

Faculty Matters

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Read Our Faculty News

Greetings!

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EAP Feedback Needed

UF is carefully evaluating its current EAP provider, ComPsych, and we value your feedback. If you have utilized the EAP's services in the past year and would be willing to share your experience, you are invited to do so anonymously via our [online feedback form](#). If you would like a follow-up, please feel free to also include your name and contact information or email eap-help@ufl.edu for assistance.

Important information for those with Flexible Savings Accounts:

For Healthcare FSAs and Limited Purpose Healthcare FSAs

- **Carryover from 2020 Plan Year:** Members may carry over any unused benefits from plan year 2020 to plan year 2021. Plan year 2020 carryover benefits must be used by December 31, 2021. No action is required by the employee. Balances will carry over automatically.
- **Changes in Election Amount:** For plan year 2021, members may prospectively change contribution amounts without a qualifying status change. This change is secondary to the *public health emergency*. The extension of the federal public health emergency is effective 1/21/21 and will last 90 days, but may be extended by the Secretary. You can make changes to your Healthcare FSAs and Limited Purpose Healthcare FSAs up to the 120th day **after the end** of the federal public health emergency. By prospective, they mean that you will not be able to decrease your pledge under the amount already contributed to the FSA, but you can make other changes (increases, decreases, etc.) at any time that affect

future contributions.

For Dependent Care Flexible Spending Accounts (DCFSA) only:

- Extension of Grace Periods: The grace period to incur eligible expenses applicable to plan year 2020 contributions is extended to December 31, 2021.
- Changes in Election Amount: For plan year 2021, members may prospectively change contribution amounts during the year without a qualifying status change. This change is secondary to the *public health emergency*. The extension of the federal public health emergency is effective 1/21/21 and will last 90 days, but may be extended by the Secretary. You can make changes to your Dependent Care Flexible Spending Accounts up to the 120th day **after the end** of the federal public health emergency. By prospective, they mean that you will not be able to decrease your pledge under the amount already contributed to the FSA, but you can make other changes (increases, decreases, etc.) at any time that affect future contributions.

This information is just for notification purposes only, please review the official State's notice at <https://benefits.hr.ufl.edu/health/flexible-spending-accounts/> to see how your plan(s) are impacted.

University Committee Nominations Due Jan. 31st

Each year, the University of Florida offers faculty the opportunity to participate in its governance through various university [Presidential Committees](#), [Joint Committees](#), [Faculty Senate Committees](#) and [Faculty Senate Councils](#).

The Senate Nominating Committee invites you to submit nominations, including self-nominations, for fall 2021 appointments.

Please fully complete the [nomination form](#) which will be used in the voting and appointment process. Indicating a nominee's willingness to serve "as needed" on any committee will increase the likelihood of an appointment.

Please submit the completed form by January 31, 2021.

On behalf of the committee, thank you for your consideration of this opportunity to make unique and meaningful contributions to the University of Florida.

If you have any questions concerning these committees, you may call or send an email to any of the members of the [Senate Nominating Committee](#).

CONGRATULATIONS!

Lewy Body Dementia Grant Winners

Recipients of the 2021 Pilot Grants for the Harry T. Mangurian Jr.-Norman Fixel-McKnight Brain Institute Collaboration for Pilot Studies in Lewy Body Dementia



Mark S Moehle, PhD
Assistant Professor
Department of Pharmacology
& Therapeutics
Project: Impact of aggregated
 α -synuclein on altering
neuronal physiology and
plasticity in vivo and ex vivo in
relevant animal models of LBD



Bhavana Patel, DO
Assistant Professor
Department of Neurology
Project: Multi-stakeholder
engagement for
interdisciplinary telehealth in
Lewy body dementia



Dan Wesson, Ph.D.
Associate Professor
Department of Pharmacology
& Therapeutics
Project: Mechanisms of
cognitive decline in dementia
with Lewy body

Dystonia Mini-Moonshot Grant winners

Basic/Translational Science Awards



Mark S Moehle, PhD
Assistant Professor
Department of Pharmacology &
Therapeutics
Project: Expression profile of individual
muscarinic receptors in the cerebellum of
a mouse model of DYT1 dystonia



Yuqing Li, PhD
Professor
Department of Neurology
Project: Development of conditional
rescue mouse model for DYT1 dystonia

Clinical Service Awards



Leonardo Almeida
Assistant Professor
Department of Neurology
Project: The pallido-cortical network and neuromodulatory effects in dystonia



Coralie de Hemptinne, MS PhD
Assistant Professor
Department of Neurology
Project: Uncovering cortical markers for dystonia with high density EEG recordings and correlation with pallidal and EMG signals



Ashley E Rawls, MD
Assistant Professor
Department of Neurology
Project: Evaluation of vestibular function in patients with cervical dystonia managed with botulinum toxin injections



