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Publications



Kini T, Guduru Z. Opsoclonus–Myoclonus in COVID-19 infection. A known clinical presentation in new disease. *Journal of Neuro-Ophthalmology*. March 2022. Online ahead of print.



Touma E, Qaiser S. Occipital Neuralgia. *Child Neurology Foundation*. [Click here](#) to read the website post.

Presentations



Sharoon Qaiser, MD, is presenting at a conference for first responders, nurses, and APP's. The focus is on Appalachian population. The topic is, "When it's more than a headache, red flags for first responders."

Presentations - American Academy of Neurology

Sutton P, Darpel K, Campbell M, Lee J, Swafford. Completing the NIHSS Score Prior to CT Scan to Reduce Time to Acute Intervention for Stroke: A Quality Improvement Project.

Das S, Verma N, Jicha G, Wilcock D, Goldstein L, Despa F. Skin Capillary Amylin Deposition Resembles Brain Amylin Vasculopathy.

Lakhotia A, Toupin D, Thamann A, Jackson K, Sevier D, Crutcher A, Wei S, Arora V, Asamoah A, Robertson W. Demographic and Clinical Profiles of Neonates Diagnosed with Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) via the Kentucky Newborn Screening (NBS) Program: A Two-Year Experience.

Kelly M, Snyder K, Barber J, Martin B, Bardach S, Jicha G. Factors Influencing Compliance in Independent In-Home Exercise Trial for Older Adults.

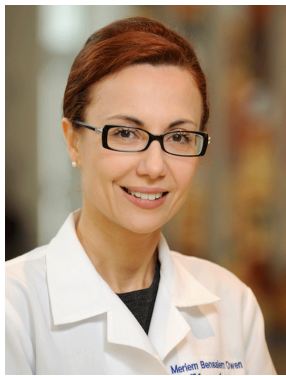
Pervin S, Yardi R, Bensalem-Owen M, Mathias S. Assessment of Adherence to Telehealth Versus In-person Epilepsy Clinic Visits in the Pre- and During COVID-19 Era.

Invited Panel Member - UK Neuroscience Gala



Zain Guduru, MD, was invited to be on the UK Neuroscience Gala panel. [Click here](#) to read the story in UKNow.

Invited Speaker - American Academy of Neurology



Meriem Bensalem-Owen, MD, spoke at the AAN in the course, *Normal EEG, Normal Variants, and How to Avoid Common Pitfalls of Overreading*.

Invited Speaker - Fulbright Essay Writing Session

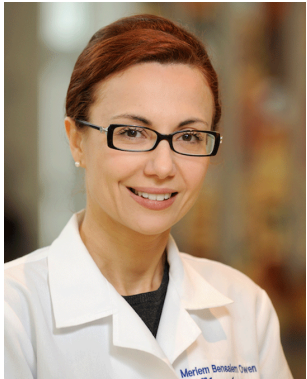


Mam Ibraheem, MD, was invited to speak at the Essay Writing Session that was sponsored by Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State and the Culture Affairs Office of the U.S. Embassy Baghdad. His title was, "Go Fulbrighters, 75+ Years of Global Impact."

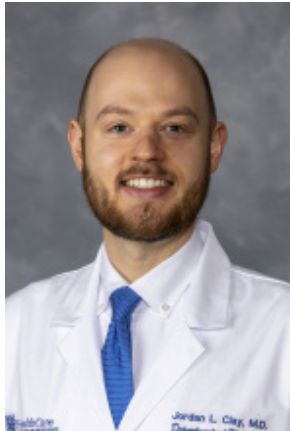
Faculty Achievements



Zain Guduru, MD, was invited to be a council member for the UK Clinician Philanthropy Leadership Committee.



Meriem Bensalem-Owen, MD, participated in the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology (ABPN) Crucial Issues Forum, "Supporting and Promoting Women in Academic Neurology and Psychiatry." She participated as a representative of the American Clinical Neurophysiology Society (ACNS) after being nominated by ACNS' President.



Jordan Clay, MD, was appointed to the College of Medicine Medical Student Curriculum Committee.



Dong "Dan" Han, PsyD, has been appointed to the College of Medicine Appointment, Promotions, and Tenure Committee for the next 3 year term.

Faculty Achievements Cont.

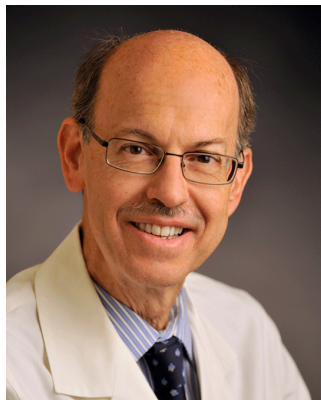


Sid Kapoor, MBBS, was asked by the American Headache Society to serve as a representative on the United Council for Neurological Subspecialties Board of Directors.



