UT Health Science Center Celebrates 100 Years
The Legacy The Future:
A Centennial Portrait of The University of Tennessee Health Science Center

Founded in 1911 at the heart of what is now the Memphis Medical Center, the University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC) is now in its centennial anniversary year -- 2011. Since its founding, UTHSC has educated and trained more than 53,000 health care professionals on campuses and in health care facilities across the state. UTHSC and its affiliated teaching hospitals provide more than one million days of inpatient services and more than two million outpatient visits annually.

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Having assumed this position in spring 2011, it is with great excitement that I look forward to extending the rich legacy of our college and building on our 100 years of history.

In 2011, UTHSC marks our Centennial Anniversary – 100 Years Advancing the Future of Health Care. From its founding, the College of Medicine has been a core component of this institution. Today is no different; our college remains the largest of the four medical colleges in Tennessee, enrolling 165 students per class.

As I survey the landscape of the College of Medicine, we are in a prime position to follow those who have led UTHSC during its storied history and make our mark on the present as well as the future. One of the keys to doing so will be finding niche areas of medicine where UTHSC can excel. I recently charged our departments to do this and to look for ways in which we can build stronger clinical practices and provide services that Memphis and Shelby County residents would normally have to leave the city to receive.

One example of such a service is the Tennessee Blood & Marrow Transplant Center (TBMT), which you can read about on page 9. The TBMT is a collaboration involving Methodist University Hospital (MUH), Baptist Memorial Hospital-Memphis and the University of Tennessee Health Science Center. Previously, many patients in need of bone marrow transplants had to travel out of town, but now they will receive the highest quality of care by UTHSC physicians, who will staff units at both MUH and Baptist.

Joint ventures such as this, as well as new faculty practices with Le Bonheur Children’s Hospital in Memphis and Erlanger Health System in Chattanooga (more details available on pages 10 and 11), will help brand the college on a regional level. These new faculty practices also enhance the teaching opportunities and create a new line of revenue for UTHSC.

As we continue to identify opportunities for capitalizing on our strengths and for building mutually beneficial ties with our community partners, we will begin to create centers of excellence, thus fortifying our future.

Patient care, education, research and community outreach have always been defining roles for the Health Science Center. In fact, you can review some of the pivotal events that brought us where we are today by viewing our Centennial Web site at www.uthsc.edu/100/. Click on “Timeline and History” to view important events and pictures. You can also scan the QR code printed at the bottom of this page with your smart phone to go directly to the Centennial Web site.

As we build on the past and look forward to our future, no matter what the endeavor, the underlying mission of the College of Medicine will remain the same: further excellence in education, clinical care, research and community service.

With the engagement of outstanding alumni like you, the College of Medicine and the Health Science Center have the potential to advance to even greater heights. I look forward to working with you to advance our college and our entire institution.

David M. Stern
Executive Dean
College of Medicine
As we head into the fall and the college’s annual alumni weekend, I know the College of Medicine alumni, faculty, staff and students are certain to play a pivotal role in supporting our historic Centennial Gala on Saturday, September 17. As we move into our second century, the college has much to celebrate including its role as a key element of UTHSC’s economic engine. A recent study confirmed the tremendous, statewide economic impact of UTHSC on Tennessee. Our organization’s teaching, research and clinical activities have a more than $2.3 billion economic impact on our state. UTHSC was directly and indirectly responsible for approximately 21,096 jobs across the state, which, in turn, generated a total of more than $804 million in earnings. Among its major academic units, the UTHSC College of Medicine was responsible for more job creation than the other colleges combined, contributing more than $2.07 billion (or 89.5 percent) of total economic contribution in fiscal year 2010. To read more about the study, please see page 6.

Under the able leadership of Dean David Stern, the college continues to flourish with the addition of new programs and the expansion of existing partnerships in novel directions. As evidence of these efforts, see the stories on our new Interventional Cardiology Fellowship Program in Memphis (page 48), the only program of its kind in the area, as well as the addition of the state’s first Colon and Rectal Surgery Fellowship based in Chattanooga (page 8).

Research and scientific discovery continue to occupy a center stage at our institution. In March and April, the work of several UTHSC scientists was featured in both “The New England Journal of Medicine” and “The Journal of the American Medical Association.” Additionally, the 2011 John Howland Medal, the highest honor bestowed by the American Pediatric Society, was awarded to pediatric nephrologist Russell Chesney, MD, longtime chair of the UTHSC Pediatrics Department. Since 1988, his academic, clinical and research efforts have proved instrumental in shaping the care for pediatric patients at Le Bonheur Children’s Hospital and at children’s hospitals across the country.

With the recent arrival of Dr. Stern as executive dean for the College of Medicine (COM) and the impending leadership change as Dean Dick Gourley retires from his post at the College of Pharmacy (COP), I decided to suspend the search for the new Vice Chancellor of Research. The COM and COP provide our largest research portfolios. The deans of each will have a major role in our research path going forward, and a close fit with the Vice Chancellor for Research is essential. I prefer to wait until both are in place rather than chance a mismatch in strategies and/or personalities. I have appointed Dr. Stern as Interim Vice Chancellor for Research. We will reopen the search for the Vice Chancellor of Research sometime following the appointment of the Dean of Pharmacy.

I hope you will take a few moments to read about a few other benchmark events. One was the mid-July Centennial reception at the Governor’s Mansion – Conservation Hall in Nashville (see page 12). Some 350 College of Medicine graduates and their guests joined the UTHSC statewide leadership and Governor Bill Haslam to commemorate our institution’s many contributions over our first century.

Finally, the opening of the new College of Pharmacy building was a dream fulfilled for pharmacy administrators, faculty, staff and alumni from several generations. We hope you will take time to read about the event on page 15.
DiPietro Takes Office as 24th UT President

A new era of leadership at the University of Tennessee began on January 3, 2011.

That was the first day on the job for new UT President Joe DiPietro. “I’m rolling up my sleeves and getting to work,” DiPietro said in an e-mail sent on his first day to system-wide faculty and staff. “After my election, I made quick visits to each campus, and I am in the process of scheduling more visits that will let me spend more time getting to know each place and its distinctiveness.”

The Board of Trustees elected DiPietro as the 24th president of UT last October. He officially became president on Jan. 1. During the transition, Interim President Jan Simek and DiPietro traveled to each campus.

“I’m grateful to Dr. Jan Simek for his outstanding service as interim president. He has been a steadying influence and strong advocate for the university over the last 22 months,” DiPietro said. “He has guided us through these difficult economic times, and I believe his efforts have us on a sound foundation as we begin 2011.”

For more information about President DiPietro, visit his Web site at http://president.tennessee.edu/.

Economic Impact of UTHSC More Than $2.3 Billion

A study designed to gauge the impact of UTHSC on the economy of Tennessee for the 2010 fiscal year concluded that UTHSC’s total economic contribution to the state amounted to more than $2.3 billion.

When it comes to employment figures, the study reports that UTHSC was directly and indirectly responsible for supplying approximately 21,096 jobs across the state, which, in turn, generated a total of more than $804 million in earnings. Of the total, 21,096 jobs created for Tennessee as a result of UTHSC’s operations, the largest share are in the Memphis area, with roughly 15,575 jobs.

Memphis also contributed the most in total economic impact, representing about 73.8 percent of the total $2.3 billion impact. The other two major UTHSC locations, Knoxville and Chattanooga, represent 17.3 percent and 8.9 percent of the total respectively.

In regards to the effect of individual colleges at UTHSC, the College of Medicine was responsible for the creation of the most jobs, accounting for more than 89 percent of total economic contribution. This was followed by the Colleges of Pharmacy, Dentistry, Allied Health Sciences, Nursing, and Graduate Health Sciences.

In addition to its economic impacts, the UT Health Science Center has a substantial influence on the well-being of the citizens of Shelby County and the state of Tennessee through its role in educating and training health care professionals. Of all physicians practicing in Tennessee, for example, approximately 34 percent were graduates of one of the four colleges of medicine within the state; of these, 66.7 percent were graduates of the University of Tennessee College of Medicine.

Presented by the Methodist Le Bonheur Center for Healthcare Economics and the Sparks Bureau of Business and Economic Research at the University of Memphis, the study further demonstrates that the economic impact of UTHSC’s statewide teaching, research and clinical practice activities continues to expand.

Stern Named Executive Dean of Medicine

The Health Science Center proudly welcomes David M. Stern, MD, as the executive dean for College of Medicine campuses statewide and vice chancellor of Clinical Affairs at UTHSC. Reporting directly to Chancellor Steve Schwab, Dr. Stern serves as the chief academic and administrative officer responsible for the leadership and management of the College of Medicine campuses in Memphis, Chattanooga and Knoxville, and COM deans at all other UT campuses will report to him. He also assumes the role of dean for the College of Medicine at the Memphis campus.

Dr. Stern served the University of Cincinnati as dean of the College of Medicine from 2005-2010, vice-president for Health Affairs from 2008-2010, and professor of Internal Medicine and Molecular and Cellular Physiology from 2005-2011. Before joining the University of Cincinnati, Dr. Stern served three years as dean and chief clinical officer at the Medical College of Georgia. Prior to this role, Dr. Stern spent many years as a physician scientist at the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, where he worked in vascular biology and chronic vascular disease. Dr. Stern has built a career as a grant-supported researcher, inventor and widely published academician who has earned numerous awards and honors.

We feel certain Dr. Stern will bring the right combination of academic rigor, clinical expertise, administrative discipline and visionary leadership to the executive dean’s role.

—Chancellor Steve Schwab, MD

Stumpf New Ob/Gyn Chair in Chattanooga

Paul G. Stumpf, MD, FACOG, has been named professor and chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology in the College of Medicine, Chattanooga. His appointment was announced by Chattanooga Dean David Seaberg, MD, and began in January.

Before joining UTHSC, Dr. Stumpf held various leadership roles. Some of which included: chief of Reproductive Endocrinology at Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine in Hershey; Ob/Gyn program director at Jersey Shore University Medical Center, and clinical professor of Ob/Gyn at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey’s Robert Wood Johnson Medical School; vice chair of Ob/Gyn at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center; and chair of Ob/Gyn at the University of Nevada School of Medicine where he also served as director of the medical student clerkship in women’s health and director of the Ob/Gyn residency program.
The UT College of Medicine, Chattanooga, has welcomed its first fellow in its newly launched Colon and Rectal Surgery Fellowship. In October 2010, the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) and its Residency Review Committee approved accreditation for the first Colon and Rectal Surgery Fellowship in Tennessee at the UT College of Medicine, Chattanooga. The one-year fellowship program, which began in July, will train one board-certified general surgeon or board-eligible general surgeon each year in the specialty area of colon and rectal surgery.

The Department of Surgery is the core sponsor for the program, and the primary affiliated training site will be Erlanger Health System. Funding will be provided from the UT College of Medicine, Chattanooga, and Erlanger. Three board-certified colon and rectal surgeons – affiliated with University Surgical Associates, the Southeast region’s largest general surgery and general surgery subspecialty practice – will provide supervision for the program. These physicians hold faculty appointments in the Department of Surgery in Chattanooga: Richard A. Moore, MD, PhD, program director; J. Daniel Stanley, MD, associate program director, and Shauna Lorenzo-Rivero, MD.

In acknowledging the newly accredited program, COM, Chattanooga, Dean David Seaberg stated, “The university fully appreciates the efforts of those leading the fellowship and our partner, Erlanger Health System. We are proud to have the first accredited Colon and Rectal Surgery Fellowship within the UT system as well as in Tennessee.”

UTGSM and Its Programs Earn Maximum Accreditations

The UT Graduate School of Medicine in Knoxville earned national reaccreditation from the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) for a five-year period, the maximum period awarded by ACGME, extending its accreditation through 2015. ACGME is responsible for the accreditation of postgraduate medical education programs within the United States.

Interdisciplinary Simulation Center

The UT Health Science Center has been awarded a $2,912,751 grant from the BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee Health Foundation to fund its “Promoting Patient Safety Through Teamwork-Focused Interdisciplinary Simulations Program.”

The nearly $3 million grant, which became effective in January and runs through 2013, will support the purchase of new medical simulators, computers and software for training students from five UTHSC colleges – Allied Health Sciences, Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing and Pharmacy. Use of simulators allows students from different colleges to work together as an interdisciplinary team and respond to simulated patient care crises and address real-world health problems.

“Today’s health care students and trainees must learn to consistently work as teams, to trust each other’s judgment, and to maintain a constant, shared focus on patient safety,” said UTHSC Chancellor Steve Schwab. “The grant will allow us to move ahead with this collaborative training methodology at a much faster pace. We will be able to bring together students with a range of health care specialties in simulations where they can practice listening, learning and pooling their knowledge and resources to better serve patients.”

