

Department of Emergency Medicine Quarterly Update

Jan-Feb-Mar 2021

Message from the Chair

Things are already looking better just three months into the new year. All of us have been offered the vaccine, with the majority already having received their second dose. Vaccination rates are increasing weekly. Locally and across the nation, the number of new infections continue to trend downward, but not as much as we would like. Similarly, the number of admitted, ICU, and ventilated COVID-19 patients continue to trend downward.

Spring is now here officially, and the weather is getting nice. Social restrictions are gradually being removed. We still need to wear a mask, wash our hands and socially distance, and we will probably see some “one step backward, two steps forward” periods, but, overall we are headed in the right direction.

We just matched a new class of 10 EM residents (Class of 2024), with eight women! We continue to attract the very best and the brightest. We look forward to getting to know and work with our new class. See Match Results on page 3.

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Appointments & Promotions

- **Bruce Lo, MD**, Professor, was appointed to the EVMS Search Committee for Division Chief of Infectious Disease on Jan 13, 2021.
- Congratulations to **Bruce Lo MD**, Professor. The American Association for Physician Leadership (AAPL) has named Bruce an American Association for Physician Leadership Fellow (FAAPL). The APPL has approximately 10,000 active members and provide physicians the knowledge and skills required to become better leaders.
- Congratulations to **David Nesbitt, MD** Instructor (community faculty) for his promotion to Assistant Professor (community faculty) effective April 1, 2021.
- Congratulations to **Alan Enjeti MD**, Instructor (community faculty) for his promotion to Assistant Professor (community faculty, effective July 1, 2021).

Publications & Scholarly Activity

- Sergot PB, Maza AJ, Derrick BJ, Smith LM, Berti LT, Wilcox MR, Kesinger MR, Peacock WF, Edgar Study Group, **(Knapp BJ, Counselman FL)**. *Stroke* 2021 (in print). PMID 33596672
- Smith MD, Fee C, Mace SE, Maughan B, Perkins JC Jr., Kaji A, Wolf SJ, **Lo BM**. Clinical Policy: critical issues in the management of adult patients presenting to the emergency department with community-acquired pneumonia. *Ann Emerg Med* 2021; 77(1):e1-e57. PMID 33349374

- **Bhat L, McCammon C.** The importance of quality assurance and quality improvement in low- and middle-income settings. *Curr Bladder Dysfunction Reports* 2021;1-5 (in press).
- Guth TA, Luber SD, Marcolini E, **Lo BM.** Physician reentry – a timely topic for emergency medicine. *Am Coll Emerg Physicians Open* 2020; 1(6):1614-1622. PMID 33392570
- **Weingart GS, Jordan P,** Yee KC, Green L. Utility of laboratory markers in evaluating for acute compartment syndrome in the emergency department. *J Am Coll Emerg Physicians Open* 2020 Dec 12; 2(1):e12334. PMID 33521785
- **Lo B.** A multidisciplinary ED-based fall prevention intervention reduced subsequent ED visits in older adults. *Ann Int Med* 2021 Feb; 174(2):JC19. PMID 33524284
- **Lang J,** Postpartum Emergencies. In Wolfson A, et.al, eds. *Harwood Nuss's Clinical Practice of Emergency Medicine*, 7th ed. Philadelphia: Wolters Kluwer; 2021:726-731.
- Norvell JG, Baker AM, Carlberg DJ, Diller D, Dzsiedzic JM, Finnell JT, Greenberger S, Kessler C, **Lo BM,** Schiller E, Wlatter LA. Does academic practice protect emergency physicians against burnout? *J Am Coll Emerg Physicians Open* 2020 Dec 11; 2(1):e12329. ecollection 2021 Feb. PMID 33521781
- Cohen S, **Ford L,** Situ-LaCasse E, Tolby N. Infective endocarditis causing acute myocardial infarction. *Cureus* 2020. <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33269169/>

Speaking Engagements

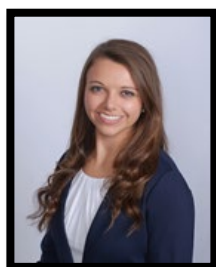
- **Martin Klinkhammer MD,** Associate Professor, presented “EBM for the Emergency Physician” virtually to the EM Interest Group (approximately 30 students) on Jan 27, 2021.
- **Don Byars MD, Julie Patel DO,** EUS Fellow, and **Barry Knapp MD,** taught “RUSH and Vascular Access Ultrasound” to the Maryview Medical Center ICU Physician Assistant staff on Jan 27, 2021.
- **Don Byars MD,** Associate Professor, and **Taylor Gammons MD,** EMS Fellow, taught the Sentara Nightengale Air Ambulance team the “FAST Exam” for Helicopter EMS on Feb 9 & Feb 12, 2021.
- Several faculty members and residents participated in the VA ACEP Annual Conference (virtual), from Feb 21 and Feb 22, 2021:
 - a. **Anya Cipi MD,** Assistant Professor presented “Pericardial Effusion: Pearls and Pitfalls”
 - b. **Gavin Rogers MD,** EM-2, presented “Lung Ultrasound in COVID19”
 - c. **Barry Knapp MD,** Professor, participated in the Emergency Medicine Residency Program Director Panel for medical students interested in EM.
 - d. **Doug Browder MD,** Assistant Professor, received the VA ACEP 2021 Medical Director of the Year Award at the conference
 - e. **Bruce Lo MD,** Professor, served as Co-chair for the conference
 - f. Our EVMS EM team, consisting of **Julie Tondt MD,** Chief Resident, **Lauren Gallion MD,** EM-3, and **Glen Hookey MD,** EM-3 competed against teams representing VCU, UVA, Carilion, and Portsmouth Naval Hospital in the Annual VA ACEP EM Residency Jeopardy Competition. EVMS came in second place (lost by one point).
- **Bruce Lo MD,** Professor, served as faculty for the American Academy of Emergency Medicine (AAEM) ED Management Solutions: Principles & Practice meeting held virtually Jan 12 through Jan 14, 2021:
 - a. Lecture: “Managing Your ED in a COVID World”, 1/12/2021
 - b. Moderator: “Throughput Case Study”, 1/13/2021
 - c. Moderator: “Change Management Study”, 1/14/2021
- **Eric Deutsch MD,** Assistant Professor, presented “Tick Borne Illness” virtually for the Southeastern Student Wilderness Medical Conference on March 20, 2021.

