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### Dean's Letter: Kentucky Neuroscience Institute

After consulting with **Byron Young, M.D., Joseph Berger, M.D.,** and **Darren Johnson, M.D.,** I have made a decision to alter the name of the Kentucky Neuroscience and Orthopaedic Institute (KNOI).

Going forward, we will refer to this institute as the Kentucky Neuroscience Institute (KNI). There are several reasons for this change.

The most significant reason is that KNOI was confus-

ing to many people. In a series of focus groups with community leaders and prospective donors, they stated that merging the discipline of orthopaedic surgery with neuroscience created confusion. Whether connected or not, orthopaedic surgery becomes a distracter when individuals think of neurological disorders and the education, training and research opportunities surrounding them.

The second reason for this change is that the very rea-

son for KNOI's inception is no longer the goal of the group. KNOI originally emerged as a concept around the possibility of creating a space off campus where a variety of services and infrastructure could be shared by those who practice neurology, orthopaedic surgery and neurosurgery.



**Jay Perman, M.D.,**  
*Dean, College of Medicine*  
*Vice President for Clinical Affairs*

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**Marcus E. Randall, M.D., FACR** has been named the chair of the UK College of Medicine Department of Radiation Medicine and the Markey Cancer Foundation endowed chair in Radiation Medicine effective Oct. 1.

Randall currently serves as director of the Leo W. Jenkins Cancer Center at the Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University, professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology and co-director of the Gamma Knife Center at

Pitt County Memorial Hospital.

"We are excited about the contributions Marc will make to the College," said **Dean Jay Perman.** "He brings great knowledge, leadership and compassion – key components for success."

Randall received his medical degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and completed his residency in radiation oncology at the University of Virginia Medical Center.

### Randall Appointed

He has 20 years of experience, including serving as associate professor and assistant to the vice-chair of radiation oncology at Wake Forest University School of Medicine, previously known as Bowman Gray.



**Marc Randall, M.D.**

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## Randall Chair of Radiation Medicine (cont.)

In 1994, Randall was recruited to Indiana University School of Medicine where he served more than 10 years as chair of Radiation Oncology, holding the William A. Mitchell Professorship.

Randall has been actively involved in clinical research throughout most of his career. Most of his research has been with Gynecologic Oncology Group, a NCI-funded cooperative group dedicated to improving treatment of gynecologic malignancies. Through this involvement, Randall led national studies in ovarian and endometrial cancers and demonstrated for the

first time the role of systemic chemotherapy in the adjuvant treatment of women with locally advanced endometrial carcinomas.

He is also the author of nearly 100 articles and book chapters. He serves on the editorial boards of three journals, including Gynecologic Oncology and is co-author and associate editor of the 4th edition of Principles and Practice of Gynecologic Oncology, the world's leading multidisciplinary textbook dealing with gynecologic cancer. When asked about this step in his career, Randall said,

"I simply could not turn down the opportunity to be a part of the excitement, growth and progress currently evident at the UK Hospital and College of Medicine, in general, and the Markey Cancer Center, in particular. The leadership is enlightened and are doing a fantastic job bringing people together to accomplish great things that cannot be accomplished individually."

*Dean Perman would like to thank the Radiation Medicine Chair Search Committee for their time, dedication and recommendation in this hiring process.*

## Patient Safety Fellowship Funded

An interdisciplinary fellowship focused on developing leaders in patient safety was funded by the Department of Veterans Affairs beginning this July.

Joint faculty from the Lexington VA and UK will train two fellows per year

over a one-year period. The core curriculum of the program will be provided by the VA National Center for Patient Safety and will be augmented with coursework from Lean Manufacturing, Cockpit Skills Management and Full Disclosure of medical errors. Fel-

lows will also gain skills in teaching and research in each of these areas.

The fellowship will be open to physicians, nurses, and those with doctorates in pharmacy and engineering. Those interested should contact **Joseph Conigliaro, M.D.**

## In Memory: Stephen G. Zimmer, Ph.D.

It is with great sadness we bring the news to the University of Kentucky community that Stephen G. Zimmer, Ph.D., associate professor of Microbiology, Immunology and Molecular Genetics and Cancer Center Member, died, Wednesday, June 14, 2006. Stephen was a friend and colleague to many of us, and he will be missed greatly.

Stephen was a consummate "free thinker" and scientific

contributor concerning mechanisms of oncogenesis and had recently seen two of the putative oncogenesis blocking agents elaborated through his laboratory moved into clinical trials.

Zimmer was an active proponent for his students, and they all have fond memories of their time in Stephen's laboratory. Their subsequent success is a legacy to Stephen. Stephen set a standard for training and men-

toring clinician scientists. His legacy of scientific contributions and scientific careers is impressive by any standard.

Dr. Stephen G. Zimmer was an esteemed colleague who will be missed greatly.

*Written by: Alan Kaplan, Ph.D.  
Professor and Chairman  
Department of Microbiology, Immunology and Molecular Genetics*



Stephen G. Zimmer, Ph.D.

