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Funding the Future

The Kay Vydareny Discovery Fund began this summer when Dr. Kay Vydareny invested the majority of her part-time salary to finance research within the division of Cardiothoracic Imaging.

Dr. Vydareny and her husband, Dr. William Casarella, have been involved in the radiology community for many years. Dr. Vydareny expressed that radiology has given them so much over the years, including career fulfillment, professional distinction, and above all, dear friends. Based on these sentiments, they felt the need to contribute to the future of radiology. It was at this point they agreed that Dr. Vydareny would delay her full-time retirement and begin the fund with her part-time salary. With this plan of action, Dr. Vydareny began donating her time to the reading room, allowing others time for research. Simultaneously, she began donating the funds to contribute to the advancement of research.

During an American College of Radiology (ACR) presentation, Dr. Vydareny recalls advocating Academic Enrichment. She emphasized the importance of giving back, in efforts to stay competitive with private practice and elevate recruitment.

This ideal is now a reality for Dr. Vydareny and she is hoping that her generosity will inspire other divisions to engage in similar Discovery Funds.

If you are interested in organizing a Discovery Fund for your division, Dr. Vydareny would be happy to mentor you through this process.

- Monica Salama
Communications Specialist

Dr. Vydareny joined the Emory University Department of Radiology

in 1991 from the University of Michigan medical school where she was on the faculty for 6 years. She was the Chair of the Radiology Residency Review Committee 2005-2006 and was a Trustee of the American Board of Radiology 1999-2007. She received Gold Medals from the American Roentgen Ray Society in 2002, the American College of Radiology in 2005 and the Association of University Radiologists in 2006, and the Marie Curie Award of the American Association for Women Radiologists in 2002. She was selected as the outstanding teacher in the Department of Radiology by the Emory University School of Medicine Class of 2004. She is a thoracic radiologist and the principal investigator at Emory University for the National Lung Screening Trial, a multi-site study of more than 50,000 participants to determine if screening for lung cancer with CT or chest radiographs will decrease the mortality of lung cancer.



Dr. Kay Vydareny
Professor of Radiology
Division of Cardiothoracic Imaging

Grant Success

Emory has recently received a \$1.5M National Cancer Institute planning grant (P20) to develop an In Vivo Molecular and Translational Imaging Center, of which there are only eight nationally. A true interdisciplinary effort, this initiative to create a vision for an Emory Molecular and Translational Imaging Center (EMTIC) involves scientists and clinicians from the Departments of Radiology, Biomedical Engineering, Biostatistics, Pathology, Urology, and Surgery and the Winship Cancer Institute. With an emphasis on imaging biomarker development, EMTIC will focus on the validation and translation of specific molecular probes for diagnostic and therapeutic purposes.

This unique grant represents another first for Emory. It is the first award received under the NIH Multiple PI Model. This presents a new and important opportunity for investigators seeking support for projects that clearly require a modern "team science" approach. Since imaging work is by its very nature multi-disciplinary, the scientists involved submitted this grant under this option supported by the team leadership of 3 PIs with complementary backgrounds, experience, and scientific expertise: Carolyn Meltzer, MD; Mark Goodman, PhD; and Xiaoping Hu, PhD. The depth of perspective offered by this team science effort is likely to be optimally responsive to the challenges and opportunities of translational investigation.

- Carolyn C. Meltzer, MD, FACR
Chair of Radiology

Letter from the Chair

Dear Colleagues,

October 1 marked the first day of work for Emory Executive Vice President for Health Affairs and CEO of Emory Healthcare, Fred Sanfilippo, MD, PhD. Dr. Sanfilippo is a renowned transplantation pathologist and enthusiastic and experienced leader in academic medicine. As President Wagner warmly welcomed him to the Emory community, the energized Dr. Sanfilippo appeared poised for action. I look forward to the opportunity to showcase our department's many contributions as our EVP learns more about his new home institution. After all, his father was a radiologist.

Several important research initiatives have been recently funded despite a tight NIH

budget. On September 1, Emory joined the ranks of institutions that have successfully applied for the very large, inter-institutional Clinical and Translational Science Award. The CTSA provides support for infrastructure to grow and better coordinate clinical research efforts across Emory, Georgia Tech, Morehouse, and other regional partners. The Department of Radiology played a lead role in the award of a P20 planning grant to develop an Emory Molecular and Translational Imaging Center for cancer biomarker development. This is Emory's first grant funded under the "team science" multiple-PI option.

