

RADIOLOGY REPORT

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RESIDENCY RESUMES

As you may already know, the LSUHSC Radiology Residency Program suffered significant losses in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. As the floodwaters rose, we bid farewell to much of our facilities and, ultimately, to our residency program. Subsequently, the residency program was terminated at the request of the ACGME effective June 30, 2006.

Nearly three years later we are excited to announce that the LSUHSC Radiology Residency Program restarted on July 1, 2009 with three residents: Robyn Deranger, MD; Chad Dugas, MD; and Mignonne Morrell, MD. They are all graduates of the LSU Medical School in New Orleans.

Bio: **Dr. Robyn Deranger** completed her Internship at Oklahoma State University Health Science Center in the Department of Otolaryngology. Her primary interest is in Interventional Oncology.

Dr. Chad Dugas completed



Our new residents: (from left) Chad Dugas, MD; Robyn Deranger, MD; and Mignonne Morrell, MD

his Internship in the J. Willis Hurst Internal Medicine Residency Program at Emory University School of Medicine. Dr. Dugas is interested in Interventional Radiology.

Dr. Mignonne Morrell transferred from the LSU Surgery Residency where she completed two years of training. Dr. Morrell is also interested in Interventional Radiology.

Three PGY2 positions have been offered to applicants for 2010. Our next class of residents: **Anshu Duggal, MD**, Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science in Chicago, IL; **Andrew Mai, MD**, Louisiana State University Medical Center School of Medicine, Shreveport, LA; and **Joe Park, MD**, Tulane University School of Medicine, New Orleans, LA.

RADIOLOGY DEPARTMENT NEWS

We would like to again thank those that recently made a contribution to the Radiology Department through the LSUHSC Foundation. Also, we are very interested in learning about and documenting for posterity the history of the LSU Radiology Department. We'd like to reach out to any faculty members or residents who could provide information or assistance with writing the history of this department. If interested, please contact our office (504) 568-4647 and ask for Winter Melancon.

If you are receiving this newsletter through a friend, please contact us so that we can add your name to our email list. You can call our office or email Sheila Johnson at sjoh21@lsuhsc.edu.

NEWSCLIPS

Seriously injured patients have a better chance of surviving multiple trauma when they are evaluated in the emergency room with whole-body CT, according to a study of more than 4500 cases from Germany.

Distrust of healthcare providers may contribute to the low levels of compliance for breast cancer screening among minorities. A study by Michigan State University of 341 women, including African American, Arab American, and Hispanic women, found that more than two-thirds of those subjects believe that healthcare organizations sometimes mislead or even purposely deceive patients.

The International Atomic Energy Agency is backing plans to keep track of how much medical radiation patients are exposed to over time by issuing smart cards and modifying electronic medical records.

Results of a study by Italian and U.S. investigators suggest CT colonography can simultaneously spot colorectal cancer and abdominal aortic aneurysms. Findings could help the case for CTC as a cost-effective screening alternative to optical colonoscopy.

Many U.S. hospital radiology administrators expect restrictions against capital acquisitions to ease and plan to buy the diagnostic imaging equipment they most sorely need later this year, according to the latest report by healthcare market research firm IMV.

Source: Diagnostic Imaging, July 2009.



DEPARTMENT BULLETIN BOARD

Dr. Richard Campeau joined the department on July 1, 2009 and is board certified in Nuclear Medicine, Internal Medicine, and Nuclear Cardiology. He completed a Nuclear Medicine Fellowship at Johns Hopkins University.

Dr. Robert Karl also joined the department on July 1, 2009. He is a board certified radiologist who received his medical degree from Georgetown University. Dr. Karl completed his radiology residency at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland while commissioned as a Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Navy.

Dr. Michael Maristany returned to the department on July 1, 2009 after a year at Harvard Medical School and Brigham and Women's Hospital, aka "The Brigham," where he served as a Clinical Fellow in Musculoskeletal Imaging.

Dr. Thea Moran presented a lecture at the OB-Gyn Grand Rounds on July 17th. Her title was, "What Can The Interventionalist Do For Your Patient?"

Dr. Dennis Lindfors completed a Musculoskeletal Fellowship at Tulane University and is currently working with the department

as a Clinical Assistant Professor.

Dr. Hugh Robertson recently gave a lecture at the Master Ophthalmology Conference in Lima, Peru. His topic is Ophthalmologic Radiology.

Dr. Carol Becker and Dr. Stephanie Casey will conduct an X-ray Interpretation Workshop at the Louisiana Association of Nurse Practitioners Primary Care Conference in New Orleans on September 18, 2009.

NEW HOSPITAL

Governor Bobby Jindal hosted a press conference on the LSUHSC campus to announce that an agreement has been reached on the governance of the new academic medical center in downtown New Orleans. Following the press conference, the architects presented details of the new complex, which is to be called University Medical Center.

Designed to replace the 70 year-old Charity Hospital, the new complex will include 424

patient beds, 5 trauma rooms, 76 emergency department stations, 26 behavioral health stations, 23 operating rooms, 8 interventional suites, 186 clinical exam rooms, 31 treatment rooms, 8 CT and 4 MRI scan rooms, as well as 68 conference/class rooms.

The \$1.2 billion project will bring a world class academic medical center and jobs to downtown New Orleans. The design incorporates the best

practices of evidence-based design, sustainability, operational efficiency, and flexibility and future growth, and the complex will be built to withstand the effects of natural disasters including wind, floods, and earthquakes.

Early occupancy is expected in 2012 with an estimated completion in 2013.

Source: Chancellor's Notes, August 28, 2009.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visiting Professor Lecture: Dr. Hector Ferral visited the new Department as our first Visiting Professor. The title of his lecture was "What It Is to be an Interventional Radiologist." The lecture was held in the Radiology Conference Room. Dr. Ferral is the director of Interventional Radiology at Rush University Medical Center. Internationally renowned, Dr. Ferral has authored numerous journal

articles and textbooks.

An article about the LSUHSC Radiology Department was published in the May edition of *Academic Radiology*. The article, authored by **Anshu Duggal, MD; Janis Letourneau, MD; and Leonard Bok, MD**, documents the effects of Hurricane Katrina on the department.

Books, Journals and CDs in the Radiology Library are being

catalogued by Sheila Johnson. They are available for check out by radiology faculty and residents.