Sally Mathias, MD, was appointed as a member for 2 committees for the American Clinical Neurophysiology Society - member of the Resident & Fellow Education Committee, and member of the Quality Improvement Committee.

Faculty Kudos



L. Creed Pettigrew, MD, PhD, received a nice compliment from a patient who has been seeing him for 15 years. The patient wrote, "he has always been excellent and has always received great care, and he also said he appreciates everyone in the clinic."



Kara Kennedy, DO, received a nice compliment from a patient. Dr. Kennedy discussed the patient's diagnosis and took a more detailed history and advised a treatment plan. The patient wrote, "we received timely, compassionate, high quality care during a frightening event. We greatly appreciated the care provided by the ED staff, Stroke team, neurology resident and Dr. Kennedy."

Accreditation

Susan Hollar, MBA, R.EEGT, announced that the EEG lab is now ABRET Accredited! This demonstrates the technical ability of our technologists for EEG

The National Association of Epilepsy Centers (NAEC) is pleased to accredit University Of Kentucky Comprehensive Epilepsy Center as a level 4 epilepsy center for 2022 and 2023. Great work by all members of the team led by Dr. Bensalem-Owen.



Staff Kudos

Jennifer Rosenthal, BSN, RN, received the GOLD STAR AWARD!

" Jennifer Rosenthal, is doing amazing job supporting all KNI neurology colleagues. I first met Jennifer in July 2018 upon starting my UK faculty job. I immediately noted her exceptional performance. Jennifer has helped me tirelessly over the years with our KNI patients. Jennifer is exceptionally competent reliable dependable compassionate nursing colleague. I highly value her continued fun interactions. Recently, we both had to critically support and help a KNI patient with unfortunate presentation whom has had endless requests and demands to KNI colleagues. Jennifer has continued to exercise the utmost compassionate care and generosity with her time supporting this patient whom highly values Jennifer's authentic supportive care. Jennifer has consistently demonstrated great moral values and characters consistent with UK organization values of Teamwork, Respect, and Compassion."

Rachel Ward-Mitchell, BSN, RN, received American Association of Neuroscience Nurses certification. This is now an NAEC requirement.

Past Staff Kudos



Vincent Zhou, PharmD/MSPS.

Most of you know he was a big part of our Neurology education office for several years while he was in pharmacy school. He is going to the University of Toledo Medical Center for residency. He wanted to share this note of thanks: "I want to thank the UK HealthCare Neurology Dept. And also thanks to all my friends and families support. Y'all made my life here in Lexington so amazing."

Faculty Awards



Zain Guduru, MD, received the PSG NINDS Junior Investigator Travel Award from the Parkinson's Disease Group 34th Annual Symposium.



Fred Schmitt, PhD, received the Mentor Award from The Center for Clinical and Translational Science.

"Dr. Schmitt has a unique, non-directive and very open-handed approach to mentorship. He is matchless in his generosity with his time, willingness to discuss scientific work at any stage of progress, and commitment to emphasizing the importance of context in clinical and scientific investigation. His wry humor, quiet kindness, and long-standing commitment to the

success of trainees and early career faculty are a treasure to all of his many dozens of mentees."



Ima Ebong, MD, received the UK College of Medicine Diversity and Inclusion Pillar Award.

Faculty Awards Cont.

Neurology Wellness and Resilience Committee won the UK 2022 Sarah Bennett Holmes Team Award



The Neurology Wellness Team enjoyed a nice outing to celebrate their award for the 2nd year in a row!

The Joy Edwards Hembree Oakleaf Award



D. Neil Toupin, MD, was among the few nominated for the Department of Pediatrics Joy Edwards Hembree Oakleaf Award.

"Dr Toupin serves some of the most severely impaired children in our community, and he does it with grace and humor. His patients adore him. I can gain instant rapport by mentioning his name, because he is always thinking of them."

Resident Awards

Saha Award for Patient-Centered Care



Patricia Olson, MD, PhD, PGY 4, received the Saha Award in the category of Resident-Fellow. The Saha Award for Patient Centered Care was established to honor four health care providers which exhibited a high sense of professionalism, a moral obligation to patient centered care and the ability to lead by example to advocate a change in the UK HealthCare culture.



Rani Priyanka Vasireddy, MD, PGY 2, received a Travel Award Grant to participate in the International Congress of Parkinson's Disease and Movement Disorders in Madrid, Spain.

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) or by clicking here <https://neurology.med.uky.edu/neurology-alumni>.

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Wellness



Support

The Department of Neurology provides access to various services designed specifically for faculty and trainees to receive support in dealing with the unique needs of individuals. Counseling services can help identify and resolve problems related to work, personal, career or relationships.