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“The idea of health care as a team exercise that is practiced and coordinated with a focus on quality patient care and safety resonates strongly with our organization,” said Vicky Gregg, CEO for BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee. “We are pleased to support this forward-thinking initiative, which will better prepare the next generation of health care providers in our state and positively impact the health of Tennesseans.”
UHSC Celebrates 50 Years of African-American Achievement

UT Health Science Center will celebrate 50 Years of African-American Achievement throughout 2011 as a way to recognize the accomplishments of African-American alumni and students. This celebration is being held in conjunction with other campuses within the University of Tennessee system. This year is especially significant for UTHSC since the main campus in Memphis is marking its centennial anniversary in 2011: 100 years advancing the future of health care.

“UTHSC has demonstrated a consistent commitment to diversity since the desegregation of the Health Science Center and the Geier Consent Decree,” said UTHSC Chancellor Steve Schwab. “We continue to be progressive in supporting equal opportunities for African-Americans to succeed in all areas of our institution – from student enrollment and retention to hiring and retention of faculty and staff.”

During the year-long celebration of African-American Achievement, UTHSC will also focus on encouraging African-American alumni and student interactions, and on building African-American alumni relations – i.e., participation, volunteerism and networking – through a series of events that will include the Black Student Association Awards Ball, a celebration luncheon, a Wine Down Reception at the Soulsville/Stax Museum, and UTHSC Diversity Day.

For more information about UT Health Science Center’s year-long program to mark 50 Years of African-American Achievement, please contact the UTHSC Office of Equity and Diversity by telephone – 901-448-2112; by e-mail – hsc-oed@uthsc.edu or through the Web site – www.uthsc.edu/oed/50years.php.

Physiology Ranked Third

UTHSC’s Department of Physiology is now ranked third among 186 departments of physiology in the United States, Canada, Mexico and Puerto Rico. The ranking is developed through an annual survey of the American Physiological Society (APS) and is based on an institution’s research dollars, number of faculty, and amount of research space. With 19 full-time faculty members and a budget of more than $16 million, the faculty generates an average of $586,499 per member. The department moved up from seventh place in the 2009 APS ranking.

Blood & Marrow Transplant Center — A True Collaboration

Adult patients in need of bone marrow transplants, allogeneic or autologous blood stem cell transplants now have an alternative to traveling out of town to receive treatment, due to a unique collaboration between the Mid-South’s premier health care providers. The newly formed Tennessee Blood & Marrow Transplant Center (TBMT) is a collaboration involving Methodist University Hospital, Baptist Memorial Hospital-Memphis and the University of Tennessee Health Science Center.

Housed in specially designed myelosuppression units at both MUH and Baptist Memphis, and staffed by UTHSC physicians, patients will receive the highest quality of care.
The Health Science Center has launched two new faculty practice groups as joint ventures with partner teaching hospitals in Memphis and Chattanooga. “Both of these ventures establish new practice expansion opportunities, generate new lines of revenue for the Health Science Center, and will enhance the teaching environment. These types of ventures are essential to drive the university’s go-forward expansion strategy,” stated Chancellor Steve Schwab, MD, when announcing the new practice groups last fall.

In Memphis
Le Bonheur Children’s Hospital and UTHSC have created a new pediatric specialty faculty group practice – UT Le Bonheur Pediatric Specialists (ULPS), which will initially include more than 100 pediatric subspecialists from UT Medical Group, Inc. (UTMG). These physicians practice at Le Bonheur and have academic appointments at UTHSC. They represent pediatric medical areas ranging from pediatric heart surgery to pediatric neonatology. In addition to treating children throughout the Mid-South at Le Bonheur, these physicians are devoted to cutting-edge research related to children’s health, and education of the next generation of pediatric physicians and surgeons.

The ULPS structure will also allow the children’s hospital and the university to jointly recruit highly trained, highly sought-after pediatric specialists to Memphis. “This concept will allow us to recruit the best and brightest to Memphis to care for our children,” said Le Bonheur President and CEO Meri Armour. “We are working hard to cultivate pediatric thought leaders and experts to expand the capabilities of both Le Bonheur and UTHSC.”

ULPS is the Mid-South’s only multi-specialty pediatric group practice solely focused on children’s health. “We see closer alignments with our health care partners across the state as an essential element in our ability to expand our educational offerings and increase our ability to serve the state and region,” Chancellor Schwab observed.

In Chattanooga
The Erlanger Health System, in partnership with UTHSC, has created a new physician practice plan called the UT-Erlanger Medical Group. The formation of this multi-specialty physician group, approved by Erlanger trustees, will include more than 150 physicians and mid-level providers.

Physicians in the newly formed UT-Erlanger Medical Group represent a wide range of medical expertise, from both adult and pediatric specialties. In addition to providing health care for all ages, members of the UT-Erlanger Medical Group will continue to focus on medical research and educating future medical specialists.

David Seaberg, MD, dean of the UT College of Medicine, Chattanooga at Erlanger, noted the new UT-Erlanger Medical Group “will finally align the clinical strategic vision of the Erlanger Health System with the academic mission and strategic direction of the university.” Dr. Seaberg went on to enumerate the benefits, noting that the plan “will strengthen the partnership between the university and the Erlanger Health System, provide stability for the physicians in the practice, enhance the efficiency of the clinical practices and, most importantly, provide better patient care for the greater Chattanooga community.”

News Bites
- The Health Science Center and the Elvis Presley Memorial Trauma Center (located in the Regional Medical Center at Memphis) have been selected to participate in a national study sponsored by the National Institutes of Health. The study will examine treatment for traumatic brain injury (TBI). TBI is the leading cause of death and disability in children and adults ages 1 to 44. The study, referred to as ProTECT III, involves treating victims who are at least 18 years of age and have experienced a TBI resulting from blunt trauma.

- UTHSC leaders joined Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare officials in February to announce the opening of its new Neurovascular and Cardiovascular Center at Methodist University Hospital (MUH). The center houses new technology that produces three-dimensional images faster and with more accuracy to aid in advanced surgery and treatments. Patients who have aneurysms, stroke, heart rhythm disorders, cholesterol build up in arteries, and numerous other cardiovascular and neurovascular diseases will benefit from Artis zeego and the Artis biplane technology. MUH is the first Mid-South hospital and among a few hospitals in the United States to have such technology.
The UT Health Science Center and Le Bonheur Children’s Hospital have created a new pediatric specialty faculty group practice. To the right is a picture of Le Bonheur’s newly opened $340 million hospital.

The UT Health Science Center and UTHSC leaders celebrate the new practice plan agreement including (from left), Erlanger Board Chair Dan Quarles, EdD; Erlanger President and CEO Jim Brexler; UTCOM Chattanooga Dean David Seaberg, MD; UTHSC Chancellor Steve Schwab, and UT Trustee Jim Hall.

The UT Health Science Center has been awarded $620,579 in research grants from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The award is being used to fund the study of a wildlife vaccine that will ultimately reduce the occurrence of Lyme disease in humans. The grant, which is in its fourth year at UTHSC, is part of a CDC award totaling more than $3.2 million.

The Department of Preventive Medicine has received a $4.4 million grant to test a weight-loss plan using interactive technology that will occur in conjunction with a smoking-cessation program. The intervention targets young-adult smokers who want to quit, but avoid weight gain that often occurs afterward. The study, Treating Adults at Risk for Weight Gain with Interactive Technology (TARGIT), is funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and began in December. The department is also part of another NIH-funded, multicenter clinical study to determine whether lower blood pressure can reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease, as well as have other impacts on cognitive decline, dementia and the risk of kidney disease. UTHSC is currently recruiting participants for the trial, which is referred to as SPRINT (Systolic Blood Pressure Intervention Trial).
Governor Hosts Centennial Reception at Brentwood Mansion
On July 21, Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam opened the doors of Conservation Hall, part of the governor’s official residence in Brentwood, Tenn., for a Centennial Reception to fete 350 College of Medicine graduates and their guests.

“I appreciate what you do,” Gov. Haslam told the rapt audience. “I understand what role the UT Health Science Center plays in providing great health care to the citizens of our state, attracting great people to the state, and in fostering economic development. I’m here tonight to thank UT for all your good work.”

The reception was organized by the UT College of Medicine Alumni Council, led by council president Paul Huffstutter, MD. Serving on the host committee were Joe and Jan DeLozier, Meredith Ezell, Tim Gordon, George Hill, Gary Jerkins, Jim Loden, James Millis, Mike Santi, Stephen Staggs, and Tom Whitfield.

Hershel “Pat” Wall, MD, special assistant to the UT President who has been on the UTHSC campus for more than 53 years, was one of the evening’s honorees.

“What can you say about Dr. Wall,” observed Chancellor Steve Schwab, MD. “Nobody has worn more hats. Many of us in this room can call him colleague, but most of all we can call him friend.”

“I want to thank the governor for letting us use his bunker,” the avuncular Dr. Wall joked in reference to the chic 14,000-square-foot subterranean meeting and banquet facility built under the front lawn of the Tennessee residence. “I have seen so many friends tonight. It’s just been incredible.”

Chancellor Schwab told the group, “We are pleased to welcome you at the time of our Centennial – 100 years in a single location is remarkable. Our growth is a tribute to our alumni and our thanks and gratitude go out to our alumni who have made this possible.

“As the largest medical school in the state, we have trained the vast majority of Tennessee physicians. It is our alumni, graduation rates, students, residents, fellows and clinical programs that together make us a great institution,” the Chancellor stated.

“I always tell people UTHSC is very important to me,” said President DiPietro. “Our alumni are keeping people healthy throughout the state. Great land grant institutions always have great health science centers. I will do everything in my power as your president to advance the Health Science Center.”

Former Gov. Winfield Dunn, a College of Dentistry alumnus, told the crowd, “I’m proud to be a graduate of UTHSC. I will never forget what it took to get that degree. Every one of you is an exceptional person. What greater calling is there than to train those who are looking after the children and grandchildren of the state of Tennessee. In this Centennial Year, it’s time … We, as alumni, have to step up.”
Campus Brand

To celebrate the Health Science Center’s 100-year anniversary, a number of signs and banners have been placed around campus. Also, two permanent signs were installed – one on the 930 Madison Avenue Building and the other on the Lamar Alexander Building.

Now, long after centennial celebrations have finished, the campus will stand out from a distance, letting visitors know they have arrived at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, and will be distinguished among its hospital partners, such as Le Bonheur Children’s Hospital, Methodist University Hospital, the Veterans Affairs Medical Center and The Regional Medical Center, which help to make up the Memphis Medical Center.
On August 25 the UT Health Science Center dedicated its new 183,000-square-foot College of Pharmacy building on the UT-Baptist Research Park in the Memphis Medical Center.

The new UT College of Pharmacy building is the second building to be completed on the UT-Baptist Research Park, a project that will add more than 1.4 million square feet of laboratory, research, education and business space in the heart of the Memphis Medical Center near downtown. The more than $65 million Pharmacy building consolidates College of Pharmacy faculty and staff who were previously housed in six different buildings on the sprawling urban campus.

The sixth floor of the new building encompasses the UT-Plough Center for Sterile Drug Delivery Systems. In March 2010, the Plough Foundation awarded a $4.5 million grant to UTHSC to establish the more than 5,800-square-foot center. The UT-Plough Center serves as an educational hub for teaching and training pharmacists, pharmaceutical scientists, and highly skilled employees for the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industry.

New Le Bonheur Officially Opens

Signs directing patients and families to the new Le Bonheur Children's Hospital were uncovered at 4:15 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 3, 2010, signifying the official opening of the $340 million, 255-bed hospital. Le Bonheur safely moved 162 patients into the new hospital during a three-day process that concluded on Dec. 5.

Le Bonheur renovations will continue in 2011. The West Tower, built in 1994, will be remodeled to house space for research, education and hospital administration. The Physician Office Building at 777 Washington Avenue will also be renovated and used for outpatient clinics. The Central Tower is scheduled to be demolished this fall, making way for a new hospital entry off of Adams Avenue and direct access to the hospital’s main lobby.

Hope Lodge Opens on UTHSC Land

Adult cancer patients fighting for their lives will no longer have to worry about where they’re going to stay when receiving treatment in Memphis, or how they’re going to pay for it.

The American Cancer Society Harrah’s Hope Lodge was dedicated in Memphis on November 18, 2010, a culmination of the tireless efforts of hundreds of volunteers, donors and medical professionals. The American Cancer Society Harrah’s Hope Lodge allows patients and a caregiver to stay at no cost and be with others going through the very same experience, allowing patients to concentrate on their health.

