

EMORY RadReport

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Our First Adoption

First-year resident, Jay Patel, MD, is the first beneficiary of the Adopt-A-Resident Program.



First-year Resident Jay Patel, MD, has been awarded a sum totaling \$10,000, as the first participant in the Adopt-A-Resident Program.

As part of the Radiology Development Program, a giving opportunity has been created for alumni and other donors called "Adopt-A-Resident." This contribution includes a \$2500/year commitment for four years totaling \$10,000, and is designed to advance the educational opportunities of one resident. The generosity of the first donor has launched the program.

In order to select a designee for the program's first award, each first-year resident had the opportunity to submit a proposal. This proposal was to include, among other things, a plan for the utilization of these funds to optimize their educational experience at Emory during their remaining three (3) years of residency – with specifics for a budget.

The proposal submitted by Dr. Patel focuses on advancing the education technologies to maintain the pace of the dynamic field of Radiology. Specifically, he outlines how he plans to create a virtual library of radiology conferences, lectures and case

studies in a portable, podcast format. These files can be downloaded and played in any device that can play mp3 files. Dr. Patel wrote,

Podcasting presents a new conduit to quickly provide radiologists with state-of-the-art information about CT and MRI scanners, acquisition protocols, and postprocessing of datasets, available 24 hours a day. The ease of creation and delivery enables the information to be rapidly updated. The advantage of this type of mobile podcast is the learner is not tied to the computer to review information. It can be reviewed virtually anywhere that one would listen to a mobile media player – for example while commuting to work or exercising. In this new technological era we must harness all available resources with respect toward enhancing medical education today.

Over the next three years, Dr. Patel will utilize the funds to purchase equipment, expand his knowledge of web development and implement the site. He has already been in contact with Dr. Elliot Fishman of Johns Hopkins University, who is the developer of CTisUS.com. In addition to this fantastic start, Dr. Patel has been involved in meetings with a group here at Emory, consisting of second-year resident, Dr. Zahir Momin, first-year resident, Dr. Ryan Polselli, MultiMedia Director, Eric Jablonowski, and Vice Chair of Education, Dr. Mark Mullins.

It is apparent that Dr. Patel is the ideal recipient of the first Adopt-

A-Resident opportunity. The work he outlined will promote advanced methods of education for the radiology community. He expressed "It is my vision to have the most well-informed and educated class possible and that starts with having all the information readily accessible." Dr. Patel accredits his successes and educational focus to the support of his father, who always helped others to realize their potential.

The Adopt-A-Resident opportunity will be available to first year residents near the end of their initial year, provided that new funds are available. Donors may make their commitment at any point of the year and have the option to mentor the "adopted" resident. Dr. Bruce Baumgartner, Emeritus Program Director, has played a vital role in the development of this program. He emphasizes the originality of this program through its added value to the residents, the promise it creates for continual educational advancements and the allure it provides for future recruits.

While this program is awarded to first year residents, the residual effects will be felt throughout the Emory Radiology Department. As the years progress, this program will cultivate motivated residents with new ideas and ways of learning. In turn, motivated residents will inspire the attendings, and through this collaboration of teaching and learning, innovation will radiate from the Emory campus to enhance the greater radiology community.

- Monica Salama
Communications Specialist

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Adopt-A-Resident

Personalize the giving experience when you fund a resident's scholarship. Your generosity will enable a resident to attend a national radiology conference and ultimately will shape the next generation of radiologists.

You can participate in the Adopt-A-Resident Program through a \$2,500 annual commitment over the span of 4 years. If you would like to explore this, or other giving opportunities that will benefit Emory Imaging, contact:

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Letter from the Chair

Dear Colleagues,

June is that bittersweet month when our senior residents and fellows frantically prepare to leave the nest and embark on the next phase of their careers. With 56 diagnostic radiology residents, 6 nuclear medicine residents, 28 fellows, and a growing Medical Imaging Program, the Emory Department of Radiology supports one of the largest radiology training programs in the nation. So, the impact of this annual academic transition is substantial, and indeed is felt in all corners of the department. At a recent

mock boards exam session, I found myself nostalgically in admiration of the breadth of knowledge of our senior residents. Clearly they will gain an enormous amount of additional experience on which to further hone their skills as their careers progress; yet, there will likely never be another time when they know so much about so many areas of our vast specialty.

