



# *The Newspaper*

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## Publications



Sudhakar, P, Kini A. Clinical features and visual outcome of pediatric optic neuritis. *Indian Journal of Ophthalmology*. 2023; 71(6):p 2603-2604.



Kasarskis E, Tandan R. Why is nutrition vital for advancing ALS care and clinical research? *Amyotroph Lateral Scler Frontotemporal Degener*. 2023; 24(5-6):359-361.

## Presentations



Kevin Nelson, MD, spoke at the New York Academy of Medicine. The title of his presentation was, "Neurophysiology of Near-Death Experiences in the Borderlands of Consciousness".

## Faculty Achievements



Saurav Das, MD, was appointed as Chair Elect of the American Heart Association Stroke Early Career Committee.

Dr. Das was selected to be a Learning Community Faculty Advisor at UK CoM.

## Faculty Achievements Cont.



Sharoon Qaiser, MD, was selected as a voting member of the Medical Student Taskforce of American Headache Society.



Sally Mathias, MD, and Zain Guduru, MD, completed the UK Providers Emerging Leaders Program (PELP).

## Faculty Seen and Heard



Larry Goldstein, MD, is on the Midwest Board of Directors and he attended the annual meeting in Chicago.

## Resident Seen and Heard



Andrew Williams, DO, PGY 2, did an interview with the Lexington Medical Society on why he became a physician, [click here](#) to read the interview.



Omar Al Janabi, MBChB, PhD, MS, who graduated from our residency program this year, was featured in a story for the College of Medicine. The story was entitled, "From an early age, I wanted to help": Graduating UK resident to address need for neurological care". [Click here](#) to read the article.



## Philanthropy

### Robert J. Baumann, MD Resident Endowment Fund

The endowment was established in honor of Dr. Baumann's skills as a clinician and educator. It provides much needed funding for resident learning opportunities and research-related needs that are not otherwise supported.



Education is one of the core missions of our department - we are always looking for ways to improve the curriculum and educational opportunities we provide. Our goal is to continue to attract the highest caliber trainees to our programs, provide comprehensive neurological education, and increase the number of neurologists available in the commonwealth capable of providing cutting edge patient care and who are dedicated to life-long learning. In 2015, the Robert J. Baumann, MD Fund for Neurology Residents was established to help us support our goals for the neurology resident program. Dr. Baumann has been a familiar face among neurology residents at the University of

Kentucky for four decades. Dr. Baumann truly embodies the teaching mission of our department. His devotion to the field of medicine and training the next generation of providers is truly second to none.

In keeping with Dr. Baumann's passion for providing a strong medical education, the endowment will bolster the continued expansion of the Residency Program and ensure that our trainees have a well-rounded experience, positioning us to be among the best,



and most sought out programs in the United States. Please consider contributing to the continued growth of our program and making an impact on future neurology residents by making a gift to the Robert J. Baumann MD Fund for Neurology Residents. All donations will be acknowledged and are tax deductible.

Donations can be made by contacting our Director of Philanthropy, Lisa Deaton Greer. (859-323-5374 or [lisa.greer@uky.edu](mailto:lisa.greer@uky.edu)) or by clicking here <https://neurology.med.uky.edu/neurology-alumni>.

# Wellness and Support Resources



[Click here](#) to find more helpful information on our Department of Neurology website.

## UK Wellness Resources

Academic Resources offer a wide variety of online and in-person tips, tools, and suggestions.

## Workplace Safety

UK HealthCare is committed to safety and well-being of patients, visitors, and staff in our enterprise. We take all forms of aggression, violence, and threats seriously. Sometimes frontline staff don't report these incidents, because they feel disruptive behavior is "part of the job". There is uncertainty about how and where to report.

## Childcare

Several childcare facilities are located on or adjacent to the UK campus. Please note that some of these programs have a 9-10 month waiting list, so if you are interested, please talk to the directors as early as possible.

## Financial Health

You and your family have access to the financial experts for guidance on financial questions, big or small.

## Diversity and Inclusion

As healthcare providers, we have an obligation to do no harm. But our obligations go further to prevent harm from befalling others because of our inaction or silence.

## Spiritual

Various resources are available for spiritual support through the GME program.

## Abuse Response and Reporting

For procedures to report abuse, and for details of patient rights, click the title.

## The Vicarious Trauma Toolkit

The Vicarious Trauma Toolkit (VTT) was developed on the premise that exposure to the traumatic experiences of other people—known as vicarious trauma—is an inevitable occupational challenge for the fields of victim services, emergency medical services, fire services, law enforcement, and other allied professionals. However, organizations can mitigate the potentially negative effects of trauma exposure by becoming vicarious trauma-informed.

## Well-Being

The University of Kentucky GME Wellness Training Committee is devoted to helping GME learners achieve their highest potential through the integration of the physical, social, emotional, environmental and economic aspects of wellness.

## Physician Support Line

This is a peer-to-peer support line for physicians by physicians that is available to US based DO / MD / International equivalents at the attending, fellow, resident, intern, medical student, or research level. Any discussions are confidential and protected.

## Lexington Medical Society Physician Wellness Program

Services include individual counseling, couples/family sessions, and sessions with spouse/partners alone. These confidential and free counseling services are available to anyone.

## UK Work-Life Counseling

Free and confidential counseling for life stress, work performance, substance abuse concerns, and mental health.

## UK REFER Program

A Family Center Counseling service provided as a benefit to UK employees that focuses on personal, couple, and/or family concerns.

## Emergent Psychiatry Services

UK Department of Psychiatry Outpatient Clinic  
Access to confidential consultation is available through the UK Outpatient Clinic during business hours, five days per week. Call 859-323-6021 and follow the prompts for the Outpatient Clinic.

## The Ridge Behavioral System

Access to confidential consultation regarding the need for emergency psychiatric services is available to 24 hours per day, seven days a week. The house staff officer is to call 859-268-0400 and ask for the Assessment Office and identify oneself as a UK resident/fellow needing immediate evaluation.

## Events

### Child Neurology Turfland



## Graduation



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## Save the Dates



Rachel Ward-Mitchell, RN, BSN, would like to invite you to the virtual epilepsy support group meeting every other week via Zoom. This meeting will replace the in-person monthly meeting for now. If you would like to join the meetings please contact Rachel at 859.218.5053 or through Central Kentucky Epilepsy Network <https://www.facebook.com/CentralKentuckyEpilepsySupportNetwork>.

Please submit contributions for the July  
Newspaper to Lee Anne Rudd, ([lee.rudd@uky.edu](mailto:lee.rudd@uky.edu)).