UTHSC provided the land, valued at $1.5 million, in a nominal-cost lease so that the Hope Lodge could be built in the Memphis Medical Center.
A ny organization reaching a 100th anniversary mandates a celebration. For UTHSC, knowing how far we have come and how much we have accomplished in our first century imparts a sense of pride mixed with a healthy measure of awe and appreciation. After an inauspicious beginning – think railroad cars full of used medical equipment from closed colleges – the University of Tennessee Health Science Center has grown into a statewide institution with international reach and impact.

During our first 100 years, UTHSC has educated and trained more than 53,000 health care professionals on campuses in Memphis, founded in 1911, Knoxville, begun in 1991, and Chattanooga, started in 1974. Today, the Health Science Center has more than 100 clinical and educational sites statewide. With our affiliated hospitals, UT health professionals provide more than one million days of inpatient services and more than two million outpatient visits each year.
UTHSC now – with its nearly $100 million annually in research and sponsored projects funding, shiny new buildings to augment landmark structures, and international reputation for rigorous educational standards – is a far cry from where we began. The UTHSC centennial book – “The Legacy The Future: A Centennial Portrait of The University of Tennessee Health Science Center” – tells our institution’s story honestly, clearly and with profiles of central figures who led us to the present path. Through our connection with UTHSC, each of us has an opportunity to view the history of health care with greater perspective, amazement and insight – for it is the men and women of the Health Science Center who have played a pivotal role in leading and advancing health care history for the betterment of our local, regional, national and global community.

Within a few years of our organization’s founding, the country became embroiled in World War I, for which the Medical Units (UTHSC’s original name) contributed faculty volunteers. During the Roaring Twenties, the campus expanded in terms of new buildings and programs, and then was severely challenged by the economic collapse of the Great Depression. In 1931, during the financial crisis, the state reduced all faculty, staff and teaching fellows’ salaries by 19 percent.

The four-quarter system that O.W. Hyman, vice president of the campus, adapted to the campus made health care education both affordable and flexible. The faculty, led by Hyman and August Wittenborg, professor of Anatomy, and others made personal sacrifices to avoid the loss of the Medical Units.

With the onset of World War II, the campus expanded to fulfill its
role in the war effort and, by war’s end, exploded with a new energy that was suppressed in the previous two decades. Advances included: research that led to the recommendation of atabrine as a substitute for quinine to treat the “sludged blood” of malaria; establishment of the first blood bank in the South; publication of Campbell’s Operative Orthopaedics, a standard-setting book in its field; and the first diathermy operation in the United States, which involved the controlled production of “deep heating” in the subcutaneous tissues, deep muscles and joints for therapeutic purposes.

Thirteen UT graduates gave their lives in World War II.

The ’50s, ’60s, and ’70s were a golden age for the campus in Memphis as elsewhere in the country. Research that had begun before the war and much new research was enhanced by the public’s acceptance of the power of science and the funding that seemed to flow from all directions.

Each of the more than 2,800 students who enroll at today’s Health Science Center spend their early years on the Memphis campus studying in one of six colleges: Allied Health Sciences, Dentistry, Graduate Health Sciences, Medicine, Nursing or Pharmacy. Then, they rotate across the state to undertake clinical training. In addition, each year more than 1,000 medical residents and fellows receive training in 84 programs certified by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education.

In an age where transience is the norm and breakthrough gadgets are outdated in a matter of months, the endurance, tenacity and consistent high standards of UT Health Science Center are to be commended. UTHSC has matured into an indispensable anchor in the fabric of an interwoven health care system – in Memphis, across Tennessee, throughout the Mid-South region and beyond. Over the years, UTHSC has built a network of partnerships that spur research, innovation and reinvestment in the Memphis community. This network is evident in such projects as the Regional Biocontainment Laboratory on the UT-Baptist Research Park, which focuses on fighting infectious diseases and bioterrorism; the Memphis Research Consortium, which recently received a pledge of $10 million in funding from Gov. Bill Haslam; and the Memphis Coalition for Advanced Networking, which connects local scientists with the supercomputing power at Oak Ridge National Laboratory outside Knoxville.

To learn more about the history of the Health Science Center, special centennial events, and much more, please visit www.uthsc.edu/100.

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A portion of the funds will benefit UTHSC student scholarships and the MUH Transplant Institute which operates in partnership with the UTHSC.

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This issue of Medicine continues our celebration of the Centennial; we, therefore, celebrate our past, feature the present, and look to the future in Memphis and across the state.

The Centennial book has arrived and is available. It is called, “The Legacy The Future: A Centennial Portrait of the University of Tennessee Health Science Center.” It is an extraordinary visual and written history of our institution that all alumni should have and proudly display in a prominent place. We have excerpted a small portion of the book in this issue to whet your appetite to see and learn more of our legacy.

The gala is scheduled for September 17 here and fittingly in the old campus quadrangle. A large tent will be erected in the Hyman parking lot to accommodate several hundred people for a seated dinner. The time was chosen to coincide with alumni weekend. We hope many of you will come and join us for this celebration.

We have been very busy in the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs. Our staff has grown, and we look forward to increasing it. I am meeting as many alumni as possible, individually and in receptions, across the state. We are sharing the challenges faced by the institution, especially the financial ones, but also the great news of growth within the statewide institution. My mantra is, “please join us in investing in the future.” This is very important as we face dwindling financial support from the state … the question has been raised by some of us that we may never be fully supported. We, therefore, must look to private giving from loyal alumni, foundations and corporations.

We continue aggressively spreading the word of our great value to the community, state, region and the nation in health care education, research and service. One has only to appreciate our legacy over the past century. This legacy includes educating and training more than 53,000 health care professionals since 1911. Of these, approximately 49,000 were trained in Memphis. Today, approximately 2,800 students matriculate at UTHSC.

The College of Medicine has graduated 13,400 physicians who practice in Tennessee and around the world. Among all physicians currently practicing in Tennessee, 40 percent were trained at the UT College of Medicine. If residents and fellows are included, more than 70 percent of Tennessee physicians were trained in our college.

So you see we have much to celebrate and be proud of ... our past, present and future. I will continue looking forward to hearing from and working with you.

My warmest regards,

My signature

Pat

hwall@uthsc.edu
Greetings on behalf of your UT College of Medicine Alumni Council!

The University of Tennessee College of Medicine Alumni Council is looking forward to your attendance at Medicine Alumni Weekend, beginning Wednesday, September 14. This year also marks a significant milestone in the Health Science Center’s history – our Centennial Anniversary. This year’s celebration promises to be bigger and better than ever!

We have a great CME program, titled “The Future of Ob/Gyn: From Education to Clinical Practice through Research.” This year’s Horner Distinguished Visiting Professor and keynote speaker is Garland Anderson, MD, dean, School of Medicine, professor and Thomas N. and Gleaves T. James Distinguished Chair, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, The University of Texas Medical Branch. Dr. Anderson’s presentation is titled, “What is the Future of Obstetrics and Gynecology?”

The Forum on Heath Care Reform is back by popular demand. The College of Medicine is also presenting New Frontiers in the College of Medicine: “Preparing the Next Generation of Physicians.” Our alumni activities, include class reunions and the Alumni Awards Luncheon, during which we honor the four recipients of the 2011 College of Medicine Outstanding Alumnus Award – James H. Beaty, Jr., Allen S. Boyd, Kenneth D. Sellers, and Beverly Williams-Cleaves.

The Alumni Office has partnered with the University of Tennessee Alumni Association and other university departments in an effort to offer you more alumni activities. Peri Ankh, a College of Medicine student-driven fundraising group, is holding the Peri Ankh Student-Alumni 4-Man Scramble Golf Classic. The Memphis/Shelby County UT Alumni Chapter is hosting a watch party for the UT-Florida football game. The Office of Equity and Diversity is hosting a Wine Down as part of a yearlong celebration of 50 Years of African-American Achievement on the Health Science Center campus.

We hope you extend your stay in Memphis and celebrate with all Health Science Center alumni at the Centennial Gala on Saturday, September 17. The Gala will be held on campus in the courtyard in front of Mooney Library. This event will provide a great chance for us to have fun, reminisce about our time in school, and catch up with one another. Finally, if you have any energy left, you can run or walk in the Centennial 5K on the morning of Sunday, September 18.

We hope you will make every effort to join us in Memphis for this Grand Celebration!

Paul J. Huffstutter, MD
President
UT College of Medicine Alumni Council
Alumni Weekend At-a-Glance

**Wednesday, September 14**
Noon – 2 p.m.
College of Medicine Scholarship Luncheon
UT Health Science Center Campus

7 – 9 p.m.
Reception Honoring Dr. Russell W. Chesney
Memphis Zoo—Northwest Passage

**Thursday, September 15**
6:30 p.m.
Golden Graduate Reception and Dinner for the Classes of 1961,
Hernando Desoto Room – The Peabody Hotel
(Class photos taken at 6:30 p.m.)

**Friday, September 16**
7 a.m.
Registration and Continental Breakfast
Grand Salons D & E – The Peabody Hotel

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Continental Breakfast for spouses and those not attending
CE Program
Louis XVI Room – The Peabody Hotel

7:30 a.m.
The Future of Ob/Gyn: From Education to Clinical Practice
Through Research and Program Introductions

8 a.m.
Fetal Intervention: A New Frontier
Giancarlo Mari, MD, professor and chair
Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, UTHSC

9 a.m.
The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Physicians
Claudette Shephard, MD, associate professor and residency
program director
Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, UTHSC

10 a.m.
The American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology: Relevance
of Maintenance of Certification to Physicians in All Specialties
Frank Ling, MD, chairman of the board
American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology

11 a.m.
Keynote Address: What is the Future of Obstetrics & Gynecology?
Garland Anderson, MD, dean, School of Medicine, professor,
and Thomas N. and Gleaves T. James Distinguished Chair
Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
University of Texas Medical Branch

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**College of Medicine Scholarship Luncheon**
Come and celebrate those who have given scholarships, and those
fortunate enough to have received them. We are celebrating not only
our current scholars, but any of you who have received scholarships
in our proud 100 years.
Please rsvp to Tretobia Martin, 901-448-4864 or tmarti14@uthsc.edu

**Reception Honoring Dr. Russell W. Chesney**
The University of Tennessee Health Science Center and Le Bonheur
Children’s Hospital are hosting a reception honoring Russell W.
Chesney, MD, for his years of service and contributions to the field
of pediatrics.
The reception will be held on Wednesday evening, September
14, from 7 until 9 at the Memphis Zoo, Northwest Passage. For
reservations, please call 901-287-6030 or e-mail yvonne.williams@lebonheur.org.

**Forum on Health Care Reform: Where Are We One Year Later?**
This forum will provide students and alumni of the UT College of
Medicine, as well as community physicians insight into the Affordable
Care Act – One Year Later and its affects upon patients, the insurance
industry, providers, and health care organizations.

**New Frontiers in the College of Medicine: Preparing the Next Generation of Physicians**
This presentation will provide current students and alumni of the
UT College of Medicine, as well as community physicians the
opportunity to learn about the new curriculum in the College of
Medicine and how the next generation of students will be prepared
for the practice of medicine at the UT Health Science Center.

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**Register Today for Alumni Weekend, Sept. 14 - 16!!**
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Weekend Activities

Colorful activities planned for the College of Medicine’s Alumni Weekend in September. Below is a highlight of a few of these events. We can’t wait to see you there.

**UTHSC Wine Down:**
A 50 Years of African-American Achievement Event
Alumni and students will be treated to a wine reception with tasty hors d’oeuvres, a museum tour, and live music. The overall objective of this event is to recognize African-American achievements at UTHSC, but also encourage networking between alumni and students. In addition, we hope to encourage participants to become more involved with UTHSC Alumni Affairs and the UT Alumni Association.

The reception cost is $20 per ticket for UTHSC faculty and staff, and $15 for UTHSC students. For additional information call 901-448-2112 or e-mail hsc-oed@uthsc.edu.

**Peri Ankh Student-Alumni 4-Man Scramble Golf Classic**
Peri Ankh is proud to present a student-alumni golf tournament that will facilitate student-alumni interaction while raising funds and awareness for the endowment. Enjoy 18 holes of golf, lunch, beverages, and an awards banquet.

For more information, please contact Sarah Matthews at Peri.Ankh@gmail.com.

**Memphis/Shelby County UT Alumni Chapter Event:**
UT-Florida Football Watch Party
The Memphis/Shelby County UT Alumni Chapter cordially invites you to the University of Tennessee versus University of Florida Football Watch Party at the Racquet Club of Memphis, 5111 Sanderlin Avenue.

