



# *The Newspaper*

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## Publications



Mohammaden MH, Tarek MA, Aboul Nour H, et al. Rescue intracranial stenting for failed posterior circulation thrombectomy: analysis from the Stenting and Angioplasty in NeuroThrombectomy (SAINT) study. *Journal of Neurointerventional Surgery*. 2023 (Sept). Online ahead of print.

## Posters & Presentations

### International Stroke Conference

*Artificial intelligence algorithm as a diagnostic tool for aneurysms.* Lauren R. Miller, Jacqueline Frank, Jessica D. Lee, Margie L. Campbell, Lesley Wise, Douglas Lukins, David Dornbos III, Shivani Pahwa, Justin Fraser.

*Association of dependent Cannabis use in patients with chronic liver disease with stroke hospitalizations and subsequent mortality: A nationwide analysis.* Supreeth N Gowda.

*Cannabidiol as a therapy for experimental subarachnoid hemorrhage.* Laura Whitnel, Robert Ferguson, Justin Fraser, Jill Roberts.

*Carotid floating thrombus: Medical management and Outcomes.* Hassan O. Aboul-Nour.

*Impact of early mobilization on length of stay in acute ischemic stroke.* Kathryn Comer, Kevin O'Connor, Jessica D. Lee.

*Leptomeningeal competitive flow impact on Thrombectomy reperfusion grade rating.* Hassan O. Aboul-Nour.

*Neuroscience nurse navigator a new compass in continuation of care among stroke populations.* Ronald Adams, Jr., Margie L. Campbell, Jessica D. Lee, Leah Perkins.

*Predicting atrial fibrillation in embolic stroke of unknown source.* Hassan O. Aboul-Nour.

*Racial disparities and predictors of all-cause mortality in post-menopausal women hospitalized for stroke: A nationwide analysis.* Supreeth N Gowda.

*Clearing the path: controversies in treating symptomatic carotid stenosis.* Larry B. Goldstein (Moderator). [Click here](#) to read the story.

*The impact of social determinants of health on ambulatory status at discharge following acute ischemic stroke: Findings from the get with the guidelines-stroke registry.* Hassan O. Aboul-Nour.

*Fire in the brain: Investigating cerebrovascular inflammation.* Hassan O. Aboul-Nour (Moderator).

## Presentations Cont.

### North American Neuro-ophthalmology Society



Mangay Thandampallayam, MBBS, attended NANOS and received her Fellow Certificate from her mentor, Dr. Kaufman .



### International Headache Society



Sharon Qaiser, MD, was the keynote speaker at the IHS and Child Neurology Society in Pakistan.

### Faculty Achievements



Sharon Qaiser, MD, received the award for collaborative work with the International Child Neurology Association and the Child Neurology Society.

## Faculty Achievements Cont.



Zabeen Mahuwala, MD, was elected as a Fellow of the American Clinical Neurophysiology Society!



Sharoon Qaiser, MD, was selected as a judge for the Bernard D'Souza Award.



Meriem Bensalem-Owen, MD, is the new President of the American Clinical Neurophysiology Society (ACNS).

## Faculty Kudos



Nakul Katyal, MBBS, received a wonderful compliment, "I just want to say thank you to Dr. Katyal for being a great doctor."?

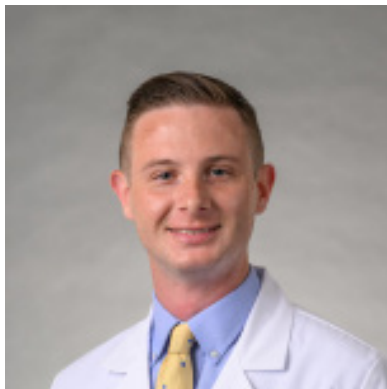
## Resident Achievements

### GME Trainee of the Month - February



Fatai Akemokwe, MBBS, PGY 3, was named the UK College of Medicine, GME, Trainee of the month.

## Resident Kudos

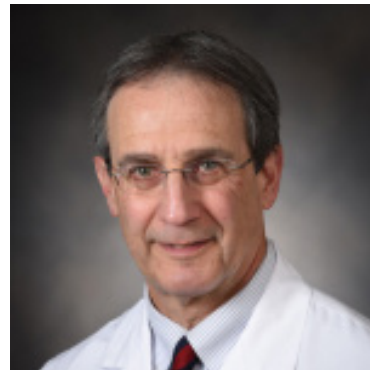


Andrew Witt, MD, PGY 2, received a nice compliment from Neurosurgery. "Dr. Witt, PGY2 Neurology, saw one of our complex epilepsy patients overnight. I wanted to take a minute to appreciate his detail-oriented approach. It is clear from his note that he thoroughly understands the problem at hand and makes thoughtful observations and treatment suggestions. It is not the typical note with regurgitated facts simply to fill the body of the note. The tone of the note clearly expresses concern for the patient's problem and the willingness to help. I have not worked with him directly and have no idea of his clinical acumen, but this note reflects a solid physician."

## Seen and Heard



Lauren Bojarski, DO, was a panelist for the "Finding Joy" webinar series. The topic was, "Creating a Culture of Developing Systems in the Workplace that Support Joy."



Larry B. Goldstein, MD, was interviewed at the International Stroke Conference. [Click here](#) to hear what he had to say.

# 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 five 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 Taryn Derrick at [taryn.derrick@uky.edu](mailto:taryn.derrick@uky.edu), for Neurology Alumni Philanthropy and Beth Wells at [beth.wells@uky.edu](mailto:beth.wells@uky.edu) for the Grateful Patient and Family Philanthropy.

# 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

### Spring Break at Castner Glacier Alaska



Pictures provided by Dr.  
Edward Kasarskis

## Welcome



Mais Alkawaz, MD, and her husband, Ben Miller, welcomed their first baby, Ava Elizabeth Miller on January 29.



## Save the Dates

### Stroke Translational Research Advancement Workshop (STRAW)

April 24-25, 2024

Lexington, KY

This meeting regularly attracts researchers and clinicians interested in stroke across the Commonwealth and throughout the USA. **STRAW V: Understanding Stroke: Novel Insights into Prognostics and Treatments** will focus on a translational approach to stroke and related cerebrovascular diseases. Topics will include new insights into novel approaches to pharmacotherapies for cerebrovascular diseases, as presented and discussed by clinical and basic scientists.

As per tradition, the meeting will have no registration fee and will also include an optional excursion in the 'land of horses and bourbon', facilitating opportunities for networking with like-minded research scientists.

#### Location

Embassy Suites by Hilton Lexington Green

**2024 SCN SUMMIT** September 12 & 13

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Rachel Ward-Mitchell, BSN, RN, would like to invite you to the virtual epilepsy support group via Zoom. This meeting is the first Tuesday of the month from 6:30 pm to 8 pm. 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 March  
Newspaper to Lee Anne Rudd, ([lee.rudd@uky.edu](mailto:lee.rudd@uky.edu)).