Welcome to our first newsletter! The intent is to recognize extra effort by people and spread the news about all of the things that we are doing to make our residency even better. It will also be used as a communication tool help us all know what is going on with each other, and to keep us up to speed on all of our requirements, etc. Please get involved! Send me the info you would like to see included! Help me decorate the sheet and jazz it up with artwork for the title, column headings, or whatever else you would like to see. Remember- if you don’t tell me about it, I can’t put it in here!

1. Recent Submissions


O’Keefe K. Designing and Redesigning a Curriculum for Residency Training. Textbook chapter for HCPro Manual for Residency Directors. (I have no experience in this, but needed a publication).


Dr Peckler would like to congratulate Megan and Amit Gupta as a paper was accepted at the WADEM Congress in Victoria, British Columbia in May for a poster presentation.

Dr Gupta will be going from India to Canada to present it.


Abstract accepted for presentation at WADEM in May, 2009:

Title: Disaster Training Via Annual Workshops in India
Authors: Sanjay Shetty, MD, MBA, Bonnie Arquilla, DO, Sage Weiner, MD, Sari Soghoian, MD, Gentry Wilkerson, MD, Patricia Roblin, MS, Rajesh Mittal, MD, MBA, Sagar Galwankar, MD
2. Recent Publications
Send me your success stories!

Gupta A, Peckler B, Stone M, Secko M, Murmu LR, Aggerwal P. An Introductory Workshop on Emergency Department Ultrasound in India. Journal of Emergencies, Trauma and Shock Accepted 1/09

3. Recent presentations

Dr. Sanson traveled to/ will travel to the following emergency medicine residencies in March and April and presented at their Grand Rounds:
- Southern Ohio Medical Center DO program
- University of Florida at Gainseville
- Scott and White in Temple, Texas
- University of Kentucky

Other presentations by Dr Sanson this month:

- Sarasota Memorial Hospital CME Program
- TGH Foundation presentation to Woman’s Leadership: What to Do in an Emergency
- CBeyond Woman’s Network: Bringing Your Soul to Work

Dr. Sanson also lectured at the SAEM SE regional meeting in Atlanta. She now needs to get some new sneakers, as the tread is worn off the ones she wore to get to all of these places!

Dr. Peckler, with Larry Land and Nadia Abrahamsen:
- 03/2009 HPSN 09. METI International Symposium. Presenter: Running the AHA Megacode Made Easy: ECS Stan and SP in ACLS Training; Tampa, FL

4. Recent meeting attendance:

Greg and Maureen Gibbons attended the AAEM's 15th Annual Scientific Assembly in Phoenix, AZ on March 2nd-4th. It was another outstanding session with highlights including Amal Mattu's EKG and cardiology update lectures. Dr. Peter Deblieux spoke on the key aspects of critical care in ICU patients being boarded in the ED. Other outstanding lectures were provided by Stuart Swadron, Michelle Lin, Corey Slovis, Ghazala Sharieff, and Joe Lex.

AAEM's conferences have a more intimate feel, and are much smaller than ACEP's national meeting. It is an outstanding opportunity to mingle with the best and brightest in emergency medicine and take part in great workshops. Next year's meeting is in Las Vegas, NV from February 15th-17th at Cesar's Palace.
Drs. O'Keefe and Sanson attended the CORD (Council of Residency Directors) annual meeting in Las Vegas. All faculty members are encouraged to attend a CORD meeting in the future, as it is replete with excellent presentations on teaching. There is a separate track for young faculty who are new to the job, Best Practices, and even a track for medical students and residents that are seeking a career in academic emergency medicine. There is a poster session, which highlights educational innovations. Next year’s meeting will be held in Orlando.

Dr. O’Keefe attended the SAEM regional meeting and talked about our residency to a number of medical students in attendance at the Program Director’s Lunch. Hopefully we will see some of these students again during our coming interview season.

5. Kudos and mega dittoes…

Dr. Peckler recently finished the ACEP Teaching Fellowship in Dallas! He now joins a long list of our faculty who have done so. Everyone should expect an even greater outpouring of wisdom and clinical genius from him!

Thanks to Mikey O for all the work on the website. This was mentioned several times by our applicants as an excellent source for info on the program.

Great job by Keith Weakley and Chris Bilowwhich (husband of Preeti Jois- Bilowich, a member of our first graduating class) and all that participated in the creation of our video, which we hope to have completed and incorporated onto our website soon.

Veronica Tucci is the 2009 recepient of the TGH Foundation Scholars Award! Congratulations to our rising star! We are looking for many more such awards in the future.

