The University of Alabama’s University Medical Center opened May 11 on the corner of Fifth Avenue East and University Boulevard. The Center, which occupies the top floor of the new CCHS building, is the only multi-specialty clinic in Tuscaloosa and is the clinical training site for third and fourth year medical students and family practice residents at CCHS. Its predecessor, the Capstone Medical Center, was the training site for more than 300 graduates of the Tuscaloosa Family Practice Residency and more than 450 medical students over the past thirty years.

Groundbreaking for the $13.5 million, 77,000 sq. ft. facility took place Nov. 24, 2002. William Curry, MD, dean of the College of Community Health Sciences, University of Alabama School of Medicine (UASOM)-Tuscaloosa, said the new facility will help consolidate CCHS faculty, students and services into one building from the four they have occupied in the past.

"Our dream has become a reality," Dr. Curry said. "We’ve been waiting for the time when we could house all of the College under one roof. That time has come, and we’re looking forward to offering quality care and service to the community and surrounding areas."

The new facility offers medical care for all ages in its specialty clinics: family medicine; pediatrics, including an ADHD clinic and follow-up care for infants who were in neonatal intensive care after birth; internal medicine; neurology, obstetrics and gynecology; occupational medicine; and mental health services in the Betty Shirley Clinic for Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine, which offers individual counseling, marriage & family counseling, psychiatric outpatient care, psychotherapy and drug therapy. Lab tests and X-rays are completed on-site and nutrition therapy and dietary information are available for patients who need help managing diabetes, obesity, and other medical conditions. Social services and a prescription drug assistance program also are provided on site.

The new building has a state-of-the-art medical information system. The paperless system makes it easier to improve education and clinical efficiency while providing the best possible care to patients.

Dr. Mike Taylor (r), received the Faculty Recognition Award from the graduating class for excellent teaching during the junior year. It was presented by his daughter, graduate Heather Taylor, MD, who received five awards during the 2004 CCHS Honors Convocation in May.

CCHS Senior Medical Students Recognized at Honors Convocation
(See pages 4-5)

Dean Curry Resigns, Marsh Named Interim

Dr. William A. Curry, dean of The University of Alabama’s College of Community Health Sciences since 1998, is stepping down on July 1 to accept a position at UAB. There he will serve as professor of medicine, attending physician on the Timrod Harrison Service at University Hospital, and as the University of Alabama School of Medicine (UASOM) associate dean for primary care and rural health.

Dr. E. Eugene Marsh III, neurologist and medical educator, has been named interim dean of The University of Alabama’s College of Community Health Sciences. He will also serve as interim associate dean of the UA School of Medicine, Tuscaloosa. The appointments were announced by UA Provost Dr. Judy Bonner and William Deal, MD, dean of the UA School of Medicine. Dr. Marsh’s appointment begins July 1.

Since August 2001, Marsh has served as associate professor of internal medicine and as associate dean for academic affairs in CCHS. Marsh has maintained a private practice in Tuscaloosa since 1990 and has instructed UASOM students and residents for more than 10 years. He is also the medical director of the Alabama Quality Assurance Foundation.

Marsh will head CCHS, a clinical branch campus of the UA School of Medicine, which has its central campus in Birmingham. The mission of CCHS is to improve healthcare in Alabama, emphasizing small towns and rural areas. CCHS provides the last two years of clinical training for a portion of the medical students enrolled at the UA School of Medicine, and it operates a three-year family practice residency program. The College also provides training sites and internships for students in clinical dietetics, health education, healthcare management, nursing, pharmacy, psychology and social work.
What I will be doing: In July, I will move to the Birmingham campus of The University of Alabama School of Medicine, to assume a combination of teaching, research, and administrative duties. As a member of the Division of General Internal Medicine in the Department of Medicine, and I will get to do what I love so much, clinical teaching, on the Tinsley Harrison* service at University Hospital. I’ll also precept in resident clinics. As Associate Dean for Primary Care and Rural Health, I will continue to support the work of our faculty and staff in Tuscaloosa. I expect to build collaboration among the Tuscaloosa, Birmingham, and Huntsville campuses around the primary care and rural health needs of our state, which as you know is enormous.