The doors open at 2 p.m. The Racquet Club will offer drink and menu specials, and secure parking is available. The Volunteers and the Gators! It doesn’t get any better than this! For more information, contact Dr. Jana Fuqua at 901-853-0479 or jlfuqua@comcast.net.

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**Friday, September 16, Continued**
12:15 p.m.
Alumni Awards and Reunion Luncheon
Venetian Ballroom – The Peabody Hotel
-- Golden Graduate Recognition
-- Presentation of Outstanding Alumni Awards

2 – 4 p.m.
Downtown and Medical Center Bus Tour led by medical students. Advance reservations requested. Minimum of 25 people required.

2:30 – 4 p.m.
Forum on Health Care Reform: Where Are We One Year Later?
Grand Salons D & E – The Peabody Hotel

2:30 – 4 p.m.
New Frontiers in the College of Medicine: Preparing the Next Generation of Physicians
Grand Salon A – The Peabody Hotel

7 – 9 p.m.
Class Reunion Dinners

7 – 9:30 p.m.
UTHSC Wine Down: A 50 Years of African-American Achievement Event
Soulsville/Stax Museum

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**Saturday, September 17**
8 a.m.
Peri Ankh Golf Tournament
Cherokee Valley Golf Club – Olive Branch, Mississippi

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Class Reunion Brunches and Luncheons

2 p.m.
UT Alumni Association Event: UT-Florida Football Watch Party,
The Racquet Club of Memphis

6 p.m. – until
The UT Health Science Center Centennial Gala
UT Health Science Center Campus

**Sunday, September 18**
8 a.m.
The UT Health Science Center Centennial 5K Walk/Run
UT Health Science Center Campus

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**Weekend, Sept. 14 - 18!!**
The Peabody Hotel
149 Union Avenue, Memphis, TN
For reservations call 800-732-2639 or 901-529-4000
A New Medallion for Golden Graduates:

One of the traditions of UTHSC alumni is a strong reunion program, especially when alumni return to campus and become “Golden Graduates” in honor of their 50th-year class reunion.

During the UTHSC Centennial, the Alumni Affairs and Annual Giving Office, unveiled the UTHSC Golden Graduate medallion. The handsome keepsake, complemented with its UT orange ribbon, is presented by each collegiate dean to class members who return to campus for this milestone occasion.

Golden Graduates – 2010

March 1960

Seated: John S. Burrell, Bruce Herndon, Charles H. Mathis, Edgar R. Franklin, Joseph W. Harb, William “Chip” Watkins, Andrew P. Nelson, Sr., and Margaret L. Cox

June 1960
Seated: Virgil H. Crowder, Irving T. Stailey, John T. Forsythe, and Max Foner
Standing: Shirley S. Covington, Hershel P. Wall, Robert L. Richardson, Jr., Omer C. Renner, Jr., Jack B. Campbell, and Thomas E. Simpkins, Jr.

September 1960
Seated: Edwin Scott, Richard E. Holman, Paul A. Thompson, Jerry R. Johnson, and R. Smith Murray
Standing: Phillip H. Johnson, W. Davis Fort, M. Gaynor Howell, Jr., Bob G. Thompson, Duane C. Budd, and Paul G. Kyker

December 1960
Seated: William M. Young, Joe Akin, W. Harwell Murrey, Russell L. Browning, Jerry C. Phillips, Roy DeHart, and John K. Blazier
Morris Completes Service as President

In 2010, James W. Morris, MD, FACS, completed his service as president of the UT College of Medicine Alumni Council. A long-time Lebanon, Tenn., resident who practices general surgery, Dr. Morris is a 1972 graduate of the UT College of Medicine. He also holds a BS degree from Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro.

Paul J. Huffstutter, MD, a 1973 graduate of the UT College of Medicine, was elected as the next president for the UT College of Medicine Alumni Council and will serve through September 2012. Dr. Huffstutter works as co-director of the Medical Simulation Center for the Graduate School of Medicine in Knoxville, a UTHSC College of Medicine campus. He also serves as assistant professor in the Department of Surgery at the UT Graduate School of Medicine. A resident of Knoxville, Tenn., Dr. Huffstutter also holds a BS from UT Martin.

“Dr. Morris has been a remarkable ambassador for the UT Health Science Center during his tenure as president of the College of Medicine Alumni Council,” said Keith Carver, PhD, then interim vice chancellor for Development and Alumni Affairs at UTHSC. “We look forward to continuing this tradition of leadership with Dr. Huffstutter, who has served as a key volunteer leader for the College of Medicine for many years.”

The president of the UT College of Medicine Alumni Council serves a two-year term and is elected by the 60 members of the Alumni Council.

Your New Alumni Web Site

It is now easier than ever to keep in touch with your classmates and your alma mater! Our new online community gives you the opportunity to connect with fellow alumni and friends, register for upcoming events, update your alumni profile, and even make a secure donation. Also, our Facebook, Twitter, Flickr, and YouTube sites provide you pictures, news and videos from our many exciting alumni events.

Visit your new alumni Web site today and get connected!

www.uthscalumni.com
Carver and Phillips Take on New Positions

Recently there have been changes in the UTHSC Office of Development and Alumni Affairs as one leader headed to Knoxville and another arrived from there. Keith Carver, PhD, (above right) interim vice chancellor for Development and Alumni Affairs, was named executive assistant to UT President Joe DiPietro on Jan. 3. Prior to that Kris Phillips (above left), who for 10 years had served as a director of alumni programs for the UT Alumni Association based in Knoxville, was named associate vice chancellor for Alumni Affairs and Annual Giving.

Dr. Carver has held positions at UT’s campuses in Knoxville, Martin and most recently Memphis during his career. Prior to working at UTHSC, Dr. Carver was assistant vice chancellor for development at UT Martin from 2006 to 2010. He held several positions at UT Knoxville including assistant director and director of Development and Alumni Affairs for the College of Law, program director for the Office of Student Activities and co-director of TeamVOLS. He also worked as director of special projects and coordinator of experiential education at Marietta College in Ohio for two years.

A UT system veteran, Phillips’ primary responsibilities included managing all affinity marketing programs for UTAA including the Affinity Card Program, Tennessee Travelers (international tours), Traveling Vols (athletic tours), alumni directory (print/CD Rom and online), and the alumni discount insurance program. Phillips also managed sponsorships for the UTAA and the Big Orange Tailgate Tour, a pre-game tailgate program for football and men’s and women’s basketball. From 2008 to 2009, he served a dual role with the UTAA and as interim assistant vice chancellor for alumni affairs at UTHSC.

Stepping Up in Interim

Bethany Goolsby Blankenship, JD, was named interim vice chancellor for Development and Alumni Affairs for UTHSC, assuming the responsibilities for the office as Keith Carver, PhD, moved to his new position as executive assistant to UT President Joseph DiPietro.

A national search for a vice chancellor for Development and Alumni affairs is under way, led by UT Trustee George Cates and Dental Dean Tim Hottel, DDS, MS, MBA.

Bethany has served as assistant vice chancellor for planned giving at UTHSC since 2007 and has worked at the university for more than eight years. She is well prepared to lead the office while UTHSC undertakes the search for a permanent vice chancellor for Development and Alumni Affairs.
Miller Named
Inaugural Pearce Chair in Internal Medicine

Thanks to a generous gift Stephen Thomas Miller, MD, MACP, has been named as the inaugural Robert S. Pearce Chair in Internal Medicine. Dr. Miller, UTHSC professor of medicine and vice chair of the Department of Medicine, is also an educational leader at Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare and a well-known Memphis physician.

In his new position, Dr. Miller will expand and develop programs between UTHSC and Methodist in medical education and patient care, and will work closely with the UTHSC chairman of the Department of Medicine on strategies where the two institutions intersect. Due to his new appointment as an endowed chair, Dr. Miller stepped down from his role as senior vice president of Research and Education at Methodist University Hospital, but will continue to serve as medical director for Graduate Medical Education at Methodist, see patients at the hospital, and teach in the Methodist Teaching Practice.

The path to medical excellence for Dr. Miller began during his childhood when his grandfather, a rural physician, would take him on house calls in remote parts of Kentucky. It is a similar story that led to the establishment of the Dr. Robert S. Pearce Chair in Internal Medicine.

Iris Pearce, MD, a fifth-generation physician and UTHSC College of Medicine alum who passed away in 2005, established the Dr. Robert S. Pearce Chair in Internal Medicine in honor of her late father. Dr. Pearce said her father was the greatest influence on her life. As an only child whose mother died when she was 7, Iris joined her father on house calls and on hospital visits. He practiced in Memphis for 35 years. Her gift will allow Dr. Miller to continue their passion of providing medical care for all.

Alumni 2.0

The UT Alumni Association Web sites are getting a makeover. Last year nearly 11,000 UT alumni participated in a comprehensive survey to aid the alumni association in the development of a strategic plan, and based on that feedback the UTAA is reshaping the way it communicates.

Darren Hughes, director of Communications for UTAA, is overseeing the Web project. “Our alumni will see a dramatic change when everything goes live this summer, especially when they visit the campus alumni sites. But, honestly, the coolest stuff is happening behind the scenes in the technology that drives it all. Something as seemingly simple as a system-wide events calendar is actually a tricky problem to solve, and I think we’ve finally cracked it.”

The redesigned Web sites will be better integrated with popular social networking tools, including a new feature that allows alumni to connect their Facebook account with their alumni profile. However, the alumni association has no interest in trying to compete with Facebook, LinkedIn or Twitter.

“There’s a reason half a billion people are on Facebook!” Hughes laughs. “It’s a perfectly designed tool for staying connected with friends. Our goal with the redesign is to do the most important things better. We want to make it easier for alumni to get involved in their local areas, to stay informed about what’s happening on the UT campuses, to register for events, and to take advantage of our career services.”

Social networking will be a feature of the redesign, though. “The one thing we can offer that Facebook can’t is a closed UT alumni community,” Hughes says. “Every alumnus and alumna will have a profile in the online directory. Unless he or she registers with the community it will only display the person’s first name, last name, and class year. Once the person registers, though, he or she will be able to share more information like class notes and photos, and the technology will make it easy for them to network with other alumni in their area or from their college. We’re especially excited about its potential to offer real professional networking opportunities.”

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During the past 15 years, the size of the University of Tennessee’s alumni body has grown by one-third. This influx of young alumni, combined with significant changes in public funding, technology and alumni interests, motivated the UT Alumni Association (UTAA) to undertake a strategic plan for the first time in its 165 year history.

After a year of planning that involved coordinated effort between UTAA and university staff, volunteer leaders, and more than 11,000 alumni, UTAA has created a strategic plan that will guide its decisions for the next five years.

1. Our alumni are a diverse population with equally diverse needs.
   The UTAA and campus alumni affairs offices will take a life cycle approach to alumni engagement and offer activities to each age group based on specific needs. This will have the most immediate affect on how we communicate (high-touch versus high-tech), but it is also the driving force behind our renewed efforts in providing career services and networking opportunities.

2. Good data is critical.
   With an alumni population approaching 350,000 and growing, 20th century modes of communication are no longer adequate. Improving our information systems and the data in them will remain an essential function of the system-level alumni office.

   The UTAA is working with campus partners to better align communications around central themes, institutional priorities, and areas of particular interest to alumni, with the intended results being better coordination and making the best use of print and electronic media.

4. Legislative relations.
   The UTAA's Alumni Legislative Council has long advocated on the university’s behalf, but now the strategic plan recommends refocusing those efforts in coordination with the UT Office of Government Relations and Public Affairs. This will involve formalizing grassroot efforts, better defining roles and responsibilities, and improving our targeted communications with alumni.

5. Paying for it all.
   The UTAA will continue to make a compelling case for continued financial support to the Board of Trustees, UT president, and the chancellors. The plan further recommends expanding affinity partnerships, evaluating a tiered alumni giving program, and engaging volunteers in valued, meaningful activities.

What’s next? This past fall, the UTAA created three task force groups composed of both staff and volunteers from each campus – Board of Governors Transition, Career and Business Networking, and Chapter Program Assessment. These groups have been evaluating best practices from across the country and will be formalizing plans to improve the UTAA and its benefits to alumni.

The UTAA has already made significant strides in improving communication with university partners; submitted recommendations for upgrades to its information systems; launched a new online community for each campus in late June; and plans to focus staff resources on developing new career-related services in the near future. For more information on the UTAA strategic plan, visit http://alumni.tennessee.edu/plan.
Someone to love. Paul’s portrait of Jolanda at age 25 shows the artist’s love of beauty and the woman who would be his life’s companion for more than 60 years. Jolanda loves the idea that the sale of Paul’s artwork will help young researchers improve health outcomes for patients with cardiovascular disease.

