

# *The Newspaper*

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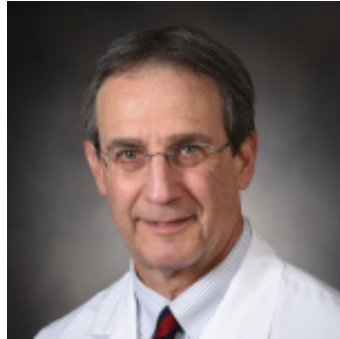
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## Publications



Ighodaro ET, Ebong IM, Railey KM, Spector AR. Improving the quality of publications on structural racism in healthcare *BMJ* 2022; 378:o1771



Tran PM, Tran LT, Zhu C, Chang T, Powers IP, Goldstein LB, Lichtman JH. Rural residence and anti-hypertensive medication use in US stroke survivors. *Journal of the American Heart Association*. 2022;11:e026678.

## Invited Speaker



Sally Mathias, MD, was invited to speak at the Professional Education Preparation Program (PEPP) MD Scholars. The topic was "Dialogue with a Neurology Doctor."

## Book Chapter



Sims L, Elam C, Isaac JD, Mbeng JF, Ebong I.  
Pipeline programs supporting underrepresented  
pre-health students. Handbook of Research on De-  
veloping Competencies for Pre-Health Professional  
Students, Advisors, and Programs.  
[Click here](#) to read the article on-line.

## Faculty Achievements



Kimberly S. Jones, MD, was selected to serve as Assis-  
tant Dean of Student Affairs for Learning Communities.

## Faculty Achievements Cont.



Jessica McFarlin, MD, was selected to serve as an At-Large Member, Chandler Hospital, Medical Staff Operating Subcommittee.

## Faculty Kudos



Dong "Dan" Han, PsyD, won 2nd place in the UK COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act Anniversary Asian-American/Asian Diaspora Art Contest. The UK sponsored art exhibition will be held in the fall.



Zain Guduru, MD, received a nice compliment: "Due to excessive travel time from Glasgow, KY, I transferred my medical care from the Cleveland Clinic to UK HealthCare to Dr. Guduru. Yesterday was my first appointment receiving Botox injections from Dr. Guduru. I had always believed the Cleveland Clinic valued their patients, and the environment was a "well oiled machine." Due to that thought, I hesitated to transfer my medical care. After visiting UKHC KNI Clinic, I have been pleasantly surprised with the timeliness, efficiency, care and concern with all involved with my visit, and the patient centered mentality. Keep up the good work!"

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Dr. Guduru was also a recipient of the Blue Jacket Award. This award recognizes a UK HealthCare employee who has positively impacted a patient experience in an extraordinary way through patient centered care and safety.

## GME Trainee of the Month - June



Mangayarkarasi Thandampallayam Ajjeya, MBBS, PGY 4, was named the GME Trainee of the Month. Among 900 plus residents at UKCoM, only one is selected each month for this distinction.

## Seen and Heard



Fred Schmitt, PhD, was featured on UKNow regarding Memtrax, developed at University of Kentucky. [Click here](#) to read the story.

## Staff Kudos



Brittany A. Young, MSN, AFGACNP-BC, APRN, completed the Providers Emerging Leaders Program (PELP).

## 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



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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](#)
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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

Child Neurology Graduation Festivities





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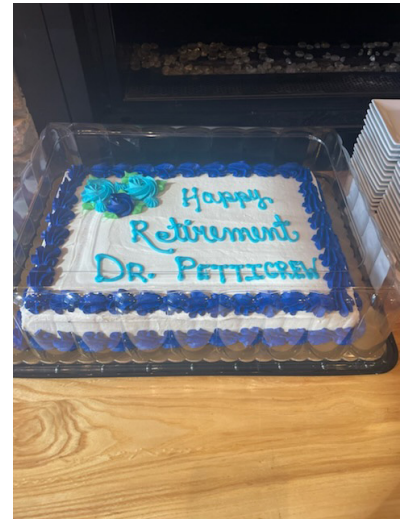


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### Dr. Ibraheem's farewell event