Our SOM Alumni Weekend festivities at the end of September -- planned to

coincide with the official opening of the new SOM Building -- were a big success. The Weens Memorial Lecture, attended by Dr. Ted Leigh, Mrs. Suzanne Weens, and other great friends of the department, featured a wonderful talk by Peter Lacovara, PhD, Director of Egyptian, Nubian and Near Eastern Art at the Carlos Museum on radiologic examination of Egyptian mummies. Organized by Dr. Mimi Newell, our faculty gave the first annual Alumni Weekend CME Course on cutting-edge imaging.

Despite many positive developments at Emory, the uncertain fate of Grady Memorial Hospital weighs heavy on us all. Dr. Casarella, who serves as Executive Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs, Grady, has been an

important voice on this issue and recently clearly articulated the enormous

value that the people of Emory and Morehouse bring to Grady and its patients in an article entitled "Emory: A Great Bargain for Grady". Reflective of the need for a shared regional commitment to a positive solution to Grady's financial woes is that this busy downtown Atlanta hospital and Level I Trauma Center also serves as a training site for 25% of all of Georgia's physicians. We will keep pulling for Grady!



Best to all,

Carolyn C. Meltzer, MD, FACR
Chair of Radiology

AWARDS & RECOGNITION



Spencer Barton
Radiologic Technologist, I525 Radiology

Employee of the Month - The Emory Clinic

Spencer is very enthusiastic about his work and it shows. He provides outstanding customer service by always looking for ways to assist patients and their families when issues arise. His co-workers comment about his positive working attitude, by saying he is a pleasure to work with everyday.

- Tricia Wertz, Manager, Radiologic Services

Sunit Sebastian

Resident

Dr. Sebastian was invited by the American Roentgen Ray Society (ARRS) to write an original article for its newly launched online women's imaging community. The article "PET-CT for Gynecologic Cancers," coauthored with Susanna Lee MD, PhD can be view at

<http://womensimagingonline.rrs.org/item.cfm?itemID=154>

Tahisha Rauf

CT Technologist, Emory Crawford Long Hospital
CT Certification

Tahisha has earned her CT Certification, from the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT).

Smbat Amirbekian

Medical Student

RSNA Research Trainee Award

Smbat's participation with Dr. John Oshinski and the MR Research team has earned him the recognition of RSNA and the honor of an oral presentation during the conference this November. Smbat will be presenting the project entitled, *Using in Vivo Magnetic Resonance Imaging to Evaluate Real-Time Wall Shear Stress in the Aortas of Mice with Potential Applications for Monitoring/Predicting Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms or Atherosclerosis.*

Medical Office Tower (MOT)

at Emory Crawford Long Hospital

Site of the Semester

The MOT has earned its place on the Medical Imaging Program's "Site of the Semester" plaque. With a near perfect score of 3.87 out of 4, the students express their appreciation for the exceptional learning experience while rotating through this location. One student commented,

"MOT is an excellent location for clinical education. Ted & Nate are very knowledgeable and extremely willing to help in any way and offer great constructive criticism with lots of emphasis on the 'constructive'. The atmosphere is very stress-free and the view is unparalleled. In addition, there is a CT room nearby for those who are interested in that modality."

STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE

Radiology Achievements

We have concluded another Emory year and what a great year it was for Radiology! We continue growing and are that much closer to becoming the destination department for researchers, educators and practitioners. Over the last six months, we have accomplished so much. The following are some highlights.

People and our Workplace:

- EUH Nuc Med, TEC 1525 and TEC MOT received service awards for Patient Satisfaction.
- EUH MRI, TEC MRI, ECLH MRI, EUH PET and ECLH Nuc Med had 100% participation in the Employee Engagement Surveys.
- Four Emory Radiologists were in Atlanta's top doctors.
- We have completed a few phases in the construction project at EUH and continue to progress in making it a better place to work and a more effective place to treat patients.