When I left Vanderbilt 22 years ago, I stopped off an intense academic track, and I felt I had made an irrevocable career choice, that I was walking through one door after closing another. I was perfectly content with the choice, and I found rural practice enormously satisfying and a great privilege. I also got the opportunity to serve in organized medicine, first in my state specialty society and later in the Medical Association of the State of Alabama and at national levels, and that was fulfilling and educational in its own way. Ever since I came home to Alabama, I have worked with CCHS/UA School of Medicine – Tuscaloosa. Without that connection, I almost surely would have stayed in Nashville. Teaching medicine is the most professional fun I know.

So how are things going to be at CCHS? Excellent. In many ways it’s not the place you remember. There are obvious changes. We’ve moved into our new 78,000 square foot building at the corner of University and Fifth Avenue, a block toward campus from the old Capstone Medical Center. Our clinic will now be called “University Medical Center,” and it’s the most beautiful clinical space I’ve ever seen. The flow for patient care looks like it will be superb too. For the first time, our nurses and other staff will have well-designed space for their work. There’s good teaching space within the clinics, and a wireless internet intramural environment for our electronic medical record. That’s just the upstairs. Downstairs is the Health Sciences Library, with its expected collection of hard copy materials plus wired and wireless access to the world of medical information. It will house the Shalimbi Medical Student Computer Lab, Dean Willard’s papers, and other special collections. Down the hall are Medical Student Affairs, administration, and the pharmacy program. Throughout the building, the generosity of our friends shows itself through the Betty Shirley Clinic for Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine and names such as Wintemitz, Rutland, Moman, Rosen, Fleming, Tsyhali, Chenault, Tuscaloosa Radiology, Bank of Tuscaloosa, Enzema, Puffer, and many others.

How is teaching? It’s why we’re here, and it’s strong. The Department of OB-GYN has continued to be a robust academic center. We’ve added a hospitalist service at DCH that gives senior students and residents great clinical learning opportunities. The Residency filled in the match this year with a 100% placement, a new record.

Finally, advise us about the knowledge and skills demanded of a physician today, and what the job market looks like.

Surgery

• Dr. Joe Wallace and Tim Winkler attended a "Laparoscopic Hand-Assisted Total Colectomy Workshop" in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on April 23, 2004. Dr. Wallace was interviewed by Channel 7 News about "gastroscopy surgery and bypass surgery." It aired on the University of Alabama’s WVUA Channel 7 News March 18 on the 5:00 and 10:00 new.

OB/GYN

• In January, 2004, Dan Avery was promoted from the editorial review board to Editor-in-Chief of the Mededlegal OB/GYN Newsletter, a professional peer review journal published in Buckhannon, WV, which addresses the legal aspects of Obstetric and Gynecologic practice in the United States. Dr. Avery was also selected to be the Executive Director of the American Society of Forensic Obstetricians and Gynecologists, a national group of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. Dr. Avery, who recently joined the faculty of CCHS, excelled as a CCHS medical student. At Morehouse College, Dr. Avery received the Community Medicine Achievement Award, Scholaristic Achievement Award, and William R. Willard Award. Dr. Avery also maintains his private practice in Winfield.

What about that rural mission? Our students continue to choose primary care specialties at levels well above their UASOM and national colleagues, while doing well in competitive residencies around the country. We’re proud of students matching at Yale, Vanderbilt, Chapel Hill, and Washington U., and studying family medicine residencies around the country, including our own. We’re proud that some of our medical school and residency graduates are leaders in academic medicine and that significant numbers of them are practicing in rural and underserved areas across the country.

How does that happen? The Rural Health Scholars, Minority Rural Pipeline Scholars, and Rural Medical Scholars Programs recruit and mentor rural students from high school through college and medical school, helping keep their eye on the prize of rural primary care practice. Five of our seven entering family practice interns this July are Rural Medical Scholars. Students and residents benefit from rural rotations. Our faculty encourage and model the value of primary care and rural practice.

The Institute for Rural Health Research, collaborating with other UA colleges, UAB, and other institutions around the Southeast, is adding to our understanding of health outcomes in rural communities. Everybody knows the statistics, but IRHR is identifying causes and solutions. Our annual Alabama Rural Health Conference has been held every April for the past five years, and this time met jointly with the Alabama Public Health Association.

What about finances? State funds keep declining and costs keep increasing. Through efficiencies and diversification, we are managing our resources well. A year ago, President Win gave us the responsibility for managing Russell Student Health Service, and that has proven to be a win for everybody involved.

By combining two medium-sized clinical programs, we have found significant efficiencies and new opportunities for resident teaching, quality improvement, and research.

