Department of Medicine Welcomes New Faculty

**Trey Abraham**
Dr. George “Trey” Abraham joins the Department of Medicine Faculty in the Division of Pulmonary/ Critical Care. Dr. Abraham finished his fellowship in Pulmonary/ Critical Care from the University of Mississippi Medical Center. Prior to his fellowship Dr. Abraham completed his Internal Medicine Residency training and medical school at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

During his residency and fellowship Dr. Abraham participated in numerous research projects, presentations, and publications. He is a member of several professional organizations including the American College of Chest Physicians, the American Thoracic Society, and the Mississippi State Medical Association. Dr. Abraham will see patients in the UMC Pavilion on Thursday afternoons and Friday mornings. To schedule an appointment contact 601-984-5650.

**Tondre Buck**
Dr. Tondre Buck joins the Department of Medicine Faculty as a member of the Division of Hematology. Dr. Buck received his medical degree from the University of Mississippi Medical Center where he also completed his Internal Medicine residency and Hematology/Oncology fellowship. In addition to his fellowship at UMMC, Dr. Buck also completed a multiple myeloma fellowship at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston, Mass.

Dr. Buck is board certified in Internal Medicine and is a member of the American Association and American Society of Clinical Oncology.

**Kellan Ashley**
Dr. Kellan Ashley joins the Department of Medicine faculty in the Division of Cardiology. Dr. Ashley completed her fellowship in Cardiovascular Medicine at the Cleveland Clinic in Ohio, where she also completed an advanced fellowship in Interventional Cardiology. While pursuing her fellowship she received Level 3 certification in interventional cardiology with over 500 percutaneous coronary interventions and over 900 diagnostic catheterizations. In addition to percutaneous coronary intervention, she specializes in intervention for peripheral and carotid arterial disease as well as structural heart disease, including alcohol septal ablation for hypertrophic cardiomyopathy and percutaneous therapies for valvular heart disease.” Also, Dr. Ashley is board certified in Internal Medicine and Cardiovascular Disease.

Dr. Ashley received her MD degree from the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC). She also completed her Internal Medicine residency at UMMC and served as Chief Resident.

She will have clinic Tuesday mornings at Grant’s Ferry and Thursday mornings at the Pavilion in Suite B.
**Saira Butt**
Dr. Saira Butt joins the Department of Medicine faculty as a member of the Division of Infectious Diseases. Dr. Butt received her medical degree from UTESA in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. She completed her internal medicine residency at Synergy Medical Education Alliance at Michigan State where she also served as Chief Resident. After completing residency, Dr. Butt completed her fellowship in Infectious Diseases at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

During her residency and fellowship Dr. Butt participated in several research projects and scholarly activities. In her spare time she likes to travel.

**Jennifer Eubanks**
Dr. Jennifer Eubanks joins the faculty of the division of Hospital Medicine after completing her residency in Internal Medicine at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. Dr. Eubanks also received her MD degree from the University of Mississippi Medical Center. Prior to attending medical school, Dr. Eubanks received her PharmD degree from the University of Louisiana at Monroe. She completed her Primary Care Pharmacy Residency at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

Dr. Eubanks has participated in several publications and research activities throughout her residency. In her spare time she enjoys spending time with her husband and two daughters, traveling, reading, and monogramming and embroidery.

**Inderpreet Grover**
Dr. Inderpreet Grover joins the faculty of the Division of Hospital Medicine after working at the G.V. Sonny Montgomery VMAC for the past year. Prior to working at the VA, Dr. Grover completed his Internal Medicine residency at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. Dr. Grover received his medical degree from the Government Medical College in Amritsar, India.

Dr. Grover participated in case presentations and research projects during his residency. In his spare time Dr. Grover enjoys cooking; playing cricket, ping pong, chess, and golf; gardening; and music.

**Lynn Harkins**
Please join me in welcoming Dr. Lynn Harkins to the faculty of General Internal Medicine. Dr. Harkins’ effort will be split between general medicine and the FQHC at the Jackson Medical Mall.
She received her undergraduate degree in pharmacy and medical degree from the University of Mississippi. Dr. Harkins also completed her internship and residency at UMMC. After completing residency, Dr. Harkins served four years as an internal medicine physician at Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana. She has also been employed by the G.V. Sonny Montgomery VMAC in Jackson and during that time held a faculty position in the Department of Medicine. Most recently Dr. Harkins practiced in Tupelo at North Mississippi Medical Clinics. Dr. Harkins will begin seeing patients in the Medical Pavilion soon.
**Joseph Maher**
Dr. Joseph Maher returns to UMMC to join the faculty of the Department of Medicine, the Division of Hematology, and the Cancer Center. He is board certified in Genetics and Internal Medicine. Most recently Dr. Maher was the Program Director of the Medical Genetics Residency Training Program at UT Southwestern Medical Center and an Associate Professor in the Eugene McDermott Center for Human Growth and Development, Department of Medicine, and Department of Pediatrics at the UT Southwestern School of Medicine.

