Weekly Calendar

It’s new intern orientation week (!!!), so NO noon report or AHD. However, there are still events:

6/20: 11am-1:30pm: Department of Medicine Picnic at the Zoo, also Med-Peds graduation picnic
6/22: 7:30-8:00am: Come mingle with the new interns over coffee and fine pastries in MSB 2351
6/24: Medical Grand Rounds: “New Paradigms in Thrombosis” by Dr. Becker
6/25: NEW INTERNS SHADOW!!!
6/26: R2 Retreat and the NEW INTERNS TAKE OVER!!!

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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
There be some new sheriffs in town

Stephen, Adam, Elise, Li’, Courtney, and Rachel are all incredibly excited to take over and continue the great energy of our predecessors.

Every single chief position had a gender swap this year which means the boys will have their work cut out for them.

Both the new interns and the new chiefs have been doing some very fascinating work lately.
Helen and Cory presented a case of symptomatic IgA Vasculitis presenting as bacterial endocarditis

Major Diagnostic Criteria for endocarditis:
- Positive Blood culture for typical infective endocarditis organisms (S. viridans or S. bovis, HACEK organisms, S. aureus without other primary site, enterococcus) from 2 separate blood cultures or 2 positive cultures from samples drawn >12h apart, or a majority of 4 separate cultures (first and last sample drawn 1 hour apart)
- Echocardiogram with oscillating intracardiac mass on valve or supporting structures, in the path of regurgitant jets, or on implanted material in the absence of an alternative anatomic explanation, or abscess, or new partial dehiscence of prosthetic valve
- Single positive blood culture for Coxiella burnetii or anti-phase 1 IgG antibody titer> 1:800

Minor Diagnostic Criteria for endocarditis:
- predisposing heart condition or intravenous drug use
- Temp >38.0 (100.4)
- Vascular phenomena: arterial emboli, pulmonary infarcts, mycotic aneurysms, intracranial bleed, conjunctival hemorrhages, janeway lesions
- Immunologic phenomena: glomerulonephritis, Osler nodes, Roth spots, rheumatoid factor
- Microbiologic evidence: positive blood culture but does not meet major criterion as noted above or serologic evidence of active infection with organism consistent with endocarditis

Nikolai presented a case of Desquamative Interstitial Pneumonia

Retrospective Study of 23 patients from 1990-2001 most common clinical features were:
- Smokers (78% current, 8% previous) with mean pack years 38+/-21 and mean age 46 +/- 10
- Dyspnea (87%)
- Cough (43%)
- Xray with BL interstitial infiltrative pattern (82%)
- CT with BL ground glass opacities (83%)
Research Day!

Congratulations to our very own winners!

First Place in Clinical Research
Pankti Shah, MD
Mentor: Michael Borchers, PhD, Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine
Poster: “A Breath of Fresh Air: Looking at COPD in a New Way”

Second Place in Clinical Research
Hani Alkhathib, MD
Mentor: David Harris, MD, Cardiovascular Health and Disease
Poster: “The Value of Measuring Left Atrial Strain on Transthoracic Echocardiography in Predicating Left Atrial Appendage Thrombosis in Patients with Persistent Non-Vascular Fibrillation”

There was a fantastic showing by our residents at the Research Symposium last Friday. Denada and Charlotte impress the faculty with Cardiology research while Nida shows off her glioblastoma expression.
BOARD REVIEW WITH THE CHIEFS

DUST OFF THOSE OLD STETHOSCOPES, FOLKS. IT’S TIME TO START GEARING UP FOR BOARDS. HERE IS A QUICK PEARL WE LEARNED THIS WEEK:

Q: How do you diagnose drug-induced lupus?

A: ANA, anti-ssDNA, and antihistone antibodies. Anti-dsDNA and Smith antibodies are uncommon. Complement levels are usually normal. Classic offenders are procainamide, hydralazine, and methyldopa. However, TNF-alpha inhibitors have been recently implicated and are more likely to have positive anti-dsDNA antibodies. Common presentations include fever, rash, arthritis, and pancytopenia.

STEMI Alert!

“Pat Jones” is having a STEMI at BRACK at intern GME orientation. Maybe she shouldn’t have been smoking like a chimney during her years as a trucker.

There’s a new Jeff Hausfeld in town.

Research Corner: A Slice of UC’s Cutting Edge

Denada Palm presented a poster at the American Society of Endocardiology Conference in Boston. Her research looked at alterations in LV geometry in chronic pulmonary hypertension and how that affects relationships between mitral annular relaxation and LV filling in early diastole.” As a bonus, our recent grad turned Cardiology fellow Francisco Lopez also played a role in her research. Go UC IM!

Dorothy and Kantha help with Ahsan’s Quality Improvement interventions in the VA MICU — placing patient daily plans and todos on the door for better communication.
The Weekend To-Do List—June 18-20th

Paddle, Barbecue, Yoga, and a giant water slide.

1) **Ohio River Paddlefest**, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (Kids Outdoor Adventure Expo) Thursday, 4 p.m.-midnight (Ohio River and Outdoor Music Festival) Friday, 6:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. (Paddle the Ohio races) Saturday, Coney Island, 6201 Kellogg Ave., Anderson Township. 513-787-5755; www.ohioriverpaddlefest.org.

2) **Porkopolis Pig & Whiskey Festival**, 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Horseshoe Casino, 1000 Broadway St., Downtown. Barbecue, whiskey sampling and outdoor entertainment. 8-10 of Cincinnati’s best barbecue restaurants, along with over 30 varieties of bourbon, scotch and whiskey brands highlighted. Beer tent also available. Live music begins at 1 p.m. Free.

3) **NamasDEY**, 10-11:30 a.m., Paul Brown Stadium, Downtown. Yoga on the field led by instructors from The Yoga Bar and all levels are welcome. Benefits Freestore Foodbank. Registration begins at 9 a.m. $10. No phone; www.bengals.com/yoga.

4) **Slide the City**, 9 a.m., University of Cincinnati, 2624 Clifton Ave., University Heights. Giant slip-and-slide event with food vendors and live music. Tickets to slide are sold out. Spectators welcome, free.

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Medical Trivia

First responder to Stephen with the name of this physical exam finding and its underlying diagnosis gets a Starbucks card!

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

- Shout out to the outgoing Chiefs: Steven Gay, Dana Sall, Michael Hellman, Matt Kelleher, and Scott Carlson for their leadership and year of accomplishment.
- Shout out to Brian May from Dr. Wexler for adeptly managing a patient in cardiogenic shock
- Shout out to VA Team 1 (Aaron Friedberg, Kelly Laipply, and Maura Munoz) from your new VA chief for rocking a very busy call night.
- Should out to Katie Donnelly from Dr. Ashbrook for being an all-star in both sweetness and communication skills in her clinic.
- Also to Thomas Getreu, who continues to stay trill.
- And shout out to the new interns for their energy and excitement!