On the other side of the examination monitor, Emory Radiology is well represented among oral

board examiners in 2008. Eight of our faculty have been tapped as field experts to serve the American Board of Radiology (ABR) in administering this important professional milestone in Louisville, Kentucky. I believe this is just one more sign of our department's growing stature on the national level, as are the honors received by Drs. Bruce Baumgartner (Fellow in the American College of Radiology) and David Schuster (Best Clinical Investigation Paper, Society of Nuclear Medicine) as described on

page 3 of RadReport.

We wish all our trainees well as they move on to higher levels of achievement, whether it be the pursuit of additional skills through advanced training programs here or elsewhere, or staff or faculty positions. We will follow your progress with pride.

Best to all,

Carolyn C. Meltzer, MD, FACR
Chair of Radiology



AWARDS & RECOGNITION



Bruce Baumgartner, MD
Emeritus Program Director,
Diagnostic Radiology Residency

Fellow in the American College of Radiology

Dr. Bruce Baumgartner has been bestowed the honor of Fellow in the American College of Radiology (ACR). This exceptional honor is awarded to only about 10% of ACR members. Dr. Baumgartner received this outstanding achievement because he has demonstrated his continued commitment to the ACR over many years.

Carolyn C. Meltzer, MD

Chair of Radiology

Board of Directors

Dr. Carolyn C. Meltzer has been selected to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the Society for Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine (SELAM International). She will be serving as the Development Committee Chair for 2008-2009. The mission of SELAM is to provide outstanding opportunities for the advancement of women in academic health profession.

Lily Yang, MD, PhD

Associate Professor, Departments of Surgery, Hematology/Oncology and Radiology Surgery Oncology

Panzo Endowed Chair

On May 1st, Dr. Lily Yang was named to the Nancy Panoz Chair of Surgery in Cancer Research. She joined the Emory University faculty in 1997.

Dr. Yang's basic science research focuses on novel approaches for cancer treatment and detection, including the investigation of the feasibility and mechanism of targeting the inhibitor of apoptosis proteins for induction of specific cell death and early detection of the cancer cells. She is also involved in developing multifunctional and tumor targeted nanoparticles for non-invasive tumor imaging.

The Panoz Chair is fully funded due to a generous gift from Nancy Panoz. Former member of the Emory Breast Health Center Board, Mrs. Panoz is a director of Fountainhead Development Corporation, The Legends, and Château Élan Winery & Resorts. She serves on the board of directors for Wesley Woods, Inc.

Partner in Excellence

The Emory University Hospital Emergency Department has recognized the Radiology staff listed below for their exceptional cross-departmental service while moving and monitoring patients.

Robert Glendenning - CT
Lisa Howell - CT
Felicia Jamerson - X-Ray
Timothy Jones - CT
Aurora Marinescu - X-Ray
Lindsey Mitchell - X-Ray
Pat Mosier - X-Ray
Antonio Sandoval - CT
Kevin Taylor - X-Ray
Judy Thompson - CT
Vicki White - X-Ray

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

David Schuster, MD

Director, Division of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging

Best Clinical Investigation Paper

Dr. David Schuster is being honored for one of the three best clinical investigation papers at this year's Society of Nuclear Medicine annual meeting. The Journal of Nuclear Medicine editorial board will present Dr. Schuster with an award for his manuscript titled, "Initial Experience with the Radiotracer anti I- amino-3- [18F]fluorocyclobutane-1-carboxylic acid (anti-[18F]FACBC) with PET/CT in Prostate Carcinoma." This article was also featured on the cover of the January 2007 issue of the Journal of Nuclear Medicine. Other Emory faculty who contributed to this article include Drs. John Votaw, Weiping Yu, Johnathan Nye and Mark Goodman.