Accreditation in CT with the American College of Radiology (ACR)

After completing the detailed process of ACR evaluation, The Emory Clinic has been awarded ACR accreditation. The steps to reach this goal included giving the ACR detailed information on the type of machines, number and types of cases performed each year and the names of all who would be involved, from physicians to technicians. Then, each site sent images from different types of studies, which were evaluated based on rigorous standards. We strive to be an ACR Accredited institution for the following reasons:

- * ACR certificates of accreditation give assurance that staff and equipment have passed the ACR rigorous evaluation.
- * ACR accreditation demonstrates commitment to quality patient care.
- * ACR accreditation programs provide a high level of confidence for patients, referring physicians, and managed care organizations that only the highest quality care is being provided by accredited facilities.
- * ACR accreditation gives you the competitive edge.
- * Cigna, Blue Cross Blue Shield, ANTHEM, Aetna/US Healthcare, Oxford Health Plans, United Healthcare, Highmark, Medicare all recognize the value of ACR accreditation programs
- * Currently, the ACR has accreditation programs for mammography, MRI, ultrasound, stereotactic breast biopsy, breast ultrasound and biopsy, nuclear medicine, PET, CT and radiation oncology.

- Chris Kubik
Manager, Radiology Services
The Emory Clinic

Quality:

- We have obtained ACR certification for MRI at EUH, ECLH, and TEC/WCI and are currently pursuing CT and Ultrasound.
- ECLH Vascular lab has obtained ICAVL certification.
- We executed a policy for the management of contrast induced nephropathy.
- We implemented RADPEER, the ACR-sanctioned peer review system, in the cardiothoracic division and will continue to roll it out to the rest of the department.

Discovery and Innovation:

- Dr Mark Goodman received the Endowed Chair in Imaging Sciences in recognition of his discovery and achievement in the field.
- Dr Garcia was voted among the top 10 Nuclear Medicine Physicists/researchers in a poll by the Medical Imaging Magazine readership.

Knowledge and Information:

- We continued our progress toward implementing a new Radiology Information System and a new PACS. We also launched two other IS projects in Mammography and Teleradiology.
- Our Medical Imaging program in the School of Medicine graduated its first two Baccalaureate students since it became a Bachelor's program.
- Our Residency program continues to be one of the most competitive in the country. So far, we have received over 500 applicants for 14 available positions.

Financial Strength:

- We expanded the capabilities of the Cardiac Imaging Center with the addition of a SPECT camera and added a 3T MRI at Executive Park. The Mammography screening operation at 1525 is now completely digital.
- We have performed a record number of exams in each of our fiscal entities. Emory Hospitals ended the year with 322,000 exams, while The Emory Clinic ended the year with 139,000 exams. We eliminated the use of Agency staff at EUH. Our contribution margins were healthy.
- We also ended the year with \$3.5M in NIH funding which should propel us a few points higher in the rankings.

It is with a great deal of gratitude to our scientists, faculty, and most of all our staff that I report these accomplishments. I am proud to be serving you, this awesome department, and this great organization.
Happy New Emory Year!

- Habib Tannir, M.S.
Administrative Director
of Imaging Services



CURRENT RESEARCH

Aortic Pulse Wave Velocity Estimation Via Cross Correlation of Blood Velocity Wave Forms at Multiple Locations

Investigators: Sam Fielden, Arthur Stillman, MD, John Oshinski, PhD

Significance: The primary goal of this project is to develop an investigational tool for the reliable estimation of pulse wave velocity in the aorta. This tool will be used in an ongoing patient study to examine the effect of valsartan (drug used to treat cardiovascular disease) on aortic stiffness.

3D Fusion and Visualization of Quantified Cardiac CTCA and Nuclear Perfusion Imagery

PI: Tracy L Faber, PhD

CoInvestigators: Ernest Garcia, PhD, Eldad Haber, Anthony Yezzi (at GaTech), Jakob Vinten-Johansen, PhD, Cesar Santana, MD, Paolo Raggi, MD, PACP, FACC, Gopi Sirineni, MD, C David Cooke, MSEE, Russell D. Folks, PhD, Arthur Stillman, MD, Habib Samady, MD, Fabio Esteves, MD

Purpose: Explicit alignment of coronary arteries from CTCA with perfusion distributions from SPECT and PET, with integration of quantitative information.

Significance: To improve diagnosis of CAD and minimize the necessity for invasive coronary angiography.

HIPAA Question of the Month

Do individuals have the right to request a restriction on how we use and disclose their protected health information?

