Charles Harold Alper, MD Humanitarian Award
Presented to Laura Cooley, MD

The UT College of Medicine Chattanooga, in conjunction with the Baroness Foundation and the family of the late Charles Harold Alper, MD, presented the first Charles Harold Alper, MD Humanitarian Award. Dr. Alper, who began practicing in 1947, was named to the UT COMC faculty as Clinical Associate Professor of Surgery in 1976. He was instrumental in founding the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Speech and Hearing Center in the early 1950’s. He pioneered microscopic surgery and laser surgery in Chattanooga. His community service included work as the president of the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Medical Society, the Chattanooga Jewish Welfare Foundation and the Jewish Community Center.

This award is given to the Senior Resident who consistently demonstrates the qualities of integrity, respect, and compassion in the care of patients and their families throughout residency training. Nominations were accepted from faculty and Erlanger nursing staff. This year’s nominees were:

Laura Asbury, MD, Pediatrics
Hans Burkholder, MD, Surgery
Laura Cooley, MD, Internal Medicine
Kye Higdon, MD, Surgery
Eric Parks, MD, Family Medicine
Alex Stock, MD, Family Medicine

As noted in her nomination, Dr. Cooley has acquired a reputation as an incredibly skilled physician, intense patient advocate, and devoted mentor and teacher of her fellow residents. As her care for and about others has evolved, she developed a strong interest in the care of patients struggling to cope with HIV disease. In addition to her required residency duties, she added clinic sessions several times monthly for the past two years at Chattanooga Cares, an HIV clinic. Dr. Cooley will be beginning both an Infectious Disease Fellowship and Masters in Public Health degree program at Tulane.
26th Annual Research Week Awards

The UT College of Medicine Chattanooga honored medical residents for excellence in research at the 26th Annual Awards Banquet held at the Hunter Museum of Art. Forty-one abstracts were submitted for consideration and twenty-eight were selected for judging in three categories: oral research presentations, poster research presentations, and poster case report presentations.

Judges were Steve J. Schwab, MD, executive dean of the UT College of Medicine (Memphis), James J. Neutens, PhD, dean of the Graduate School of Medicine (Knoxville), and R. Kent Hutson, MD, chairman and associate professor in the Department of Radiology at the UT COMC (Chattanooga).

The Robert C. Coddington, MD Award for Research Excellence was given this year to Michael Lawley, MD, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery. Dr. Coddington, who had served as associate dean of the UT College of Medicine in Chattanooga, established the annual research awards event to provide residents the opportunity to present research papers and case reports to their peers, faculty and Erlanger hospital staff.

Oral Research Presentations

Robert C. Coddington, MD Award for Research Excellence
1st Place Research
Michael Lawley, MD, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery
Cyclic Biomechanical Analysis of Contemporary vs. Locked Plating in a GAP Fracture Model

2nd Place Research
Jimmy Waldrop, MD, Department of Surgery
A Randomized Prospective Trial of Airway Pressure Release Ventilation and Lung Protective Ventilation in Adult Trauma Patients with Acute Respiratory Failure

3rd Place Research--Tie
Joshua Arnold, MD and Hans Burkholder, MD, Department of Surgery
Comparison of Heparin (5,000 u TID) and Lovenox in the Prevention of DVT in Trauma Patients

Dodd Shumate, MD, Department of Pediatrics
Serum Chemistry Analysis in Pediatric ED Patients with Seizures: Useful or Futile?

Honorable Mention Research
Azhar Shamas, MD, Department of Internal Medicine
Electrocardiographic Effects of Simultaneous Hypercalcemia and Hyperkalemia on 12 lead ECG

Honorable Mention Research
William Sepp, MD and James Schmitt, DO, Department of Pediatrics
Trends in Rotavirus Disease After the Introduction of Rota Teq

Honorable Mention Research
Heath Giles, MD, Department of Surgery
Balloon-Expandable Covered Stent Therapy of Complex Endovascular Pathology

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26th Annual Research Week Awards (continued)

Poster Research Presentations

1st Place Research
Christine McCroskey, MD and Shetul Patel, MD, Department of Pediatrics
*Adjustment of Developmental Milestones After “Back to Sleep”*

2nd Place Research
Garrick Cason, MD, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery
*Radiation Exposure to Operating Room Personnel During Minimally Invasive Spine Surgery: A Comparison of Single vs. Simultaneous Dual Fluoroscopy*

