

Pharmacists among those winning awards

Seven MCGHealth pharmacists were among those winning awards at the fall meeting of the Georgia Society of Health-System Pharmacists.

Trisha Branan, Pharm.D., BCPS, received the Outstanding Young Health-System Pharmacist Award. The Critical Care Clinical Pharmacist began her MCGHealth career in 2008.

Christina DeRemer, Pharm.D., BCPS, received the Outstanding Pharmacy Practitioner Award. DeRemer joined MCGHealth in 2005 and is a Primary Care Clinical Pharmacist.

Five received awards for being practitioners for 25 years or more. Oncology Pharmacist Evalan Eve, MS, R.Ph., joined



Trisha Branan



Christina DeRemer



Evalan Eve



Tom Flynt

MCGHealth in 1981. Tom Flynt, Pharm.D., is a Psychiatric Clinical Pharmacist who has

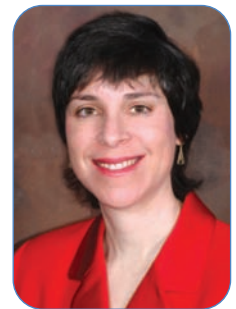
been with us for 25 years. Dave Killough, Pharm.D., MHA, is a Cardiology Clinical Pharmacist who began his career here in 1994. Patricia Knowles, R.Ph., is a Clinical Pharmacist who started at MCGHealth in



Dave Killough



Patricia Knowles



Marjorie Phillips

1984. Marjorie Phillips, MS, R.Ph., FASHP, Pharmacist Coordinator, Clinical Research Pharmacist and Medication Safety Officer, has enjoyed a 19-year career at MCGHealth. ♦

Ball helps miracles happen

The Third Annual Miracle Ball will be held Dec. 18, 2009, from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Elk Lodge, 205 Elldom Court, near Riverwatch Parkway and Fury's Ferry. The ball will benefit the MCGHealth Children's Medical Center.

The fun-filled evening will include food, dancing, a silent auction, prizes and music

by the Sassy Brass Band. Entertainment is provided by Teena Marie's Ballroom in Motion Youth Dance Team.

Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased at Ballroom in Motion and Neptune Dive & Ski. You may also call 706-399-1560 for tickets and information. ♦



CEO Corner

Working together

You may have noticed lately that as I round the units, I have been accompanied by one of two distinguished physicians – Dr. James N. Thompson, Interim President of the Medical College of Georgia, and Endocrinologist Dr. Anthony Mulloy, Chairman of the Physicians Practice Group Foundation. That is because it is important for all of us to take a collaborative approach to maintaining the highest standards of clinical quality. Although he isn't directly involved in rounds, Dr. Douglas Miller, Dean of the School of Medicine, is also a vital element in our collaboration and cooperation.

As our three organizations move closer toward achieving a common vision and goals, you will see us working more closely to ensure that matters

affecting MCGHealth's clinical quality are integrated into the decision making of both the Medical College and PPG.

I look forward to working with Drs. Thompson and Mulloy. I admire both of them. As people, both men are straight-shooters who share my determination to make our academic medical center among the best in the nation in clinical quality. They are not about to sit on their hands and maintain the status quo. Instead, they are doers, movers and shakers.

As clinicians, I greatly respect their commitment to patients and to the profession. Just recently, Dr. Thompson received one of three Special Recognition Awards from the Board of Directors of the Association of American Medical Colleges for his exceptional leadership to improve medical care through a focus on quality and safety.

Both have enjoyed very distinguished careers.

Prior to becoming MCG Interim President, Dr. Thompson served as the CEO of the Federation of State Medical Boards, the national non-profit association

representing the 70-member allopathic and osteopathic state medical licensing and regulatory boards.

Prior to that, Dr. Thompson was a faculty member of the Wake Forest University School of Medicine in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He served as dean of the School of Medicine from 1994 to 2001 and Wake Forest University Vice President from 1997 to 2001. In 2002, he was named Dean Emeritus of the School of Medicine.

Dr. Thompson has received numerous awards from universities and associations related to his work, including the distinguished service award from the National Board of Medical Examiners, the Harris Mosher Award for Excellence in Clinical Research from the American Laryngological, Rhinological and Otological Society for research on corrosive esophageal injuries, the 2006 Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award from DePauw University, the 2006 Alumni Achievement Award from The Ohio State University College of

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MCGHealth joins others to track, fight flu

MCGHealth is joining forces with more than 1,000 health care facilities, Cerner, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to fight the spread of influenza through the Flu Pandemic Initiative. This secure, HIPAA-compliant, rapid detection network for the influenza virus, including H1N1, will help Cerner provide its clients and public health organizations with valuable near real-time data to assist in monitoring health trends and to help officials

more rapidly deploy resources to contain the influenza virus. Currently it takes up to four days to aggregate this information. The project will make the information available in near real-time.

