Emergency Medicine News

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Friends,

Remarkably it is already 2017, hopefully you and your family had a safe, relaxing and joyous holiday season. Time with family and friends reminds us of what is truly important in life, and it doesn’t require a holiday to enjoy these times. The good news is we have our MUSC family – our entire Emergency Department family - to be with while we work. We are blessed to have such great colleagues in our Division and Department so please recognize those who make a difference in your life each and every day.

For the Division of Emergency Medicine the year 2016 brought many changes, new faculty, residents, and fellows, and the introduction of Observation Medicine, eVisits, and Telemedicine. The rapidly changing landscape of US healthcare requires nimble adaptation to the new realities and nowhere is this more noticeable than in Emergency Medicine. Thank you for all you do, day in day out, and for your flexibility, teamwork, and patient-first dedication. I look forward to our coming year and new opportunities to providing the best medical care possible.

Best wishes for 2017,

Ed
Need to Know...

We had nearly 1200 applications in ERAS for this Residency Interview Season—a record number for us! The pool of applicants is becoming ever more competitive. We're going to be wrapping up soon. A huge shout out to all the Interns and Residents who helped.

To Drs. Hayden, Presley, Barnes and Connors—appreciate you letting us use your offices!! We could not have done this without everyone who helped! Match is in March!

EM Clerkship News...

We had great Visiting Students this year, as well. Just over 200 EM applications were submitted (another record year!). There were 680 applications to MUSC overall—candidates applied to 18 MUSC Programs. We selected 20 amazing students to join us in EM in Blocks 1-4. It was nice to work with them all for a month and get to know them. They were all able to interview with us while they were here on rotation.

Residency Program News

We are halfway through the year and it's remarkable to see how our residency continues to evolve. Our interns are off to a great start and it is truly amazing to see how they have hit the ground running. Our upper levels have continued to amaze me with how quickly they are becoming excellent clinicians. Although we were unable to increase our compliment of residents, I believe that that our residency is as strong as ever. Our “family” may not be growing in number but our strength is unmatched.

As our 2016 interview season comes to a close, I would like to thank each and every person who has helped with the sessions; everyone from the residents who gave tours and helped with the social events, to the Attendings that stopped by for lunch, to the nurses who always had a smile on their faces and welcomed the 130 applicants. We interviewed the best of the best from all around the country and look forward to finding out which six will join the MUSC Emergency Medicine family.

A special thanks to Drs. Watson and Lindsey Jennings and my chief residents, Drs. King and Radecki, for their time and energy to look at each and every candidate. The hours upon hours that it takes to go through the applications are countless. Last but not least, a HUGE thank you to the best coordinator in the universe, Melanie Pigott. Without her organization and attention to detail we could not have pulled it off. Here's to 2017!

Exciting News & Updates

Huge Congratulations to Dr. Libby Barton!! She matched into the Sports Medicine Fellowship in Greenville, SC! So very excited for her and know she’ll excel in the fellowship program!

Dr. Margaret Lewis (class of 2011) married Jonathan Tuttle in June 2016.

Dr. Michael Dodd (class of 2014) and his wife are expecting baby #3 in early June 2017!

Congrats to Dr. Russell Allinder (PGY2) and Marissa, who were engaged in December!

ACEP 2016
Las Vegas, Nevada
Lots of news from the Ultrasound Section ...

We are excited to announce Dr. Nick Ashenburg as our next Emergency Ultrasound Fellow! Nick is finishing up his third year at Maine Medical Center and will be headed our way in July. We expect him to hit the ground running, as he has already completed some of his assigned Echo readings.

The section has been very active around campus. This fall we combined forces with Radiology to roll out the first phase of a longitudinal ultrasound curriculum at the College of Medicine. The student feedback has been excellent and we look forward to seeing this program grow.

Collaboration is also occurring with our Critical Care colleagues. We have been holding combined EM/Critical Care Ultrasound Conferences. These occur on the second Wednesday of every month in the ED conference room (12P-1P). All learners are welcome!

Our presence is not just local. We took our show on the road this year and headed to Las Vegas, Nevada, where we offered a Resuscitation Ultrasound Course. This was complemented by lectures from the course organizer Geoffrey Hayden, M.D. What goes on in Vegas does not stay in Vegas, especially when it comes to education. Ask one of the Ultrasound Faculty to show you some resuscitation ultrasound tricks.

