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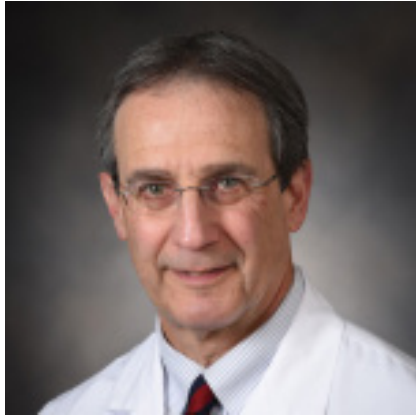
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Publications



Leifheit E, Wang Y, Goldstein LB, Lichtman JH. Trends in 1-Year Recurrent Ischemic Stroke in the US Medicare Fee-for-Service Population. *Stroke*. 2022;53:3338–3347.

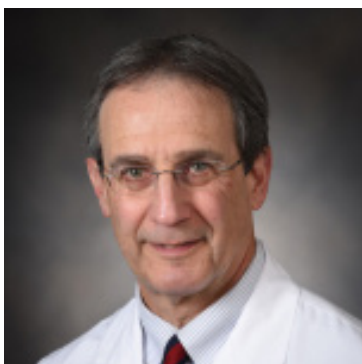
Presentations



Meriem Bensalem-Owen, MD, was invited to give an *Ignite Talk* for the Epilepsy Learning Healthcare System (ELHS) at the University of Cincinnati.

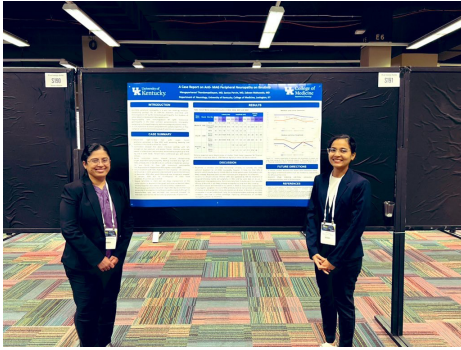


Daniel O. Lee, MD, spoke at the Annual Sleep Conference. His presentation was entitled, "You have the crystal ball."

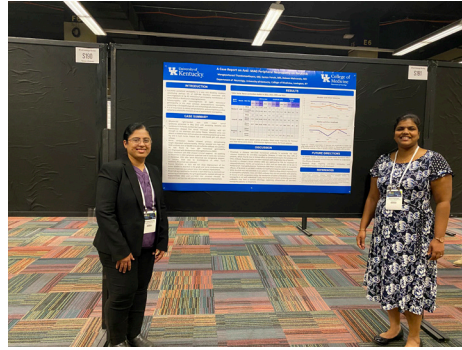


Larry Goldstein, MD, directed and moderated an AUPN Chair Course on Governmental Advocacy at the ANA.

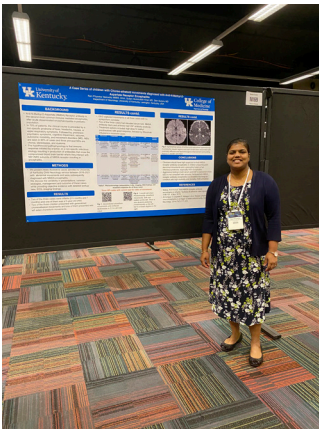
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Saniya Pervin, MBBS, PGY 3, Mangayarkarasi Thandampallayam Ajjeja, MBBS, PGY 4, presented a poster entitled, "A Case Report on Anti- MAG Peripheral Neuropathy on Ibrutinib," at the ANA in Chicago.

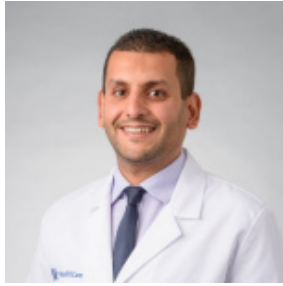


Saniya Pervis, MBBS, PGY 3 and Zabeen Mahuwala, MD, presented a poster entitled, "A case report of muscle specific kinase and LRP-4 positive Myasthenia Gravis," at the American Association of Neuromuscular and Electrodiagnostic Medicine Annual Meeting.

