

EMORY RadReport

It's what's on the inside that counts!

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Global Health and Radiology: Year Two in Ethiopia

What started as an idea for the Adopt-a-Resident program in 2008 continues to grow into a rewarding partnership between the Radiology divisions of Emory and

Addis Ababa University (AAU). After a successful first trip to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in March 2011, we have made great progress in developing a Global Health Radiology Initiative (GHRI) in our department. In March 2012, four members of Emory Radiology (two attendings and two residents) traveled to Addis Ababa: returning visitors Dr. Patricia Hudgins (Neuroradiology) and Dr. Ali Tahvildari (R4), and new team members Dr. Aarti Sekhar (Abdominal Imaging) and Dr. Meryle Eklund (R3).

Our return was enthusiastically received by our Ethiopian colleagues and we were excited to have the opportunity to be there again. During this visit, Dr. Sekhar supervised the AAU Radiology faculty through the first



Drs. Patricia Hudgins, Aarti Sekhar, Merlye Eklund, and Ali Tahvildari pose with three AAU radiology residents in their lecture room.

CT-guided chest fine needle aspiration (FNA) ever performed in the country. Drs. Sekhar and Eklund are engaged in a joint research project with our Ethiopian colleagues to document techniques and outcomes of CT-guided chest FNA at Black Lion Hospital,

the major teaching hospital of AAU. Seven FNAs were performed while we were in Addis Abba, with exam times and CT radiation dose significantly improved with each successive procedure. Since our departure, five more CT-guided FNAs have been successfully performed, confirming the old proverb, "Teach a man to fish..."

All four team members participated in teaching AAU residents, both at the view box and through 21 separate case conferences over the one-month period. Further partnership goals on the horizon include development of a Neuroradiology fellowship program

for AAU. This will include a visit by two Ethiopian radiology faculty to EUH in August 2012, where they will observe and train with Emory neuroradiologists in an effort to better develop their fellowship program in Addis Ababa. Also, once the anticipated

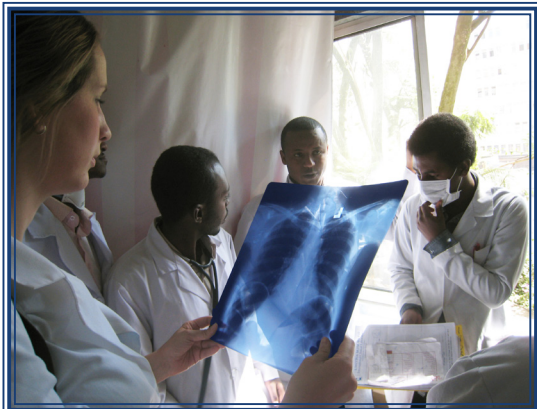


Dr. Aarti Sekhar supervising a CT guided chest FNA by Dr. Asfaw Atnafu, the chair of the AAU Department of Radiology.

new MRI and CT scanners arrive at Black Lion Hospital, we hope to include interested Emory technologists in our team visits.

This year's visit was again bolstered by collaboration with the concurrent global health efforts of Emory's Department of Internal Medicine (IM) and the team of three IM residents who were there with us. Our teaching and clinical efforts extended beyond the Radiology Department. We participated in emergency room and medical ICU rounds with the clinical teams, providing bedside plain film, CT,

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Dr. Merlye Eklund providing chest x-ray interpretation during Emergency Room rounds with AAU Internal Medicine residents.

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Colleagues,

On May 14th the Emory University campus was overrun with the annual throngs of students, faculty and institutional leaders in colorful academic regalia. Proud families hurried across the muddy Quad in preparation for the ceremony to begin. While at first it appeared that the 34-year record of rainless Emory graduations would be shattered, the raindrops subsided just as everyone took their seats at the start of the procession. Preceded by some controversy, renowned Johns Hopkins neurosurgeon and humanitarian Ben Carson was an inspiring

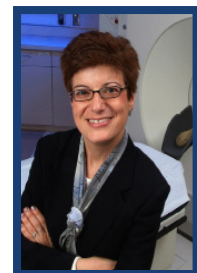
keynote speaker. (I recall my own sense of awe as a neuroradiology fellow at Hopkins when comparing pre and post-operative brain MRIs taken on a patient of Dr. Carson; the only difference from the first to the latter scan seemed to be disappearance of a large tumor with no obvious trauma to the surrounding tissues). Among other special moments was when our own faculty member Malgorzata Lipowska had the honor of “hooding” her daughter as part of the School of Medicine diploma ceremony.

