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## UK Good Samaritan Hospital Transition Process



Next year will bring new challenges, new adventures and new faces. The Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine are excited to work with our counterparts at Good Samaritan to build collaborative relationships that will enhance services at both facilities. Our initial goals at GSH are to maintain service levels, minimize operational change, seek intermediate and long range operational improvements and efficiencies as well as ensure collaboration and open communication between the facilities. Our steering team includes Drs. Bachner, Cibull, Ribes, Spires and Lofgren as well as Barbara Bush, Janice Marks, and Sandi Jaros. The Good Samaritan Team and Ameripath representatives are Dr. Tom Anderson, Dr. Jim Bodnar, Frank Beirne (CEO), Mark Armstrong (COO), Gary King (Director, Diagnostic Services) and Leola Hampton (Laboratory Supervisor). Several work groups have been constituted to work through transition issues in Anatomic Pathology, Clinical Pathology, Support Services, Accreditation and Compliance activities and IT. With this new beginning, Dr. Susan Spires and Dr. Molly Tovar will join our faculty on July 1 and will serve as the pathologists at GSH with Dr Spires serving as laboratory director. We look forward to a new role for us in supporting pathology and laboratory services at an outstanding community hospital.

## Dr. Peter Oeltgen Receives Grant

Dr. Peter Oeltgen has been awarded a Kentucky Commercialization Fund (KCF) Grant of \$41,660 starting 4/1/08. The KCF, managed by the Kentucky Science and Engineering Foundation (KSEF) supports efforts made by Faculty in the Commonwealth of Kentucky to commercialize a technology, product, or process that they have developed, but have not yet licensed. Dr. Oeltgen's award was for a project entitled "Use of Delta Specific Opioid Deltorphin-D variant" for treating stroke.

Dr. Oeltgen also received notice from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in February of this year that his patent entitled "Method for Treating a Viral Infection Related to Chemical Toxin Related Hepatic Injury with Deltorphin-D" had been issued. To date, Dr. Oeltgen is the holder of nine issued patents and three more filed patents all dealing with the use of delta specific opioids (eg. the Deltorphins – opioids originally isolated from skin secretions of the South American frog genus *Phyllomedusa*) for treating myocardial and cerebral injury, hypovolemic and hemorrhagic shock, and cytokine mediated hepatic injury.

## Dr. John Hunsaker Wins Award



Dr. John Hunsaker has been awarded the 2008 Wolf Award by the Kentucky Coroners' Association. This award is the highest honor presented by the Kentucky State Coroners Association. The award is presented annual to an individual in recognition for their outstanding dedication and service to the Commonwealth of Kentucky Coroners. The David Wolfe Award is named after a forensic anthropologist of KY, who died in the early 1990's.

## Award for Academic Excellence And Achievement

Each year the U.K. Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine presents the ASCP's "Academic Excellence and Achievement" award to a second year medical student matriculating in the pathology course. The ASCP allows for each medical school in the United States to give this award to one student who academically excels in the sophomore year pathology course, and who shows a genuine interest in the field of pathology. This year we presented this prestigious award to Jeff Covell. Jeff is a very personable young man who not only did excellent in our pathology course but who also demonstrated a strong desire to truly understand mechanisms of disease. We wish all the best for Jeff and his future as a physician.

## Dr. Greg Davis Participates in Virtopsy Basic Course

From March 2 – 4, Dr Greg Davis, as Chair of the College of American Pathologists' Forensic Pathology and Technology Assessment Committees, participated in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Virtopsy Basic Course at the Institute for Forensic Medicine of the University of Bern in Bern, Switzerland. There, along with a team from the College and participants from seven nations from around the world, he studied the implementation of new techniques and the application of existing techniques to the forensic and hospital autopsy, centering on 3-dimensional surface scanning and improved computed tomography and magnetic resonance imaging. The participants had didactic lectures and hands-on opportunities to perform 2-D and 3-D reconstruction of forensic and hospital cases. The aim of the program is to establish an observer-independent, objective, and reproducible forensic assessment method using modern imaging technology, eventually leading to minimally invasive forensic and hospital autopsies.



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## Dr. Peter Oeltgen Honored



Dr. Peter Oeltgen has received honorary title of Doctor *Honoris Causa* at the University of Agriculture in Krakow, Poland. He has been invited as honored guest to the University for the period of June 7-16th 2008 to participate in the International Conference entitled: "University—yesterday-today-tomorrow". Dr. Oeltgen has also been asked to present a lecture on "The Role of Opioid-Like Hibernation Factors in Providing Ischemic Neuroprotection" to the academic staff and students of the University. The *Doctor Honoris* promotion ceremony will be held on June 13th, 2008.

Dr. Oeltgen will be traveling to Krakow, Poland June 7-16 to receive an honorary doctorate degree for the University of Agriculture in Krakow. The honorary degree is to be awarded for his efforts in helping to establish a student exchange program between the University of Agriculture in Krakow and the college of Agriculture at the University of Kentucky.

