CCHS and School of Social Work Collaborate to Provide Social Work Component at Capstone Clinic

Capstone Medical Center, which has been without a social work program since 1996, is now home for a faculty member from the UA School of Social Work who is based at CMC to rebuild and implement the social services component of patient care. Cynthia Tyler, who was appointed to the position in February, 1998, will also supervise social work interns, confer with medical students and family practice residents about their patients' needs, and provide counseling services in the Psychiatry/Neurology clinic at Capstone.

Capstone physicians had requested that social work services at CMC be resumed since many of the patients need help with other services in addition to the medical care they receive, said CCHS Senior Associate Dean William Curry, M.D. He and Social Work Dean Lucinda Roff, who were already developing other joint projects, decided that an interdisciplinary approach could meet the need for a social work program at the clinic while also providing academic benefits for students in both social work and medicine.

Dr. Curry said he is very pleased that CCHS and Social Work could combine their efforts to benefit both patients and students. He sees the joint position as an ideal example of University goals to provide community service and excellence in teaching. The University's research mission can also be addressed in this collaboration, he said.

"Interdisciplinary teamwork is extraordinarily important in providing effective health and mental health services," said Dean Roff. "We are delighted with the opportunity to work together in meeting patient needs and at the same time provide a site for students to get practical experience."

Ms. Tyler will also be providing some counseling to patients through the Psychiatry Department's clinic at Capstone.

"Mental health care has always been a team effort," said Dr. Elizabeth Rand, Chairman of the Psychiatry Department. "We are delighted to diversify our staff to include social work in addition to psychiatry and psychology. We feel especially fortunate to have an individual as experienced and capable as Ms. Tyler to take on this role."

New OB/GYN Suite Provides More Space for Busy Clinic

Part of Capstone's Overall Growth

The obstetrical and gynecological suite of the Capstone Medical Center has moved across the street into the building which houses the CMC business offices and several private practices. The space was formerly occupied by Drs. McIlwain and Carlson, oral/maxillofacial surgeons. OB/GYN patients, who often overflowed the waiting room into the halls at CMC, will now enjoy a larger, attractive waiting area and their physicians will have more examination rooms to use during clinic hours.

Approximately 16% of all patient visits to CMC are made to OB/GYN, and 1825 patients made 7998 visits to the OB/GYN clinic in 1997. "The OB/GYN move accommodates our increasing numbers of patients and is part of an overall growth trend at Capstone Medical Center," said Marc Armstrong, M.D., Medical Director of CMC.

In 1983, 8,586 patients made 27,320 visits to Capstone, increasing to 11,672 patients and 41,972 office visits in 1990. By 1995, Capstone patients came for 47,057 clinic visits; and in 1997, the number of patient visits had increased to 51,068.

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Article by McKnight and Adcock on Diagnosing Paresthesias in American Family Physician

Family Medicine faculty Jerry McKnight, M.D., Chairman of the department, and Assistant Professor Bobbi Adcock, M.D., are authors of an article titled "Paresthesias: A Practical Diagnostic Approach" in the December 1997 issue of the journal American Family Physician (pp. 2253-2260). Paresthesias -- which are usually described as burning, tingling, or numbness or feelings of cold, warmth, prickling, pins and needles, skin crawling, or itching -- are common presenting complaints, and in most cases the history provides the key to diagnosis, says the article. The authors discuss causes of the complaint and clinical syndromes associated with the condition, including detailed charts and tables. Information on central nervous system causes and abnormalities of the peripheral nerves are covered, and the article describes useful diagnostic procedures and lists laboratory tests which may be helpful in making the diagnosis.

McKnight and Adcock make suggestions for taking the patient history and testing sensory functions and provide detailed anatomical drawings to assist their discussion.

Family Medicine Faculty Attend National Conferences, Meetings

Dr. Marc Armstrong, Director of the Family Practice Residency Program, will attend the Residency Administrators Program (RAP) conference in Kansas City, March 29-31.