Yes. EHC/EMCF must permit a patient to request restrictions on how we use or disclose their protected health information (PHI) to carry out treatment, payment, or health care operations; and disclosures of PHI to family and friends involved in the patient's care. If EHC/EMCF agrees to the requested restriction, we may not use or disclose the patient's PHI in accordance with that agreement.

However, the privacy rules clearly state that EHC/EMCF is not required to agree to a restriction. The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) notes that we may refuse to restrict uses and disclosures or may agree only to certain aspects of the patient's request if there is concern for the quality of patient care in the future. For example, if a

provider believes that it is not in the patient's best medical interest to have such a restriction, the provider may discuss the request for restriction with the patient and give the patient the opportunity to explain the concern for disclosure. Also, a provider who is concerned about the implications on future treatment can agree to use and disclose sensitive protected health information for treatment purposes only and agree not to disclose information for payment and operation purposes.

To see Emory's right to amend policy and procedure, go to: <http://euhnotes.eushc.org/ehc%5Ccompolic.nsf>

--Office of Compliance Programs
Newsletter, August 2007

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Join the Emory Breast Center for the following FREE events:

WHOLE FOODS MARKET BREAST HEALTH SEMINAR

Enjoy a sampling of tantalizing, healthful treats from Whole Foods Market while Emory radiologist, Dr. Mary Newell and Christine McCarthy, our breast health specialist, talk about risk factors for breast cancer and the latest techniques for breast self-exam and mammography.

Date: Wednesday, October 17

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Whole Foods Market
650 Ponce de Leon Ave, Atlanta, GA 30308

SPA SYDELL BREAST HEALTH SEMINAR

Come spend a relaxing evening with a Spatini, complimentary on-site mini-massage, and join a discussion with Emory radiologist Dr. Mary Newell and Christine McCarthy, our breast health specialist, on the latest techniques for breast self-exam and mammography.

Date: Wednesday, October 24

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Spa Sydell Midtown in Brookwood Place
1745 Peachtree Road, Atlanta, GA 30309

Space is limited for these FREE events. Call 404-778-7777 today to register.

Remember, early detection is the key to providing women the best chance for cure. Schedule your mammogram today. Call 404-778-PINK.

Women's Watch



October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Many strides have been made in breast cancer awareness and treatment, but even more needs to be accomplished. We are devoted to empowering women to become more proactive in their breast health. The Emory Healthcare Breast Imaging Center proudly offers a comprehensive array of breast health services, including education and diagnostic testing within a supportive environment. Emory Crawford Long, Emory University Hospital and Emory Clinic Radiology would like to recognize our breast imaging staff for providing breast health services with dignity and for their dedication to the breast health cause.

- Daria Fluker
Radiology Manager

Emory Crawford Long Breast Center

Mammography Technologist

Daria Fluker, AA, RT(R)(M) is the Manager of Breast Imaging and has been with Emory 7 years.

Pam Goldblatt, BS, RT(R)(M) joined the Crawford Long Hospital Breast Center in 2003 with 10 years of experience.

Ann West, RT(R)(M) has a total of 36 years as a registered technologist. She is currently beginning her 4th year at Emory Crawford Long Breast Center.

Vanessa G. Stiltner, RT(R)(M) has been working at Crawford Long Hospital for 21 years, of which 20 years has been dedicated to Mammography.

Crystal A. Booker, BSRT(R)(M) moved to Atlanta in 2001 and is currently working as a level IV technologist in Mammography.

Nickello Campbell, RT(R)(M) joined the Crawford Long Hospital Mammography team in 2003, after working at Grady Memorial Hospital for four years.

Cynthia Sutz, BSRT(R)(M) joined the Emory Crawford Long Radiology team in 1995.

Mammography Imaging Assistant

Roslyn Baitey has been part of the Emory Crawford Long Radiology team for 22 years. The last 17 years have been in the breast imaging.

Elechia A. Rainey has been part of the Emory Crawford Long Radiology team for 24 years. The last 5 years have been in breast imaging.

Raquel LoCascio has been part of the Emory Crawford Long Breast Imaging team for 5 years.

Traci Perry has been part of the Emory Crawford Long Radiology for 11 years. She started working in breast imaging last year.

