University Hospital, The Callahan Eye Foundation Hospital and The Kirklin Clinic® have received full accreditation from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) resulting from its visit in May.

University Hospital scored a 98 out of a possible 100 points and had no Type 1 recommendations. “This high score puts University Hospital in the top 5% of all hospitals in the US,” says Mary Nash, RN, Ph.D., executive director of University Hospital. “It is a very significant accomplishment that demonstrates UAB’s commitment to the highest levels of quality and patient care.”

Surveyors called UAB a “major, high-tech hospital with the heart of a community hospital.”

The Kirklin Clinic scored 92 with three Type 1 recommendations. The Callahan Eye Foundation at UAB received a score of 96.

JCAHO evaluates and accredits nearly 20,000 health care organizations and programs in the nation. Participation in the accreditation process is voluntary, but eligibility for many federal funding programs requires JCAHO accreditation. The accreditation is effective for three years.

Jefferson Tower

A record eleven programs from UAB are ranked in this year’s U.S. News and World Report’s annual “America’s Best Hospitals” issue. The magazine selects 50 programs in 17 medical specialties. UAB is the only Alabama hospital included in the listing.

UAB’s rheumatology program again was ranked 6th. Two programs, geriatrics and orthopedics, were added to the list this year. They were ranked 29th and 42nd, respectively. UAB’s heart program (cardiology and cardiac surgery) ranked 25th and the program in kidney disease ranked 20th. UAB’s cancer program was ranked 28th.

UAB’s gynecology program moved up to the 33rd slot. UAB’s program in hormonal disorders ranked 26th. In the treatment of respiratory disorders, UAB ranked 18th. The hospital’s rehabilitation program was ranked 23rd and its otolaryngology service (ear, nose and throat) ranked 38th.

“We’re proud that University Hospital is consistently included in this listing of the nation’s top hospitals,” said Mary G. Nash, Ph.D., executive director of University Hospital. “In 1998, we had five programs recognized. And today we have 11 programs included. This ranking is one of many indicators that demonstrates our continual quest for excellence in all that we do.”

This year marks the 12th consecutive time the rheumatology program has been ranked. Cardiology has been ranked for the past eight years and gynecology for five years. This is the 14th year that U.S. News has published its “Best Hospitals” issue.
Women’s & Infants’ Hospital Planned

Building on 30 years of collaboration, UAB and Children’s Health Systems strengthened ties in 2001 though a Joint Operating Agreement. Now, progress toward a $110-million, 248,000-square foot medical complex for women and infants through the first month of life has been announced. The University of Alabama Board of Trustees gave approval on April 25 for notification to the State Health Planning and Development Agency.

“The new Women’s & Infants’ facility will span a city block, consolidating neonatal care and many women’s services offered separately at University Hospital and Children’s Hospital,” says UAB Health System Chief Executive Officer David J. Fine. He adds that the new center specifically will streamline services that are now located across campus in 11 different buildings. Target completion date is 2006.

“This will be a wonderful addition to the medical center,” says Jim Dearth, MD, CEO of Children’s Hospital and of the joint venture, Children’s and Women’s Health.

According to UAB President Carol Z. Garrison, PhD, before filing a certificate of need application or beginning construction, the Children’s and Women’s Health Board will seek further approval from the University of Alabama Board and the Joint Operating Agreement Board.

Exceptional Care for Women and High-Risk Infants

The Women’s & Infants’ facility will support the statewide referral of women with a wide range of complex reproductive and other health problems. “Being programmatically isolated has added a burden to all women’s health services, which should be physically integrated with other medical and surgical providers,” says John Hauth, MD, chair of UAB’s Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. “Managing women’s and newborn services in a seamless, product-line fashion in one facility will promote efficient physician and nurse staffing, purchasing economies of scale, and effective utilization of hospital beds, adult and neonatal ICUs, and nursing units.”

To meet this need, the UAB Health System and the Children’s Health System began collaborating several years ago on funding and site selection for a Women’s & Infants' medical complex.

CF Center Wins SCOR Grant to continue Cystic Fibrosis Research

The National Institutes of Health recently awarded UAB’s Gregory Fleming James Cystic Fibrosis Center a 5-year, $4.4 million Specialized Center of Research (SCOR) competitive grant continuation to expand knowledge of the complex biochemical processes involved in cystic fibrosis (CF).

Cystic fibrosis, a progressive, frequently fatal disease that affects about 30,000 Americans, is caused by a single defective gene that disrupts the delicate balance of salt and water in the lungs and other organs. Biochemical abnormalities in the gene’s protein product, CF transmembrane regulator (CFTR), interfere with chloride transport across epithelial cell membranes. According to Center Director Eric Sorscher, MD, “The CF SCOR, which includes four synergistic research projects, is aimed at developing a mechanistic understanding of chloride ion secretion in CF pathophysiology.”

Ongoing Projects

SCOR project investigators, who, in addition to Dr. Sorscher, include microbiologist David Bedwell, PhD, and biophysicists Dale Benos, PhD, and Kevin Kirk, PhD, have already made significant contributions to CF research. “In about 10% of CF patients, a premature mutation causes a stop in the formation of a protein,” Dr. Sorscher says. “Dr. Bedwell has shown that premature truncation alleles within CFTR can be overcome with aminoglycoside antibiotics, correcting CFTR gene mutations in patients with this particular form of cystic fibrosis.”

Dr. Bedwell’s strategy has shown promise in Israel, where large numbers of CF patients have this form of the disease. A number of recent scientific commentaries have described ways in which Dr. Bedwell’s approach might also be used for treating other genetic disorders, including Hurler’s syndrome, muscular dystrophy, and certain cancers.