Bobbi Adcock, who coordinates the family medicine clinical training of third and fourth year CCHS medical students, attended a conference on pre-doctoral education sponsored by STFM (Society of Teachers of Family Medicine) held in New Orleans February 5-8.

Dr. Jerry McKnight attended the spring meeting of ADFM (Association of Directors of Family Medicine) in Miami February 18-21. Last November, he served as grant reviewer of proposals for graduate training in family medicine submitted to the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration.

Rand's Contributions to Field of Psychiatry Have National Impact

Dr. Elizabeth Rand, Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry and Neurology, is conducting a workshop at the Association for Academic Psychiatry in San Diego March 4-7, 1998. Her topic is 'Issues and Ethics in Teaching of Psychiatry to Primary Care Physicians in Practice.'

Dr. Rand is concluding her two-year term as president of the Association for Academic Psychiatry this spring and has been nominated for serving in this national conference.

Dr. Rand is also serving as an examiner for the national boards (Part II examination) in Psychiatry from the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology March 29-31, in Chicago. She is also preparing for three presentations to the Annual Meeting of the American Psychiatric Association in Toronto, Canada, during the first week of June. The topics for presentation are: 'Use of the PRIME-MD in a Family Practice setting,' 'The Michigan Department of Health Guide Primary Care Psychiatry Teaching' (co-presenter Troy Thompson); and 'Psychiatric Training and Primary Care' (a symposium).

CCHS Provides Leadership for Rural Partnerships Conference

Dr. John Wheat, Associate Professor of BCM (Behavioral and Community Medicine), helped organize the theme "Building Rural Health Partnerships in the South" in Biloxi, Mississippi, last November. The conference was jointly sponsored by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, The Southern Rural Development Center, and the Southern Research Extension Research Activity Interest Group on Health.

The conference focused on "assisting rural communities in the South to sustain local health services in the current health policy environment," said Dr. Wheat, who served as moderator.

Attending were participants from Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, and Washington. D.C. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation officials were also present.

Several conference presenters were from CCHS. John Brandon, M.D., Clinical Associate Professor of BCM and Family Medicine, who has a family practice in Pickens County, discussed the county's successful efforts to bring a variety of services to the community through a wide array of services. Tracy Palmer, Director of the College's Blue Cross/Blue Shield Project to develop an insurance program for uninsured children, discussed the partnership between the College and the Romanian Alabama Health Alliance (RAHA), Blue Cross Blue Shield, the Department of BCM, and the Bibb County Child Care Initiatives.

John Hagen, Assistant Administrator of the West Alabama Health Education Consortium (WAHEC), and Susan Gain, CRNP, Coordinator of the Rural Medical Scholars Program, made poster presentations on WAHEC and the Rural Scholars, both of which evolved from partnerships in which CCHS works with organizations and communities to improve local health services. Rural Medical Scholars Danny Whittaker and Robbie Vickers also presented at the conference.

Dr. Owings Awarded Renewed State and National Certifications

William O. Owings, M.D., Professor and Family Medicine Director of Advanced Trauma Life Support and a member of the state faculty for the course, has been renewed in this role by the American College of Surgeons. He has been recertified several times a year. Dr. Owings has also received recertification from the American Board of Family Practice.

How Standardized Patients Judge Their Own Medical Care Is Topic of Study by CCHS Faculty

Nancy Rubin, Psy. D., Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, Elizabeth Philp, M.D., Associate Professor of BCM and Family Medicine, and research Julia Hartman were co-authors of a chapter in Advances in Medical Education, edited by Scherpbier, van der Vleuten, Rethans, and van der Steeg (Kluwer Academic Publishers).

Their topic, "Health Care Perceptions: Do They Change for the Standardized Patient?" was an analysis of questionnaire responses from people who were trained as standardized patients (SP) for the clinical skills evaluation of U.S. medical students in the 1993 and 1994 OCSCEs. The objective of the study was to determine if SPs' perceptions of their own medical care and physician were positive both before and after participation as an SP. When significant changes in perception were noted, however, the changes were in the negative direction, i.e., perceiving the physician as 'worse' after participation as an SP.
Dr. Curry Appointed Senior Associate Dean

Dr. William A. Curry, CCHS Associate Professor of Internal Medicine and Chair of that department, has been named Senior Associate Dean of the College of Community Health Sciences.

