We continue to provide "state-of-the-art, compassionate, emergency care in an environment of academic excellence." And yes, that is our mission statement!

Almost two years ago, we changed our “provider-in-triage” process, and we continue with “door-to-doc” times as well as “left without being seen” rates that are the “best ever” in the history of our Emergency Department. Our Missouri State Certified STEMI Center and Level I Trauma Center continue to treat more patients than ever, too!

The residency program is still outstanding. There are 11 residents per year in a 1, 2, 3 format. Amy Stubbs, M.D., the Program Director, Dr. Inboriboon, the Associate PD and Drs. Hilmot and O'Rourke, the Assistant PDs continue to do a great job training excellent residents. Hard to believe that Dr. Stubbs has been PD for 5 years, now. Christine Mays completed her second year as Residency Program Coordinator. Ms. Karen Manley will be retiring at the end of August after serving as our Administrative Assistant for 11 years. She will be hard to replace!

The faculty remains academically productive. We continue to be a site for the Emergency ID NET research group and, with the help of three full-time research coordinators, have several studies underway.

The faculty is also busy. Dr. Sullivan transitioned out of the Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education and DIO (Designated Institutional Official) position after 5 incredibly successful years and is now the Associate Dean for Professional Development, a new position created for her “very particular set of skills!” Dr. Ellison continues as the Associate Dean for Learning Initiatives. Dr. Hackman is the Chief Medical Information Officer for TMC and the Chief Quality Officer. Dr. O'Rourke has had another great year improving ED Throughput as the ED Operations Director. Dr. Steele has been appointed to a new position as the Executive Chief Clinical Officer (essentially a combination of CMO and COO). He continues as the Executive Medical Director of our practice group.

Drs. Algren and Christian still work as toxicology consultants at Children’s Mercy Hospital and at the Kansas Poison Center and Dr. Algren continues as the Chair of the Selection Committee for the School of Medicine. Dr. Inboriboon is the Director for International Emergency Medicine Studies. Dr. Carney is the EMS Medical Director for the City of Kansas City and is Chief of the EMS Section. Dr. Andrew Bolk is the Director of Emergency Ultrasound. Tyler Hase, M.D. is a new faculty member fresh from an EMS Fellowship at Washington U and is a member of the Associate EMS Medical Director for the City of KCEMS.

Charlie Inborniboon, M.D. MPH is just back from his Fulbright Fellowship in Thailand. More to follow later in the newsletter.

Under the leadership of Paul Cawas, the Program Director and Dr. Carney, the Medical Director, the EMS Education Program thrives. The Paramedic Program continues its accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Programs.

We appreciate the support of our alumni. We still have several who work clinical shifts as “lone-shifters” and several others who help administer the ever popular “mock” oral board examinations. Three graduates from the Class of 2019 are working as part-timers in the ED: Drs. Spencer, Norman and Tran. Additionally, Dr. Michael Casner is working here and a couple of more graduates are exploring their options here. We appreciate our moonlighters and are always on the lookout for more, so if you are interested, give me a call and let us see what we can work out. I can almost promise that you will enjoy it and know that the residents will be appreciative.

MATT GRATTON, MD
Professor and Chair, Emergency Medicine
Truman Medical Center
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It has been another busy year for Emergency Medicine. As a department, we are grateful for reaching our 30th year. Over the past year, we saw a total of 61,600 patients, of which 11,600 were admitted. We were on duty for 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year. In the next year, we are looking to decrease the number of stays by 10%, and I am excited to work with our team to achieve this goal.

The addition of Dr. Haas to the faculty and shift coverage by part-timers will allow us to sustain our quality of care. The addition of APPs as a Provider-in-Triage and our nurse practitioners at the front of the house further enhance our level of care.

Residents continue to support improvements to Cerner in order to reduce the number of providers who die by deaths from a thousand clicks and improve resident satisfaction.

It has been a fun year and I look forward to working with everyone to accomplish more things in the next year.

Katie O’Burke, M.D.
Director of ED Operations and Assistant Program Director
Dr. Jim O’Brien Appointed to the ALiEM Wellness Think Tank

For the 2019-2020 academic year Dr. O’Brien, our program’s resident Wellness Think Tank Chair, was selected to join the Academic Life in Emergency Medicine’s Wellness Think Tank. He will join a team aiming to practice in the United States. He also serves on the NBME’s Management Committee, which oversees a joint NBME and Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) exam for physicians seeking licensure in the United States. He is also a member of the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) Management Committee, which is responsible for policy, standard setting, and direction for all three Step exams that all physicians must pass to practice in the United States. He was recently appointed as Chair of the International Review Committee responsible for secondary review and approval of Step 1 exams. Finally, he serves on the Special Purpose Examination (SPEX) Management Committee, which oversees a joint NBME and Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) exam for physicians seeking licensure reinstatement or reactivation after some period of professional inactivity, or physicians involved in disciplinary proceedings in which a state board determines the need for evaluation.

