Early one morning in October, smoke began billowing from ventilators in several of our reading rooms and clinical areas. In this issue of Imaging Matters you can read about how the Radiology Department dealt with a crisis – the short answer is “rather well.”

Members of the UC Radiology community attended the 37th Benjamin Felson lecture on October 20, 2014. Cristopher Meyer, MD, FACR spoke on HRCT of Cystic Lung Disease to a full house. Dr. Meyer, a former UC Radiology faculty member, is now Professor of Radiology and Vice Chair of Finance and Business Development at the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

UC Radiology had a “Wings Night” with faculty and residents that evening in Dr. Meyer’s honor. Dr. Meyer started “Wings Night” when he was a faculty member. The following morning, he gave a Chest Case Conference before heading back to Wisconsin.
Fire Forces Evacuation of Department

Before 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 2, 2014, an HVAC worker accidentally set fire to a filter in an air handler at UC Medical Center. The fire was put out quickly and did no structural damage, but the hospital's air handling system distributed smoke and soot over the first three floors of the building. The Radiology Department was directly involved. All of the Radiology facilities and reading rooms filled with smoke. MRI, Ultrasound and the reception area also picked up a coating of soot. The CT and IR areas, which are on a separate air handler, were less affected.

Maintaining and restoring service was a top priority. Dr. Jason Itri, Vice Chair of Operations, says that even before the all-clear sounded, physicians began asking “Where can we read cases?” Interim Department Chair Mary Mahoney, MD, John McGreevy, Interim Director of UCMC Radiology, and Dr. Itri coordinated temporary arrangements. Fortunately, the HVAC unit involved in the fire did not handle any toxic or bio-hazardous material, so most of the residue was carbon soot and ash. Once the fire alarm stopped, Radiology and EVS personnel returned to the area and began clean-up. Within hours, the hospital had engaged an outside contractor to take over the clean-up. Manual cleaning by the contractor’s crew, along with multiple high-efficiency particulate (HEPA) air filters continued for over a week.

John McGreevy arranged for temporary Radiology facilities. On Friday, a registration desk was set up in the hallway outside the usual registration area. Some patients were seen at other facilities such as the Outpatient MRI. A temporary Ultrasound room was set up in the Nuclear Medicine area, and inpatient diagnostic imaging was done in the ER. Some outpatients were directed to offsite facilities.

Dr. Itri coordinated temporary physician assignments to compensate for the unavailability of reading rooms; faculty and residents worked from temporary locations including West Chester Hospital, Drake, and Varsity Village. By Monday, temporary workstations had been set up in the Chair’s Conference Room and an adjacent office. The total volume of cases handled in the days following the fire was basically normal, even if the conditions weren’t.

By midweek, an industrial hygienist determined that air inside the department was cleaner than outside the building. Reception and other public areas reopened six days after the fire, on Wednesday, October 8.
Junior Chief Residents
Jason Broomhall, MD and Emily Orscheln, MD were elected to serve as junior chief residents in October, 2014. They will become senior chief residents on July 1, 2015, at which time new junior chief residents will be chosen.

Cornelius Appointed by ACR, ASHNR
Rebecca Cornelius, MD has been appointed to serve on the American College of Radiology Commission on Neuroradiology. Dr. Cornelius is a fellow of the ACR and serves as the Chair of the Neurological Imaging Subspecialty section for the ACR Appropriateness Criteria Committee, supervising the activity of two committee panels.

Dr Cornelius was also appointed to the position of Treasurer of the Executive Committee of the American Society of Head & Neck Radiology at their Annual Meeting in Seattle, Washington in September.

Breast Cancer Center Receives Accreditation
The University of Cincinnati Cancer Institute’s Comprehensive Breast Cancer Center has received a three-year accreditation by the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers (NAPBC) administered by the American College of Surgeons. To receive this accreditation, a center must demonstrate emphasis on comprehensive care from a multidisciplinary team and patient access to ongoing clinical trials and treatment options, and undergo a rigorous evaluation process.

The UC breast center is the only one in Ohio to have achieved the highest distinction from the American College of Radiology (Breast Imaging Center of Excellence), National Quality Measures for Breast Centers (Certified Quality Breast Center of Excellence) and the NAPBC.

