UTGSM Awards and Honors

UTGSM Is Proud To Be Among 'The Best' Again

The Scope Awards Issue is published each summer as we congratulate our graduating residents and fellows and welcome in a new class of physicians and dentists who are training in one of our 19 accredited residency and fellowship programs. In addition to honoring these doctors, we also recognize faculty and staff who have achieved excellence in their teaching, their research, their leadership or their service. It is an honor to work side by side with these professionals to educate doctors and answer questions to some of medicine's greatest complexities. I also want to congratulate our 13 faculty members who earned promotions this year. This speaks highly of their commitment to supporting our mission.

I also want to give congratulations to our partner, University Health System, Inc, and to all who are part of The University of Tennessee Medical Center. US News and World Report recently named UT Medical Center as the number one hospital in the region for the second year in a row and the number three hospital in the state. The 2013-2014 report of "America's Best Hospitals" also listed 11 specialties as high performers. This report speaks highly of the caliber of physicians who are faculty members at the UT Graduate School of Medicine, and I thank you not only for your commitment to clinical work but also to education.

James J. Neutens, PhD, FASHA
Dean

Dr. Laura Findeiss Returns to GSM as Radiology Chair
Laura Findeiss, MD, FSIR, a radiologist with a diverse professional background that includes training in surgery at the UT Graduate School of Medicine as well as practicing emergency medicine in rural Tennessee, has been appointed Chair of Radiology for the UT Graduate School of Medicine as of August 1. Dr. Findeiss is a noted vascular and interventional radiologist, coming from the University of California Irvine Medical Center where she was Division Chief of Vascular and Interventional Radiology and Co-Director of UC Irvine’s Ablative Oncology Center.

Prior to her position in California, Dr. Findeiss practiced in the Vascular Center of Excellence at Charleston Area Medical Center in West Virginia and then served as Chief of Vascular and Interventional Radiology at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City.

Dr. Findeiss received her medical degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine in 1997 followed by two years of General Surgery Residency at the UT Graduate School of Medicine. She completed her Diagnostic Radiology Residency at Virginia Mason Medical Center in Seattle, Washington, in 2004 followed by a fellowship in Vascular and Interventional Radiology at the University of Washington Medical Center.

As chair, Dr. Findeiss said she plans to use her diverse medical experience to further integrate Radiology with multidisciplinary teams at The University of Tennessee Medical Center. She said, "My goal is to determine how we can best support the institution and the exciting work the clinics are doing here. Radiology is an important part of the healing component of our mission, and we work with a lot of referring physicians. I hope to use Radiology as a hub so that diverse medical professionals work together to support patient care."

Dr. Findeiss lectures nationally on a range of Vascular and Endovascular topics, image-guided treatment of vascular anomalies, and minimally invasive cancer interventions, including tumor ablation. Dr. Findeiss holds national leadership roles as a member of the Executive Council of the Society of Interventional Radiology, the SIR Foundation Board of Directors, and the Leadership Committee of the American Heart Association’s Cardiovascular Radiology and Intervention Council.

Besides certifications in Diagnostic Radiology and Vascular and Interventional Radiology, Dr. Findeiss is certified by the American Board of Vascular Medicine in Endovascular Medicine and is a Registered Physician in Vascular Interpretation. She has been honored as a Fellow in the Society of Interventional Radiology (FSIR), as well as obtaining Fellow status in the American Heart Association.

On behalf of the Graduate School of Medicine, James Neutens, PhD, Dean, welcomes Dr. Findeiss and thanks Kathleen Hudson, MD, Associate Professor and Residency Program Director, for her service as Interim-Chair.
Faculty Distinguished for Teaching and Research

The 10th annual UT Graduate School of Medicine Faculty Awards were presented by James J. Neutens, PhD, Dean, William Metheny, PhD, Assistant Dean for Graduate Medical and Dental Education, and Mitchell Goldman, MD, Assistant Dean for Research, to the following recipients during the Resident Dinner and Faculty Awards Presentation June 27 at UT Conference Center. Honorees were also awarded money to be used for scholarly efforts.

GSM Spirit Award
Leonard Hines, MD and Paul Huffstutter, MD
Co-Directors, UT Center for Advanced Medical Simulation

Dr. Hines and Dr. Huffstutter joined the UT Graduate School of Medicine in 2008 with the task of developing a nationally recognized medical simulation center. The Co-Directors had both retired as faculty surgeons from the UT Health Science Center before coming to UTGSM. They both completed their undergraduate and medical school degrees with the UT system. After coming to UTGSM, Dr. Hines and Dr. Huffstutter succeeded at developing a nationally recognized medical simulation center. In December 2012, the UT Center for Advanced Medical Simulation became one of 67 medical simulation centers in the world to earn accreditation as a Level I Comprehensive Accredited Education Institute (AEI) from the American College of Surgeons (ACS). The Level I designation is the top accreditation available.

