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# Faculty Matters



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## UF Health Wellness Event



### Join this year's Wellness Event April 27-May 15

UF Health is hosting the Fourth Annual Wellness Event for all benefits-eligible employees April 27-May 15. To register for an event at a location near you, visit [UFHealth.org/WellnessEvent](http://UFHealth.org/WellnessEvent). This event is a production of the UF-UF Health Wellness program.

Pre-registered employees who attend and complete a personal health and biometrics assessment will receive a free lunch from SweetBerries eatery. Employees who received their flu shot and do not use tobacco, or have completed a smoking-cessation program, may receive an additional gift.

#### 2015 Wellness Event Schedule

April 27: UF Health Sleep Center - Conference Room (Magnolia Parke)  
April 27-28: UF Health Shands Rehab Hospital  
April 28: Ayers Building Lobby  
April 29-30: UF Health Cancer Hospital - Auxiliary Conference Room 1515  
May 1-4: UF Health Patient Financial Services/Access Center/HIM (Conf. Room)  
May 5: UF Health Medical Plaza/UF Health Davis Cancer Pavilion (Large Conf. Room)  
May 6: UF Health Springhill  
May 7: UF Health 1329 Building  
May 8: UF Health Information Technology - CH2M Hill Training Room  
May 8: UF Health Orthopaedic and Sports Medicine Institute  
May 11-15: UF Health Shands Hospital (north campus atrium)



## Spotlight on Education Match Day

Record-breaking Match Day for the class of 2015

Out of the 121 students, 18 matched in internal medicine programs and 16 in pediatrics - the most popular specialties for this class. Emergency medicine followed with 14 matches. Thirty-two percent of those graduating will stay in Florida for their residencies, and 22 percent will complete their training at UF in Gainesville. Each of the five military students matched to their top choice.

In addition to breaking the record for the most attendees, a high number of students received their top choice.

[View the Archived Video](#)

## PLAN TO ATTEND

### \*Medical Education Week Seminar Series\*

Sponsored by The UF COM Society of Teaching Scholars

**12-1:00 PM, Room C1-4**

Tuesday, April 7

[Eduardo Salas, PhD](#)

Institute for Simulation & Training

University of Central Florida

**"Creating a Culture of Teamwork To Save Lives - What Does It Take?"**

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**Wednesday, April 8**

[Lisa J. Merlo, PhD, MPE](#)

Dept. of Psychiatry

University of Florida College of Medicine

**"Stress and Wellness Among Medical Students in Florida"**

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**Thursday, April 9** (videoconf to Gainesville Rm C1-4)

[Mobeen Rathore, MBBS](#)

Department of Pediatrics

University of Florida College of Medicine Jacksonville  
"Legislative Issues in Graduate Medical Education"  
(Panel Discussion)

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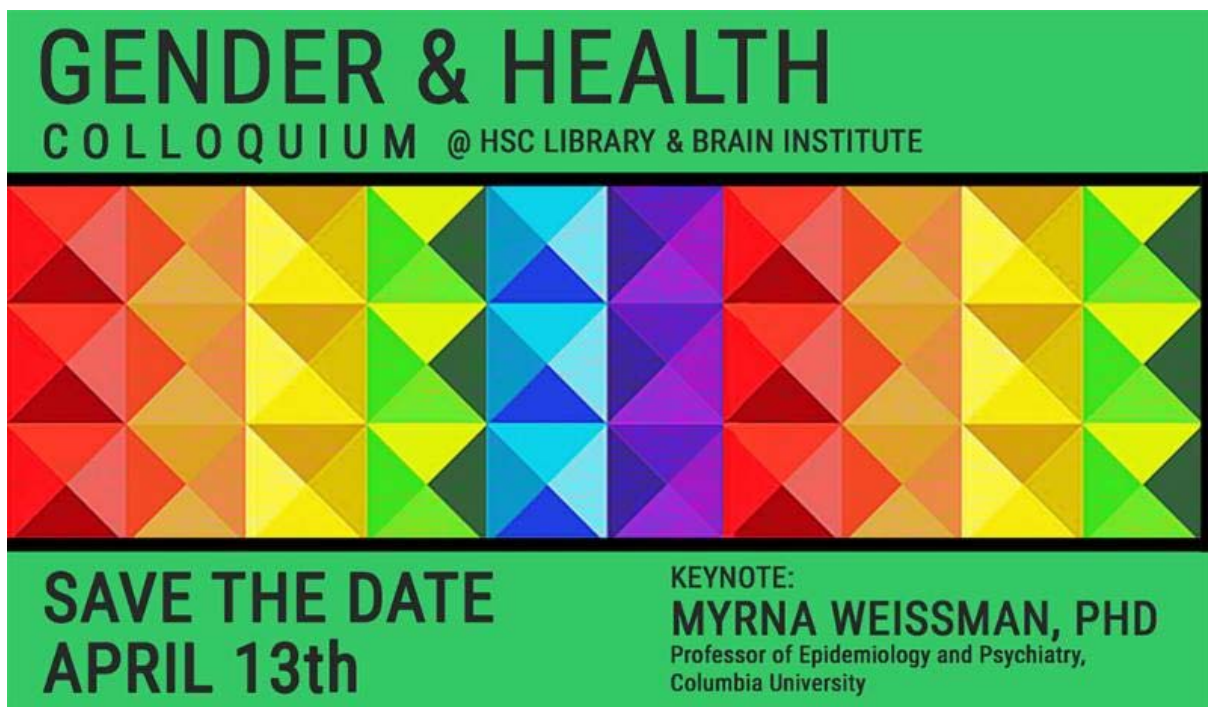
**Friday, April 10**

