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Crews and Patonay, new pathology residents, begin training



The Pathology department welcomes two new residents Doctors William Crews and Bryan Patonay who recently joined the residency program in July. Dr. Crews received his medical degree in June of 2008 from Ross University, located at Dominica in the Caribbean. Dr. Patonay received his degree in May of 2006 and graduated from Medical College of Georgia in Augusta GA. Welcome to the Pathology Department!

Hewan-Lowe and Hong receive CAP Humanitarian Grants



Doctors Karlene Hewan-Lowe and Heng Hong have both been awarded two separate Humanitarian grants from the College of American Pathology (CAP) Foundation. Dr. Hong was on site at CAP The Pathologist Meeting in San Diego, CA for a reception held on behalf of the 2007-08 grant recipients. Dr. Hewan-Lowe is working with the BSOM medical students who have actively been

supporting the Hobgood Clinic located in Hobgood, NC. The students offer free diabetes and hypertension screenings to a severely economically depressed area of rural, northeastern North Carolina. These funds will support on site critical screening tests, Hemoglobin Alc, microalbuminuria and creatinine for diabetes management. Patient education is also a key component for motivating life style changes that reduce the stress of living with diabetes.

Dr. Heng Hong is using his funding to supply a limited number of HIV screening tests for pregnant women in the counties of Burqin and Jeminay in Xinjiang, China. This project will act to identify unsuspected maternal HIV infection and will work to prevent perinatal transmission. Again, patient education is a key component to this grant.

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Graduating residents accept fellowship positions

After four years of residency training, Doctors Kevin and Sandra Thomas, Maurice Richardson and Dinesh Rugnath opted to continue their post graduate education by pursuing additional fellowship training. Dr. Kevin Thomas is completing a Dermatopathology Fellowship at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, Vermont. Dr. Sandra Thomas is completing a Forensic Pathology Fellowship at The Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine and The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in Richmond, VA. Dr. Maurice Richardson is currently completing his Fellowship in Hematopathology and is at the UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. Dinesh Rugnath, M.D. is completing his fellowship in Cytopathology at the University of Mississippi at Jackson.

Oliver new head of autopsy services

William Oliver, M.D. joins the Department of Pathology as the newly appointed Director of the Autopsy and Forensic Services. He joins us from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation in Summerville where he was acting Northeast Regional Medical Examiner.

Doctor Oliver received his BS in Microbiology from Oklahoma University and his MD from Vanderbilt University. His Residency in Anatomic and Clinical Pathology and Fellowship in Forensic Pathology was completed at the UNC-CH. While at UNC-CH, he also received a MS in Computer Science with an emphasis on computer vision and image processing. Doctor Oliver has also recently completed a MPA in Justice Administration.



Department welcomes new faculty

New faculty have joined the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine this spring and summer. William Oliver, M.D. joins the department as the Director of Autopsy and Forensic Services. Lydia Franks, M.D., M.P.H., F.C.A.P. has recently been appointed Associate Clinical Professor with hospital privileges in Autopsy Pathology and Surgical Pathology. She received her medical and masters degrees from UNC-CH and her residency training in Anatomic and Clinical Pathology at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, VA. Joseph Jakowski, M.D., appointed Clinical Assistant Professor, joins us from the Medical College of Virginia where he has just recently completed his Cytopathology Fellowship. His particular interest is in fine needle aspiration biopsy and has coauthored a number of publications on the subject. Robert Farrar, M.D., having completed his Cytopathology Fellowship with our department, has joined us as a Clinical Assistant Professor. Dr. Farrar received his doctoral degree in medicine from the University of Virginia as well as his combined residency in Anatomic and Clinical Pathology. Doctor Matthew Hearp has just started with the department to complete his first of two fellowships, a year of Surgical Pathology followed by Cytopathology. He earned his medical degree from the American University of the Caribbean located in St. Marten and his Pathology Residency from the University of Illinois at Chicago. Sarah Spencer, P.A., having just completed her course work in the Pathology Assistant Program with the Department, has joined the faculty as a Pathology Instructor.