“We are ready to assist in this important, national effort,” said Hal Scott, Vice President and Chief Information Officer at MCG Health, Inc. “We have successfully deployed the electronic medical record, and now we can put it to meaningful use to help our community and communities around the

nation track and assess flu activity.”

The initiative will not replace existing public health reporting requirements, but it will help all participants and other public health organizations make decisions based on summarized information from an integrated, national, Cerner-based network of clinical systems.

MCGHealth is one of more than 1,000 facilities in 46 states that will participate. More than 200 are already contributing data, including MCGHealth. ♦

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Medicine and the 2007 American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery Presidential Citation.

Dr. Thompson earned a medical degree at The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, completed an otolaryngology residency at Mercy Hospital in Pittsburgh and an otolaryngology fellowship at the University of California, Irvine.

Dr. Mulloy came to the Medical College of Georgia to perform a fellowship in Endocrinology, Diabetes and

Metabolism in 1988 and, as they say, the rest is history. In addition to his role as Chairman of the PPG Foundation, Dr. Mulloy is also Senior Associate Vice President for Clinical Research Administration, and Professor, Senior Associate Dean and Chief of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism in the School of Medicine. He is also a Professor of Biostatistics in the School of Graduate Studies.


After receiving his Ph.D. degree from Purdue University and his D.O. degree from the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine, he did his residency at Yale University-

affiliated Waterbury Hospital Health Center in Internal Medicine.

Dr. Mulloy is board certified in Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism and in Internal Medicine.

As you can see, both are highly accomplished and have significant track records. So, as you see us rounding, please feel free to join us in our discussions about clinical excellence. Clinical quality is a shared responsibility.

Sincerely,



Sandra I. McVicker
Interim President and CEO ♦

First evidence-based practice conference slated

You can help spread the word about the First Evidence-Based Practice Conference scheduled for Jan. 23, 2010, 8 a.m. in the Allied Health Sciences Building. The conference is a partnership between MCGHealth, MCG School of Nursing, CSRA Chapter of the Georgia Nurses

Association and Beta Omicron Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau. If your registration fee is received before Dec. 18, you save \$20 off the \$60 general registration. The cost includes lunch.

Attendees will have the opportunity to receive up to seven contact hours, stimulat-

ing information on best practices in improving patient care and face time with multiple vendors.

If you have questions, please call MCGHealth Human Resources at 706-721-4458 or go online to register at mcghealth.org. Click on "For Professionals." ♦

Santa's generosity depends on you

When Santa visits the MCGHealth Children's Medical Center this Christmas morning, he hopes his sleigh will be laden with toys and other gifts you've purchased through the gift registries at Babies R Us, Target and Wal-Mart.

Go into any one of the stores' CSRA locations and select the gift registry listed under the first name of Santa

and the last name of MCGHealth. You can also access the MCGHealth registry at each store using a "due date" of Dec. 25, 2009. There are many items for you to choose from, ranging from \$1 to \$60.

Put the items in the designated bin in the lobby of the MCGHealth Children's Medical Center between Dec. 14 and 18.

The patients spending Christmas morning in the hospital instead of home gathered around the family tree will greatly appreciate your kindness and generosity.

For more information, please contact Jami Wolfe, Surgery Child Life Specialist and Community Donations Coordinator, at 706-721-1658 or jwolfe@mcg.edu. ♦

2009 holiday schedule

Christmas Eve
Dec. 24, 2009

Christmas Day
Dec. 25, 2009

Help a child make memories: give the gift of reading

What was your favorite story as a child? If you want another child to get as much enjoyment from that book as you did, Barnes and Noble at the Augusta Mall is making it easy for you to

spread the joy through its Holiday Book Drive, now through Jan. 1, 2010.

Just buy a book and ask Barnes and Noble to donate it to the MCGHealth Children's Medical Center. ♦

Safe handling equipment arrives, training begins



Bart and Ben Youngblood, from manufacturer ArjoHuntleigh of Illinois, help to unload approximately 60 pieces of patient lift equipment from a tractor trailer truck.



