The first Radiology Research day since reopening the residency program was held on Wednesday, September 5, 2012. There was a fantastic turn-out of faculty, residents, and medical students that are rotating through the department.

Dr. James Rawson, Warren Professor and Chair of the Radiology Department at the Medical College of Georgia, led the day with two lectures. The first, “Radiologists and Health Care Reform” focused on the big picture of the health care system in the US and where Radiologists can “add value” to the chain. The second lecture, “Health Services Research in Radiology” focused on how to meet the ACGME research requirements.

The residents did an outstanding job presenting their current research projects. Dr. Alisha Lacour, a first year resident, presented “Hepatocellular Carcinoma in a 25 year old Male with Congenital Hepatitis B.” Our second year residents, Dr. Brooke Morrell, Dr. William Shaffer and Dr. William Mullen, presented, “Blunt Abdominal Trauma: Recognizing the Subtle Signs of Bowel and Mesenteric Injury,” “Breast Trauma Case Review Series” and “Effect of Simulation on Physician Confidence in Management of Contract Reactions” respectively. Dr. Mignon Morrell, a fourth year resident, presented, “Reducing Radiation Dose for Chest CT Examinations: A Quality Improvement Project in a Large University Radiology Department.”

Dr. Bradley Spieler was integral in putting together the program. Thanks to all who participated and attended.

We would like to congratulate Dr. John Yang for his Resident of the Year nomination. Dr. Yang has accepted a Body Imaging Fellowship at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center to be in July 2013.

(Shown, Dr. Aran Toshav, Program Director with Dr. Yang)
C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S !

We would like to congratulate our senior residents, Dr. Mignonne Morrell & Dr. John Yang on passing their written board examinations. Great job!

U P C O M I N G  E V E N T S

Radiological Society of North America
November 25 – 30, 2012
Chicago, IL

Louisiana State Medical Society Annual Meeting
January 25 – 26, 2013
New Orleans, LA

Super Bowl Sunday
February 3, 2013
New Orleans, LA

ACGME Annual Educational Conference
February 28 – March 3, 2013
Orlando, FL

Association of University Radiologist Annual Meeting
April 9 – 12, 2013
Los Angeles, CA

American Roentgen Ray Society Annual Meeting
April 14 – 19, 2013
Washington, DC

D E P A R T M E N T  B U L L E T I N  B O A R D

Dr. Mignonne Morrell will be the first fellow in the newly created Women’s Imaging Fellowship. It will include 6 months of mammography training along with training in body cross-sectional imaging, ultrasound, PET/CT and interventional radiology. She will start the fellowship in July 2013. Dr. Michael Morin is the Women’s Imaging Fellowship Director.

Dr. Bradley Spieler was the speaker for the Urology Grand Rounds held on September 27. The topic was Pelvic MRI of the Prostate.

Dr. Luis Serrano, along with residents Dr. Brooke Morrell and Dr. Andrew Mai, have published an article entitled, “Contrast in MR Mammography” in the journal, Magnetic Resonance Imaging Clinics of North America.

Dr. Bradley Spieler presented a poster at the 2012 Educational Scholarship Day at LSUHSC, which was held on October 10. The title was, “Effect of Simulation on Physician Confidence in Management of Intravenous Contrast Reactions.”

Our department has four projects being presenting at RSNA this year. First, Dr. Joe Park will give a presentation entitled, “Evaluation of the Impact of Image-guided Bone Biopsy on the Management of Patients Who Were on Antibiotics for Osteomyelitis” Other contributors include Dr. Leonard Bok, Dr. Sameer Gadani and Christopher Graham. Also, Dr. Richard Kuebler and Dr. Thea Moran will present an electronic poster entitled, “What on Earth is Going On? Malpractice Legalese for the Interventional Radiologist.” Next, Dr. Leonard Bok, Dr. Hugh Robertson, Dr. John Paige and Dr. Thea Moran will have an electronic poster presentation entitled, “Understanding and Integrating Simulation into the Radiology Curriculum.” And lastly, Dr. Sameer Gadani, Dr. Leonard Bok, Dr. Bradley Spieler and Dr. Will Mullen will have an electronic poster presentation entitled, “Adrenal Venous Sampling in the Management of Primary Hyperaldosteronism.”

Dr. Aran Toshav has been accepted to present his research on Reducing Radiation Dose for Chest CT Exams at the ACR Annual Conference On Quality and Safety to be held in February 2013 in Scottsdale, AZ.

P R O G R A M  D I R E C T O R ’ S  R E P O R T

We are excited with our progress as we continue to grow the LSUHSC New Orleans Radiology training program. Following in the footsteps of our recent publication, Simulation in Radiology, we have created a course to simulate contrast reactions for radiology residents. We hope to expand the course to all services that may have to treat contrast reactions such as gastroenterology, cardiology or surgery. We plan to study the effectiveness of the course and see if the results are sustained and significant. We are also excited about our upcoming interview season. We had a great match last year and we hope to build on last year’s experience.

N E W  B U S I N E S S  A N D  N E W  F A C U L T Y

Our department took over the contract for Lallie Kemp Medical Center effective July 1, 2012. In addition, Dr. Roy DiVittorio joined the faculty that same month as the primary provider at Lallie Kemp. Dr. DiVittorio comes to us from the private sector and is a native of South Louisiana. He attended medical school at LSUHSC-Shreveport and completed his internship, residency and fellowship at Alton Ochsner Clinic Foundation in New Orleans.

C O N T R I B U T I O N S

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