Honorable Mention Research
Amy Estes, MD and B.J. Potsic, MD, Transitional Year Program
*Assessing Residents and Core Teaching Faculty Members’ Knowledge of Health Care Charges Related to Laboratory and Diagnostic Testing--Is Our Current Educational Training Adequate?*

Honorable Mention Research
Paul Papillion, MD, Department of Surgery
*Percutaneous Mechanical Thrombectomy of Acute Lower Extremity Ischemia*

Poster Case Study Presentations

1st Place Case Study
Umesh Yalavarthy, MD, Department of Internal Medicine
*Clinical and Genetic Studies in a Family with Colagenofibrotic Glomerulonephropathy*

2nd Place Case Study
Yury Bykov, MD, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery
*Avascular Necrosis of the Femoral Head following Piriformis Entry Intramedullary Nailing*

Honorable Mention Case Study
Jimmy Waldrop, MD, Department of Plastic Surgery
*Open Treatment of Mallet Fracture with Subluxation*

Honorable Mention Case Study
Alexander Davit III, MD, Department of Plastic Surgery
*Pyoderma Gangrenosum of the Hand: Two Case Reports and a Review of the Literature*

Residents Give Back, Help “CAN” Hunger

UT COMC residents, faculty, and staff from the UT COMC dean’s office participated in a food drive on May 16, 2008 in the Erlanger Medical Mall Atrium. Food items were donated to the Chattanooga Area Food Bank. Shown at left are Internal Medicine and Transitional Year residents (left to right): front row: Drs. Hai-Yan Li, B.J. Potsic, Kristina Collins, Molly Tveite, back row: Drs. Shazia Naib, Dawn Meadows, Akberet Hadgu, Chad Halford, Brian Humble, and Department Chair and Program Director, Dr. Mukta Panda.
Welcome New Faculty

James Brexler, Erlanger Health System CEO has been added to the Department of Medicine faculty as adjunct assistant professor, effective 2/1/08.

Wesley Galen, MD, is a general pediatrician with a subspeciality in pediatric dermatology who recently joined the UT COMC. Dr. Galen graduated from Newcomb Memorial College Institute, Tulane Medical University School of Medicine in New Orleans, and completed her residency at Tulane/Charity Hospital. She practiced dermatology at Children’s Hospital in New Orleans and served on the faculty both at Tulane and Louisiana State University. Dr. Galen’s office is in the Massoud Building and she is accepting new dermatology patients.

Kent Lee, MD joined the Family Medicine faculty on April 1, 2008. Dr. Lee is an assistant professor and also holds the position of associate program director of the Family Medicine Training Program. Dr. Lee has extensive experience in directing maternity services and curriculum development and brings a wealth of knowledge to the Family Medicine Department.

The Department of Radiology is happy to add the following new clinical faculty:

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UT COMC Faculty Honored for National Doctor’s Day

Three UT COMC faculty were among the ten local physicians honored for Doctor’s Day Appreciation, sponsored by the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Medical Society, the Medical Foundation of Chattanooga, Medical Alliance, and Project Access, in conjunction with Channel 3. The honorees were selected from nominations submitted by area residents.

The UT COMC honorees are:

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<td>David Alvarez, MD</td>
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<td>Phyllis Miller, MD</td>
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Sabrina Collins, MD    2004 Graduate, UT COMC Obstetrics/Gynecology Residency

This year’s observance also saluted the 600 physicians who have volunteered to care for low-income uninsured residents of the community through Project Access. Dr. Joe Cofer, professor in the Department of Surgery, was instrumental in the creation of this program.

Since initially conceived in 1993, Doctor’s Day has been observed as a time for patients to show appreciation for their physicians. It became a national day of honor when adopted by the Senate and House of Representatives in 1990. Congratulations to these outstanding UT COMC physicians for their exceptional patient care and contributions to the southeast Tennessee region.
Publications and Presentations


Stevens CA, Pearce R. Familial odontoid hypoplasia. Poster presentation at The American College of Medical Genetics meeting, Phoenix AZ, March 2008.

Wheeler SK, Friedl SA. Identifying and controlling individual and institutional conflicts of interest. HCCA Compliance Institute, April 13-16, 2008, New Orleans, LA.


