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Chairman Corner



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It is already Jazz Fest time in New Orleans! The past few months have been very busy as LSU Pathology settled into our new clinical laboratory space at University Medical Center New Orleans (UMC-NO). I would like to reiterate that this was an especially proud moment for me and I am extremely thankful to all our dedicated faculty and staff for all their hard work over the past several months. The new hospital is quite an impressive facility and I encourage you to visit the UMC or the website (www.umcno.org). As summer approaches, three residents will be graduating and leaving us this year. We are proud of our graduates and wish them well as they embark on their new careers. Our residents are very im-

portant to us. Please visit the departmental residency website (<http://www.medschool.lsuhschool.edu/pathology/residency.aspx>) for more information and updates on the residency program. Fred Brazda has decided to spend more time with his family and coming grandchild and therefore will retire effective June 30, 2016. All of us are extremely grateful to Fred for all he has done for the Pathology Department and the state of Louisiana over his illustrious career at LSU and we wish him the best in the next chapter of his life. Finally, I want to thank all of you who have generously given to the Department over the past year. Your continued generosity allows for the enrichment and expansion of all of our pathology programs. Please take the time to visit our webpage (www.medschool.lsuhschool.edu/pathology) to keep abreast of the latest news in our Department and have a great summer season.

Richard S. Vander Heide, M.D., Ph.D.
Jack Perry Strong Professor and Department Head

Announcement



Frederick Brazda, M.D.

The Department would like to extend our best wishes to Frederick Brazda M.D. Dr. Brazda has been a Professor of Clinical Pathology with LSU Health-New Orleans, School of Medicine for 22 and a half years. Dr. Brazda will retire on July 1, 2016. The Department will miss his professional expertise and friendship.

-As you move forward, our best wishes go with you

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University Medical Center

The faculty, residents and staff continue to settle into the new laboratory space nicely. The department is happy to report that it has successfully completed the College of American Pathologists (CAP) and American Association of Blood Banks (AABB) inspections.

Faculty Corner

Book Chapter

Shah R and Bhalla R; New Molecular Markers of Diagnosis and Prognosis in Prostate Cancer. Genito-urinary Pathology: Practical Advances. Cristina Magi-Galluzzi, MD, PhD, and Christopher G. Przybycin, MD. Springer.

Poster Presentations

Dr. Ritu Bhalla, USCAP, 2016: Quantifying Gleason Pattern 4 Prostate Cancer in Prostate Needle Biopsy: An Interobserver Reproducibility Study.

Dr. Ritu Bhalla, USCAP 2016: Diagnostic Accuracy of Subpatterns of Gleason Pattern 4 Prostate Cancer Morphological Subpatterns.

Publications

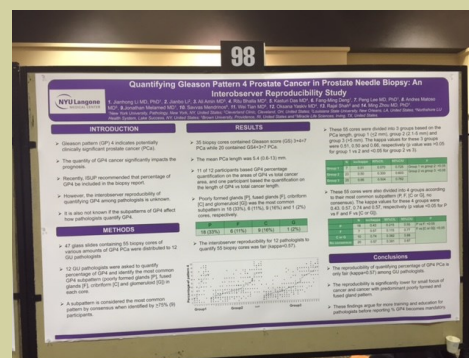
Dr. Richard Vander Heide: Pathobiology of Ischemic Heart Disease: Past, Present and Future. Buja LA. Vander Heide RS. Cardiovasc Pathol. 2016 Feb 2;25 (3): 214-220. doi: 10.1016/j.carpath.2016.01.007.PMID: 26897485. PMID: 26897485

Dr. Richard Vander Heide: Mending a Broken Heart: The Role of Sarcospan in Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy-Associated Cardiomyopathy. Vander Heide RS. J Am Heart Assoc. 2015 Dec 23;4(12). Pii: e002928. doi: 10.1161/JAHA.115.002928.