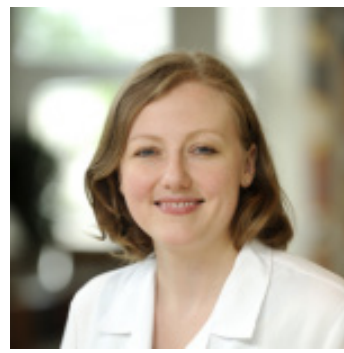


Rani Priyanka Vasireddy, MD, PGY 3, Zain Guduru, MD, Qutub Khan, MD, presented a poster entitled, "A case series of children with choreo-athetoid movements diagnosed with anti-n-methyl-d-aspartate receptor encephalitis at the ANA in Chicago.

Presentations Cont.



Khawla Abusamra, MBBS, PGY 4, Omar Al-Janabi, MBChB, PGY 4, Mangay Thandampallayam Ajjeja, MBBS, PGY 4, and Douglas Lukins, MD, presented a poster entitled, "Stiff person syndrome in a patient with atypical carcinoid tumor of the lung secondary to anti-amphiphysin antibodies: A case report and literature review."



Sharoon Qaiser, MD, and Donita Lightner, MD, attended the International Child Neurology Association in Turkey as platform speakers. The title was "Pediatric headache database: Regional model beyond borders."

Faculty Achievements



Vishakhadatta Mathur Kumaraswamy, MD, received the College of Medicine Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award.

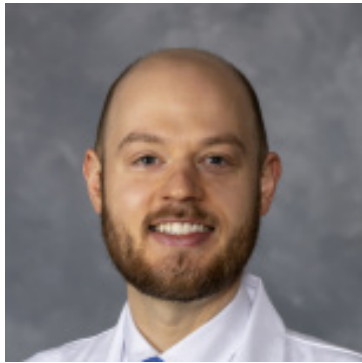


Julie Gurwell, PA-C, PhD, was inducted into the Kentucky Wesleyan College Hall of Fame. This award is to honor alumni who gained distinction in their careers, became uniquely successful, and/or made a significant impact on the lives of others so as to deserve such acclaim.



Saurav Das, MD, received the ABPN Education Research Award!

Faculty Kudos



Jordan Clay, MD, received a nice compliment from a patient, "I have been dealing with seizures for two years now. I have totaled my car, been beaten and tased by police, and injured my body falling during the seizures. The neurologist I see in Pikeville literally stays in the room with me for 30 seconds, increases my Topomax and walks out, so I felt like I wasn't getting anywhere with them at all. I saw Dr. Jordan Clay here at the UK Epilepsy Center and he sat and talked with me for over an hour

the first time I saw him which immediately showed me the quality of care I was going to receive here at UK. He was absolutely AMAZING. He even came to see me during my stay here at the UK hospital. I can't explain how good of a doctor this man is. I am eternally grateful just for his ability to listen to the patient and explain to them what exactly he is doing and why. I was flown here from Pikeville because they weren't equipped to handle my situation. Since I have been here I have learned exactly what QUALITY healthcare is. Everyone here has treated me so wonderfully. My rest and recovery has been their utmost concern. There have been a couple people who have gone out of their way to make sure that I was completely satisfied, to the point that I feel they should receive recognition for how well they interact with patients, how hard they work to do so. Angela Wooten is amazing, almost to the point that it is unbelievable. I have never seen someone work so diligently before in my life, she is amazing. Terrell Berry, is also absolutely wonderful and has made sure I was in the best shape I could be. I can't express how wonderful and hard working they are, and how appreciative I am for their care. Please see that they are commended for their hard work. Thank you."

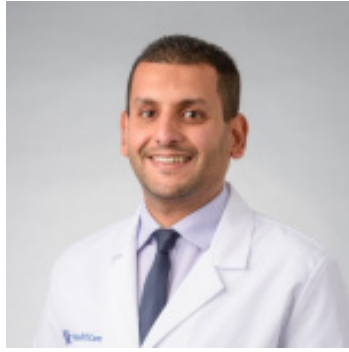
Resident Kudos



Saniya Pervin, MBBS, PGY 3, and Rani Priyanka Vasireddy, MBBS, PGY 3, completed the Kiffin Penry course on Epilepsy.

Dr. Vasireddy was selected for the annual Neuromodulation course at Vanderbilt.

Resident Kudos Cont.



Rani Priyanka Vasireddy, MBBS, PGY 3, Omar Al-Janabi, MBChB, PGY 4, and Khawla Abusamra, MBBS, PGY 4, received travel awards to attend the American Neurological Association.

Staff Kudos



Megan Craft, PA-C, completed her PA Residency. Congratulations to the program's first graduate!