Something to do. While Paul was in a POW camp in Germany, he began sketching soldiers and refugees on any material he could find. Lacking any other surface, he tore off his tent flap for the canvas of The Refugee Rabbi. (Pictured right.)

Something to look forward to. Jolanda looks forward to the future and seeing Paul’s legacy live on through an endowment in his name in the Department of Physiology. Here she looks back on life as the young woman Paul painted in White Pearls-Jolanda.
“\W\e need three things in life to be happy. No more. No less,” Jolanda Penczner says. “Someone to love, something to do, and something to look forward to.”

The words come easily to mind – although it’s been decades since she first heard them – as Jolanda reflects on why she donated an art gallery on Poplar Avenue and the art works in it to the University of Tennessee Health Science Center. The speaker was a former chair of psychiatry at the Health Science Center. The occasion was the unveiling of his portrait, which had been painted by Jolanda’s husband Paul Penczner, who died in June 2010 at the age of 93.

Parting with the studio has been bittersweet for Jolanda because it was the Penczners’ second home, the place where Paul pursued his art, and the site of art classes for promising young artists. Proceeds from the sale of the studio and artwork will be used to establish an endowment to fund promising new cardiovascular research in the Department of Physiology.

Paul and Jolanda knew nothing about the Health Science Center or about Memphis before they emigrated to America at the end of the Second World War and settled here. They were first introduced to the Health Science Center through a commission for a portrait, which led to a steady stream of work and an ongoing relationship with the university.

When the Second World War began, Hungarian-born Paul was already serving in his country’s military. Jolanda was living with her mother and father in Germany. Her father, a socially progressive businessman, was imprisoned by Hitler for the duration of the war. “He wouldn’t keep his mouth shut,” Jolanda recalls.

After Paul’s unit of the Hungarian army was called up, he was injured and taken prisoner by the Americans. In the POW camp – which was in Germany – he met János Kisgyörgy, a fellow Hungarian and painter. Kisgyörgy recognized Paul’s talent and began regular classes to make up for Paul’s lack of formal training in art. Kisgyörgy remained an influence on Paul’s work throughout his life.

While in the camp, Paul started sketching the scenes around him, including portraits of soldiers and refugees. Today, many of his studies – mostly of men’s faces and hands – can be found in the studio on Poplar. One of the portraits started in the camp, The Refugee Rabbi, is in the Penczner home. Lacking any other surface, Paul tore off the flap of his tent and used it as his canvas.

After the war, Jolanda’s knowledge of English landed her a job with the American army. Against Russian orders, an army captain smuggled her from
East Germany to the western sector, possibly saving her life, but also separating her from her parents. (They were later reunited.)

Jolanda’s English skills helped her get a job once again, this time in Friedberg, working for American Express. It was in Freidberg that she met and married Paul. Jolanda first saw him as he peddled past her on a bicycle. “There goes a capitalist,” she said to herself, because no one else had money to buy anything, let alone a bicycle. He wheeled around and came back to talk to her. “He was a real pick-up artist,” she laughs.

Paul eventually asked Jolanda to model for him. “Sit next to me on the coach,” he invited her during a break one day. When he tried to steal a kiss, she scolded him and only agreed to continue modeling if he behaved himself. “I can’t help myself,” he pleaded. “I’m an artist. I love beauty.”

One of Paul’s most famous portraits, White Pearls – Jolanda, shows his subject at approximately 25 years of age. “Borrowed wedding dress, borrowed pearls,” Jolanda says.

In time, Paul met a soldier from Tennessee, whose family sponsored the Penczners’ entry into the United States. While waiting for an empty transport ship to bring them to America, Paul wrangled a few more commissions. One subject paid him in traveler’s checks, which he sent to his sponsor in Tennessee, to exchange for cash.

From the Port of New Orleans, the couple made their way to Memphis and arrived during the heat of summer.

With just a few dollars in hand, Paul and Jolanda set out to find work to keep themselves going. They first tried a state employment office. “The employment counselor said I had to have a hat and gloves and stockings to interview for a job in America, something I did not have.” Jolanda says. She recalls throwing up her hands in exasperation and yelling at the woman, “I didn’t start the war, you know!”

“There are other employment agencies,” Paul said, trying to soothe Jolanda. He then went off to find a local newspaper. One of the ads led them to a private agency, which did not require Jolanda to have the requisite hat, gloves and stockings. From there, they went to the offices of a local college fraternity. Impressed with Jolanda’s efficiency in English, typing and spelling, executives there gave her a two weeks’ trial to prove her worth as a secretary.

Jolanda easily proved her worth to the fraternity. And, as Paul’s reputation spread, he found more and more work. Although the Penczners considered moving to New York to take advantage of the arts scene there, they grew to love their adopted city and new home, especially the Midtown area around the studio.

Paul’s commissioned portraits proved popular and ensured the Penczners of a regular income. But Paul also painted to satisfy himself. It’s this work that won him critical acclaim and a place in the history of modern art.

From the 1950s on, Paul showed his work at more than 70 major art exhibitions throughout the United States, including the Smithsonian, the New York National
After the war, Paul lived in one room of his landlady’s home, which doubled as his living quarters and studio. This portrait of his landlady and her husband captures a life of shared love distilled in the moments before death. The use of light emerging from the darkness around it is called “chiaroscuros,” literally “light” and “shade.”

Paul’s passion for his work is evident in this impressionistic portrait of Jesus with the crown of thorns. He worked on a complete series of portraits of Jesus and his disciples on and off for 20 years. Determined to put a human face on each subject in the series, he did endless studies of homeless men in downtown Memphis. The series is housed in the Vatican’s permanent collection.

Many of his noncommissioned works are now preserved in private collections. These include Jesus and the Twelve Apostles, a series of pen and ink drawings that he worked and reworked for 20 years. For these portraits, Paul did endless studies of the faces of homeless men in downtown Memphis. The portraits are now housed in the Vatican Collection in Rome.

Because Paul loved Memphis so much, it’s a different honor that Jolanda recalls most fondly. For a gift he made to the city of Memphis, Memphis is Building the Great American Pyramid, the mayors of Memphis and Shelby County proclaimed a day in his honor.

To memorialize the first anniversary of the September 11 terrorism attack, Paul painted American Starry Night and donated it to then-president George W. Bush. His most famous work, Falling Stars, was painted between 1995 and 2000 to show the suffering of the people of Hungary. It has been compared to Picasso’s Guernica. Dr. Gabor Tigyi is now working to place this work in the Hungarian National Museum.
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As the only unit of its kind within a 150-mile radius of Memphis, the Firefighters Regional Burn Center on the first floor of the Regional Medical Center (The MED) is the authority on burn and wound care.

With a growing number of cases and a limited number of rooms equipped for burn patients, the demand for the center’s services is exceeding the supply. The center is currently seeking donations from the Memphis community to expand to the second floor of the Jesse Turner Tower at The MED.

The center serves burn and wound victims age 12 and above, treating an array of injuries. Patient cases include:

- adults and youth suffering from scalds, grease fires, chemical burns, electrical accidents, and fireworks or other home injuries
- utility workers or contractors injured at work sites
- residents wounded from burning rubbish and firefighters burned when fighting fires and saving lives
- citizens requiring help to heal deep wounds or keloid scars (skin that produces an overgrowth of tissue at a wound site)

Increasingly, there are not enough beds or service areas to treat all citizens seeking burn or wound care at this specialized center. At these times, the center must “direct patients to the main facility at The MED or to surrounding hospitals,” said its medical director, William Hickerson, MD, a gifted plastic surgeon who founded the unit in 1985.

Dr. Hickerson, who also trains plastic surgeons at UT Health Science Center, is exceptionally dedicated to burn and wound patients since he, too, was a burn victim many years ago.

Currently, the Burn Center has 14 beds and assists more than 200 patients annually. Extreme cases may require inpatient care for up to nine months, and the average inpatient stay is one day per one percentage of burned area on the body. For example, a patient who is burned on 20 percent of his body may stay 20 days. Thus, beds can become scarce.

“We hope to expand our facility to the floor above us, which is currently unused,” said Dr. Hickerson. “The expansion would double our patient capacity, but additional funding is needed to purchase the technology required to augment the floor for burn patients. Any resources or donations we acquire assist us in providing an important medical service for the region. We make life easier for burn victims, helping them return to the most normal lifestyle possible after suffering second- or third-degree burns.”

Along with performing reconstructive surgeries, Dr. Hickerson manages the day-to-day business and staffing needs of the center, and juggles a schedule of outpatient clinic consultations for burn and wound victims.

As the Mid-South’s supplier of specialized burn and wound care, the Burn Center offers reconstructive surgery, acute care rooms with advanced technology, inpatient rooms, an outpatient clinic for burn and wound victims, physical and occupational rehabilitation services, hydrotherapy, and hyperbaric oxygen treatments that help to speed-up wound healing. In addition, the center is a base for innovative burn and wound care research led by Dr. Hickerson. He and his entire team provide much-needed emotional support to all patients undergoing the trauma of being burned or wounded.

For information about donating to the Firefighters Regional Burn Center, contact Bethany Goolsby Blankenship, JD, interim vice chancellor for Development and Alumni Affairs at (901) 448-4941 or bgoolsby@uthsc.edu.
2010 Outstanding Alumni Awards

College of Medicine 2010 Outstanding Alumnus recipients Chris Fleming, Phyllis Miller, Ann McGuire Grooms, and Jesse Woodall congratulate each other.

Snapshots from COM Alumni Weekend 2010

U.S. Congressman Phil Roe ’70 (Tennessee District # 1) holds up a copy of the federal health care bill as concrete evidence of its complexity.

The Honorable Phil Roe; Meri Armour, CEO of Le Bonheur Children’s Hospital; Vicky Gregg, CEO of BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee; Reginald Coopwood, CEO of the Regional Medical Center at Memphis; and Steve Burkett, then CEO of UT Medical Group, participated in a panel discussion about the new federal health care law and its impact on the insurance industry, physician care, and hospitals.
2011 Outstanding Alumni Awards

The University of Tennessee College of Medicine Alumni Council has selected four alumni to receive the University of Tennessee College of Medicine Alumni Association’s 2011 Outstanding Alumnus Awards. This award was created to give special recognition to University of Tennessee graduates who have distinguished themselves in their medical practice, their profession, and in their community.

Our recipients: James H. Beaty, Jr., MD; Allen S. Boyd, MD; Kenneth D. Sellers, MD, and Beverly Williams-Cleaves, MD.

Pat Wall, MD, special assistant to the president in Development & Alumni Affairs at the Health Science Center, and Meri Armour, CEO of Le Bonheur Children’s Hospital, discuss the state of health care with a College of Medicine alumnus.

Almost 200 College of Medicine alumni, friends and family members attended the 2010 Alumni Awards luncheon in the Continental Ballroom at The Peabody.
First African-American Graduate of Medicine Returns to Memphis to Inspire, Celebrate

Award-winning physician Alvin H. Crawford revisited his roots in February, when he returned to Memphis to share his story with the UTHSC campus community. Dr. Crawford is currently a professor and director of the Spine Center at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital, the health care facility where he has built his career for some 30 years. During his two-day visit to the Bluff City, he:

- returned to Melrose High School, his alma mater, to speak with seniors about their future;
- was the guest of honor at a UTHSC luncheon open to the campus;
- autographed copies of the UTHSC Centennial Book in which he is featured; and
- offered the keynote address at the UTHSC Black Student Association Awards Ball.

Dr. Crawford’s visit was especially significant since UTHSC is celebrating its Centennial in 2011, as well as marking 50 Years of African-American Achievement across the UT system.

As the first African-American to be admitted to and graduate from the UT College of Medicine, Dr. Crawford is a pioneer. His impressive credentials include more than 30 years as a pediatric orthopedic surgeon, acknowledgement as one of the nation’s foremost authorities on video-assisted thoracoscopic surgery, which allows surgeons to insert cameras and surgical tools through small incisions, and recognition for the more than 40 (mostly international) fellows he has trained.

“We were delighted to welcome Dr. Crawford back to the Memphis campus,” said UTHSC Chancellor Steve J. Schwab, MD. “His persistence, toughness and commitment to share his knowledge and experience with the next generation are incredibly admirable characteristics.”