Medical Ultrasound Awareness Month

The Emory Crawford Long Radiology Department, Emory University Hospital Radiology Department and Emory Clinic Radiology would like to recognize our ultrasound professionals.

Emory Crawford Long Hospital (ECLH)

Nealy Robinson-Moyer, RDMS currently supervises general and prenatal ultrasound departments. She joined the ECLH Ultrasound team in 1991.

Susan Black, RDMS joined the sonography team at ECLH in 1991.

Susan Clay, RDMS joined ECLH in 2001.

Susan Reeder, RDMS joined the ECLH team as a in 1990.

Susan Yench, RDMS began working as a sonographer for ECLH in 1998.

Christina Graf, RDMS joined ECLH in 1999.

Khirstine Gilbert, RDMS joined the ECLH team in 2004.

Kimberly Wages, RDMS joined ECLH in 2006 as a PRN Sonographer.

Krystle Minor, RDMS joined ECLH in 2007.

Traci Panah, RDMS joined ECLH in 2001.

Doris Murrah, RDMS joined the ECLH in 1999 and is a PRN sonographer.

Kimberly Williams, RDMS is also a member of the ECLH team.

The Emory Breast Imaging Center

Mammography Technologist

Stephanie Clement, RT (R)(M) ARRT has worked as a mammography technologist in the Breast Imaging Center for the past 2 years.

Lorie Parish, RT, (R)(M), ARRT has worked as a mammography technologist with Emory for 4 years in the Breast Imaging Center and has 22 years experience as a technologist.

Susan W. Horne, RT (R)(M), ARRT has been a mammography technologist in the Breast Imaging Center for a total of 33 years.

Julia E. Bryant, RT, (R)(M), ARRT has been with the Emory Radiology Department for a 6 years and has worked as technologist for 29 years.

Tricia Harper, R.T.(R) ARRT, RDMS works as the Breast Ultrasonographer in the Emory Breast Imaging Center and has been with us for the last 3 years.

Pamela W. Keel, R.T. (R)(M) ARRT has 13 years as a technologist with the past year at the Emory Breast Imaging Center.

Debra Carter, RT (R)(M), ARRT CRT is the supervisor of the Emory Breast Imaging Center. Debra has dedicated 13 years to the Emory Breast Imaging Center and has worked as a technologist for the last 23 years.

Diana Pless, R.T (R)(M), ARRT is the manager of the Emory Breast Imaging Center. She has been with Emory for nine years and has 16 years of experience in radiology.

Laura Henderson, RT (R)(M), ARRT has been working for Emory in the Breast Imaging Center since 1991 as a level III mammography technologist.

Jayne Onyillo, RT (R)(M), ARRT has 10 years of experience as a mammography technologist and has been with the Emory Breast Imaging Center for 3 years.

Ruby Alexander, RT (R)(M), ARRT has over 15 years as a mammography technologist. Ruby has been an employee with the Emory Breast Imaging Center for seven months.

Emory University Hospital (EUH)

Bobbie Hollis, BSRT, RDMS, RVT has been with Emory for 23 years as a Ultrasonographer at EUH.

Patricia Baxter, RVT, RT (R), AAS has 5 years at ECLH in the Vascular Lab and 4 ½ years with EUH.

Shandrina Cooper has been with EUH for two years.

Adrienne James has been with EUH for a little over two years.

Valerie A. Davis, AA, RVT joined 11 months ago, with 15 years of experience.

The Emory Clinic (TEC)

Cassie Little, RT, RDMS, RVT joined The Emory Clinic team in 1998 full-time.

Callen Hall RT, RDMS began at The Emory Clinic September 2007.

Brenda Hall, RT, RDMS, RVT joined The Emory Clinics in 2004.

Nicole Barrett, RT, RDMS began her career with The Emory Clinic in 2002. In August, she was promoted to Ultrasound Supervisor of TEC.

Laura Champagne, RDMS came to The Emory Clinic in January of 2007 and works in the MOT at Crawford Long in Outpatient Radiology.

Kevin Smith, RT, the newest member of the team, started October 1.

NEW & EXPANDED PROCEDURES

Virtually Interactive

Residents, Fellows and Faculty can now experience Noon Conference presentations simultaneously across multiple campuses, through the use of Web Conferencing. A successful test run at the Emory and Grady locations has led to an aggressive schedule to add the other campuses shortly.

