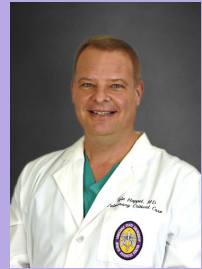


# DOM NEWS BLAST

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Dr. Oluwafemi Ajibola (Pulmonary Fellow) and Dr. Kyle Happel (Pulmonary/Critical Care) recently co-authored a case report published in *Cureus*. The case involved treatment with an early, short course of intrapleural tissue plasminogen activator and dornase alfa therapy for a complex, loculated pleural effusion due to MTb. The patient responded rapidly and completely to this innovative treatment. Authors noted early fibrinolytic therapy for loculated MTb effusion speeds the resolution of pleural disease, facilitates rapid symptom improvement, and decreases the need for subsequent pleural intervention.



Dr. Cynthia J. Brown recently published this first author paper exploring the validity of the Acute Care Mobility Assessment (ACMA), an instrument developed by Dr. Brown to assess hospital mobility. Patients were queried about their in-hospital mobility and responses were compared to accelerometer data. Correlation analyses identified strong associations between ACMA scores and total steps ( $r=0.84$ ), and moderate correlations with total time walking ( $r=0.66$ ). This instrument may be helpful to health systems as they work to increase hospital mobility among older patients.



Dr. Stephanie Taylor (Infectious Diseases) is a co-author of Chapter 275 in the second volume “*Neisseria gonorrhoeae* Infections” published in the 27th Edition of the Goldman-Cecil Medicine textbook.

Congratulations, Dr. Taylor



**Faculty and Staff Meeting**

Wednesday, January 31st 5:00 PM—6:00 PM

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