[Joseph C. Fantone, MD](#)

Senior Associate Dean for Educational Affairs  
University of Florida College of Medicine  
"UF Medical Education Update"

For Information, contact Susan Sorci at 352-273-7985 or [ssorci@ufl.edu](mailto:ssorci@ufl.edu)  
[View Noon Sessions topics from previous years](#)

## Next Week - Gender & Health Colloquium



**GENDER & HEALTH**  
COLLOQUIUM @ HSC LIBRARY & BRAIN INSTITUTE

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**APRIL 13th**

**KEYNOTE:**  
**MYRNA WEISSMAN, PHD**  
Professor of Epidemiology and Psychiatry,  
Columbia University

The poster features a central graphic of a grid of colorful triangles in shades of red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple, arranged in a pattern that resembles a quilt or a mosaic.

*1-2 pm: Depressed Mothers and Their Children: Translating Epidemiology into Clinical Care*  
MYRNA WEISSMAN, PhD, Diane Goldman Kemper Family Professor of Epidemiology in  
Psychiatry, College of Physicians and Surgeons and Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia  
University; Chief, Division of Epidemiology, New York State Psychiatric Institute

2-2:15 pm Refreshment Break

*2:15 - 3 pm: Why Are Women at Greater Risk for Pain?*  
ROBERT B. FILLINGIM, PhD, Professor of Dentistry, University of Florida

*3-3:45 pm: When it's Important to Study Women: Lessons from the Women's Health Initiative*  
MARIAN C. LIMACHER, MD, AHA Endowed Professor of Cardiovascular Research, Principal Investigator, University of Florida Clinical Center for the Women's Health Initiative, Senior Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and Professional Development, College of Medicine

## **[Live Webinar] Engaging in End of Life Decisions: How to Turn Difficult End of Life Conversations into Clinical Opportunities**

In recognition of **Healthcare Decisions Day** - a day devoted to encouraging the completion of advance directives - you are invited to join Dr. Ira Byock, Chief Medical Officer for the Providence Institute for Human Caring and a leading palliative care author and public advocate (as seen on "[60 Minutes](#)" and "[PBS NewsHour](#)") as well as **Dr. Sheri Kittelson**, Medical Director for the UF Health Palliative Care Program and **Geri Lynn Baumblatt**, Executive Director of Patient Engagement at Emmi Solutions for a free webinar, "Engaging in End of Life Decisions: How to Turn Difficult Conversations into Clinical Opportunities."

**Date:** Thursday, April 16, 2015

**Time:** 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. CDT

During the webinar, attendees will learn:

1. An updated clinical view of advance care planning, specifically the clinical benefits of engaging in discussion about advance directives
2. How University of Florida Health went from a low-performer in the advance care space to running an industry-leading palliative care program
3. Patient rationale during end of life discussions and communication strategies to address apprehension

## **Alumni Award Nominations**

Each year, the Medical Alumni Affairs board looks to honor our successful alumni through 2 annual awards: The Wall of Fame Award and the Outstanding Young Alumnus Award. We are seeking for nominations on an ongoing basis for either award. The criteria are as follows:

### **Wall of Fame Award:**

- Individual honored must be a graduate of the UF College of Medicine.
- Individual must have made significant contributions in one or more of the following areas: medicine, government, education and the community.

### **Outstanding Young Alumnus/a Award:**

- Within 10 years of completing their medical degree or 35 years old and younger
- Individual honored must be a graduate of the UF College of Medicine.

- Individual must have made significant contributions in one or more of the following areas: medicine, government, education and the community.