[Physician Support Line](#) [Lexington Medical Society Physician Wellness Program](#) [UK Work-Life Counseling](#) [UK REFER Program](#) [Emergent Psychiatry Services](#) [The Ridge Behavioral System](#)

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Diversity & Inclusion



Statement for Equity, 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. We can no longer be idle while vestigial institutions and implements of racism that perpetuate inequity remain intact. Silence for the sake of avoiding an uncomfortable truth is not acceptable and it was never acceptable. Indifference to racism makes us complicit in systems that have oppressed, marginalized, and scapegoated people for generations. In a country long heralded as the land of the free, being Black or a member of an underrepresented minority group cannot be a disqualification for enjoying the rights and privileges afforded to others.

Racism and social injustice in the United States claimed the lives of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and countless other persons of color. Breonna Taylor, a fellow Kentuckian, UK alumna, and healthcare provider, died at the hands of people who are supposed to be keepers of the peace. Violence is but one facet of the chronic and pervasive racism that has plagued our communities. Medicine is not immune to the consequences of our nation's inequities; they affect us, our colleagues, and our patients and impair our ability to provide comfort and care. As healthcare providers, we begin addressing symptoms such as implicit bias and healthcare disparities by recognizing that they stem from hundreds of years of oppression.

We proudly stand with other members of the medical community and proclaim Black Lives Matter. We stand with the people of color and others in our community and across the United States in denouncing the abhorrent treatment that Black people, other persons of color, and other underrepresented groups have endured. We stand with others who pledge to be anti-racist and who work to tear down the pillars of institutional racism. As a Department, UK Neurology is committed to equity, diversity, and inclusivity. With only 3% of Neurologists being Black or African American and only 7% Hispanic-Latino, in an effort to counter decades of neglect, we commit to recruiting colleagues from underrepresented groups and ensuring that they thrive in an environment that is free from racism and bigotry. We commit to supporting young, underrepresented persons in our community so that we can have greater diversity among physicians in our field in the future. We must do better. We will do better.

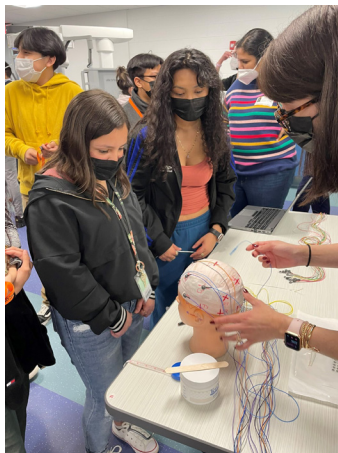
Events

International League Against Epilepsy



Timothy Ainger, PhD, attended the 3rd Annual International Training Course in Neuropsychology in Bordeaux, France.

Community Outreach Frederick Douglas High School & Bryan Station High School



Dana Ionel, DO, PGY 4, Eric Miller, MD, PGY 4, Gabriela Keeton, MD, PGY 4, Mangay Thandampallayam, MBBS, PGY 3, Molly Bates, MD, PGY 2, Sindura Tadisetty, Ima Ebong, MD, Kevin O'Connor, and several medical students attended the educational event. Surgery, Emergency Medicine, and PM&R, joined them as well. As of today, they have gone to Frederick Douglas HS twice and Bryan Station HS once. Although Susannah Stitzer and Susan Hollar weren't present, they provided equipment.

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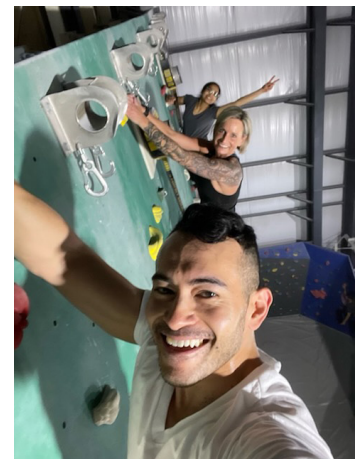
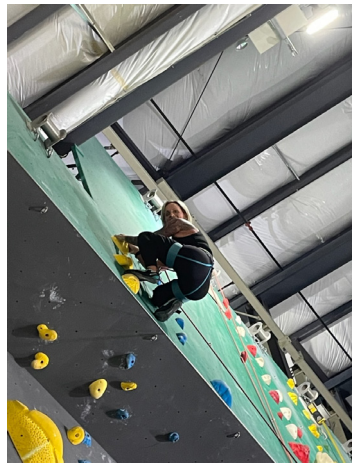
Rock Climbing Wellness Event



Kara Kennedy, DO, and Patricia Olson, MD, PhD, organized a wellness rock climbing event for the residents. Jennifer Vice, PA, Saniya Pervin, MBBS, PGY2, Molly Bates, MD, PGY 2, Pinar Coskun, MD, PGY 3, Alan Yaacoub, MD, PGY 2, also enjoyed climbing.

Events Cont.

Rock Climbing Wellness Event



Save the Dates

Neurology Residency Graduation Sunday June 5, 2022 More info coming soon Watch for an email!



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 May
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