



## The Radiology Reporter

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### From the Desk of the Chair



In this first 2011 issue of The Radiology Reporter, I would like to introduce its new Editor-in-Chief, Dr. David J. DiSantis.

An experienced academic radiologist, Dr. DiSantis joined our Division of Abdominal Radiology in December 2010. He is a Professor of Radiology and serves as our Associate Residency Program Director. A little background about Dr. DiSantis: Born in snowy Erie, Pennsylvania, he received his medical education at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, and completed his post-graduate radiology residency and fellowship at the Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology/Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri. Prior to joining UK, Dr. DiSantis was on faculty at the Wake Forest University School of Medicine in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He and his talented wife Denise are the parents of two twentysomethings.

What in particular, you might wonder, prompted my faith in Dr. DiSantis as Editor-in-Chief? Because he went back to school as a 47 year old “freshman”, to earn a Master of Fine Arts Degree in Nonfiction Writing from Goucher College in Baltimore, Maryland. And the The Radiology Reporter is a nonfiction publication.....at least most of the time!

### Gill Imaging Center Registration Team Is Perfect



LtoR: Jane Margaret Aguhob, Rachel Maynard, & Danielle Jones

A flawless 100% . That’s what the Gill Imaging Center Registration team scored on their December accuracy audit. They’ve consistently scored above 90%, but outdid themselves with last month’s perfect performance.

Easy, accurate on-site registration is a key component of our outpatient imaging service. Danielle, Rachel, and Jane Margaret show how conscientious coworkers make it happen. Congratulations and thank you!

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## Three New Radiology Vice-Chairs Named

Chair of Radiology Dr. M. Elizabeth Oates announced the appointments of three faculty members to the position of vice-chair: Dr. Michael Brooks for education, Dr. Patrizio Capasso for research, and Dr. Thomas Seay for clinical services.

Dr. Brooks summarized his plans to extend radiology's educational reach: "As our department has grown, we have put a lot of effort into improving our residency program. We hope to continue to improve by now extending our efforts into medical student and post-graduate education in radiology."

Dr. Capasso hopes to raise the department's academic profile: "I am extremely happy and proud to have the opportunity to hold the position of Vice Chair for Research in the Department of Radiology at the University of Kentucky. In this role, I will attempt to promote the various research interests within our department and to fully integrate such endeavors with our clinical work as well as with the education of our residents. Having experience with animal and clinical research I will also facilitate all of our research efforts helping to promote a more academically oriented environment in our department."

Dr. Seay is scheduled to join the Vascular/Interventional section in June. His focus as vice-chair will be continual improvement in the quality of radiology's service to our patients and referring physicians. Congratulations to our new vice-chairs, and best wishes for success in their leadership positions.

### Scenes from Holiday Party 2010

Bringing our department together to share good food, good company, and plenty of good cheer!





96th Scientific Assembly  
and Annual Meeting

NOVEMBER 28 - DECEMBER 3 | McCORMICK PLACE, CHICAGO

## **Radiological Society of North America (RSNA) Annual Scientific Meeting**

### **Bluegrass in the Windy City**

At November's Radiological Society of North America Annual Meeting in Chicago, the weather was cold, but UK Radiology was hot. Our department made a great showing at the world's largest radiology meeting. Dr. Blomquist lectured on Sports-Related injuries, while Dr. Rexroad informed attendees how to speed up CT turnaround time in the E.D.

Doctors Rexroad, Challa, and King, with residents Shiv Tumkur and Josh Gibson, ran the Emergency Radiology Case of the Day Exhibit for the entire meeting. And faculty members Capasso, Abada, Loh, Pellegrini and Winkler joined Josh Gibson in creating 5 Case of the Day presentations for Vascular and Interventional Radiology.

Doctors Attili, Ganesh, Oates, Winkler, Chopra teamed with residents Bryan Hamon and Stephen Hobbs for a total of six education exhibits. Dr. Attili's and Dr. Oates' exhibits earned particular distinction, with Certificate of Merit and Cum Laude awards.

Thanks to all who worked so hard to wave the UK banner on radiology's biggest stage. You've done us proud!



ACR Accreditation

### **Good Samaritan MRI Receives ACR Accreditation**

Celebrate with our team, supervising physician Dr. James Wise, Director Gary King, Outpatient Manager Gina Walters, MRI scientist Peter Hardy, MRI Technologists Heather Gross and Tara Sweat, for achieving the Gold Standard in Medical Imaging: MRI Accreditation. UKHC Good Samaritan Hospital/Good Samaritan Diagnostic Center was accredited by the American College of Radiology on October 27, 2010. The Diagnostic Center has met all of the testing criteria in the areas of Musculoskeletal and Neuroradiology. ACR accreditation signifies that our facility provides this essential service to our HealthCare community at the highest professional standard.

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# Quality Improvement : It's What We Do

Dr. Michael Winkler, Medical Director for Quality, Safety, and compliance, believes we can always do better. His new monthly Quality Improvement Conference aims to help us do just that, looking at problem cases to see how they could have been better handled.

“The new format is based on classical surgery ‘morbidity and mortality’ conferences”, Winkler observed. “ We discuss recent cases before our memory of their significance and context is lost, so we can readily identify root causes, learn from the mistakes, and brainstorm about how to avoid similar situations in the future.”

“One aspect of the surgical model that we have not adopted is putting each other on the spot”, he noted. “ Cases are anonymous; both the patient and the involved physicians remain unnamed. No one need feel embarrassed or persecuted in order for others to learn.”

Sheryl Abercrombie, Radiology Services Director, sees merit in the idea. “I completely agree with Dr. Winkler’s approach on this. I hope that the operations team will be able to follow his lead and develop a similar process for the technologist to discuss problem images or studies in a blame free environment where everyone can simply focus on becoming even better.

## Tech Talk

Good news at Good Samaritan and Chandler. Four more of our technologists have passed the Registry: **Chris Browning** R.T.(R)(CT) and **Eric Taylor** R.T.(R)(CT) in CT, **Robin Newton** R.T.(R)(MR) (ARRT) in MRI and **Shanna Johnson** R.T.(R) (BD) (ARRT) in Bone Mineral Densitometry Registry. Congratulations and thanks for making us proud.

## Employee News

**We Have New Additions to the UK Radiology Family.**

**Good Samaritan:** **Bethany Bryant** R.T. (R) Radiology Technologist; **Tiffany Evans** R.T. (R) (CT) Technologist; and **Courtney Schumann** B.S., R.T. (R) (RDMS) Ultrasound Technologist.

**Gill Imaging Center:** **Jane Aguhob**, Financial Counselor

**Chandler:** **Brian Gifford**, Radiology Attendant; **Troy Langrell**, Radiology Attendant; **Ali Majdalawi** R.T. (CT) Radiology Technologist; **Tammy Lancaster** RN Nurse; **Beth Radmanesh**, Nurse; and **Alison Salyer**, Scheduler.

**CBCC:** **Farrah Cates**, Mammography Technologist; **Sheila Cummins** R.T. (R) (RDMS)

Welcome!