Last, but not least, we announce the graduation of our Emergency Ultrasound Fellow, Dr. Blake Willis. Blake is headed to the Roper system. While he is leaving the mother ship, we expect him to return for a few of our ultrasound-related events.

Happy Scanning,
The Ultrasound Section

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Geoff Hayden, Brad Presley, Ryan Barnes, Blake Willis, and Ed O’Bryan
Happy holidays from the Prehospital Section! It is hard to believe that another year is almost behind us, but we continue to move forward. Hopefully, we are making some good improvements to local prehospital care!

**EMS**

The EMS to Epic computer interface has been working for a while, and I know that we have been able to get many of the prehospital charts into our system. If EMS providers ask, we are still working to getting information back to them. We are hoping that everything will be operating properly soon.

We continue to make headway with our outreach efforts. We have released several editions of our monthly newsletter for EMS, and the feedback has been good. We are always looking for new topics for the newsletter and for our ongoing monthly lecture series. Our recent lecture had participants from four sites around the state, and we are working with some of our local providers to offer simulation education. If anyone wants to work more closely with our colleagues, please let me know. We are always looking for help and for additional partners (and yes, Hesham, we have reached out to the USCG – more to follow). Once again, kudos to Stefani Michael and Robin Dawson for their efforts!

We started our annual Wando CPR training the other month with the usual great success. Thanks to Patrick Williams and Steve Saef for helping – I think they both enjoyed it, and our prehospital colleagues appreciated the support! We will be meeting with the Charleston County School District next month to discuss assisting with CPR training for all schools. We will definitely need more help! You should get updated information soon. Other training efforts are also going well. We taught compression-only CPR to over 900 people at the Coastal Carolina Fair and are looking at other training opportunities.

We also have opportunities to train other providers, including paramedic students at Trident Tech and Lowcounty EMS. All local EMS agencies could also benefit from the knowledge and experience of our group. If you are interested, please let us know.

**Events**

It is getting to be that time of year again, so start thinking about helping out with the Cooper River Bridge Run and other events as they come up. They really are a lot of fun! We are hoping to have a more organized program for event coverage soon.

**Disaster**

Thanks to everyone for the hard work during Hurricane Matthew, and thanks also for the many suggestions to improve how we respond to and mitigate a disaster. Greg Hall, Robin Dawson, and Kathy Lehman-Huskamp, among others are working hard to update our plans based on these lessons learned and should be getting ready to train staff soon.

As always, thank you for your support, and let us know what else we can be doing for you!
We are pleased to announce Dr. Blake Willis successfully completed his Global Health Fellowship!
He has been our Fellow since July 2015. Congratulations on a job well done. Much success to you - you will be missed!

We are also happy to share, our 2017-2018 Global Health Fellow will be Dr. Tyler Winders from Cincinnati. We look forward to working with him!

In August of this year I had the pleasure of serving as a Visiting Professor and Attending Physician at the University Hospital of Mirebalais in Mirebalais, Haiti.

This 300 bed Academic Hospital is managed in conjunction with Partners in Health and the Haitian Government. It was my great honor to be able to train and work in the Emergency Department, alongside Haiti’s first ever Emergency Medicine residents.
WHaT Up!

MUSC Resident Wellness HAppiness Task Force
Winter Update

WHaT Up! has been hard at work positively impacting the wellness of our Residents, both personally and professionally. Here are some of the events past, present and future.

This summer, the committee welcomed our new Interns with beach buckets full of handy, healthy gifts and local tourist information, as well, as successfully launching our inaugural Big Sib/Little Sib program. This program pairs an incoming Intern with a current PGY3, allowing our Interns to navigate an unfamiliar system with less stress, launch a social network, and transition to a new city and program with greater ease. We will expand next year by incorporating PGY2s for even broader guidance.

By the time this is published, ALL of our PGY1s will have taken, and, with the help of WHaT Up’s test day energy goodies, surely passed USMLE step 3. Another flaming hoop will have been jumped through. Congrats!

The committee is celebrating birthdays and hosting social gatherings. Did someone say pool party? Speaking of fun things, hope you were able to attend the potluck at Dr. Lindsey Jennings’ house and plan on taking in the Super Bowl at Dr. Larson’s beautiful shrimp castle in February.