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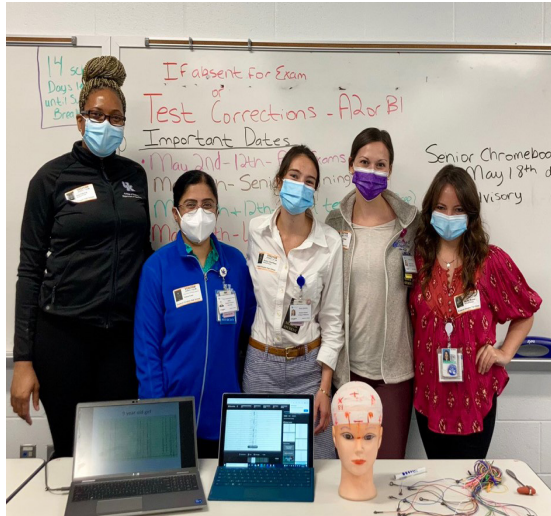
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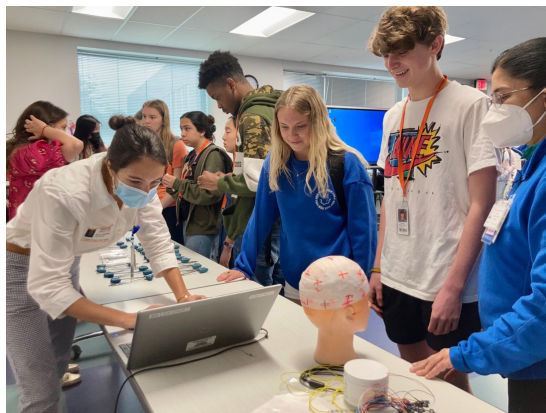


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# Careers in Medicine Partnership with Frederick Douglass High School



Kevin O'Connor, MD, Ima Ebong, MD, Molly Bates, MD, (PGY 3), and Man-gayarkarasi Thandampallayam Ajjeya, MBBS, (PGY 4). Attended the Careers in Medicine Partnership With Frederick Douglass High School. It has evolved from a program focused on introducing pre-college students to the field of Neurology to now including multiple disciplines within the field of medicine.



## Save the Dates



The image is a blue promotional flyer for the Stroke Care Network Summit 2022. At the top left are the logos for 'UHealthCare' and 'NORTON HEALTHCARE'. Below them is the text 'STROKE CARE NETWORK'. In the top right corner is a stylized blue silhouette of a superhero. The main headline reads 'INTRODUCING 2022 SUMMIT KEYNOTE SPEAKER!'. To the left of the photo is a detailed biography of Dr. Schwamm. To the right is a headshot of Dr. Schwamm. Below the photo is his name and titles. At the bottom, the event details are listed: 'Stroke Care Network Summit', 'October 13 and 14, 2022', and 'Hyatt Regency - Lexington, KY'.

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**INTRODUCING 2022 SUMMIT KEYNOTE SPEAKER!**

Dr. Schwamm is a Professor of Neurology at Harvard Medical School and holds the C. Miller Fisher Chair in Vascular Neurology at Massachusetts General Hospital, where he serves as the Senior Clinical and Strategic Advisor to the Dept. of Neurology and Director of the Center for TeleHealth. He leads all systemwide virtual care (telehealth) activities for the Mass General Brigham Health System as Vice President of Mass General Brigham – Digital, Patient Experience and Virtual Care (synchronous and asynchronous virtual visits and consults, remote patient monitoring, virtual urgent care and online second opinions). During COVID, he led adoption efforts for 10,000 providers and 1.38 M visits, and introduced a suite of inpatient virtual solutions. He has spent two decades in telehealth, pioneering telestroke, and leading advocacy efforts (e.g., FAST Act in Congress).

He is an internationally recognized expert in stroke diagnosis, treatment, and prevention and a Fellow of the American Heart Association and American Neurological Association. He is the author of more than 450 peer-reviewed articles and has chaired many of the current practice guidelines for stroke and telehealth-enabled care delivery. He has received numerous awards for innovation, leadership, and advocacy in the field of stroke and digital health. He serves as the section editor for digital health for stroke, and is on the international advisory board for Lancet Digital Health. His research has been funded by NIH, PCORI, AHRQ, HRSA, CDC, and others. He serves on the Board of Directors of the American Heart Association.



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**Stroke Care Network Summit**  
October 13 and 14, 2022  
Hyatt Regency - Lexington, KY

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)).