The use of web-based software (through a third party vendor) and voice over IP enables members of each campus to participate in weekday didactic conferences. This technology not only allows verbal communication between locations, but also allows a participant (presenter or attendee) to point to specific areas of a presentation through the use of a mouse. The remote campus can not only hear and see the presentation but may also ask questions, visually interacting with the pointer on the screen if the mouse is used (this latter function is in the process of being rolled-out).

To date, presentations have been successfully delivered by presenters from both Emory University Hospital and Grady Memorial Hospital. The convenience of presenting from any location will allow presenting faculty the freedom to hold conferences at the location that best suits their schedule. In addition to

convenience of location, faculty will no longer be requested to give two (identical) presentations at separate locations during the same week. Optimally, there will be a designated person (or persons) at each participating site to initiate the conference, allowing faculty to arrive only a few minutes early to load their PowerPoint presentation on the web-based system.



The V.A. Medical Center, Crawford Long Hospital and Children's Healthcare of Atlanta-Egleston campus will be the next locations wherein we plan to roll-out this web conferencing system. For additional details regarding the opportunities with Web Conferencing please contact Eric Jablonowski through Groupwise.

To sign-up for a future Noon Conference Presentation, please contact Tammi-Teeters McDade and/or Mark Mullins through Groupwise.

- Monica Salama
Communications Specialist

ICD-9 Codes Changes

If you looked at any of the "early" or pre-released 2008 ICD-9 codes, you might be surprised when you get the 2008 ICD-9 book. There have been some additions and deletions that you might not be expecting.

Two new codes (999.31 - infection due to central venous cath and 999.39 - infection following other infusion, injection, transfusion or vaccination) have been added and three codes (629.82-629.84 - acquired absence of uterus/cervix and V17.40 - family history of cardiovascular disease, unspecified) will not be implemented.

Remember, these codes will be effective October 1, 2007.

To see the new 2008 ICD-9 codes, go to:
www.cms.hhs.gov/ICD9ProviderDiagnosticCodes/07_summarytables.asp#TopOfPage

--Office of Compliance Programs Newsletter, August 2007



UPDATES

EeMR continues to evolve in its fifth year of implementation. A recent summary of accomplishments, current projects and upcoming goals include:

- The Emory Clinic has made great strides in adopting the electronic prescription writer.
- Across TEC, 90% of provider visit documentation has been via transcription via Lotus Notes into Power Chart.
- The "results to endorse" (RTE) function of the Power Chart inbox retrieves results and comments faster. (See article for good practices.)
- *Coming Soon* - Power Note integration of diagnosis and problem entry

For the complete article visit:
www.eushc.org/eemr/news/EeMR%20Updates/eemrupdate082007.pdf

GET INVOLVED

Pink Patrol

The *Pink Patrol* is back in full force promoting breast health. On October 1, they held a Free Breast Health Screening event that was available to Emory employees. This represents the first event of three events to take place during the month of Breast Cancer Awareness, with two additional events to follow (See page 4).

The goal of promoting breast health is an ongoing mission of the *Pink Patrol*. They make a special effort each month to supply Emory staff and faculty with



educational information. Look for them in the lobby of the entrance near Asbury Court in the Emory Hospital on the last Wednesday of each month from 11 a.m. – 2p.m.

Call 778-PINK today to schedule your mammogram screening.

Laser Treatment for Varicose Veins

November 8

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Join us for a free informational seminar presented by Dr. Abbas Chamsuddin, Emory Interventional Radiologist, on the non-surgical laser treatment of varicose veins. Endovascular Laser Venous System (ELVS) takes only 45 minutes and is a minimally invasive outpatient procedure which allows the patient to return to normal activity immediately. For more information or to reserve your place, please call 404-778-2000.

2nd Annual Body MRI Update

October 13-14, 2007

The Wigwam Golf Resort and Spa, Phoenix Ariz.

Update your MR skills while you earn CME Credit

Dr. Diego Martin and Habib Tannir of Emory University will be sharing their knowledge as they lead various presentations during the two-day ACR, Body MRI Update course.

To [learn more](http://radiology.emory.edu/today.cfm#profdev) about this educational opportunity visit <http://radiology.emory.edu/today.cfm#profdev>.

