Brumfield Named UAB Hospital Chief of Staff

David Hoidal, UAB Health System CEO, announces the appointment of Cynthia G. Brumfield, MD, MSHA, as UAB Hospital’s Chief of Staff, effective March 1, 2006. Dr. Brumfield is Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology in the Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine and has been Medical Director of the University Obstetrical Service for 15 years. Dr. Brumfield has been a member of the UAB faculty since 1984.

Hoidal notes Dr. Brumfield has served the organization in multiple leadership, clinical, and research capacities. She has served as chair of the UABHS Clinical Newsmakers

Allen and Scarinci Honored

The UAB Women’s Center and UAB Women’s Studies Program have announced their 2006 outstanding women awards. The awards are conferred annually on women who demonstrate leadership, vision, courage, dedication, a commitment to the university, and advancement of women in the community.

Karen O. Allen is recipient of the Susan D. Marchase Outstanding Woman Administrator Award. Allen is program manager for the Division of Hematology-Oncology. Associate Professor in the Division of Preventive Medicine, Isabel Scarinci-Searles, PhD, MPH, is named Outstanding Woman UAB Faculty Member.

A breast cancer survivor, Allen reached out to other cancer patients through public speaking and visits to hospitals and hospice settings. She compiled a collection of songs by which she was comforted and inspired during the depths of her illness and provides the CD at low cost to others battling the disease.

Scarinci’s work has focused on health disparities, particularly as they relate to Hispanics and African Americans, helping individuals with diverse language, cultural, and educational experiences navigate the health care system. Among numerous initiatives, she developed “Sowing the Seeds of Health,” a program offering Pap smears and continued page 2

2006 UAHSF/GEF Awards

The University of Alabama Health Services Foundation (UAHSF) and its General Endowment Fund (GEF) Committee recently awarded approximately $4.25 million in research grants for the 2006 calendar year. After careful evaluation by the respective Review Group Committees, recommendations were made to the GEF Committee and then to the UAHSF Executive Committee and Board of Directors for approval.

“The Health Services Foundation is an integral part of the UAB community,” UAHSF President Ray L. Watts, MD, says. “Our goal is to help ensure the success of all School of Medicine departments and divisions.

“In fact, I don’t know of another medical school faculty practice plan that invests in open, peer-reviewed grants of such magnitude to support its academic mission,” adds Dr. Watts, who also chairs the Department of Neurology.

The grants fund initiatives in four research categories: clinical care, laboratory research, patient care research, and medical education. The awards enable university-wide projects benefiting UAHSF and the School of Medicine.

Recruitment of top-notch physician-scientists is also a key priority. Some $700,000 was allocated to the Scholar Award Program to attract distinguished scientists and clinicians who bring unusual potential or accomplishments to School of Medicine research.

This year, the Scholars Award Program is offering seven $100,000 awards to enhance already established recruitment packages for exceptional faculty considering UAB.

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mammograms to uninsured Latino women in Marshall County, AL. A native of Brazil, Scarinci suffered from childhood polio. In spite of her own physical disability, she is recognized for extraordinary energy in her work with doctoral candidates in the public health field.

Marchase was director of administration and fiscal affairs for the UAB Department of Medicine, where she worked from 1988 until she lost her own battle with cancer in 2004, when the award was renamed in her honor. An active promoter of women’s issues at UAB, Marchase was named outstanding administrator/staff in 2002 by the UAB Women’s Center and UAB Women’s Studies Program.

Allen and Scarinci will be honored at a reception from 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM on March 9, UAB Green and Gold Room, Bartow Arena. For more information, call 934-6946.

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Council since 2000 and as a member of the Credentials Committee and the Professional Liability Trust Fund Policy Committee and Claims Review Subcommittee. She has served on the UAB Hospital Nutrition Committee, Medical Records Committee, and the Board of Censors for the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Brumfield received her MD degree from the University of Mississippi, Jackson, and completed an Obstetrics and Gynecology residency at the University of Florida, Gainesville, where she was administrative chief resident. She completed a Maternal-Fetal Medicine fellowship at UAB in 1984 and then a Master of Science in Health Administration degree at the UAB School of Health-Related Professions in 2002.

She is a member of Alpha Omega Alpha Honorary Medial Society, a Fellow of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology, an elected senior member of the American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine, and a member of many other national and local medical organizations, as well as the American College of Healthcare Executives.

She is a national oral board examiner for the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology and a peer reviewer for *Obstetrics and Gynecology*, *American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology*, *Pediatrics*, *Journal of Maternal-Fetal Health*, *American Journal of Managed Care*, and more. She has authored more than 60 peer-reviewed journal articles and book chapters and been listed in *Best Doctors in America* since 1995.

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**Accolades**

**Hadley Named to Endowed Neurosurgery Professorship**

Mark N. Hadley, MD, professor of neurosurgery at UAB, has been named to the endowed professorship in neurosurgery by the Board of Trustees of the University of Alabama system. Dr. Hadley is the first holder of the endowed professorship.

Dr. Hadley joined the UAB faculty in 1991. He serves as director of the neurosurgery residency training program and the neurosurgery spine fellowship program, and is neurosurgeon for the UAB football team.

Dr. Hadley earned his MD degree from Albany Medical College in New York and did postgraduate training at the University of California, Davis, and his neurological training at the Barrow Neurological Institute, Phoenix, Arizona. He is past president of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons and has been listed in the America’s Top Doctors directory since 2001. He has authored nearly 150 publications in neurosurgery and spinal cord injury and was lead author on *Neurosurgery’s* international neurosurgical guidelines on spinal cord issues.

