

# ENT UPDATE

DEPARTMENT OF OTOLARYNGOLOGY & COMMUNICATIVE SCIENCES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER

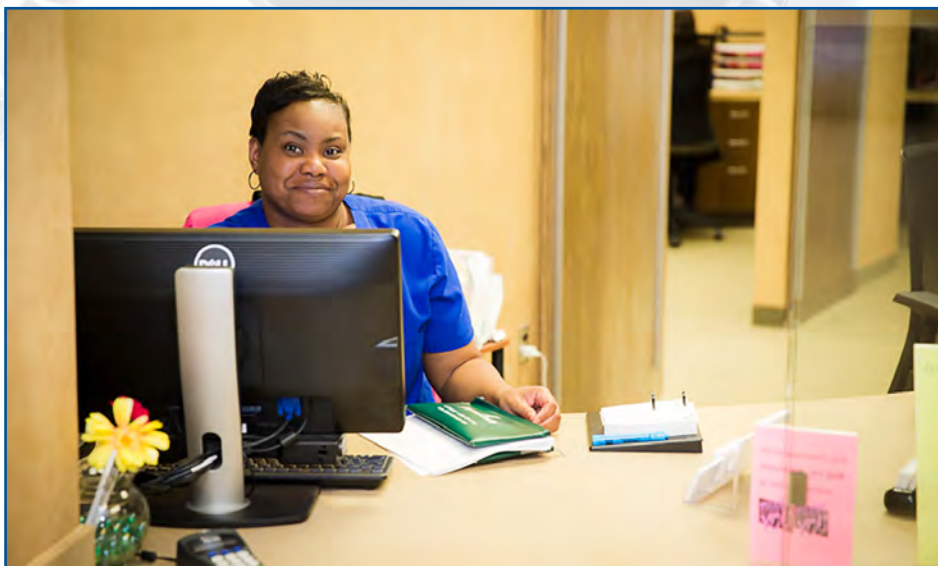
## EMR Access: Added Options for Referring Providers

Rapid technological innovation has changed the practice of medicine in recent years most notably in the area of electronic health records. UMMC underwent a big-bang implementation of the Epic health record with all clinic and hospital sites going live in June 2012. Like you, we could trade war stories about the challenges of EMR deployment. As our practice matures on Epic, we have moved into an optimization mindset where we seek to improve the usability of the system and reduce the effort required to complete routine tasks.

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Through optimization, we learned about options to give you better access to securely refer patients to our practice and receive timely correspondence on the care of referred patients. We strive to make communicating with us as effortless as possible for you and your staff. Both Epic and non-Epic users may take advantage of streamlined referrals and receive secure, customizable notifications about the care of your referred patients. Available information includes: lab, imaging and test results; scheduled outpatient visits; inpatient admissions or discharges; consultation notes; and any orders placed by UMMC providers.

For those currently using the Epic health record, you or designated staff can use the



external referral option from within the patient encounter to send a referral to us. If you wish to refer to a specific provider, you may enter that provider's name in the "To provider" field. Alternatively, you may enter University ENT Clinic in the "To loc/pos" field if you do not wish to refer to a specific provider.

Once the referral order is received and our care begins, you will receive our notes and other pertinent notifications about the patient in your InBasket. Additionally, patient demographic information, medications, allergies, histories, procedures, results and many other portions of the record update automatically, so you can stay current on your patients by checking the Care Everywhere activity tab or Care Everywhere section on the Rooming tab.

For those currently using EMR systems other than Epic, you or your staff will use the uView portal which provides secure, real-time web access to refer or see progress of patients you referred to UMMC.

uView is available at no cost. You will register as a new site if you have not used uView. An office or nurse manager can complete this for your practice and serve as the site administrator. The site administrator gives clinical and non-clinical staff access to refer patients on your behalf, updates practice location(s) information and configure preferences on behalf of your practice.

Visit [www.ummchealth.com/uView](http://www.ummchealth.com/uView) to request a new account. When our IT department receives your request, our team will follow up with your office to schedule a training session. Our app for Android and iPhone will still be available as well as phone and fax referrals should you prefer these. We look forward to continuing to support your practices and patients.

Please contact Abby Covington, Department Business Administrator, at [acovington2@umc.edu](mailto:acovington2@umc.edu) or 601-815-4969 with any referral or access related inquiries. ■



## Chairman's Message

The end of the academic year is an excellent time to reflect on the great success your department continues to enjoy. We are very proud of members

of our faculty and staff who were recently awarded advanced degrees. Two of our long time clinic nurses, Christy Sheppard and Wendy Marino, completed their advanced nurse practitioner training and will be joining our outstanding group of advanced practice providers. Anna Kate Stanford, our ambulatory project manager, received her Master's Degree in Health Services. Anna Kate is engaged in a variety of projects to continue to improve our service to our patients and referring providers. Dr. Charles Bishop, one of our audiology faculty members, received his Doctorate in clinical sciences. The department had twenty scientific publications this year along with 19 presentations at national meetings. Members of our research team, Drs. Walters, Vetter, and Spankovich were awarded nearly \$2 million in grant funding this year highlighted by Dr. Walters, one of our newest faculty members, receiving his first RO1 award. The remarkable work that Josie Alston has done in building an outstanding speech language pathology division was recently highlighted in the ASHA Leader which is the most widely read publication in the specialty. And finally, the camaraderie that exists in the department was highlighted as the departmental soccer team captured the city divisional championship!