Shortly to follow the finishing medical students and medical imaging technology students, our senior residents and fellows will be embarking on the next phase of their careers in just a few weeks. Preparing our best and brightest for the future is an increasingly challenging task. The exponentially rising rate of change in technology and health care makes what constitutes “best practice” an ever-evolving matter. More and more, we tailor teaching to include the skills of how to learn and assimilate new knowledge rather than simply passing

on a series of facts and specific skills. At the ASNR’s 50th Anniversary meeting last month, my mentor R. Nick Bryan, M.D., Ph.D., recalled that essentially none of the procedures and diagnostic examinations included in his own neuroradiology fellowship remain a part of neuroradiology practice today. Indeed, learning is lifelong and never complete.

Best to all,

Carolyn C. Meltzer, MD, FACR
Chair of Radiology and Imaging Sciences



AWARDS & RECOGNITION



Deborah Baumgarten, MD, MPH, FACR
Professor of Radiology
Associate Program Director,
Diagnostic Radiology Residency

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Spring 2012

Dr. Baumgarten was recognized in the Spring 2012 issue of the Emory Magazine for her eco-friendly lifestyle and taking sustainable living to the next level. Dr. Baumgarten and her husband share a zero-emissions vehicle; they also have an electric scooter as backup. They’ve replaced light bulbs with LEDs; recycle, reuse, or compost as much as possible; and eat local, organic, and mostly produce—no meat, pork, or chicken. She and her husband are in the process of designing a green home for her family.



Susan Reeder, RT, RDMS
EUHM- Ultrasound

Bachelors of Science

Susan received her BS degree in Healthcare Management from the University of St. Francis where she was honored with the Dean’s Scholar award. Susan will be attending the Emory Healthcare Quality Academy: Practical Methods for Healthcare Improvement this Fall and Emory’s Six Sigma Program in the spring. She is a member of the Service Excellence Committee and a facilitator of the Service Excellence Institute.



John Holbrook, MD
Assistant Professor

Emory Johns Creek’s Interdisciplinary Team Award

Dr. Holbrook was one of two people at Emory Johns Creek Hospital to win the Interdisciplinary Team Award “for outstanding performance and lasting contribution.” The award was presented to Dr. Holbrook by the Nurses Week Planning Committee.



LaSonya Barnes, Senior Medical Assistant
EUH-Cardiac CT

School at Work Program

LaSonya Barnes recently graduated from the SAW (School At Work) Program on May 3, 2012. SAW is an employee-centered, distance learning system. The program connects highly motivated and qualified Emory Healthcare employees in entry-level positions to the education process, and job advancement opportunities that may become available with increased education and career planning.

MESSAGE FROM THE VICE CHAIR FOR RESEARCH

One of the themes of my column has been to make it as easy as possible for people to get started in research. One particular challenge is making potential researchers aware of established investigators who would like their help. Another challenge is having an appropriate venue for investigators to advertise their projects and solicit help. Dr. Jon Nye and Nivedita Raghunath have developed an online database to help make these connections. See the description below and thank Jon and Niv when you get a chance.

- John Votaw, PhD, Vice Chair for Research

Connections to Make Research Happen

The Radiology and Imaging Sciences Research Database (RIMS) is a website built to match researchers engaged in clinical, translational and basic science research with motivated residents and students interested in gaining research experience. Jonathon A. Nye, PhD and Nivedita Raghunath MS from the Emory's Center for Systems Imaging (CSI) in collaboration with Dr. John Votaw, Vice Chair for Research, and Dr. Mark Mullins, Vice Chair for Education developed the RIMS tool to foster research exchanges between Department faculty, residents and students.

