DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE

Faculty Honors and New Faculty Reception

Tuesday, May 20, 2014
West Pavilion Conference Room E
5:00 – 6:30 pm

The UAB Department of Medicine is committed to creating a dynamic culture of exceptional innovation, scholarship and collaboration.
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Honoring

NEW APPOINTEES TO ENDOWED CHAIRS AND PROFESSORSHIPS

Jeffrey R. Curtis, MD
William J. Koopman Endowed Professorship
in Rheumatology and Immunology
in the Department of Medicine

Robert S. Gaston, MD
Robert G. Luke, MD, Endowed Chair
in Transplant Nephrology

Suzanne Oparil, MD
Distinguished Professor of Medicine
in the Department of Medicine

Paul W. Sanders, MD
Thomas E. Andreoli, MD, Endowed Chair
in Nephrology

Faculty Elected To
ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN PHYSICIANS
(AAP)

Anupam Agarwal, MD
Division of Nephrology
Faculty Elected To
SOUTHERN SOCIETY FOR CLINICAL INVESTIGATION
(SSCI)

Timmy Lee, MD
Division of Nephrology

Martin Rodriguez, MD
Division of Infectious Diseases

The MAX COOPER AWARD FOR RESEARCH EXCELLENCE

Edward W. Hook, III, MD
Division of Infectious Diseases

Victor J. Thannickal, MD
Division of Pulmonary, Allergy and Critical Care Medicine

2014 PRESIDENT’S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

Jason R. Hartig, MD
Division of General Internal Medicine
THE C. GLENN COBBS, MD • EDWIN A. RUTSKY, MD
AWARD FOR CLINICAL EXCELLENCE

Michael D. Barnett, MD        Brendan M. McGuire, MD
Vera A. Bittner, MD            Peter G. Pappas, MD
W. Winn Chatham, MD            Martin Rodriguez, MD
Stuart J. Cohen, MD, MD        Jose A. Tallaj, MD
James E. Johnson, MD           Ashita J. Tolwani, MD
Vineeta Kumar, MD              Eric L. Wallace, MD

THE DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE AWARDS
IN RECOGNITION OF TEACHING EXCELLENCE

TOP TEN TEACHER AWARDS

Surya P. Bhatt, MD        Martin Rodriguez, MD
Todd M. Brown, MD         W. Steven Stigler, MD
Ryan R. Kraemer, MD       Ashita J. Tolwani, MD
Brendan McGuire, MD       Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD
Jason L. Morris, MD       Frederick H. Weber, MD
OUTSTANDING TEACHING DIVISIONS

Division of Pulmonary, Allergy, & Critical Care Medicine
Division of Gastroenterology & Hepatology
Division of Infectious Diseases

OUTSTANDING TEACHER IN EACH DIVISION

Infectious Diseases
John W. Baddley, MD

Cardiovascular Disease
Vera A. Bittner, MD

Gastroenterology & Hepatology
Chad Burski, MD

Hematology & Oncology
Mollie R. DeShazo, MD

Preventive Medicine
Raegan Durant, MD

Gerontology, Geriatrics & Palliative Care
Kellie L. Flood, MD

Endocrinology, Diabetes & Metabolism
Stuart J. Frank, MD

Clinical Immunology & Rheumatology
Archana Jain, MD

Pulmonary, Allergy & Critical Care Medicine
James E. Johnson, MD

General Internal Medicine
Stephen W. Russell, MD

Nephrology
Eric L. Wallace, MD
UNSUNG HERO AWARD

Endocrinology, Diabetes & Metabolism
Carlos Arguello, MD

Pulmonary, Allergy & Critical Care Medicine
Joseph Barney, MD

General Internal Medicine
Erin Contratto, MD

Clinical Immunology & Rheumatology
Laura Hughes, MD

Preventive Medicine
Michelle Martin, PhD

Infectious Diseases
Qiana Matthews, PhD

Gerontology, Geriatrics & Palliative Care
Ashley Nichols, MD

Cardiovascular Disease
Gilbert Perry, MD

Nephrology
Dana Rizk, MD

Hematology & Oncology
Francisco Robert, MD

Gastroenterology & Hepatology
Frederick Weber, MD

Department of Medicine
Stuart Frank, MD
OTHER OUTSTANDING TEACHING HONORS

Argus Awards
Best Lecturer in Patient, Doctor, Society – Michael Saag, MD
Best Lecturer in Fundamentals 1 – Martin Young, PhD
Best MS1 Organ Module – Harish Doppalapudi, MD
Best Lecturer in the Cardiology Module – Harish Doppalapudi, MD
Best Lecturer in the Pulmonary Module – Kevin Leon, MD
Best Lecturer in the Gastrointestinal Module – Brendan McGuire, MD
Best Lecturer in the Renal Module – Ashita Tolwani, MD
Best Lecturer in the Musculoskeletal Module – Winn Chatham, MD
Best Lecturer in the Endocrine Module – Shawn Galin, PhD
Best MS2 Organ Module – Shawn Galin, PhD
Best MS2 Organ Module Director – Shawn Galin, PhD
Caduceus Club Award for Excellence in Preclinical Education –
Kevin Leon, MD
Best Birmingham Campus Department – Department of Medicine