2016 Pathology Faculty

Left front: Drs. Bhalla, Rinker, Pei, McGoe, Jetly, Kletecka, O'Leary and
Left back: Drs. Ragan, LeRoy, Rodriguez, Vander Heide, Brazda, Athas



Dr. Ritu Bhalla's Poster Presentation at USCAP, 2016

Resident Corner

News and Progress

Spring brings excitement and anxiety to the residency as seniors prepare both for graduation and for their board exams, scheduled for June 1st. This year's graduates are **Drs. Supriya Donthamsetty, Harry Porterfield and Christin Tsao**. All three have fellowships lined up, **Dr. Donthamsetty** Surgical Pathology at USC- Los Angeles, **Dr. Porterfield** Clinical Microbiology at University of Iowa and **Dr. Tsao** Hematopathology at University of Indiana. Even the junior residents are securing their post-residency plans with **Dr. Ellen Connor** recently accepting Forensic Pathology in Tampa and **Dr. Joel France** choosing Hematopathology at Dartmouth.

With the departure of our seniors, we are thrilled to welcome the new interns who matched with the program in March. This year's recruiting season saw nearly 500 applicants with over 50 on-site interviews! We couldn't be more pleased to welcome our three interns who will begin here on July 1st: **Drs. Noah Reilly, Jhanvi Kanotra and Elijah Wood**.



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Resident Corner Cont...

Congratulations are in order for the new Chief Resident, **Dr. Ellen Connor** who took over the reins from Dr. Tsao on January 1st. Already, she is settling into her new leadership role and helping navigate programmatic improvements.

The medical student interest group in pathology, Students Interested in Pathology Specialties (SIPS) under resident leadership of **Dr. Ellen Connor (PGY3)** and student leadership of **L3 Estelle Oertling** has been very active this year. They have launched guided tours for students through the new UMC Pathology workspace and just recently hosted a Skills and Snacks fair for students at the UMC Autopsy Suite. Students were able to test their knowledge on gross, microscopic and cytologic pathology as well as practice a mock fine-needle aspiration. The group has designed T-shirts and is boasting a large membership.

The learning continues with the residency program's Enhancing Quality Improvement for Patients (**EquiP**) rotation. A proposal highlighting the curriculum and our residency's involvement was accepted for presentation at the AAMC Group on Resident Affairs Annual Meeting in May. Dr. Murtuza Ali, the Director of the EquiP office will present.

Additionally, progress is being tracked with the residency program's involvement in the first year medical school gross anatomy course. Data has shown that medical students feel more engaged, more comfortable with clinical reasoning basics and more interested in the field and a career in pathology after their experience with the LSU faculty and residents. A proposal highlighting this curriculum was presented by Dr. Guen Rae from the Anatomy Department in early April at the national American Association of Anatomists annual meeting.

Resident Publications and Presentations



Right: Dr. Harry Porterfield and Sue Favaloro
Poster Presentation
LSU Internal Medicine Research Day

Dr. Harry Porterfield (PGY4), in collaboration with Dr. Carmen Kletecka, had two posters on the topic of *Trichomonas vaginalis* infection and diagnosis at the LSU Internal Medicine Research Day.

Dr. Ellen Connor (PGY3) and **Dr. Anthony Vinson (PGY1)** published Recurrent Urinary Tract Infections in a 48-year-old Female. J La State Med Soc 2016 Mar/Apr.

Dr. Nicole Jackson (PGY1) taught Surgical Pathology for Surgeons to the L4 medical students taking the surgical anatomy elective. Dr. Jackson completed a general surgery internship at Wake Forest before joining us this year as a pathology intern.

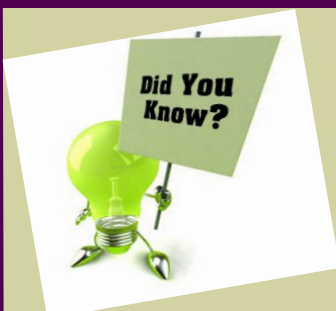
Resident Updates

In thanks:

The residency would like to thank **Dr. Todd Leleux** who donated more than 12 individual copies of Rapini's Practical Dermatopathology so that each resident could have their own copy!

The Residency Program would like to encourage you to update your information with your current status and contact information. Additionally, we would like to know if you could network with our current trainees as they start to formulate their own ideas about fellowships and job prospects. Mentorship and networking are great ways to increase the success of our graduates! To update your information, please email the Program Coordinator, Leslie Davis at ldavis@lsuhsc.edu. Thanks in advance for your support.

Department Trivia



Seminal research by the LSU School Medicine in New Orleans Department of Pathology conclusively linked smoking to the pathogenesis of?

- A. Lung Cancer
- B. Atherosclerosis
- C. Type 2 Diabetes
- D. Cirrhosis

Answer: B