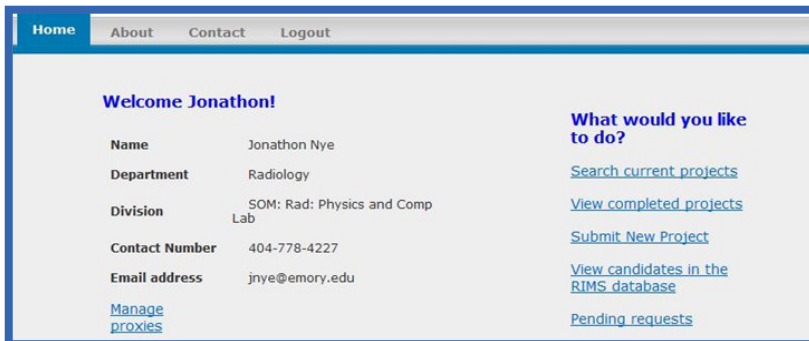
The website (<http://corelabs.emory.edu/csi/research/RIMS/index.html>) receives submissions of focused or hypothesis-driven research projects from Department faculty and catalogues these projects so that they can be searched and viewed by residents and students. Residents and students who are interested in a project can then contact the faculty mentor and sign up through the website. The goal of the website is to promote mentor-mentee relationships that will enhance the productivity of the mentor and establish a

research track record for the mentee. For example, the website could assist research faculty seeking the clinical reading expertise of a radiology fellow for human imaging trials or provide training to a resident who wishes to develop quantification skills that are not yet practiced clinically.

For research interests that are not represented by an active project in the database, residents or students can fill out a profile describing their interests. These profiles can then be viewed by faculty mentors who wish to develop a research relationship.

RIMS is designed to be a dynamic resource for the mentor and mentee. The database tool can track participants and the progress of their research. For example, residents who sign up for a project are listed with that project and can view others involved. In addition, presentations and published work such as abstracts, case reports and journal articles can be recorded in the database. These aspects of the website can be managed by the faculty mentor or through a proxy such as another researcher, resident, or administrative assistant.

RIMS can be accessed through the CSI core website at the following address <http://www.corelabs.emory.edu/csi/research/RIMS/index.html>. Please log on and view the active projects and think about how you can become involved in research with our faculty, residents and students.



Above is the Homepage of the RIMS research database. From here, users can search current projects, submit a new project and manage requests from faculty, residents and students.

- Jon Nye, PhD
Assistant Professor

SENIOR RADIOLOGY RESIDENTS

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.

John Chenevey, MD
Continuing at Emory
in Body MRI Fellowship

Keith Herr, MD
Continuing at The University
of California, San Francisco
in Abdominal Imaging

Matthew Lynn, MD
Continuing at Emory in
Pediatric Radiology

Bhavika Patel, MD
Continuing at Emory
in Breast Imaging

Liang "Sean" Gu, MD
Continuing at Emory
in Musculoskeletal

Ajay Kamireddi, MD
Continuing at Cornell
University in Body/MRI

Brad Mitchell, MD
Continuing at Emory
in Neuroradiology

Sarat Mallik Piduru, MD
Continuing at Emory
in Interventional Radiology

Chester Harrison, MD, MS
Continuing at Emory
in Nuclear Medicine

Michael Lubarsky, MD
Continuing at Emory
in Neuroradiology

Elizabeth Parker, MD
Continuing at Emory
in Musculoskeletal

Ali Tahvildari, MD
Continuing at Stanford
University in Body Imaging

Daymen Tuscano, MD
Continuing at Emory
in Breast Imaging

SENIOR RADIOLOGY FELLOWS

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.

Adam Abou-Elias, MD

Completed his Fellowship and will continue his career in the field of radiology

Marianne Mullin Ballisty, MD

Joining Asheville Radiology Associates – Asheville, North Carolina

Michael Collins, MD

Joining Radiology Associates of Columbia

Mark Dannenbaum, MD

Continuing at The University of Texas Houston Health Science Center – Houston, Texas