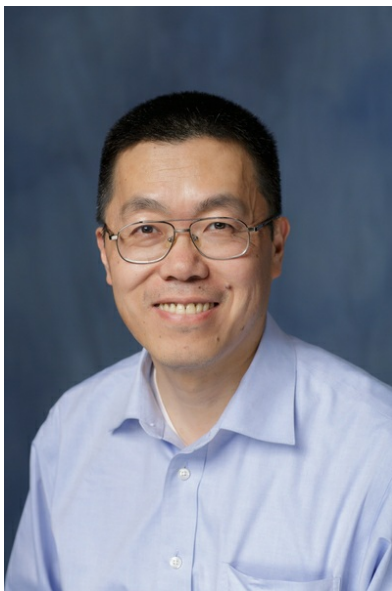
Wei Hu, MD PhD
Assistant Professor
Department of Neurology
Project: Effects of low-frequency and interleaved stimulation in dystonia patients with bilateral globus pallidus internus deep brain stimulation



American Association of Women in Radiology

Vaishali Phalke MD, Professor, Department of Radiology has been named the Sub-Chair of the American Association of Women in Radiology

NEW GRANTS AWARDED!



Lei Jin, PhD
Assistant Professor
Department of Medicine
Has been awarded a new National Institutes of Health R01 grant entitled, "Lung ID0-1+TNFR2+cDC2 subset in control of lung mucosal tolerance: Mechanism and Application".



Steven Munger, PhD
Professor
Department of Pharmacology & Therapeutics
Has been awarded a new National Institutes of Health U01 grant entitled, "Rapid olfactory tools for telemedicine-friendly COVID-19 screening and surveillance".

Epic On-Call Finder to replace Spok for clinical services

Dear Epic and Spok Users:

Collaboration between individuals and teams is essential for high-quality patient care and service. To help everyone more easily connect and communicate, we're introducing another new tool for Epic users:

On Monday, Feb. 15, we'll switch to Epic's "On-Call Finder" to replace Spok for clinical on-call services.

You'll be assigned a [MyTraining](#) module on Monday, Jan. 25. Completion is required by all Epic users. Please [email our Epic Training team](#) with any questions about the module or MyTraining assignment.

Note: Don't delete Spok just yet! Non-clinical on-call schedules will remain in Spok. And Emergency Clinical Alerts (Code Blue and Trauma Alerts, etc.) will still come through Spok.

This is the latest step in our ongoing plan to co-locate user-friendly communication tools for faculty and staff across UF Health. Meanwhile, we'll continue helping everyone properly use Epic Secure Chat and Push Notifications the way they're designed to help us be more efficient and effective.

We're pleased to partner with UF Health IT to offer better tech tools that support our work. Thank you for getting on board to make these changes a success.

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Faculty Senate Committees	Nominated by UF Faculty & elected by UF Faculty Senators	UF Faculty Senate
Joint Committees	Nominated by UF Faculty; Typically 50% elected by UF Faculty Senators and 50% Appointed by UF President/President's Designee	UF President & UF Faculty Senate
Presidential Committees		UF President
(5) Senate Policy Councils & Faculty Senate Steering Committee (membership consists of Current (at the time of the election) Faculty Senators)	Nominated by UF Faculty & appointed by UF President	UF Faculty Senate
	Nominated by UF Faculty & elected by UF Faculty Senators	

Next meeting

Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at 5:00 pm
Meeting information will be located via the following link
: <https://facultycouncil.med.ufl.edu/>

[View More Details](#)