Dean Neutens said, "The Spirit Award is given to a faculty member who upholds and promotes the UT Graduate School of Medicine mission to colleagues, residents, students, staff and the community. By working together, Dr. Hines and Dr. Huffstutter have succeeded in this by creating a facility to train students, nurses, residents, fellows, faculty and community medical staff on advanced medical techniques in a no-risk environment, improving the quality of medical education and patient safety in the region and beyond."

Excellence in Teaching Award (Tie)
Richard Gibson, MD
Associate Professor
Medicine
Dr. Gibson joined the UT Graduate School of Medicine as a Medicine faculty member in 2006 and is considered one of the strongest teaching attendings in the department. He is said to motivate and challenge the residents by allowing them autonomy in patient care while providing close guidance when necessary. As an internist, psychiatrist, nephrologist and lawyer, Dr. Gibson's skills, talents and knowledge are diverse. He was instrumental in developing the new psychiatry clerkship for third-year medical students. Dr. Gibson also interviews medical students interested in completing the UTGSM Medicine Residency Program and mentors current residents for the department's residency mentoring program. He is also noted for his Grand Rounds presentations.

Rajiv Dhand, MD, Professor and Chair of Medicine said, "You would never guess Dr. Gibson's accomplishments given his humble demeanor. His quiet and empathetic nature endear him to the residents, and his intelligence and breadth of knowledge win their immediate respect. He has made invaluable contributions to the growth of our residency program."

**Excellence in Teaching Award (Tie)**

**Alan Grindstaff, MD**  
*Assistant Professor*  
*Pathology*

Dr. Grindstaff has been a member of the UT Graduate School of Medicine Department of Pathology faculty for 13 years. He spends at least two hours per day providing educational conferences for residents. He also organizes board review time with senior residents after hours. Dr. Grindstaff is known within the department for sacrificing his own personal time for resident education. Residents have awarded him the department's Teacher of the Year award eight years in a row.

Lisa Duncan, MD, Associate Professor and Chair of Pathology, said, "Dr. Grindstaff has developed the teaching standard to which all faculty aspire. He has accomplished this despite a heavy service load and other clinical responsibilities that also demand his time. He has clearly placed the department above his own personal needs."

**Excellence in Teaching for Volunteer Faculty Award**

**Alexander Pasciak, PhD**  
*Clinical Assistant Professor*  
*Radiology*
Dr. Pasciak is a medical physicist who lectures both PGY2 and PGY3 Radiology residents in physics. He has also been mentoring PGY5 residents as they prepare for the physics portion of the American Board of Radiology computer-based exam. Dr. Pasciak established an online fluoroscopy training module for use by first-year residents and demonstrated a decrease in fluoroscopy time, which improved patient safety and care. Dr. Pasciak is noted for his commitment to teaching and accessibility to learners who request additional tutoring. He also actively involves residents in research and scholarly projects.

Resident comments on evaluations include, "Great physics teacher and evident that he really wants all of us to do well and understand the material" and "Dr. Pasciak puts his all into our lectures."

**Excellence and Leadership in Clinical Research Award**

**Wesley White, MD**  
*Assistant Professor*  
*Urology*

Dr. White started his research career at the UT Graduate School of Medicine in 1996 as a student in the I. Reid Colleman, M.D. Medical Student Educational Endowment program. Ten years later, he won the Kimball I. Maull Research Award as Surgery resident. He has continued his research endeavors in Urology and published more than 40 peer-reviewed journal articles, seven book chapters and numerous abstracts. Dr. White has given a number of invited lectures and visiting professorships; he is a reviewer for eight urologic journals; and he is deputy editor for the Laparoscopic and Robotics section of the Journal of Urology. Dr. White is currently involved in a prospective trial in prostate cancer and Zyflamend in collaboration with the UT Department of Nutrition as well as several other clinical trials. He also mentors residents in their presentations and publications.

Dr. Goldman said, "Dr. White is the consummate clinical researcher whose research on urologic techniques, outcomes and results has added to the literature in clinical urology."

**Employees Earn Excellence Awards**
The UT Graduate School of Medicine recently honored employees with the sixth annual Employee Excellence Awards program. Excellence Awards are given to staff members who go beyond the scope of their jobs by providing outstanding job performance, courtesy and customer service, community service and leadership. View photos from the Awards presentations and luncheon on The Pulse.

Excellence in Community Service
Elizabeth Carroll
Medical Administrative Assistant
Family Medicine Medical Records

Carroll has played a vital role in launching the University Family Physicians Community Outreach Committee and its Food and Clothing pantry. She is said to work hard, coming up with great ideas and implementing them. Also, when the Committee identifies patients in need, Carroll is said to take them "under her wing," getting to know them so that the Committee can help in the ways that best fit these families.

In nominating Carroll, Victoria Coy, Administrative Support Specialist, Family Medicine, said, "Beth's number one quality is her big heart. She goes above and beyond to help families in need in every way possible."