Recognizing Emory Alumni

James H. Larose, MD, FACNP, FACR

was a resident in Diagnostic Radiology in 1966-69 at Grady Hospital and then served as Director of Nuclear Medicine at Emory until 1974. He just received the **Ira L. Myers Service Award** from the Medical Association of the State of Alabama for serving the medical profession faithfully and meritoriously during his lifetime. He helped found the American College of Delegates in 1985-87. He has published nine medical textbook chapters and over forty papers in the medical literature. He is also very active in his community, having chaired the board of Seton Haven Retirement Home and commanded the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Sons of Confederate Veterans; he has chaired the Menewa District of the Boy Scouts of America since



Nathan Judd, RT (R)

Technologist at Emory Midtown (MOT)

Outstanding Rookie Technologist of the Year

Nathan Judd R.T. (R) was awarded "Outstanding Rookie Technologist of the Year" by the students of the Medical Imaging Program at their Awards Ceremony on May 9. Nate is involved with the instruction of the students.



Emerging Leader Program

Emory Healthcare

Emerging Leaders

The Radiology Reimbursement Services team would like to congratulate Marjorie Sims and Karen Roberts-Lee, both Senior Certified Professional Coders, for their completion of the Emory Healthcare Emerging Leader Program.



Marjorie Sims and Karen Roberts-Lee have completed the Emory Emerging Leader Program.

They received certificates of completion as well as a copy of the book "The Dream Manager" by Matthew Kelly. The Emerging Leader Program (ELP) provides a framework for the essential role and responsibilities of leaders. Layered upon the framework are other key building

blocks: the transition from colleague to supervisor, leadership expectations at EHC, and key leadership skills and dimensions. To participate in this program one must be in a non-leadership job family and must be nominated by their direct leader in order to apply for the program. Nominees are those who display strong aptitudes of leadership characteristics. Candidates are accepted based upon completeness of the application, leader approval, and program availability.

"Both employees are deserving of this award and we look forward to their continued growth within our department." Manager, Cory Ivins, CPC.

Kim Landom

Technologist at Executive Park

Technologist of the Year

Kim Landom has been voted "Technologist of the Year" by the students of the Medical Imaging Program. Her ability to share her enthusiasm and devotion for Diagnostic Radiology motivated the students who had the opportunity to work with her. Kim has been at Emory for 13 years and continues to express her commitment to healthcare.



Executive Park (EP) & Emory Crawford Long Hospital (ECLH)

Site of the Year

EP & ECLH have tied as the "Site of the Year" elected by the Medical Imaging Program's (MIP) end-of-year survey. Each location has earned its place on the "Site of the Year" plaque. By voting for these locations the students of the MIP have expressed their appreciation for the exceptional learning experience while rotating through these locations.

Senior Radiology Residents & Fellows

The following residents will be completing their residency program in June and either continuing their training in a fellowship program or beginning practice. This has been an excellent group of residents and we wish them well in their new endeavors. We are fortunate that many of them will remain in the Department for at least another year.

Michael Bosely, MD
Continuing at Emory
in Interventional Radiology

Marouane Bouchareb, MD
Continuing at Northwestern
in Vascular Interventional
Radiology

