



### UTCOM-C DEAN'S DIGEST (Mar 9, 2023)

First, I want to thank all of you for your work related to patient care, education and administration. Some recent news we should celebrate includes:

1. **Dr. Jeremy Bruce** has accepted the appointment as the new **Chair of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery**. Please congratulate him on this appointment. Also, please extend your gratitude for **Dr. Richard Alvarez** who has served nobly and effectively as the Interim Chair of Orthopaedic Surgery for the last 20 months.
2. **Dr. Sudave Mendiratta (Emergency Medicine)** has been serving as our Interim DIO and continues to do amazing work in this role. Please extend your gratitude to him for his work assisting our residency programs pursue excellence.
3. **Dr. Anne Mainardi (Department of Medicine, Division of Pulmonary/Critical Care)** has been recognized by the Editor of *Chest* journal as one of the top reviewers of the journal during the past year. This recognition is based on the volume and quality of the reviews provided over the past year. This is an outstanding accomplishment, and we are thrilled to have Dr. Mainardi on our team.
4. **Dr. Leslie Griffin (Department of Family Medicine)** recently completed the National Institute for Program Director Development Fellowship sponsored by Association of Family Medicine Residency Directors. This program is an intense yearlong fellowship involving all aspects of directing a residency program. Please extend your congratulations to Dr. Griffin.
5. During our most recent "Lunch with the Deans," the Medical and PA students rotating on our campus highlighted the following individuals as exceptional teachers on our campus:
  - a. **Dr. Tanner Bond, Internal Medicine PGY-3**
  - b. **Dr. Rachel Crebessa, OB/GYN PGY-2**
  - c. **Dr. Cassandra Hansel, OB/GYN PGY-2**
  - d. **Dr. Matt McIntyre, Emergency Medicine PGY-2**
  - e. **Dr. Daniel Mathis, Pediatrics PGY-3**
  - f. **Dr. Victoria Miles, General Surgery Chief**
  - g. **Dr. Alex Urevick, General Surgery PGY-3**
  - h. **Michael Henry, Neurology Nurse Practitioner**
6. I am sure most folks are aware that **Dr. Jigme Sethi (Department of Medicine)** resigned earlier this month. We are fortunate to have his expertise and passion with us until the end of the month in his role as Interim Chair. I am confident that we have a secure and bright future ahead of us in the Department of Medicine and its GME Programs (Internal

Medicine Residency, Cardiovascular Disease Fellowship, and Gastroenterology Fellowship). I am working closely with departmental leaders to navigate our path to ongoing success.

7. We look forward to our **MAIN MATCH Week**. There will be a **celebration for the M4 Students (seniors) on our Chattanooga campus, Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup> from 11AM to 1 PM in the Erlanger POB Conference Room (1<sup>st</sup> floor Medical Mall adjacent to the B Elevators)**. Please join us to celebrate with our **“soon to be MD’s.”**

#### **Important Upcoming Dates:**

- **QIPS Day Presentations and Posters**, Mon, Mar 13, 2023, 7:30 am EST, in Erlanger Probasco Auditorium, until 1 pm EST  
Keynote Speaker (at 7:30 am EST): Eric McCartt, MD, Assistant Professor and Division Chief (Internal Medicine), UTCOM-C Department of Medicine (Erlanger Hospitalist)
- **Institutional Healthcare Principles in Practice** – Tue, Mar 14, 2023, Noon – 1 pm EST, in Erlanger Probasco Auditorium with a Zoom option  
Topic: “Prioritizing Mental Health in the GME Environment”  
Speakers: Cori Salvit, MD, Program Director, Transitional Year Residency, and Chair, GME Wellness Subcommittee, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center  
Chanchal Sharma, PhD, Assistant Clinician at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, and Psychologist within Employee Health and Wellness, and the Department of Psychiatry at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
- **MAIN MATCH Day Celebration** for M4 Students in Chattanooga, Fri, Mar 17, 2023, 11 am EST – 1 pm EST in the POB Conference Room
- **GMEC meeting** – Tue, Apr 18, 2023, 5 – 6 pm EST in the POB with a Zoom option
- **Alper Humanitarian Lecture and Awards** – Fri, May 5, 2023, 8 – 10 am ET in the Erlanger Probasco Auditorium with a Zoom option  
Speaker: Paul Rosen, MD, MPH, MMM), Professor of Pediatrics at West Virginia University, and Medical Officer at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services  
Keynote Topic: “The best time to be in healthcare is ...”  
Nominees and the Awardee will be honored after the keynote address.

**I again thank each of you for your work on behalf of the UTCOM-C and leave you with this quote from Teddy Roosevelt:**

*“It is not the critic who counts, not the one who points out how the strong man stumbled or how the doer of deeds might have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred with sweat and dust and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, and spends himself in a worthy cause; who, if he wins, knows the triumph of high achievement; and who, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat.”*

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