Growing up in Orange Mound, a segregated area of Memphis in the 1950s, Dr. Crawford was inspired by his high school band director, Richard “Tuff” Green. As a young student of clarinet and saxophone, Dr. Crawford observed, “Richard Green taught me to take on any challenge to succeed ... He didn’t expect the best. He demanded the best.”

A prolific author, Dr. Crawford has published more than 200 articles, six books, and 32 chapters. He developed a teaching module in pediatric orthopedics that is used throughout the United States and 33 other countries. Among his numerous awards and acknowledgements, he is a fellow of the American Academy of Cerebral Palsy, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the American College of Surgeons.

In January, Dr. Crawford marked the 50th anniversary of his entrance into UTHSC medical school. Although he no longer performs surgery, which he readily admits is “a young man’s game,” his love for and desire to help children compels him to continue providing consultations. Dr. Crawford also continues to mentor other physicians, helping them learn the techniques required to carry on his work. At the same time, the accomplished physician pursues his lifelong interest in music, playing classical clarinet in Cincinnati’s Queen City Orchestra and in the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music.
The University of Tennessee Alumni Association (UTAA) is always looking for opportunities to create new benefits for the more than 300,000 UT alumni worldwide. Last month, UTAA entered a partnership with Enterprise Rent-a-Car to provide UT alumni with free memberships in the Emerald Club (a value of $50) and receive discounts on all car and truck rentals through Enterprise and National Car Rental.

The Emerald Club membership allows UT alumni services and perks designed to get you in, out and on your way faster. Benefits include:

• **Bypass the counter and choose your own car** - you can bypass the counter and choose any car on this exclusive section of the lot when you reserve a midsize car.

• **E-Receipts** - There’s no need to wait for an agent to give you a receipt. It will be e-mailed to you after each rental.

• **Choose your rewards** - Choose Free Rental Days or Frequent Traveler miles / points as your reward.

For more information on how to receive your UT alumni benefits, visit alumni.tennessee.edu/car.

“Last year almost 11,000 alumni from UT campuses across the state participated in a comprehensive survey to aid the University of Tennessee Alumni Association (UTAA) in the development of a strategic plan. Based on that feedback, the UTAA and the campus alumni offices are reshaping the way they communicate.

Starting June 27, UTHSC alumni have a new online community that can connect them to friends and acquaintances long gone, help them meet new friends in their current area or network with individuals across the world. The network will be part of the redesigned Web site, which will integrate with popular social networking tools, including a new feature that allows alumni to connect their Facebook account with their alumni profile.

“We want to make it easier for alumni to get involved in their local areas, to stay informed about what’s happening on campus, and to take advantage of engagement opportunities we will be unveiling later this year,” said Kris Phillips, associate vice chancellor for Alumni Affairs and Annual Giving. “The change will give our grads better access to network with the more than 325,000 UT alumni across the world.”

To celebrate the re-launch, the alumni office will have drawings for special prizes. Keep an eye on your mailbox – and your inbox – for more information including details on how to register with the new online community. If you would like to add your e-mail address to the current database, visit alumni.tennessee.edu and sign up under “Get Connected.”
A Science Lab Closes, But Its Muse, 91, Carries On

University of Tennessee Health Science Center Celebrates the Work of Dr. Lester VanMiddlesworth.


Lester VanMiddlesworth, MD, PhD

To the right: Dr. Lester VanMiddlesworth and his family gather at a reception in his honor, October 2010.

Medicine Centennial Celebrations with the VanMiddlesworths

Though Lester VanMiddlesworth, MD, PhD, and his wife Rue, said goodbye to the UT Health Science Center last October when they moved to the Nashville area to be closer to family, they are still very much connected to UTHSC. In July, they attended a College of Medicine Centennial Celebration at the governor's mansion. Lester (Medicine, '51) and Rue (Nursing, '48) were recognized at the event with the earliest graduation dates in attendance. They also enjoyed visiting with many former students and their spouses at the event. Pictured left: Rhea Seddon, Medicine alumna, NASA astronaut, and scheduled Centennial Gala speaker, stands with the VanMiddlesworths.
by Richard Morgan

As he has almost every day since he arrived on campus in 1946, Lester VanMiddlesworth wore a bow tie Thursday. But on this special day, he was wearing a red carnation pinned to his thin blue sweater as well.

VanMiddlesworth, nicknamed “Van,” was the star of a social hour celebrating his achievements as a physiologist at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, on the occasion of the closing of his lab (he officially retired in 1989). He is 91.

As a child, he spent his days daydreaming about science, inspired by radio broadcasts of “Buck Rogers in the 25th Century,” and buying a nickel’s worth of charcoal, saltpeter and sulfur at the local drugstore for his homemade basement chemistry lab. He idolized Thomas Edison, who died when Van was 12, and adopted Edison’s habit of sleeping just four hours a night.

In college at the University of Virginia, often penniless, he earned money sweeping the gym floor and answering phones for a taxicab company. He’d sneak naps on the floor of Edgar Allan Poe’s old dorm room.

While working on the Manhattan Project as a graduate student at the University of California at Berkeley, he slept on the lowest shelf of his lab.

After moving to Memphis in 1946 – and meeting a beautiful Smoky Mountain nursing student named Rue, his future wife (and lab assistant who worked for free, a “husband’s discount,” she joked) – he began studying radioactive iodine in the thyroids of cows that were ingesting the radiation from nuclear-testing fallout drifting through the atmosphere. His work was so pioneering and so invaluable that it was crucial in the development of the global Nuclear Test Ban Treaty; his findings are now on display in the Smithsonian Institute.

Van was already retired when his department head, Gabor Tigyi, arrived in 1992, but, Tigyi said, “He has been the most passionate man I have ever known. His lab” – he stopped, as if struck by the mental image flashing through his mind – “it’s like, wow, the workshop of a mechanic or an inventor or even a mad scientist. So much beautiful chaos, so many half-finished projects; the kind of lab that is a shrine to the mind and wonderful thinking.”

The author and editor Phyllis Tickle, also in attendance, calls Van “a muse.”

Van’s commitment during his time on campus was extraordinary. “I didn’t come to leave,” he said matter-of-factly at Thursday’s reception.

Van handled the animal cages himself, scrubbed the floors himself, paid out of pocket to attend conferences or speak at far-flung awards ceremonies, often staying at the local YMCA (until the school found out and gave him a travel budget). When academics would visit, he insisted they stay at his home and not at some impersonal hotel – a habit that made for interesting dinner conversations with his wife, their two sons and two daughters.

Spry and cheery with thick, floppy white hair, he can seem bounding with energy even while leaning on a cane. When a neighbor broke her leg three years ago, he surprised her by mowing her lawn for her. Until recently, he rode his bicycle to and from work.

“There are two types of teachers,” said Abbas Kitabchi, an endocrinologist colleague, in an address to the crowd of about 140 people, including Van’s children and grandchildren, “those who can’t be forgiven and those who can’t be forgotten. Van is the latter. His teaching is legendary and he himself is a legend.”

Kitabchi began choking on his words; Van put a hand on his shoulder before grudgingly becoming the center of attention himself.

When the time came for Van’s own speech, 64 years of service were distilled into 8 words: “I can’t say anything, except: thank you, all.”

Later, in the thick of welcoming the receiving line that snaked around the room, he said of leaving that “if you tear off a chunk of yourself – and that’s what you’re doing when you leave everyone you’ve known – it can’t quite be done. It’s artificial. You can’t really be separated.”

Then he grabbed the next handshake with the next grateful student-turned-colleague-turned-friend and joked: “See?” he smiled, his hand squeezing tight, “We’re inseparable.”

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Pediatric nephrologist Russell Chesney, MD, is the recipient of the 2011 John Howland Medal, the highest honor of the American Pediatric Society. Since 1952, this prestigious award has been given annually to an individual who has aided in the advancement of pediatrics. He is the first recipient in Le Bonheur Children’s Hospital and the University of Tennessee Health Science Center history.

Dr. Chesney was awarded the Howland Medal at the Pediatric Academic Societies and Asian Society for Pediatric Research Joint Meeting, held in Denver April 30 to May 3.

Since 1988, Dr. Chesney has served as the chair of the Department of Pediatrics for the University of Tennessee Health Science Center. He is the longest-standing Pediatrics department chairman in the country and has been instrumental in shaping the care at Le Bonheur Children’s Hospital and children’s hospitals across the country.

“Dr. Russell Chesney is a wonderful example of a true clinician and educator – he is committed to excellence with his research, patients and students,” said Meri Armour, president and CEO of Le Bonheur Children’s Hospital. “His leadership has forever shaped the field of pediatrics and we are proud of his work at Le Bonheur and UT.”

Dr. Chesney’s nomination for this prominent award was supported by physicians from across the United States. In their letters, they praise his role as a clinician, educator, investigator, advocate for children, and international leader in the field of pediatrics.

His research has contributed to the fields of pediatric nutrition, nephrology, genetics and metabolism. Specifically, Dr. Chesney is known for his research that has given clinicians a better understanding of the amino acid taurine and its role in transport by renal epithelial cells.

Throughout his career, Dr. Chesney has demonstrated a tenacious commitment to scientific discovery. He has succeeded in translating his research into groundbreaking modalities of treatment that have made the difference in the lives of countless children and their families. Truly a giant in his field, we are proud to celebrate this international, well-deserved recognition.

– Chancellor Steve Schwab, MD

Faculty Achievements

Vickie Baselski, PhD, DABMM, FAAM, professor in the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, has moved her practice in infectious disease diagnostics and clinical microbiology to Methodist University Hospital. Funded by Duckworth Pathology Group, Dr. Baselski’s practice will be especially important for serving patients at high risk for infectious diseases.

Gerald Byrne, PhD, professor and chair of the Department of Microbiology, Immunology and Biochemistry, received a grant award of $373,750 from the Department of Health and Human Services to work on his project titled, “Immunity and Latency to Chlamydial Infections.” Chlamydia remains a huge public health problem, especially as it relates to women’s reproductive health. Total funding for the four-year grant is projected to be more than $1.49 million through 2014.

Pranab Das, MD, UT Medical Group interventional cardiologist and UTHSC associate professor, recently performed what is believed to be the area’s first alcohol septal ablation, a minimally invasive treatment for a heart condition known as Hypertrophic Obstructive Cardiomyopathy.

Ioannis Dragatsis, PhD, associate professor in the Department of Physiology, was awarded a $74,000 grant from the Department of Health and Human Services for a project titled, “Generation of a Mouse Model for Progressive Supranuclear Palsy.” The goal is to generate the first mouse model for Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP), a late-onset neurodegenerative disease characterized by Parkinsonism, postural instability, speech, gait, and oculomotor anomalies. Total funding for the two-year grant is projected to be more than $148,000 through 2012.
His nominators call Dr. Chesney “the consummate pediatric clinician-scientist.” Over his 42-year career, he’s published hundreds of articles, book chapters and other publications. He’s given more than 500 presentations and lectured at universities across the country and around the world. Dr. Chesney is also credited as an outstanding mentor to countless physicians in training.

“In our relatively small community of pediatric nephrologists, Dr. Chesney has long stood out as a beacon – a superlative role model of the academic ‘triple threat’ and an individual who is committed to mentoring and supporting those following in his footsteps,” wrote Lisa M. Satlin, MD, chair of Pediatrics at Mount Sinai Kravis Children’s Hospital.

This prize follows receiving the similar high honors from the American Academy of Pediatrics, American Society of Pediatric Nephrology, Society for Pediatric Research, and the Federation of Pediatric Organizations. Dr. Chesney also received the Ira Greifer Award from the International Pediatric Nephrology Association last September.

After a 22-year career, Dr. Chesney will step down from his position after the next chairman of Pediatrics has been named. Dr. Chesney is married to Joan Chesney, MD, a pediatric infectious disease specialist. They are the parents of two children and grandparents of three.

Max Fletcher, PhD, assistant professor in the Department of Anatomy and Neurobiology, has been named among the 2011 Pew Scholars in the Biomedical Sciences by the Pew Charitable Trusts. He is one of 22 of America’s most promising scientists to receive the prestigious designation, which includes a research grant for $240,000 distributed over a four-year period.

In honor of the 10th anniversary of the Annual Sir Harold Ridley Distinguished Visiting Professorship for Creativity and Innovation in Medicine and Ophthalmology, Jerre Freeman, MD, professor of Ophthalmology and creator of the award, was selected to give the lecture and receive the medal this past March.

Barrett G. Haik, MD, FACS, Hamilton Professor and chair of the UTHSC Department of Ophthalmology, director of the UT Hamilton Eye Institute, and chief of the Ophthalmology Division at St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, was honored with a St. Jude plaque bestowed by R. Brad Martin, former chair and CEO of Saks, Inc. In appreciation of Dr. Haik, Martin made a generous donation to ALSAC, the hospital’s fundraising arm.