William Crymes, MD
Continuing at Emory
in Neuroradiology

Mariya Fishman, MD
Continuing at Emory
in Body Imaging

Bradley Fricke, MD
Continuing at Stanford
in Vascular Interventional
Radiology

Ramona Gupta, MD
Continuing at Northwestern
in Vascular Interventional
Radiology

Robert Helmer, MD
Continuing at Emory
in Musculoskeletal Imaging

Ashok Jayashankar, MD
Continuing at Stanford
in Body Imaging

Ashur Lawand, MD
Continuing at Emory
in Musculoskeletal Imaging

Kristen Lloyd, MD
Continuing at Emory
in Neuroradiology

Eric Meredith, MD
Continuing at Emory
in Body Imaging

Benjamin Sacks, MD
Continuing at RSI
in Body MRI Imaging

Louis Smith, MD
Continuing at Duke
in Neuroradiology

Raymond Welsh MD
Continuing at Stanford
in Body Imaging

Nuclear Medicine Residents

Qi Feng, MD
Serving as a Medical Officer for
the FDA - Silver Spring, MD

Hongyun J. Zhu, MD
Joining the University of
Arkansas Medical Center
in the position of Asst. Professor
Specializing in Nuclear Medicine

The following fellows will be completing their program in June. We have included their future plans and wish them great success in their Radiology careers.

Adina L. Alazraki, MD
Joining Emory University and
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta at Egleston
- Atlanta, GA
Specializing in Pediatric Radiology

Andrew Anderson, MD
Practicing at Roper Radiologist
- Charleston, SC Specializing in
Neuroradiology

John Arnett, MD
Practicing at Summit Radiology, PC
- Fort Wayne, IN
Specializing in Neuroradiology

Eric Beltz, MD
Practicing with Northwest Radiology
- Indianapolis, IN
Specializing in Neuroradiology

Eric Berenson, MD
Practicing at Radiology Associates of
DeKalb, P.C. - Decatur, GA
Specializing in Abdominal Imaging

Kevin Brown, MD
Joining the University of Kansas
- Lawrence, KS
Specializing in Musculoskeletal Imaging

Samir Chande, MD
Joining a private practice
- Cartersville, GA
Specializing in Abdominal Imaging

Karekin Cunningham, MD
Practicing at Columbus Regional
Medical Center - Columbus, OH
Specializing in Interventional Radiology

Darren Cutter, MD
Practicing with Diagnostic Imaging
Specialists, PC - Atlanta, GA
Specializing in Neuroradiology

Sree Lalitha Degala, MD
Relocating to Tampa, FL
Specializing in Neuroradiology

Ferdinand Hui, MD
Practicing at Cleveland Clinic
- Cleveland, OH
Specializing in Neuroradiology &
Neurointerventional Practice

Bobby Kalb, MD
Practicing at Emory - Atlanta, GA
Specializing in Abdominal Imaging
(Body MRI Program)

Alejandra Mayorga, MD
Practicing at the Miami VA Medical
Center - Maimi, FL
Specializing in Neuroradiology

John Payan, MD
Joining the Veterans Administration
- Atlanta, GA
Emphasis on Musculoskeletal Imaging

Heather Pearlman, MD
Practicing at Northside Radiology
- Atlanta, GA
Specializing in Breast Imaging

Mark Rheaume, MD
Practicing at Summit Radiology
- Cartersville, GA
Specializing in Interventional Radiology

Julio Sepulveda-Acosta, DVM, MD
Entering a Radiology Residency
at University of Puerto Rico - San Juan, PR

Gopi Sirineni, MD
Completed Abdominal Imaging Fellowship
Continuing his education at Emory with a
Neuroradiology Fellowship - Atlanta, GA

Srini Tridandapani, MD
Practicing at Emory - Atlanta, GA
Specializing in Abdominal Imaging

Unni Udayasankar, MD
Completed Abdominal Imaging Fellowship
Continuing his education at Emory with a
Neuroradiology Fellowship - Atlanta, GA

Wanzhen Zeng, MD, PhD
Practicing with the Ottawa Hospital
- Ontario, Canada
Specializing in Nuclear Medicine