Interim Dean Robert Centor, M.D., announced Dr. Curry's appointment to faculty in December. The new responsibilities, which began January 1, 1998, are in addition to his role as Assistant Dean for Rural Medicine for UASOM (University of Alabama School of Medicine). Dr. Curry is also president of the Medical Association of the State of Alabama (MASA).

"Dr. Curry assumes day-to-day administrative duties of the College," said Dr. Centor, who will continue to serve as Interim Dean through July 1.

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Reflections... by William Curry, M.D.

Spirit of Cooperation Seen as CCHS Fulfills Mission

Even a quick scan of this issue of OnRounds reveals a flurry of networking and interdisciplinary activities at CCHS: a joint faculty position with the School of Social Work, joint grant proposals with the College of Nursing, maternity programs in obstetrics, the pediatric "alumni" clinic of the high risk nursery, the environmental health project in community medicine, naming a coordinator of Sponsored Programs, the recent research colloquium. There are others in progress as well.

As appealing as interdisciplinary research and outreach may be, and as productive as networking has become in corporate and academic America, they can be interesting and popular distractions if they are not tied to our mission. It was the Great Philosopher himself, legendary New York Yankee manager Casey Stengel, who said, "The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing." We do well to quote him regularly. The projects described here would meet the Great Philosopher's test. Not only do they connect to each other in many cases, they also find their roots in the mission of CCHS: clinical education of medical students, training family practice residents, addressing the needs of rural Alabama, and associated research. It is a mission of which all of you are justly proud, and one which I am proud to join.

Lister Hill Board Meets

The Lister Hill Society Board members were guests of Tommy Hester at a luncheon meeting at the University Club in January. Dr. Bill Curry, CCHS Senior Associate Dean, and Vicki Johnson, who staffs the Board, joined volunteers at the meeting to discuss ways to support medical education at CCHS.

The Board formed a fund-raising planning committee, chaired by Dr. Roger Lacy. The members are Julie Sittason, Anne Monroe, Tommy Hester, Jim Fleming and Vicki Johnson. The Board gratefully acknowledges the 1997 Society donors listed here. They encourage your new or continued support for education of primary care physicians at CCHS.

Front (L-R): Anne Monroe, Alice Maxwell, Vicki Johnson, Tommy Hester, and Julie Sittason. Back: Bill Shamblin, M.D., Sammy Watson, Billy LeGrene, Roger Lacy, M.D., Bill Curry, M.D., Bill Wintemitz, M.D., and Wil Coggins, M.D. Not pictured: Jim Fleming, Cathy Parker, Steve Lovelady, M.D., and Michael Taylor, M.D.
Grand Rounds Schedule Covers Variety of Topics  

Grand Rounds speakers in January were from the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB): Professor of Medicine/Epidemiology Dr. Edward Watson Hook, III, who spoke on STD Treatment Guidelines; Robert P. Kimberly, M.D., Director of Clinical Immunology & Rheumatology at UAB’s Arthritis & Musculoskeletal Center, whose topic was “Pathogenesis of Systemic Lupus,Fc Receptors, and Insights into Nephritis and Vasculitis”; pediatrician Lane Rutledge, on "Inborn Errors of Metabolism"; and psychiatry professor Charles V. Ford, who discussed Factitious Disorders.

