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Quote of the Month:

“Everything should be made as simple as possible, but not one bit simpler.”

Albert Einstein

Did You Know?

U.S. Army medics in World War I knew of the germ-fighting properties of rodent saliva and carried hamsters in their medical bags to sterilize wounds in the field. (source – Chris White “Top5” website, “verified as true”!)

Trivia Question:

What immune-mediated condition is associated with recurring violaceous inflammation of the external ear?

Medical History Quote:

“The fact that your patient gets well does not prove that your diagnosis was correct.”

Samuel J. Meltzer
1851-1920

Case of the Month

A 34 year old woman complains of right upper quadrant pain. The pain is dull, constant, unrelated to position or food intake. She has no nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea, and denies weight loss, jaundice, or anorexia. She is an elementary school teacher with no history of travel or unusual exposures. Aside from routine childhood illnesses, the patient has been healthy, taking only oral contraceptives. Physical examination is entirely normal except for mild obesity. Routine laboratory studies and liver enzymes are normal. Right upper quadrant ultrasound reveals a single well-demarcated hyperechoic 6 cm mass in the right lobe of the liver. What is the most likely diagnosis and what would you recommend?

Career Opportunities

Check out the new career opportunities section of the residency website. It’s in the password protected area and includes practice as well as fellowship announcements and notices. This will replace the paper “job file” previously kept in the residency office. All email notices, brochures, etc. regarding job opportunities will be added to this site on a regular basis, so check back frequently to browse through the opportunities.

Representatives to City-Wide DAGMEC Council

Residents in the categorical internal medicine program have selected the following for the new DAGMEC Resident Council:

representative Eunice Pyun (R2), alternate Senthuran Siva (R2)

This Council will have representation from all training programs in the Dayton area and will meet regularly to discuss resident issues brought forward for action and feedback. There will be no faculty present during the meetings. Issues requiring attention will be directed to the appropriate departments and/or staff for further investigation and action as needed. This process will insure that the residents have confidential input into Graduate Medical Education issues. The Council will be best utilized for issues affecting multiple programs, but can also address individual program issues if they have not been adequately addressed at the “local” level. Let Eunice or Senthuran know if you identify any issues to be taken before the Council.

Software Training Available for Statistical Software

Thanks to Dr. Ron Markert for finding this opportunity for software training for residents, fellows, or faculty. WSU’s Computing and Telecomm Services (CaTS) offers a 3-part Excel series and single-session overviews of SAS and SPSS (two research-oriented statistical packages). Information can be found at: <http://www.wright.edu/cats/train>.

Each session is likely 2-3 hours in duration and thus would require a morning or afternoon commitment. Also, while enrollment is at no charge, there is a \$25 no-show charge. If one is interested, check with your department (faculty) or the residency office (residents) for a registration account number that would be charged if you fail to attend a scheduled course..

Baby



Congratulations to Nikki (R2) and Alexander Okoye on the birth of baby boy Anthony Chidi Okoye on July 21st..

EPIC Update

There are different screens and functionality in ambulatory/HSD and inpatient settings! For those who practice in both, a change in login department is required to ensure the necessary Epic application settings are available. One may need to switch back and forth to view and update all information.

Thanks to all residents who successfully weathered the transition to EPIC progress notes at Miami Valley Hospital in July. Reports about excellent resident computer skills and flexibility and are still pouring in. Not only have residents adapted quickly for entry of their own information, they are assisting practicing physicians and faculty by showing them better shortcuts and applications in the record. Great job!

ACGME Bulletin

Summer 2008 issue of Resident Review, the online newsletter for residents, has been posted and can be viewed at http://www.acgme.org/acWebsite/resReview/ACG%2007_ResRevSummer08_F.pdf

**Answer to Trivia
Question:**

**Relapsing
polychondritis**

NEJM Early Job Alert:

The New England Journal of Medicine offers Early Job Alert; a free service automatically sending residents a weekly e-mail with links to jobs matching their selected search criteria. To register, go to www.nejmjobs.org and click on "Create Job Alerts".

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RMS Reminder

For Resident Forum session evaluations, please confine written comments to those related to the presentation. Do NOT use this space to explain why you didn't attend the conference (e.g. night float, post-call)! We prepare print-outs of these summaries to send to each speaker. Inclusion of positive feedback and/or constructive criticism is always valuable, but we don't want the reports cluttered with unrelated info. If you weren't there, mark the "NTE" box, save, and then move on to the next evaluation. Thanks!

[Use "NTE" for any evaluation sent to you in error, someone with whom you spent very little time, or one where you have no opinion or comment. That will remove it from your list and stop the email reminders.]

Answer to Case

The leading diagnostic possibility is a hepatic adenoma, commonly associated with oral contraceptive or anabolic steroid use. Because the mass is greater than 5 cm and the patient is symptomatic, surgical resection should be recommended. Additional imaging may be considered before surgery, with MRI showing some advantages over CT for definitive diagnosis of this disorder.


Recognized for Humanism & Excellence

The following residents were nominated by the Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine Class of 2009 for The Arnold P. Gold Foundation Humanism and Excellence in Teaching Award. This award is based on demonstration of commitment to teaching and compassionate treatment of patients and families, students, and colleagues.

finished training 2008: Syed Ali, Sarah Hedrick, Naveed Iqbal
R3: Thomas Grana, Donald Martin, Ed McCann
R2: Kevin Goist

Congratulations to all for this honor

August Birthdays

	Shoaib Ali	R3	8/11
	Casey Frakes	R3	8/21
	Stephanie Mathew	R3	8/29
	Kevin Rich	R2	8/21
	Andria Smith	R1	8/3

What is Fisher House?

You may have noticed this building near the Wright-Patterson Medical Center. It is part of a network of services for military families. Here are some of the details from the Fisher House website:



The Fisher House™ program is a unique private-public partnership that supports America's military in their time of need. The program recognizes the special sacrifices of our men and women in uniform and the hardships of military service by meeting a humanitarian need beyond that normally provided by the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs.

Because members of the military and their families are stationed worldwide and must often travel great distances for specialized medical care, Fisher House™ Foundation donates "comfort homes," built on the grounds of major military and VA medical centers. These homes enable family members to be close to a loved one at the most stressful times - during the hospitalization for an unexpected illness, disease, or injury.

Learn more about other military support programs at <http://www.supportourtroops.org>. This is the website for a non-partisan, non-political civilian organization responsible for several initiatives to support active duty troops and their families.

WEATHER LORE FOR AUGUST

Observe on what day in August the first heavy fog occurs, and expect a hard frost on the same day in October.

If the first week in August is unusually warm, the winter will be white and long.

If corn blades twist up, it will rain.