Other Fellows Completing Their Program

Sean Dariushnia, MD
Specializing in Interventional Radiology

Rajesh Dhillon, MD
Specializing in Nuclear Medicine

ENGAGED IN EDUCATION

Becoming a 4th Year

The beginning of July will mark an important transition for all Emory radiology residents. With new residents beginning their training and current residents advancing to the next level within the program, fourteen of us will become fourth year radiology residents, the last year of our residency. We have all strived to assume a teaching role during the course of our residency, through regular informal teaching at the workstation, by preparing noon conferences and by arranging lectures to help the rising second-year residents before they begin their overnight call responsibilities. As fourth year residents, we are the top of the resident food chain. Not only will we be the most senior residents in the reading room and at noon conference, but very generally, we are expected to know more than other residents just by virtue of being "fourth years". While intimidating, this expectation is also motivational; consider the outgoing class, which has been impressive in both the reading room and at noon conference. Although we will all have to work hard to meet these expectations, we anticipate that the upcoming year will be not only difficult, but also exciting and rewarding, and we look forward to the challenge.

- Sarah Erickson, MD
Chief Resident

On Board

Each year, The American Board of Radiology (ABR) selects radiologists from around the country who are leaders within their subspecialty of radiology. These experts will administer an oral exam validating the proficiencies of the next generation of board-certified radiologists. This year, eight Emory Faculty have been selected to travel to Louisville, Kentucky in June of 2008 to participate in the radiology board exams.

Deborah Baumgarten, MD, MPH - Abdominal Imaging

Bruce Baumgartner, MD - Abdominal Imaging

Mary Newell, MD - Breast Imaging

Mark Mullins, MD, PhD - Neuroradiology

Steve Simoneaux, MD - Pediatric Radiology

Bill Small, MD, PhD - Abdominal Imaging

Arthur Stillman, MD, PhD - Cardiothoracic Imaging

Bill Torres, MD - Abdominal Imaging

STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE

Summer's Here!

Whoo-hoo! Memorial Day was a 3-day weekend and the official start of summer. Summer means end of the school year, hot, humid weather (hopefully not as dry as last year) and VACATION!

Sure, people take time off during other months of the year, but June, July and August are the most popular. For some, it means family reunions. Some like to visit places they've never been, while others chill out at the beach. Get away plans are numerous and who isn't ready?

Taking a vacation is healthy for your mind and body. Work produces stress which, in turn, can result in hypertension, headaches, insomnia, gastroesophageal reflux, depression and mental fatigue. Stress can also impair the part of the brain that is involved in forming, storing and processing memory. This part of the brain is vital to retaining meeting times and places, names and yes, passwords. Every brain needs a good rest.

Taking time away from the job does appear to have physical

and mental benefits. There have been several studies that verify this. A 2005 study showed that out of 1500 participants those who took vacations more frequently were less likely to become tense or depressed. A study in the November issue of the American Journal of Public Health demonstrated a significant relationship between work stress and depression.

Some people are a little hesitant to take time off. They take the workplace everywhere and they avoid the "V" word. Things won't fall apart, and the world will not end, if you take time off from work.

When you take a vacation make sure it's relaxing! This is time to be away from the workplace. Relax, unwind and get some rest. If you spend your time off worrying about what's going on at work you're not allowing your body and brain that much needed break. When you return to work after that break you are refreshed, recharged and work more effectively. Look at what's been accomplished so far

this year! ECLH is currently installing a new MRI and a new dual-headed Nuclear Medicine camera. EUH continues to play an integral part in bringing up Emory Northlake Hospital and has instituted a LEAN project in IVR with the first Rapid Improvement Event (RIE) in April 2008. TEC has installed another MRI in Bldg. C and a new R/F room at Executive Park. These projects definitely merit a vacation!

Besides, we owe it to ourselves to take some time off this summer. We have a busy fall and winter ahead of us. All of us have been involved with RadNet in one role or another. Early 2009 should see the implementation of RadNet. Also planned in that time frame is a pilot of the new GE PACS at a location to be determined.

This time won't be stress free but we'll all deal with it better after some R&R. So go ahead, take a vacation. You deserve it!