OTHER SELECTED FACULTY ACCOLADES

Graciela S. Alarcón, MD, MPH received the distinction of Dr. Honoris Causa (honorary doctoral degree) from the Universidad de Asunción in Paraguay in September, 2013
Graciela S. Alarcón, MD, MPH serves as Associate Editor for Clinical Rheumatology
Graciela S. Alarcón, MD, MPH, named Distinguished Citizen of Amazonas (Peru, May 2013)
Michael Allon, MD, Gerald Beathard Award for Excellence in Interventional Nephrology
G. M. Ananthamariah, PhD, developed novel apolipoprotein E mimetic peptide licensed by Lopimetix/Capstone Inc. Clinical trials utilizing this peptide will be initiated in Australia within the next few months.
Veena Antony, MD, American Lung Association, Plains-Gulf Region, Board of Directors
Veena Antony, MD, American Lung Association, Co-Chair, Regional Lung Cancer/COPD Volunteer Committee
Veena Antony, MD, ATS Scientific Advisory Committee
Veena Antony, MD, ATS Research Advocacy Committee
Veena Antony, MD ATS VA Research Advocacy Subcommitte
Veena Antony, MD, ATS Better Breathers Alliance Committee
Veena Antony, MD, Vice Chair, ATS Research Advocacy Committee
Veena Antony, MD, NIH-ZA1 DR-A (S3) 1 HIV Clinical Trial Units for NIAID Network, Chair
Veena Antony, MD, NIH-NHLBI R21/R33 National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute Special Emphasis Panel, Reviewer
Veena Antony, MD, NIH-ZRG1 SBIB-P (50) Special Emphasis Panel – Limited Competition: Restoration of New Investigator Pilot Projects Adversely Affected by Hurricane Sandy (R21) Reviewer
Veena Antony, MD, NIH-ZRG1 AARR-K (57) Fogerty HIV Research Training Program for Low-and-Middle-Income Country Institutions Reviewer
Veena Antony, MD, NIH-ZRG1 AARR-H (58) Multidisciplinary Studies of HIV/Aids and Aging, Reviewer
Veena Antony, MD NIH-ZCA1 RPRB-C (M1) SPORE in Breast, Cervical, Lung, Mesothelioma and Ovarian Cancers, Reviewer
Sejong Bae, PhD, Chair, Study Review Panel: Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science & Technology (OCAST), Health Research Competition, Instrumentation/Data Sciences/Clinical Evaluation, May, 2013
Sejong Bae, PhD, Organized and Chaired, Modeling Data in Health Sciences session – International congress on Modeling and Simulation, Adelaide, Australia, December, 2013
Sejong Bae, PhD, Conducted workshop, Biomarker Development Strategies Workshop, 3rd Annual conference of the Society for Mitochondrial Research and Medicine (SMRM): Mitochondria in Health and Disease, National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS), Balgalore, India, December, 2013
Sejong Bae, PhD, Co-Chaired a scientific session at Ordered Data Analysis Models and Health Research Methods, International Conference, March, 2014
F. Amos Bailey, MD, 3 years of service on the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine Board of Directors
F. Amos Bailey, MD, directed and edited the conversion of 9 modules of Education in Palliative and End-of-life Care for Veterans into interactive E-learning platform

F. Amos Bailey, MD, lead author with Stephanie Harmon, MD on new UPTODATE section on care of patient in the Last Hours and Days of Life

William C. Bailey, MD, American Thoracic Society Board of Trustees

William C. Bailey, MD, Chairman, Steering Committee American Lung Association Network of Asthma, Clinical Research Center

William C. Bailey, MD, Chairman, Steering Committee, NHLBI NIH Long term oxygen treatment trial

Gene V. Ball, MD, served as editor for the third edition of the “Oxford Textbook of Vasculitis” published by Oxford University Press, 2014

André Ballesteros, PhD, recipient of the 2013 Biogen Idec Foundation Young Investigator Award. Given to one recipient per year for the best research work of a young Spanish investigator in the area of immunology

Michael D. Barnett, MD, MS, appointed as UAB Palliative Medicine Fellowship Director

Michael D. Barnett, MD, MS, Clinical Skills Scholars faculty for UASOM Introduction to Clinical Medicine, 2013

Michael D. Barnett, MD, MS, DOM Research & Innovations in Medical Education Summit Faculty, 2013

Donna Bearden, MD, MPH, Best Doctors in America 2013/2014

Donna Bearden, MD, MPH, selected as Clinical Skills Scholars faculty for UASOM Introduction to Clinical Medicine, 2013

Surya Bhatt, MD, American Heart Association National Clinical Research Program Grant for project titled: Prevalence and implications of diastolic dysfunction in acute exacerbations of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)

Surya Bhatt, MD, Associate Editor, BMC Pulmonary Medicine

Surya Bhatt, MD, appointed to the Editorial Board of the Annals of the American Thoracic Society

Surya Bhatt, MD, “Benigno Soto Cardio-Pulmonary Imaging Research Award”

Vera Bittner, MD, appointed Chair of the Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease Section of the American College of Cardiology

Edwin Blalock, PhD, Invited to serve on study section NHLBI ZHLI CSR-A (M1) “Center for Advanced Diagnostics and Experimental Therapeutics in Lung Diseases II”