Other CF SCOR projects focus on the mechanisms that underlie protein interactions with CFTR at the cell surface and the identification of critical domains for epithelial chloride channel activity.

Extending Life Span

In the past, individuals with cystic fibrosis often did not live past early childhood. Improvements in treatment methods over the last 20 years have now extended CF patients’ average life span to age 30. Ongoing SCOR research, designed to clarify essential CF disease mechanisms, holds the potential to extend longevity even further.

“Certain critical factors in the disease process are not yet well understood, including the ways in which alternative chloride ion secretory pathways can genetically modify CF phenotypes, the in vivo regulation of CFTR chloride secretion, and specific aspects of CFTR biochemical regulation,” Dr. Sorscher says. “The SCOR projects will address these gaps in our knowledge, paving the way for novel treatments.”

Participants are currently being recruited to various UAB CF trials. The potential study candidates include most children and adults with CF. “We are extremely grateful to the CF patients who volunteered for these studies,” Dr. Sorscher says. “Without them, it would be impossible to advance the field; we believe their help will ultimately lead to new treatments for individuals with CF.”
The Workplace
Rehabilitation For Occupational Injuries

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Using an interdisciplinary model, the program utilizes the expertise of physiatrists, anesthesiologists, orthopedists, neurosurgeons, physical and occupational therapists, and when needed, rheumatologists, to assess injuries and to provide innovative and effective techniques, allowing patients to return to daily activities. “We offer epidural blocks and provide botulinum toxin injections at the muscle-nerve junction to control persistent muscle spasms. In addition, we conduct electrodiagnostic testing to confirm and quantify suspected carpal tunnel syndrome and other nerve compression disorders,” Dr. Chiou adds.

The Workplace features advanced services for organizations and employees, including legal assistance, health and risk-reduction education, on-site consultation/assessment regarding Occupational Safety and Health Administration and Americans with Disability Act requirements, and case management.

According to Dr. Chiou, in response to America’s growing interest in nontraditional treatment modalities to improve overall health — both physical and emotional — The Workplace plans to offer integrative and complementary treatments, such as acupuncture, chiropractics, yoga, and Tai Chi by experienced practitioners. “Although many label these methods as alternative treatments, the trend is to describe them as complementary or integrative, since they do not replace traditional medical treatment, but instead, complement it,” he explains. “Studies have shown that up to 80% of Americans try these treatment options, with chiropractics topping the list.”

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“With growing interest in these therapies and increasing numbers of patients choosing them, physicians must educate themselves about the pros and cons of complementary approaches to better advise patients about their benefits and limitations,” Dr. Chiou emphasizes. “I hope to be an intermediary for other primary-care physicians, allowing them to refer patients who are considering these modalities to a fellow physician.”

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“Having all the schools continue to rise in their level of funding from the NIH demonstrates the high quality research that continues to take place at UAB. The faculty and staff at UAB are asking the questions and finding answers that will impact the lives of everyone,” said UAB President Carol Garrison, PhD.

Overall, UAB ranks 19th in NIH funding among all institutions of higher education and 11th among public institutions. Top-rated schools at UAB include Health Related Professions (#2); Public Health (#11); Nursing (#16); and Medicine (#17). Seven departments in the School of Medicine are in the top 10 — anesthesiology, biology, medicine, microbiology, ob/gyn, physical medicine, and surgery.

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Administrators Corner

UAB Satellite Clinics are bringing more services to your neighborhood. OB/GYN services are coming to a UAB Clinic near you. Dr. Morris Cochran, formerly seeing patients only at the UAB Family Medicine Clinic, recently received an appointment in the Department of OB/GYN. He will see patients at both the 459 Clinic and the Inverness Clinic. Patients should call the UAB HealthFinder Line at (800) 822-8816 or clinic directly for an appointment with Dr. Cochran.

For your information and updates to your system, the latest detailed Billing Chart and Satellite Clinic Listing are attached to this electronic newsletter. The listings include the physicians practicing at each location. Please pay special attention to the tax identification numbers (TIN) associated with each clinic. Services will be billed using the TIN associated with that location. I hope you have a beautiful Indian Summer.

Henrietta Horton
Contract Administrator

PrimeCare OB/GYN
Delivering Superior Service To The Birmingham Community

UAB’s PrimeCare Obstetrics and Gynecology (OB/GYN) at The Kirklin Clinic® (TKC) is available to provide comprehensive women’s health care to the greater Birmingham community. They offer the atmosphere and confidentiality of a private practice, along with the state-of-the-art care and resources of an academic health center.

“PrimeCare’s dynamic, young physicians and staff focus on comprehensive OB/GYN care for women of all ages. We handle all general, routine gynecological problems and provide the best nursery and nursing personnel in the area,” explains Brian P. Gleason, MD, associate professor and director of the PrimeCare OB/GYN division. “Every OB/GYN subspecialty is available at UAB, so if a patient has a need for more specialized care, we can offer immediate access to those experts,” Dr. Gleason says. “PrimeCare offers accessibility, superior facilities, and the highest quality of care, all conveniently located in the TKC.”

With a permanent clinical staff that includes three full-time physicians and one nurse practitioner, appointments are readily available. Clinic hours are 8 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday. “If a patient is experiencing a problem, we will see her within 24 hours. Our pregnant patients are scheduled within 48 hours, and appointments are offered to all patients within 5 business days,” Dr. Gleason says. On Friday mornings, Richard O. Davis MD, is also available to see gynecology patients.

Regular appointments take place at the TKC, and patients deliver at University Hospital in rooms specially designed and modified for labor, delivery, and recovery. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 801-7802.

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Dr. Gleason notes that Dr. Sarah Davis’s child and his two youngest children were delivered at University Hospital. “I think our willingness to use this practice and facility are strong endorsements for UAB.”

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