Shock Trauma and Medical ICU caregivers use one of their own – Eric Gill – to train on the use of a ceiling mounted patient lift. From left to right are Kathy Ashbell, Gaynor Knapp, Michelle Sweat, Lisa Cooper, Jennifer Edmunds, Shawn Roberson and Latasha Holmes.

With the recent arrival of new equipment, MCGHealth becomes the first in the area to become a “no lift” organization by banning manual lifting by staff and placing even greater emphasis on safe patient handling. The program will include initial and ongoing training of

nurses and others in techniques for safely handling patients and in the use of the new equipment.

“Most industries allow no more than 40 pounds to be lifted by an employee yet in health care we consider 100 pounds to be ‘light,’” said Teri Perry, Vice President of

and heavier than they are, and we’ve purchased the equipment that will help staff do so.”

Perry continued: “All of our nurses, patient care technicians, transporters and physical therapists are very appreciative of the sacrifices the organization is making to ensure their safety and comfort in handling patients as well as that of the patients themselves. We know that the budget for capital expenditures is limited and that others in the organization had to sacrifice in order for us to fund the purchase of this equipment. A big thank you goes out to the organization from all of us.”

MCGHealth has purchased some of the most advanced

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Neurologist Dr. Ned Pruitt test drives the Stedy, a device that help patients lift themselves from a sitting to a standing position. (Left to right) Chris Miller, Mechanical Operations Manager in Facility Services, Bart and Ben Youngblood, both of ArjoHuntleigh, and Teri Perry, Vice President of Adult Patient Care Services, enjoy the demonstration.

Adult Patient Care Services. “Our goal is to prevent injury. We want to make sure that our caregivers demonstrate best practices for lifting and moving patients who are often much larger

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ergonomic equipment and technology available. Among them are portable patient lifts and ceiling lifts for Shock Trauma, the Medical ICU, the Surgical ICU as well as the 3 West Neuro ICU. Some of the lifts can allow one caregiver to handle a patient who weighs up to 1,000 pounds. One device makes it easier for patients and nurses to maneuver patients into the very tight fitting T.E.D. anti-embolism hosiery. "We also have a Steady that helps people stand up from the bedside or a chair. We have sliding tubes that are really slippery pieces of tough fabric that decreases friction. This makes it a lot easier for us to slide patients from chair to bed or reposition them in the bed," Perry said.

Many departments such as the Emergency Department, the Operating Room and the Ambulatory Care Center clinics will benefit from this equipment. Plans are to keep adding to the equipment as new units open and as budgets permit. ♦

Welcome new team members

Jessica Andrews, *Patient Transport Services*

Annie Blount, *Cancer Center*

Rebecca Bruni, *Philanthropy*

Regina Canty, *Cancer Center*

Julie Cook, *Pediatric OR*

Melinda Cooper, *Patient Accounting*

Ami DeWaters, *Pediatric Anesthesiology*

Robin Ehrenfeld, *Utilization Management*

Patricia Flory, *Desk Operations*

Janet Gadson, *Environmental Services*

Kimberly Glenn-Wright, *7 West Obstetrics*

Jonathan Goolsby, *Pediatric OR Administration*

Sandy Greene, *Environmental Services*

Daniel Hudacko, *Pediatric OR*

Emily Jeffcoat, *5 CMC*

Kerrin Johnson, *Environmental Services*

Kenya Jones, *Coumadin Clinic*

Cheryl Lang, *OR*

Lauren Lee, *3 Pediatric ICU*

Philisa LeGrier, *Women's Health*

Belinda Lewis, *Environmental Services*

Samuel Lilly, *Environmental Services*

Desireé Mock, *6 South Telemetry*

Phillip Mohorn, *Pharmacy*

Ashley Morgan, *Special Procedures/Endoscopy*

Janice Morgan, *Environmental Services*

Alicia Myers, *CLAS*

Deborah Pickens, *8 West Perioperative*

Annette Pough, *Dietary*

Maurice Powers-Turner, *OR*

Felisha Robinson, *Specimen Procurement & Receiving*

Giovanni Ruiz, *SCC Laboratory*

Abtausha Sullivan, *3 South Adult Psych*

Carlos Taylor, *3 South Adult Psych* ♦

Congratulations to December's winner



Michael Holmes of Facilities Services is the winner of the reserved parking spot in the 15th Street Deck for December. His name was picked from a pool of employees who contributed to the Employee Giving Campaign. A new winner will be announced each month until July 2010. ♦