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A Message from the Director

Over the last year the Department of Radiology and Radiological Science had continued growth in all aspects of its mission. In addition to 5 sites of operation on campus we now provide full imaging services at MUSC-P West Ashley at the Citadel Mall, the recently opened Shawn Jenkins Children's Hospital, and the Summey Pavilion in North Charleston. Growth in CT and MR services had contributed to a 6% annualized increase in RVU activities up until March 2020. In April we suffered short-term setbacks due to Covid-19, but patient volumes have recently improved significantly. We expect our RVU volume to exceed 310,000 this year.

Mike Ricciardone retired last December after 7 years of outstanding service, and in February we were fortunate to hire Ron McKee from Johns Hopkins University as Radiology Administrator.

Over the last year we recruited several new faculty to key positions including Thoracic (Dr. Dhiraj Baruah), Nuclear Medicine (Dr. Saeed Elojeimy), Body (Dr. Nicholas Shaheen), Musculoskeletal (Dr. Cody Quirk) and Neuroradiology (Drs. Eric Bass and Justin Chetta). Due to the retirement of Dr. Claudio Schonholz we are currently actively recruiting a VIR faculty member. We currently have a subspecialty group of 45 outstanding faculty members.

The Radiology Residency Program continues to be well sought after as it provides excellent training under the direction of Dr. Madelene Lewis and Dr. Seth Stalcup.

After 16 years' service as Professor and Chairman of Radiology I decided earlier this year to step down, intending to work part time in the Thoracic Radiology section. Over the last 6 months a national search has been conducted by the Dean's office, and an announcement from Dean Dubois of the new Chair is anticipated shortly.

This year has presented many unusual challenges to us all, but our staff, residents, and faculty are resilient and remain dedicated to excellent patient care, education and research.

I hope you are all doing well, and I would like to send you and your families my best wishes for a brighter future.

Philip Costello, MD, FACR
Professor and Chair, Radiology

Catching Up with You

Dr. Liz Greer-Dessouky Diagnostic Radiology Class of 2004

"I live in the the San Francisco Bay Area (Mill Valley California) and work for Kaiser Permanente in San Rafael, which is about 15 minutes north of the Golden Gate Bridge.

I am the chief of Nuclear Medicine at my facility, and practice general radiology and nuclear medicine with a focus in PET/CT. I live in Mill Valley with my husband and 6 year old son."

Dr. Madelene Lewis Diagnostic Radiology Class of 2011

Dr. Lewis has been chosen by the Charleston Regional Business Journal as one of the 2020 "Forty under 40" honorees!

"This annual award recognizes the success and community involvement of 40 professionals under age 40 who are making their mark on the region." Her volunteer work with Camp Happy Days, speaking about breast cancer prevention, plus her professional work with MUSC's Radiology Department were instrumental in her selection.



Dr. Kyle Sanders Vascular & Interventional Radiology Class of 2016

"I became partner and Section Chief of Interventional Radiology at Four Corners Radiology in Farmington NM. We are living in Durango CO with our two daughters and we love it! Congratulations Dr. Schonholz on your retirement, happy sailing!"

Our newest Alumni, the Class of 2020



1st Row, from left to right: Dr. Cody Branch, Dr. Carol Congeni, Dr. John Hohenberger, Dr. Jennifer Martin. 2nd Row: Dr. Chase Mitchell, Dr. Jonathan Poirier, Dr. James Stubbs, Dr. Frank Vento

All of our graduates continued on to fellowships:

Cody Branch - Body at MUSC
Carol Congeni - Body at Duke
John Hohenberger - Body at MUSC
Jennifer Martin - Mammo at MUSC
Chase Mitchell - MSK at University of Virginia
Jonathan Poirier - MSK at MUSC
James Stubbs - MSK at University of Florida
Frank Vento - Mammo at MUSC

Alumni We Don't Know How to Contact

If you know any of the Alumni listed below, please forward this newsletter to them. If they like it, hopefully they will [contact us](#) to add them to our mailing list! We'll put a short list in every newsletter and hope that we keep hearing from everyone to fill in the blanks!

Cleave F. Ham MD, Class of 1986 DR
Samir Hadi MD, Class of 2014 Neuro
Bogolu S. Haranath, Class of 1983 DR
Lilia Vanessa Hardin MD, Class of 2010 DR
Alex Harvin MD, Class of 2017 DR, 2018 Neuro
Neal U. Hatch MD, Class of 2016 Neuro
Harris Hawk, MD, Class of 2013 Neuro
Marilyn Roberts Croley Hendrix MD, Class of 1984 Nuc Med, 1986 DR
John Herlong MD, Class of 1998 DR
Osman Hicklin III, Class of 1993 DR
Carey MacDonald Hindman MD, Class of 1984 DR

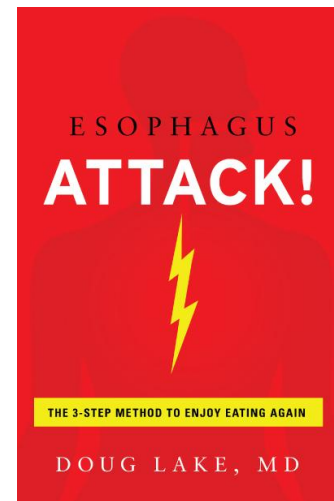
Publications

Esophagus Attack! by Dr. Doug Lake

Diagnostic Radiology Class of 2007

"*Esophagus Attack! The 3-Step Method to Enjoy Eating Again* is a medical nonfiction book born from years of patients telling me food sticks in their esophagus. When I tell patients about my system to eat, most ask, "Can you write that down for me?" After doing this enough times, I decided to write a book.

It will debut on Amazon and in bookstores in early 2021. All revenue from book sales benefit the Home of Hope -- a condominium for families with children with pulmonary vein stenosis to stay in for free in Boston when receiving care at Boston Children's Hospital."



Projects



Radiology Library Fundraiser

We currently have our Radiology Library enclosed in two cabinets in the break room, as seen at left, but we are working on an upgrade.

We are raising funds to procure classic barrister bookcases with glass fronts that are lockable. These new bookcases would be located near the Education Director's office. If you would like to see what they will look like, click [here](#). We have been quoted a price of \$6,791.35 so that's our goal!

If you choose to donate, your name will be listed on a plaque honoring your donation. We hope you will consider contributing to this project. Thank you!

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[Please email us](#) your photos and information about presentations, research you're doing, news you'd like to share (had a baby, moved to a new job, got married, citations for articles, books, etc. from the past year and/or what you're generally up to these days, etc.), and anything else you can think of for our "Catching Up With You" section that would be of interest to MUSC Radiology Alumni. We look forward to hearing from you!

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