On February 6, E. Culpepper Clark, Ph.D., Dean of the College of Communication at The University of Alabama, presented the First Friday Conference on “Civil Rights: Desegregation and the Continuing Legacy.” Continuing Medical Education (CME) topics for February were “Cardiovascular Surgery” by Terry Olivet, M.D., of Tuscaloosa; “Status Report on Alzheimer’s Disease” by Richard E. Powers, M.D., Director, Bureau of Geriatric Psychiatry at Bryce Hospital, and Chairman of the Joint Legislative Committee on Alzheimer’s Disease; and “Strategies to Prevent Premenstrual Birth” by Robert Goldenberg, M.D., Professor & Chairman of OB-GYN at UAB. Conferences for the rest of spring semester are:

**DATE** | **SPEAKER** | **TOPIC**
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March 6 | Gary Taylor, Ph.D. | "Feeling Bodies: Emotions in Shakespeare’s Plays"
March 13 | Carden Johnston, M.D. | "Art of War and Primary Care"
March 20 | John T. Carpenter, Jr., M.D. | "Breast Cancer"
March 27 | John Allen Dix Cooper, M.D. | "Community and Hospital-Acquired Pneumonia"
April 10 | William A. Spickard, Jr., M.D. | "Alcoholism in a Medical Faculty"
April 17 | Kurt Kroenke, M.D. | "The Difficult Patient"
April 24 | Ricardo Azziz, M.D. | "New Concepts in Treatment of Menopausal Osteoporosis"
May 1 | Jerry Rosenberg, Ph.D. | "The Holocaust"
May 8 | James Bonner, M.D. | "Asthma and the Older Patient"
May 15 | Tuscaloosa Cleft Palate Team | "The Role of Self Esteem in Factitious Illness Behavior"
May 22 | James Hamilton, Ph.D. | "End of Life Decisions"

Note: Grand Rounds Conferences are held 12:15-1:15 pm in the Willard Auditorium in the UAB Educational Tower at DCH Regional Medical Center. For more information, call Vicki Johnson, CME Coordinator, (205) 348-0093.

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Kay Fendley has been named Coordinator of Sponsored Programs for CCHS. She will be working with faculty to develop and fund health research proposals and interdisciplinary collaborative projects. (See related article, next page.)

CCHS hosted an interdisciplinary research colloquium on January 12. Participants included (L-R): Dr. Robert Centor, Dr. Edward W. Hook, III, Dr. Bill Curry, and Dr. Elizabeth Rand.

Speakers were Robert Centor, M.D., Crayton A. Fargason, M.D., and Edward W. Hook, III, M.D., all from UAB. Moderators were Elizabeth Rand, M.D., Chair, CCHS Research Committee, and Robert Wells, Ph.D., UAB Vice President for Research and Director of the University’s Office of Sponsored Programs.

The panel encouraged faculty to seek input and collaboration across disciplines, explore topics which inspired their interest and enthusiasm, and to start small and build research which can become the basis of a proposal for funding. For more information, call Kay Fendley, Coordinator of Sponsored Programs, 348-1344.
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Training for Doctors in Rural Environmental Health Is Focus of NIH
Grant to CCHS Behavioral & Community Medicine
Curriculum Will Focus on Health Hazards Identified by Rural Physicians, Residents

Contaminated water and waste runoff are generally thought to be
urban problems. Yet, similar environmental problems can plague the
health of rural residents in almost any small, Southern town.
Preparing rural doctors to deal with these health issues is the
goal of a new University of Alabama College of Community Health
Services (CCHS) project, recently funded with some $600,000 from the
National Institutes of Health (NIH) for five years.
Dr. John Wheat of CCHS, a clinical branch campus of the UA
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UA News Bureau
Note: This article was originally published in Dialog, the faculty and staff
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High Risk Clinic at Capstone Benefits Students as Well as Babies

Every Wednesday afternoon at the Capstone Medical Center, a multi-disciplinary team of professionals meets in the pediatrics clinic to see babies and children who have special problems or who may be at risk for development problems. Though the number of patients with appointments varies each week, it is usually a very busy afternoon for the team. Four to fifteen or more high risk patients may be there on a given clinic day. Each child's visit lasts an hour or more, and the clinic coordinator moves children and parents from one specialist to the next as they receive expert care and counseling related to the needs of the patient.

High Risk Clinic in the Pediatrics suite at Capstone benefits not only its patients, CHCS family practice residents and medical students get the opportunity to observe and participate in a multidisciplinary treatment setting for babies at risk. Students in other disciplines who are learning to work together to improve outcomes for children who are disabled or at risk for developmental delay also benefit from attending the clinic.

