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Dr. Ian Cunningham, director of the UC Radiology residency and faculty at Tenwek’s school of nursing in western Kenya, has returned from his May trip to the East African nation. Dr. Cunningham shared details about his experiences serving at Tenwek Hospital. The site has a busy emergency room, and the residency program is the principal teaching facility for 800,000 residents; surgical referrals may come from anywhere in Kenya. Surgical residents raised $150 to give to Dr. Cunningham for expenses related to his trip. "I always tell my students that we are fortunate to do here with fewer resources. "We should be able to accomplish the same things we can do in developed countries," he said. "To accomplish this, we must find innovative ways to do things in the same fashion, for example, finding surgical residents how to share their skills with others who have fewer resources." He noted that Tenwek has limited facilities to perform basic equipment maintenance, but local medical professionals have the expertise to carry out routine maintenance. However, proper medical imaging technology is urgently needed. "I believe that medical imaging technology is vital to the quality of care that we can provide our patients. Without proper equipment, we cannot provide the best care possible for our patients," Dr. Cunningham said.

The accreditation applies to imaging services at University Hospital as well as two out-patient imaging centers, the University of Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center and University of Cincinnati Hospital. The accreditation process requires that all facilities and departments must achieve ACR accreditation for each imaging modality—including nuclear medicine, mammography, and CT. The accreditation process involves a thorough review of the quality of care provided by the imaging department and its staff. The ACR sets high standards for the physicians, the medical facilities, and the professionals who support the program to ensure that all patients receive high-quality care. "The ACR has an ongoing process to identify the best practices in medical imaging and to ensure that all patients receive the highest level of care possible," Dr. Cunningham said. "The ACR provides a framework for medical imaging professionals to evaluate their own practices and to identify areas for improvement. By achieving ACR accreditation, we can demonstrate to our patients, our staff, and our colleagues that we are committed to providing the best care possible for our patients."
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A little time off in Kenya is well-deserved. We also realize that the same goes for the accompanying staff. The staff members have been working extremely hard and it is important that we show them our appreciation.

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Residents Active in Local and Professional Societies

- Jannette Collins, MD, MEd, FCCP, FACR, Ben Felson Professor in Medicine, has accepted a term as President of the American Alliance of Academic Radiology (A3CR2). Professor Collins was elected chair of the A3CR2 Executive Committee (rfs.acr.org).

- Jannette Collins was a past President of the Association of Program Directors in Radiology (AUR) that promotes the careers of clinician educators.

- Jannette Collins is an organizer for the Academy of Radiology Education, which allows radiology residents to be active in the ACR and continue to lead that effort.

- Jannette Collins is now the Chair of the ACR’s (Diagnostic) RFS and a member of the ACR’s (Diagnostic) RFS Executive Committee.

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In addition to their work for OSURS KIDS, Hawkins and Leidholdt are also involved in the Operations Committee at OSURS. Hawkins also serves as a Delegate to the American Medical Association (AMA) annual meeting in Chicago June 14.

Our Neuroradiology fellow, Radhika Gorantla, finished up her fellowship and will complete an Interventional Radiology fellowship in the New York area; Ian Fischer will complete a fellowship in Interventional Radiology at Loyola University; Royals Mahoney and Carmen Ingalls will go back to work in abdominal imaging.

Carolyn Dubrowell will be Missed Radiology resident Carolyn Dubrowell is moving to Salt Lake City, Utah, for her Fellowship in Cardiac Imaging. She is working with Nichols in her new position. Princess Turner helped arrange these appearance opportunities.

Oral Boards Passed
Caroline Corning, MD, Kelechi Enechige, MD, Michael Nekoda, MD, and Aditya Bahel, DO, passed Oral Boards for Abdominal Pathology to board certification in Diagnostic Radiology. In May, four more residents—Katie Deacon, Mahesh Edurthi, Jon Fischer, and Ting Ge—passed Oral Boards for Diagnostic Radiology.

Aiken Hosts Professional Standards for GRH4 Imaging Administrators
Dr. Alan Aiken, associate director of the Department of Radiology’s Imaging Administration Coordinating Program, recently received his appointment's charge from the Radiology Residency Affairs Committee (GRH4). The charge is to ensure that the imaging administration training programs are meeting the demands of the administrative positions in medical imaging. Aiken has been working with the Residency Affairs Committee to ensure that the program is meeting the needs of the residents and the imaging administration community.

Medical Director Named for University Hospital
Dr. Prashi Patel has accepted a position as Medical Director of University Hospital. Dr. Patel is a specialist in breast imaging at UC Health.

Kapur as New Chair of Section of Breast Imaging
Dr. Sangita Kapur, a specialist in breast imaging at UC Health, has been appointed to serve as chair of the American Roentgen Ray Society (ARRS) Breast Imaging Section.

Dr. Kapur’s work in breast imaging has been recognized throughout the institution as an expert. Dr. Kapur, a specialist in breast imaging, is working in collaboration with Dr. Pauline Glicksman, the breast imaging program director, to continue the work.

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UC Health University Hospital-based fellowship programs are exclusively accredited by the American College of Radiology (ACR) for all types of diagnostic imaging services. UC Health’s imaging centers located on the UC campus at the UC Health Physicians Office (Clifton) and Varsity Village.

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“The ACR sets a high threshold for quality—everything from daily calibration to radiation dose exposure to each and every one of the patients who visit our imaging centers,” said Michael Regg, medical director of the University of Cincinnati Hospital Imaging Center. “The ACR also places a high emphasis on safety, education, and research. In addition, the ACR has very strict criteria for credentialing radiologists, medical physicists, and technologists. We are very proud of the fact that we have achieved ACR accreditation, both at University Hospital and each of our imaging centers.”

The ACR also uses its accreditation to enhance efficiency and accessibility of diagnostic imaging services as well as provide opportunity for continuing education and research. The ACR has a number of programs designed to help healthcare professionals improve the quality of their services and ensure their patients receive the best possible care.

“UC Health is very proud to be part of this process and we are looking forward to helping guide the ACR in developing a new program to help patients access care in the most timely and efficient way possible,” said Dr. Ian Cunningham.

For more information on the ACR’s diagnostic imaging services, visit the American College of Radiology at http://www.acr.org.

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From the Chair

The ACR accreditation recognizes two significant developments: ACR, accreditation of University Hospital Diagnostic Imaging Services and the initial ACR accreditation for University Points Imaging Center. With this milestone, we have a new group of radiologists and staff, as well as local and statewide, to enjoy reading about some of those activities, including an African adventure.

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