Weekly Calendar

9/22: Noon Report—Duty Hour Innovations Discussion—Residency Wide Invitation
After Residency Symposium 6PM, Kingsgate Marriott, Food Provided

9/23: Noon Report—Green Medicine

9/24: Medical Grand Rounds: Internal Medicine Scholarly Presentations

9/25: Academic Half Day—Retainer Senior Prep—Diabetes

9/26: Morbidity, Mortality, & Improvement—Michael Hellmann

~Fireside Chat Edition~

Dr Tolentino leads the Vulnerable Populations meeting.

“It is expensive to give bad medical care to poor people in a rich country.” - Paul Farmer

Anonymous Feedback

Our website has a section for anonymous feedback. Think of this like an electronic suggestion box that you can use at any time. The message will be sent directly to Dr. Warm, and is completely anonymous. If you have constructive feedback that you would like to share, please use this tool. The link is: http://intmed.uc.edu/education/residency/feedback.aspx
A Poison Bullet

Dr. Warm led the first Stump the Senior case discussion in which our 3 senior experts diagnosed lead poisoning due to a retained bullet in a young man with progressive fatigue, malaise, and abdominal pain.

Modern bullets contain a core of lead and 1-1.5% antimony. The majority of retained bullets are walled off by a fibrous capsule, but the lead can be dissolved by organic acids such as in synovial fluid. The authors noted retained bullets in the presence of a fracture, multiple retained fragments, and presence of fragments near bone as risk factors and recommended checking lead levels monthly for the initial 3 months after injury.


I didn't miss that many doses...

John Reid brought up an excellent case of a young man with fevers, chills, malaise, and headaches. As the case developed, we learned that he had been deployed to Afghanistan and had been inconsistent with his malaria prophylaxis. John was able to diagnose malarial infection with Plasmodium vivax after evaluation of thick and thin blood smears.

After making an appearance on the ITE, Plasmodium falciparum makes an appearance in the newsletter!!!
Procedure Fair!

Marshall Weesner is going to pilot our procedure fair to learn hands-on procedural skills on a monthly basis. This coming September 30th, with intern change day orientation we will be teaching ultrasound guided peripheral IV insertion. Experience with PIV insertion can save your night and your sanity. Dr. Katie Parker would like to shout out to Marshall for helping her patient in a pinch and hopes to get the hospitalists in on the skills fair as well!

Residency Council Moving and Shaking

We had several ideas come up with the recent residency council town hall. With the ideas kicking around, there’s a lot in the works:

1) **Lounge Phones**: Hats off to Bill Konecny who already got new phones installed by the new lounge computers. Next on the list is to evaluate the noon report room for phone additions/relocations.

2) **Sickle Cell Admits**: Sickle cell pain crisis admits go through the fellow to H/O when the service is <10, and are to be triaged to gen med. If there is a particular need to have the patient on H/O, the H/O fellow or attending can absolutely override this!

3) **Consult Connections**: If you have consistent trouble connecting with a consultant, let us know particulars so we can follow it up. One helpful idea is to page the consultant to a cell phone of anyone on the team members (Thanks Sprint) so you can keep rounding/moving.

4) **Subspecialty Transfers**: The housestaff needs to know about every incoming transfer. If there is a case where a subspecialist does not provide handoff information, kick it up the ladder and let one of the chief residents know.

5) **More Ultrasound**: The current ultrasound was an investment from the department a couple years ago—Dr. Justin Held and Dr. Ben Kinnear are investigating the current ultrasound usage and functionality. Verdict: We’re still looking into it.

6) **The Lounge Crowd**: Oooh, it gets busy in there. We’re planning a hostile takeover of the neurology conference room Oct 8th. Bring your trident! Really, we’ve got the biggest of the big-wigs brainstorming

Look for another Residency Council meeting October 7th to discuss ideas and progress.
The Diners, Dives, and Drive-Ins Hit List

This week three Cincinnati restaurants will be featured on the Food Network’s Diners, Dives, and Drive-Ins. OTR classics Taste of Belgium, Senate, and Bakersfield OTR will be featured. Be sure to check them out yourself and DVR the show—on Oct 10th at 10PM, Food Network.

We have a genetic predisposition for diarrhea. It runs in our jeans.

Im getting a group together to go to the Creation Museum with the CMDA on October 4th. We’ll be checking out their Planetarium, Special Effects Show, 70k Sq Ft museum with allosaurus collection, Petting Zoo, and More! Email me if you’re interested in joining!

- John Melchert

Research Corner: A Slice of UC’s Cutting Edge

Next week’s medical grand rounds will feature a consortium of resident scholarly activity. Be sure to check out the poster presentations featured in the MSB Atrium from 10:30-12:00, followed by grand rounds presentations from selected projects. Below are a few samples of the projects discussed:

Richa Patel will be discussing the Quality Improvement project for outpatient opioid prescriptions. She will present her work with Adam Rose, Corey Lucas, Stephen Evans and the 3rd year resident class.

Aaron Friedberg will discuss the implementation of a new sign-out and handoff system within the medicine residency.

Zenith Jameria discusses the work up for cardiac ischemia in the setting of arrhythmogenic syncope.

Steven Rudick will be discussing his research on cardiac metabolism and inflammation in mouse models using PET Imaging.

Miriam Anis will be discussing her research regarding testing thresholds and interpretation of Pulmonary Function Testing with regard to diagnosis of COPD.
The Weekend To-Do List — September 19th-21st

1) Oktoberfest Zinzinnati, Downtown. 9/19-21
2) City Flea—Washington Park 9/20 10A-4P
3) Cincinnati Bengals vs Tennessee Titans 9/21 1P
4) Cincinnati Comic Expo 9/19-21. Downtown. Appearances by the real-life Hulk and The Fonz
5) USS Nightmare Haunted House, Riverside
6) UC Football vs Miami (OH). 9/20 Paul Brown Stadium

Medical Trivia

First person to email Dana, sallda@ucmail.uc.edu and correctly identify this form of mechanical ventilation will win a Starbucks giftcard!

Congrats to Steve Cogorno for taking home last week’s medical trivia by describing the plasma cell.

SHOUT OUTS!!! (Let us know who Rocks)

- Nabeela Siddiqi, Michael Sabbah, Megan McIntosh, Andy Brown, Ian Jarmane, Ruby Xia and Brian Clark have been doing a stellar job on Green Medicine team according to the patients and faculty. A good time to be sick with this crew on board.

- Devon Carr for going from In-Training Exam to Rapid Response Leader in the MSB back to the In-Training Exam, all while on one leg and crutches!

- Steve Gay and the Entire 3rd Year Class for doing an amazing job helping each other out with scheduling and coverage for the fellowship interview season.

- Yasmin Hassoun has been helping Green Medicine with tremendous patient care and great presentations while on a busy night float service.

- To Michael Sabbah and everyone who stepped up to fill coverage with Jeopardy and ITE!