"We complement the normal care provided by the child's own physician," said Dr. Evans. "We look for indications of special problems and early signs of developmental delay. Medically, I check head circumference for possible neurological problems. I look for cerebral palsy, which is an emerging disability, 'failure to thrive,' chronic lung disease, anemia, and speech, vision, or hearing problems." Other team members screen or test children as needed during the clinic, or patients are referred to other specialists for evaluation or to special treatment services or community programs.

The High Risk Clinic is covered by most private insurance companies and by Medicaid. If neither is available, there is limited state grant money to fund patient visits for children who qualify.

"The goal of the clinic, which receives support from state perinatal funds, is to reduce infant mortality and morbidity and improve child development," said Linda Boyd, RN, MSN, MPH, who serves as Prevention Coordinator with the State of Alabama and coordinator of the High Risk Clinic. She also manages "Family Connections," a related early intervention program funded by the state.

"Being medical director of this clinic is an unexpected perk for me," said Dr. Evans, who is also Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at CCHS. She has always had special interest in disabled children, and she is particularly devoted to the interdisciplinary approach to making sure children get the services they need.

"Our patients come from all over West Alabama," she said. "It is important to discover problems early and treat them as soon as possible. This clinic makes the right people available in one place." Dr. Evans is available to confer with any physician or parent who thinks a child might need special care. For more information, call Dr. Evans at (205) 348-1309.

"We see babies and young children for a variety of reasons and our team jointly develops a care plan for each patient," said Dr. Ashley Evans, Medical Director of the clinic. "We get referrals from the NICU (neonatal intensive care unit) for babies who weigh less than three pounds and five ounces or 1500 grams. These are usually premature infants, but NICU also refers babies who suffered low oxygen at birth or had neonatal meningitis or neonatal seizures. Babies born to drug-users or infants who might suffer from fetal alcohol syndrome (FAS) are also considered high risk.

Pediatricians and family physicians who want special consultation also send patients to the clinic for evaluation and follow-up. During a clinic visit, a child is examined by or has access to several specialists, including a pediatrician or neonatologist, a nurse, nutritionist, social worker, speech therapist, audiologist, occupational and physical therapists, and a developmental specialist. The team then confers on each case to develop a care plan and referrals for special services. Follow-up appointments and regular checkups are scheduled as needed in each case. The High Risk Clinic is not for sick babies or emergency care, and it is not a substitute for regular medical care.
Tyler to Head CMC Social Services Program

Cynthia W. Tyler, MSW, has been appointed as director of social services at the Capstone Medical Center. She comes to CMC from Brewer Porch Children’s Center, a children’s mental health program at The University of Alabama. Since 1995, she has developed and administered child mental health clinical services and organized crisis intervention services for children in rural counties surrounding Tuscaloosa. A Tuscaloosa native, Ms. Tyler earned three degrees at UA: a BS in Home Ec, an MA in Political Science, and a Master of Social Work with Clinical Specialization.

Prior to her work at Brewer Porch, she provided group therapy for Brookwood Hospital in Birmingham, leading patient groups for adults, adolescents, geriatric patients, and intensive care patients. She also worked with the Alabama Disabilities Advocacy Program (ADAP) at the UA School of Law for twelve years where she served as a case advocate, outreach coordinator, and mental illness advocate coordinator.

She has also worked with state social work departments in Alabama and Tennessee and has experience with the food stamp and ADC (Aid to Dependent Children) public assistance programs. She has worked with the Red Cross in Nashville, Tennessee, in youth services and the Service to Military Families program, and as Director of Social Services for the Tuscaloosa County Chapter of Red Cross.

Ms. Tyler has participated on multi-disciplinary treatment teams at VA; she served on an interdisciplinary committee on welfare reform; and she developed a successful employment training program for welfare recipients who learned to be behavior aides for children with mental health problems. She is past chairperson of the West Alabama unit of the National Association of Social Workers, has been a Headstart Council member and board member for a spouse abuse agency, and is co-founder of Tuscaloosa Peace Links, Inc.