"Medical care certainly ain't what it used to be!" Used with author’s permission
Best Wishes to our Departing Residents

Family Medicine
Surachart Chuthai, MD, DDS
Chad M. Palmer, MD
Eric Daniel Parks, MD
Allison Joy Smith, MD
Alex V. Stock, MD
Zachary R. Werle, DO
Alexander P. Zotos, MD
Malissa Gobbell Talbert, MD

Going to...
Sports Medicine Fellowship, University of Washington (Seattle, WA)
Primary Care Sports Medicine Fellowship, Andrews Sports Medicine & Orthopaedic Center (Birmingham, AL)
Private Practice Family Medicine (Soldotna, AK)
Private Practice Family Medicine (Ooltewah, TN)
Private Practice Family Medicine, Tanana Valley Clinic (Fairbanks, AK)
Geriatrics Fellowship UT College of Medicine Chattanooga (Chattanooga, TN)
Geriatrics Faculty, UT College of Medicine Chattanooga (Chattanooga, TN)

Internal Medicine
Kenechim A. Anamekwe, MD
Liliya V. Balabanova, MD
Laura Avary Cooley, MD
Kumar Gaurav, MD
Richard Morrison, MD
Shazia Naib, MD
Azhar M. Shamas, MD
James Edward Stanfield, MD
Umesh Chowdary Yalavarthy, MD
Kenechim A. Anamekwe, MD
Liliya V. Balabanova, MD
Laura Avary Cooley, MD
Kumar Gaurav, MD
Richard Morrison, MD
Shazia Naib, MD
Azhar M. Shamas, MD
James Edward Stanfield, MD
Internal Medicine Residency, Methodist Hospital (Dallas, TX)
Geriatrics Fellowship, Virginia Commonwealth University & Veteran’s Administration Hospital (Richmond, VA)
Infectious Diseases Fellowship, Tulane University (New Orleans, LA)
Nephrology Fellowship, University of Virginia (Charlottesville, VA)
Pulmonar/Critical Care Fellowship, Louisiana State University (New Orleans, LA)
Geriatrics and Palliative Care Fellowship, Emory University (Atlanta, GA)
Hospitalist Practice, Erlanger Health Systems (Chattanooga, TN)
Hospitalist Practice, Erlanger Health Systems (Chattanooga, TN)
Nephrology Fellowship, UT College of Medicine (Memphis, TN)

Obstetrics and Gynecology
Valerie Parker, MD
Ronishia D. Thomas, MD
Terry L. Williams, Jr., DO
Valerie Parker, MD
Ronishia D. Thomas, MD
Terry L. Williams, Jr., DO
Faculty Practice OB/Gyn, UT College of Medicine Chattanooga (Chattanooga, TN)
Undecided
Faculty and Private Practice OB/Gyn (Chattanooga, TN)

Orthopaedic Surgery
Yury L. Byknov, MD
Michael Greenwood Lawley, MD
Brian A. C. Weatherby, MD
Russell Joseph Norris, MD
Yury L. Byknov, MD
Michael Greenwood Lawley, MD
Brian A. C. Weatherby, MD
Russell Joseph Norris, MD
Orthopaedic Trauma Fellowship, Duke University (Durham, NC)
Pediatric Orthopedics Fellowship, Shriners Hospital for Children (Portland, OR)
Foot and Ankle Surgery Fellowship, Foundation for Orthopedic, Athletic, and Reconstructive Research, University of Texas (Houston, TX)
Faculty Practice Orthopaedic Surgery, WakeMed Faculty Physicians/Wake Orthopaedics, University of North Carolina (Raleigh, NC)

Pediatrics
Laura Michelle Asbury, MD
Marc Courts, MD
Adam Charles Horne, MD
Mark G. Murray, MD
James Louis Schmitt, DO
Dodd Shumate, MD
Jason G. Zurawick, MD
Laura Michelle Asbury, MD
Marc Courts, MD
Adam Charles Horne, MD
Mark G. Murray, MD
James Louis Schmitt, DO
Dodd Shumate, MD
Jason G. Zurawick, MD
Faculty (Chief Resident) Pediatrics, UT College of Medicine (Chattanooga, TN)
rural Practice Pediatrics, Loudon Pediatrics (Loudon, TN)
Private Practice Pediatrics, Chattanooga, TN
Undecided
Highland Pediatrics (private practice), Chattanooga, TN
Academic Pediatric Hospitalist, TC Thompson Children’s Hospital (Chattanooga)