Excellence in Job Performance
Susan Burchfield
Medical Administrative Coordinator
Medicine
Burchfield has taken on several new initiatives within the past few years including a department newsletter, expansion of the residency program, additional clerkships, continuing education conferences and more. She supervises several employees and is said to be accessible and compassionate as a manager. Burchfield is said to put everyone's needs above her own while performing at "top notch" levels.

Rajiv Dhand, MD, Chair of Medicine, said, "Susan possesses a superb knowledge of the workings of the department and also of university procedures. She has the uncanny ability to anticipate problems, think through them, and come up with practical solutions."

**Excellence in Courtesy and Customer Service**

**Susan Rawn**  
*Research Nurse Coordinator*  
*Surgery*

Rawn is Clinical Trials Coordinator for the Department of Surgery, getting clinical trials and research studies off the ground as well as working with Internal Review Board for IRB approvals. Since joining UTGSM in 2009, she has successfully managed more than 50 clinical trials. She has also collaborated with corporate sponsors, LabCorp, and the University of Tennessee, Knoxville campus to bring to fruition trials that otherwise would not have been offered to UTGSM. Rawn has also assisted in fostering nursing clinical trials and supported other departments through the research process. She helped form the East Tennessee Chapter of the Society for Vascular Nursing and was elected as its first president. Rawn is also noted for going above and beyond in working with patients who are involved in clinical trials.

In nominating her, Melissa Phillips, MD, Assistant Professor of Surgery, said "Susan is an amazingly hard worker. Even when she is busy, she makes the time to help and does so with a smile on her face. She goes above and beyond, always with a positive attitude. Her enthusiasm and support are contagious around the department of Surgery."

**Excellence in Leadership**

**Ginger Hildebrand**  
*Administrative Coordinator*  
*Surgery*
Hildebrand is program coordinator for the General Surgery Residency Program and the Urology Residency Program. She is also program coordinator for the Vascular Surgery and Surgical Critical Care Fellowship programs. In her role, she has devised resident assessment tools; integrated data for targeted recruiting strategies; and assured compliance with Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, Residency Review Committee (RRC), National Resident Matching Program, The University of Tennessee Medical Center, departmental and division policies. She is noted for being professional and cheerful and having an excellent work ethic.

In nominating her, Michael Freeman, MD, Professor and Program Director, Vascular Surgery Fellowship, said, "Ginger has been the glue that holds the surgical residency programs together. She keeps all of the programs running smoothly and is the major reason the programs continue to receive high marks from the RRC and the residents."

The Employee Excellence Awards are given annually in May, but nominations are accepted year-round. A complete list of guidelines as well as the nomination form can be found on The Pulse.

**UTGSM Graduates Strengthen Medical Care in the Community**

The UT Graduate School of Medicine graduated 64 residents and fellows from 19 programs this year. Several graduates have chosen to advance their skills in a GSM residency or fellowship program. Others will commence their medical careers in the private and public sectors, impacting our community through patient care as well as education and research.

See which communities our latest graduates will practice in:

**Anesthesiology**

**Jason Buehler, MD**, fellowship, Pain Medicine, University of California, San Francisco, California  
**Nicholas Doiron, MD**, fellowship, Obstetric Anesthesia, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina  
**Barry Faust, Jr., MD**, fellowship, Pain Medicine, Indiana University, Indianapolis, Indiana  
**Christal Greene, MD**, private practice, University Anesthesiology Association, Augusta, Georgia  
**Ashley Hambright, MD**, fellowship, Obstetric Anesthesia, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina  
**Gregory Jackson, MD**, fellowship, Pain Medicine, University of North Carolina
Nicholas Misulia, MD, private practice, Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital, Albany, Georgia

**Cardiovascular Disease**
Jujhar Bains, MD, physician, Cumberland Medical Center, Crossville, Tennessee
Patricia Crawley, MD, fellowship, Interventional Cardiology, State University of New York Downstate, Brooklyn, New York

**Cytopathology Fellowship**
George Sneed, DO, faculty, UT Graduate School of Medicine

**Emergency Medicine**
Bradley McAbee, MD, private practice, Harris Regional Hospital, Sylva, North Carolina
Debjeet Sarkar, MD, plans pending

**Family Medicine**
Emily Edwards, DO, private practice, UT Family Physicians, Knoxville, Tennessee
Alan Haney, MD, private practice, Summit Medical Group, Knoxville, Tennessee
Benjamin Huff, MD, private practice, Summit Medical Group, Knoxville, Tennessee
Jonathan Laymance, MD, private practice, Roane County Family Practice, Harriman, Tennessee
Sahar Lotfi, MD, hospitalist, University of Tennessee Medical Center
Michael Martin, DO, private practice, UT Family Medicine, Jackson, Tennessee
Jennifer McHardy, MD, fellowship, Emergency Medicine, UT Graduate School of Medicine