- Jane Vitali, BSRT, RT (R)(CV)
Assistant Director of
Imaging Services



GETTING TO KNOW YOU

As the Radiology Department grows within the Emory Healthcare system, knowing who your team members are and what they do becomes increasingly important. Each month we highlight a person or group within the department to strengthen our understanding of how we work together and to help us to learn more about each other.

Grants Administrator

A grant proposal deadline has not been missed since Mariana Teodorescu joined the Radiology department as the Grants Administrator. For almost two years now, Mariana has facilitated effective communication within the department to promote grant efficiency for all faculty.

Mariana's position allows her to concentrate on the budget aspect of a grant, so the researcher can focus on the scientific portion. The grant submission process can be extremely time-sensitive and complicated. Mariana aids with completing applications and specific packages to streamline the proficiency of the numerous forms associated with each grant, which can take several months to finalize. The current overall success rate for grants is only 22%. This low return rate is attributed to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) budget cuts, the increased number of submitted grant proposals and the tough competition.

By starting the grant process early, it allows for extra time to make any needed changes. Mariana assists with correcting any possible errors before the deadlines have passed. She meets with the Research Division Directors on a regular basis to help with communications and negotiations with agencies or sponsors. If a grant is not accepted, the process will continue since the researcher may choose to revise and resubmit it at a later date.

Mariana's other responsibilities include monitoring all the financial aspects of a project, and ensure compliance with all and regulations. As the Radiology department continues its rapid growth, Mariana keeps up with the pace. She enjoys being able to use her experience to quickly adapt to any challenges she may face. In her position, Mariana feels that she can learn something new everyday. She points out that teamwork and organization are the key factors to successfully submit grants through this extensive process.



Mariana has been involved in the financial field all of her career, with a range of experience in banking and accounting. She earned her Masters degree at Keller College in Gwinnett County. Mariana began her Emory career almost ten years ago in the Public Health, Global Health Department.

For more information about the grant process or budgeting grants, please contact Mariana at 404-778-4244 or e-mail her at mteodor@emory.edu.

- Alaina Shapiro
Communications Coordinator

NEW GRANTS

Breast Cancer Chemotherapy Monitoring with Dedicated Breast Computed Tomography

Principal Investigators:

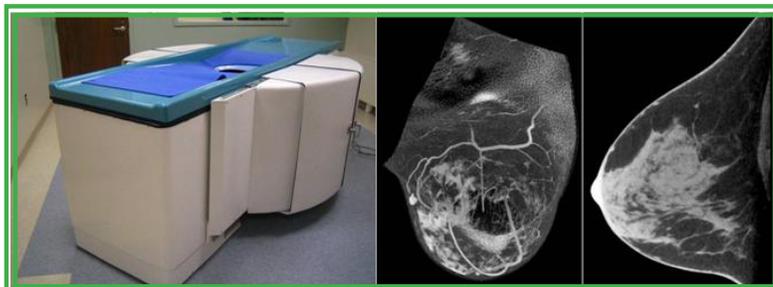
Carl D'Orsi, MD
Ioannis Sechopoulos, PhD

Funding Organization: Internal Seed Grant, Emory Molecular and Translational Imaging Center (NIH P20)

Significance: The goal of the proposal is to use a dedicated breast CT system to closely monitor the changes in size and blood flow of breast tumors in patients undergoing neoadjuvant chemotherapy. For this, a prototype dedicated breast CT system, to be installed in June in the Breast Imaging Center, will be used. This system will be only the

second prototype clinical system of its kind in the world. Its isotropic high resolution, high contrast, low dose capabilities bring about a wide variety of new approaches to breast cancer detection and treatment that will be investigated here at Emory.

The ultimate aim of this work, for which this grant is just an initial first step, is to be able to adjust the chemotherapy treatment according to imaging-based monitoring of tumor response. Today most patients undergoing neoadjuvant chemotherapy are treated with a certain pre-determined number of treatment cycles, each separated by a fixed amount of time, with varying results due to each individual tumor's response to the chemotherapeutic drugs. Breast CT monitoring could result in a personalized therapy regimen, in which non-responders are identified in a short period of time so that other treatment options are sought. Further, treatment can be terminated early for complete responders, for whom the additional cycles do not provide any additional benefits.



