Greetings from the Director

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Colleagues,

Welcome to the inaugural edition of the Division of Emergency Medicine’s newsletter. The newsletter will be a quarterly “publication” from the Division highlighting news and achievements from the Division, as well as our alumni. The goal is to share the success of many of our faculty and staff that often go unheralded.

I want to thank faculty and support staff who contributed articles and items to include in the newsletter. Additionally, the pace of change within the Division is brisk, so this newsletter will serve to provide updates in printed form that may otherwise not be noticed.

I encourage all faculty, residents, and staff to submit their newsletter materials for future publications to Rob Chisholm. I especially encourage our alumni to remain engaged. Please let us know how you are doing.

Welcome to the newsletter!

Ed

PLEASE SEND ALL FUTURE NEWSLETTER ARTICLES OR ITEMS TO:
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Residents

It's Recruitment Time!

Not only did the fall and winter season bring on cooler weather here in Charleston, it also signaled the beginning of the resident recruitment season! ERAS opened up on September 1, 2012 and the Medical Student Performance Evaluations (MSPE’s or “The Dean’s Letter”) were available for downloading on October 1, 2012. Emergency Medicine has seen an increase in the popularity of our specialty and the number of applications to our program keeps increasing. The Division had a total of 879 applications for six residency positions; an increase of 65 applications from last academic year. Once again, our Division allotted 120 interview spots for our applicants and our first interview date was Friday, November 2. Our interview season concluded on Friday, December 14. All of the recruitment buzzes and excitement ultimately leads up to “Match Day,” which is March 15, 2013, and when we find out which six medical students will be continuing their medical education training at MUSC.

ACGME Milestone Project

As many of you are aware, the accreditation process for Emergency Medicine (EM) graduate medical education is soon to be changing. EM is about to embark on the transition to the ACGME New Accreditation System (NAS). One component of the NAS involves the development and implementation of specific milestones for each medical specialty. The Emergency Medicine milestones were developed with the assistance of all EM-represented specialty organizations (ACGME, AACEM, EMRA, ABEM, SAEM, AAM, CORD, and ACEP). The milestones represent the best attributes of the EM specialty and the goal is to more clearly define the residency training process for future generations of Emergency Medicine physicians. Residency programs will soon be expected to assess and report semi-annually each of their residents’ progress in attaining each of the 23 milestones. As of October 9, 2012, the EM Milestones were published on the ACGME website.

Rob Chisholm
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As you know, EM is a very clinically oriented specialty, and so most of us, including myself, are not likely to become principle investigators of randomized clinical trials. However, after a typical shift in the ED, we commonly encounter a patient who has made us uncomfortable for one reason or another; either a diagnostic dilemma in need of an alternative treatment plan, or the ED system fell short of providing optimal care. Such patients have the potential of igniting a passion in us to start the search for finding a better way. This is illustrated in a short article published in the Nov 15, 2012 issue of the NEJM (Loscalzo J. From Clinical Observation to Mechanism - Heyde’s Syndrome. NEJM 2012;367:1954-1956). An association between calcific aortic stenosis and mass gastrointestinal bleeding was made over 50 years ago by a general practitioner in Vancouver, WA which led to the discovery of a complex hemostasis mechanism involving acquired von Willebrand factor deficiency. Therefore, case or case series reports, which we are all capable of doing, have the potential of leading to new and significant findings. As Research Director of our EM Division, I am available to assist you with your research interests, which includes help at any stage of the process, from formulating a research question to critiquing a final draft for publication. Just let me know, losek@musc.edu.

For those of you who have an interest in doing a study that involves prospectively enrolling ED patients, these studies require review by the EM/PEM Research Committee. The purpose of the review is to assure that adequate resources are available to conduct the study without having a negative impact on the overall flow and care of ED patients. If there are not adequate resources, the committee members (who have a track record in being successful researchers) can often assist in finding what is needed, as well as making suggestions to the study design that enhance its feasibility. I serve as the Chair of the EM/PEM Research Committee, which meets every 3rd Thursday of the month at 1:00 in room H267. If you have a study (all study ideas, not just prospective studies, are welcome), please let me know and I will include you on the agenda of the next scheduled meeting.