**General Dentistry**
Christopher Laing, DDS, private practice, Tallahassee, Florida
Anne Newman, DDS, private practice, Roanoke, Virginia
Rebecca Peebles, DMD, plans to practice in Washington, DC
Claire Worthy, DMD, private practice, Hiwassee, Georgia

**Medicine**
Tonya Baker, MD, fellowship, Rheumatology, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky
Matthew Edwards, DO, hospitalist, University of Tennessee Medical Center, Knoxville, Tennessee
Shane Kelley, MD, private practice, Summit Medical Group
Adrianne Netterville, MD, fellowship, Allergy and Immunology, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Soham Patel, MD, fellowship, Endocrinology, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama
Owaisur Rahman, MD, hospitalist, Methodist Medical Center, Oak Ridge, Tennessee
Deepti Reddy, MD, faculty, Ochsner Health System, New Orleans, Louisiana

**Obstetrics and Gynecology**
Audrey Barry, MD, private practice, UT Women's Specialty Care at The University of Tennessee Medical Center
Kimberly Hopkins, MD, private practice, Charlotte, North Carolina
Kevin Visconti, MD, fellowship, Maternal-Fetal Medicine, University of Cincinnati, Ohio

**Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery**
David Pickett, DMD, private practice, Knoxville, Tennessee
Jason Pickup, DMD, plans pending

**Oral Head and Neck Surgery**
Andrew Lee, DDS, plans pending for private practice in Boston, Massachusetts

**Pathology**
Lucy DeFanti Maulbetsch, DO, fellowship, Cytopathology, UT Graduate School of Medicine followed by fellowship, Surgical Pathology, Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York, New York
Thomas Watkins, DO, fellowship, Blood Banking and Transfusion, University of Minnesota Medical School, Minneapolis, Minnesota

**Pulmonary Disease**
Syed Gilani, MD, plans pending
Arseniy Tsapenko, MD, DO, plans pending

**Radiology**
Ted Chang, MD, fellowship, Interventional Radiology, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia
Brian Dupree, MD, fellowship, Neuroradiology, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia
Josue Medina, MD, fellowship, Neuroradiology, University of Alabama, Birmingham, Alabama
Christine Ormsby (Waddell), MD, private practice, University Radiologists, Knoxville, Tennessee
Samuel Porter, MD, fellowship, Neuroradiology, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia

**Sports Medicine**
Julie Kafka, MD, fellowship, Urgent Care and Faculty Development, University of Illinois, Rockford, Illinois

**Surgery**
Emily Black, MD, private practice, Gainesville, Georgia
Nicholas Echemendia, MD, residency, Internal Medicine, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland Ohio
Nafiseh Hashemi, MD, residency, Ophthalmology and Visual Science, University of Texas, Houston, Texas
Thomas Jones, MD, private practice, Jackson, Mississippi
Bindhu Oommen, MD, fellowship, Minimally Invasive Surgery, Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte, North Carolina
Valerie Sams, MD, fellowship, Surgical Critical Care/Trauma, United States Air Force
Ryenn West, MD, private practice, California
Jennifer Yam, MD, plans pending

**Surgical Critical Care**
Reagan Bollig, MD, faculty, UT Graduate School of Medicine
David Otto, MD, private practice, Fort Wayne, Indiana

**Transitional Year**
Austin Faulkner, MD, residency, Radiology, UT Graduate School of Medicine
Ryan Fischer, MD, residency, Dermatology, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas
Jordan Masters, MD, residency, Ophthalmology, University of Tennessee Hamilton Eye Institute, Memphis, Tennessee
Stanley Pace, MD, residency, Ophthalmology, University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, Texas
Craig Robinson, MD, residency, Radiology, UT Graduate School of Medicine
Jonathan Suther, MD, residency, Radiology, UT Graduate School of Medicine
Medicine

Urology
Brent Hardin, MD, private practice, Oxford, Mississippi

Vascular Surgery
Daniel Alterman, MD, private practice, Muskegon, Michigan

UTGSM Welcomes New Residents and Fellows

The UT Graduate School of Medicine welcomed 81 residents and fellows in 20 programs following orientation and a Resident and Fellow Welcome Dinner. These physicians and dentists come from across the world, bringing diverse knowledge to the residency and fellowship programs that uniquely combine to make the UT Graduate School of Medicine.

View the 2013 Resident and Fellow Welcome Dinner and Faculty Awards Presentation photos.

