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News from Family & Preventive Medicine

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Just 55 Words from the Chair:



Ted Johnson, MD, MPH

Patients first. A great rule every day, but particularly now with COVID-19. As a medical school department in a large, academic medical center, we face heavy, sometimes harrowing clinical tasks. What will carry us through? Yes, clinical work, but that along with the other parts of our academic mission- research, education, and advocacy. Be well.

COVID-19 Information Sources



Free and Helpful Wellness Resources

Dr. Jenny Mascaro has gathered some wellness resources for faculty, staff, and learners during this stressful time.

Headspace is offering free Headspace Plus access for Healthcare professionals. Click [HERE](#) for access.

The yoga app *Down Dog* is offering free subscriptions to anyone through April 1 and to anyone with a .edu email address until July 1. Click [here](#) for details.

Calm is offering free meditation resources, including their widely acclaimed Sleep Stories as well as meditations for kids. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

The VA has a wonderful Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT) Coach APP that was developed for veterans, but free and very useful to anyone wanting help interacting with difficult emotions. Click [here](#) to explore.

COVID-19 Updates for Emory University Employees

Emory University has created a [COVID-19 website](#) that includes all FAQs, logistical information, and email communications related to COVID-19. The Emory University Office of Human Resources has also developed a [website with helpful information for working through COVID-19](#). The School of Medicine has also created a webpage to house [SOM-specific updates and past communications](#).

Office of Research Administration Updates/Research Lab Guidance:

ORA has developed a website for researchers and research staff at [ORA – COVID-19](#). This includes update information from Dr. Deb Bruner's office and most recent updates from the NIH and other national research organizations.

Library Access and Service:

Beginning Monday, March 23, the Woodruff, Health Sciences, Business, and Rose libraries will be closed for patrons. Though the libraries will be closed, staff will be working hard to provide services to assist with teaching, learning, and research goals. This includes research consultations, access to electronic materials, instruction, assistance with teaching with technology, and curbside pick-up of materials (no access to the stacks or study carrels in Woodruff Library).

Transformative Research

GA Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program

The Georgia Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program (GA-GWEP) held a meeting and reception on February 21st at the National Center for Civil and Human Rights. The agenda included welcome and program updates from Program Director **Dr. Ted Johnson**, updates from the Dementia-Friendly Faith Village Community Program, the Diverse Recruitment & Retention Is Valuable(DRIVE) Program, and a

special presentation "Milwaukee Melodies and Memories Chorus Project: The Amazing Grace Chorus. Developing a Culturally-Tailored Lifestyle Intervention Program for African Americans with Dementia and Caregivers Using an Asset-Based Community Development Approach" by Gina Green-Harris, MBA – University of Wisconsin CCEAHP Director.

Pictured below: Program Director Dr. Ted Johnson, followed by the full group of GWEP researchers, partners, and staff.



Collaborative Research in Australia

As a recipient of the 2019-2020 Health and Behavior International Collaborative Award for

the Society for Behavioral Medicine, **Dr. Leslie Johnson** completed a 6-week international collaborative research project with the Non-Communicable Disease Unit (NCDU) at the University of Melbourne in Australia. Dr. Johnson partnered with NCDU researchers to conduct analyses examining the relationship between mental health conditions and diabetes incidence among participants in the Kerala Diabetes Prevention Program.

Family Medicine Research Day 2020

The Emory Family Medicine PGY3 Residents presented their scholarly projects at the Annual Research Symposium on Thursday, March 12, 2020. Faculty members **Dr. Susana Alfonso** and **Dr. Miranda Moore** also presented. Dr. Tabia Akintobi, PhD, MPH, delivered an inspiring Keynote Address *"Advancing Health Equity Despite Obstinate Health Disparities: The Unique Role of Primary Care Physicians In Advancing Population Health."*

Scholarly projects presented included:

Daniel Englert, MD: *Granulomatosis with polyangiitis (GPA) presenting as bilateral peripheral cranial nerve palsy*

Mali Khamissi Sobi, MD: *Dissecting cellulitis of the scalp secondary to anabolic steroid (bolderone) use, treated with cessation of anabolic steroids, doxycycline, prednisone, and isotretinoin*

Susana Alfonso, MD: *Implementation of gender clinic into an academic family medicine residency clinic*

Gabrielle Williams, MD: *Developing a culturally-*

tailored social network-based group visit model for South Asians with Type II diabetes and prediabetes in Atlanta

Jeremy Neuman, MD: *What do patients want out of a lifestyle clinic?*

Kevin Pharris, MD: *Proximal hamstring avulsion in an elite soccer player*

Ryan Smith, MD: *Important elements of a residency program home visit curriculum: A systematic review*

Cassandra Tanner, MD: *Implementing mammogram screening outreach in an academic medical practice*

Leila Myrick, MD: *Prenatal marijuana exposure and infant health outcomes*

Miranda Moore, PhD: *Opportunities for increased specificity in diagnosing dementia: Georgia's experience with the Medicare fee-for-service population*

Pictured below: Family Medicine PGY3 Residents



Recent Publications

Johnson, L., Chwastiak, L., Poongothai, S., Tandon, N., Anjana, R. M., Aravind, S., Sridhar, G. R., Rao, D., Mohan, V., **Ali, M. K.** (February 3, 2020). Adaptations and Patient Responses to Behavioral Intervention Components in a Depression-focused Chronic Disease Care Model Implemented in India. *Translational Behavioral Medicine*. Doi: 10.1093/tbm/ibz192

Research Resources

Boilerplate language library

Writing a grant? Emory School of Medicine has a new Boilerplate language library containing descriptions of the schools and centers within Emory. Take a look at <https://boilerplate.emory.edu>.