The addition of the Breast CT keeps Emory at the cutting-edge and allows for further advances in the area of mammography.

GET INVOLVED

Cardiac Scoring

In February, the Emory Cardiac Imaging Center re-launched our marketing campaign promoting the \$150 Calcium CT scoring and complete heart assessment. The campaign featured radio advertising on WSB AM750 and WABE 90.1 FM and resulted in 2,278 calls during the seven active weeks of the campaign. This represents a 107% increase over our 2007 campaign!

Our campaign also drew media attention. Bill Hendrick, a reporter for the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, heard the ads and called us to find out more. He came in for the test and had a wonderful experience, thanks in large part to the wonderful staff in the Cardiac Imaging Center. Bill interviewed cardiac CT tech Lucienne McKinney, Dr. Paolo Raggi, Dr. Arthur Stillman, Una Newman, Emory's Chief Marketing Officer, as well as a several patients.

The article appeared on the front page of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution's Business section on Sunday, April 6th, with a supplemental article also appearing on ajc.com. The article prompted an additional 150+ people to inquire about the exam.

Coming next will be a promotion to the 55,000 runners in the Peachtree Road Race, each of whom will receive a flyer on our Calcium CT program in their race packets that are being mailed to their homes this month.

The screenings include a complete heart assessment, which features a coronary artery calcium scoring (CT heart scan), blood pressure test, a lipid profile including cholesterol, fasting blood glucose and Framingham risk score to assess potential cardiovascular risks. The screenings are available on an appointment-only basis at Emory's Midtown and Clifton Road campuses and at Emory Johns Creek Hospital. Individuals wishing to take part in the scan:



Lucienne McKinney, RT (R), CT technologist, reviews the various aspects of the Calcium CT scoring and heart assessment with a patient.

- Should be 40 years of age or older (unless there is a family history of heart disease, diabetes or renal disease)
- Should not have coronary artery stents in place
- Should have no history of cardiac bypass surgery
- Should not be pregnant

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call 404-778-7777 or visit <http://www.emoryhealthcare.org/scan>.

- Amy Comeau
Sr. Marketing Manager for Radiology

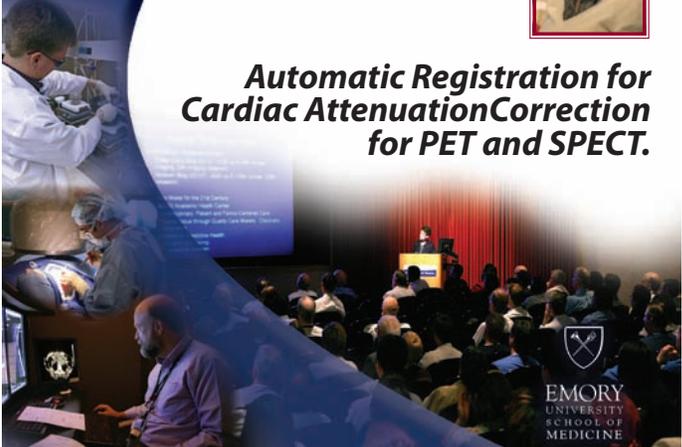
Radiology Special Lecture

Friday, June 20
1:30 - 2:30 pm
in EUH Annex, Room N120

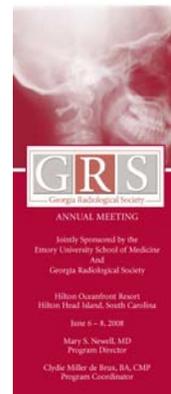
Presentation by
Sarah Bond, DPhil, MEng



**Automatic Registration for
Cardiac Attenuation Correction
for PET and SPECT.**



Georgia Radiological Society



As the Education Chair for the Georgia Radiological Society (GRS), Dr. Mary Newell of Emory Breast Imaging participated in the organization of this year's annual meeting. The gathering will be held in Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. This event takes place on June 6 - 8, featuring presentations on topics from *Neoplastic Lobular lesions of the Breast to Relationship between Self referral and Overutilization of Imaging*.