Radiology Grand Rounds

October 2007

Wednesdays 7:30 - 8:15 a.m.

Emory University Hospital Auditorium

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| 10/3/07 | Hui Mao, PhD
Emory University
<i>Receptor Targeted MRI Probe for Molecular Imaging of Cancer</i> |
| 10/10/07 | Alexei Bogdanov, PhD
University of Massachusetts Medical School
<i>Molecular Imaging and Signal Amplification</i> |
| 10/17/07 | Ella A. Kazerooni, MD
University of Michigan
TBA |
| 10/24/07 | Diego Martin, MD
Emory University
TBA |
| 10/31/07 | Abbas Chamsudin, MD
Emory University
<i>Percutaneous Endovascular Treatment of Pulmonary Embolism</i> |

Arrive at 7 am for a Complimentary Breakfast



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Educational Conferences

The Musculoskeletal Division has launched a series of [educational lectures](#) at Executive Park (EP). The topics to be covered are specific to the individuals' research, proven clinical cases or journal selections in the area of musculoskeletal imaging.

Fellows Conference

October 10

9:00 a.m. ~ EP, 4th floor conference

Focus: Correlation of imaging findings to anatomic findings.

Journal Club

October 23

9:00 a.m. ~ EP, 4th floor conference

Focus: Review of a journal article related to the topic of Musculoskeletal Imaging.

Orthopedics and Radiology Conference

3rd Tuesday of every month

7:30 a.m. ~ EP, 2nd floor conference room

Focus: Dedicated to the convergence of these two fields.

Research Conference

October 30

9:00 a.m. ~ EP, 4th floor conference

Focus: Review research conducted by trainees in the area of musculoskeletal research.

GET INVOLVED CONTINUED

State of the Department Address

On Wednesday, September 26, more than 200 members of the Radiology Department faculty and staff attended the State of the Department Address presentation by Dr. Carolyn C. Meltzer, Chair of Radiology.



Many attendees observed the address while standing, during the well attended 7:30 a.m. address in Emory University Hospital Auditorium.

Dr. Meltzer's presentation began with an overview of the departmental accomplishments during the last fiscal year. A few of the highlighted accomplishment were:

- Strong financial performance of the radiology department for fiscal year 2007
- Increased NIH funding for radiology research
- ACR accreditation for MRI and CT
- Departmental Quality Initiatives

Looking towards the future, Dr. Meltzer revealed goals that are in line with the vision of becoming a

Destination Radiology Department. Her address encompassed the objectives as they related to the three pillars of the departmental mission: Education, Research and Clinical Service. A few of these goals included:

- Acquiring a new PACS
- Continued Growth in NIH Funding
- Recruitment and retention of faculty
- Maintaining the highly competitive Residency Program
- Raising the level of service with the addition of a new IVR suite at Emory University Hospital

The high level of attendance has made this a successful event. This brief description merely scrapes the surface of the ideas and motivational messages Dr. Meltzer conveyed during this presentation. The department will continue to meet annually to refocus through the assessment of the year's accomplishments and align our sights on the new year ahead.

NEW FACES & APPOINTMENTS



Scott Peters, RN

EUH Radiology Nurse Manager

Scott Peters has taken on the role of Nurse Manager of Radiology at Emory University Hospital. With previous focus in the Neuro ICU, he has worked the past eight years with Interventional Radiology. He joined Emory fifteen years ago, with extensive Surgical ICU experience. Scott received his BSN from the University of Iowa.



Valerie Harris, RT

Nuclear Technician, Level II

Valerie Harris has recently been promoted to Nuclear Medicine Technologist III in the area of General Nuclear Medicine and Nuclear Cardiology. Valerie has a total of 8 years in Nuclear Medicine and 3 years General X-Ray prior to Nuclear Medicine. She has worked with the Emory team for the last 2.5 years.



Tamekol Bailey

Patient Services Associate

Tamekol Bailey, a former member of the Emory Spine Center team, is continuing her career with Emory as a Patient Services Associate in the Winship Cancer Institute (WIC).



Kendra Clayton

Patient Service Associate

Kendra Clayton, joined the Emory Radiology family on September 17, 2007. She brings several years of patient registration experience to the team. You can find Kendra in Building A Cardiac Imaging .

Look for a new issue of the Rad Report the first full week of November.