TOP STORIES
New Executive MBA for Pharmacists

Over the past year the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy and the University of Memphis Fogelman College of Business and Economics have collaborated on the development of a new, customer-driven executive MBA program focused on health-system pharmacy leadership and management.

The premise behind this program is that there is a great unmet need for health-system pharmacy managers with the leadership ability and business acumen that the profession and our health care system require. The 41 semester-hour curriculum will be delivered through a combination of online and in-residence instruction (30 hours of online course work and 10 hours delivered during three 1-week residential sessions). The curriculum will include a set of core courses common to all MBA programs, as well as coursework in health-system pharmacy management, health care economics, and pharmacy economics.

One of the requirements for admission to this program will be either completion of a PGY-1 pharmacy residency...
Executive MBA – continued

program or a minimum of three years experience in health-system pharmacy (preferably at a supervisory or managerial level). Instead of a thesis requirement, the program will require completion of a special project. Ideally, this project will be on a topic of current importance to the student’s employer.

The Pharmacy Co-Directors for this program are Dr. David Solomon and Dr. Max Ray, both of whom have extensive experience in health-system pharmacy management and leadership, pharmacy education (both at the PharmD and graduate levels), pharmacy residency program management, and professional association activities. For more information, contact the University of Memphis Fogelman College of Business and Economics: www.memphis.edu\executivembapharmacy.

Li Awarded Two NIH Grants

Wei Li, PhD, Associate Professor and Director of the Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) Facility at UTHSC, was recently awarded two NIH grants and a UT Research Foundation grant totaling $1.8 million. An NIH grant titled “Discovery of novel thiazole analogs for treating advanced melanoma” will fund research into developing new drugs to treat melanoma, which has rising incidence in the United States and is the most deadly type of skin cancer. While early stage melanoma can be cured by surgical removal, once metastasized, it is very difficult to treat and the median survival is only a few months. Working with Drs. Duane Miller, Ram Mahato, James Dalton (GTx Inc.), and Yi Lu (College of Medicine), Dr. Li aims to design and synthesize new classes of small molecules targeting tubulin polymerization, and selectively target only melanoma tumor cells. Tubulin is a well-validated target with at least three distinct binding sites for drugs to interact: the paclitaxel binding site (e.g., Taxol, epothilones); the vinblastine binding sites (e.g. vinblastine, vincristine); and the colchicine binding site. There are many FDA-approved, very successful anticancer drugs targeting the first two sites, but currently there is no FDA-approved drug targeting the colchicine site for cancer treatment. Three of the major limitations for existing cancer drugs targeting tubulin polymerization are the development of multidrug resistance, poor aqueous solubility, and systematic toxicity (especially neurotoxicity). Preliminary studies with these new compounds suggest that these new agents will help to alleviate these major limitations for more effective treatment for melanoma.

Li’s second NIH grant titled “Acquisition of a 400M NMR with an autosampler” will be used to fund a state-of-the-art 400 MHz NMR instrument, which will allow researchers to “see” the exact structures of molecules. With this technology, researchers will be able to ensure that they have created the intended molecules and are able to pinpoint the exact structure of mysterious metabolites that a drug produces in the body. The new
Li NIH Grants – continued

instrument will be installed in late May to early June; it will be the only one at UTHSC, and will significantly enhance many of the biomedical research programs.

The UT Research Foundation awarded Li a grant titled “Preclinical studies of new vitamin D analogs as potential agents for arthritis.” The importance of sufficient vitamin D (such as Calciferol) in human bodies has been well recognized. Vitamin D has broad benefits to human health, including bone formation, cancer prevention, and anti-inflammatory effects. However, the users of existing vitamin D analogs suffer from a severe side effect called hypercalcemia, which could result in calcification of soft tissues, organ failure, or even death. Li and his cohorts have isolated many new biologically active vitamin D metabolites and elucidated their complete molecular structures. These analogs have shown excellent efficacy in a variety of disease models, especially in arthritis, as recently tested by Dr. Arnold Postlethwaite (College of Medicine and VA hospital), and do not have the hypercalcemic side effect as tested by Drs. Michal Holick and Tai Chen at Boston University. Working with Drs. Slominski, Miller, and Postlethwaite, they are currently designing and synthesizing new analogs to expand this class of compounds.