Abhijit Datir, MBBS

Continuing at Emory University with an MSK Fellowship

Hemali Desai, MBBS

Completed his Fellowship and will continue his career in the field of radiology

S. Ramisa Ehsan, MBBS

Completed his Fellowship and will continue his career in the field of radiology

Thomas Fahrbach, MD

Joining University of Kansas Hospital – Kansas City, Kansas

Ian Fischer, MD

Completed his Fellowship and will continue his career in the field of radiology

Matthew Ford, DO

Continuing at Hillcrest Medical Center – Tulsa, Oklahoma

Gregg Franco, MD

Completed his Fellowship and will continue his career in the field of radiology

Tarek Hanna, MD

Joining Hanna Radiology Associates Virtual Radiology Professionals

James Hart, MD

Completed his Fellowship and will continue his career in the field of radiology

Hana Khan, MD

Completed her Fellowship and will be joining a private practice

Darren Kies, MD

Continuing at Emory University Interventional Radiology Fellowship

Douglas Lukins, MD

Joining the University of Kentucky in Neuroradiology

Kiran Maddu, MBBS, MD

Continuing at Emory University with an Emergency Radiology Fellowship

Michael Markovic, MD

Joining Radiology Associates of Canton – Canton, Ohio

Sadhna Nandwana, MD

Joining Emory Radiology Abdominal Division

Nimesh Patel, MD

Joining Advocate Health Care – Park Ridge, Illinois

Sanjit Peter, MD

Completed his Fellowship and will continue his career in the field of radiology

Hasmukh Prajapati, MD

Continuing at Emory University with an Interventional Radiology Fellowship

Sachin Parikh, MD

Joining Houston Progressive Radiology Associates – Houston, Texas

Aruna Polsani, MD

Continuing at Emory University in Nuclear Medicine Research

Ryan Polselli, MD

Joining Atlantic Radiology Associates – Savannah, Georgia

Justin Rafael, MD

Joining Radiology Associates of South Florida Baptist Health – South Florida

Joanna Rossi, MD

Allegheny Radiology Associates – Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Hamilton Reavey, MD

Continuing at Emory University in Nuclear Radiology Fellowship

Edward Richer, MD

Joining the University of Kentucky

Adeel Sabir, MBBS

Completed his Fellowship and will be joining Sanford Medical Center – Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Sabrina Talbott, MD

Practicing at Sheridan Radiology – Sunrise, Florida

Abdul-Rahman Tarabishy, MBBS

Continuing at West Virginia University – Morgantown, West Virginia

Keith Tomich, MD

Joining SE Kaiser Permanente Medical Group of Atlanta

George “Croft” Stone, MD

Joining Piedmont Newnan Hospitals – Atlanta, Georgia

CHECK IT OUT

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STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE

A Culture of Service Excellence

What a year we have had so far. There have been so many exciting events that have occurred within the last six months. There is a strong move for transparency within our organization that is about encouraging communication with our leaders and staff – from the “CEO’s Forum” with John Fox, on to the “Radiology Town Hall: Open Mic” forum with our Department’s leaders. This helps us to understand why things are the way they are and how we can all make them better. Having an open and honest dialogue helps build a culture of customer service where employees understand that excellent customer service is not an event but just the way things should be done.

By now, everyone in Radiology should have completed two sessions of our Service Excellence Institute (SEI). That is a major accomplishment in and of itself considering over 800 Radiology faculty, staff and trainees attended. Our department has even had inquiries from other departments about conducting a similar initiative. I had the pleasure of presenting at SEI and the amount of positive feedback

that was received was phenomenal. This is evidence that our staff is truly concerned about the future of our department.

As we move forward with sustaining a culture of service excellence, we must understand that this is a journey that will continue to evolve. Let’s take a look at three components that we must preserve to maintain a culture of service excellence:

1. Leadership Responsibility

Leadership is about responsibility, not power. First and foremost, our leaders must lead by example. Leaders have the responsibility of ensuring that our Service Excellence Standards are being upheld by everyone in our organization, regardless of the role or position.

2. Employee Engagement

In our SEI sessions, we learned that most employees are passively engaged. How can we move to being



actively engaged? We must be willing to not be content with the status quo. Everyone must take an active part in making sure we are taking care of each other and ultimately our patients.

3. Accountability

We must hold each other accountable for our actions. When it comes to upholding The Pledge and creating an environment of respect, we must be able to communicate with each other when things are out of line. We must be willing to look at situations from a different perspective. An unknown author once said, “When you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change”.