Surgery
Travis Wayen Blalock, MD
Stephen R.D. Bo Brackett, MD
William Bradley Campbell, MD
Brian C. Carrico, MD
Carlos A. Fernandez, MD
Kent Kihyet Higdon, MD
Travis Wayen Blalock, MD
Stephen R.D. Bo Brackett, MD
William Bradley Campbell, MD
Internal Medicine Residency, UT at Baptist Hospital (Nashville, TN)
Carlos A. Fernandez, MD
Kent Kihyet Higdon, MD
Dermatology Residency, Medical College of Georgia (Augusta, GA)
ObGyn Residence, Medical University of South Carolina (Charleston, SC)
General Surgery Residency, Baptist Health System (Birmingham, AL)
Plastic Surgery Residency, Vanderbilt University (Nashville, TN)

1Dr. Talbert completed her residency in Geriatric Medicine.
2Dr. Norris completed a fellowship in Orthopaedic Trauma.
Departing Residents--continued

Surgery--continued
Amy N. Hildreth, MD         Trauma Surgery Faculty, Wake Forest University (Winston-Salem, NC)
Aaron S. Kendrick, DO       Anesthesiology Residency, University of Kentucky (Lexington, KY)
Jonathan J. Marti, MD       Emergency Medicine Residency, Emory University (Atlanta, GA)
Stephen Allen Rich, MD      Private Practice Surgery (Murfreesboro, TN)
Jeremy W. Thacker, MD       Radiology Residency, University of Kentucky (Lexington, KY)

Transitional Year
James Wesley Carter, MD     Radiology Residency, Mayo Clinic (Jacksonville, FL)
Kristina Collins, MD         Dermatology Residency, Harvard University (Boston, MA)
Amy Johnston Estes, MD       Ophthalmology Residency, Wake Forest University Med Center (Winston-Salem, NC)
Thomas Lane Estes, Jr., MD   Radiology Residency, Wake Forest University Med Center (Winston-Salem, NC)
Hai-Yan Li, MD               Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Residency, University of Texas Southwestern (Dallas, TX)
Bradley John Potsic, MD     Radiology Residency, Baylor College of Medicine (Houston, TX)
Arlene J. Richardson, MD    Radiology Residency, Eastern Virginia Medical School (Norfolk, VA)
Roopa Vemireddy, MD         Radiology Residency, Vanderbilt University (Nashville, TN)

Congratulations

Francis Fesmire, MD was named Hero of Emergency Medicine by the American College of Emergency Physicians. The campaign, which is part of ACEP’s 40th anniversary, recognizes emergency physicians who have made significant contributions to emergency medicine, their communities and their patients. Dr. Fesmire is medical director of the Chest Pain Center at Erlanger as well as a clinical assistant professor of medicine at the UT College of Medicine Chattanooga. He is a national expert in myocardial infarction and has assisted in the development of clinical policies on the standard of care in treating patients with suspected myocardial infarction by the American College of Emergency Physicians, the American Heart Association and the American College of Cardiology.

John Standridge, MD, FAAFP, program director of the Geriatric Medicine Fellowship, was recently named Fellow of the American Society of Addiction Medicine. This title is only granted every other year to select physicians for their significant contributions to the Society and to the field of addiction medicine.

Robert Zylstra, EdD, LCSW was recognized for his regional efforts with the social work community by being named Social Worker of the Year by the South East Tennessee Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers. Dr. Worthington, professor and chair of the Department of Family Medicine, spoke on behalf of Dr. Zylstra at the March 20, 2008 Awards Banquet. Dr. Zylstra is an associate professor in Family Medicine.

Lynlee Wolfe, MD, Obstetrics-Gynecology PGY-3 was awarded a scholarship to the Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics Annual Meeting in Orlando, FL as an APGO resident scholar.

Comments, articles, and announcements for the COMmunicator can be submitted in publishable format to Sylvia Friedl, Office of Research Compliance, Sylvia.Friedl@erlanger.org. 423.778.3899.
## 2008-09 COMC Incoming Residents

The following residents will begin their programs as of July 1, 2008.