Anesthesiology
Brandon Banks, MD, Louisiana State University School of Medicine in Shreveport
Bryce Busenlehner, MD, The Texas A & M University System Health Science Center College of Medicine
Jennifer Castelbuono, MD, Wright State University School of Medicine
Zachary Cooper, MD, Louisiana State University School of Medicine in Shreveport
Joseph Coppage, MD, University of Mississippi School of Medicine
David Graham, MD, University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Medicine, UTGSM Medicine Residency
Benjamin Harper, MD, University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Medicine
Matthew Wilkerson, MD, University of Texas - San Antonio

Behavioral Medicine Fellowship
Mark McGrail, MD, Uniformed Services University of the Health
Sciences

**Cardiovascular Disease Fellowship**
Steven Dolacky, MD, American University of the Caribbean
Madhur Roberts, MD, St. George's University School of Medicine

**Cytopathology Fellowship**
Lucy DeFanti, DO, Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, UTGSM Pathology Residency

**General Dentistry**
Chelsea Balderson, DDS, Virginia Commonwealth University School Of Dentistry
Pallavi Dingra, DDS, Virginia Commonwealth University School Of Dentistry
Nhi Ho, DMD, Medical College Of Georgia School Of Dentistry
Timothy Johnson, DDS, University Of Texas, Houston Dental Branch

**Emergency Medicine Fellowship**
Jennifer McHardy, MD, St. Christopher IBA MAR DIOP College of Medicine, UTGSM Family Medicine Residency
Adrienne O'Connell, DO, Western University Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific

**Family Medicine**
Christina Curzon, MD, American University of the Caribbean
Katherine C. Hall, MD, East Tennessee State University College of Medicine
Cara Hartquist, DO, Kansas City University Of Health Sciences, College Of Osteopathic Medicine
Ceba Humphrey, MD, Medical College of Georgia, UTGSM General Surgery
Justin Jenkins, DO, Lincoln Memorial University-Debusk College of Osteopathic Medicine
Allison Schafer, DO, Edward Via Virginia College Of Osteopathic Medicine
Ashley Terry, DO, Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine
Taylor Wright, MD, University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Medicine

**Medicine**
Neena Agrawal, MD, Medical University of South Carolina College of Medicine
Charles Alderdice, MD, University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Medicine
Sachin Amin, MD, St. George's University School of Medicine
Kendra Black, MD, East Tennessee State University College of Medicine
Joshua Hayes, MD, Florida State University College Of Medicine
William Kittrell, MD, University of South Alabama College of Medicine
Sarah Latif, MD, Meharry Medical College
Niva Misra, MD, East Tennessee State University College of Medicine
Brock Mitchell, MD, East Tennessee State University College of Medicine
Nathan Smith, MD, University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Medicine
Andrew Streicher, MD, University of Arkansas College of Medicine
Rafaela Toniolo, DO, Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine
Jennifer Winbigler, MD, University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Medicine
Center College of Medicine

**Obstetrics and Gynecology**

Jennifer Bell, MD, East Tennessee State University College of Medicine
Stacy Lenger, MD, University of Missouri Columbia School of Medicine
Jamie Perry, MD, East Tennessee State University College of Medicine
Cynthia Wear, MD, Mercer University School of Medicine

**Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery**

Zachary Bulmanski, DDS, Louisiana State University School Of Dentistry, UTGSM Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Intern
Michael Cofer, DDS, University of Tennessee College of Dentistry
James Tan, DDS, University Of Southern California School Of Dentistry

**Oral/Head and Neck Surgery Fellowship**

Benjamin Schlott, DMD, MD, University of Florida College of Medicine

**Pathology**

Jason Chen, MD, Ross University
F. Joe Nepveux, MD, Medical University of South Carolina College of Medicine

**Pulmonary Disease Fellowship**

Farhan Khan, MD, Dow Medical College
Dipaben Modi, MD, Government Medical School of India

**Radiology**

Austin Faulkner, MD, University of Mississippi School of Medicine, UTGSM Transitional Year
Christopher Kolze, MD, Texas Tech University School of Medicine, UTGSM Transitional Year
Craig Robinson, MD, Marshall University, Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, UTGSM Transitional Year
Jonathan Suther, MD, University of South Carolina School of Medicine, UTGSM Transitional Year
Muntaz Syed, MD, Marshall University, Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine
Andrew Vincent, MD, University of South Alabama College of Medicine

**Sports Medicine Fellowship**

Erik Berger, MD, Morehouse School of Medicine

**Surgery**

Shannon Beierle, MD, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine
Sneha Bhat, MD, University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Medicine
Evan Davidson, MD, University of Kentucky College of Medicine
Benjamin Ford, MD, Medical College of Georgia School of Medicine
Michael Lew, MD, New York Medical College
Austin Lewis, MD, Medical College of Georgia School of Medicine
Jacqueline Linton, MD, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center School of Medicine
Ricky Miller, MD, Louisiana State University School of Medicine in Shreveport
Anthony Nguyen, MD, Jefferson Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University
Luke Norman, MD, St. George's University School of Medicine  
Melissa Prather, MD, Ross University  
Aaron Taylor, MD, Case Western Reserve School of Medicine  
Christopher Winter, MD, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine

**Surgical Critical Care Fellowship**
James Corder III, MD, University of South Alabama College of Medicine

**Transitional Year**
Scott McElroy, MD, University of Kentucky College of Medicine  
R. Hunter Pearson, MD, East Tennessee State University College of Medicine  
John Prenshaw, MD, University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Medicine  
Jeremy Rawson, MD, University of Mississippi School of Medicine  
Rupert Stanborough, MD, University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Medicine  
W. James Tidwell, MD, University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Medicine

**Urology**
Kyle Basham, MD, University of Arkansas College of Medicine, UTGSM Surgery Preliminary Year  
Ryan Owen, MD, Texas Tech University School of Medicine, UTGSM Surgery Preliminary Year

**Vascular Surgery Fellowship**
Lindsay Bools, MD, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine

**Faculty Earn Promotions**

The UT Graduate School of Medicine promoted the following faculty members in 2013.

Patrick McConville, MD, Assistant Professor, Anesthesiology  
Murthy Akula, MD, Associate Professor, Radiology  
Paul Campbell, MD, Associate Professor, Radiology  
James Lewis, MD, Associate Professor, Surgery  
J. Michael Lindsay, MSLS, Associate Professor, Preston Medical Library  
Kenneth Bielak, MD, Professor, Family Medicine  
Ronald Lands, MD, Professor, Medicine  
Edwin Holt, MD, Clinical Assistant Professor, Surgery  
Richard Smith, MD, Clinical Assistant Professor, Surgery  
Michael Eilerman, MD, Clinical Assistant Professor, Surgery  
Natalie Blache, MD, Clinical Assistant Professor, Obstetrics and Gynecology  
Jo Kendrick, MSN, Clinical Assistant Professor, Obstetrics and Gynecology  
Todd Abel, MD, Clinical Assistant Professor, Surgery

**Departmental Awards**

**Anesthesiology Awards Teaching Excellence**

The Anesthesiology program graduated six residents and presented awards for Excellence in Teaching to two faculty physicians at a ceremony in June. Teaching award recipients were selected by residents.
2013 Excellence in Teaching Awards

Craig Combs, MD  
Instructor

Dr. Craig Combs

A. Audie Smith, MD  
Assistant Professor

Dr. Audie Smith

Dentistry Celebrates Graduates

(From left) Dr. John Coulter, Dr. Kendall Peebles, Dr. Claire Worthy, Dr. Anne Newman, Dr. Lauren Smalley, Dr. Christopher Laing

Dentistry held a banquet for faculty and residents June 23, honoring its four graduates: Christopher Laing, DDS, and Kendall Peebles, DMD, who completed a two-year residency; and Anne Newman, DDS, and Claire Worthy, DMD, who completed the one-year program.

Family Medicine Honors Residents, Faculty, Staff

Family Medicine held a graduation ceremony June 28, presenting
awards to residents, faculty and staff.

Resident Awards

Joseph B. Moon Award
Jonathan Laymance, MD
The Joseph B. Moon Award is given to an outstanding senior resident each year.

Jane V. White Research Award
Emily Edwards, DO
This award recognizes creativity and perseverance in the pursuit of excellence in research in family medicine. It was created in honor of Jane White, PhD, RD, for her service of more than 30 years to the Department of Family Medicine and her research efforts in nutrition.

Society of Teachers of Family Medicine Award
Benjamin Huff, MD
This award recognizes outstanding family medicine/primary care research performed by a medical resident and is awarded through the North American Primary Care Research Group.

Chief Residents Awards

Faculty Awards

UFP Faculty Award
David Stockton, MD, Professor

Volunteer Faculty Award
Jerry Crook II, MD, Clinical Faculty
Staff Awards

Kelly McDaniel

Harold D. Blake Service Award

Kelly McDaniel, MPH, Instructor and Administrative Director

Clinical Staff Award

Betsy Bohannon, RD, CDE, Dietition

(From left) Dr. Benjamin Huff, Betsy Bohannon, Dr. Jonathan Laymance

Administrative Staff Award

Lynn Lowery, Medical Administrative Specialist

(From left) Dr. Jonathan Laymance, Lynn Lowery, Dr. Benjamin Huff

Medicine Residents Earn Awards

Medicine held awards and graduation receptions in June to honor
residents and fellows in Medicine, Cardiovascular Disease and Pulmonary Disease programs.

**Freeman Rawson Award**

![Image of award recipients](image1)

(From left) Dr. Shane Kelley and Dr. Mark Rasnake

(From left) Dr. Ryan Kerr and Dr. Mark Rasnake

The Freeman Rawson award, given in memory of long-time Medicine faculty member Freeman Rawson, MD, was presented to **Shane Kelley, MD**, third-year Medicine Resident, and to **Ryan Kerr, MD**, second-year Medicine Resident. This award is given annually to upper-level residents who embody the spirit of teaching and possess excellent clinical skills.