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Dean Gourley Receives UT Leadership Institute Award

Dean Dick Gourley was recently honored for his outstanding service to the University of Tennessee Leadership Institute from 1992 to 2011. Dean Gourley was presented the award by Joseph DiPietro, PhD, UT System President and Linda Francisco, PhD, Director of the Leadership Institute and UT Human Resources’ Executive Director of Talent Management, during the February UT Leadership Institute in Gatlinburg.

The UT Leadership Institute provides leadership training to leaders within the University of Tennessee and other institutions of higher education in the state. The week-long institute is conducted on a biennial basis for 50 participants recommended by the administration of their respective institutions.

The primary objective of the Institute is to increase participants’ understanding of leadership in higher education and how they can be effective leaders. The training is experientially based, with participants immersed in simulations and exercises to provide them with new information and perspectives on working effectively with others.
Foster Teaches First APhA Immunization Course in Abu Dhabi

University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy professor Stephan Foster, PharmD, recently returned from Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, where he taught the first pharmacy-based immunization delivery course in the Middle East. He was joined by trainer Dennis Stanley, RPh and APhA staffer Doug Lobdell. They trained 50-60 pharmacists to give immunizations using the APhA course and then conducted a Train the Trainer session, teaching five pharmacists to teach others. Foster said, “It was an honor to be selected to teach the first pharmacy immunization course in the Middle East.”

Kenneth E. Avis Distinguished Visiting Professor

Thomas Kissel, PhD, Professor and Director of the Institute of Pharmaceutics and Biopharmacy at Phillips-Universitat Marburg in Germany, was the 2011 Kenneth E. Avis Distinguished Visiting Professor at the UTHSC College of Pharmacy on February 17-18.

His lecture was entitled “Multifunctional Pharmaceutical Nanopreparations: Promises and Problems.” Professor Kissel also scheduled time to meet with faculty members and graduate students in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, as well as PharmD students. After a tenure as Vice President of Drug Delivery Research at Sandoz Pharma AG, based in Basel, Switzerland, he joined Phillips-Universitat Marburg, his alma mater.

Above Photo: Professor Kissel meets with UTHSC pharmaceutical sciences faculty during his visit to the Memphis campus. (L-R) Ram Mahato, PhD, Dr. Kissel, Hassan Almoazen, PhD, and Jim Johnson, PhD.
Avis Distinguished Visiting Professor – continued

Dr. Kissel is also Adjunct Professor of Pharmaceutics at the University of Utah and at Jilin University in China. Professor Kissel’s research interests are drug delivery systems and biodegradable polymers; peptide and protein delivery; nano-carriers for parenteral and pulmonary application; polyplexes for non-viral transfection; drug targeting; pharmacokinetics and biopharmacy; and nano-medicine.

The Kenneth E. Avis Distinguished Visiting Professor was established and funded by Schering-Plough, Inc., to honor the achievements of the late Dr. Avis, who established the UT Sterile Products Laboratory in 1961. The Avis Professorship brings eminent scientists to the UTHSC campus annually.

Drs. Land and Suda Give Back on Medical Missions to Haiti

DyKiesha Land, PharmD, a UTCOP graduate and preceptor practicing at Walgreens in Memphis, recently returned from a week-long medical mission trip to Port-au-Prince, Haiti. She was a part of a team that provided medical services for children and staff at the St. Vincent’s School for Handicapped Children. During their week in Haiti, the group set up an on-site medical clinic, with Land in charge of their basic dispensary.

Land says, “It was a fantastic opportunity to serve and reinvigorated my passion for pharmacy and caring for others.” The group was led by Dr. Susan Nelson who is a part of the UT Medical Group and also included one other physician, a nurse, paramedic, clergy, and two non-medical volunteers.