Please submit any nominations here: <http://alumni.med.ufl.edu/alumni-affairs/awards/outstanding-young-alumnuswall-of-fame-nomination-form/>

## New Grants Awarded!



**Robert A. Hromas, MD.** Professor and Chair, Department of Medicine, was awarded a National Institute of Health new R01 grant entitled, "Mechanisms for Chromosomal Translocations".

**Stephanie Karst, Ph.D.** Associate Professor, Department of Molecular Genetics & Microbiology, was awarded a National Institute of Health R01 grant entitled, "Role of Intestinal Bacteria in Human Norovirus Infection".





## UF COLLEGE OF MEDICINE FACULTY APPRECIATION RECEPTION

### 2015 Paulus Award for Clinical Excellence

**Jennifer Light, MD.** Chief, Division of Pediatric Emergency Medicine was honored with the 2015 David A. Paulus Award for Clinical Excellence at the Faculty Appreciation Reception at the UF President's House. Nominations for Dr. Light were submitted by several groups, including a unanimous vote from the College of Medicine's Faculty Council as well as support from the Department of Pediatrics.



Dean Michael Good, MD., Jennifer Light, MD.,  
Timothy Flynn MD.

### 2015 Lifetime Achievement Award Winners



**Linda S. Morgan, MD.**, Professor, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology was awarded the 2015 Life Time Achievement Award by the faculty of the University of Florida College of Medicine. Dr. Morgan currently holds the Nell Bryant Kibler Endowed Professorship in Ovarian Cancer Research.

**Mohan K. Raizada, Ph.D.** Distinguished Professor of Physiology and Functional Genomics has been chosen as the winner of a Life Time Achievement Award by the faculty of the University of Florida College of Medicine. Dr. Raizada has secured in excess of \$34 million in extramural grant funding resulting in over 300 peer-reviewed publications.



**Marylou Behnke, MD.**, Professor, Department of Pediatrics, Division of Neonatology was awarded the 2015 Life Time Achievement Award by the faculty of the University of Florida College of Medicine. Dr. Behnke serves on leadership team for the Anita Zucker Center for Excellence in Early Childhood Studies. Clinical expertise includes care of the at-risk neonate in the neonatal intensive care unit.

**William A. Friedman, MD.**, Professor, Departments of Neurological Surgery and Neuroscience was awarded the 2015 Life Time Achievement Award by the faculty of the University of Florida College of Medicine. Dr. Friedman is world-renowned for his work in stereotactic radiosurgery and image guided neurosurgery. He has authored of over 200 refereed publications, 8 books, 70 book chapters, and 350 presentations at local, national and international meetings.



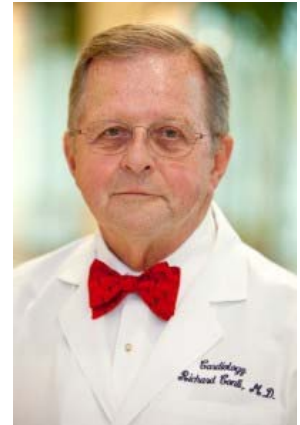
**Patricia Abbitt, MD.**, Professor in the Department of Radiology and Chief, Abdominal Imaging was awarded the 2015 Life Time Achievement Award by the faculty of the University of Florida College of Medicine. Dr. Abbitt's teaching record borders on astonishing as a three time winner of the Hippocratic Award, recipient of the Society of Teaching Scholars honor for sustained excellence in medical education, numerous exemplary teacher awards, and five time winner of the Outstanding Clinical Science Teacher award.





**C. Richard Conti, MD.** Eminent Scholar, Professor, Department of Medicine, Division of Cardiovascular Medicine was awarded the 2015 Life Time Achievement Award by the faculty of the University of Florida College of Medicine. Dr. Conti is the author or co-author of over 700 scientific papers, book chapters and abstracts; he has edited 6 books and written 2 books.

He remained at the forefront of advancing cardiovascular care through new technology, leading the way with echocardiography, clinical cardiac electrophysiology and cardiac transplantation.



**Paul Dell, MD.**, Professor, Department of Orthopaedics was awarded the 2015 Life Time Achievement Award by the faculty of the University of Florida College of Medicine. Dr. Dell started the UF Hand Fellowship in 1985 and has been Director of the fellowship since that time, training almost 60 fellows to date. He and his wife started a project called "Hands to Love" which is a camp held at Camp Crystal Lake for children with congenital upper extremity abnormalities. The first camp hosted 5 or 6 children and their families and this year they hosted almost 100 children from around the country, as far away as Alaska.

