The planning process for our renovation project is well under way. As concepts turn into plans we can visualize the workflow in the new department. Cris Meyer, MD, has been appointed Medical Director of Radiology Facilities Development and will work closely with Steve Dietrich, our Facilities Director. We continue to fine-tune our new Web site. Please visit uc.edu/radiology and send your comments to radiology@uc.edu.

I was very pleased to learn both University Hospital and Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center were recognized as among the nation’s best. UC Radiology is proud to be affiliated with both organizations. I also want to congratulate those being promoted as well as those recently appointed to new leadership roles in the department.

Last, remember to save the date for the 2009 Schwinger Lecture: Thursday, October 29.

Extensive Renovation Addresses Growing Pains
Improved work setting for staff as critical a motivation as patient comfort

The UC Department of Radiology is practically bursting at the seams. Ben Felson Professor and Chair Jannette Collins, MD, MEd, FCCP, has made giving the department a better, more functional and efficient space her most important short- and long-term goal.

Dr. Collins says the department’s multiyear, multimillion dollar renovation is her “top priority.” The initiative was approved by the UC Board of Trustees at their June 2009 meeting and is supported as part of University Hospital’s capital improvement plan.

“It’s been over 20 years since UC’s radiology department underwent extensive renovations—and in that time the department has grown significantly, but the configuration and allotted space have not,” she says. “Oftentimes, the department was forced to move equipment into hallways or sacrifice patient comfort just to keep clinical operations moving.”

Dr. Collins is working with a team of professional architects to develop a strategic renovation plan to accommodate the needs of both patients and the clinical teams providing daily care.

“We have a total of about 38,000 square feet from the UC College of Medicine and University Hospital to accommodate our clinical, research and educational activities, so we need to configure it in a strategic way that makes sense for all parties involved,” adds Dr. Collins.

Like most major renovation efforts, the radiology project will be completed in multiple phases. The first, which is expected to start generating dust in the...
Dr. Collins Completes Term as President of STR

Dr. Jannette Collins completed her term as President of the Society of Thoracic Radiology (STR) at the 2nd World Congress of Thoracic Imaging in Valencia, Spain in June 2009. The following are some of STR’s accomplishments during Dr. Collins’ leadership:

- ACCME accreditation
- Robust evaluation of the faculty at the annual meeting, providing individual feedback to faculty
- Published curricula for resident and medical student training in cardiothoracic radiology, with goals and objectives that relate to the ACGME competencies
- Establishment of an STR Gold Medal Award
- Offering self-assessment modules (SAMs) at the annual meeting for those enrolled in the ABR’s MOC program
- Free online availability of STR meeting lectures
- Record membership numbers

Renovation Addresses Growing Pains

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spring, will occur in the College of Medicine’s Medical Sciences Building. Faculty offices will be moved from the hospital to the College of Medicine to free up in-hospital space for clinical operations.

“One motivator for renovating is to make care more convenient for patients, but it is also critically important that we improve the working environment for our radiologists and support staff. Our employees need enough smartly organized space to do their work and remain satisfied in their jobs,” says Dr. Collins.

To help determine needs, Dr. Collins and her renovation steering committee conducted small group discussions with teams of workers to learn how separate divisions function operationally. This helped to determine the unique challenges and needs of workers and patients so that they could be addressed in the renovation. The goal was to eradicate inefficient systems and maximize existing space.

Currently, clinical care is spread somewhat sporadically across University Hospital’s ground floor. This results in significant challenges with patient and worker flow. For example, some inconveniently located clinical areas require radiologists and patients to move back and forth from one end of the radiology suite to the other.

“Over the past two decades, the department’s layout really became a hodgepodge of areas designed mostly around where the new equipment would fit versus where it should go,” Dr. Collins adds.

Although design plans are not yet finalized, Dr. Collins is working diligently to design a space that encourages teamwork and collaboration by making common gathering spaces a priority—something that does not currently exist.

New spaces to accommodate inpatient and outpatient flow will also be created to improve the patient experience, including the addition of separate waiting rooms and private patient preparation areas for starting intravenous lines and obtaining consent.

For renovation updates, visit med.uc.edu/radiology.

Thomas Recognized for Contributions

Stephen R. Thomas, PhD, Professor Emeritus, has been selected for the Society of Nuclear Medicine’s Loevinger-Berman Award in recognition of his contributions to medical internal dosimetry. The award was established in 1999 by the Medical Internal Radiation Dose (MIRD) Committee in honor of Robert Loevinger and Mones Berman, who formulated the MIRD schema for internal dose calculations. The award is given in recognition of excellence pertaining to the field of internal dosimetry as it relates to nuclear medicine through: research and/or development, significant publication contributions, or advancement of the understanding of internal dosimetry in relationship to risk and therapeutic efficacy. Congratulations to Dr. Thomas on this well-deserved recognition.