## News of Note

### UK Reaches Top 20 in Heart Research Funding

UK is among the top 20 institutions receiving heart research funding from the American Heart Association, which reports \$384 million in active grants for life-saving research at more than 330 research institutions this year.

UK currently has \$5 million from the AHA for research into understanding how heart disease occurs, as well as how to treat and prevent this leading cause of death among Kentuckians. AHA funding is part of more than \$20 million in total cardiovascular research at UK.

### Mannino's Research

**David Mannino, M.D.**, division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine, worked with physicians from Emory University in Atlanta to study patients with a history of cancer and their increased risk for acquiring and dying from sepsis. Their research is the first to present nationally representative data to determine the impact of sepsis among cancer patients and to examine gender and racial disparities in this condition.



David Mannino, M.D.

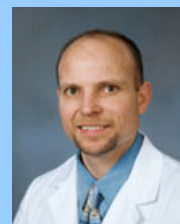
### UpToDate Adds New Topic Reviews

Version 14.2 of UpToDate is now available from UK campus workstations. More than 180 new topic reviews were added and approximately 45 percent of existing topics were updated based on new information. The quickest way to view all new content is to log on to UpToDate by using the drop down menu on UK College of Medicine's home page. Click on What's New under the Contents hot link.

UpToDate is an online program only available from campus workstations. It provides concise answers to patient care questions. Subject-expert physicians serve as authors and editors. Published research is reviewed and summarized and specific recommendations are made for patient care. Content areas include: Family Practice, Internal Medicine (including sub-specialties), Obstetrics and Gynecology and Pediatrics.

### Hosey receives award

**Robert Hosey, M.D.**, associate professor of sports medicine in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Sports Medicine, was awarded the best research presentation award at the 15th annual meeting of the American Medical Society for Sports Medicine. The prestigious award was presented to Hosey for his presentation titled, "Natural History of Sphenomegaly in Athletes with Acute Infectious Mononucleosis." The award is given each year to the best research presentation that addresses the health and safety issues of college athletes.



Robert Hosey, M.D.

### The Highest Philanthropic Month For a College in the History of the University

The College of Medicine Development Office had a record-breaking month in June with \$20 million in giving. The most noteworthy gift was from E. Vernon Smith, M.D., of Cincinnati, Ohio. After the RCTF match, his gift included: \$4 million for macular degeneration research; \$4 million for Alzheimer's research; \$1.8 million in medical scholarships and smaller gifts throughout the university. Other significant gifts in June were given to the following areas of the College of Medicine:

- Markey Cancer Center,
- Center on Aging,
- Women's Health,
- Center on Aging Research Endowment,
- and the Pediatric Department.

This great month enabled the College of Medicine to surpass the "Call To Greatness" campus-wide campaign goal of \$195 million, 18 months ahead of schedule.



## Clinical and Translational Science Conference

One hundred and sixty-five people attended the Clinical and Translational Science Conference held on June 6. The half day event provided supportive feedback to scholars regarding their research and career development.

The conference benefited all six health science col-

leges as well as the colleges of Agriculture, Arts and Sciences, and Business and Economics. Ten individuals gave oral presentations and 46 people presented posters at the event.

James Ferrara, M.D., director of the Adult and Pediatric Bone Marrow Transplant Program and professor of Medicine and Pediatrics from the University of Michigan, was the keynote speaker at the event.



**William Balke, M.D., Senior Associate Dean for Research (right) presenting Mike Reid, Ph.D., with one of the 2006 Clinical and Translational Science Mentor Awards for the College of Medicine.**

### Mentor Awards

As part of the conference, the College of Medicine, College of Pharmacy and the College of Dentistry presented five Clinical

and Translational Science Mentor Awards for outstanding mentoring. The awardees were selected from a pool of scholar/trainee nominations.

The 2006 Clinical and Translational Science Mentor Awards for the College of Medicine are:

- **Mike Reid, Ph.D., professor and chair of the Department of Physiology,**
- **Kevin Sarge, Ph.D., professor in the Department of Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry, and**
- **Hartmut Malluche, M.D., professor and division chief of Nephrology.**

## Kentucky Neuroscience Institute (cont.)

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Creating a clinical facility off campus is no longer a goal.

UK's many strengths in brain and spinal cord research will be highlighted in the Kentucky Neuroscience Institute.

KNI will serve as an umbrella for all clinical and basic neuroscience research and clinical activities. This grouping will allow us to leverage our cutting-edge research and clinical services to the public and future donors.

However, I would like to emphasize that no one should take the removal of orthopaedic surgery from the original KNOI concept as a devaluation of that discipline. It's quite the opposite.

Since KNOI was originally formed, orthopaedic surgery has become a department in its own right. It is developing expanded clinical and research efforts, and I am fully supportive of its future growth.

During the early phases of KNOI, orthopaedic surgery

was well supported by the administrative infrastructure, which Dr. Young developed. I am pleased to say that these administrative support mechanisms, which are working so well, will be retained within the new KNI.

I plan to work closely with Dr. Young and all of the entities who already see the benefits of projecting our enormous strength in Neuroscience under the banner of Kentucky Neuroscience Institute.