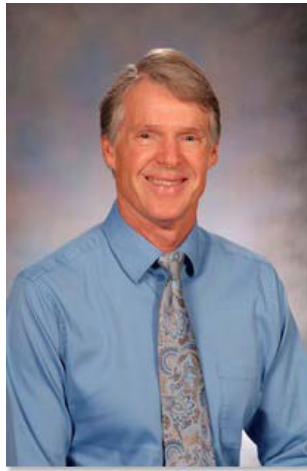
## College of Medicine Basic Science Teacher of the Year



**Peter P. Sayeski, Ph.D.**

Department of Physiology and Functional Genomics

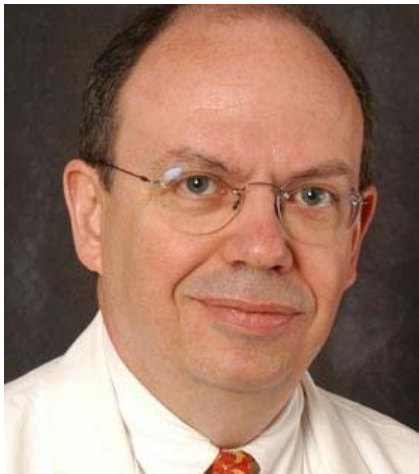
## College of Medicine Clinical Science Teacher of the Year



**Robert L. Hatch, M.D., M.P.H.**  
Department of Community Health and Family Medicine

## Event Pictures

## **Congratulations!**



**David Fitzgerald, MD.** Assistant Professor of Neurology, has received the VA Employee of the Year award from the Military Officers Association of America (Gainesville Branch) at the Alachua County Veterans Awards dinner. This will be Dr. Fitzgerald's 2nd Employee of the Year award in 3 years from the Alachua County veterans.

## **UF Research Foundation Professorship Awardees**



**Scott Berceli, M.D., Ph.D.**  
Department of Surgery  
Division of Vascular Surgery



**Sara Jo Nixon, Ph.D.**  
Department of Psychiatry



**Martin Cohn, Ph.D.**  
Department of Molecular  
Genetics & Microbiology



**Betsy Shenkman,  
Ph.D.**  
Department of  
Health Outcomes &  
Policy



**Roland  
Herzog, Ph.D.**  
Department of  
Pediatrics

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As part of the Medical Guild Research Symposium, the following faculty members received the **2014-2015 Doctoral Mentoring Award:**

- David Bloom, Ph.D.**, Molecular Genetics and Microbiology
- Robert McKenna, Ph.D.**, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology



**UF physician part of Parkinson's panel at White House.**

Dr. Michael Okun Interim Chair of Neurology speaks during panel discussion about Parkinson's disease at the White House.

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**The University of Florida/U.A.A.- Concussion Studies**

Dr. Jay Clugston, Assistant Professor for CHFM has been involved in the NCAA and U.S. Department of Defense initiative titled "NCAA/DOD Grand Alliance" study.

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**UF Health Cancer Center named Center of Excellence by the Florida Health Department, Governor's Office**

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## COM Faculty Workshops for Promotion and Tenure

The College of Medicine presents "working workshops" for faculty. If you are entering the promotion cycle in 2015, plan to attend one of these workshops to review the nuts and bolts of compiling your packet for Promotion and/or Tenure. This workshop will help you understand what elements should be included to be able to present the best possible packet in the correct format.

Bring your CV and a laptop computer to begin formatting your packet. Upcoming sessions will be held as follows:

**\* Tuesday, April 21, 7 am, in North Tower Room R01-106**

**\* Monday, May 4, 5 pm, in North Tower Room H-108**

[To register, please visit the HSC Training site](#)

Please contact Hamleen Gregoire at [hamleen@ufl.edu](mailto:hamleen@ufl.edu) or call 352-273-5415 with any questions.

## Contact

Let us know about news, awards and activities of our faculty so we can share the good news. Contact us for additional information about any items in the newsletter or any other issues:

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Next meeting, Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at 5:00 pm in the Hugh Hall Conference Room

Check the website for information about meetings and activities:  
<http://facultycouncil.med.ufl.edu/>

Frank Bova, PhD is convening a Task Force to review GatorCare benefits and procedures.

Contact him if you are interested in participating.

Upcoming Educational & Professional Development Seminars:

"Ethical Considerations in Academic Medicine" - April 14, 2015  
Lauren Solberg, JD, MTS  
April 14, 2015  
5:00 pm to 6:30 pm  
Communicore Room C2-33

"Professionalism and the Hidden Curriculum"  
April 16, 2015  
Rob Hatch, MD  
April 16, 2015  
5:00 pm to 6:30 pm  
Communicore Room C2-33

**View previous seminars online at <http://facultyaffairs.med.ufl.edu>**

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