THE CHAIRMAN’S CORNER BY ANGELO SINOPOLI

I am excited to present our first alumni newsletter for the Internal Medicine Residency Program of Greenville Hospital System University Medical Center. Our residency program has developed a rich tradition over the years since its first recruiting class of 1977. In keeping with the further development of this tradition, we felt that a recurring newsletter to inform our graduates and others of the activities and accomplishments of our program would be appropriate.

Anyone who understands and is familiar with the history of our program cannot overstate the importance of Dr. William W. Pryor, Sr. For those of us who trained around that time, his image and words are permanently embedded in our minds. To name the alumni association after “Putt” seems obvious enough as to require no discussion.

Dr. Pryor recognized the healthcare provider shortage created by the Medicare program at that time. This increase in demand was particularly a problem for the rural areas of South Carolina. MUSC then had the only Internal Medicine training program in the state, graduating five new internists each year. To provide more internists, AHEC agreed to fund two additional Internal Medicine residency programs. Richland Memorial Hospital in Columbia, SC, and Greenville Hospital System were approved.

In 1976, Dr. Freddie Wilson, a pulmonologist, Dr. Lloyd Hayes, a pulmonologist, and Dr. James Gould, a gastroenterologist, joined Dr. Pryor, a cardiologist, in developing the program in Greenville. A majority of the members of the Internal Medicine medical staff supported the proposal and agreed to participate. The program began with a provisional approval for five residents at each level. These early faculty were actively involved in the recruiting process, which went remarkably well.

Dr. Pryor continued to recruit full-time faculty, including Dr. Frank Sullivan to head up the outpatient clinics, Dr. Stanley Von Hofe to develop an endocrinology program, Dr. David Potts to start an infectious diseases curriculum for the residency and infection control for the hospital, and Dr. Cassandra Bray to coordinate the education for the general medicine wards and the outpatient clinics.

In 1982, Dr. Pryor became the VP for Medical Education, replacing Dr. Ray Ramage. He continued, along with Dr. Wilson, to develop and expand the residency program until his retirement in 1991.

As we see from where we are today, his vision and leadership changed the face of Greenville.

Recently, Dr. Pryor has been attending the Internal Medicine teaching conferences and meeting the new faculty. He recently remarked, “... visits to the Internal Medicine teaching conferences and meeting the faculty have been exciting and rewarding. It is very pleasing to see the results of those early, sometimes hectic and uncertain moments. All one has to do is look around at the graduates of the program who have elected to stay in the area for proof of the rewards of the efforts of all who have been involved.”

Angelo Sinopoli, MD
Chairman
Department of Medicine

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Welcome to your new alumni newsletter! There have been many great changes and updates in our residency program since most of you graduated. In 2007, I had the pleasure of adding two new associate program directors and a new associate clinic director to the administration of our program. Dr. Kevin Gilroy, lead hospitalist at GHS and Vice Chairman for Quality and Outcomes, and Dr. Michael Fuller, pulmonologist and Vice Chairman for Faculty Development and Education, began their duties as associate program directors. Because many of our graduates choose hospitalist medicine as a career, I asked Dr. Gilroy to join the administration of our program. He and a core group of teaching hospitalists have since enthusiastically supported our residency by attending on a hospitalist rotation for the residents and on the medicine teaching services. Dr. Fuller has worked to further improve residency education in pulmonary medicine and critical care. He was instrumental in creating a new outpatient pulmonary medicine rotation, and, along with Dr. Gilroy, coordinates our new procedures training experience at the GHS Simulation Center each July for our new interns.

Dr. Lori Malvern began her duties as associate clinic director, assisting our clinic director, Dr. Joy McFarland. Dr. Malvern has much experience in clinic administration, having previously served as the director of the New Horizons clinic here in Greenville. Dr. Malvern also previously served as our residency clinic director in the 1990s.

In February 2008, Kristie Stone assumed her role as our new residency coordinator. Mrs. Stone has much residency administrative experience, having previously held positions as the Medicine-Pediatrics residency coordinator and the Internal Medicine clinic administrative assistant. She will continue to support the Medicine-Pediatrics program in addition to our own until a new Medicine-Pediatrics residency coordinator is hired.

Also in 2007, our program underwent a scheduled ACGME RRC accreditation site visit. I’m pleased to report to you that the visit went very well, and in February 2008, we received a full five-year accreditation. Our next site visit is scheduled for 2013.

I’m also very proud of our graduate resident class of 2007, all 10 of whom passed the Internal Medicine board examination late that year.

In June 2007, one of our distinguished faculty members, Dr. Samuel Smith, received the Ramage Award for Leadership in Humane Education. This prestigious award is given by the South Carolina Area Health Consortium to one full-time faculty member at South Carolina’s AHEC-supported residency teaching campuses in recognition of outstanding leadership in providing humane education.

I have added a number of new educational opportunities for our residents. Last year, with the assistance of Dr. Samuel Smith, we opened a new resident lab next to our resident workroom. This lab has a two-headed microscope and additional equipment to allow our faculty and residents to examine blood smears and urine samples. I also added a new resident rotation at the Phoenix Center, an alcohol and drug detoxification center in Greenville. Thanks to the enthusiastic teaching of Dr. Ted Watson, this rotation has been popular with our residents. Last year we also had our first international rotation in medicine when Dr. Nellie Lovelace (class of 2007) worked for one month at a regional referral hospital in Kejabe, Africa, as a general internist.

