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Bringing Us Together

As a graduate of the program, I knew the “Emory/Grady” name would potentially carry me across the country. Now, when I hear from my peers, it is readily evident that the name also takes us across the world. We are truly an amazing group from a tremendous program.

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Chair’s Note

I want to warmly welcome you to the inaugural Emory Emergency Medicine Alumni Newsletter! I share your pride in the affiliation and allegiance to Emory, our dedication to improving the public’s health, our promising breakthrough scientific discoveries, and our devotion to educating the next generation of emergency providers. Whether you graduated last year or twenty years ago, you will be amazed and impressed by the programmatic growth we are enjoying in education, research, and clinical service.

Our Department is now the largest integrated Department of Emergency Medicine in the country, with more than 100 faculty members, 59 residents, 50 NP and PA clinical providers, and 50 research and administrative staff. On an annual basis, we provide care for nearly 250,000 patients in the metro Atlanta region: the Grady Emergency Care Center (105,000 visits); Emory University Hospital (36,000 visits); Emory University Hospital Midtown (56,000 visits); Emory Johns Creek Hospital (21,000 visits); and the Atlanta VA Medical Center, coming on line this year (32,000 visits).

This year, the Grady Emergency Care Center will expand as we bring the Marcus Trauma Center on line. Thanks to the vision of the Grady Board of Directors and the generosity of the Marcus Foundation, the Grady Health System is beginning construction on a dedicated trauma center, attached to the emergency department and fully staffed by our department. Simultaneously, the Emory University Hospital ED will undergo a major renovation, doubling the footprint and employing evidence-based design principles that will maximize ER processes and architecture and improve care delivery to this very complex patient population. We are partnering with the faculty and students at Georgia Tech, designing and implementing simulation modeling to enhance ED flow and improve operational efficiencies. In all we do, we aim to not just ‘talk the talk’, but ‘walk the walk’-What can we do to improve the health of the public, create and integrate new models of care delivery and translate the best in published science to the highest quality patient care?

Kate Heilpern 87M
Ada Lee and Pete Correll Professor and Chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine

New Faculty 2010-11

Sierra Beck 11MR: EM Residency at UC Davis in Sacramento. Ultrasound Fellow-Emory
Alyssa Bryant 11MR: EM Residency at U of Chicago. Education Fellow-Emory
Edidiong Ikpe 11MR: EM/IM Residency at UCLA/Olive View. Clinical Educator
George Leach 10MR: EM Residency at Emory. He returning to Emory after a year as an attending at Wake Forest University.
John Lemos 11MR: EM Residency at Emory, Ultrasound Fellow-Emory
John Lloyd 84M 88MR: EM Residency at Emory. Rejoining Emory Faculty and helping in the EMS Pre Hospital Section as RMA Medical Director.
Stephanie Marshall 11MR: EM Residency at Emory 2011. Administration Fellow-Emory
Nee-Kofi Mould Millman 11MR: EM Residency at Emory 2011. EMS/International Health Fellow-Emory
Kyle Minor 11MR: EM Residency Training University of Wisconsin.
Adam Pomerleau 11MR: EM Residency UC Davis. Medical Toxicology Fellow.
Mohan Punja 11MR: EM Residency Albert Einstein University. Medical Toxicology Fellow.
Jeffrey Siegelman 11M: EM Residency Harvard Affiliated at Brigham and Women’s Hospital.
Constantine (Deno) Zaharis 11MR: EM Residency at Emory 2011. Administration Fellow-Emory

Fellowships

Administration: Our newest fellowship to the 2011-2012 academic year. We have accepted two of our current chief residents (Dr. Deno Zaharis and Dr. Stephanie Marshall) for this one year fellowship led by Dr. Moll and Dr. Franks.

Education: 2010 was the inaugural year for this one year fellowship (Dr. O’Malley). This experience encompasses medical education from medical students to residents and is led by Dr. Shayne. For 2011, Dr. Alyssa Bryant from the University of Chicago residency program will be focusing on simulation training with Dr. Ander.

EMS/Pre Hospital and Disaster Medicine: Started in 2005, this fellowship is led by Dr. Isakov. 5 fellows have been trained or are in training at this time. This year there is a blended fellowship opportunity with International Health for our first international EMS fellow and Emory graduate, Dr. Nee-Kofi Mould-Millman.

International Health: Dr. Sasser leads this seasoned fellowship with training in Africa and the Republic of Georgia. Our Center for Injury Control works extensively with the Department of Violence and Injury at the WHO to promote injury prevention worldwide.

Research: Dr. Houry and Dr. Wright lead one of our newer fellowships which has gained national recognition. Concentrated in three “laboratories” covering each of the major domains of Emergency Medicine Research: The Brain Research Lab (Dr. Espinoza), The Emergency Medicine Research Center (Dr. Mathew), and the Emory Center for Injury Control.