Although we will continue to strive for perfection, I am willing to settle for excellence! We have done a great job thus far. Let us continue to raise the bar and truly make this a destination department; not only for our patients but for ourselves as well!

-Willie Arnold
Senior Manager, Clinic Operations

RADIOLOGY RETURNS

60th Annual Meeting of the Association of University Radiologists

Upon first visiting San Antonio, Texas, it apparently is de rigueur to pay one’s respects to the Alamo and tread the sacred soil stained by our brave patriots. I had the opportunity to visit San Antonio for the first time this past March, as a member of Emory’s delegation to the 60th Annual Meeting of the Association of University Radiologists (AUR). While the rugged hill country setting had its charms, the real attraction was the gathering itself, which at its heart was a celebration of academic radiology. Faculty radiologists eagerly caught up with old friends and colleagues, seeking counsel and collaboration; residents debuted at the podium, presenting papers or exhibits.

Emory’s representation at this year’s AUR meeting was especially prominent. No fewer than three of our faculty – Mark Mullins, MD, PhD; Kimberly Applegate, MD, MS; and department chair Carolyn Meltzer, MD – served on the 2011-2012 AUR Board of Directors.

Second-year resident Peter Harri, MD, attended the Siemens-AUR Radiology Resident Academic Development Program (SARRAD), held in conjunction with the AUR meeting. Chief Resident Emeritus Keith Herr, MD, moderated a panel discussion of the American Alliance

of Academic Chief Residents in Radiology (A3CR2). As new A3CR2 members, Todd Cramer, MD, MPH, and I participated in problem-solving sessions and swapped stories with fellow chiefs from other programs. Everyone enjoyed the Philips Vydareny Imaging Interpretation Competition, largely because of the verve with which our faculty debated the cases. Not only residents and faculty but also our capable administrative staff were represented, led by Tammi Teeters-McDade as this year’s President of the Association of Program Coordinators in Radiology.

Without question the pinnacle of the meeting was the honor given to Cardiothoracic Imaging faculty member Stefan Tigges, MD, recipient of the 2012 Outstanding Teacher Award. Dr.

Tigges was recognized for his exemplary, inventive efforts in educating medical students and residents.



From my perspective, the AUR meeting was a spectacular success on every front – except one. Fortunately, there were postcards of the Alamo in the hotel gift shop.

-Lilli Ivansco, MD, MPH, Radiology Resident, PGY-3

IN THE KNOW

Quality Corner

Quality in Health Care is a Race without a Finish Line

The Emory Healthcare quality promise to our patients is to provide impeccable clinical outcomes, delivered safely with outstanding service. To fulfill our promise, we recognize the importance of setting specific goals and selecting and prioritizing activities and projects that are aligned with EHC's mission and objectives, and are driven by data, benchmarks and best practices. Achievement of these goals requires not only meaningful metrics but also improvement skills and tools and a supportive and aligned workplace culture.

Health care reform is at the forefront of national news on a daily basis. As providers, one part of this reform is to ensure that our standards are consistently kept at the highest possible levels, in order to give excellent care and the best clinical outcomes to our patients. Continuous improvement means just that: we NEVER stop improving, and we are ALWAYS open to new ideas from any source. Improvement is a race without a finish line. That shouldn't be frightening. It's quite simply just a matter of visualizing continuous improvement as a way to better serve our patients.

Quality in health care encompasses many different facets, including: medication reconciliation, mortality and incident rate, reduction, risk management, core measures, patient safety, quality management, and quality improvement. Patient safety and cost efficiency initiatives provide an opportunity for Emory Healthcare to make a positive difference on society while promoting our vision and contributing to the financial success of our organization.

According to a report from the Office of Inspector General in the United States Department of Health and Human Services, we are entering a new era of thinking about health care quality and collaboration among health care providers. Many new measures of health care quality are becoming public every day. Purchasers, payors, state governments, the Joint Commission, and others are requiring reporting, particularly by hospitals, of outcomes pursuant to such measures. Pay-for-performance programs are becoming common among both the public and private payors. We can no longer live by the rule

"if it isn't broke, don't fix it". In today's health care environment, 'sameness' is the fast track to mediocrity. Like the innovators of our past, we must continuously look for ways to do things better and make changes in the interest of improving patient outcomes. Change is inevitable. In his acclaimed book "Who Moved My Cheese?", author Spencer Johnson's character Haw, the mouse, reflects on his journey by leaving a message for others after learning the hard way that change happens; that you must anticipate, monitor, and adapt to change quickly; and above all, enjoy change.