### Emergency Medicine
- **David Ball, DO**
  - Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine
- **Ron Buchheit, MD**
  - American University of the Caribbean (St. Maarten)
- **Jacob Hennings, MD**
  - Indiana University
- **Gaurav Mavinkurve, MD**
  - Johns Hopkins University
- **Alton Temple, MD**
  - West Virginia University
- **Heather Whaley, MD**
  - St. George’s University (West Indies)

### Family Medicine
- **Jon Burroughs, MD**
  - East Tennessee State University
- **Melissa Constantino-Rodgers, MD**
  - Ross University (West Indies)
- **Leslie Griffin, MD**
  - St. George’s University (West Indies)
- **Vincente Ortiz, MD**
  - St. George’s University (West Indies)
- **Azam Sohi, MD**
  - Tehran University (Iran)

### Geriatrics
- **Alex Zotos, MD**
  - University of Texas (Houston)

### Internal Medicine
- **Kayce Branson, MD**
  - University of Texas Medical Branch (Galveston)
- **Christine Chhakchhuak, MD**
  - University College of Medical Sciences (India)
- **Joe Furr, MD**
  - University of Mississippi
- **Poonam Kafle, MD**
  - B.P. Koirala Institute of Health Sciences (Nepal)
- **Avni Kapadia, MD**
  - M.S. University of Baroda Medical College (India)
- **Brett Krummert, MD**
  - Medical College of Georgia
- **William Kyle, DO**
  - Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine
- **Bassel Obaid, MD**
  - University Aleppo (Syria)
- **William Todd, DO**
  - West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine

### Obstetrics and Gynecology
- **Alicia Allen, MD**
  - University of Tennessee
- **Abby Holt, MD**
  - Medical College of Georgia
- **Benjamin Moore, MD**
  - University of Mississippi
- **Aduke Simpson, MD**
  - Southern Illinois University

### Orthopaedic Surgery
- **Chad Corrigan, MD**
  - University of Alabama
- **Clay Spitler, MD**
  - Medical College of Georgia
- **Stephen Rhodes, MD**
  - Medical College of Georgia

### Orthopaedic Trauma Fellowship
- **Robert Crous, MD**
  - University of Stellenbosch (South Africa)

### Pediatrics
- **Emem Akpan, MD**
  - Meharry Medical College
- **Alicia Cooper, DO**
  - Kansas City Osteopathic Medical College
- **Sara Harbin, MD**
  - Mercer University
- **Alexandra Martin, MD**
  - University of Chicago (Pritzker)
2008-09 COMC Incoming Residents (continued)

Pediatrics--continued

Elizabeth McFarlin, MD East Tennessee State University
Laleleisha Peterson, MD George Washington University
Megan Pierce, MD Medical College of Georgia
Spencer Rodgers, MD Ross University (West Indies)
Eliza Witten, MD East Tennessee State University

Plastic Surgery
Kevin Day, MD University of Oklahoma
Staci Hix-Hernandez, MD Texas Tech University

Surgery
Joshua Hagan, MD University of Tennessee
David Daniel, MD Baylor College of Medicine
Mary Groshart, MD University of Tennessee
Elizabeth Hatcher, MD University of Tennessee
Rebekah Stroup, MD University of Kentucky

Surgery-Preliminary
Jeff Cox, MD East Tennessee State University
Nathan Cree, MD University of Tennessee
Jeffrey Hinson, MD Mercer University
Homer Keadle, MD Mercer University
Leandra Lockridge, MD University of Tennessee
William Mays, MD University of Tennessee
Kris Wheeler, MD University of Tennessee

Vascular Surgery Fellowship
Michael Hogan, MD University of South Carolina

Transitional Year
Xiao Androulakis, MD Xiangya School of Medicine (China)
Ning Cao, MD Hebei Medical College (China)
Collins Chijioke, MD Meharry Medical College
Tunisia Finch, MD Medical College of Georgia
Seth Means, MD University of Tennessee
Jeremiah Miller III, MD Medical College of Georgia
Amir Paydar, MD University of Tennessee
Kurt Scherer, MD University of Florida

1Currently a UT COMC Prelim Surgery Resident
2Currently a UT COMC PGY-1 Pediatrics Resident
3Currently a UT COMC PGY-2 Prelim Surgery Resident
4Currently a UT COMC PGY-3 Family Medicine Resident
5Currently a UT COMC Prelim Surgery Resident
Note to PI

The DHHS Office for Human Research Protections has created a website of frequently asked questions. You can find more detailed information at http://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/policy/index.html#faq.

**Must investigators obtain training in the protection of human subjects?**

The HHS regulations for the protection of human subjects do not require investigators to obtain training in the protection of human subjects in research. However, the UT Health Science Center and Erlanger Health System hold federalwide assurances that recommend institutions establish training and oversight to ensure that investigators maintain continuing knowledge of, and comply with, the following:

- relevant ethical principles
- relevant federal regulations;
- written IRB procedures
- OHRP guidance
- state and local laws; and
- institutional policies for the protection of human subjects.