This time of year is marked by the exciting arrival of our new residents and the bittersweet graduation of our chief residents both of which are highlighted in this issue. We are also sad to see Dr. Issam Eid, one of our outstanding head and neck/microvascular surgeons leave us. Dr. Eid is going to pursue his dream of doing a facial plastic and reconstructive fellowship at the University of Kansas Medical Center. He has been a tireless and highly productive worker for us. We wish him great success! Fortunately, our regret is tempered by the outstanding news that Dr. Gina Jefferson, one of our former faculty members, is returning to resume her role as a head and neck/microvascular surgeon in our department. We missed her during her time at the University of Illinois Chicago and could not be more excited to have her return to our family.

We exist to serve our learners, patients, and referring providers so that we can improve the health of our citizens. As such, your honest and frequent feedback on how we can best meet your needs. Your support and partnership have been and continue to be critical to our success.

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# Department News and Highlights

- Congratulations to Dr. Bradley Walters and Dr. Christopher Spankovich who were each awarded \$30,000 in funding by the University's Intramural Research Support Program (IRSP). Dr. Walters's proposal is titled "SIX2 as a molecular determinant of cochlear hair cell fate" and Dr. Spankovich's proposal is titled, "Effects of noise on auditory physiology and perception."
- In April, the Department hosted visiting professor Dr. Jivianne Lee from the David Geffen School of Medicine at University of California. Dr. Lee gave two lectures titled, "Current Management of Inverted Papilloma" and "Essential Principles of Frontal Sinus Surgery."
- The Department of Otolaryngology and Communicative Sciences hosted two continued education events. The first, led by our advanced practice providers titled, "ENT Basics for the Advanced Practice Provider." The second was hosted by speech-language pathologists featuring speaker Joan Arvedson, PhD, CCC-SLP, BCS-S, an internationally renowned clinical expert in pediatric dysphagia titled, "Pediatric Swallowing & Feeding: Simple to Complex, Let's Figure it Out."
- Congrats to last year's chief's - Andrew Nida, Brandon Miller and Elliot Hardy on passing their boards. Our department's board pass rate continues to be 100%. Thanks to all the faculty who work hard to train the residents and thanks to our residents who are committed to being excellent.

## Speech-Language Pathology Hosts their First Continuing Education Course



The division of speech-language pathology hosted its first continuing education course on April 29, 2017. Internationally renowned pediatric dysphagia expert Joan Arvedson, PhD, CCC-SLP, BCS-S, led the course titled Pediatric Swallowing and Feeding: Simple to Complex, Let's Figure It Out. Sponsored by the University of Mississippi Medical Center Department of Otolaryngology and Communicative Sciences, the course had over 40 in attendance who received ASHA Continuing Education Units.

# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

**Dr. Kimberly Donnellan** is a 2010 graduate of UMC Otolaryngology and Facial Plastic Surgery residency. Prior to residency, she obtained a medical degree from LSU Medical Center in Shreveport, LA. After completing her otolaryngology residency, she matched into a facial plastic and reconstructive surgery fellowship at the Cleveland Clinic. She is double board certified in both Otolaryngology and Facial Plastic Surgery. Dr. Donnellan currently works in Mobile, Alabama at the Providence Medical Group- Skin and Laser specialists' center. She is married to Dr. Jon Simmons, a trauma surgeon at the University of South Alabama. In addition to clinical duties, Dr. Donnellan also serves as a preceptor and mentor to medical students. She has served as a speaker at numerous facial plastics meetings and has numerous publications. Her outside interests include travel, tennis, and spending time with family ■

## NEW FACULTY: *Gina D. Jefferson, MD, MS, FACS*

We are thrilled to announce Dr. Gina Jefferson has returned to our faculty specializing in Head and Neck Oncology. Dr. Jefferson earned her M.D. from Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine in 2000. She completed her Otolaryngology residency at Loma Linda University Medical Center and completed the Head and Neck Surgical Oncology/Microvascular Reconstruction Fellowship at the University of Miami, Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck. Certified by the American Board of Otolaryngology, Dr. Jefferson is a member of the American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, National Medical Association, Society of University Otolaryngologists, American Head and Neck Society, and is a fellow member of the American College of Surgeons.