Mat Sisko, who matched in Orlando, finished the EKG link that will be attached to our web site and should be on line with in a week or so. Thanks, Mat!

We will be opening the new simulation center with the NICU/Peds/Med departments this month! Thanks to Dr. Peckler for all of his work. We recently purchased our own Sim-Man to contribute to this effort.

Dr. Peckler is now taking on the task of supervising and evaluating the rotating interns. Please send all comments and suggestions his way.

6. Research news / Upcoming Meetings and Opportunities

Reminder: SAEM Annual Meeting May 14-17, 2009
Sheraton New Orleans Hotel

Early Registration Rates Effective until Monday, April 6, 2009 at 5:00PM EST
Hotel Group rate is available until April 17, 2009. Subject to availability

The online Annual Meeting page is available at the following link:

The Alabama and Tennessee Chapters of the American College of Emergency Physicians in conjunction with several other Southeastern states are hosting their combined annual educational conference at the Sandestin Resort in Sandestin Florida on June 15-18, 2009. In addition to the general educational lectures and workshops that will be presented during the conference, we are including an opportunity for academic involvement by EM and PEM residents and fellows. This will be the second annual poster presentation held in honor of Dr. David Andretta, a UAB EM resident who embodied the thrill and enthusiasm for emergency medicine we all strive to have. Sadly, he died following a rock climbing accident in August of 2007.

The poster presentation session will take place on the evening of Tuesday, June 16 from 5-7p in conjunction with the annual wine tasting and social event. Presenters will have the opportunity to review their posters, answer questions, and share ideas with other attendees during the session. Posters describing original research, case presentations, educational interventions, or administrative projects that involve the presenter are being sought. All EM and PEM residents who are selected to present will receive a $500 stipend to help defray travel expenses. The top three posters will also be awarded. Submissions must be received by Monday, April 27 and emailed to Dr. Annalise Sorrentino asorrentino@peds.uab.edu and Dr. Frank Pettyjohn fpettyjo@usouthal.edu for consideration. Presenters will be notified no later than May 1 regarding their selection status. EM and PEM faculty members are also welcome to participate but will not be eligible to receive a travel stipend. We are particularly interested in providing a supportive and enjoyable atmosphere to encourage participation.

We also hope that any of your residents or faculty members who do attend will enjoy the benefits of networking with Emergency Medicine colleagues from the Southeast region. Please pass this information along to your residents and fellows. We especially want to help support EM and PEM programs within our region. We would love to have some participants or attendees from your program at the conference.
The Alabama ACEP website, www.alacep.org, has more information on the conference, including a complete agenda. Lodging information and costs, including sites reserved off of the resort are listed. Hope you will consider attending also.

**In Orlando in April:**

Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to announce that Florida Emergency Physicians- 9th Annual Symposium on Emergency Medicine, Standards of Care 2009, will take place in Orlando in the next two weeks. The Course begins on Wednesday April 8th 2009 and will continue through Saturday April 11th 2009.

If you have not already registered please do. Website:http://www.floridaep.com/symposiums.asp . What is so very special about this year is that this is an opportunity to learn from some of the most well known national faculty in Emergency Medicine. To have them in one place for this meeting is remarkable. There will be representatives from AAEM, ACEP, Carolina's Medical center, Harvard, Shands,Pitt, East Carolina and LSU. One of the founding members of the EAST ( Eastern Association of Surgery for Trauma ) Dr. Michael Rotondo will be presenting State of the art Trauma lectures. Dr. Robert Simon , Author of orthopedic Emergencies will be in house also. !! As a practicing EM Doc and educator I can assure you that these physicians will teach you state of the art , Relevant clinical information and pearls that you will carry with you for the rest of your careers. Please take advantage of this wonderful educational opportunity. See you on Wednesday April 8th 2009, at the Rosen Center in Orlando, Florida

Respectfully,

Dale S. Birenbaum MD, FACEP FAAEM
Program Director- FEP Symposium on Emergency Medicine 2009
Florida Hospital Emergency Medicine Residency Program
Assistant : Isabele Sales

please call us at 407-875-0555 for any questions or clarifications.

**Ongoing Trials:**

**Residency sponsored studies needing residents:**

Ultrasound anatomy survey, determine vascular anatomy on volunteer subjects. PI: Dr Derr, participants: Land and Paula.