Uma Borate, MD, appointed as Co-Associate Director of the Hematology and Oncology Fellowship Program
Uma Borate, MD, appointed to the 2014 Light the Night Executive Committee for the Alabama/Gulf Coast Chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society

Uma Borate, MD, appointed as member of the Southwest Oncology Group (SWOG)

S. Louis Bridges, Jr, MD, PhD, named Director of the UAB Comprehensive Arthritis, Musculoskeletal, and Autoimmunity Center

S. Louis Bridges, Jr., MD, PhD, received an NIH program grant (P60) Multidisciplinary Clinical Research Center (MCRC) composed of an Administrative Core, a Methodology Core (David T. Redden, PhD, PI), a project entitled, “Facilitating Treat-to-Target Strategies Using Novel Health Technology with Decision Support” (Jeffrey R. Curtis, MD, MS, MPH, PI), and a project entitled, “Adaptive Immune Responses to Gut Microbiota in Juvenile & Adult Spondyloarthritids” (Charles O. Elson, MD, PI, and Matthew L. Stoll, MD, PhD, MSCS, Co-Investigator)

S. Louis Bridges, Jr., MD, PhD, served as the 10th Paul J. Bilka Visiting Professor in Rheumatology at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota, February, 2014

S. Louis Bridges, Jr., MD, PhD, named Chair of the NIH Arthritis, Musculoskeletal, and Skin (AMS) Study Section

S. Louis Bridges, Jr., MD, PhD, named Chair of the American College of Rheumatology (ACR) Division Directors Taskforce

S. Louis Bridges, Jr., MD, PhD, serves on the American College of Rheumatology’s Committee on Research

S. Louis Bridges, Jr., MD, PhD, serves as Co-Editor for Arthritis & Rheumatology

S. Louis Bridges, Jr., MD, PhD, served as editor for third edition of the “Oxford Textbook of Vasculitis” published by Oxford University Press, 2014

Brigitta Brott, MD, Simon Dack Award for Outstanding Scholarship, Journal of the American College of Cardiology Editorial Board

Cynthia J. Brown, MD, MSPH, Best Doctors in America 2013/2014.

Cynthia J. Brown, MD, MSPH, named interim Director for the Division of Gerontology, Geriatrics, and Palliative Care

Cynthia J. Brown, MD, MSPH, named Director for the Division of Gerontology, Geriatrics, and Palliative Care

David Calhoun, MD, American Society of Hypertension Annual Scientific Meeting in San Francisco, May 2014 “Diagnostic Approach and Treatment of Resistant Hypertension”

W. Winn Chatham, MD, selected as a participant in the UAB School of Medicine’s Healthcare Leadership Academy

W. Winn Chatham, MD, named to Best Doctors in America 2013/2014
Guangjie Cheng, MD, invited presenter at the 8th International Human Peroxidase Meeting, Sydney, Australia, September, 2013.

Guangjie Cheng, MD, ad hoc member, NIH NIH/NHLBI U01 Special Emphasis Panel, ZHL1 CSR-S (S-1) and (S-2), “Mechanisms of HIV-Related Lung Disease”, 2013

J. Allen D. Cooper, Jr., MD, named to the ABIM Pulmonary Diseases Board

Lisa M. Curtis, PhD, 2014 UAB Graduate Dean’s Excellence in Mentorship Award

Lisa M. Curtis, PhD, appointed to the Women in Nephrology Council of the American Society of Nephrology

Jeffrey R. Curtis, MD, MS, MPH, named to Best Doctors in America 2013/2014

Jeffrey R. Curtis, MD, MS, MPH, serves on the American College of Rheumatology’s Registries and Health Information Technology Committee

Jeffrey R. Curtis, MD, MS, MPH, serves as Associate Editor for Arthritis & Rheumatology

Maria I. Danila, MD, MSc, named an Advisory Editor for Arthritis & Rheumatology

Maria I. Danila, MD, MSc, named to Best Doctors in America 2013-2014

Maria I. Danila, MD, MSc, selected as a participant in the UAB School of Medicine's Healthcare Leadership Academy

Maria I. Danila, MD, MSc, serves on the American College of Rheumatology’s Insurance Subcommittee

Pran K. Datta, PhD, appointed as Vice-Chair for Basic Sciences of the Lung Cancer Working Group in the UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center

Randall Davis, MD, appointed as a Senior Scientist in the UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center

Randall Davis, MD, appointed as a Scientist in the UAB Comprehensive Diabetes Center

Randall Davis, MD, appointed as a Scientist in the UAB Diabetes Research Center

Randall Davis, MD, awarded an R21 from the NIH/NCI

Joao de Andrade, MD, Chair-elect, ACCP Interstitial and Diffuse Lung Disease Network

Joao de Andrade, MD, appointed to Fellowship Program Director

Jessy Deshane, PhD, appointed to the Editorial Board for American Journal for Respiratory Cell and Molecular Biology

Jessy Deshane, PhD, awarded the Parker B. Francis Fellowship in Pulmonary Medicine
Renee Desmond, DVM, PhD, appointed Evaluation Chair, Alabama Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition (ACCCC) 2013-2014

Mark Dransfield, MD, Best Doctors in America 2013-2014

Mark Dransfield, MD, Super Doctors 2013

Mark Dransfield, MD, named as panelist, American College of Chest Physicians/Canadian Thoracic Society Acute Exacerbations of COPD Guideline Committee