Dr. Jefferson has several peer reviewed publications and has presented at numerous national meetings including American College of Surgeons, American Academy of Otolaryngology, and the National Medical Association. Joining Dr. Lana Jackson to provide microvascular reconstruction, Dr. Jefferson contributes exceptional experience to the head and neck cancer team. Her areas of interest include tumor excision of the upper aerodigestive tract, transoral robot surgery, surgical treatment for thyroid and parathyroid, skin cancer of the head and neck, sentinel lymph node biopsy for head and neck cancer, and microvascular reconstruction. ■



### *Interesting Case: Skin Cancer in the Setting of Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia*

The patient is a 61-year-old male referred by Dr. Hayek for evaluation of large ulcerative facial lesions. His physical exam revealed biopsy proven Squamous Cell carcinoma on bilateral face (large 6 x 7 cm ulcerative right cheek SCCa centered over the right parotid, 3 x 4 cm left preauricular SCC) as well as multiple other skin lesions on bilateral arms and hands. The lesions were biopsied and patient was sent for PET CT (Positron emission tomography-computed tomography) which showed left level II metastatic lymphadenopathy but no evidence of solid organ metastatic disease. He is a coach and has spent most of his time in the sun. No other medical problems, and only recently started seeing PCP.

He was presented at HNTC and recommendations were made to address the right cheek lesion first, for which he underwent a

wide local excision with right parotidectomy with facial nerve sacrifice, neck dissection and flap reconstruction. He did well post operatively, but was noted to have incomplete eye closure on right secondary to facial nerve sacrifice. Additionally, post operatively, he was noted to have significant leukocytosis (>50s) and further workup revealed a diagnosis of CLL (chronic lymphocytic leukemia). Hematology recommended observation for his CLL. One week later he underwent a left parotidectomy with neck dissection flap reconstruction, right eye gold weight placement and excision of left forearm BCC. Decision was made to leave the small left cheek lesion, as it would likely place tension on the newly placed adjacent flap. He did well post operatively and was discharged home on POD (postop day) 5 of second surgery. The patient was presented to HNTC and recommendations were made for patient to receive

chemoradiation, which patient chose to complete near his hometown.

#### **CLL and skin cancer**

There has been a well-documented association with CLL and skin cancer. CLL is a member of the non-Hodgkin lymphomatous (NHL) cancer type, and is a low grade malignancy characterized by clonal proliferation of B cells. There is a well-established risk showing that patients with CLL have an increased risk of developing SCCa (squamous cell carcinoma) and BCC (basal cell carcinoma) [Levi]. Another study in the US concluded that patients with CLL were 8 times more likely to develop skin cancer, compared to patients without CLL [Greene]. These patients are also found to have increased mortality rate, suffer from more aggressive forms of skin cancer, higher rates of recurrence, metastasis and mortality; thus these individuals should be considered for thorough surveillance and potentially receive more aggressive therapy. [Mehrany] ■

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# ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

- At the Combined Otolaryngology Spring Meetings (COSM) in April, Andrew Robichaux, M.D. (PGY-4), Laura House, M.D. (PGY-3) and Jonathan Sorrel, M.D. (PGY-4) gave poster presentations. Dr. Robichaux's was titled, "Disposable Bronchoscope Versus Conventional Bronchoscope for Assisted Percutaneous Dilatational Tracheostomy in a Medical ICU: A Cost Comparison Study". Dr. House's was titled, "Tinnitus Prevalence, Characteristics and Relationship with Cardiometabolic Risk in an African American Cohort". Dr. Sorrel's was titled, "Relationship of Stroke Risk and Hearing Loss in African Americans". Dr. Scott Stringer, Professor and Chairman, participated in a panel discussion on "Leadership Lessons Learned".
- The National Resident Matching Program notified our department that we matched three outstanding students, Hudson Frey, Brian McManus and Cindy Moore. Hudson is a senior medical student at UMMC; Brian is a senior at LSU-New Orleans; and Cindy is completing a preliminary year in general surgery at UMMC. The Department of Otolaryngology and Communicative Sciences is excited to have these join us. We look forward to working with them.

## OUR GRADUATING SENIORS

### **Dr. Patrick L. Bockenstedt**

Dr. Bockenstedt received his Doctor of Medicine degree from The Ohio State University College of Medicine in Columbus, Ohio. He began his residency in Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at the University of Mississippi Medical Center on July 1, 2012. Patrick and his wife Jessica will move to Columbus, Ohio where he will begin private practice.

### **Dr. Jessica L. Lange**

Dr. Lange received her Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Louisville School of Medicine in Louisville, Kentucky. She began her residency in Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at the University of Mississippi Medical Center on July 1, 2012. Jessica, her husband Scott, and children Graham and Lucy will move to Lexington, Kentucky where she will begin private practice.

### **Dr. Allison G. Ordemann**

Dr. Ordemann received her Doctor of Medicine degree from Temple University School of Medicine in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She began her residency in Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at the University of Mississippi Medical Center on July 1, 2012. Allison and her fiancé Marc will move to Dallas, Texas where she will complete a one year fellowship in pediatric otolaryngology at the University of Texas Southwestern.

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