In the past year we also successfully negotiated with our partners at DCH Regional Medical Center for a significant increase in funding for resident training, including new provisions in the Rural Primary Care Residency.

Clinical income dropped last fall, partly because of the new federal requirements for resident work hours, but we have reversed that trend and implemented a comprehensive productivity plan that will make us less vulnerable to unexpected changes in the future.

What about leadership? Dr. Eugene Marsh will take over from me as interim dean in July, and I am fully confident of his ability to keep the college on course. He will have the help of able department chairs and a committed staff.

The top recruiting priority right now is for the chair of our "anchor department," Family Medicine. A national search is under way, and I hope to see that position filled soon.

The relationship with University administration and with the leadership of UASOM has never been better. Our good friend Dr. Will Deal will retire as dean of UASOM as soon as his successor is named, so there is the expected degree of uncertainty. Our role as an essential part of the medical education system is clear, and we must look forward to building the program here. I think this is the best time ever to be dean of CCHS, and I have no doubt we’ll continue to lead the way in innovative, community-centered medical education and training, in model clinical programs, in research that supports our mission, and in rural outreach.

How can you help? Stay in touch; help us spread the word about the good work being done here in Tuscaloosa; help us find and recruit able students to the rural scholarships, program, and to our family practice residency. We’re preparing to join you in the trenches. Keep us informed about what the needs are in your practice and in your community and how you think we might be able to help. As you can, contribute financially. Finally, advise us about the knowledge and skills demanded of physicians in these days. We’re training the next generation of Alabama physicians here – your replacements. As Dr. Harrison* told us, there’s no greater privilege for them or for us.

*Dr. Harrison was Professor of Medicine in Birmingham and played a major role in placing the school and medical center on "the map." He also edited one of the principle textbooks of medicine of the past half century.

Dr. John C. Higginbotham and Dr. John Wheat presented information at the Southern Extension Research Activity (SERA) meeting on Rural Health, March 3-5 in Nashville. The training session for extension faculty and researchers was sponsored by the Southern Rural Development Center at Mississippi State University. Dr. Wheat described the "Agromedicine at the Grassroots" project for which he received the 2004 Community Medicine Achievement Award, Scholaristic Achievement Award, and William R. Willard Award.

Dr. Avery continued his work on the National Agricultural Law Center which he serves as principal investigator. Dr. Higginbotham, Director of the Institute for Rural Health Research, discussed his on-going Health Disparities research.

Dr. Wheat accompanied three of this year’s class of Rural Medical Scholars to the 2004 National Symposium on Agricultural Health and Safety in Keystone, Colorado, June 26-28. Dr. Gilbert, MHP, DeKalb County; Kirk Miller, MME, Clay County; and Kenneth Abrams, St. Clair County, participated in the Agromedicine symposium and were presented as representatives of the RMS program at the North American Agromedicine Consortium. Susan Guin, CRNP, Clinical Assistant Professor and Associate Director of the Rural Medical Scholars Program, is an Executive Committee Delegate for the Stronger Community Program, which Dr. Wheat is co-sponsoring the conference and conducting its annual business meeting in conjunction with the event.
Cartoonists Take Up Smoking
Over sixty cartoons by nationally renowned and Pulitzer Prize-winning editorial cartoonists curated by Dr. Alan Blum, Director
The University of Alabama Center for the Study of Tobacco and Society
A collection of editorial cartoons related to smoking curated by Alan Blum, MD, Gerald Leon Wallace Professor of Family Medicine at CCHS and Director of the University of Alabama Center for the Study of Tobacco and Society, was shown as a traveling exhibition from April 9 to May 4, 2004 at the Ann Tower Gallery in Lexington, KY. "Cartoonists Take Up Smoking" ran in conjunction with the annual convention of the Association of American Editorial Cartoonists.

Pulitzer Prize winner Joel Pett, cartoonist for the Lexington Herald-Leader, hosted the convention and his work was shown along with that of over 60 other editorial cartoonists including nine other Pulitzer Prize recipients from across the country. The exhibition is scheduled to be shown next at the Cartoon Art Museum in San Francisco.

Dr. Blum has been collecting political cartoons for thirty-five years. He has amassed more than 900 political cartoons on the tobacco issue from around the world with the original headlines that inspired the artists. This political cartoon collection is housed at the Center for the Study of Tobacco and Society and includes some of the most pungent political cartoons satirizing both the advocates and the opponents of efforts to curtail tobacco use and promotion.