Mark Dransfield, MD, named Section Editor for COPD-BMC Pulmonary Medicine Journal

Raegan Durant, MD, MPH, appointed to the Membership Committee of the American Heart Association Council on Epidemiology and Prevention

Gareth R. Dutton, PhD, UAB Nutrition Obesity Research Center, “Creativity is a Decision” Faculty Award Recipient, 2013

Andrew Duxbury, MD, Best Doctors in America 2013/2014

Barri J. Fessler, MD, MSPH, named to Best Doctors in America 2013-2014

Barri J. Fessler, MD, MSPH, named the inaugural Dunn Scleroderma Scholar

Barri J. Fessler, MD, MSPH, served as editor for third edition of the “Oxford Textbook of Vasculitis” published by Oxford University Press, 2014

Andres Forero-Torres, MD, selected as a panel member for R03 Omnibus Peer Review for the National Cancer Institute

Andres Forero-Torres, MD, selected as a panel member for R21 Omnibus Peer Review for the National Cancer Institute

Kellie Flood, MD, Best Doctors in America 2013/2014

Mona N. Fouad, MD, MPH, appointed Senior Associate Dean for Diversity and Inclusion, UAB School of Medicine, April 2014

Mona N. Fouad, MD, MPH, MOMENTUM Women’s Leadership Award, Woman of Impact Award, February 2014

Stuart Frank, MD, Department of Medicine Supplement Award

Angelo Gaffo, MD, named to the Best Doctors in America 2013-2014

Angelo Gaffo, MD, serves on the American College of Rheumatology’s Diversity Subcommittee

Kelly Godby, MD, appointed as Co-Associate Director of the Hematology and Oncology Fellowship Program

Kelly Godby, MD, appointed to serve on the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) Multiple Myeloma Panel

Patricia Goode, MD, Best Doctors in America 2013/2014

Marianthe Grammas, MD, accepted into the Society of General Internal Medicine’s (SGIM) TEACH certificate program for the 2014-2015 year
Fadi Hage, MD, 2013 American College of Cardiology Alabama Chapter Volunteer Award

Fadi Hage, MD, appointed Associate Editor for *Journal of Nuclear Cardiology*

Fadi Hage, MD, appointed to the Editorial Board for *Echocardiography*

Fadi Hage, MD, inducted as Fellow of the American Society of Hypertension

Fadi Hage, MD, American Society of Hypertension Young Investigator Travel Award

Fadi Hage, MD, Chairman for the American College of Cardiology Alabama Chapter Annual Scientific Meeting and the Winter Professional Practice Improvement Conference

Anne Halli-Tierney, MD, selected as Clinical Skills Scholars Faculty for UASOM Introduction to Clinical Medicine, 2013

Caroline Harada, MD, Best Doctors in America 2013/2014

Caroline Harada, MD, selected as Associate Director for the Clinical Skills Scholars for UASOM Introduction to Clinical Medicine, 2013

Susan Harding Hawkins, MD, Chairman, Sleep Medicine Self-Assessment Product Committee, American Board of Internal Medicine

Susan Harding Hawkins, MD, Regent-at-Large, American College of Chest Physicians

Susan Harding Hawkins, MD, appointed to the Professional Standards Committee, American College of Chest Physicians

Susan Harding Hawkins, MD, appointed to the Scoring Manual Committee, American Academy of Sleep Medicine

Susan Harding Hawkins, MD, Associate Editor, *Journal of Clinical Sleep Medicine*

Susan Harding Hawkins, MD, Section Editor, Sleep Medicine Pearls, CHEST

Claire Hays, MD, selected as Clinical Skills Scholars Faculty for UASOM Introduction to Clinical Medicine, 2013

Heather Herrington, MD, selected to attend Harvard Macy Institute Course “Leading Innovations in Health Care & Education”

Heather Herrington, MD, selected to attend Harvard Macy Institute Course “A Systems Approach to Assessment in Health Professions Education”

Heather Herrington, MD, Best Doctors in America 2013/2014

Laura B. Hughes, MD, MSPH, named to the Best Doctors in America 2013-2014

Racquel Innis-Shelton, MD, appointed Multiple Myeloma Multidisciplinary Clinic Project Leader for the UAB Bone Marrow and Cell Therapy Program in the UAB Division of Hematology and Oncology
Ami Iskandrian, MD, elected as the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Nuclear Cardiology, January 2014

Ami Iskandrian, MD, The Simon Dack Award for Outstanding Scholarship in support of the JACC Journals, March 2014, ACC Annual Meeting, Washington, DC

Ami Iskandrian, MD, Chair, Research Committee of the American Society of Nuclear Cardiology


Ami Iskandrian, MD, Best Doctors in America 2013-2014

Ami Iskandrian, MD, Best Doctors in Birmingham 2013-2014

Ami Iskandrian, MD, Editorial Boards of the JACC, JACC Imaging, AJC, JNM and several online publications

Ami Iskandrian, MD, The 2013 H Cecil Coghlan Teaching Award

James E. Johnson, MD, appointed Vice-Chair for Quality and Patient Safety for DOM

Stefan Kertesz, MD, Elected Vice President, Board of Directors of the Albert Schweitzer Fellowship 2013

