities to use simulation as a teaching and training tool. Should you have any questions about accessing the center please call **Ray Ten Eyck**, MD or **Melissa Schloneger**, MD at the departmental offices (937-395-8839).

A FEW OBSERVATIONS ON THE ACGME MATCH IN EMERGENCY MEDICINE

The details of our own match was given in Dr. Brown's section.

A few observations on the status of the match at a more national level:

- With nearly 1400 R1 positions, emergency medicine now has more residency slots than ob/gyn or psychiatry.
- With 142 programs and nearly 1400 positions, there were only 13 open positions in the specialty after the 2009 match. This reflects the very impressive competitiveness within the specialty. Some anomalous events must have placed most of these open positions in the Lansing, MI area. This is very rare for the midwest and is usually an issue in New York City and its surrounding areas.
- We are pleased that out of the 44 individuals interested in emergency medicine over the last three years, we have matched 43 of them. The additional person was recently matched into a surgical/categorical residency from which we anticipate another application to an EM training program one year from now.

THE LIASON COMMITTEE FOR MEDICAL EDUCATION VISITS WRIGHT STATE

Every seven years or so the whole CME site survey comes to evaluate and hopefully accredit the medical school. This is an event for which preparation begins approximately twelve months in advance and includes a substantial self-study analysis. This was my fourth LCME site survey and without question one of the best organized. By the end of the third day when the clinical chairs met with the LCME representatives, it seemed that most of their concerns or issues were effectively addressed. We had a very positive discussion about the many assets of this medical school. Dr. Part is anticipating a high quality report and continued accreditation for several more years after this visit. Congratulations to all of you who participated in this important visit.

CORD MEETING IN LAS VEGAS

A trip to Las Vegas was in order to present in the navigating the academic waters track as well as the clerkship directors in emergency medicine track at the CORD meeting in early March 2009. What was most impressive was the over 500 attendees at what was once a small and rather intimate gathering. We were pleased to be joined by **Jim** and **Judy Brown**, **Rick Dagrosa**, **Nathan Schlicher**, and **Corey Heitz** to name a few of the Wright Staters. The newly formed SAEM academy, the clinical directors in emergency medicine ran a particularly well organized and well attended course on multiple topics impacting medical students in their respective schools. There was also extensive information shared on simulation that tied in nicely to our current simulation activities with the medical students.

Las Vegas in this fiscal climate was most interesting as some of the casinos remained quite full while others were surprisingly empty. Hotel prices were down but food was as expensive as in the past. All in all a nice time had by each of us in a warm and sunny setting...not bad for March.



MARK GEBHART, MD PROMOTED TO ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

I was pleased to receive a letter from Dr. Angle, Provost dated March 11, 2009 that at its regular meeting, the University Promotion and Tenure Committee supported Dr. **Gebhart's** candidacy for associate professor with the vote of 18 yes' and 0 no's. We certainly congratulate Dr. Gebhart on this important academic promotion and accomplishment. He has worked exceedingly hard and most effectively over the last several years on the now named National Center for Medical Readiness. This recognition is simply one of many ways in which the university can demonstrate its appreciation for his considerable contributions to the institution and our academic progress in the important field of disaster preparedness.

I am pleased that the promotion process sponsored by the medical school is run exceedingly well, and the structured guidelines for promotion remain clear and effective. These guidelines and the tiered crediting of different activities for promotion allow a chair to write a very effective letter. This was well demonstrated with Dr. Gebhart's well deserved promotion.

EXTENDING CALAMITYVILLE PROGRESS CONTINUES

Over the last few weeks, the third component that will allow us to build phase one of the Calamityville project fell into place. We now have approximately an anticipated \$2.5 million of the Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund (CORF) money to clean up the property and uncover the props. This is combined with \$3 million from the state capital budget which will allow us to build on the property and upgrade the current facilities and infrastructure. Lastly, the \$3 million from the federal government through the AFRL and USAFSAM will allow us to hire individuals, and acquire equipment, materials and supplies. Therefore we have assembled \$8.5 million to allow us to put into place phase one of Calamityville. At the same time we are looking at the design of the organizational structure for Calamityville, meeting potential candidates, and looking forward to our potential start date of late fall 2009. This remains a highly visible and continued successful program.

FACULTY TRANSITIONS

As this academic year begins to wind down, we are sorry to have **Mike Ballester** move over into private practice with the MVH group. Dr. Ballester has been highly instrumental in allowing us to establish a successful emergency medicine clerkship and worked well to integrate simulation into the medical student education. We certainly wish him well as he moves more into a private practice oriented environment. At the same time we are delighted that he is staying in our area and will become an effective clinical faculty, educating our residents in all of the pods at MVH. Other transitions include **Ed Fieg**, MD who has returned to us as "Edward of Kandahar" from his 15th month stint in Afghanistan. We are planning an event later this year where Ed can share his experiences and expertise with us. We are also looking at the possibilities of **Travis Taylor**, MD and later in the year **Rick Dagrosa**, MD being deployed for varying amounts of time to climes outside of the United States. **John Wightman**, MD is back and active. Although we have a stable core faculty, there continues to be a substantial amount of "coming and going" on the part of the military faculty.



Dr. Ballester



Dr. Taylor



Dr. Dagrosa

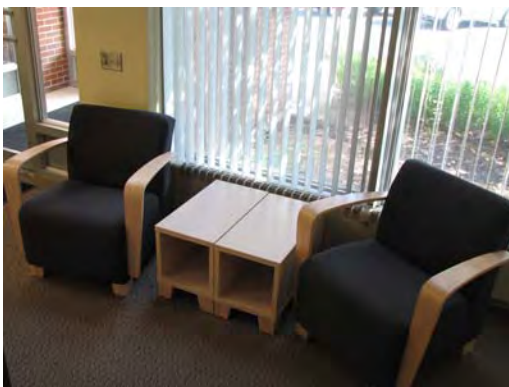
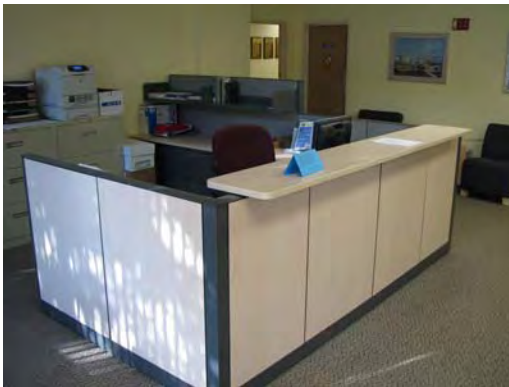


Dr. Wightman

PERSONAL NOTE

As I begin to wind down some of the chair's activities, I have had the opportunity to visit and say farewell to each of the ED groups at KMC and MVH. What is most impressive is how much activity continues to be generated from each ED group, including ED redesign and construction, the usual range of physician concerns and complaints, patient complaint and QA issues, operational efficiencies, the amazing arrange of interfaces that exist in the emergency department, and the continued pressures of overcrowding and boarding. All this superimposed on the basic points of quality patient care and acute care decision making. As our graduates go to other sites or our clinical faculty try their hand in different environments, it becomes quickly apparent that the level of emergency care quality, the acceptance of emergency care in the community, and the resources applied to emergency care in our community remain at some of the highest levels in the country. What has been built here has functioned effectively for so long that sometimes it may become an assumption, but sitting and listening to how hard the individual clinical faculty member works in defining and securing the purpose of their group, this "effortless success" always comes with a high price tag. We have much to be proud of in the Dayton area, and the level of emergency care is certainly one of those items.

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