

UT Chat GME DIO Digest

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From Your DIO:



Congratulations!

On January 16, 2024, the ACGME and the Institutional Review Committee awarded UT College of Medicine Chattanooga with Continued Accreditation, Commendation, and No Citations as a Sponsoring Institution providing accredited Graduate Medical Education training.

Thank you for all for your hard work to maintain quality programs and provide excellent education and training for our Residents and Fellows.

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Counseling Appointments:

Stay tuned for a **new scheduling system** and **brand new office** for client appointments outside the GME department coming soon!

Continue to e-mail Lucy White lucy.white@erlanger.org to set up counseling appointments, or call 423-778-9420.

Become a Member of the UTC Aquatic and Recreation Center (The ARC):

Monthly Membership-\$20

Fill out the forms below, and then go by the Rec Center during business hours to finalize membership.

Residents/Fellows/Med Students: [Monthly Membership \$20]
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<https://forms.office.com/r/4KAATZgpZZ>

Faculty/Staff at UTHSC: [Monthly Membership \$25]

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GMEC Subcommittee Updates

CLER

The **Clinical Learning Environment Review (CLER) program** augments residency and fellowship training by bridging organizational goals in quality and safety, team-building and professionalism, and ensuring well-being and appropriate supervision.

Congratulations to Dr. Jeff Bennett on his new role as our **GME CLER Integration Director**.

Please contact him if you are interested in joining our new CLER sub-committee or becoming a Quality Improvement/Patient Safety Champion.

QIPS Day

See link for more details: [QIPS 2024 Calendar and Timeline | Quality Improvement and Patient Safety | College of Medicine-Chattanooga | UTHSC](#))

Submission deadline is **February 16th**. Submission instructions coming soon (including a new BoxCloud link).

Please contact Dr. Bennett Jeffrey.Bennett@erlanger.org or Tammy Elliott Tammy.Elliott@erlanger.org for any questions about QIPS day.

EXCITING NEWS FROM THE ACGME, Jan. 2024

Programs awarded:

1. **Initial accreditation:** Pulmonary Critical Care (new program!) – Congrats!!
2. **Continued accreditation:** UTCOM Chattanooga (no citations, commendation), **Vascular Surgery, General Surgery, Surgical Critical Care, Urology, Orthopaedics, Cardiology, Internal Medicine, Gastroenterology, Family Medicine/Rural Track Designation** (no citations, commendation), **Plastic Surgery, CRS, Pediatrics**. Stay tuned for more information regarding each program at our next GMEC meeting.

Save the Dates

Let's Be CLER Series:

“Sleep and Fatigue Education in Residency -- SAFER”

Robert Matthew
Rudd, MD

Tuesday, Feb. 13th

Noon-1 pm, Probasco
Auditorium

Lunch provided for
those who attend.

Thank a Resident Day

Friday, Feb. 23rd

Noon-1pm, POB

Free lunch for all
residents/fellows

**See announcement
on Page 5.**

GMEC Meeting

Tuesday, Feb. 20

5-6pm, POB

**2024 Alper
Humanitarian Awards
and Keynote Speaker**

Friday, May 3rd

7:30-9:30 am

Probasco Auditorium

**See nominees on
Page 9.**

Go to <https://www.uthsc.edu/comc/gme/> to stay informed!

GME News and Announcements

We are pleased to announce the below resident salary increases for Academic Year 2024-25 (effective July 1, 2024).

Thank you to Erlanger leadership for recognizing the hard work of our residents and fellows!

TRAINING LEVEL	CURRENT FY 2023-24 Annual Base Salary Plus Disability/Life Contribution (\$660)	CURRENT FY 2024-25 Annual Base Salary Plus Disability/Life Contribution (\$660)	% INCREASE
PGY1	\$ 57,477	\$ 57,953	0.82%
PGY2	\$ 58,405	\$ 59,766	2.28%
PGY3	\$ 59,668	\$ 61,958	3.70%
PGY4	\$ 62,488	\$ 64,610	3.28%
PGY5	\$ 64,339	\$ 67,223	4.29%
PGY6	\$ 66,774	\$ 69,634	4.11%
PGY7	\$ 69,221	\$ 72,296	4.25%

Special recognition of the 50-year clinical/educational partnership between UT Health Science Center and Erlanger Health System!

This partnership has enabled Erlanger to achieve certification as the only Level 1 Trauma Center and major academic teaching hospital within a 100 mile-radius.

Other important facts:

- Erlanger hosts **130 medical students** annually from UT Health Science Center.
- **More than 2,100 physicians** have completed GME training at Erlanger over the last 50 years. **At least 40%** of those graduates stay within 50 miles of Erlanger or elsewhere in Tennessee.

GME Important Dates

[“Thank a Resident Day” Lunch](#)

Friday, February 23rd, 12-1pm, POB Conference Room



All residents/fellows are invited

- Taco Bar from Moe's Southwest Grill
- Ice cream sundae station from Ben & Jerry's
- Special guest speaker: Jim Coleman, President and CEO of Erlanger
 - Each resident/fellow will receive a \$15 Starbucks gift card

Please save the date, RSVP to your coordinator or Rosalyn.
We hope to see you there!

[Resident/Fellow Town Hall](#)

Thursday, February 29th, Probasco Auditorium

7-8 am (includes breakfast), Noon-1 pm (includes lunch) – please attend one.

Submit GME related questions, issues/ideas via QR code below by Feb 16th.
More details soon.



