Katrina Causes Largest Displacement Of U.S. Doctors

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill researchers found that nearly 6,000 physicians, not including those who are researchers or health care administrators, were displaced by Hurricane Katrina. Using data from the American Medical Association, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and industry records, researchers estimate the storm’s devastation displaced some 5,944 physicians in 10 counties and parishes in Louisiana and Mississippi.

Hughes Evans Is Associate Dean For Students

Department of Pediatrics Associate Professor Hughes Evans, MD, PhD, was recently appointed associate dean for students at the School of Medicine. A medical historian, she holds secondary appointments in history and sociology. She succeeds Kathleen G. Nelson, MD, who now serves as senior associate dean for faculty development.

As associate dean, Dr. Evans is responsible for student recruitment, admissions, retention, evaluation, promotion, graduation, and residency placement. She recently served as course director.

CANCER CENTER AND SAKS FIFTH AVENUE JOIN FORCES

The UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center will once again partner with Saks Fifth Avenue Birmingham, Mercedes-Benz, and the Entertainment Industry Foundation to produce “Key to the Cure,” a national shopping weekend to benefit women’s cancer research. Five percent of sales from the 2-day weekend, October 28 to 29, will benefit women’s cancer research at the Cancer Center. This is the fifth year that Saks Fifth Avenue Birmingham has participated in the event.

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SNAPSHOT SHOTS

DISCHARGE AND MARKET SHARE DATA FOR TOP 6 ORTHOPAEDIC DRGS

Selected Hospitals in Birmingham MSA — April 2005

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# Represents patient discharge volume
% Represents market share for Birmingham MSA (Blount, Jefferson, Shelby, and St. Clair counties)
Source: State Health Planning and Development Agency (SHPDA). SHPDA conducts a discharge survey every April.
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that were affected most by the flooding — including 1,292 primary care physicians and 272 obstetrician/gynecologists; about half are estimated to be specialists. In addition, 1,300 medical students were uprooted from New Orleans-based Tulane University and Baton Rouge-based Louisiana State University.

Researchers say it is evident the storm caused “the largest displacement of physicians in U.S. history,” but it remains unclear how many physicians who have temporarily relocated will “set up shop permanently in other cities or decide to retire” rather than return to the New Orleans area.

Harper Is New Nursing Dean

Doreen Harper, PhD, dean of the Graduate School of Nursing at the University of Massachusetts in Worcester, has been named dean of the UAB School of Nursing. She will join UAB on November 1.

“Everyone we spoke with said Dr. Harper is someone who is able to bring people together around new ideas,” UAB Provost Eli Capilouto says. “As UAB works to continue to provide the best possible education for the next generation of nurses, this ability is so important because of the dramatically increasing role nurses play in the overall care of patients and the criticality of nursing research in advancing prevention and care.”

“I look forward to joining a great academic institution,” Dr. Harper says. “UAB is an innovative health sciences center, with a history of collaboration among the faculty and all of the schools across the entire university in serving the people of Alabama and the world. Everyone is interested in doing his or her best for students, patients, and the state. Alabama truly values academic nursing and public nursing education in particular. This fits in well with my core values for nursing and nursing education.” Dr. Capilouto commends the search committee, led by Harold Jones, PhD, dean of the School of Health Related Professions, for its tireless effort to find “the best possible candidate that fits in with UAB’s mission and approach.”

In her 5 years at U Mass Worcester, Dr. Harper led a dramatic growth in the graduate nursing program, increasing student enrollment by more than 200% and graduate faculty and total faculty at least 250%. Also, she led development of a PhD program in nursing, as well as the effort resulting in full accreditation by the Commission for Collegiate Nursing Education. During her tenure as dean, grant and research funding increased from $250,000 in 2000 to more than $2 million in 2005.

Dr. Harper earned her bachelor’s degree in nursing from Cornell University. She then earned her master’s degree from Catholic University in Washington, D.C., and her doctorate from the University of Maryland.

Her professional career began as an instructor at George Mason University Department of Nursing, where she rose to the rank of associate professor before joining the University of Maryland School of Nursing, Baltimore County Campus. She returned to George Mason University for 13 years, where she directed the nurse practitioner program and also served as national coordinator for the W.K. Kellogg Initiative on Community Partnerships for Graduate Medical and Nursing Education, prior to joining U Mass Worcester.

A fellow of the American Academy of Nursing, Dr. Harper was awarded the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties Achievement in Research Award for research on nursing workforce policy. She has served on numerous national advisory committees for interdisciplinary health professions and nursing workforce development. Currently, she is cochair of the Joint Advisory Committee for Nurse Practitioner Workforce Data of the American Association of Colleges and Nursing and the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties and the Program Committee of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing. She also is an editorial advisor for the American Journal for Nurse Practitioners and is past president of the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties.