CCHS and Public Health Dept. Host Fifth Annual Rural Health Conference
Nearly 400 people attended the Fifth Annual Rural Health Conference held April 28-30 at the Bryant Conference Center on The University of Alabama campus. The conference also included two pre-conference workshops: Grant Writing for Community-Based Organizations, and Rural Alabama Faith-Based Initiatives: Solutions for the Health Care Crisis.

The event was hosted by the University's Institute for Rural Health Research, the College of Community Health Sciences, and the Alabama Public Health Association. The conference was supported in part by a grant to the Institute for Rural Health Research from the National Institutes of Health's National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities.

Claude A. Allen, Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, gave a special keynote address at the conference about the efforts his agency is making to help health care professionals deliver quality care to rural communities. Allen noted that DHHS is the federal government's principal agency for protecting the health of all Americans and for providing essential human services, especially for those who are least able to help themselves. Some 300 DHHS programs cover a wide spectrum of activities, including medical and social science research, financial assistance and services for low-income families and the elderly, the Medicare, Medicaid, and Head Start programs, and programs for improving maternal and infant health. Allen said DHHS continuously evaluates how well these programs are meeting the needs of rural communities, like those in Alabama's Black Belt region. Primary concerns, Allen said, are shortages of health care professionals in rural communities and gaining the trust of rural citizens.

Dr. William A. Curry, Dean of the College of Community Health Sciences and Associate Dean for Tuscaloosa and Rural Programs for the University of Alabama School of Medicine, said Allen's keynote address helped establish a connection between federal officials and professionals in the field.

Other featured conference speakers were: Dr. Claudia Buquet, an associate dean at the University of Maryland School of Medicine and a leading national expert on cancer in minority and low-income populations; Dr. Donald E. Williamson, a leading expert on cancer in minority and low-income populations; Dr. Donald E. Williamson, a leading expert on cancer in minority and low-income populations; Dr. Donald E. Williamson, a leading expert on cancer in minority and low-income populations; Dr. Donald E. Williamson, a leading expert on cancer in minority and low-income populations; and Dr. Thomas J. Draper, director of the North Carolina Area Health Education Centers Program and associate dean of the School of Medicine at North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Attending the conference were health care professionals, rural community leaders, government officials and policymakers, academic researchers, representatives of faith-based organizations, and others from across the state.

"This year's conference was our best yet," Dean Curry said. "We are seeing progress in bridging racial and institutional barriers through the work of these conferences."
The Akers award was presented to Dr. Dawn Bryant by class president, Dr. Bethany Campbell. This award, chosen by the graduating class, recognizes the Tuscaloosa Senior who best personifies the art and the science of the practice of medicine.

The graduating class also honors excellence in teaching, choosing those who have contributed the most to their medical education during the clinical years at CCHS. Dr. Julia Boothe received the Resident Recognition award from graduate Andy White, MD.

Dr. Robert Sheppard receives the class's Patrick McCue award for contributions to medical education during their senior year from Kim Ray, MD. Dr. Mike Taylor, pictured on the cover, was presented with the junior year award by his daughter, Heather.

Katherine Hensleigh, MD, a family physician in Butler, Alabama, was named "Preceptor of the Year" by the Dept. of Community & Rural Medicine for her dedication and service as preceptor of Community Medicine and Family Medicine to medical students in clinical training at CCHS. Presenting the award is Dr. John C. Higginbotham, interim chair of Community & Rural Medicine. Preceptors are critical in training rural primary care physicians.

Dr. Heather Taylor received the Scholastic Achievement award for the highest academic average during the clinical years at CCHS. Dean William A. Curry, MD, presents the plaque recognizing her accomplishments. Dr. Taylor was also inducted as a member of the prestigious international medical honor society, Alpha Omega Alpha. AOA is an honor which receives lifelong recognition.

Heather Taylor, MD, Marwa EI-Menshawi, MD, and Marina Thompson, MD, with Dr. Cathy Drenhem (l), who presented them with the American Medical Women's Association Janet M. Glasgow Award. This award is given to women who place in the top 10% of their graduating class. All three are also members of Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA), the medical honor society which recognizes the top academic achievers during their medical school years. Marwa and Heather also won the Merck Manual Award.

