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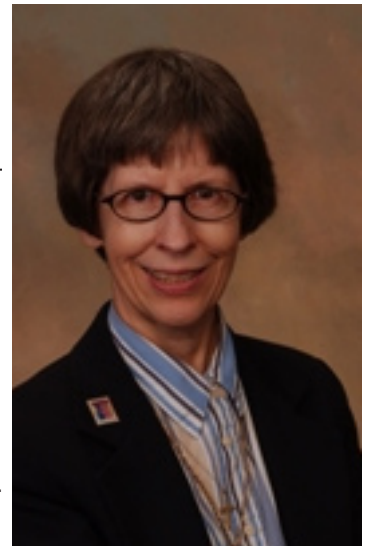
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Gilliland presents at forensic sciences annual meeting in Seattle

Doctor MGF Gilliland presented a paper at the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) Annual Meeting on "Perimacular folds in the eyes of children." The AAFS Annual Meeting is a national meeting for forensic pathologists and others interested in the forensic sciences. Doctor Gilliland also served as one of the judges for the Best Resident Paper Award. The meeting was held in Seattle, Washington from February 20-26. Doctor Gilliland is a forensic pathologist and Head of the Autopsy Service. She is a recognized expert on pathologic findings associated with child abuse, and has published more than 50 scholarly articles. She has been a member of the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine since 1989.



Williams named Treasured Pirate

Toicha Williams has received the Treasured Pirate Award. Toicha, who is a Medical Records Assistant V and oversees daily operations of the department's Regional Pathology Services, is well known for her upbeat attitude and dedication to the department. The award is designed to recognize the special or unique contributions of ECU employees to their department, school, college or University. The Treasured Pirate Award program is coordinated by the Staff Development Unit of the Department of Human Resources and is supported through the generous sponsorship of TIAA-CREF. Toicha has been a member of the department since 2001.

Hoffman participates in annual allergy meeting

Doctor Donald R. Hoffman attended the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Annual Meeting in Miami Beach, Florida. Doctor Hoffman, who is a recognized expert in the field of insect venom and allergic reaction, authored or coauthored three abstracts that were presented at the meeting: Schmidt M, Trulli NM, Hoffman DR. Expression of the recombinant honeybee venom CUB protease allergen. *J Allergy Clin Immunol* 2006; 117:S309; Fitch CD, Morris PR, Moawad TIS, Schmidt M, Hoffman DR. Comparison of North American and European Polistes venom allergens. *J Allergy Clin Immunol* 2006; 117:S309; Hoffman DR. Purification of insect venom proteins. *J Allergy Clin Immunol* 2006; 117:S128.

Doctor Hoffman has been a member of the department since 1977. He has more than 100 scholarly publications.



Christie plays role in Carolinas Antimicrobial Stewardship Effort

The increase in micro-organisms that are resistant to conventional antibiotics creates difficulties for patient care. Recognizing that a cause of this increase is the use of certain antibiotics, the professional community is exploring ways to better control antibiotic usage. Doctor John Christie, Professor of Pathology and Head of Clinical Microbiology, recently attended the Carolinas Antimicrobial Stewardship Effort Meeting (CASE), held in Greensboro, North Carolina. Doctor Christie participated in two presentations: Christie J. Antimicrobial Stewardship, Diagnostics, and the Clinical Laboratory; and Gooch M, Christie J, Cook P. Antimicrobial Management Program - Pitt County Memorial Hospital.

Doctor Christie has been a member of the department since 1989, and has over 50 scholarly publications.



Bode pursues hemostasis

Doctor Arthur P. Bode has submitted a grant application to the North Carolina BioTechnology Center. The grant is a collaborative funding grant that if funded will support a postdoctoral fellow for two years. The title of the application is "Hemostatic performance of lyophilized platelets (Stasix™) in the presence of ADP receptor blockade and other platelet dysfunction". The total budget for the grant is \$160,000.00. If awarded, the project will start in July.

Doctor Bode also recently hosted a site visit by medical reps from Novo Nordisk, a private pharmaceutical company based in Denmark. The company is interested in developing test models for a recently developed hemostatic drug. The drug would be tested for efficacy in an animal model of bleeding complicating cardiopulmonary bypass, and would be a collaborative project with the Departments of Surgery and Comparative Medicine.

Doctor Bode is a Professor of Pathology and Scientific Director of Clinical Coagulation. He has been a member of the department since 1986, and has over 100 scholarly publications.

MED-LAW CLASSIC

The Medicators versus the Litigators in a benefit for children's health

March 30, 2006 at Minges Coliseum.

Doors open at 6:30 PM

The Med-Law Classic is presented by the Pitt County Health Education Foundation to benefit children's health in Pitt County. Proceeds are given in grant allocations to organizations improving the health of Pitt County children and families. The Med-Law Classic Basketball Game is a charity basketball game where physicians and attorneys face off on the court. It's a social event for the whole family, with children's activities, food, prizes, and fun as we "Hoop it up for health!"