Karen C. Johnson, MD, MPH, professor and interim chair of the Department of Preventive Medicine, has contributed to the discovery of a new treatment that reduces breast cancer risks in postmenopausal women. Dr. Johnson is principal investigator for the Memphis portion of an international study to test exemestane, an agent that lowers estrogen concentrations and limits cancer cell growth in estrogen-dependent breast tumors. Dr. Johnson’s research efforts also appeared in the April issue of “The Journal of the American Medical Association” in an article titled, “Health Outcomes after Stopping Conjugated Equine Estrogens among Postmenopausal Women with Prior Hysterectomy.”
The University of Tennessee Research Foundation (UTRF) has selected four UTHSC researchers or research teams to receive technology development grants for 2011. Grant funds will allow researchers to further develop or “mature” their technologies so that they are better positioned for licensing and commercialization.

Researchers were invited to propose work on inventions and discoveries that had been previously disclosed to UTRF or to propose work on new inventions and discoveries. A total of 22 proposals were submitted from UTHSC and UTRF funded four of them for a total of $57,750.

The following UTHSC proposals were selected for funding in fiscal year 2011:

- Mohamad ElAbiad, Keith English, Ajay Talati, Jie Zhang, and Jacques Samson (Department of Pediatrics) for a method to determine lung maturity in fetuses
- Monica Jablonski (Department of Ophthalmology) for a new ocular drug delivery system
- Wei Li, Jianjun Chen, Jin Wang, Duane Miller, Arnold Postlethwaite, and Andrzej Slominski (Departments of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Rheumatology and Pathology) for safety and dosing studies on a potential new arthritis treatment
- Lawrence Pfeffer and Charles Handorf (Department of Pathology) for a test to predict patient responsiveness to conventional Hepatitis C therapy
Lawrence Pfeffer, PhD, Muirhead Professor of Pathology and director of the Center for Cancer Research, has identified a pathway that is proving successful in making several anti-cancer drugs work more effectively in cancer cells. His study was published in the journal “Cancer Research” in October 2010.

In his study, Dr. Pfeffer and his UTHSC research team (assistant professors Chuan He Yang, PhD; Meiyun Fan, PhD, and Junming Yue, PhD) learned that a specific member of a class of small, genetic molecules referred to as microRNAs (miRNAs) regulate the sensitivity of cancer cells to anti-cancer drugs. MiRNAs regulate the expression of genes, and in human cancers, certain miRNAs are over-expressed and may function as oncogenes (genes that contribute to cancer). Dr. Pfeffer found that anti-cancer drugs, including Interferon (IFN), increase the levels of a specific miRNA called miR-21, which is already at high levels in many cancers. Since IFN is useful for treating some cancers, Dr. Pfeffer became concerned that IFN was not as effective as hoped for treating prevalent cancers such as prostate, brain, skin and breast cancer.

Determined to make IFN and other anti-cancer drugs more effective, Dr. Pfeffer targeted his research on IFN to treat several malignancies, including prostate cancer, the leading cancer in males in Tennessee. He confirmed that in cancers where IFN was ineffective for killing cancer cells, IFN rapidly increased the levels of miR-21. In response, Dr. Pfeffer developed a strategy (infusing a specific virus into the cancer cells) to lower the levels of miR-21. The strategy was a success and proved that IFN is quite effective for killing cancer cells when high levels of this specific miRNA were lowered. In addition, lower miR-21 levels makes more cells sensitive to IFN, as well as to a variety of other anti-cancer agents, such as camptothecin and staurosporine.

Dr. Pfeffer’s study is moving into the next phase of research which will be conducted over the next two to three years. If the researcher continues to find success with his strategy, he will test his discovery in human clinical trials.

The research is partly funded through a $500,000 five-year grant from the National Institutes of Health that is shared between Dr. Pfeffer and Andrew M. Davidoff, MD, chair of Surgery at St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Dr. Davidoff is directing the clinical study as it relates to brain cancer, while Dr. Pfeffer is leading the basic science component. Both scientists are in their second year of this study. Additional funding of $80,000 to $100,000 annually derives from the UTHSC Muirhead Endowed Chair of Excellence held by Dr. Pfeffer.

Faculty Achievements

Thaddeus Nowak, PhD, professor in the Departments of Neurology, and Anatomy and Neurobiology, has received a grant award of $222,000 from the Department of Health and Human Services. The funds will support research titled, “Genetics of Stroke Vulnerability in Mice.” Total funding for the two-year grant is projected to be more than $407,000 through 2012. This project will define how genetic differences affect the severity of brain injury after stroke.

Lawrence Pfeffer, PhD, Muirhead Professor of Pathology and director of the Center for Cancer Research (CCR), and his co-investigator, Christopher Nosrat, DDS, PhD, professor of Dentistry and director of the CCR Oral Cancer Division, received a grant for $1,075,000 from the U.S. Army Medical Research Acquisition Activity to fund a study on brain tumors. The grant will be used to develop their study titled, “Novel Methods in Brain Tumor Research.”

Tonia S. Rex, PhD, an assistant professor in the Departments of Ophthalmology and Anatomy and Neurobiology, has been named the recipient of the Research to Prevent Blindness Career Development Award, a $200,000 grant. The grant will be used to help equip Dr. Rex’s laboratory and finance her research efforts. The term of the grant runs through 2014.

David C. Seaberg, MD, CPE, FACEP, dean for the College of Medicine, Chattanooga, has been elected president-elect of the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP). Dr. Seaberg, will serve a one-year term on the ACEP’s Council and assume the presidency at the group’s October 2011 meeting in San Francisco.

Shelley White-Means, PhD, professor of Health Economics, has been appointed by the president of the American Economic Association to the Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession (CSWEP). Dr. White-Means will serve a three-year term on the 12-member national committee. CSWEP is comprised of women economists from across the United States working to address disparities in employment opportunities for female economists.
**UTHSC Launches Interventional Cardiology Fellowship**

In July, the UT Health Science Center launched the area’s only Interventional Cardiology Fellowship Program certified by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, with Santhosh Koshy, MD, FACC, FSCAI, at its head. “As one of very few interventional cardiology training programs in the Mid-South and the second in the state of Tennessee, this will help to attract more physicians to the region and also attract high quality trainees to our residency and fellowship programs,” said Dr. Koshy, associate professor of Medicine at UTHSC, director of the new Interventional Cardiology Fellowship Program, and director of UT Cardiology Services at Methodist Hospital. “The primary training site, Methodist University Hospital, will be one of the premier centers in the nation for advanced interventional cardiology training.”

Each year the program will provide one physician with focused training in coronary, peripheral and structural heart procedures, as well as neurovascular procedures. Successful completion of the one-year program will allow the trainees to be eligible to appear for the American Board of Internal Medicine certification examination in Interventional Cardiology.

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**Smith Named CEO of UTMG**

J. Lacey Smith, MD, has been named president and chief executive officer of UT Medical Group, Inc., succeeding Steven H. Burkett.

Smith has been UT Medical Group’s chief medical officer and executive vice president since 2008. He is a long-time faculty member at UTHSC, where he currently serves as professor of medicine and most recently was interim dean for the College of Medicine.

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**Scientists Discover New Way to Reduce Development of Diabetes**

“The New England Journal of Medicine” recently published the research of two UTHSC scientists – Abbas Kitabchi, PhD, MD, Maston K. Callison Professor, and Frankie B. Stentz, PhD, associate professor in the Department of Medicine. Both contributed to the article titled, “Pioglitazone for Diabetes Prevention in Impaired Glucose Tolerance.”

The study examined whether pioglitazone can reduce the risk of type 2 diabetes mellitus in adults with impaired glucose intolerance (IGT). As compared with placebo, pioglitazone – taken in pill form once every morning – reduced the conversion of IGT to diabetes by 72 percent in individuals whose obesity, ethnicity and other markers put them at highest risk for the disease. Study participants who took pioglitazone did, however, exhibit significant weight gain and edema, swelling, but not heart failure.

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**Researchers Develop Stop Smoking App**

UTHSC smoking-cessation experts in the Department of Preventive Medicine have developed and released the Quit Forever iPhone App to help smokers break the smoking habit permanently. The new app is a complete program based on years of research and offers easy step-by-step instructions and proven strategies that help smokers stop smoking and stay tobacco free for life. The app explains factors such as how to:

• deal with tension,
• take FDA-approved smoking-cessation medicines,
• move beyond triggers that lead to smoking, and
• connect with support services like telephone-quit lines and online help.

The iPhone Quit Smoking App is available through the iTunes store, or it can also be accessed through Facebook.
On Friday, May 27, the UT Health Science Center graduated 615 students, including 140 College of Medicine graduates. Chancellor Steve J. Schwab, MD, presided over the ceremony, and UT President Joe DiPietro gave the commencement address.

UT Day on the Hill

UT Health Science Center faculty, staff and students joined UT President Joe DiPietro at the Legislative Plaza in Nashville for the sixth UT Day on the Hill.

The university’s statewide impact was emphasized to legislators as UTHSC ambassadors touted our 100th anniversary.

As representatives from every UT campus and institute gathered in Nashville on March 9 for the event, three other UT milestones were celebrated: the 125th anniversary of the founding of the University of Tennessee Chattanooga, the 40th anniversary of the creation of the Institute for Public Service, and the 50th anniversary of the integration of African-Americans into the student body.
Technology Advances Clinical Skills Training for Students

UTHSC donors and guests recently joined UTHSC faculty for a special demonstration at the Kaplan Clinical Skills Center located in the 920 Madison Building. The group – which included Robert J. Kaplan, MD, the Memphis dermatologist who made the center possible – gathered for a close look at the new B-Line Medical System in action. The B-Line brings new videotaping and audio capabilities into the already advanced patient simulation facilities, equipping each of the 12 patient exam rooms and the hallways outside them with video and audio.

Before the B-Line was installed, each student undergoing clinical skills training would enter an exam room that had a standardized patient and a faculty member who was quietly taking notes and watching everything the student did and said. No matter how unobtrusive the observer might have been, having a third person in the room while a student is interacting with a simulated patient had to be a nerve-wracking experience. [Editor’s note: Standardized patients are real people who are trained, much like actors, to present certain symptoms to the student.]

“With the B-Line in place, we can give our students a much more realistic clinical skills training experience,” said Robert Shreve, associate dean for Medical Education in the UT College of Medicine. Students are given a case, enter the exam room and have a focused 15-minute encounter with the trained standardized patient, followed by a 10-minute write-up. The exchange is captured on videotape while faculty members observe from a nearby monitoring station. Following the encounter, assessments are completed about each patient exam and digital portfolios are also available for students to review their progress and self-evaluate.

Dr. Kaplan, who is a great friend, benefactor and ambassador for UTHSC, told the group, “There is no such thing as a self-made man. I had a lot of people who helped me get where I am today. These young people need that same kind of help. It’s important to teach them how to interact with people … how to take care of their patients. I’m happy that I’m in a position to be part of that.”

“Coming up to train in the Clinical Skills Center is like a ray of light,” stated Bryan King, one of the M-4 students who participated in the B-Line demonstration. “When I started it was exam rooms and clipboards, and at that time, it was my first great opportunity to learn to communicate with patients and other health care team members. This new technology is amazing.”
A recent meeting of the Tennessee Chapter of the American College of Surgeons, five residents from the Department of Surgery at UTHSC in Memphis competed in surgical research presentations against 12 other surgery residents from across the state.

The competitors, including residents from Vanderbilt University, East Tennessee State University and UTHSC Chattanooga, met for three days at Paris Landing State Park where their work was presented to approximately 90 practicing physicians and researchers from throughout Tennessee. Of the total eight awards given to first and second place presentations in four categories, UTHSC residents brought back five awards.

“We are extremely proud of these young researchers and their wonderful accomplishments,” said Tim Fabian, MD, chairman of the UTHSC Department of Surgery and holder of the Harwell W. Wilson Alumni Professorship in Surgery.

Jennifer DiCocco, MD, third-year resident originally from Ohio, earned First Place for her clinical paper titled, “Abdominal Wall Reconstruction Following Planned Ventral Hernia.”

Katrina Emmett, MD, fourth-year resident from Cedar Hill, Texas, took First Place in the trauma paper competition for her entry on “Improving the Screening Criteria for Blunt Cerebrovascular Injury (BCVI): the Appropriate Role for Computed Tomography Angiography (CTA).”