Stefan Kertesz, MD, Best Abstract (Program/Curriculum) Annual Conference, Association for Medical Education and Research on Substance Abuse, November 2013

Stefan Kertesz, MD, Honored for 10 years of continuous board service on OneRoof Birmingham, September, 2013

Laurel Kilpatrick, MD, Second year as a Hartford Center of Excellence Scholar

Laurel Kilpatrick, MD, accepted to attend the Harvard Macy Institute Program Health Educators

Laurel Kilpatrick, MD, Item writer for the AAHPM Hospice Medical Director Certification PREP

Laurel Kilpatrick, MD, selected as Clinical Skills Scholars faculty for UASOM Introduction to Clinical Medicine, 2013

Jeonga Kim, PhD, Selected “Top Reviewer” by the American Diabetes Association for 2013

Robert P. Kimberly, MD, named to Best Doctors in America 2013-2014

William J. Koopman, MD, named member of the American College of Rheumatology (ACR) Division Directors Taskforce

Vineeta Kumar, MD, appointed Co-Chair to American Society of Transplantation, Education Committee

Vineeta Kumar, MD, Birmingham B-Metro Super Doctors List
Vineeta Kumar, MD, Best Doctors in America 2013/2014
Elizabeth Kvale, MD, Best Doctors in America 2013/2014
Lawrence S. Lamb, Jr, PhD, appointed to the Clinical Trials and Regulatory Affairs Committee for the American Society of Gene and Cell Therapy
John Lazenby, MD, appointed to ACCP Quality Improvement Committee
Timmy Lee, MD, Program Committee, National Kidney Foundation Spring Clinical Meetings


Massoud Leesar, MD, Left Ventricular torsional hysteresis: A global parameter for diastolic function. The overall goal of the project is to assess the correlations between left ventricular filling pressures measured by Millard catheter in the cath lab with cardiac MRI. Sponsor: NHLBI, Role: Co-Investigator

Massoud Leesar, MD, Intravascular Ultrasound Volumetric Analysis of Coronary Bifurcation Lesions: Changes in the Area and Volume of the Main Vessel Stent Following Side-Branch and Final Kissing Balloon Inflations. Sponsor: Boston Scientific Role: PI
Massoud Leesar, MD, Assessment of epicardial coronary artery stenosis and microvascular dysfunction using the pressure-drop coefficient (CDPe; trans-stenotic pressure drop divided by the dynamic pressure in the distal vessel)
Sponsor: VA MERIT Grant, Role: Co-PI

Yufeng Li, PhD, Outstanding Abstract Award, invited speaker 3rd Munich Biomarker conference. “ROC Analysis Can Improve the Correlation between Histological Grade and Oncotype-Dx Recurrence Risk in Breast Cancer.” Munich, Germany, November, 2013

Yufeng Li, PhD, Chair, Biostatistics and Bioinformatics in Cancer Research, 6th Annual World Cancer Congress, Xi’an, China, 2013

Yufeng Li, PhD, Scientific Advisory Board Member, 6th Annual World Cancer Congress, Xi’an, China, 2013

Steve Lloyd, MD, PhD, High-fat, low-carbohydrate diet alters myocardial oxidative stress and impairs recovery of cardiac function following ischemia and reperfusion in obese rats. Jian Liu, Steven G. Lloyd; Nutrition Research 2013;33: 311-321. DOI information: 10.1016/j.nutres.2013.02.005

Julie Locher, PhD, MSPH, awarded Fellow status by the Gerontological Society of America

Renzo Loyaga, MD Peripartum Cardiomyopathy has been accepted for publication in Circulation Heart Failure

Alayne Markland, DO, MSc, appointed Chief of Geriatrics in the Birmingham VA Medical Center, October 2013

Alayne Markland, DO, MSc, Best Doctors in America 2013/2014

Michelle Martin, PhD, invited Lead Editor for Nursing Research and Practice, a Special Issue proposal “Multimorbidity across the Adult Lifespan”, 2014

Jessica Merlin, MD, MBA, Research Supplemental Award for 2nd highest score on Research Metrics Survey in the UAB Department of Medicine

Jessica Merlin, MD, MBA, selected as mentor to a rising chief in Boston University’s Chief Resident Immersion Training Program in substance use disorders

Brendan McGuire, MD, Department of Medicine Supplement Award

Shin Mineishi, MD, appointed as ad hoc reviewer for the Clinical Drug Investigation Journal

Klaus Monkemuller, MD, Co-Editor, Endoscopy

Klaus Monkemuller, MD, Chairman, Quality of Endoscopy for Small Bowel Diseases and IBD (European Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy)

Klaus Monkemuller, MD, Member SCENIC Guideline Committee (International Guidelines on the use of Endoscopy in IBD)

Sarah L. Morgan, MD, named to Best Doctors in America 2013-2014
Sarah L. Morgan, MD, elected as Chair of the Education Council for the International Society of Clinical Densitometry

Michal Mrug, MD, Detraz Scholar in Polycystic Kidney Disease

Michael Mugavero, MD, Scientific Co-Chair for HIV Adherence Conference, 2014

Michael Mugavero, MD, Member, Editorial Advisory Board of *Open Forum Infectious Diseases* (OFID), 2014

Lisle M. Nabell, MD, appointed to the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) Board of Directors