Optho Tonopen study to determine accuracy of EM residents Tonopen readings  PI: Vernoica Tucci, participants Paula

Simulation Studies, multiple contact Dr Peckler
Antibiotic Selection, looking at appropriate substitution of PO for IV antibiotics. PI Larry Neuman (MS2), participants Paula

Medical Student Survey looking at attitude toward EM comparing 3\textsuperscript{rd} yr mandatory rotation vs 4\textsuperscript{th} yr elective. PI: Peckler, participants Paula, Sanson

**Sponsored Research:**

**Skin Registry:** Enrolling diabetic skin infections and post surgical infections, registry only no therapeutic change.  Resident Investigator: Sterling

**BEACON** Best Care of Non-STEMI patients, observational registry of patients with chest pain using 80 lead body surface mapping which compares the sensitivity of traditional 12 lead EKG vs the newer technology  
Resident Investigator: none

**PROCESS** Protocolized Care for Early Septic Shock, NIH based randomized observational study comparing different sepsis protocols vs. early goal directed therapy. This study is also enrolling at Duke, Brigham & Womens, U of Pittsburgh, and other top academic centers.  
Resident Investigators: Gibbons, Sterling, Wilson

**Treatment of Post Concussion Symptoms** – Minor head injury patients, not intoxicated. Three Center Pilot Study based in the Tampa VA hospital to look at neuro-psychiatric effects of head trauma.  
Resident Investigator: none

**SCRAPE** study. Randomized Double Blind study of efficacy of topical Retapamulin on infected skin infections  
Resident Investigator: None

**INFUSE**-(Pediatric) Subcutaneous Rehydration with Recombinant Human Hyaluronidase (hylenex) compared to Intravenous Rehydration in Infants and Young children With Mild to Moderate Dehydration  
Resident Investigator: none
NETT: Incidence of Neurologic Emergencies within the Florida NETT (Neurological Emergencies Treatment Trials) Network. Brain injury registry in conjunction with ORMC and U of Miami. Data will be used to write NIH grant. Resident Investigator: none

Upcoming Studies:

VIDAS: This is a study looking at the use of pro-calcitonin as a marker for the need for abx in bronchitis and respiratory tract infections. Resident Investigator: none

Beriplex: Study to look at prothrombin concentrate in anticoagulated patients who are bleeding, comparing it to FFP, etc. Site visit week of March 30, 2009 Still under negotiations.

7. News from our Global Emergency Medical Sciences efforts: contributed by Sagar G. and Dr. Sanson.

Global Emergency Medical Sciences Section
USF-India program on Emergency and Trauma
(2005-2009)

The INDO-US partnership exists at many levels and in many areas. In the field of Emergency Medicine and Trauma this collaboration is an academic effort between University of South Florida and SUNY Downstate in the United States and All India Institute of Medical Sciences along with Baroda Medical College-SSG Hospital in India. The partnership enjoys the support of the World Association of Disaster and Emergency Medicine. The main mission of this partnership is to foster the growth of academic medicine in the fields of Emergency Care and Traumatology. The collaborative promotes exchange of knowledge and mutual development between Academic institutions in India and the United States. The INDO-US Collaborative firmly believes that Medical Colleges are ideal environments for growth and development of Emergency and Trauma Academics in India. These teaching institutions provide the adequate and diverse patient volume which forms the right milieu needed to grow these sciences in India.
Since inception we have hosted over 4 Annual Conferences collectively attracting over 7000 delegates covering over 1000 hours of education. The 2008 meeting was held over 5 Days for 2500 Delegates who got 200 Hours of Education from 100 INDO-US Faculty in form of didactics and 15 multi-venue skills workshops along with prizes worth Rs 1,00,000 awarded for Research Competitions. This added another proud chapter in the history of developing Academic Emergency Medicine in India.

The 2009 meeting will be held at the PSG Institute of Medical Sciences and Research at Coimbatore, India.

Recently faculty from our program conducted the Advanced HAZMAT Life Support (AHLS) training program in partnership with the CDC and the Government of India in New Delhi. We also completed trained Faculty from various parts of India in the skill of using Ultrasound in the Emergency Departments. Apart from our Annual Meeting Faculty from various Universities in the United States hold year round workshops in India. By the end of 2008 the INDUS Team has completed over 750 hours of structured education by faculty from US & India via focused workshops, courses, seminars, schools & meetings, thus exchanging knowledge with over 3000 academicians, med students, residents and practicing doctors.

10 USF Medical Students/ Residents have visited India and worked the Emergency Departments in India. We offer opportunities for learning in India via our program.

We also publish a Quarterly International Journal which is peer reviewed and Indexed called the Journal of Emergencies, Trauma and Shock. It is armed by editors from 30 Countries with a online cum print readership of over 50,000. The Journal began publishing research in 2008 based on the mission to synergize Basic Science, clinical Medicine and public health.