Hospitals Ranked Among Nation’s Best

Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center and University Hospital are both recognized in the 2009 edition of America’s Best Hospitals, published by U.S. News & World Report. Learn more about the rankings at health.usnews.com/health/best-hospitals.
2009 SCHWINGER LECTURE

‘Process Improvement Through Lean Thinking’ is Topic at October 29 Event

The 2009 Schwinger Lecturer is Maria Ceo, the Chief Department Administrator for Radiology at the University of Michigan. Ms. Ceo’s topic is “Operational Improvements Through Lean Thinking and Practices.” The lecture will be held Thursday, October 29th from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Radiology Classroom (UH G422). The University of Cincinnati designates this educational activity for a maximum of one AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to (513) 584-4396 by October 23rd. Parking is available in the Goodman Garage.

The learning objectives for the lecture are:

- Describe the lean system and process improvement using these tools
- Review how the lean process impacted operations and productivity at the University of Michigan, Department of Radiology
- Participants will have the knowledge to standardize their medical practice to eliminate variability and overproduction in workload and provide improved medical services to patients.

The target audience includes:

- Radiology Faculty
- Radiology Residents and Fellows
- Other Health Care Providers
- Health Care Practice Managers

Promotions

UC Radiology would like to congratulate the following faculty on their upcoming promotions:

- Rebecca Cornelius, MD to Professor
- Mary Gaskill Shipley, MD to Professor
- Beth Kline-Fath, MD to Associate Professor
- Cristopher Meyer, MD to Professor
- Kenneth Weiss, MD to Professor
- Rob Wissman, MD to Associate Professor

Meyer Appointed Medical Director of Radiology Facilities Development

Cris Meyer, MD, has been a member of the Radiology Renovation Steering Committee since its inception. This important group is spearheading the renovation of the radiology MSB and UH space. Dr. Meyer has served as the primary liaison between this committee and the radiology faculty. Before the establishment of this committee, Dr. Meyer played a major role in planning the renovation of the radiology reading rooms and in establishing the 3D lab as a departmental center of excellence. As Medical Director of Radiology Facilities Development, Dr. Meyer will serve an important leadership role in the multi-year project that will change the face of the radiology department.

Shumrick Named Director of VA MSK Radiology

Kathy Shumrick, MD, has been a member of the UC Department of Radiology since 2001. She has a strong interest in MSK radiology. As the Director of VA MSK Radiology, she will be at the VA three days a week interpreting all MSK imaging and developing a robust educational program for teaching residents and fellows MSK radiology at the VA. In this new role, she will report to Dr. Rob Wissman, Section Chief of MSK Radiology.

UC RADIATION CAREER OPPORTUNITY

Interventional Radiologist

(position number 28uc0750)

The Department of Radiology at the University of Cincinnati (UC) College of Medicine is searching for an Interventional Radiologist to support expansion of the practice. The primary practice location is University Hospital. Candidates must have completed a VIR fellowship in an accredited program and have demonstrated a commitment to an academic career with an interest in scholarly activities. Academic responsibilities include fellow, resident, medical student, and radiology assistant student education. Academic rank and title are commensurate with experience. There is a unique compensation plan that includes base salary, clinical merit, and academic merit. Benefits include but are not limited to occurrence-based malpractice coverage, minimum of six weeks paid time off, CME allowance, full health and dental coverage, fully funded pension plans and tax shelter opportunities, and relocation assistance.

Applicants must be ABR/AOBR certified or eligible and eligible for an Ohio medical license. UC is an AA/EOE/ADA employer. Women, minorities, persons with disabilities, and Vietnam-era and disabled veterans are encouraged to apply. UC is a smoke-free environment.

Contact: ross.ristagno@healthall.com or view online at www.jobsatuc.com/applicants/Central?quickFind=64405.
Achala Vagal, MD, has been awarded funding from the University Research Council’s spring 2009 Interdisciplinary Faculty Research Support Program for her project titled The novel use of CT angiography and CT perfusion in identification of post traumatic vasospasm in severe traumatic brain injury.


Jannette Collins, MD, MEd, FCCP, has been selected for inclusion in AcademicKeys.com’s Who’s Who in Medicine Higher Education. AcademicKeys.com Who’s Who in Medicine Higher Education is the most comprehensive and authoritative online source of information available on leading and influential experts and scientists in the field of medicine education in the institutes of higher education.


Collins J, Applegate K. Evidence-based learning: general concepts and applications. ARRS Web lecture. This activity is qualified by the American Board of Radiology (ABR) in meeting the criteria for self-assessment toward the purpose of fulfilling requirements in the ABR Maintenance of Certification. One SAM credit in the ABR category Other will be given for completion of this activity. This material qualified as a SAM by the ABR on May 22, 2009. Available at: www.arrs.org/shopARRS/products/info.cfm?product_code=WL0905_0481.