Dr. Rawson, who passed away in 2003, was a founding member of the Knoxville Cardiovascular Group and practiced medicine in Knoxville for 47 years. Dr. Rawson was known for his compassion and clinical skills.

**Clinical Star Award**

**Eric Edwards, DO**, Resident

The Clinical Star Award is selected by faculty, peers and staff to a third-year resident who best exhibits the criteria of excellence in patient care, medical knowledge, interpersonal and communication skills, as well as professionalism.

![Image of Dr. Eric Edwards](image2)

**Lisa McCarty Kennedy Oncology Nursing Merit Education Award**
Kathy Whaley, RN  
Oncology Nurse  
University Surgical Oncology

The Lisa McCarty Kennedy Oncology Nursing Merit Education Award is awarded in honor of Lisa McCarty Kennedy, niece of Richard A. Obenour, MD, who battled lymphoma for two years. The award is given to an outstanding oncology nurse who provides compassionate patient care; is dedicated to acquiring knowledge resulting in improved patient care; and who serves as a positive role model.

Obstetrics and Gynecology Distinguishes Teaching and Research

(From left) Dr. Nikki Zite, Dr. Pleas Copas, Dr. Mitch Dizon, Dr. Kevin Visconti, Dr. Audrey Barry, Dr. Kimberly Hopkins, Dr. Daniel Lewis, and Dr. Bobby Howard

Obstetrics and Gynecology held the Department's 2013 Research Day on May 24 with guest speaker David Lewis, MD, Professor and Chair, Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of South Alabama, Mobile, Alabama.

Case Reports

"HSV Endometritis: A Case Report"  
Audrey Barry, MD

"Pregnancy after Essure Placement"  
Kimberly Hopkins, MD

"High Grade Primitive Neuroectodermal Tumor of the Uterus: A Case Report"
A. Mitch Dizon, MD

"The Fetal Heart Monitor Tracing in a Pregnancy Complicated by a Rupture of Fetal Vessels on the Placenta Surface"

Kevin Visconti, MD

Original Research

"Costs of Contraceptives Vary by Income"

Audrey Barry, MD

"Robotic Sacral Colpopexy for the Treatment of Symptomatic Pelvic Organ Prolapse in the Elderly Population"

A. Mitch Dizon, MD

"Chronic Maternal Opiate Use: Results in Decreased Head Circumference and Femur Lengths"

Kevin Visconti, MD

Awards

Obstetrics and Gynecology faculty, residents and staff attended an awards banquet June 16 to honor graduating residents and excellence in teaching. The following awards were presented.

Resident Awards

Obstetrics and Gynecology Excellence in Teaching – Resident

Suzanne Brown, MD

Residents are responsible for teaching medical students, family medicine and transitional residents, as well as Ob/Gyn residents junior to themselves.

Obstetrics and Gynecology Outstanding Case Report

Mitch Dizon, MD

This award is given for the best oral presentation of the research manuscript.

American Urogynecologic Society awarded Excellence in Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery
Kimberly Hopkins, MD
Resident who demonstrates a commitment and excellence in the care of women with pelvic floor disorders.

A.W. Diddle, M.D., Research Award
Kevin Visconti, MD
This award is given for an outstanding resident research manuscript.

American Association of Gynecologic Laparoscopist awarded Advancing Minimally Invasive Gynecology Worldwide Award
Kevin Visconti, MD
Special Resident in Minimally Invasive Gynecology

Society for Maternal Fetal Medicine Excellence in Obstetrics
Kevin Visconti, MD

Faculty Awards

APGO Excellence in Teaching
Kristopher Kimball, MD
Assistant Professor
The Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics provides this award to recognize outstanding women’s health educators in Ob/Gyn education. Recipient names are published in The APGO Newsletter and listed in the Annual Report of the APGO Medical Education Foundations.

CREOG Excellence in Teaching
Nikki Zite, MD
Assistant Professor and Residency Program Director
The Council on Resident Education in Obstetrics and Gynecology offers this award for promoting high standards of residency education. Recipient names are published in The CREGO Newsletter.
Obstetrics and Gynecology
Faculty Excellence in Teaching 2012
Heather Moss, MD
Assistant Professor
Both third year medical students and Ob/Gyn residents vote on their best physician-educator/teacher.

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Congratulates Graduates

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery held a graduation reception June 29 to recognize its graduating residents, David Pickett, DMD, and Jason Pickup, DMD, and fellow, Andrew Lee, DDS. Jeff Hall, former UT Vols and St. Louis Rams football player delivered the motivational address.

Pathology Awards Research and Teaching
Pathology held a graduation ceremony June 15 and presented awards for web case presentations, teaching and research.