Congrats to Banquet/Holiday Party Award Winners, December 16, 2023

Erlanger Excellence in Teaching Award
Dr. Jacob Hennings
Emergency Medicine

Erlanger Excellence in Teaching Award
Dr. Lonnie King
Emergency Medicine

Erlanger Excellence in Teaching Award
Dr. April Gunn
Family Medicine

Erlanger Excellence in Teaching Award
Dr. Aaron Cohen
Internal Medicine

Erlanger Excellence in Teaching Award
Dr. Bryce Cunningham
Orthopedic Surgery

Erlanger Excellence in Teaching Award
Dr. Rachel Nelson
Pediatric Medicine

Erlanger Excellence in Teaching Award
Dr. Charlie Rodríguez-Feo
Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery

Erlanger Excellence in Teaching Award
Dr. Vicente Mejía
General Surgery

Erlanger Excellence in Teaching Award
Dr. Frederick Bossert
Obstetrics and Gynecology

Erlanger Excellence in Teaching Award
Dr. Jessica Lange
Urology

The Dr. Head Teaching Award
Drs. Alan & Julie Koffron

The Augustus McCravey, MD
Lifetime Achievement Award
Dr. David Marshall Jemison

The Walter Capote, MD
Outstanding Resident Award
Dr. Mitchell Scull

Orthopaedic Surgery Resident (PGY-4)

COORDINATORS CORNER

We want to thank **all our Residency and Fellowship Program Coordinators** for their hard work and dedication!!! Coordinators are key to the success of each of our GME Programs.

“Team Work Makes the Dream Work!”

Program Coordinators, ACGME-Accredited Programs

Cardiovascular Disease and Gastroenterology Fellowships:

Samantha Bond

Emergency Medicine Residency & EMS Fellowships:

Velvet Green

Family Medicine Residency:

Elissa McCoy, MEd

Internal Medicine Residency:

Deborah Fuller

Neurology Residency:

J. Hayden Morris, BS

OB/GYN Residency:

Janie Boals, BA

Orthopaedic Surgery Residency:

Kimberly Davis, MEd, C-TAGME

Pediatrics Residency:

Ashley Thurston, BS, C-TAGME

Plastic Surgery Residency:

Allison Ellis, AS

Primary Care Sports Medicine Fellowship:

Elizabeth Eaves, MS, LAT, ACT

Surgery Residency and Subspecialty Fellowships:

Maggie Hamblen, C-TAGME, CAP

Cindy Rudolph, MS

Urology Residency:

Stacey Blanks, C-TAGME, CAP

CONGRATULATIONS!

Faculty/Residents

- **Congrats to Dr. Beth Snell**, Department of Surgery, on being accepted into the American Medical Women's Association (AMWA) Leadership program for women in medicine and science.
- **Congrats to Dr. Jordan Bilezikian**, Chief Resident, Plastic Surgery, for being selected for Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) membership.
- **Congrats to Dr. Betsy Close** for obtaining additional board certification in obesity medicine.
- **Congrats to Dr. Betsy Close, Dr. April Gunn and Dr. Alexandria Cooke** for being published in American Family Physician "Preconception Counseling and Care" and participating in a national podcast.
- **Congrats to Dr. Matthew Rotondo** for being selected as our first Primary Care Sports Medicine Fellow as of July 1, 2024.
- **Congrats to Dr. Karen Bowers**, Emergency Medical Services Fellowship faculty member, for speaking at the NAEMSP conference in Austin, TX.



Medical Students

Congrats to Vitrag Patel for participating and contributing to a research project in Surgery, with **Dr. Urevick (resident)** and **Dr. Fisher (faculty)**. Vitrag was accepted for a Quikshot Oral presentation at the Southeastern Surgical Congress on Feb 3-6, 2024.

CONGRATULATIONS: 2024 Nominees for the Harold Alper, MD, Humanitarian Awards

- **Cardiovascular Disease Fellowship: Marc Erickson, MD**
Chief Fellow (PGY-6)
- **Emergency Medicine Residency: Christopher Sciarretta, MD**
Chief Resident
- **Family Medicine Residency: Alex Jones, MD**
Chief Resident
- **Gastroenterology Fellowship: Angeli Patel, MD**
Chief Fellow (PGY-6)
- **Internal Medicine Residency: Alyssa Ferrell, DO**
Senior Resident
- **Obstetrics & Gynecology Residency: Hannah Bowers, MD**
Chief Resident
- **Orthopaedic Surgery Residency: Colton Norton, MD**
Chief Resident
- **Pediatrics Residency: Pahola Rodriguez, MD**
Senior Resident
- **Plastic Surgery Residency: Robert Kimmel, MD**
Chief Resident (PGY-8)
- **Surgery Residency: Hayley Everett, MD**
Chief Resident
- **Urology Residency: David Thompson, MD**
Chief Resident

More information coming soon.

Save the date: Alper Humanitarian Awards and Ceremony, Friday, May 3, 7:30-9:30am, Probasco Auditorium. Keynote speaker will be James Khan, MD, Professor Emeritus, Department of Medicine, Stanford University.

Please check out our **Institutional GME Key Policies** on our UT College of Medicine – Chattanooga Website: www.uthsc.edu/comc/gme/institutional-policies.php

If you need to submit a **comment or complaint about a GME matter**, please follow the **QR Code below** for a quick way to make us aware:



Access **the GME Confidential Comment Form** using your phone or tablet camera.