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- Service Days (spring and summer)
- Career Workshop
- Residency Day
- Post-Training Exam Bootcamp
- Book Club
- Miscellaneous savings, consultant meals, gift giving, awards

Wellness at Sporting KC and the Royals!

- Celebrate healthy living with access to Sporting KC facilities.

- Recognize those who go above and beyond.

- Awards, shout-outs, “Saves of the Month” and miscellaneous gifts in efforts to want to better our program.

- The Wellness Committee manages department activities that focus on creating a positive, open environment for all residents to feel welcome and fulfilled.

- We aim to sustain a positive, healthy, and fulfilling environment.

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Wellness Curriculum

- Instructing about the history of medicine.
- Providing resources for learning.
- Providing journal club lectures.

- Developing case studies and review materials.
- Developing non-MD cases.

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The EMS Education program continues to serve the community by providing advanced pre-and post- Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and Paramedic candidates to EMS systems in the Kansas City region and beyond. The UMKC Paramedic program was proudly awarded accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAHEP), on July 2, 2016.

The Paramedic program is being facilitated by Lead Instructor Bill Gilde. Our EMT program continues to thrive under Lead Instructor Virginia Wilson. Both have experience as EMS Educators and multiple years of varied professional experience. Ms. Wilson is also in charge of clinical coordination.

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SUCCESS. In the past few years and we look forward to ongoing projects on “Strongyloides Pneumonia”. Multiple residents have completed projects on Senior Research Day. As always, they did an outstanding job. Dr. Liliya Kraynov was awarded the 2019 Gaddis, Hillman, Inboriboon, and Sullivan. Due to our department’s ongoing involvement with EMERGEncy ID Net: An emergency department-based surveillance for infectious sentinel network, we have had the opportunity to work on several large multicenter grant funded trials in the past few years. Our past participation in a large multicenter trial, Strategies Using Off-patent antibiotics for methicillin resistant staphylococcus aureus (“STOP-MRSA”), led to multiple publications in Dr. Mark Steele and the team. The sentinel publication in the New England Journal of Medicine in 2016 was recently named as one of 50 landmark papers every acute care surgeon should know. Multiple faculty had publications or invited national/international presentations including Drs. Cortney, Gallo, Hillman, Inboriboon, and Sullivan. Our residents continue to do a scholarly project and our graduating PGY3 residents recently presented their projects on Junior Research Day. As always, they did an outstanding job. Dr. Lilija Kraynov was awarded the Elevance Award for the most exceptional presentation on “Use of C-Cells in Trauma Patients and Associated Outcomes.” Our PGY’s also develops their opportunity to work on several large multi-center grant funded trials in the past few years. We have many ongoing projects on Senior Research Day. The faculty and residents had several new projects for further details.

SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY


On May 9, 2019, Amal Mattu, M.D. presented the 14th Annual McNabney Lectureship. The Lectureship is a “Dean’s Endowed Lecture” honoring W. Kendall McNabney, M.D. the first Chair of Emergency Medicine at UMKC School of Medicine from 1970 – 1986. Amongst many other accomplishments, he founded the Emergency Medicine Residency Program here in 1973, one of the first in the Country!

Dr. Mattu is a nationally and internationally known speaker and educator. He graduated from the University of Maryland School of Medicine in 1993 and from the Thomas Jefferson University Hospital Emergency Medicine Residency Program in 1996. He completed an ACEP and EM Foundation Teaching Fellowship in 1997. Honors and awards include: Founder and Co-director of the Emergency Cardiology Fellowship Program at the U of Maryland; Emergency Medicine Residency Program Director of the Year, awarded by EMRA in 2011; Recipient of the Peter Rosen Award from AAEM in 2013 and a winner of the 2000 National Faculty Teaching Award from ACEP.

In the morning, Dr. Mattu helped judge the Emergency Medicine Annual Research Day presentations and also lectured on the appropriate evaluation of the chest pain patient using the “HEART Score.” In the afternoon, he delivered the McNabney Lectureship itself entitled: “Everyday Leadership: Secrets of Great Minds Through the Ages.” It was literally standing room only for the talk and everyone present enjoyed it.

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- **Named one of 50 landmark papers every acute care surgeon should know: Trimethoprim-Sulfamethoxazole versus Placebo for Uncomplicated Skin Abscess.** Talan DA, Mower WR, Krishnadasan A et al. N Engl J Med 2016; 374:823-832. Steele, M., 2019

### BOOKS


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Dr. Mattu has produced multiple peer-reviewed articles, edited a number of books, and multiple book chapters, delivered an innumerable number of keynote speeches and Memorial Lectures and is very present on social media educating physicians in a variety of fora.