## Resident Banquet

The "Senior Resident's Banquet" was held May 23 at 6:00 p.m. at the Hilary J. Boone Center. Forty-nine people were in attendance. The festivities began with a social hour followed by a buffet meal of Garden Green Salad, Chile Rubbed Pork Loin, Bourbon Glazed Salmon, Corn Pudding, Sautéed Greens and Potato Parsnip Gratin, followed by a fruit pastry for dessert. Once dinner was completed, there was a ceremony honoring this year's graduates. Dr. Bachner said a few words and then turned the program over to Drs. Greg Davis, Darrell Jennings, Luis Samayoa, and Michael Cibull who presented gifts and certificates to the graduates. Drs. Joe Byers and Janna Neltner presented the annual Teaching Awards to Dr. Dana Rodgers and Dr. Dianne Wilson. Once the formalities were dispensed with, Janna and Joe did a skit/dialogue to "Can you identify the attending by the conversation?" and an encore performance of "Pathology Jeopardy". This year's honorees are listed on page 4, under "House Staff Updates."



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## Von Myers Award

The recipient of the 2008 R. Von Myers II Award is Brent Morris. The R. Von Myers II Award is given to the senior medical student who exemplifies the commitment to excellence, high academic achievement, compassion, respect, professional behavior and a tolerant understanding that characterized Dr. Myers. Von was a 1994 graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Medicine and a resident in the UK Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine from 1994 to 1997. The Award is given annually in his memory.

## 2008 - 2009 Chief Residents Named

The Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine is proud to announce that Drs. Jeff Hinson, Trent McBride, Matt Purdom, and Chris Warner, all fourth year residents, will be co-chiefs this next academic year. Jeff will oversee the HS rotation schedule and call schedule, Trent will attend meetings and be the "go to" person if any issues arise that need attention, and Matt and Chris will be overseeing the scheduling of didactic conferences and guest lecturers.

## House Staff Updates

**As of July 1 the following new residents will be joining us:**

**Dr. Meredith Burge** from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine in Springfield, IL



**Dr. Steven Frame** from University of Kentucky



**Dr. Jeanette Prante** from Saint Louis University School of Medicine in Saint Louis, MO



**Dr. James Rizzo** from University of Kentucky



## House Staff Updates

### As of July 1 the following new house staff will be joining us:

Fellows:

**Mr. Ben Chamberlain** will be joining us from UK as a Post Sophomore Medical Student Fellow.

**Dr. Adelbert Cabrera** will be joining us from Washington Hospital Center in Washington, DC in the combined Surgical Pathology/Cytopathology fellowship.

**Dr. Amal Anga** will be joining us from Louisiana State University in Shreveport, LA in the combined Surgical Pathology/Cytopathology fellowship.

**Dr. Sravan Kavuri** will be joining us from Medical College of Georgia in the Cytopathology Fellowship.

### As of June 30 the following house staff will be graduating from our Resident/Fellowship training programs:

**Dr. Daisy Alapat** will be moving to Baltimore, MD where she will be doing a hematopathology fellowship at University of Maryland.

**Ms. Amy Archer** will be returning to medical school here at UK as a third year student.

**Dr. Lauren Chiles** will be moving to Los Angeles, CA where she will be doing a surgical pathology fellowship at Cedars Sinai Medical Center. She has also been asked to be their Chief Fellow for 08-09.

**Dr. Ashley O'Bannon** will be moving to Louisville where she will be doing two fellowships over the next two years. The first is in cytopathology and the second is in forensic pathology.

**Dr. Sam Simmons** will be moving to Chapel Hill, NC where he will be doing a forensic pathology fellowship with the North Carolina Office of the Chief Medical Examiner at University of North Carolina.

**Dr. Dana Rodgers** will be moving to Houston, TX where she will be doing two fellowships. The first is in cytology at Methodist, and the second is in surgical pathology at M.D. Anderson.

**Dr. Elena Samoilova** will be moving to Springfield, IL for a private practice job at Pathology Associates of Central Illinois, based in Memorial Medical Center. This is the same place where our own Dr. Fritz Lower is now practicing.

**Dr. Molly Tovar** will be staying UK Healthcare where she will be joining the pathology faculty at UKMC and UK Good Samaritan.

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### Misc. News of Interest

- Congratulations to **Dana Richards**—She was married on March 9th to Travis Richards
- **Betsy Meredith** has a new grandson. Aleksander Todd Meredith, born February 14th, weighing 8 pounds and measuring 21 inches long. The proud parents are Betsy's son and daughter-in-law, Jeremy and Catrina Meredith. He is Betsy's first grandchild.
- **Dr Greg Davis** spent two days as a visiting lecturer as a guest of the Department of Pathology of Bay State Medical Center, Springfield, MA, the western campus of Tufts University. During the visit, he spoke on general forensic pathology and death investigation as well as problems in forensic pathology. Dr Richard Friedberg, chair of Pathology at Bay State and a member of the Board of Governors of the College of American Pathologists, warmly welcomed his colleague from "the other Commonwealth."

