From the Chair

We are very pleased to announce UC Radiology’s Best Doctors for 2009–2010. This national survey of experts in medicine is the most credible survey of its type. I am very pleased with UC Radiology’s presence at this year’s annual meeting of the RSNA. We had several faculty and residents participating in the program. The renovations project continues to move forward. We recently approved the schematic drawing for UH Radiology. This is an important step in the design process. As a result, we are on target for construction beginning in February 2010. 2009 has been a very exciting year for UC Radiology. I am pleased to have joined the department and to have the opportunity to work with the faculty, trainees and staff. We have strengthened faculty governance, moved forward with the renovation project and enhanced the department’s research efforts. I am hopeful this will serve as a foundation which will result in growth in many of our programs as we move into 2010. I appreciate everyone’s support and look forward to a successful year. 

Faculty Among Nation’s ‘Best Doctors’

UC Radiology is proud to announce our 2009–2010 ‘Best Doctors’

Two Harvard Medical School physicians founded Best Doctors in 1989. Their vision was to provide greater access to dependable, high quality medical information and care for individuals with serious illnesses and injuries. Best Doctors has undertaken the largest, continuous, peer-to-peer survey of the medical profession ever conducted to develop the proprietary Best Doctors database of over 50,000 expert physicians in 30 countries. Doctors are asked questions like: “If you or a loved one needed a doctor in your specialty, to whom would you refer them?” That’s the idea behind Best Doctors methodology. Doctors have unique, “inside” perspective about who’s at the top of their profession, who’s up on the latest advances in their field, and therefore, where they personally would turn for state-of-the-art care when faced with a serious medical problem. Only about 5 percent of doctors practicing in the United States are selected for each Best Doctors list.
Kyuran Choe Named UC Radiology CME Director

A member of the Abdominal Imaging Section, Dr. Choe has long been an educational advocate. She previously served as Radiology Residency Program Director, during which time she was an enthusiastic member of the Association of Program Directors in Radiology. She now turns her educational focus to continuing medical education (CME) and will oversee all departmental CME activities. With assistance from Rose Alden, Mary Lou Witte and Pam Sherman, Dr. Choe will be responsible for organizing the annual Felson Conference and Schwinger Lecture and will provide oversight for any additional CME programs the department sponsors.

Images Requested

Residents, fellows, radiologic technologists, physics students, and medical students are invited to submit images or video clips for the RSNA-ACR public information Web site, RadiologyInfo.org. Members of the RSNA-ACR Public Information Web Site Committee review the submissions. Images accepted for posting go into a pool from which three winners will be chosen quarterly. An image of a CTA of the head with a large aneurysm submitted by Rhonda Strunk, RT (R)(CT) was recently selected as a quarterly winner.

RENovation Update

GBBN Completes Phase 1 Schematic Design

Plans for the renovation at University Hospital are moving forward. GBBN has completed the schematic design for the first phase of the project and is moving into the design phase. The goal is to start construction in February 2010. The plan provides a new entrance to the department that is aligned with the main lobby. It will also provide additional seating and increased privacy for both outpatients and inpatients.

Above is the existing floor plan, which many of you will recognize. The first phase of the renovation includes the file room and many of the offices and holding and changing areas in the front hallway of UH Radiology.

Above is the floor plan for the first phase of the renovation. The file room is transformed into a waiting area and corridor for inpatient traffic between the east and west ends of the department. Changing rooms are updated and adequate holding areas for inpatients are located at both ends of the department.
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Quality Counts

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The above image is from Drs. Molleran and Mahoney’s scientific paper presentation: Incidence of Malignancy or High Risk Pathology in Benign Papillomas Diagnosed at Core Needle Biopsy. Dr. Molleran presented the paper during the scientific session: Breast Imaging (Interventional Management of High-Risk Lesions) over which Dr. Mahoney presided. The purpose of the study was to determine the incidence of malignancy or high-risk pathology in lesions initially diagnosed as benign papillomas at core needle biopsy in order to evaluate the need for subsequent surgical excision.

Mary Mahoney, MD, was a member of an expert panel to discuss the screening mammography guidelines controversy. The panel participated in a special press briefing, discussing the recent U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) release of revised screening mammography guidelines. The new guidelines recommend that women begin screening at age 50, and then every two years rather than annually, finally eliminating breast cancer screening entirely at age 75. Many patients, breast cancer survivors, medical experts and government authorities, including the American Cancer Society, American College of Radiology, Society of Breast Imaging, and patient advocacy group Susan G. Komen for the Cure, dispute the guidelines as being without scientific evidence and urge women to continue getting annual mammograms beginning at age 40. Most importantly, according to many experts, the new guidelines could lead to unnecessary deaths. This panel of experts presented data to refute the USPSTF recommendations. Dr. Mahoney was also interviewed on the NBC Nightly News, Wednesday, December 2, regarding this issue.

Dr. Collins’ presentation “How to be the Speaker Everyone Wants You to Be” was recognized in the RSNA Daily Bulletin. The standing-room-only crowd at the interactive session was entertained and educated by Dr. Collins, who showed attendees how to apply the principles of adult learning to their own presentations. She modeled the best behaviors for future lecturers by demonstrating techniques that keep audience members tuned in. As part of this refresher course, Dr. Collins piloted the Turning Point System, RSNA's interactive audience-response system, by building it into her lecture. The crowd consisted of 40 percent academic radiologists, 19 percent radiologists in private practice, 8 percent residents and fellows, 4 percent medical physicists and 29 percent who described themselves as “other.” “It's not enough to present good information,” said Dr. Collins. “Keep your presentation engaging and help learners to take ownership of that knowledge.”

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Scientific Papers

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Scientific Posters


Education Exhibits


Scientific Session Moderator

Refresher Course
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PUBLICATIONS


PRESENTATIONS

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS
The following faculty participated at the most recent American Board of Radiology oral examinations: Rebecca Cornelius, MD, Robert Lukin, MD, Mary Mahoney, MD, Jerome Wiot, MD.

In March, Dr. Cornelius traveled to the province of Intibuca in Honduras to work for 2 weeks at a medical clinic in a remote area near the border with El Salvador. The clinic is run by a non-profit organization called Shoulder to Shoulder. While there she performed many ultrasound exams, portable x-rays - developed using "wet tank" developing, helped train personnel in ultrasound and x-ray techniques as well as radiation safety training. She also did general medical care in the clinic and traveled to local schools to screen children for anemia, malnutrition and dental problems.


Dr. Mahoney was also quoted in the November 16, 2009 Enquirer: "Breast cancer is less common in younger women, but it's not trivial...If you wait until the cancer clinically presents itself, you've missed at least three years when it could have been treated, and by then, it's metastasized and the treatment is much more aggressive, and the prognosis is less favorable." Online at news.cincinnati.com/article/20091116/NEWS01/911170366/Government-contradicts-cancer-view.