Maue Named Interim EDBA
Mr. Robert Maue, former Controller for University Radiology Associates, joined UC Radiology in December as the Interim Executive Director of Business Affairs. Bob knows the department from his previous work with Radiology, and will assist in the role of EDBA during the search for a permanent Executive Director of Business Affairs. Bob will continue to work part-time in UC Health Accounting. Bob replaces Carl Whittenburg, who stepped down to take a position with St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

RSNA Visiting Editors Program
On April 6 & 7, 2015, Dr. Herbert Y. Kressel, Editor, Radiology, and Dr. Jeffrey Klein, Editor, Radiographics, are coming to University of Cincinnati Department of Radiology to provide an informative presentation on manuscript preparation and submission. They will deliver the noon lecture on Tuesday, April 7, covering what they are looking for in a manuscript, how they make decisions, and give “hints” on manuscript preparation and go over common pitfalls; there will be a Q&A session after the lecture. Drs. Kressel and Klein will also meet with small groups of our faculty, fellows and residents to discuss specific aspects of manuscript preparation; contact mary_lou.witte@uchealth.com to suggest meeting topics.
RSNA 2014

RSNA 2014 was held at the Palmer House in Chicago, Illinois on November 30-December 5, 2014. Several UC Radiology faculty presented educational programs, and a number of other faculty and residents attended the events. Among the fifteen papers and exhibits UC Radiologists presented at the meeting, three received Certificate of Merit awards.

PRESENTATIONS AT RSNA 2014


Broomhall JF, Smetts M, Choe KA and Braley SE. Fixin’ the Retroperitoneum-Trauma at Retroperitoneal Fixation Points. Education exhibit.


Ranginwala S and Towbin A. Using Social Media to Help Promote a Radiology Department. Education exhibit. Certificate of Merit Award.

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Towbin is Honored Educator

Alex Towbin, MD received an Honored Educator Award at RSNA 2014. Established in 2011, this award recognizes society members who have been especially productive of RSNA educational materials, including lectures, exhibits and articles.

Ranginwala Attends Program

Second year resident Saad Ranginwala, MD was chosen to attend the Introduction to Academic Radiology Program held during the RSNA Scientific Assembly in Chicago on November 30-December 4, 2014. The program is sponsored by RSNA, Association of University Radiologists, and ARRS to introduce residents to academic radiology and radiology research.

Su-Ju Lee, MD, Amy Argus, MD and Mary Mahoney, MD at RSNA.

Virginia Molleran (second from left) was one of the presenters of MR Imaging-guided Breast Biopsy. Hands-on Workshop.
Radiology Department Holiday Celebration

The Radiology Department served a special holiday meal for technical and administrative staff on Friday, December 12, 2014, in the E684 lecture room. That evening, the Department held a Physicians Party at Cincinnati Country Club.

Mary Lou Witte and Princess Turner headed a committee to plan the staff party and decorate Room E684. The committee also included Clint Bramkamp, Maria Kalp, Pam Sherman, Debbie Henderson-Morton, Raegene Heilmann, Deana Ryan-Gabbard, Maggie Strunk, Katie Sinclair, Robin Godfrey, Rose Alden, Mary McMaster, Brandon Bails, Ricky Fuqua, Chase Richards, and Cindy Kelley.

At the Radiology Physicians party: Rebecca Cornelius, MD; Jim Arbaugh, MD; Mary Mahoney, MD; Ralph Shipley, MD; Mary Gaskill-Shipley, MD.

The holiday meal for the staff was served from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, with an additional seating for second shift workers from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. One hundred twenty-one dinners were served.

Door prizes for the staff party were donated by the faculty of the academic sections. Margie Bintzler, CT Technologist, won the Nuclear Medicine gift basket; Bruce Mahoney, MD, Section Chief of Nuclear Medicine presented it.

Mustache Monday

On Monday, November 24, the Department observed Mustache Monday, an event to promote awareness of prostate and testicular cancer. Many members of the faculty and staff grew mustaches for the occasion, although a certain faculty member cheated and used electrical tape.
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