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**Patient Safety Department’s New Location**

The UAB Health System Patient Safety Department has relocated to Medical Education Bldg (MEB) 505 and department members have new phone numbers. The 24/7 UAB Patient Safety Alert Line for reporting patient safety concerns remains the same — 996.SAFE (7233).

Refer patients or families to UAB patient representatives — 934.CARE (2273).

**Department Members:**

- Marcus Montgomery, JD, RN (Administrative Director, Patient Safety Officer) — 996.9880; monty@uabmc.edu
- Kathleen Papagni (Associate Patient Safety Officer) — 934.9882
- Ernest Grimes (Data Specialist) — 996.9881

Direct Fax: 996.9888

**New Mailing Address:**

MEB Suite 505
619 19th Street South
Birmingham, AL 35249-7612
Clinical Care Initiatives ($708,611)

- Nathaniel Robin, MD, Genetics, “Integrated Program for Evaluation and Treatment of Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension,” $160,000
- John Lucas III, MD, Ob/Gyn, “Center for Fertility Preservation in Cancer Survivors,” $198,061
- Lincoln Berland, MD, Radiology, “Development of Laboratory for 3D/Post-Processing of Radiological Imaging Examinations,” $150,000
- Devin Eckhoff, MD, Surgery, “Bereavement Support Services for Patients and Families Facing End of Life Issues,” $134,550
- Barton Guthrie, MD, Surgery, “Multi-modality Image Registration for Clinical/Investigative Applications,” $66,000

Laboratory Initiatives ($1,581,197)

- Patrick Higgins, PhD, Biochemistry, “Production of HEEBO Oligonucleotide Microarrays for Analysis of Human Genome Structure & Function,” $110,000
- Alan Eberhardt, PhD, Biomedical Engineering, “Enhancement of a Biomechanics Core with Low Force Testing,” $175,000
- Robert Kesterson, PhD, Genetics, “Establishment of Mice With Human Hemopoietic Systems,” $147,900
- Robert Carter, MD, Medicine, “Upgrade of AMC Flow Core Digital Vangate,” $47,500
- Andrea Frost, MD, Pathology, “Updated — Multi-institutional Core Laboratory for Laser Microdissection,” $121,400
- Harald Sontheimer, PhD, Neurobiology, “Purchase of a high-resolution 4-D Spinning Disk Confocal Time-Lapse Video-Microscopy Workstation,” $150,000
- Bruce Korf, MD, Genetics, “Enhancement of DNA Sequencing and Microarray Facilities in Heflin Center for Human Genetics,” $350,000

Medical Education Initiatives ($115,350)

- Louis Justement, PhD, Microbiology, “Medical Students Scholar Research Program,” $65,350
- Craig Hoesley, MD, Medicine, “UAB Equal Access Clinic,” $10,000
- Stan Massey, MD, Medicine, “Preparing the Clinical Skills Center to Train & Assess New Domains of Professional Competence,” $40,000

Patient Research Initiatives ($1,076,586)

- Larry Moreland, MD, Medicine, “Building Infrastructure in the GCRC,” $499,877
- David Calhoun, MD, Medicine, “Establishment of Two Research Beds with Full Sleep-Monitoring Capabilities,” $176,709
- Jeffrey Stringer, MD, Ob/Gyn, “Expanded UAB Center for Patient-Oriented Research in Lusaka, Zambia,” $400,000

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NIH Pioneer Award Program

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) announces its 2006 Director’s Pioneer Award program, a key component of the NIH Roadmap for Medical Research. Unlike other NIH grants, which support research projects, the Pioneer Award supports individual scientists. The award gives recipients the intellectual freedom to pursue new research directions and highly innovative ideas that have the potential for unusually great impact.

http://nihroadmap.nih.gov/pioneer
**AΩA Elects New Members**

Senior medical student and Alpha Omega Alpha (AΩA) President William Jenkins announces the election of new members to Alabama’s Alpha Chapter of AΩA.

**AΩA Officers**

President William Jenkins, Class 2006  
Vice President Brent Archer, Class 2006  
Vice President Benjamin Powell, Class 2006

For medical school class of 2006 and 2007 new members, visit www.uabhealth.org/synopsis.

**Faculty**

Rahul Gupta, MD  
H. Hughes Evans, MD, PhD

**Resident**

Steven P. Goldberg, MD  
Kristopher N. Jones, MD  
Kristopher J. Kimball, MD

**Alumnus**

David C. Montiel, MD  
Ross Bob Mullins, Jr, MD

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**UAB Has New Voice Mail System**

Telecommunication Services recently completed replacement of the university’s voice mail system. While the new system retains much of the previous system’s functionality, it also offers features designed to support the campus’s emerging technology needs. Although some navigation prompts have changed, users who know which prompts to select can navigate the system without listening to all menu choices. Users can further streamline the navigation process by using shortcuts provided below.

The new voice mail system is sized to accommodate future growth. It currently hosts more than 12,000 mailboxes and processes approximately 50,000 calls per day, including thousands of calls to automated attendants.

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Continue to visit the UAB Information Technology Web site as new capabilities and enhancements are announced. Their Web address is www.comm.uab.edu/commweb/Voicemail.aspx.

**Shortcuts**

Once you have logged into your voice mailbox — press 1, then 1 again to bypass instructions. While listening to your messages, you can press:

1. Save current message before listening to the whole message  
2. Forward the message to another seven-digit number at UAB  
3. Skip to next message  
4. Replay the entire message  
5. Rewind 6 seconds  
6. Fast forward 6 seconds  
7. Delete current message

After listening, you can press:

7. Delete the message  
1. Save the message  
2. Forward the message