Toxicology: Led by Dr. Morgan, this ACGME accredited two-year program has four fellows (Drs. Sophia Sheikh, John Devlin, Adam Pomerleau, and Mohan Punja) in affiliation with Emory University Medical School, the CDC, Georgia Poison control center, ATSDR, and more.

Ultrasound: In 2010 our first ultrasound fellow, Dr. Mike Hafez came from the Henry Ford program. For 2011 we have two fellows – Dr. Sierra Beck from UC Davis and Dr. John Lemos from Emory.
The Residency Program

Philip Shayne, MD, Program Director
Sheryl Heron, MD, MPH, Associate Program Director
Ted Stettner, MD, Assistant Program Director
Joel Moll, MD, Assistant Program Director
Melissa White, MD, MPH, Assistant Program Director

Program Director’s Welcome

June is my favorite time of the year. That is when we have 19 seasoned seniors about to start their first “real” job and 21 soon to be interns in orientation who are scared to death. Seeing the two groups side by side gives me a sense of accomplishment: seeing the skills and confidence, and the real practical abilities, our residents realize in their 3 compact years at Emory. It has been a great decade for us. The ED’s have grown. The faculty has more than doubled. We have four times the space that we had when I started. And there are Emory faculty and residents in the leadership of every major academic emergency national organization. And having developed our reputation, and gotten the name “Emory” out there, we reap the benefits of getting the best applicants to come here.

This year we picked 19 great new residents from over 1,100 applicants, plus two outstanding international physicians through a unique training grant. Both the names “Emory” and “Grady” have long stood for excellence in medical education, and in EM we have really combined the two well. Our residents get an integrated experience which utilizes the best of the Emory hospitals: the acuity, trauma, and volume at Grady, the efficient community emergency medicine experience from Midtown (old Crawford Long Hospital), the highly complicated patients at Emory, and world-class pediatric faculty at CHOA. We are incredibly fortunate to have all these resources under one program in a great, cosmopolitan city all to ourselves.

There have been major changes to the education arm of our mission. In addition to the increase in residency size, new facilities and new rotations, a big change is the number of fellowships we offer. Starting July 2011 we will have 11 fellows. These include fellowships in International Health, EMS, ED Administration, Academics, Ultrasound, Neuro Injury Research and Public Health. Each of these fellowships are a reflection of areas of strength and leadership within the department. The fellows gain from world class mentorship and the ability to develop niche skills. The residency program benefits by having residents work side by side with strong content experts.

Often the graduating residents don’t realize how good they are. The employers do and the seniors are aggressively recruited: about a third will do fellowships or get and academic faculty position, close to three quarters will stay in the state, usually a few will stay on with us at Emory. They are all understandably apprehensive as they go out to practice independently. But as all of you who trained here know, there is no better preparation than the experience you had at Emory and Grady. And whatever comes in, you have the tools to figure out how to care for the patient and make it happen.

This coming winter we look forward to increasing the Grady ED footprint by almost 50% with the addition of a new trauma center. This will be a wonderful opportunity to showcase all the changes in Emory Emergency Medicine and we hope to be able to host a homecoming event. Look out for more news and follow us on our Emory Emergency Medicine Facebook page.

Class of 2014:

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Welcome back Emory!

We want to hear from you and your career achievements as well as your personal announcements. Please contact Melissa White or Sharon Ashley to have these placed in future newsletters.

Our internal EM website is available to alumni. Please view our “Home Page” at:
www.emory.edu/em

or Facebook Page (Emory Emergency Medicine)

- Please consider supporting the Adopt-a-Resident Program! Personalize the giving experience when you fund an emergency medicine resident’s scholarship that follows them throughout their training. Your generosity will enable a resident to attend a national conference and help fund resident events, retreats and books. The Adopt-a-Resident Program has a $2,500/year commitment over four years totaling at $10,000. Dr. Kate Heilpern has funded the first Adopt-a-Resident for the Department of Emergency Medicine. We hope you’ll follow her lead!

- A gift to support the Department of Emergency Medicine has never been easier. Please contact Stacia Brown, Director of Development, Clinical Programs at stacia.brown@emory.edu or 404.727.9030 or visit www.emory.edu/give and select School of Medicine under designation, then type in Emergency Medicine under “Other”.

- To register or recover your username/password, please email Ms. Sharon Ashley at emres@emory.edu with your full name, year of graduation from Emory EM residency, and current email addresses.

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- Doug Lowery North, MD —Vice Chair, Emory Healthcare
- Leon Haley, MD —Vice Chair, Grady Operations
- Debra Houry, MD —Vice Chair, Research
- Philip Shayne, MD —Vice Chair, Education

ACEP Alumni Reception

See you in San Francisco, October 2011! Stay tuned for more information regarding date and time of reception.

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