Subscribe to the Department of Medicine's weekly newsletter "**What's Up in DOM Research**" for the latest on NIH funding opportunities and notices, federal funding opportunities, and more. Email domresearch@emory.edu to subscribe.

Educational Investments for our future

Match Day 2020

Congratulations and welcome to our new FM residents!

Emory Family Medicine Class of 2023



Victoria Anderson
Vanderbilt University
School of Medicine



So Mang "Sarah" Chang
Philadelphia College of
Osteopathic Medicine



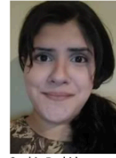
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Ross University School
of Medicine



Sophia Rashid
Mercer University School of
Medicine



Jasmine Shackelford
St. George's University School of
Medicine



Briana Tootley
Morehouse School of Medicine



Selena Trichel
Burrell College of
Osteopathic Medicine at
New Mexico State University



Michael Zimmerman
Campbell University Jerry M. Wallace School
of Osteopathic Medicine



Teaching in Tanzania

As a co-instructor for the inaugural Qualitative Research Leaders Program, **Dr. Leslie Johnson** (Post-doctoral Fellow) spent a week in Tanzania training physicians and researchers at Kilimanjaro Clinical Research Institute in qualitative research methods to support efforts to build local public health research capacity. The program is supported by the Vanderbilt-Emory-Cornell-DUKE (VECD) Fogarty Global Health Fellowship Program and sponsored by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Fogarty International Center.

Pictured below: Dr. Leslie Johnson teaching and her certificate recipients.



Being of Service

Dr. Ali Zarrabi has been nominated by the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine to represent them as a member of the American Medical Association Cannabis Task Force.

Evidence of our Awesomeness!

Kavalieratos wins Mentoring Award from former Institution

Dr. Dio Kavalieratos is the Recipient of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Student Research Mentoring Merit Award presented to a Longitudinal Research Project (LRP) mentor of a graduating Pitt Med student in recognition for outstanding mentoring over the course of the LRP.

Alumni News

Preventive Medicine Residency graduate **Elizabeth Rabold, MD, MPH** has been busy with publications and presentations.

Rabold E, Waggoner J. (2019). Rapid Diagnostic Tests for Infectious Diseases. In *CDC Yellow Book 2020: Health Information for International Travel*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

Rabold E, Vincent M, Guest J. Characterization of the Association of Time to ART Initiation from HIV Diagnosis and Survival to Fatal and Non-Fatal Severe Events: An Analysis of the HIV Atlanta Veterans Affairs Cohort Study. Poster

presentation at International Workshop on HIV and Hepatitis Observational Databases, Sitges, Spain, March 2020.

Don't miss events and opportunities!

Funding Opportunities

School of Medicine Imagine, Innovate and Impact (i3) Education and Venture Awards

Deadline: Wednesday, April 1

Education Awards: The Dean of the Emory School of Medicine (SOM) is soliciting proposals that highlight, promote, and disseminate innovations in medical education and training (degree programs and GME) that enhance the Emory SOM mission. The current Education Strategic Plan framework IRIS (Innovate, Re-Imagine, Inspire, Serve) is being implemented in the coming months. This round of I3 Education Awards will focus on areas of education that are supportive of the IRIS efforts. Click [here](#) for more information.

Venture Awards: The Dean of the Emory School of Medicine (SOM) is soliciting innovative research proposals to catalyze promising early-stage concepts with commercial potential that do not yet qualify for funding from external

sources. The I 3 Venture Research Awards aim to cultivate inventors, innovators, and entrepreneurs driven to solve medicine's challenges and create patient impact. Click [here](#) for more information.

School of Medicine I3 COVID-19 Awards

This Imagine, Innovate, and Impact (I3) Rapid RFP will specifically support the creation of data in preparation for anticipated external funding opportunities related to COVID-19. We are soliciting innovative research proposals with short-or long-range objectives built on creative, potentially high-risk, and potentially transformative ideas. Proposals must demonstrate immediacy and feasibility to execute in less than one year. Potential areas for proposals include (but are not limited to) novel diagnostics, novel technologies, or novel therapeutics, and include both basic science and clinical applications. Preliminary data are not essential. Get more information [here](#). Due at 5 pm on **April 15, 2020**.

Primary Care Consortium Grants

The **Emory Primary Care Consortium** provides grants up to \$2,500 to support any project that involves research, quality improvement, advocacy, development of clinical decision support tools, or educational activities in support of advancements in primary care (as it relates to patient safety, innovations in healthcare delivery, addressing disparities in

healthcare, etc.). **The next deadline for application submission is April 15.** Awardees will be announced by May 15.

[Click here for Application information](#)

The Georgia Healthy Family Alliance (GHFA) is seeking applications for its **2020 Community Health Grant Program** which provides for grants totaling up to \$5,000 each for projects addressing health care needs in communities throughout Georgia. Current Georgia Academy of Family Physicians members including medical students, residents and active / life members are eligible to apply for second cycle grant funding **before May 14, 2020.** Considering an application? **Dr. Ambar Kulshreshtha** is on the GHFA Board and would be happy to answer your questions.

[Click here for more information about GHFA Grants](#)

Postponed until Fall 2020:

Health Services Research Day

Emory Quality Day

Bettye Rose Connell Memorial Lecture

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