In January, Dr. Katie Suda, PharmD, Associate Professor of Clinical Pharmacy, went to Port-au-Prince, Haiti, with Project Medishare to work as a volunteer pharmacist. She worked side-by-side with the Haitian health care staff. Her activities included traditional hospital and community pharmacist functions, implementing patient safety initiatives and training in general therapeutics. She also helped with general inventory management and organization of the pharmacy. The team helped treat a number of patients with skin and skin structure infections. While she saw diseases that are considered routine in the United States, she was also able to help with the diagnosis of rarer diseases, such as malaria. The trip was challenging because of the limited diagnostic capabilities and treatment options.

When asked what it was like to be a pharmacist on the Medishare team in Haiti, Dr. Suda said, “I think I probably had a unique experience. You see, [as former Director of the now closed Drug Information Center] I am an academician without a practice site. I was once a clinical pharmacist, but I have not made an IV since 1999… and have not dispensed since 2004. However, I had an amazing experience.”
Publications


Foster SL. Latest ACIP discussions cover broad range of topics. Pharmacy Today 2010:16(12);31.


Foster SL. Aspiration before injection of vaccines or toxoids. Posted on APhA Immunization Website “Ask the experts” at www.pharmacist.com/imz February 1, 2011.


Presentations

**Gross B.** Building Trust and Collaboration within the Health Care Provider Community. TPA Innovative Community Pharmacy Practice Forum; February 27, 2011; Nashville.

**Hoffman J.** An Overview of the ASHP PPMI. Tennessee Society of Health-system Pharmacists 2011 Midyear Seminar; February 27, 2011; Nashville.

**Lobo B.** Recognition and Management of Patients with Heparin-Induced Thrombocytopenia (HIT). Tennessee Society of Health-system Pharmacists 2011 Midyear Seminar; February 27, 2011; Nashville.

**Mason K.** Pharmacy Practice Model: One Institution’s Initiative. Tennessee Society of Health-system Pharmacists 2011 Midyear Seminar; February 27, 2011; Nashville.

**Ray MD.** Fostering Change in the Practice Model at the Pharmacy Department Level. Tennessee Society of Health-system Pharmacists 2011 Midyear Seminar; February 27, 2011; Nashville.

**Waddell, JA.** Quick, Safe, and Effective Review of cancer chemotherapy medication orders. Tennessee Society of Health-system Pharmacists 2011 Midyear Seminar; February 27, 2011; Nashville.

Posters

Quallich V, **Brown RO**, Maish GO, Croce MA, Minard G, **Dickerson RN**. Hypoglycemia from NPH insulin during continuous enteral nutrition is more prevalent for critically ill older patients. Presented by V Quallich and RN Dickerson at the Tenth Annual Nutrition Week of the American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition. January 30, 2011; Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.


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**Meharry/Vanderbilt Interdisciplinary Case Competition**

The Meharry/Vanderbilt Interdisciplinary Case Competition provided students the opportunity to experience how interdisciplinary teams function and optimize patient outcomes. Eight disciplines were included in the competition from Meharry Medical College (the School of Medicine, School of Dentistry, and the MSPH program); Vanderbilt (the School of Medicine, School of Nursing, School of Law, and the Dietetic Internship Program); and the University of Tennessee (the College of Pharmacy and the College of Graduate Social Work). Three qualified students in their final year of training were chosen by the dean or program director from each of these disciplines to form three teams of nine students. Each team reviewed a patient case developed by a
Interdisciplinary Case Competition – continued

group comprised of faculty representing each school and each discipline. A month later, patient actors were
interviewed by a member of each team, and the interview was recorded and observed by faculty jurors who
also observed each team’s collaborative process. A week later, the final round of the competition began with a
member of each team presenting a five minute summary of the case to an audience who then asked each
team “college bowl-type questions.” The points earned from each question were added to their cumulative
score to determine the winning team. The winner named on February 23rd was Team HOPE.