Medical Student Kudos



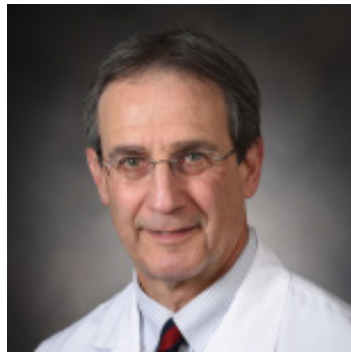
A medical student, Hunter S. Hazelwood, in Dr. Keith Pennypacker's lab received the Medical Student Research Scholarship from the American Academy of Neurology.

GME Trainee of the Month - October



Ashwini Kini, MBBS, PGY 4, was selected to be the October GME Trainee of the month.

Seen and Heard



Larry B. Goldstein, MD, gave his perspective for an article entitled, "Intensive BP control harmful after endovascular thrombectomy for acute ischemic stroke" in *Cardiology Today*. [Click here](#) to read the article and his perspective.

PAV A 5th Floor Faculty/Staff Kudos

Several staff and faculty received a very nice compliment from a patient. The patient sent the comment through the Grateful Patient Program, "Recently I experienced my very first stroke and was hospitalized for six days. I wanted to thank my caregivers in the 5th Floor Neuro unit. I did not get all their names, but I want to include my team of Khalid, Sean, Terrell, Beth, Seth, Hannah, Dr Ishfaq, Dr Anderson, Alexis, Steven, Kyle, and the rest of the staff on duty during my stay. They were attentive, friendly, professional and respectful. I was very worried about my condition, but each of them contributed to my healing and comfort. Thank you so much."

Welcome



Laura Muzinic, MS, recently joined as the Research Project Manager for the UK Neuroscience Research Priority Area.

Laura is Originally from Cincinnati, OH. She married her husband, Chris, in 2000. She received her Master of Science degree in Aquaculture from Kentucky State University. Laura has been at UK since 2005. She is a mother of two, a 15-yr old boy and 12-yr old girl. Shes loves to sew, crochet, read, and watch movies in my free time. Halloween is her favorite holiday.



Lisa Coleman, MSN, APRN, RDCS

Started her career in medicine as a certified medical assistant in Pediatric Cardiology over 22 yrs ago, from there she taught herself how to do pediatric echocardiograms and became a certified echo tech. Lisa returned to school to receive her ADN & BSN, then left pediatric cardiology to finish up her MSN. She has been a family nurse practitioner for 2 ½ yrs. Lisa is excited to be joining the Child Neurology team at Turfland. Working with kids is definitely a passion of hers.

She has been married for 13 yrs, and has a “bonus son” who is 23, married, and in the army. A “bonus daughter” who just turned 18 and graduated from high school, and a 10 year old daughter. They have a cat and 2 dogs. In her spare time she loves to travel, spend time with her family, read, and she has recently started competing in Rally Obedience Competitions with their dogs.

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

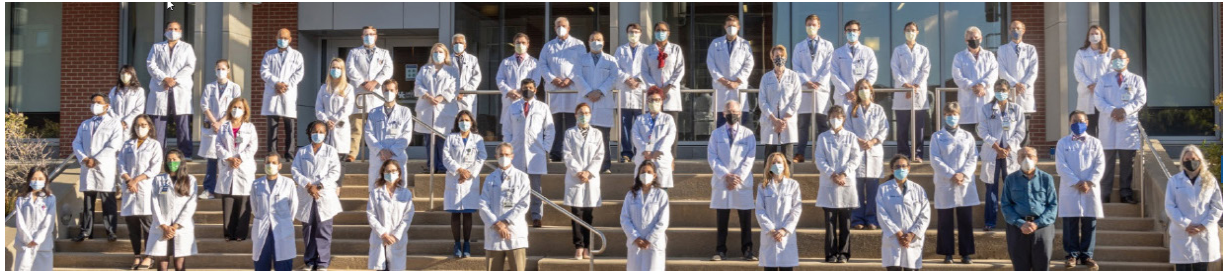
teaching mission of our department. His devotion to the field of medicine and training the next generation of providers is truly second to none.

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>.

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 live 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 In 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 859-268-6400 and ask for the Assessment Office and identify oneself as a UK resident/fellow needing immediate evaluation.

Events

American Neurological Association



Pumpkin Mania Festival - Transylvania University



Events Cont.

Stroke Care Network Summit



Save the Dates

International Stroke Conference

February 8-10, 2023

Dallas, TX + Virtual

AAN Annual Meeting

Registration is open now

Boston, MA

April 22-27

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 November Newspaper to Lee Anne Rudd, (lee.rudd@uky.edu).