His primary role with the Cancer Center will be to expand his basic research program related to cancer pathogenesis, biomarker development, and molecularly-targeted treatment development, and to promote research in clinical cancer genetics.

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**Lisa Maher**
Please join me in welcoming Dr. Lisa Maher back to the faculty of the Department of Medicine. Dr. Maher is a member of the Division of Rheumatology. She received her MD degree from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, where she also completed her residency and served as Chief Resident. She completed her fellowship in Rheumatology at the University of Texas Southwestern. Dr. Maher has previously worked at Johns Hopkins, the G.V. Sonny Montgomery VA Medical Center, and most recently at the University of Texas Southwestern.

Dr. Maher will see patients at the University Medical Pavilion on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings. She is also the primary attending for the fellows arthritis and lupus clinics on Tuesday and Friday mornings.

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**Jason Parham**
Please join me in welcoming Dr. Jason Parham back to the faculty of the Department of Medicine in the Division of Infectious Diseases. Dr. Parham was first on staff in the department in 2004-2005, and most recently worked at St. Dominic Hospital. He will serve as the Director of the hospital Antimicrobial Stewardship Service.

Dr. Parham received his medical degree from UMMC and his master’s in public health from the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Dr. Parham completed both his residency and fellowship at UMMC. After receiving his undergraduate degree from Mississippi College, Dr. Parham spent two years as a teacher with the U.S. Peace Corps at the Yeji Secondary/Technical School in Ghana, West Africa.

He is board certified in Infectious Diseases. In addition to his service in the Antimicrobial Stewardship Service, Dr. Parham will see patients in the Medical Pavilion beginning in November.
It is an exciting time in the Department of Medicine and I would like to personally welcome our new faculty members. In the past year we have seen growth and energy to advance all of our missions. I fully expect that these new members will be a great addition to help us continue in that direction. Please welcome these new additions to our faculty and take advantage of new skills and interests they bring to our department.

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Joe Pressler
Dr. Joe Pressler joins the faculty of the Pulmonary/ Critical Care division in the Department of Medicine after completing his fellowship in Pulmonary/ Critical Care at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. Prior to his fellowship, Dr. Pressler also completed medical school and Internal Medicine residency at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. Dr. Pressler also received specialty training in interventional pulmonology including EBUS, APC, bronchoscopy, and stent placement. He is also board certified in Internal Medicine.

Dr. Pressler will see patients at the UMC Medical Pavilion in Suite G on Monday afternoons and Thursday mornings. To schedule an appointment, call 601-984-5650. Dr. Pressler will also be an integral part of the development of the Lung Cancer Program in partnership with the Division of Oncology and the Cancer Center.

John Showalter
Dr. John Showalter joins the Department of Medicine faculty in the Division of Hospital Medicine and will also serve the Medical Center as Director of Clinical Informatics and Technical Services in the Department of Information Systems. He will be an integral part of the institutional transition to EPIC and will have clinical responsibilities as a nocturnalist in his division.

Dr. Showalter comes to UMMC from Hershey Medical Center in Pennsylvania where he was an Internal Medicine Resident/ Informatics Fellow. He received his medical degree from Penn State College of Medicine and his master of science in information systems degree from Penn State University.

Over the course of his career, Dr. Showalter has participated in several research projects, presentations, and publications.

Andy Wilhelm
Dr. Andy Wilhelm joins the Department of Medicine faculty in the Division of Pulmonary, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine after completing a fellowship in Pulmonary/ Critical Care at the University of Alabama-Birmingham. Prior to fellowship, Dr. Wilhelm was a resident in Internal Medicine at UMMC and served as Chief Resident. He is board certified in Pulmonary, Critical Care, and Internal Medicine.

Dr. Wilhelm has participated in several translational research projects for COPD and won the J. Claude Bennett Award for Excellence for Research by a Fellow while UAB. He has participated in multiple mentoring and educational activities for students at the premedical, medical, and resident level. He is a member of the American College of Physicians, American College of Chest Physicians, and the American Thoracic Society. He has a special interest in COPD, emphysema, chronic bronchiectasis.

He will see patients in the Medical Pavilion in Suite G on Monday and Thursday afternoons.

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