Team HOPE (L to R): Ann Cooper (UT Social Work); Heather Brooke Whaley (Vanderbilt nursing); Tiffany Clay
(Meharry medical); Taylor Bearden Burich (UT Pharmacy); Kristen Lazaroff (VU Dietetic Intern); Gerald Davis, II
(Meharry dentistry); Naa Amponsah (Meharry MSPH); Stephen Kappa (Vanderbilt medical) [team captain]; Laura
Deck - not pictured (Vanderbilt law)

Team Yellow Fever (L to R): Mary Nienhuis (Vanderbilt nursing); Jennifer Rymer (Vanderbilt medical) [team
captain]; Ryan Bliss (Meharry medical); Andrew Y. Yi (Vanderbilt law); Ashley Brown (Meharry dental); Rachael
Ruffin (Meharry MSPH); Terri Scott (UT Social Work); Jill Scott (Vanderbilt Dietetic Intern); Christiana N. Udoji (UT
Pharmacy)
Interdisciplinary Case Competition – continued

Team Nautilus (L to R): May Cho (Meharry medical); Lisa MacPherson (VU Dietetic Intern); Piia Hanson (Meharry MSPH); Melissa Burton (UT Social Work); Yash Choksi (Vanderbilt medical); Jennifer Krauss (UT Pharmacy) [team captain]; Molly Goidel (Vanderbilt nursing); Rashidah Wiley (Meharry dentistry); Marcus Paschall (Vanderbilt law)

SNPHA Region I and II Meeting 2011

SNPhA is Coming to Memphis!

2011 Region I and II Meeting
When: March 18-20, 2011
Where: The Westin Memphis Beale Street
Registration: $105 Student Pharmacists
$175 Pharmacists
Hosted By: The University of Tennessee - College of Pharmacy
For More Information
http://www.snpha.org/Meetings.aspx
COP Students Sponsor CPR Classes and Health and Wellness Fair

The leading cause of death in Shelby County, Tennessee is heart disease. Patients with heart disease often have significant co-morbid conditions such as diabetes and hypertension that are often poorly controlled. The University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy (UTCOP) chapter of American Pharmacists Association-Academy of Student of Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) is actively involved in providing healthcare services to our communities. Our 4th Annual Project Heart/CPR Health Fair was held January 22, 2011, at an inner-city church in Memphis in an effort to provide medication education, cardiovascular (CV) screenings, and CPR training to an underserved and uninsured population within our local UTHSC campus community. Efforts were focused on this new location to reach out to those who are at high risk for CV disease but who are less likely to have access to healthcare services.

More than 100 student pharmacists, along with faculty and pharmacist volunteers, screened more than 120 individuals for illness related to heart disease and general healthcare and trained approximately 26 individuals in the life-saving skills of CPR.

Two APhA Committees, Project Heart and CPR, planned the event, which included CPR classes, blood pressure screenings, blood glucose testing, cholesterol and lipid screenings, bone density testing, and disease prevention information. Door prizes were donated by local businesses and given to health fair participants in attendance. The location of the health fair proved to draw an overall good attendance from the local UTHSC campus community. The health fair screening identified those at risk for CV disease, and individuals were counseled by student pharmacists and faculty regarding their risk.

Despite inadequate access to healthcare, most of the participants remained within national averages for blood pressure and blood glucose readings. However, many needed to develop healthy lifestyle changes to reduce their overall risk, especially those on medications and not under control. In order to ensure that participants reduce their risk factors through either lifestyle modifications or medications, student pharmacists will return to the health fair location for subsequent counseling and re-screening. Periodic visits throughout the year have been proposed. Project Heart leaders included third-year student pharmacist Tyler Madere and second-year student pharmacist Brittany Chin.
Project Heart and CPR – continued

The vice-chairs for Project Heart included first-year student pharmacists Keaton Smetana and Meghan Maynard. The CPR leaders included second-year student pharmacists Tiffany Nason and Haley Armstrong.

ASP executive committee member and second-year student pharmacist Jacob Marler facilitated the 100 student pharmacists who volunteered for the day. UT College of Pharmacy faculty advisors for these groups are Shannon W. Finks, PharmD, and Kelly C. Rogers, PharmD; additional faculty volunteers included Amanda Howard Thompson, PharmD. Students participating in the event included:

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Alftan Dyson P2  Emily Tabor P1  Lauren Rauch P2  Scott Sullins P1
Allison Smith P1  Erica Childress P1  Leila Moore P3  Sherin Jacob P1
Amanda Torbett P2  Felicia Udooji P1  Lindsay Hubbard P1  Sperry Kotsianas P1
Ana Shaikh P1  Haley Armstrong P2  Lindsey Plogger P1  Stephanie Haeuptle P1
Anna Newcomb P1  Hao Nguyen P2  Lindsey Wells P2  Steven Hackbarth P2
Anna Armstrong P1  Helen Davidson P1  Mallory Baird P1  Terrika Thornton P1
Ashley Marshall P1  Jacob Marler P2  Mandy McClarty P2  Tiffany Brewer P1
Bethany Shoulders P1  Jaime Stiffin P1  Matthew Rubertos P1  Tiffany Nason P2
Binoy Shah P1  Jamison Phillips P1  Maureen Cooper P1  Tim Gebreyes P1
Brandi Wood P1  Jana Sterling P2  Megan Perry P2  Tracy Handler P1
Brenton Deal P1  Jared Barnes P1  Megan Whittier P1  Tri Vu P1
Brett Toney P1  Jason Ghio P1  Meghan Maynard P1  Tyler Madere P3
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Drew Armstrong P2  Kelly Dyer P1  Sarah Norrid P1
Emily Counce P1  Keysha Ray P1  Sarah Wright P1

UTHSC College of Pharmacy would like to thank the following for sponsorship and facilitation of the free public event: Brent Baugus of St. Francis Hospital; Tonya Shackelford, PharmD, of Walgreens; Kent Stoneking, PharmD, of Kroger Pharmacies; Reverend Andy Andrews of St. Mary’s Episcopal Church; Debra Brown of Lifeblood; and Constance Adcock of Women’s Heart.
TSHP Student Poster Presentation

A group of student pharmacists and their faculty mentors, Drs. Shannon Finks and Kelly Rogers, presented a poster on the Project Heart/CPR Health Fair described in the previous story at the Tennessee Society of Health Systems Pharmacists 2011 Midyear Meeting on February 27th in Nashville. The student presenters were Jacob Marler, Haley Armstrong, Brittany Chinn, Tyler Madere, Tiffany Parrish, and Keaton Smetana:


TSHP Resident Poster Presentations

On February 27th a number of Tennessee pharmacy residents also presented their work at the meeting:

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Wassil Appointed to Florida Department of Health Committee

Katie Wassil, PharmD, BCPS (’04), has been selected to be a member of the Florida Department of Health, Children’s Medical Services Network Pharmacy Clinical Review Committee. She will be sitting on this committee as the only PharmD with six physicians of various pediatric specialties. They will be advising Children’s Medical Services regarding their formulary, safe and effective use of current medications, and the addition of new drug entities. “I am excited and feel sure it will be a great experience,” commented Dr. Wassil. Wassil currently practices at Wolfson Children’s Hospital, specializing in pediatric critical care in Jacksonville, Florida.

OTHER

American Pharmacy Educator Week Activities Featured by AACP

The University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy was featured in the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy’s quarterly publication, Academic Pharmacy NOW last month for our student and faculty activities during American Pharmacy Educator Week. See page 18 of the publication at: http://www.aacp.org/news/academicpharmnow/Documents/apn-janfebmar2011-online.pdf for details.

COLLEGE TRIVIA

At the conclusion of the last Newsletter it was 1982. Dr. John Autian had been named Dean of the UTHSC Graduate School of Medical Sciences and Vice Chancellor for Research. We continue this series with our next Dean, Dr. Michael Ryan, appointed in 1982.

Dr. Michael R. Ryan, a Missouri native, received his BS Pharm degree at St. Louis College of Pharmacy and his PhD in pharmacy administration at the University of Mississippi. Dr. Ryan joined the UT College of Pharmacy faculty in 1972 and was named Assistant Dean in 1977, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in 1979, and Executive Associate Dean of the College in 1980. Dean Ryan's administration brought innovative changes to the College, beginning in 1984 when the PharmD course of study was incorporated for all student pharmacists, with UT being one of the first schools in the nation to do so. The first UT all-PharmD class graduated in 1988. A positive outcome of Dr. Ryan's leadership was the improvement of relations among the College, alumni, and pharmacists across Tennessee. Following his tenure at the University of Tennessee, Dr. Ryan served as Dean of the School of Business and as Vice President for Advancement at Christian Brothers University in Memphis.
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