Navin Nanda, MD, “Father of Echocardiography” by the Russian Society of Cardiology and the Section of Echocardiography, May 2013

Navin Nanda, MD, appointed by American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (AAPI). The committee will launch Heart Disease education networks

Navin Nanda, MD, Comprehensive Textbook of Echocardiography

Navin Nanda, MD, Honored as “Father of Echocardiography” by the Russian Society of Cardiology (March 2013, Moscow, Russia), Taiwan Society of Echocardiography (April 2013, Taipei, Taiwan), Indian College of Cardiology (September 2013, Thiruvananthapuram, India) and Care Institute Medical Society of Research and Education (CIMS) (January 2014, Ahmedabad, India) received CIMS Lifetime Achievement Award

Navin Nanda, MD, Honored as the “World Icon in Echocardiography and Cardiology” by the World Congress of Clinical, Preventive Cardiology and Imaging (September 2013, Mysore, India)

Navin Nanda, MD, Honored with “Jewel of Punjab and Lifetime Achievement Awards” by the Association of Physicians of India. (February 2014 Ludhiana, India)

Navin Nanda, MD, Non-invasive Cardiac Laboratory at SND Medical Foundation and Hospital, Rupnagar, India named as “Navin Nanda Non-invasive Heart Station” for “dedication towards furthering research of highest international standards in the field of echocardiography” April 2013

Navin Nanda, MD, Special award from the Lt. Governor of Delhi at the Revolutionary Cardiac Therapies Conference for “your contribution, support and guidance to set new benchmarks over the last 25 years”, Fortis Escorts Heart Institute, February, 2014, New Delhi, India

Suzanne Oparil, MD, Co-Chair, Eighth Joint National Committee (JNC8) Evidence Based Guideline for the Management of High Blood Pressure in adults: Report from the Panel Members appointed to the Eighth Joint National Committee (James PA, et al JAMA 2014)

Suzanne Oparil, MD, recent publications of major importance on current and emerging approaches to the diagnosis, treatment, management, and prevention of conditions associated with hypertension
Suzanne Oparil, MD, Foundation, May 2013

Suzanne Oparil, MD, Elected Honorary Member, Association of University Cardiologists (AUC), by the Council of the Association of University Cardiologists, May 2013

Suzanne Oparil, MD, American Society of Hypertension (ASH) Harriet Dustan Award, presented by the ASH Scientific Awards Committee & ASH Board of Directors, May 2014

Suzanne Oparil, MD, Distinguished Faculty Lecturer, Tulane Health Sciences Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women’s Health (BIRCWH), April 2014

Suzanne Oparil, MD, NHLBI, Loan Repayment Program Special Emphasis Panel member/Reviewer 2013-2014

Suzanne Oparil, MD, Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences External Expert Reviewer, 2013

Suzanne Oparil, MD, NIH Population Sciences and Epidemiology (PSE) IRG Special Emphasis Panel Member, 2014

Suzanne Oparil, MD, NIH/NHLBI Initiative, Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel Member, 2013-2014

Suzanne Oparil, MD, Annual Russell Lectureship 22nd Annual Scientific Meeting of the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Cardiology, Co-Sponsored by the American College of Cardiology Foundation, June 2013

Fernando Ovalle, MD, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Living and Giving Honoree

Salpy Pamboukian, MD, First recipient of Bourge-Kirklin Endowed Scholar in Mechanical Circulatory Support

Rita Paschal, MD, appointed as reviewer for The Journal of the American Medical Association

Rita Paschal, MD, appointed as reviewer for The Journal of Hematology and Transfusion

Maria Pisu, PhD, Invited Lead Editor for Nursing Research and Practice, a Special Issue proposal “Multimorbidity across the Adult Lifespan”, 2014

David Pollock, MD, President Elect, American Physiological Society

David Pollock, MD, Editor in Chief, Comprehensive Physiology

David Pollock, MD, American Heart Association Council for High Blood Pressure Research Louis K. Dahl Award

David Pollock, MD, Chair, FASEB Conference on Renal Hemodynamics

Sumanth Prabhu, MD, Castle Connolly Top Doctor, Cardiovascular Disease

Sumanth Prabhu, MD, Best Doctors in America 2013-2014
Sumanth Prabhu, MD, Review Editor, Frontiers in Striated Muscle Physiology

Sumanth Prabhu, MD, Consulting Editor, Circulation Research

Sumanth Prabhu, MD, Invited Seminar – Inflammation and Heart Failure, 2013 American Heart Association Scientific Sessions

Chander Raman, PhD, selected as Chair of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society Fellowship Committee Study Section for the next 3 years

Chander Raman, PhD, named member of the Cellular and Molecular Immunology B Study Section, NIH Center for Scientific Review, July 2013-June 2017

Nicole Redmond, MD, PhD, MPH, appointed Chair, Grants and Policies Committee, Jefferson County Board of Health, 2014

Nicole Redmond, MD, PhD, MPH, appointed Secretary of the Jefferson County Board of Health, 2013

Nicole Redmond, MD, PhD, MPH, appointed Co-Advisor, American Physician Scientists Association, UAB Chapter, 2013

Richard J. Reynolds, PhD, serves as Associate Editor for Arthritis & Rheumatology