We look forward to faculty, residents, medical students and experts to take part in the various activities under this program which include student/resident electives, research publication and participation in our workshops and conferences.

Please Visit

www.acetindia.org
8. Get Well Soon / Our thoughts are with you…

Jean Dunn was hospitalized and required surgery for recurrent adhesions. We missed her terribly during her absence, and it is unclear how anything in the residency functioned at all. Please give her a big hug when you see her.

Aaron Osborne, ever the gallant knight, suffered a slip and fall while trying to prevent someone else from doing the same! We had a little scare as he was initially diagnosed with a cervical fracture or two and the initial treatment plan called for a HALO. However, with further study, this was found to be an artifact. Aaron did suffer a herniated disc, and is still having some radicular pain, but he is doing much better and is back at work. This good luck (no fracture!) must come from living a good, clean life!

9. Upcoming events/ reminders

Please remember to get in your requests for next year’s schedule! If you haven’t done so already, they are late, and you are risking having 6 mos of trauma and neurosurgery consecutively….

Chief resident Selection is coming up- talk it up, and let’s choose the best candidate. Other very important jobs that we also need seniors to fill include third year medical student director, fourth year medical student director, and interview coordinator. We need your leadership to continue the tradition of excellence at our program.

PLEASE, for your journal club presentations, please try to get your articles out to everyone at least one week in advance.

I am sure that everyone will be glad to know that the Deacon Blues are getting back together. (“We are on a mission from God!” – Jake and Elwood) If anyone has any hidden musical talent and would like to join, please let me know. Look for Dr. Omori soon at a poorly lit bar near you! We also do weddings and Bar Mitzvahs.

Maguire, Derr (and Josh), O’Keefe, and Sanson all had a great time on the annual senior resident ski retreat in Big Sky! If this sounds like fun to you, please start to plan now to attend next year’s trip. We promise- no lectures on cost efficiency during the stay.

Residents, please let Maguire know if you would like to mentor one of the incoming interns. We want you to help them with questions, finding a place to stay, general life guidance, other…
CORE FACULTY: HAVE YOU MET YOUR ANNUAL REQUIREMENT FOR SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY? Scholarly activity is defined as a regional, international, or national presentation, or the publication of a textbook chapter or journal article. Help us meet our RRC requirements, and keep our residents employed, by starting your project today!

10. Other news/ reminders
David Wein will be coming on as core faculty and assuming responsibility for the third year medical student rotation. Congratulations, Dave! We all look forward to your taking on an even larger role in the educational process of both the students and the residents.
Dr. Wein will also be taking on the IM/EM conference from Dr. Morello. Please remember to send some cases his way that may be suitable for discussion at this forum.
Thanks to Tony Morello who did such a nice job with this conference in the past. Tony took this task on even as a clinical faculty member with limited time. Way to go, Tony! (Thanks for the ahi, as well...)

Wonder where this year’s grads are going? Here’s the list:
Rahul Salooja Greater Houston Emergency Physicians in Houston, TX.
Greg Gibbons Greater Houston Emergency Physicians - Conroe Regional Medical Center
Maureen Gibbons - Greater Houston Emergency Physicians - Kingwood Medical Center
Hope LeBlanc South Florida Baptist, Plant City, Florida
Darr LaFon Baltimore, Maryland
Chris Maguire Meditating with the Guru

Future EM resident Shahia Madani has arrived! 3-28-09, 7 lbs 6 oz. Congratulations to Kaivon & Crystal.

Welcome the rotators! For April, off-service residents in the ED include…
N Regales
S Culverhouse
…both from Internal Medicine at USF. Say hi and help them out in any way you can!

For the fall, Dr. Peckler will be working at:
Capital Coast District Health Board, Wellington Hospital
  Accident and Emergency Medicine Residency, Wellington, New Zealand
I am sure he would welcome any visitors from Tampa!

11. Where are they now? News from our grads...
Preeti Jois-Bilowich, a graduate in our first class and attending at the UF Gainesville Program, lectured at the SAEM SE regional meeting in Atlanta. She is doing well, and had heard recently from Eddie Black, who is alive and well in Albany, Georgia. Quinn Holzheimer, our first chief resident, attended Grand Rounds recently, and has relocated to Madison, Wisconsin. We wish his ailing father a return of good health. Allison Trowbridge, from our second class, is relocating to Baltimore, Maryland. Good luck with the move!