Mrs. Tyler and her husband Greg, a Tuscaloosa attorney, are parents of 17-year-old twin sons.

Research Luncheon Series

The CCHS Research Committee is hosting an interdisciplinary Research Lunch Series during spring semester. Presenters scheduled are:

- February 23: Beverly Thorp, Ph.D. Professor of Psychology & Director of Clinical Training
- March 23: Elizabeth Philip, M.D. Associate Professor of Family Medicine
- April 27: Debra Nelson-Gardell, Ph.D. Assistant Professor UA School of Medical Work
- May 25: Susan Gaskins, D.S.N. Associate Professor Capstone College of Nursing

For more information, call Elizabeth Rand, M.D., 348-1325.

BCM Researcher to Lead Health Roundtable at National Forum

Tracy Palmer, a graduate student in Human Environmental Sciences who is doing research with Behavioral and Community Medicine faculty, John Wheat, M.D., and Dr. Jim Leeper, on the Bibb County Child Caring Initiative, will facilitate a roundtable discussion at the Coalition for Healthier Cities and Communities’ 1998 Policy Forum, “Innovations: Healthy Communities Building a Productive Workforce.” She has been awarded a travel fellowship from the American Hospital Association for her trip to lead discussion on the impact healthy children have on building healthy communities.

Dr. Ponder Practicing with Fellow CCHS Grad in Florida

Ken Ponder, M.D., a 1991 medical school graduate, is in private practice in Niceville, Florida, near Fort Walton. The Niceville area has a population of less than 30,000, he says, and he considers it “lower Alabama.” He is in practice with William Abernathy, M.D., who graduated with him from CCHS. They each completed an internal medicine residency at the Orlando Regional Medical Center.

Dr. Ponder and his wife Sarah had their first baby (Claire Elizabeth) in December. They get back to Tuscaloosa on occasion, usually at UA’s Homecoming.

Streiffer Chairs New Department of Family & Community Medicine at Tulane University

Rick Streiffer, M.D., a 1980 graduate of the Residency program, reports “lots of Tuscaloosa influence in New Orleans,” where he becomes chairman of the new Department of Family and Community Medicine at Tulane University School of Medicine on March 1.

Streiffer was co-founder of formerly family medicine faculty at CCHS) is just down the street at LSU,” he explains.

Dr. Streiffer has been program director for the family medicine residency at the Baton Rouge General Medical Center.

Family Medicine Alumni Donors Recognized for 1997 Gifts

Alumni contributing in 1997 to the Residents Drive for an Endowed Chair in Family Medicine are:

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Notes from Alums

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Capstone Celebrates Christmas with Gifts for Needy Patients and "a Resident Santa"

Thirteen Capstone patients and their families received a holiday ham and grocery gift certificate to brighten Christmas. Ziegler Meats contributed the hams. Each suite at the Capstone Medical Center chose one or more patients who needed the food, and CMC employees donated money for the gift certificates. Other contributions were made by Ross Products with Abbott Pharmaceuticals, Schering Laboratories, PolyPharmaceuticals, Tuscaloosa Physical Therapy, TAP Pharmaceuticals, and Merck and Company. Over $1100 was collected.

Members of the Christmas Basket Committee this year were Jackie Clark, Debbie Warren, Charlotte Barger, and Becky Tercie. The committee conducted the Christmas project with the support of the BEST Committee at Capstone Medical Center. The purpose of BEST (Better Employees Serving Together) is to help provide patients of CMC with quality medical care while working to assure that the clinic maintains financial viability. Serving on the BEST Committee this year are John Maxwell (Chair), Marc Armstrong, MD, Sylvia Bostic, Miriam Bradley, Jackie Burkhalter, Lynne Cabill, Teresa Cook, Sylvia Cottingham, Terry Grosse, Gaye Harbin, Dianne Kerr, Nancy Matthews, Bob Moore, William Owings, MD, Melanie Powell, MD, Debbie Pullen, Becky Tercie, Debbie Warren, Debbie Watson, Sherry Wedgeworth, Chris Sward, MD, and Kent Kanatami, MD.

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