Many members of our division have on-going research projects. A list of these projects is available under an icon labeled Research on your desktop. This site also provides you with the review process instructions for studies involving prospective enrollment of ED patients. If you have research related questions, please contact me or one of our Research Assistants, Bobby Navarro, narvarro@musc.edu, or Cat Hickel, hickel@musc.edu, or our Administrative Assistant, Amy Robison, robiso@musc.edu.

Joe

Be a truth finder, be a researcher.
Faculty Development and Mentoring

We are pleased to announce that our division has made many great advances over the past year in all areas of faculty professional development (academic, research, clinical). Keep up the great work!

The committee is working to provide faculty with resources and opportunities for development. Most recently, we are proud to have sponsored Dr. Joanne Conroy as a speaker on January 3, 2013, following our faculty meeting. Dr. Conroy was the only female chair at MUSC (Anesthesia) and then went on to be Senior VP for Medical Affairs here. She is currently head of the AAMC.

Mentoring
Although necessary, the e-value Career Development Plan (CDP) is not truly the heart of mentoring and success. Mentoring is best achieved through regular meetings, goal setting and review. We currently are at 68% compliance. The CDP will need to be renewed every year, as well as keeping FAIR up-to-date.

Promotion
Our division had multiple promotions in 2012 and are expecting more in 2013. Remember, we are all “Clinician Educators” within the Division of Emergency Medicine for purposes of promotion. The gold standard for determining that an article is peer-reviewed is a listing in PubMed or Medline. In addition to the website resources below, Melissa Wimberly, in the Department of Medicine’s Office, hugh@musc.edu, can provide you with a hard copy of the latest “Promotion Grid” (April 2012 Edition).

Resources
1. DoM Evalue/CDP How to website: http://clinicaldepartments.musc.edu/medicine/administration/admintoolkit/Mentoring%20Plan/index.htm
2. Fair/MUSC CV: https://fair.musc.edu/default.aspx
3. Appointment, Promotion and Tenure: http://academicdepartments.musc.edu/com/faculty/apt/musc/index.html
4. Promotion Grid: http://clinicaldepartments.musc.edu/medicine/grs/State%20of%20the%20Department_7-10-12.pdf
5. MUSC CoM Academy of Clinical Educators: http://academicdepartments.musc.edu/com/faculty/cademy_of_medical_educators/
6. Book Collection relating to Personal and Professional Growth:

These collection of books relating to personal and professional growth are located on Dr. Diann Krywko’s desk. These are for all Emergency Medicine faculty to be able to read and use. Please leave a note that you have taken one, and return in good shape. If it is particularly good, please let me know! Please contact my Administrative Assistant, Justine Henry, henryjj@musc.edu, 843-792-9707, if you need additional information, if you need a book, or to return a book.

Diann

"The reward for work well done is the opportunity to do more.”
-Jonas Salk
Lots of exciting news from the Emergency Ultrasound Division (sure, why not call ourselves a "division") in the last few months.

We are thrilled to have convinced Dr. Nicole Malouf to stick around Charleston for at least one more year. She will be our inaugural Ultrasound Fellow, and will play a HUGE role in education, research, and patient care as an EM faculty member next year.

We have also reached a milestone in the ultrasound program. Since July 1, 2012, residents and attendings have collectively performed over 1500 ultrasound scans. That is unbelievable!! What a testament to the EM program's dedication to bedside ultrasound. We will continue to review all of your scans and give you plenty of feedback. So far, the quality is superb, and many patients have greatly benefitted from your scans.