Ok guys, so welcome to the social spotlight of this upstart newsletter. I will do my best to spotlight some of the fun things going on around town each month, as well as some of the fun things that residents are doing. Hopefully this will strike a “more the merrier” outlook on life that will help to bring residents, attendings, and nurses closer together. So with that said, if any of you out there have something you think is fun coming up, please let me know so I can include it for the upcoming editions. Cheers in advance.

So what is going on in Tampa bay this coming month? Well spring is here, and with that, concert season is firing up in full swing. I have scoured the local concert venues and below are some of the better acts coming to Tampa in April.

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As one sport winds down, another gets ready to fire up! Though personally excited to see the end of the NHL season, those of you keen to catch one last hockey game your choices are slim; April 7th and 9th are the last two home games of the year. And for you baseball fans, the Rays are getting ready to try and defend their American League Championship. They will do so with their first home stand from April 13th – 19th against the NY Yankees and Chicago White Sox.

So I’ll leave some of you financially strapped with the free / low cost section of fun things to do in April. One cool thing that Lowry Park offers gears up in April, this being their Friday night Free Concert Series. And lastly, there is rumor the Rev is going
to fire up the grill on April 24\textsuperscript{th} (BYOB). So get out there and enjoy Tampa Bay, and invite someone along!
Cheers and more the merrier,
The Rev.

13. News from the tech world…

Here’s what Mikey has for us this month… (see next page)
Perhaps he can do a music recommendation column next month 😊

Coming next month: Wellness News from Maureen, The Hospital Corner from Amy Paratore, Team Health News, and more! If you have an idea for contributions, let me know. Items are due for next month’s issue by April 29. Until then, stay off the Green Mile!
KPOK
Guide to Smart Phones

Michael I Omori MD FACEP FAAEM

Smart phones. Ugh. With all the preparation for residency, why even consider one?

If you are going to use a phone, as well, just a phone, get a cheap crack dealer phone with a pay as you go plan—like my wife, who tends to lose phones.

If you want to consider getting email, pictures, voice recording, surf the internet and do bedside medical applications and listen to music, internet radio—think smart phone.

**CHOICE DETERMINES FUNCTION—WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO USE THE PHONE FOR?**

If you are locked into a contract presently, this will probably affect your choice. At this point, reliability is good with Verizon and AT&T. Sprint reliability and T-Mobile not so great. AT&T's 3G network is fast and will get faster with the new iPhone release in late June/early July.

The real question, is whether or not you need the tactile sensation of buttons or not.

Screen displays are generally sparkling despite any phone you choose, but the iPhone has the most responsive touch screen on the market. The downside of the iPhone, is that there is no insurance plan for loss or breakage—you break it, you buy another one.

Med apps for the iPhone have ePocrates—pill ID which is outrageous, and the newly released PePIDD, which was a memory hog for the Treo, but now is more phone friendly—several attendings and RNs in the ED swear by this application. Plus, it is a great iPod for tunes and lectures.

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**APPLE IPHONE**

- **AT&T CONTRACT EXCLUSIVITY THROUGH 2010 (POSSIBLY BEYOND).**
- **GOOD RECEPTION 5 BAR AT TGH. WORKS WITH IN HOUSE WIFI. MED APPS—EPOCRATES, MEDIQUATIONS, MED CALC, EYEPHONE, RSI, NIHSS, PEPID. 3G NETWORK FAST. CAN ROAM IN EUROPE—GSM NETWORK.**
- **USF DISCOUNT ON YOUR PHONE PLAN MONTHLY**

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**BLACKBERRY STORM**

- **MULTIPLE CARRIERS. CDMA OR GSM. STORM HAS TOUCHSCREEN, OTHERS HAVE BUTTONS. SIMPLE.**
- **LIMITED MEDICAL APPLICATIONS. UNBOUND MEDICINE, EPOCRATES.**
- **OBAMA AND ATTORNEYS LOVE THEIRS.**
- **DURING 9/11, WHEN PHONE SYSTEMS WERE DOWN, BLACKBERRYS RAN THE COUNTRY**

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**Palm Pre**

- **SPRINT NETWORK EXCLUSIVITY.**
- **NO PRICE POINT YET. SUPPOSED TO BE IPHONE KILLER. SEXY. YOUR TREO MED APPS WON'T WORK ON THIS BABY.**
- **MED APPS WILL EVENTUALLY CATCH UP.**

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**G1 - ANDROID**

- **T-MOBILE NETWORK EXCLUSIVITY.**
- **THIS IS THE "GOOGLE PHONE". RUNS ON SYMBIAN OS. NO MED APPS AS YET.**
- **TELEMEDICINE APP ON HORIZON**
- **MED APPS WILL EVENTUALLY CATCH UP.**