Course objectives for the weekend include identifying the problems posed by calcified coronary artery plaques and how they should be interpreted on coronary CTA. Emory is prominently represented at this event through their co-sponsorship and has designated this educational activity for a maximum of 10.5 of Credits AMA PRA Category I Credits™.

**Grand Rounds & Research Conferences
are on Summer Break
- June, July & August**

Visit www.radiology.emory.edu/events-and-lectures for up-to-date event information.

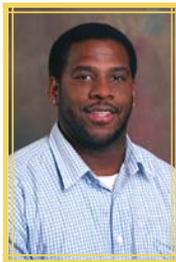
NEW FACES & APPOINTMENTS



Starla Butler
Radiology Technologist II
Starla Butler has been an x-ray technologist since 1985 and is now using her experience in the General Diagnostic area of Radiology at Executive Park. Previously, Starla worked in the Interventional area at Emory University Hospital as an IVR Technologist II.



Yanicka Sheperd
Image Control Assistant
Yanicka Shepherd assists at the Crawford Long Hospital Radiology Breast Center. She has previous experience from Tallahassee Memorial Hospital, working as a unit secretary. Yanicka is an active member of the National Nursing Student Association.



Reginald Harris
Transport Attendant
Reginald Harris has eleven years of experience in the medical field working as a Specimen Prep Technologist II at Quest Diagnostics in Tucker, Georgia. He is new to Emory and aspires to become an x-ray technologist within the next year.



Jason Smitherman
Technologist II
Jason Smitherman is new to the Emory and assists at Executive Park. His area of focus is Physiatry in the Radiology Department. For six years prior to Emory, he was a travel technologist. Outside of work Jason continues his passion for traveling to various locations.



Heather Hopper
Radiology Technologist II
Heather Hopper comes to Emory from Boston Medical where she has two years of experience. Prior to working in Radiology, she served in the United States Army for four years. Heather contributes to our department at the Executive Park location.



Dashi Whitehead
Patient Services Associate
Dashi Whitehead joins Emory at Executive Park as a Front Desk Specialist. She has over five years of customer service experience interacting with clients and contractors. Dashi plans to finish her education at Valdosta State University to earn her BA in Psychology and Sociology.

Best Wishes to Dr. Elizabeth Gurtler-Krawczynska

After contributing 22 years of her career to Emory, Elizabeth Gurtler-Krawczynska, MD, PhD was honored at her Retirement Reception held on Wednesday, May 28, 2008. An intimate crowd assembled to reflect upon her dedication and accomplishments.

Originally from Poland, Dr. Gurtler-Krawczynska acclimated to the culture of the United States, mastered the language and adapted to the differences in the scientific and medical arenas. In 1986, she began at Emory as a Visiting Research Fellow in the Radiology Department. For many years, she worked on the NIH funded study Emory Angioplasty versus coronary

bypass Surgery Trail project (called EAST). She worked closely with many of the radiology physicians and researchers including Dr. Naomi Alazraki and Dr. Ernest Garcia, on the PERFEX study. At the reception, Dr. Alazraki recalled the experiences and the knowledge they gained while working together at Emory and later at the VA Hospital.

Dr. Gurtler-Krawczynska has contributed to several publications on a range of topics including Nuclear Cardiology. Her research has been presented at various meetings and published in numerous peer-review journals.



Dr. Naomi Alazraki (left) celebrates the 22-year Emory career of her friend and colleague Dr. Gurtler-Krawczynska (right).

She will be greatly missed by her peers for her hard work and joyful persona. The Department of Radiology extends its best wishes with your future endeavors!

- Alaina Shapiro
Communications Coordinator

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