Every member of the Radiology Department is an integral part of the race for innovation. We are empowered to make change happen. We are encouraged to look for ways to do things better within our department. And we must openly and freely collaborate with others to give our patients the best clinical outcomes and ensure safety. Be Emory.

So ladies and gentleman.... start your engines!

- Susan Reeder, RT, RDMS
Sonographer Emory Midtown

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rounds with the clinical teams, providing bedside plain film, CT, and MR interpretations on hard-copy films, which would otherwise never make it to the Radiology Department. In Ethiopia, there is no film archival system and patients keep all hard-copy films (including prior films and outside studies) with them. These films often are interpreted bedside by a non-radiologist.

Through the strong support of our department, including Dr. Carolyn

Meltzer and Dr. Mark Mullins, our Global Health Radiology Initiative (to involve radiology residents in global health work) and our partnership with AAU continues to build and grow. Now, with support from Dean Lawley for Global Health partnerships across all School of Medicine departments, Emory SOM has started the Global Health Residency Scholars Program (GHRSP), which will provide further funding for our residents. For the 2012-2013 academic year, three radiology residents

have been accepted into the GHRSP: Drs. Andrew Lemmon (R3), Annie Gill (R2) and Ryan Peterson (R2).

Through the success of this partnership, which is fairly unique in the field of Radiology, we hope to encourage international volunteerism by radiologists in training and in practice and bridge the gap between radiology and medical humanitarianism.

- Ali Tahvildari, MD
Radiology Resident, R4

GET INVOLVED

SEI – Top Three Priorities

The results are in from the survey to establish our Top Three Priorities for improving the experience of our Patients and their families. The department-wide survey offered 12 actionable options that were suggested by members of our department during the Service Excellence Institute (SEI) Session I. The top three priorities, as established by our faculty and staff are:

- Calling/texting patients Pre-Post their procedure to ensure that they are prepared when they arrive and we can address any questions they may have after their procedure.
- Develop a Kiosk/iPad App for Self Check-in
- Patient Tracking Board for families

You can get involved with these initiatives by participating in brainstorming sessions we will be holding for each of these topics in July. During these sessions we will welcome all perspectives and ideas. Starting the projects this way will help



Dr. Carolyn Meltzer and Habib Tannir, lead the presentation, and listen to the faculty and staffs concerns during SEI II.

us to identify potential strengths and weaknesses, and ultimately develop a well rounded solution and approach to implementation. Following the brainstorming session, we will have a sign-up sheet for those who would like to stay involved on the project committee to see the initiative through to implementation. We are looking for actively engaged members for each of the initiatives and strongly encourage you to choose one topic to get involved, so that you dedicate your focus to one area.

While we have established the top three priorities, this does not mean that we will not explore the other suggestions made. This is simply a starting point for our department. With your help of setting these priorities we can manageably work towards improvement, instead of trying to do everything at one time. If you did not see your idea on the survey, this could mean that there are plans to develop your idea at an organizational level or that a departmental committee is already developing this measure to improve the patient experience. One example is the Patient Passport, which is already being developed by the Service Excellence Committee (SEC).

In addition to these three initiatives, we will perpetuate the Service Excellence Culture by offering voluntary courses on topics that were suggested during the SEI Sessions. A few of the topics that you can look forward to being offered are Cultural Diversity, Teamwork, Selective Hiring and Communication with DiSC. These offerings will be posted at least one month in advance. Please remember to request the time



The leadership panel for the first Hummus with Habib address questions and suggestions from all areas of our department. (Left to right) Mike Armstrong, Dale Walker, Dr. Carolyn Meltzer, Dr. John Votaw and Habib Tannir.

to participate.

One of the common comments from the SEI Sessions was that people enjoyed having a chance to interact with our leadership. In an effort to include this highlight in our Service Excellence Culture and enhance our work environment, you can look forward to participating in our quarterly town hall style meetings, Radiology Town Hall: Open Mic. Our first Town Hall was held on May 25 with 110 attendees across all the sites.