We are incorporating wellness into didactics. Dr. Krywko’s EM*PPowerd lecture series has touched on topics ranging from personality testing to personal finance. These unconventional lectures are always well delivered and well received. In the future, we are further planning on incorporating guided meditation into conference time. “Quiet the mind, and the soul will speak,” Ma Jaya Sati Bhagavati.

Upcoming endeavors include a holiday exercise/nutrition challenge and a monthly email with tips to stay healthy and happy in Charleston. This email will include topics ranging from easy and healthy recipes, exercise ideas, stress relief tips, to fun things to do around town.

Any ideas for activities, improvement suggestions for the committee, newsletter, or in general, are much appreciated and welcomed. Please send them to Kyle at embertson@musc.edu

Better yet, come join the committee and be well!

Submitted by: Kyle Embertson, MD

Endorsed by WHaT Up Members: Libby Barton (Resident Chair), Owen Stell and Drew Johnson (PGYII), Kyle Embertson (PGYI), Lindsey Jennings (Faculty) and Diann Krywko (Faculty Chair)
News & Kudos!

Christina Bourne, M.D.:
Named Associate Dean of Student Affairs and Clinical Advising. November 1, 2016.

Jeffrey Caporossi, M.D.:
Dr. Caporossi has been recognized for his teaching efforts by both our Interns and Visiting Students this academic year!

Christine Carr, M.D.:
Capstone Advisor, College of Health Professions, Division of Health Informatics, MUSC 2015-present.
Appointed Associate Professor in Public Health Science.
College of Medicine’s Faculty Excellence Award for Clinical Teaching Nominee, for Block 6.
Invited to join as a Thought Leader at the Patient-Centered Design Innovation Summit (PCDIS) at the Coastal Georgia Center and Savannah College of Art & Design in Savannah, GA, in April 2017.
Praise from Medical Student: “Dr. Carr went above and beyond in her teaching during my most recent ED shift. [...] Dr. Carr is an exemplary individual and an embodiment of a productive learning environment that I think more attending physicians at MUSC should strive to emulate.”

Diann Krywko, M.D.:
LEAD Participant
Awarded FACEP status
Director of the EM*POWERED Initiative (Emergency Medicine Personal and Professional Wellness)
WHAT’s Up (Wellness Happiness Task Force) Resident Committee
Awarded “Values in Action Award Nominee” by the Office of the President, Dr. David Cole.
Category: Innovation. Thanking her for her dedication and support in fulfilling MUSC’s vision statement, Leading Health Innovation for the Lives We Touch, by demonstrating the five values: Compassion, Respect, Innovation, Collaboration, and Integrity. November 2016.

Congrats to Dr. Charlie Andrews and his family! Little Evelyn Jane joined the gang!

Grace (4) and Henry (2)
Research Update

Colleagues,

The third pillar of academics – research – is often conducted behind the scenes in the Department of Emergency Medicine.

Division projects continue to expand opportunities for our patients to participate in new diagnostics and therapies. “Research” no longer solely reflects the traditional basic science – clinical research paradigm, research in the Division now encompasses projects including education, ultrasound, global health, public health, informatics, as well as clinical trials.

The Division is committed to supporting scholarly activities to the extent possible and we encourage all to pursue scholarly (research) pursuits.

If you have questions regarding mentors, projects, how to start, etc. please see those already working in your area or stop by my office anytime. The pursuit of changing what’s possible distinguishes MUSC as an academic healthcare system.

Ed Jauch, M.D. MS, FAHA
Professor and Division Director

Newest: ED HIV & HCV Screening

Drs. Hall, Barton, Monroe and Jennifer Smith are working on this project. Please reach out to them with any questions.

*If you have any opportunities for Residents to partake in research projects, please let Melanie know—she will ensure they are aware.

*Can also add info to the DoEM Newsletters.

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Diann Krywko, M.D.:
"Best practices in mentoring – Mini-mentoring sessions, Women Scholars Initiative” AAWEP, ACEP. Las Vegas, NV. October 2016.

Lancer Scott, M.D.:

Publications:


“A progressive puritic rash with blisters”. Special Topics in Dermatology. JAAPA Journal of the American Academy of Physician Assistants - Volume 29 • Number 5 • May 2016. Michael D. Overcash, MPAS, PA-C; Matt Ewald, MPAS, PA-C.


Special Thank You to all of our Faculty Members who have given lectures for our EM Resident Didactics during the 2016-2017 Academic Year so far! We greatly appreciate your time!