Wayne Shannon Orr, MD, won First Place for his basic science paper titled, “Liposome-Encapsulated Curcumin Suppresses Neuroblastoma Growth in In-vitro and in Xenografts by Inhibiting Nuclear Factor -κB (NF-κB) Pathway.”

Jason Denbo, MD, took Second Place for his clinical paper on “Ligation vs. Reconstruction of the Soft Pancreatic Remnant Following Pancreaticoduodenectomy: Revisiting an Old Friend.”

Adrianne Myers, MD, earned Second Place for her basic science paper “Bevacizumab-Induced Tumor Vessel Remodeling in Neuroblastoma Xenografts.”
1970  
John C. Jennings, MD, of Texas, was elected as vice president of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. Dr. Jennings is the regional dean and a professor of Ob/Gyn at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at the Permian Basin campus in Odessa.

1978  
Robert Cowles, MD, has been appointed to the Georgia Trauma Commission. Dr. Cowles is presently a practicing urologist and is the founder and chairman of Cowles Clinic at Lake Oconee, a multispecialty clinic. He serves on the board of trustees of Tusculum College, has served on the board of governors at the University of Tennessee and is the former president of the Georgia Urological Association.

2007  
Fourth-year orthopedic surgery resident W. Stephen Choate, MD, received first-place honors in the Resident Research Competition held in conjunction with the recent Louisiana Orthopedic Association’s annual meeting. Residency directors from each orthopedic residency program in Louisiana selected a research paper for a podium presentation. After all the papers were presented, visiting faculty selected Dr. Choate’s “Arthroscopic Repair Versus Debridement of Labral Tears in Patients With Femoroacetabular Impingement” as the top paper.

In Memoriam

1937  
Joseph F. Dorsey, MD, of Wellesley, Mass., formerly of Belmont, Mass., was a prominent neurosurgeon in the Boston area. He was born on Oct. 27, 1913, in Memphis, Tenn., and passed away Jan. 8, 2011, from leukemia.

1942  
Albert Moore Hand, Sr., MD, 90, a longtime Shreveport, La., resident, died peacefully April 20, 2011, during an extended visit to Houston, Texas. After his retirement, Dr. Hand established the Hand Scholarship at the UT College of Medicine.

1943  
John Edwin “Ed” Johnson, MD, born in Kansas City, Mo., on Dec. 15, 1917, peacefully departed this world on March 10, 2011, surrounded by his family at the Kansas City Hospice House following a severe stroke.

1944  
John Leahy Power, MD, of Point Loma, Calif., passed away Jan. 18, 2011, surrounded by his loving family, of complications from Alzheimer’s disease. Dr. Power was born on Nov. 8, 1917, in Seattle, Wash.

Allie McLeod Stanton, MD, 94, of Plymouth, N.C., died May 12, 2011, unexpectedly in his home.

1944  
George Dewey Purvis, MD, died at his home in Jackson, Tenn., on July 2, 2011. He was born May 11, 1920, in Jonesboro, Ark.

Robert Grisman Reaves, MD, 89, of North Tustin, Calif., passed away on April 15, 2011, at his residence. Born and raised in Tennessee, Bob, as he preferred to be called, followed in his father’s footsteps to practice ear, nose and throat medicine.

Lucian Williams Trent, MD, 90, of Knoxville, Tenn., passed away May 28, 2011, at Ft. Sanders Regional Medical Center. He was surrounded by his loving wife of 52 years and his four children.
Harris Trent Vandergriff, MD, 90, of Maryville, Tenn., passed away Sept. 9, 2010.

Howard V. Zeigel, MD, 91, died Jan. 11, 2011, at a Bowling Green, Ky., nursing home.

1945
Arnold Robert Brown, MD, 94, died in January 2011, at White County Medical Center in Searcy, Ark., from unknown causes. For almost 40 years, Dr. Brown shared hope and healing from Arkansas to Africa as he served as a missionary doctor.

1946
Ray V. Depue, MD, 88, of Knoxville, Tenn., died March 24, 2011, at home surrounded by loved ones.

William Wallace “Bill” Pearson, MD, 87, died Jan. 3, 2011. He was born on March 27, 1923, in Newton, Miss.

Jack Segal, MD, who retired last year after 63 years as Memphis’ longest practicing pediatrician, died May 19, 2011, at Baptist Memorial Hospital. He was at least 90. When he emigrated from Poland as a child in 1926, immigration officials at Ellis Island declared that he was 6, though he always suspected he was older.

1947

1948
James Kelley Avery, MD, 85, was born Jan. 16, 1926, in Alamo, Tenn., and died on March 3, 2011, in Nashville, Tenn., after a brief illness.

Frances K. Millican, MD, 92, who ran a private psychiatry practice in Bethesda, Md., from 1956 until her retirement in 2004, died March 4, 2011, of a heart attack at an assisted living facility in Seattle, Wash.

1949
Thomas H. Curtis, MD, 87, a Chattanooga, Tenn., area obstetrician and gynecologist, died April 23, 2011, in a local hospital.

Durell A. Hiller, Jr., MD, 85, of Shreveport, La., passed away after a brief illness at Live Oak Nursing Home on July 12, 2011.

Claude M. Williams, MD, 89, of Cookeville, Tenn., died Oct. 28, 2009.


1950
Sandeford Julius Schaeffer, Jr., MD, 89, of Memphis, Tenn., passed away in April 2011 in the company of his family.


1951
Robert Lee Knox, MD, 84, of Memphis, Tenn., passed away April 29, 2011, at Methodist Hospital Germantown.

Robert Lewis Neil, MD, 84, longtime Napa, Calif., resident, passed away at home on Feb. 28, 2011, in the embrace of loving family.

Robert L. Pettus, Jr., MD, 86, of Madison, Tenn., died March 24, 2011.

1952
James Ashby Burdette, MD, 85, of Knoxville, Tenn., passed away on Jan. 17, 2011.

Joe H. Leonard, MD, passed away Feb. 26, 2011, at Parkwest Medical Center with his family by his side. He was born Dec. 27, 1928, in Knoxville, Tenn.

1953
David Tennyson Dodd, MD, 83, of Murfreesboro, Tenn., died Dec. 18, 2010. Dr. Dodd established one of the first state programs for impaired physicians in the country in the early 1980s via the Tennessee Medical Association. Tennessee’s model became the guide for other states to follow.

Allen Sharp Edmonson, MD, 83, of Memphis, Tenn., passed away in May after a 10-month battle with lung cancer.

Alan Sterling Gubin, MD, 84, of Caruthersville, Mo., passed away Feb. 6, 2011, in Memphis surrounded by his family and friends.

1954
Edward Franklin Buchner III, MD, 80, passed away Feb. 22, 2011, at Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga, Tenn.
Robert Thomas Doster, MD, died on Oct. 18, 2010, after a brief illness. He was born in Atlanta, Ga., on Dec. 7, 1927, and had lived in Nashville, Tenn., most of his adult life.


Thomas Francis Mogan, MD, born in Nashville, Tenn., on Aug. 16, 1928, passed away on June 11, 2011.


1955


Ralph Horace Monger, Jr., MD, 80, of Memphis, Tenn., died Jan. 24, 2011.

Roy Calvin Page, MD, 80, passed away Aug. 18, 2010, at St. Francis Hospital in Memphis, Tenn.

1956


Charles M. Cowden, MD, 79, of Hendersonville, Tenn., died May 18, 2011.

Colonel James M. Hays, MD, 78, of Knoxville, Tenn., passed away on Aug. 12, 2010.

Charles Lewis, MD, 76, of Murfreesboro, Tenn., lost a valiant battle with cancer on Dec. 20, 2010. He died peacefully, surrounded by family at his home.

James Wilson Limbaugh, Jr., MD, 78, of Clarksville, Tenn., died March 31, 2011, at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

Roy James Renfro, MD, 80, of Nashville, Tenn., passed away suddenly on Sept. 5, 2010. He was born March 21, 1930, in Blaine, Tenn.

Robert M. (Bob) Sigler, MD, of Fullerton, Calif., passed away peacefully on Jan. 27, 2011, one day before his 79th birthday. He was surrounded by his family who loved and adored him.

Robert Mainord Todd, MD, 77, died peacefully at Presbyterian Hospital, Dallas, Texas, surrounded by his family on March 9, 2011.

1957

Billy Harrell Blanks, MD, 75, retired radiologist and long-time resident of Maryville, Tenn., died Aug. 28, 2010, at his home after an extended illness.

Jose Miguel Montalvo, MD, died Aug. 28, 2010, in Tallahassee, Fla. A retired medical school professor at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, he was born in Cali, Colombia, on June 30, 1928.


1958

Joseph (Joe) Anderson Campbell, Jr., MD, of Clarksdale, Miss., died April 6, 2009. He was hit while riding his bicycle on Sept. 9, 2008, and was left with a severe head injury. At the time of the accident, he was still practicing medicine full time in a solo family practice. He leaves his wife, Gail, of 50 years, three children and their families.

C. Phillips “Phil” Cheatham, MD, 79, of Germantown, Tenn., passed away peacefully at his home on Oct. 12, 2010. He had overcome numerous illnesses and was now living the abundant life, surrounded by his children and grandchildren.


1959

Phillip Hays Dirmeyer, MD, 76, who ran his family medical practice at Park Avenue and Mt. Moriah for 40 years, died at his Collierville, Tenn., home Jan. 18, 2011.

James Tony Kountoupis, MD, died peacefully at his home in Austin, Texas, on March 26, 2011, surrounded by his family. He was born Aug. 5, 1929 in Dewey, Okla.

John Ross “Skippy” Wills, MD, of Memphis, and his wife were overtaken by a fire in their home on Dec. 9, 2010. He was born Oct. 17, 1923, in St. Louis, Mo.
1960
Jerry Ray Kennedy, MD, 76, of Mesa, Ariz., passed away on May 8, 2011. Dr. Kennedy was born and raised in the small community of Palmersville, Tenn.

1961
Warren A. Alexander, MD, passed away peacefully in his home in Covington, Tenn., on July 23, 2011. He was born in Covington 89 years ago.


1962
E. Nelson Houston, MD, 73, a Fort Worth, Texas, family physician, died Jan. 14, 2011, at his home with his loving wife by his side. He bravely faced numerous health issues during the past 10 years before finally losing his battle with cancer.

1963
Clifford Carmack Kirk, MD, 72, of Knoxville, Tenn., passed away peacefully July 15, 2011, at his home.

Charles Thomas Rhodes, Jr., MD, 73, died Feb. 18, 2011, at his home in Tipton County, Tenn., after a long battle with cancer.

1967
Perry Don Holmes, MD, 69, a physician who practiced internal medicine in Memphis for almost 40 years, died on Sept. 30, 2010, in a local hospice after a three-year battle against lung cancer.

Wallace Lucas, MD, 76, of Cochran, Ga., died Tuesday, July 19, 2011.

1968

Linda “Lucky” Lorenzen Hutchins, MD, 66, retired physician from Indian Health Service and widow of Charles E. Hutchins, MD, died September 10, 2010.

1969
Edward L. Crosthwait, MD, died peacefully at home on April 18, 2011. At his request, his body was donated to the University of Tennessee medical school.

1970
Phillip V. Akers, MD, 69, of Eads, Tenn., died May 24, 2010.

1971
Paul Emory Reed, MD, 62, of Sneedville, Tenn., a well-known community leader and family practice physician, passed away on Feb. 25, 2011, after a long illness.

1974

1976
Jack B. Powell, Jr., MD, 59, of Lakeland, Fla., died at home of heart failure on Sept. 8, 2010. Jack was born in Memphis, Tenn.

1982
Edna Faye Seal, MD, 54, died on Sept. 21, 2010, at her home following an extended illness.

1983
Mitchell Fields Hollon, MD, of Mt. Pleasant, S.C., was killed in a bicycling accident on the James Island Connector on July 5, 2011. Dr. Hollon was born in Wilmington, N.C., but grew up in Baton Rouge, La., and Cornersville, Tenn.

2001
Brant Edgar Mayher, MD, 41, of Simpsonville, S.C., died June 26, 2011. Dr. Mayher was an urologist at Palmetto-Greenville Urology. He completed his surgical internship and urology residency at UT.

2004
Benjamin R. Shellabarger, MD, 36, died on Dec. 13, 2009.

Friends
Bill Jackson, MD, 65, a long-time Dickson, Tenn., physician, died in May 2011 following a brief illness.

Dr. Manuel E. Soto-Viera, 83, passed away Sept. 20, 2010. Dr. Soto-Viera was director of pediatrics at the UT Child Development Center until his retirement in 1993. His son Manolo Soto-Fournier is now a medical student at UT.
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