APPR ECIATION

HONORING RACHEL BOOTH

When UAB School of Nursing (SON) Dean Rachel Z. Booth, RN, PhD, was honored for scholarly distinction and service to the university during 2005 graduation ceremonies, a more fitting tribute could not have been made.

Dr. Booth received the UAB President’s Medal, as did Vice President for Planning and Information Management John M. Lyons, PhD.

As nursing dean since 1987, Dr. Booth is credited with leading the school to national prominence by expanding its role in nursing education at home and abroad, helping establish UAB as a world-renowned academic health center. Established in 1950, the SON has witnessed steady upward movement in its rankings during Dr. Booth’s tenure and consistently remains in the top 5% of all baccalaureate and higher
Barber recently provided more than $350,000 to increase his total contributions to the fund to more than $650,000. Barber’s gifts, combined with others’ and the interest earned on those gifts, has brought the total endowment to more than $1 million.

“It is heart-warming for me to be able to make this gift so that UAB can establish this chair to honor Dr. Julius Hicks,” Barber says.

“Buddy Hicks has touched so many lives as a teacher, researcher, and physician, and I am pleased that this chair allows UAB to recruit someone who is able to carry on that tradition.”

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for “History of Medicine in America,” required for first-year medical students, and serves as course director for “Images of Disease in Film,” “Fiction and History,” and “The Doctor in Film, Fiction and History,” scholars’ week courses for third- and fourth-year medical students. Until recently, she was assistant clerkship director for third-year pediatric medical students.

Her research interests include the history of child sexual abuse, 19th and 20th century medicine, interaction between technology and medicine, and medical ethics from a historical perspective.

“I look forward to helping students fulfill their dreams of becoming the kind of physicians they want to be. We have incredibly talented students with so much potential; my job is to help them succeed,” Dr. Evans says.

ACCOLADES

A generous gift from George W. Barber, Jr, has enabled UAB to establish the Julius N. Hicks endowed Chair in Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery in honor of the former director of the division in the Department of Surgery.

Medical/Surgical Grand Rounds

For up-to-date information on Medical and Surgical Grand Rounds, check the UAB Synopsis Web site at www.health.uab.edu/synopsis. Click Conferences/Events and UAB Grand Rounds & Medical Conferences.

COMPLEMENTARY AND ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE COURSE

NIH’s National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM) is offering a free online CME course. Topics covered include an overview of complementary and alternative medicine, herbs and other dietary supplements, mind-body medicine, acupuncture, manipulative and body-based therapies, and approaches to aging.

www.nccam.nih.gov/video lectures

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UAB physicians: visit MSI, the password-protected Medical Staff intranet site, at https://horizon.hs.uab.edu.
“Mr. Barber has a long history of service to UAB,” UAB President Carol Garrison, PhD, says. “He has been most generous with his time and resources in support of our goals. This most recent gift will help ensure we continue to have faculty physicians who are among the best in the nation, and this chair is a fitting tribute to Julius Hicks.”

Dr. Hicks joined UAB as an assistant professor in otolaryngology/head and neck surgery in 1961, advancing to become professor and division director in 1985. He retired from the university in 1992.

Born in Enterprise, AL, Dr. Hicks received his undergraduate degree from Duke University and medical degree from Duke University Medical School. He was highly respected as a distinguished surgeon and visionary leader who garnered admiration from medical students, residents, fellows, administrators, and colleagues.

In addition to being a renowned clinician and researcher, Dr. Hicks was active both professionally and civically. He served as vice president of the Southern Section of the Triological Society and president of the Alabama Society of Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery. His civic work has included serving on the men’s committees of the Alabama Symphony and the Birmingham Ballet Ball of Roses, and as a member of the board of directors of the UAB Golden 100.

Cancer Center And Saks Fifth Avenue Join Forces

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The Saks Fifth Avenue Birmingham location will begin the event by hosting its annual “Key to the Cure” kick-off party at 6 PM on October 27. Festivities include cocktails, hors d’oeuvres, designer trunk shows, live entertainment, and door-prize drawings. UAB gynecologic oncologist Larry Kilgore, MD, vocalist Lauren Kilgore, Clyde Kendrick, and “Jim O” will offer an evening of upbeat musical entertainment. UAB gynecologic oncologists Mack Barnes, MD, and Warner Huh, MD, along with breast surgeon Helen Krontiras, MD, will be on hand to discuss the most current treatments for women’s cancers. Tickets for the party are $50 and 100% tax-deductible with all money remaining in Birmingham for research and patient services.

The Comprehensive Cancer Center’s Women’s Cancer Program is nationally recognized for research. Its members collaborate to develop treatment options for malignancies that affect women – breast, ovarian, cervical, and other gynecologic cancers. Faculty also provide compassionate care through UAB multidisciplinary clinics.