Pickens County physicians with two newest members of medical community: Robert Sheppard, MD, Internist from Carrollton and CCHS hospitalist on the Internal Medicine faculty; his son, Dusty Sheppard, MD, a 1996 Rural Medical Scholar and a 2001 graduate now in residency in Little Rock, Kaie Carpenter, MD, a 1998 Rural Medical Scholar and native of Pickens County graduating this year, Dean Bill Curry, MD, who had a private practice of internal medicine in his hometown of Carrollton for 17 years before joining the fulltime faculty at CCHS; and John Brandon, MD, Gordo family physician and Medical Director of the UA Rural Scholars Program at CCHS.

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Carpenter, Kara
Collins, Kara M.
Dustin
El-Menshawi, Marwa E.
Freeman, Matthew G.
Hoover, Archie D.
Marker, Bradley T.
Pettus, Sonja D.
Pybass, John A.
Ray, Kimberly L.
Sides, Erannie H.
Simonson, James K.
Taylor, Heather M.
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Univ. of Florida Sacred Heart Hospital
Tuscaloosa Family Practice Residency
Univ. of TN-Chattanooga
Cincinnati Children's Hospital
Tuscaloosa Family Practice Residency
Tuscaloosa Family Practice Residency

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Family Medicine
Prelim. Surgery
Pediatrics
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Family Medicine
Family Medicine

The Larry Mayes Memorial Scholarship, given to a rising junior student for assistance in an underserved area of this country or another country, was presented by Cathy Gresham, MD, Director of Medical Student Affairs at CCHS, to Tuscaloosa Family Practice resident Archie Hooper, MD, with Dr. Sam Gaskin (r), Professor of Family Medicine. The Larry Mayes family in memory of medical student Larry Mayes, who died in 1986 after contracting encephalitis during a rotation in Africa.

Departmental Awards

Family Medicine: Archie Hooper, MD, with Dr. Sam Gaskin (r), Professor of Family Medicine.

Psychiatry (Peter Bryce Award): Banks John Pybass with Dr. Melissa Kulatja, Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, who presented award.

OB/GYN (Finney Akers Memorial): Kim Ray, MD; Dr. Dan Avery (l), assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology.

Neurology: Marina Thompson, MD, with neurologists and preceptor Dr. Daniel Potts (r), who presented the award.

William R. Shandsky Surgery Award: Kim Ray, MD, presented by Surgery Chief Dr. Joseph Williams (l).

Rural Medical Scholars in the fourth RMS class gathered for a group photo after Honors Convocation. Kara Carpenter (center) with Associate Professor Dr. John C. Higgens, Jr., presenter.

Community & Rural Medicine (Glorio award): Archie Hooper, MD, with Associate Professor Dr. John C. Higgens, Jr., presenter.

Heather Taylor, MD (center), who won the Pediatrics award and the William K. Wintemute Award in Internal Medicine with Dr. Ashley Evans, Associate Professor of Pediatrics, and Dr. Wintemute, Professor Emeritus of Internal Medicine.
The first class of University of Alabama Rural Medical Scholars Draw National Attention as a Model for Rural Recruitment and Retention. More than 3000 women have been screened for CMV antibodies since this study began. Our present rate of seronegativity averages 37%, which is significantly higher than the rates of seronegativity that are more vulnerable to exposure of CMV at the time of conception. We have identified a significant number of women who have seronegativity, and the rate of seronegativity has been found to be associated with a significant decrease in the number of women who have delivered a child that has CMV infection. The results of this study suggest that women who have seronegativity may benefit from interventions to increase their seroprevalence levels. These interventions may include the use of antiviral medications or the use of vaccines. The results of this study have implications for the prevention of CMV infection and the management of women who have seronegativity.
Sarah Lynn Bisch, MD, med student grad 1997, is not currently working but writes that she is now board certified in adult and child psychiatry and got married last year. She graduated from Hopkins in residency at UAB and was at CCHS 1995-1997, when she graduated from the University of Alabama School of Medicine. Her addresses are: Sarah Lynn Bisch, M.D. 7569 Jerze Rd. #20 Carlsbad, CA 92009.

Claihorne Stanford, Jr, MD, a CCHS medical student who graduated from USOM in 2000, sends this update: I enjoy receiving the bulletins, and I thought I'd update you on my address and practice location. I am a pediatrics resident in the Children's Medical Group of Hattiesburg. We currently have three pediatricians. I finished a residency in Pediatrics at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in June 2003. My wife Caroline and I have a son, Jackson, who was born in August 2003.

