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Tracey Bracke joined the GME Office in January this year and is responsible for maintaining online records in New Innovations for residents and fellows doing training at UH/UCCOM. Tracey has focused the majority of her career on quality management systems in a variety of fields including manufacturing and the financial services industry. She became a Certified Quality Engineer through the American Society for Quality in 2003. Her experience in process development, design and analysis will be beneficial in assuring data and records management in the GME Office meet the highest of standards per the governing bodies of resident training in University Hospital.

CCP Elevators Separated

The CCP elevators have been separated into two separated banks. Elevators 1, 2, 3 are one bank, and 4, 5 are another.

If you press the button for elevators 1, 2, 3 **only** elevators 1, 2, or 3 will come, likewise with elevators 4, 5.

Air Care operation has not changed, badge reader is not needed anymore for transportation, and all security functions have not changed. This should greatly improve the overall operation of the elevators.

Seminar Series on Personal Finances

The Office of Graduate Medical Education in conjunction with the UC College of Medicine is offering a series of six seminars on [Personal Finances](#) for residents and fellows from September 2009 – February 2010 in E351 of the Medical Science Building from 5:30 – 6:30 on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month. [Neal A. Tew, MA, CFP](#), a sought -after guest lecturer by programs within the UC College of Medicine, has developed a six series financial seminar to assist you in your personal financial strategies. Spouses and significant others are encouraged to attend. Please contact the GME office for further information.

UC Health Sciences Library

The UC Health Sciences Library is a valuable resource to University Hospital/College of Medicine Residents. Please see attached link for details on journals, computer access accounts, and computer work stations available to Residents.

Shortcut to: http://libraries.uc.edu/hsl/res_welcome1_2009.pdf

Required Resident Training

Required Incoming Resident Training from GME Office: If you have not yet completed the required training which is available to you in New Innovations per the GME Office, please do so immediately. Not completing this required training can result in being taken off service until is successfully completed.

Student Loan Relief

For residents with student loan debt hanging over their heads, the new Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) program offers relief.

This federal program forgives/cancels the remaining balance (principal and interest) due on eligible federal student loans after the resident has made 120 qualifying payments while employed in a qualifying public service job.

For this purpose, "Qualifying public service jobs" includes work in 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations, including medical schools and teaching hospitals. Sample fields include:

- * Emergency management
- * Government
- * Military service (active duty)
- * Public safety
- * Public health
- * and more

For more information see the FIRST Fact Sheet on Public Service Loan Forgiveness at <http://www.aamc.org/programs/first/facts/doingwell.pdf>

Change in Pharmacy Hours

The Pharmacy Administration office hours will be temporarily changed to 0800 - 1230 Monday - Friday (except holidays). Kathy Bateman, Executive Secretary, has retired and we are covering the front office on a temporary basis with Amy Emerson, Administrative Secretary, from our Inpatient Pharmacy. Please make note of the change in hours as this will be when prescription pads are available for routine pick-up. Thank you for your attention and understanding.

CLINICAL UPDATES

Lab Medicine Update– July Issue

In this issue: **CHEMISTRY/TOXICOLOGY** (Go-live for New Chemistry/Immunochemistry Analyzers, Hospital Labs to Replace BNP with NT-pro BNP, Influence of Hemolysis on Chemistry Tests, Use of Additives for 24 hour urine collections); **TRANSFUSION MEDICINE** (New Regulation: Drawing Blood products to the Blood Products to the Blood Bank, Acrodose Platelets).



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<http://content.nejm.org/cgi/content/full/NEJMe0903992/DC1>

Baden LR et al. H1N1 Influenza A Disease — Information for Health Professionals. N Engl J Med 2009;360:2666-7. DOI: 10.1056/NEJMe0903992:

EVENTS

SVP Awards

Join your colleagues on Tuesday, August 11, 2009 in the UH Courtyard to celebrate our Service Achievements. Free ballpark lunch and friendly fun!



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AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Please join us in congratulating Julian Guitron, MD on his recent selection to the Thoracic Surgery Resident Association (TRSA) executive committee. Dr. Guitron follows the tradition of one of the program's previous residents, John Mehall, MD, who was the president of the TSRA. We know Dr. Guitron will be a huge asset to the committee.

Also, please join us in congratulating Ellen Air, MD, PhD, a sixth-year resident in neurosurgery, who won best poster at the recently concluded World Society for Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery Meeting in Toronto. Her poster, entitled "Electrophysiologic Monitoring for Placement of Laminectomy Leads for Spinal Cord Stimulation Under General Anesthesia," was selected from

75 entries. It was co-authored by Greg Toczyl, MD, the Davis Phinney/Donald Krumme Fellow in Parkinson's Disease and Movement Disorders at the UC Neuroscience Institute, and George Mandybur, MD, Associate Professor and Director of the Division of Functional and Stereotactic Neurosurgery.