- **Francis Counselman MD**, Professor, presented “Oncologic Emergencies” and “You Smoked What? Emerging Drugs of Abuse” at the 15th Annual Primary Care Spring Conference in Palm Coast, Florida on March 30, 2021.
- **David Nesbitt MD**, Assistant Professor, presented (virtually) a two hour lecture on “Orthopedic Emergencies” to the EVMS PA students on 3/29/2021.

Match Results

Congratulations on an outstanding Match:

1. **Butler, Kaitlynn**- University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Medicine
2. **Demian, Sara**- Morehouse School of Medicine
3. **Gates, Christina**- Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences College of Osteopathic Medicine
4. **Johnson, Rebecca**- Eastern Virginia Medical School
5. **Mitta, Monica**- University of South Alabama College of Medicine
6. **Nelsen, Ashley**- Albany Medical School
7. **Schell, Alexander**- Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine at New Mexico State University
8. **Strojny, Laura**- Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences College of Osteopathic Medicine
9. **Sugameli (Johnson), Jaquelin**- Nova Southeastern University Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine
10. **Taheer, Montather**- New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine



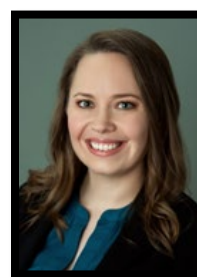
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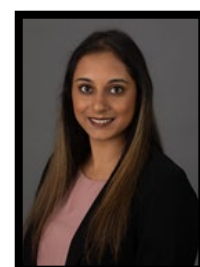
Sara Demian, MD



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Monica Mitta, MD



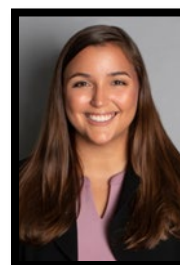
Ashley Nelsen, MD



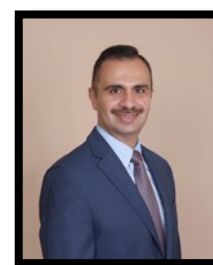
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Laura Strojny, DO



Jaquelin Sugameli,
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Other Activities

- **Bruce Lo MD**, Professor, served on the “TDO Evaluation Workgroup”, sponsored by the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Services from June 2020 through Jan 2021. The workgroup has completed their report to the General Assembly.
- Congratulations to **Julie Tondt, MD**, Chief Resident. She has been selected to continue to serve on the SAEM Education Committee for the 2021-2022 academic year. Starting July 1, 2021, Julie will be serving as our Academic EM Fellow.
- **Eric Deutsch MD**, Assistant Professor, organized a Wilderness Medicine Day for the EVMS Family Medicine residency program on March 31, 2021 on the EVMS campus. Faculty included **Martin Klinkhammer MD**, Associate Professor, **Joseph Lang MD**, Assistant Professor and **Jason Hill PA-C**.
- Congratulations to **Barry Knapp MD**, Professor and **Lauren Apgar MD (EM-2)** for being selected by the graduating Class of 2021 for an EVMS Impact Award. The graduating class each year selects up to three individuals that have made a positive impact on their growth and success while at EVMS. They are most deserving!

Congratulations to all of the following EPT members, celebrating their years of faculty service at EVMS.

2019-2020

Heidi Best, MD	Ten Years
Thomas N. Bottoni, MD	Five Years
W. Douglas Browder, MD	Fifteen Years
Ryan P. Capps, MD	Five Years
Jessica G. Cartoski, MD	Five Years
Benjamin L. Chidester, MD	Five Years
Susan J. Letterle, MD	Fifteen Years
Harry R. Lustig, MD	Thirty-Five Years
Christopher J. Maples, MD	Ten Years
Kirsten N. Pennell, MD	Ten Years
April M. Shackelford, MD	Ten Years

2020-2021

C. Adam Sawyer, MD	Five Years
Peter A. Ballantyne, MD	Twenty Years
Michael B. Bennett, MD	Fifteen Years
Timothy R. Faust, MD	Five Years
Brian L. Kerns, MD	Fifteen Years
Leah R. Kream, Do	Five Years
Edwin McLaughlin, MD	Twenty Years
Evan M. Rekant, MD	Twenty Years
David Shulmister, MD	Thirty Years

Fellowships

Academic Emergency Medicine Fellowship (Francis L. Counselman, MD; Fellowship Director): Barbara continues to perform at a very high level. She will be working at Riverside Regional Medical Center in Newport News starting in July 2021. She will serve as clinical faculty for their EM residency program. Julie Tondt MD, next year's Academic EM Fellow, has already developed some great ideas to improve and advance the fellowship. I look forward to working with Julie next year.

EM PA Postgraduate Practicum (Eric Deutsch MD, Director):

Brad and Stephanie are both entering the home stretch of their Practicum year. After completing their off-service months in April, they will both be in the department for May and June. Please look out for them for procedures and interesting patients, and impart knowledge upon them as they prepare to graduate

Upcoming Events

- **Journal Club**
 - Next JC April 26, 2021

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