

Radiology focus

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chief of Pediatrics

Yoginder Vaid, MD was recently appointed Chief of Radiology at Children's Hospital. Thank you, Dr. Stuart Royal, for your 27 years of remarkable service. Although Dr. Royal will continue his clinical service duties, he will also focus his time on international outreach. He has had a tremendous impact on our trainees and the children in the State of Alabama.

New UAB Clinic in Leeds

The current UAB Medicine-Moody clinic is being replaced with a new clinic in Leeds this summer. Additionally, UAB will house an outpatient diagnostic center adjacent to the clinic featuring MRI, CT, ultrasound, digital X-ray, bone-density scanning, and mammography.

To learn more, [click here](#).

Chief Quality Resident

We are proud to announce that Molecular Imaging Resident Devaki Suras, MD was selected for the UAB Medicine Chief Quality Resident Program. Only eight residents were selected for this important inaugural program whose purpose is to further understanding of quality improvement concepts and techniques, as well as to develop the skills needed to effectively promote and establish high quality care services within the healthcare system as a whole.

RSNA Reception

We had a great turnout at the UAB Radiology Alumni Social at last's years RSNA meeting in Chicago. It was a pleasure to visit with so many of our former residents who now work all over the US and as far away as Spain. We were happy to report exciting updates from 2014, and we look forward to providing more encouraging news at this year's social. Continued partnerships between our alumni and UAB faculty are among our highest achievements. Thanks to your own generous support, we have raised over \$30,000 for the Koehler Fund for Education and the Stanley Fund for Leadership.

2014 Quality Variance Award Winner

Congratulations to our Mammography Section for winning *The Patient Centered Award* for 2014. It is a tremendous accomplishment to receive a quality award two years consecutively, and mammography also received the highest overall Press Ganey scores for the entire year. In 2013, they were awarded for having the highest hand hygiene compliance rate. We are proud of this group's hard work and dedication in providing excellent patient care!

Tributes to Jiri Vitek

"It is with a heavy heart that I share that Dr. Jiri Vitek, Dr. Eva Dubovsky's brother, passed away on December 19 in New York. Dr. Vitek was a brilliant neuro-interventionalist who served on our department faculty until his retirement in 1998. Our condolences to his family during this difficult time."

Chief of Cardiology "My sincere condolences to a great man and taught me much." - Dr. Gutterwood

"I have been destroyed by Jiri Vitek's death. He was not only one of my best friends ("my brother" as we used to say), but also my permanent contact with those marvelous years in Birmingham. I will miss his trips to Valencia, the long talks we had about everything imaginable, and the 1983 discussion about how to save the world by using a time machine for more than a year ago. I will miss his had to be a great man and a great doctor."

"I also remember several fond and funny moments while working with him as a resident in neuro. He was instrumental in the development of carotid stenting here at UAB in collaboration with Chief of Interventional Cardiology, Dr. Gary Roubin."

- Satinder Singh



"I was a great in his field when I started to know him. He had his MD and Neurosurgery degrees in his past, then Radiology. As well, he made the perfect neuro-interventionalist. He remained humble, but proud: the brilliant professional."

"His molecular diagnosis and intervention was published in numerous articles and chapters. One of the interestingly might be the "Cook Vitek" who made mammography a simple task for many. Just as a resident, he was a great teacher."

"I was so sad that he was ill. I emailed and he told me not to worry. I did not realize that my good friend was so ill. I was so sad that he was ill. I emailed and he told me not to worry. I did not realize that my good friend was so ill. I emailed and he told me not to worry. I did not realize that my good friend was so ill."

"Sad news indeed. He was well ahead of his time in many ways. I vividly recall assisting him with many extraordinarily challenging neuro-interventional cases during a time when few would consider such feats. We are all the better for such talent."

- David Bolus

Thank you

Thanks to all of you who contributed to the Angel Tree gifts this year. We are certain that our angels enjoyed a very special Christmas due to everyone's generosity.