Martin Rodriguez, MD, Best Doctors in America, 2013

Martin Rodriguez, MD, Travel grant recipient ID Week 2013, San Francisco


Angela Rothrock, PhD, elected Secretary for the National Association for Geriatric Education

Angela Rothrock, PhD, elected Secretary for the National Association of Geriatric Medicine Centers, November 2013

Steven M. Rowe, MD, appointed to the Editorial Board of The American Journal of Physiology, Lung Cellular and Molecular Physiology

Steven M. Rowe, MD, Dean’s Award for Excellence in Mentorship

Steven M. Rowe, MD, Faculty of 1000 Prime (Pulmonary; Pharmacology)

Steven M. Rowe, MD, Ad hoc member for NIH/FDA Special Emphasis Panel (ZRG1 BDCN-A;P50)

Steven M. Rowe, MD, Ad hoc member for NIH Study Section (ZRG1 CVRS-G (04) M Respiratory Diseases)

Steven M. Rowe, MD, Ad hoc member for NIH Study Section (ZRG1 CVRS-M 11 SBIR Review Panel)
Steven M. Rowe, MD, Southern Society for Clinical Investigation Official Journal – American Journal of the Medical Sciences Elected Faculty with the Pulmonary Division

Stephen Russell, MD, Best Doctors list in Birmingham Business Journal 2013

Stephen Russell, MD, DOM 4th Annual Education Summit Faculty


Alyman Saad, MD, appointed to the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) Myeloid Growth Factors panel

Kenneth G. Saag, MD, MSc, named recipient of the 2013 Rheumatology Research Foundation Excellence in Investigative Mentoring Award, honoring one active ACR or ARHP member for their contributions to the Rheumatology profession through outstanding and ongoing mentoring.

Kenneth G. Saag, MD, MSc, named to Best Doctors in America 2013-2014

Kenneth G. Saag, MD, MSc, received an NIH program grant (P60) Multidisciplinary Clinical Research Center (MCRC) composed of an Administrative Core, a Methodology Core (David T. Redden, PhD, PI), a project entitled, “Facilitating Treat-to-Target Strategies Using Novel Health Technology with Decision Support” (Jeffrey R. Curtis, MD, MS, MPH, PI), and a project entitled, “Adaptive Immune Responses to Gut Microbiota in Juvenile & Adult Spondyloarthritis” (Charles O. Elson, MD, PI, and Matthew L. Stoll, MD, PhD, MSCS, Co-Investigator)

Michael Saag, MD, Castle Connolly 2014 National Physician of the Year Award for Clinical Excellence, New York, NY (March, 2014)

Michael Saag, MD, Collat Jewish Family Services Hands Up Together 2014 Honoree, Birmingham, AL (May, 2014)

Monika M. Safford, MD, National Diabetes Education Program Medication Adherence Task Force, appointed member, 2014

Monika M. Safford, MD, Alere Research to Practice Award, Society of Behavioral Medicine, 2014

Monika M. Safford, MD, invited member, National Peer Support Collaborative Learning Network, Washington, DC, November, 2013

Monika M. Safford, MD, invited member, 4th Annual Innovations Symposium, New York, NY, October, 2013, Creativity is a Decision Award from the UAB Nutrition and Obesity Research Center, 2013: “Sound bites for healthy living”

Monika M. Safford, MD, Charles C. Shepard Science Award nomination, 2013:”Association between an intensive lifestyle intervention and remission of type 2 diabetes. JAMA 2012 Dec 19;308 (23):2489-2496” Award given to most impactful paper of the year by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention public health officer, 2013

Carolina Salvador, MD, nominated to the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) Cancer-Related Fatigue Panel
Carolina Salvador, MD, recipient of the Rebecca Wood Service Award for the New Light Breast Cancer Support Group

Donna Salzman, MD, appointed as inspector for the Foundation for the Accreditation of Cellular Therapy

Harry W. Schroeder, Jr, MD, PhD, serves as Editor-in-Chief for the *American Journal of Clinical and Experimental Immunology*

Harry W. Schroeder, Jr, MD, PhD, named the inaugural John Irby Research Scholar

Harry W. Schroeder, Jr, MD, PhD, named to Best Doctors in America 2013-2014

Terry Shaneyfelt, MD, MPH-member of Performance Measurement Committee, National ACP

Terry Shaneyfelt, MD, MPH, accepted Associate Editor of BMJ EBM

Terry Shaneyfelt, MD, MPH, accepted National Comprehensive Cancer Network Prostate Cancer Early Detection Panel

Ashwani Kumar Singal, MD, 2014 Angus Cooper Award

Ashwani Kumar Singal, MD, Executive member for 2014 AASLD Public and Clinical Policy Committee, represented AASLD for federal visit to the NIH July 2013

Ashwani Kumar Singal, MD, invited Guest Faculty to the Gastroenterology 2013 Conference in Chicago

Ashwani Kumar Singal, MD, invited Guest Faculty “Alcohol Mini Symposium”, Kansas University

Ashwani Kumar Singal, MD, Chair, Parallel session at AASLD 2013 Annual Conference

Ashwani Kumar Singal, MD, invited Guest Faculty, VIII International ALPD-C Symposium in Delhi, India


Ashwani Kumar Singal, MD, selected American College of Gastroenterology Scholar and awarded the Faculty Development Award