As we embrace this new culture we look forward to your participation in whatever way you to choose to be actively engaged. For many of you this may be exemplifying a change in your area. For others it may be participating in a committee. The way you identify with Service Excellence and get involved with moving our culture forward is up to you, and please know that your efforts are appreciated. As we take our service level up a notch, we will all benefit from the effort made by each person.

- Monica Salama, Communications Manager

Do you deliver Service Excellence?



Quizzes are still being conducted by leadership. The goal of the SEI quiz is to give everyone a chance to show that he/she is working towards Service Excellence. To accomplish this goal you will be given a two-question pop quiz. The answer to the first question can be found on your SEI badge cards. The second question will challenge your knowledge of SEI concepts. If both questions are answered correctly, you will receive a pin (safe to wear in MR areas) that states, "I Deliver Service Excellence." If you are unable to answer both questions correctly, you will be given a second chance at a later time.

Make sure to review the material that was given to you in Session I and also reference past SEI emails to refresh your knowledge of SEI concepts. Our goal is for every member of the Department of Radiology and Imaging Sciences to earn a Service Excellence pin. These pins are a visual representation of our Department working towards the goal of Service Excellence.

RADIOLOGY MILESTONES

Medical Imaging Program Graduation

On May 14, 2012, 24 Emory Graduates celebrated as they received their Bachelor's Degree in Medical Imaging. Kim Landmon was the graduation speaker and addressed the students about being "In the Moment". Through the Emory Medical Imaging Program, aspiring Radiologic Technologists (RT), along with practicing RTs, are given the opportunity to specialize their skills as an RT in the areas of CT, MR, IR, education or administration. This year, twelve graduates completed their program with a focus in MR, four in CT, two in IR, one in education and five in administration.

Student Awards -

Valedictorian:	Ashlyn Bierman
Outstanding Clinical Student:	Ashlyn Bierman
Colleague Award:	Ashlyn Bierman
Most Improved Clinical Student:	Michelle Murdock
JRCERT Student Award of Excellence:	Brandi Baldwin

Clinical Awards -

Clinical Site of the Year:

The Emory Clinic - Winship Cancer Institute

Outstanding Technologist Educator:

Pat Kimbell - Executive
Park Orthopaedic and
Spine Center

Rookie Technologist Educator:

Ben Smith - PRN Emory
Healthcare

JRCERT Educator Award of Excellence

Emily Castillo - formerly
of Emory University
Hospital - Clifton Campus



The Medical Imaging Program Class of 2012 plans to use their new-found knowledge as they begin their careers in the field of medicine.

The faculty members of the Medical Imaging Program wish the Class of 2012 success and happiness as they move forward in their lives and careers. Congratulations!

NEW FACES & APPOINTMENTS



Guojun Chen, PhD

Post Doctoral Research Associate

Dr. Chen has been with Emory for a year. He joins the Department of Radiology and Imaging Sciences as a Post Doctoral Research Associate. His area of focus is encapsulated iron oxide nano-particle as MRI imaging reagents. Dr. Chen received his Doctorate degree at the University of Georgia. He is an active member in the American Chemical Society.

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

EMORYHEALTHCARE

Radiology Calendar

Week of June 4, 2012

Wed., June 6 –
NO Grand Rounds -
Summer Break

Thurs., June 7 –
Research In Progress Series (RIPS)-
NO RIPS

Week of June 11, 2012

Thurs., June 14 –
Research In Progress Series (RIPS)-
Zhongxing Liang, PhD
*Involvement of miR-302 in
breast cancer radioresistance*

Week of June 18, 2012

Thurs., June 21 –
Research In Progress Series (RIPS)-
Wone Woo Seo, PhD
*Progress in development of 18F-labeled amino
acids for PET tumor imaging agents and
64Cu-labeled magnetic nanoparticles for
atherosclerotic plaque detection*

Week of June 25, 2012

Thurs., June 28 –
Research In Progress Series (RIPS)-
Summer Break

Grand Rounds
are on Summer Break

For times & locations visit the website:
www.radiology.emory.edu