As a reminder, to receive credit for your ultrasound studies, you still need to document the scans in Q-path. It's our only way to review your studies and maintain your "numbers". As always, for attendings you will need to complete at least 25 studies in each core ultrasound modality to be considered for privileges for that particular scan. Contact us with any questions. If you have ANY questions about Q-path and how to log your studies, please refer to the following website:

http://www.emergencyultrasoundteaching.com/muscem.html

With the transition to Epic, don't forget to continue to document billable studies under the "procedure" portion of the note. All you need to do is click on the "Note" tab in Epic, put your cursor under the procedure section of the note, then type "hayden" into the SmartText box. You can choose from over 20 SmartTexts for diagnostic and procedural ultrasound studies. If a resident documents the study, the attending will need to attest to the ultrasound documentation. Most of you have this figured out....be sure to help out those who are doing it for the first time. Keep documenting your scans!

As always, we have a great resource for ultrasound education located on the website www.emergencyultrasoundteaching.com. The ultrasound rotators continue to contribute cases to the site (under "Cases"), so keep checking up on new content. The site is being used by EM programs around the country (and MDs around the world!), so keep providing feedback to make the site even better.

Geoff and Brad
Highlights, News and Notes

Bundle of Joy

Welcome to Adam and Morgan Branoff’s
Mae Isabelle Branoff
Born December 2012
Congratulations Adam and Morgan!

GoRuck Challenge
December 15, 2013, Start Time 1:00 a.m.
Our own tough as nails team completed this intense boot camp based challenge! What a feat!!
Pictured below from left on Picture #1: Brad Thomas (ED RN), Stephanie Bailey, PGY-1, Dr. Keith Borg, Dr. Wade Manaker, Dr. Simon Watson, Tracy Yohe (Coding Specialist), and Crispin Reeves, PA-C. On Picture #2, Denise Mitchell, our Business Manager, is in the red cap, 5th from left.
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TRAINING

MUSC EM Ultrasound Course, Tuesday, February 5, 10 am—4:00 pm
Educational Library, Room 107, Lunch Included
Topics Covered: Vascular access, Aorta, Cardiac, Gallbladder, Musculoskeletal: knee, shoulder

Geoffrey Hayden, MD, FACEP, FAAEM, RDMS, Emergency Ultrasound Director
Bradley Presley, MD, Assistant Emergency Medicine Ultrasound Director

Contact Amy Robison, robiso@musc.edu, for information and registration

EMERGENCY MEDICINE GRAND ROUNDS
FEBRUARY 7, 2013, ROOM 125, GAZES AUDITORIUM

Multi-Modal Analgesia
(10:00 am-11:00 am)
Presented by:
Sylvia Wilson, MD
Director of Regional Anesthesia Pain Service
Department of Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine
Medical University of South Carolina

Recognizing and Managing Personality Disorders in the Emergency Room
(11:00 am-12:00 pm)
Presented by:
Christopher Pelic, MD
Associate Dean for Student Career Planning
Associate Professor
Department of Psychiatry
Medical University of South Carolina

RECENT PUBLICATIONS


“Dr. Meekins and Rachel,

I just wanted to express my gratitude for your excellent care received in the ED on Monday. I believe we don’t express our thanks often enough and want you to know that I think you’re both caring, wonderful professionals.

Thank you again, Jen Kok”

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From: Greenberg, Raymond S.
Sent: Wednesday, January 23, 2013 5:20 PM
To: Jauch MD, Edward C.

Ed-

Many thanks for the follow-up. I know that you and your team have been swamped for the last few weeks. Please pass along my appreciation to all for handling the unprecedented volume of patients that we have seen in the ED.

Ray

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Wellness

MUSC Employee Wellness

Visit their website:
http://mcintranet.musc.edu/employeewellness/
or follow on Facebook to get updates on educational classes, events, farmers markets, worksite screenings, and fitness series.

This organization strives to:

- Promote health and reduce health risk behaviors of employees.
- Identify and correct conditions in the workplace that can compromise the health of employees, reduce their levels of productivity, and increase health care costs.
- Create a culture that embraces wellness initiatives and activities.

Consider Joining the ACEP Wellness Chapter

- Links to core readings in wellness and monthly newsletters.
- Opportunities for physicians interested in well-being to network.

Wellness Reading


This study:

- Measures career satisfaction among emergency physicians.
- Determine factors associated with high and low career satisfaction and burnout.

Pauline Meekins

"The greatest wealth is health." - Virgil
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