Web Case Presentations Certificates of Excellence

Best Anatomical Pathology
Sarah Carroll, MD, and Solomon Lee, DO

(From left) Dr. Sarah Carroll and Dr. Laurentia Nodit
(From left) Dr. Laurentia Nodit and Dr. Solomon Lee

Best Clinical Pathology
Marcus Winkler, DO

Frances K. Patterson Resident Award
**N. Lynn Ferguson, MD**
This award is presented to a resident in the Pathology Residency Training Program who, by her actions, has fostered excellence in education, research, practice or community service.

The Francis K. Patterson Award is given in memory of long-time pathology faculty member and devoted teacher, Frances K. Patterson, MD. Dr. Patterson, who was with the University for more than 30 years, served as an Associate Professor in Pathology and Director of the Pathology Residency Program for more than 10 years.

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**Faculty Teaching Award**
**Alan Grindstaff, MD, Assistant Professor**

(From left) Dr. Laurentia Nodit and Dr. Marcus Winkler

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**Faculty Research Award**
**Amila Orucevic, MD, PhD, Assistant Professor**

Dr. Lynn Ferguson and Dr. Alan Grindstaff (photo from 2012 awards.)

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**Radiology Recognizes Faculty and Residents**
The Radiology Residency Program held its 20th Annual Awards Banquet June 8 to honor graduating seniors and recognize residents and faculty. All five graduating senior radiology residents passed the American Board of Radiology Oral Examination. Kathleen Hudson, MD, Residency Program Director and Associate Professor, was a board examiner for this final ABR oral board exam.

**Resident Award Winners**
Professionalism Award
Darrell Benton, MD, Austin Bourgeois, MD and Matt Layman, MD
This award is in recognition of excellence in demonstrating a commitment to carrying out professional responsibilities and an adherence to ethical principles.

Gould Award
Samuel Porter, MD
This award recognizes the upper year resident that best demonstrated dedication to the ideals of clinical radiology as exemplified by Howard R. Gould, MD.

Academic Excellence Award
Samuel Porter, MD
This award is given in recognition of outstanding academic performance in Radiology.

RSNA Research Award
Ted Chang, MD
This award recognizes residents who have played an active role in radiology research in the past year.

Faculty Awards

Faculty Teaching Award
Peter Petruazzi, MD
Faculty Service Award  
Anton Allen, MD, and James Boyd, MD

Special Retirement Presentation  
George Kabalka, PhD  
Professor  
The Department of Radiology presented George Kabalka, PhD, with a plaque expressing thanks and gratitude for 29 years of service and teaching.

Surgery Honors Residents and Faculty
Surgery held its 22nd Annual Residents' Research Day in June. The program included Kimball I. Maull guest lecturer Jeffrey Ponsky, MD, who is the Oliver H. Payne Professor and Chair of Surgery at Case Western Reserve University.

The PGY2-4 Surgery and Urology Residents gave presentations to faculty, alumni and local physicians, where they competed for the Kimball I. Maull Research Award. Kimball I. Maull, MD, is former Chair of Surgery and a founding member of the Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma (EAST). EAST is dedicated to the study of the practice of surgery of trauma patients by establishing lectureships, scholarships, and foundations to promote, reward, and recognize individuals working in the field of injury and injury control.

The 30th Annual Chief Residents' Dinner was held June 15. The evening was devoted to honoring graduating residents and presenting awards.

Kimball I. Maull Clinical Science Awards

First Place: David Jeffcoah, MD
"NSAIDs Impact on Non-Union and Infection Rates in Long Bone Fractures"

Second Place: Chandler Long, MD
"PARP-1 Deficiency Augments Intimal Hyperplasia in a Mouse Model of Arterial Injury"

Third Place: Camille Black ledge, MD
"Effect of Bariatric Surgery on Systemic and Adipose Tissue Inflammation"

Third Place: Sagar S. Gandhi, MD
"Preoperative Assessment of Maximal Venous Outflow Velocity in the Evaluation of Permanent Hemodialysis Access Placement"

Urology First Place: James Bienvenu, MD
"Comparative Outcomes Among Obese and Non-Obese Patients Undergoing Robotic Partial Nephrectomy"

Scott B. Frame Trauma Scholarship Award
Kyle Kleppe, MD
This award is voted on by the faculty of the Division of Trauma/Critical Care and the winner receives a trip to the annual Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma meeting. The Scott B. Frame Trauma Scholarship Award is named in memory of Scott B. Frame, MD, former Surgery faculty member.
Hiram Crutchfield
Resident Teaching Award
Valerie Sams, MD
This award is voted on by the residents to be given to the chief resident who takes the time and interest to teach fellow residents.

Society of Laparoscopic Surgeons Outstanding Laparoendoscopic Resident Surgeon
Emily Anne Black, MD
This award is voted on by attendings who perform laparoendoscopic surgery

The Golden Apple Award
David Jeffcoach, MD

Faculty Teaching Award
Melissa Phillips, MD, Assistant Professor

Faculty Service Award
Judy Roark, RN, Coordinator and Skills Coach, UT Center for Advanced Medical Simulation