Jasvinder Singh, MD, MPH, named to Best Doctors in America 2013-2014

Jasvinder Singh, MD, MPH, Director of the Kirklin Gout Clinic

Jasvinder Singh, MD, MPH, Director of the Cochrane Musculoskeletal Group Satellite Center at UAB, with a focus on Network Meta-analyses, 2013

Jasvinder Singh, MD, MPH, Chair of the American College of Rheumatology (ACR) Fellow Selection Committee for Outcome Measures in Rheumatology (OMERACT)-12 Meeting, May 2014, Budapest, Hungary
Jasvinder Singh, MD, MPH, member of the American College of Rheumatology Annual Meeting Planning Committee (AMPC) and Chair of the Meet the Professor, Workshop and Study Group Subcommittee

Jasvinder Singh, MD, MPH, member of the ACR Guidelines Subcommittee

Jasvinder Singh, MD, MPH, co-chaired the ACR Annual Meeting Epidemiology and Health Services Research Abstract selection committee

Jasvinder Singh, MD, MPH, Section Editor of Clinical Rheumatology and Osteoporosis section of the journal, Biomedical Central (BMC) Musculoskeletal Disorders; Associate Editor for the Biomechanics and Orthopedics section of the journal, BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders

Erin Snyder, MD, Dom 4th Annual Education Summit Faculty

Erin Snyder, MD, named Assistant Program Director, Ambulatory Care; Director TKC IM4 Clinic

Erin Snyder, MD, UASOM RIME Award

Erin Snyder, MD, SSGIM President-Elect 2013-2014

Erin Snyder, MD, Robert A. Kreisberg Award Recipient

Eric Sorscher, MD, appointed as symposium chair for the North American Cystic Fibrosis conference in Salt Lake City, Utah in October, 2013

David M. Spalding, MD, named to Best Doctors in America 2013-2014

Chad Steele, PhD, appointed to the Lung Basic Science 2 Review Committee, American Heart Association

Chad Steele, PhD, Stage 1 Reviewer, NIAID Centers of Excellence in Translational Research (CETR) U19

Chad Steele, PhD, reappointed to the Editorial Board of Infection and Immunity

Chad Steele, PhD, elected Vice Chair (2016) and Chair (2018) of the Gordon Research Conference “Biology of Acute Respiratory Infection”

Steve Stigler, MD, The Jack Durand Fulmer Award for Excellence in Teaching

Theresa V. Strong, PhD, nominated as Admissions Committee Chair for the Cancer Biology Theme for the UAB Graduate Biomedical Sciences Program

Alex Szalai, PhD, appointed Director of the Musculoskeletal & Skin Module for Second Year Medical Students

Alex Szalai, PhD, appointed to the Editorial Board of American Journal of Physiology – Regulatory, Integrative and Comparative Physiology

Alex Szalai, PhD, appointed an Advisory Board Member for OA Rheumatology

Alex Szalai, PhD, named Guest Editor: Mediators of Inflammation for a Special Issue on C-Reactive Protein in arteriosclerosis
Alex Szalai, PhD, presented lecture entitled, “C-Reactive Protein, smoke and fire in autoimmune disease” at the Health Sciences Center Arthritis Centre, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, June 2013

José A. Tallaj, MD, first recipient of the Bourge-McGiffin Endowed Scholar in Heart Transplantation

Ben Taylor, MD, MPH, SSGIM Best Research Abstract Award 2013-2014

Victor J. Thannickal, MD, Member, VA Pulmonary Medicine Study Section

Victor J. Thannickal, MD, Editorial Board, Journal of Clinical Investigation

Victor J. Thannickal, MD, Editorial Board, American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine

Victor J. Thannickal, MD, Member, NIH/NHLBI Respiratory Integrative Biology and Translational Research Study Section

Ashita J. Tolwani, MD, National Academy of Inventors Award

Ashita J. Tolwani, MD, Best Doctors in America 2013-2014

Martin Trojanowski, MD, named a UAB School of Medicine Clinical Skills Scholar to mentor medical students on the intangibles of being a physician

Rodney Tucker, MD, MMM, elected to American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine Board of Directors

Rodney Tucker, MD, MMM, Best Doctors in America 2013/2014

Brooks Vaughan, MD, Department of Medicine Supplement Award

Frederick Weber, MD, Department of Medicine Supplement Award

Mel Wilcox, MD, Department of Medicine Supplement Award

Keith Wille, MD, Chair, Lung Review Board, United Network for Organ Sharing Member, Transplant Network Steering Committee, American College of Chest Physicians

Keith Wille, MD, Member of the Thoracic Committee, United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS)

Keith Wille, MD, Member of the ACCP Transplant Network 2012-2016

Lisa Willett, MD, Best Doctors list in Birmingham Business Journal, 2013

Lisa Willett, MD, 4th Annual Education Summit Faculty

Winter L. Williams, MD, named Director VA CMR Quality and Safety – BVAMC

Zhi-Xiang Xu, MD, PhD, appointed as reviewer for the following journals: Autophagy, Oncotarget, Mediators of Inflammation, Journal of Endourology, Gynecologic Oncology, The Journal of the American Medical Association, and Cellular & Molecular Biology Letters

Lufang Zhou, PhD, Effects of Regional Mitochondrial Depolarization Electrical Propagation: Implications for Arrhythmogenesis