Address: 66 Summer Place, Hattiesburg, MS 35402 (601) 296-3050 email claihorne@charter.net

Barbara Geater (Residency, 1996) completed her third Ironman triathlon last June at Coeur D'Alene, Idaho. Her note came in December, 2003 and I haven't heard from her since, so I guess she is still resting up for her next one. I may also note, since she also said she is working a lot. Her practice is in Memphis, Tennessee, and her e-mail address is: bgeatermd@rentropandgeater.com

Send alumni news to Linda Jackson

CCHS alumni after the graduating classes of 2004 will no longer have memories of working at Cape Canaveral Medical Center (right) like you have. The banner across the front announces the closing of CMC.

Plan to visit the new CCHS building and medical clinics the next time you can come to Tuscaloosa. A Community Open House is planned for Sunday, August 22, but we will conduct a tour for alums any time. Just let us know when you're coming! jackson@css.ua.edu (205) 348-1802

Children aided from 'Bear Hugs'

Larry Skelton, 1980 residency grad, practices in Mountainville, Alabama. He wanted to share this picture and thank you note for the special gift he and his wife Martha gave in memory of their daughter Christina.

Montana passion

The October 8, 2003, newspaper story describes the rescue of two stranded hikers and their dog from rough terrain in the Bitterroot Mountains of western Montana after a full injury of the hikers. After they called for help with a cell phone, a rescue crew lowered over 200 feet to an 18-inch ledge about 40 feet below the crevasse where the hikers and dog were waiting. Roan had to climb up to the hikers on an 80-degree slope holding on to a rope he had thrown down to them. He said it was pretty scary since there was nothing else on the rock face to hold on to Roan helped to stabilize the injured hiker so the crew could hoist him up and fly him to the hospital.

On refueling, the helicopter rescued two more stranded hikers from the crevasse the day before. The two hikers were immediately flown by helicopter to a trauma center.

Brandon Named Gordo Citizen of the Year

John E. Brandon, (Residency, 1981), who has practiced in Gordo since 1981, was named Citizen of the Year at the Gordo Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet in March. The award was presented by the Gordo High School football coach, chosen because as team physician, Dr. Brandon has not missed a Green Wave football game in 23 years. Dr. Brandon was invited to the banquet on the pretext of presenting another award so that he could surprise his family and colleagues who had been notified in advance and were present to congratulate him.

Last spring, I published this mystery picture from our photo file and asked for the identity of the doctor with the hikers. He is Dr. Raymond D. Brignac (Residency, 1978), who learned from Dr. Owings. I got an e-mail from Dr. Brignac, who now practices in a large group clinic with five board certified Family Physicians in Selma: Selma Medical Associates, 901 Medical Center Pkwy, Selma, AL 36701, Phone 334-876-2640, rbd@ selmahealth.net

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6 John Mantle, MD  “Treatment of AMI”
8 Donnie Smith, MD  “Upper GI Bleeding”
9 Steve Helm, MD  “Allergy Emergencies”
13 Ford Simpson, MD  “Trauma to the Chest”
15 Keith DeBell, MD  “DKA and Related Emergencies”
16 TBA
20 Angela Woolard, MD  “Airway Management”
22 Stephen Ikard, MD  “Orthopedic Emergencies”
23 David Rice, MD  “Respiratory Emergencies”
27 Ashley Evans, MD  “Pediatric Seizures”
29 Kenneth Aldridge, MD  “Urological Emergencies”
30 Albert White, MD  “Infectious Disease Emergencies”

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3 Carlos Berry, MD  “Major Psychiatric Emergencies”
5 TBA
6 E. Eugene Marsh, III, MD  “Stroke & other Neurological Emergencies”
10 Samuel Kantor, MD  “Acute Renal Failure”
12 Carl Stephenson, MD  “ENT Emergencies”
David Rosenstiel, MD
13 Paul Roberts, MD  “Trauma with Multiple Injuries”
17 Karen Burgess, MD  “Pediatric Shock”
19 George Kudirka, MD  “Eye Emergencies”
20 S. B. Sundar, MD  “Lower GI Bleeding”
24 Skip Pridgen, MD  “Acute Abdomen”
26 Ross Vaughn, MD  “Congestive Heart Failure”
27 William Curry, MD  “Hypertension Emergencies”
31 Karl Hasik, MD  “OB/GYN Emergencies”

This schedule was tentative at the time it was submitted. To confirm the speaker and topic, contact Carol Bosshell, cbosshell@cchs.ua.edu. CCHS Conference Schedules are available on the Health Sciences Library web site: www.bama.ua.edu/-hslibl.

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