We have just concluded a busy residency recruiting season for our 2008 intern class, and have a record number of very well-qualified applicants for our 10 categorical and three preliminary medicine positions. I’ll update you on our match results in my next column!

Bruce B. Latham, M.D.
Program Director
Internal Medicine Residency Program
WHERE IN THE WORLD IS . . . ?

DONOVAN Kaine BROWN, MD

Resides:
Fitzgerald, Georgia

Completed GHS training:
2005

Family:
Wife - Kelly
Children - Kameron Jack (3)
Katelyn Kent (1)

Current Practice:
Internal Medicine: Roberts, Hammond, Jones and Brown; Dorminy Medical Center

Clinical Interests:
Cardiovascular Medicine

Professional and Outside Activities:
Vice Chief of Staff, Dorminy Medical Center
Team Physician, Fitzgerald Purple Hurricanes
Fishing, hunting, softball, running

My GHS experience prepared me for my profession by ...
providing me with a strong knowledge base in internal medicine to begin practicing in a small community.

The people at GHS who were influential to me were ...
Dr. Scott Arnold, Dr. Lloyd Hayes, Dr. Jim Cochrane and Dr. Thomas Young – all demonstrated sound clinical and personal judgment.

My most memorable experience at GHS was ...
the entire three years – a wonderful learning experience.

“Kaine is the complete physician: intelligent, inquisitive, humble, humane and clinically astute. We all greatly enjoyed working with him as attendings and many times felt we learned more from him than he did from us. I think everyone respected that he returned home to practice medicine in his hometown and know those people are much better off because of his presence.”

Dr. Scott Arnold
Former Internal Medicine Residency Program Director

WORTHY OF NOTE

80s
Angelo Sinopoli, MD, HS’85, in addition to serving as Chairman of the Department of Medicine, has recently been named the Senior Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs and Total Health at GHS.

2000s
Mark Call, MD, HS’03, and wife Sudeana welcomed a new baby, Mackenzie Elizabeth, on 12/10/07, joining Sophie (6) and Haleigh (3). Mark is currently a faculty member with GHS Infectious Diseases.
Becky Wagstaff, MD, HS’04, has been elected to the Women in Medicine Committee for the Society of Hospital Medicine. Becky is currently a hospitalist with GHS.
Dan Wagstaff, MD, HS’04, has been elected to the Ethics Committee for the Society of Hospital Medicine. Dan is currently a hospitalist with GHS.

Rush Brown, MD, HS’07, and wife Angie welcomed a new baby, William Coles, on 9/20/07. Rush is working as a hospitalist in Greenville, SC, while Angie completes her Pediatric residency at GHS. Angie will start a Pediatric Heme/Onc fellowship at MUSC next year, and Rush plans to work as a hospitalist in Charleston, SC.

Karim Jenkins, MD, HS’07, and husband Austin welcomed a new baby, Mary Kathryn, on 10/1/07, joining Robert (2). Karin is currently employed as a hospitalist in Camden, SC.

Wesley Jones, MD, HS’07, and wife Amy Cohen, MD, HS’08, welcomed a baby girl, Anderson, on 5/30/07. Wesley is working as a hospitalist with GHS while Amy completes her medicine residency. She plans to pursue a geriatrics fellowship next year in Asheville, NC.
Jessica Morse, MD, HS’07, F’08, and husband Bryan welcomed a new baby, Eli Marcom, on 8/6/07. Jessica is completing her Vascular Medicine fellowship at GHS, and Bryan will complete his surgical residency at GHS in 2009.

Michael Tiburzi, DO, HS’07, and wife Nancy welcomed a new baby, Tyler Jonathan, on 1/3/08, joining Michael (3) and Ryan (2). Michael is practicing in Kingstree, SC.
April Treats, MD, HS’07, and husband Brad welcomed a new baby, Natalie Kate, on 8/9/07, joining Hayden (4). April has a private practice in Greenville, SC.

FACULTY NEWS
Lloyd Hayes, MD, retired on 3/1/08. He will return to GHS in April to serve in a number of administrative duties and will continue to see a limited number of patients in the outpatient setting.

Welcome new faculty: Drs. Greg Gardziola (neurology), Meng Zhou-Wang (neurology), Bert Knight (pulmonary), Azim Surka (pulmonary), John Gemmell (hospitalist), Ali Mohammad (hospitalist), Brent Varnadoe (hospitalist).

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PRYOR SOCIETY AWARD

If you would like to nominate someone for the annual Distinguished Alumnus/Alumna Award to be presented at the annual Pryor Society Meeting, please send a letter to: Michael Fuller, MD, Department of Medicine, 701 Grove Road, Greenville, SC, 29605, outlining how your nominee meets the criteria. This award will be given “... in recognition of an individual’s outstanding contribution to the health of all people as a distinguished clinician, progressive leader, research scientist, or other demonstration of high principles of the medical profession, reflecting honor upon the Greenville Hospital System’s Department of Medicine.”

SAVE THE DATE

September 26, 2008 – Annual Alumni Golf Tournament and Pryor Society Meeting at Embassy Suites Hotel and Verdae Greens Golf Club, Greenville, SC

September 27, 2008 – The Lloyd Hayes Symposium at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Greenville, SC

More information will be available soon, or you can contact us at (864) 455-8973.

NEXT ISSUE:

Look for exciting news about our new house staff and learn where our graduates are going next. There will also be information about the upcoming Pryor Society Meeting and our Hayes Symposium.

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