**CITI Training Refresher Courses Begin in 2008**

In 2005, the UT Health Science Center implemented a training program on all three campuses called CITI (Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative) and required all research administrators, program and department chairs, IRB members, residents, principal investigators and key personnel to complete this training. Training must be current in order to submit protocols to the IRB.

The training expires after three years, so those who took the training in 2005 will soon be sent an email notice from the CITI program, notifying them that they are due to take the refresher modules within 90 days.

CITI refresher modules are brief with 1-2 test questions. They cover a variety of subjects, including a new module on Good Clinical Practices. The reminder email will provide details on how to take the refresher courses or retake the basic course. Any questions or comments should be addressed to Sylvia Friedl, Research Compliance Officer (sylvia.friedl@erlanger.org, 778-3899) or to Stacey Hendricks, IRB Administrator (Stacey.Hendricks@erlanger.org, 778-3818).

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**Erlanger Pharmacy Requests Your Help**

Erlanger Health System policy requires that pharmaceutical commercial sales and marketing representatives register and sign-in when they are going to be on any campus. They are expected to make appointments with physicians or a department administrator before a visit, that is, no “walk-ins welcome.” Sara Davidson, Erlanger Pharmacy administrator, asks that you please make sure your department, program, or clinic has identified a contact person whom the pharmacy can call if a sales representative would like to make an appointment. Ms. Davidson can be reached at sara.davidson@erlanger.org, or at 778-6262.

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**Did you know**

A 24-hour hotline is available for confidential reporting of research compliance issues: 1-800-216-1704.
Calling All UpToDate Users!

Executive Dean Schwab (Memphis Campus) has spearheaded a collaborative effort involving the Office of Medical Education, Graduate Medical Education, UT Medical Group and the UT Health Sciences Library to provide the valuable medical information resource, UpToDate.

UpToDate is an evidence-based, peer-reviewed information resource that can answer clinical and patient information questions related to medicine, nursing, dentistry, and pharmacy. The database includes patient handouts and a drug interactions analysis program.

UpToDate is a point-of-care resource tool; it is designed to provide information for clinicians and residents while on the hospital floor. Many databases provide a list of research articles, which must then be reviewed for pertinent information; however UpToDate takes the pertinent literature and summarizes it for quick review.

UpToDate has been available since 1989, and more than 3,600 clinicians contribute to its content. Physicians review over 375 journals and search databases such as Medline, Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews, and ACP Journal Club. Once relevant content is identified, subject experts create or update the topic. While UpToDate provides an overview of many clinical topics, the information provided in the database is not exhaustive, and faculty and residents should consult other databases, such as PubMed, CINAHL, and Cochrane Library if a patient’s medical condition requires more in-depth research. Because UpToDate is updated only three times a year, a search of other databases may provide more current treatment options.

As a UT Health Sciences Center affiliate (resident, teaching faculty, UT staff, etc.), you may access this very popular database remotely by going directly to UT Health Sciences Library. Previously, those wishing to log onto UpToDate had to access it through an Erlanger-based computer. Now, by accessing the Health Sciences Library, you can reach UpToDate from any location, be it a clinic, Starbucks, or from your own home. Access is available on a PC, Mac, or PDA with a browser and Internet access.

To search UpToDate, visit http://library.utmem.edu/ and select the database from the Popular Resources menu at the top of the page. You will need your NetID and password to gain entry into the resources.

NOTE: Only registered library patrons can access UpToDate from off-campus; registration instructions are described below.

How to register with UTHSC Health Sciences Library

To use any of the e-resources on UT Health Sciences Library site, you must register with the library. There are two easy ways to complete this task: online, from the library website, or by faxing a paper registration form to Memphis. You can find the form in the Medical Library at Erlanger --just ask the library staff at the desk.

Online

Go to the UT Health Sciences Library website, http://library.utmem.edu/
Click on the link at the top left that reads “First time user? Register now” (top of page, left side)
You must fill in your Net ID and password
    You can find your Net ID by going to UT’s People Search page, http://oracle.utmem.edu/directory.php
    You password is usually a configuration of the first 2 letter of your birth month, the last 2 digits of your birth year, and the last 4 digits of your social security number.
If you have forgotten, misplaced, or are having trouble with our NetID and password, please call the UT-Memphis Computer Center Help Desk, (901) 448-2222.

Fax

If you do not have a NetID or if you have forgotten your password, pick up a registration form at the library at Erlanger. Once completed, you or the library staff can fax your form to Memphis, (901) 448-7235.