UF Highlights



UF College of Medicine Fall Doctoral Degree Commencement

Never Forget an Attachment in Outlook

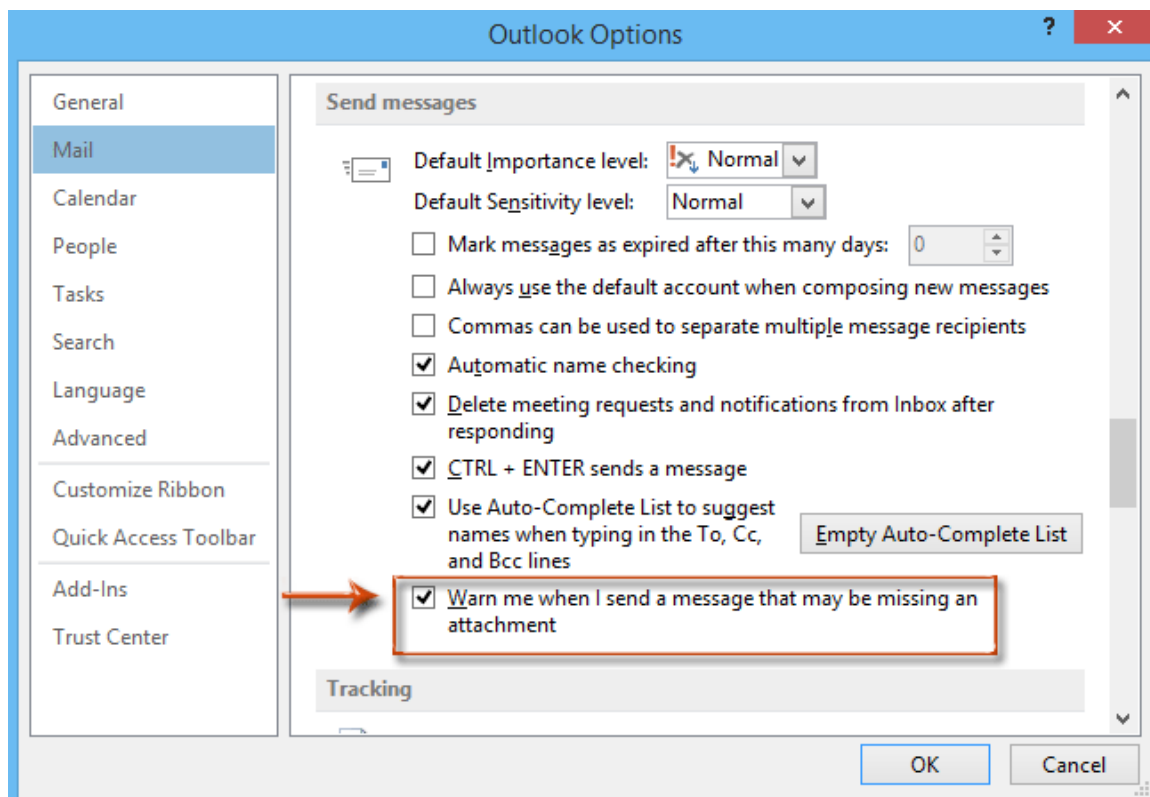
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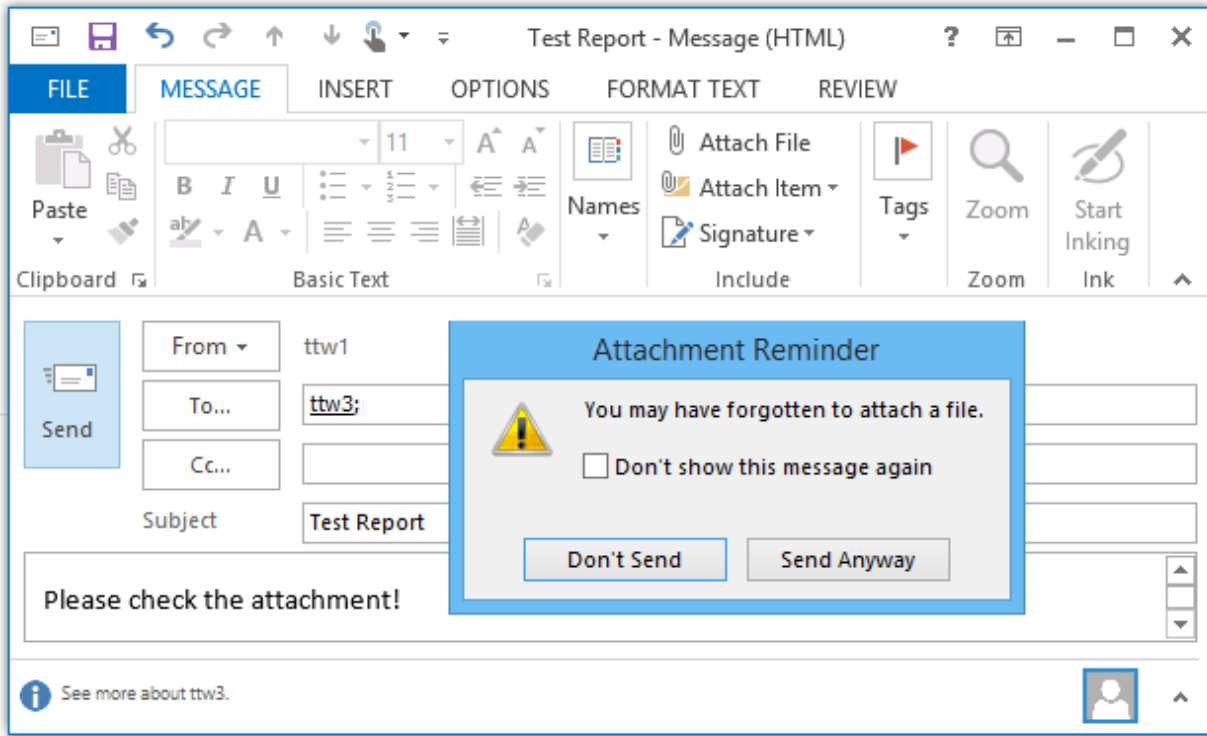
Step 2: In the Outlook Options dialog box, click the **Mail** in the left bar.

Step 3: Go to the **Send messages** section, and keep checking the option of **Warn me when I send a message that may be missing an attachment**.

Step 4: Click the **OK** button to exit this dialog box.

Then Microsoft Outlook 2013 or 2016 will warn you automatically if you may forget attachments. For example, you enter the text of “attachment”, “view attachments”, etc. in your message body, but do not insert attachments in the Attachment field. When clicking the Send button, a warning dialog box will pop out to say that you may have forgotten to attach a file. See the following screen shot:





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