

practice notes

August 2010

Work Link Physician Certified as Medical Review Officer

Nazia Javed, M.D., of Work Link, was recently certified by the Medical Review Officer Certification Council (MROCC).

MROCC is an independent physician-based certifying body that conducts an extensive application process and written examination to identify licensed physicians with the highest professional standards of medical expertise and practical skills necessary to evaluate drug and alcohol test results in the workplace.

The U.S. Department of Transportation, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and many other companies require employees to be tested for drugs and alcohol. Federal law mandates that a certified Medical Review Officer must make the final determination of whether a positive laboratory test represents substance abuse. A certified officer may also act as a valuable resource to protect the company, helping with policies and regulatory issues, as well as providing related services like drug testing collections, breath alcohol testing, coordination of lab services and lab performance testing. This certification indicates that a physician is well-prepared to handle workplace drug and alcohol testing programs and to help manage chemical dependency.

Dr. Javed completed her medical studies at King Edward University in Pakistan, and her family medicine residency at Phoenix Baptist Hospital in Phoenix, Ariz. She is board certified in family medicine.

Dee Dee Coker, D.O., medical director of Work Link, is also a certified Medical Review Officer.

North Mississippi Sports Medicine Welcomes New Physician

North Mississippi Sports Medicine & Orthopaedic Clinic, P.L.L.C. is pleased to announce the association of **Eric Lewis, M.D.**

Dr. Lewis received a bachelor's degree in bioengineering from Texas A&M University, and received his medical training from Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tenn. He completed an internship in general surgery at St. Joseph Hospital in Houston, Texas, as well as an orthopaedic research fellowship and orthopaedic surgery residency at the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston. He also completed a fellowship in hand and microsurgery in the Department of Plastic Surgery at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

Dr. Lewis is board certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery and specializes in orthopaedic surgery of the elbow, wrist and hand. Prior to coming to Tupelo, he worked as an orthopaedic hand surgeon at the Naval Hospital in Camp Lejeune, N.C.

North Mississippi Sports Medicine and Orthopaedic Clinic is located in Longtown Medical Park, 4381 S. Eason Blvd, Suite 303 in Tupelo. For more information, call (662) 840-5747.

Tupelo Native Returns to Practice Radiation Oncology

Premier Radiology announces the association of **Micah Monaghan, M.D.**, for the practice of radiation oncology at North Mississippi Medical Center's Cancer Center.

Dr. Monaghan is a 1997 graduate of Tupelo High School and earned a bachelor's degree in biochemistry from the University of Mississippi in 2001. He completed his medical training at the University of



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Alabama School of Medicine at Birmingham in 2005 and a transitional internship with Baptist Health System in 2006. He completed residency training in radiation oncology at UAB Hospital in June.

Dr. Monaghan is a member of the American Society of Radiation Oncology, American Brachytherapy Society, American Society of Clinical Oncology and American Medical Association.

For more information, call the NMMC Cancer Center at (662) 377-4077.

Barnes Crossing Medical Clinic Welcomes New Doctor

Barnes Crossing Medical Clinic is pleased to announce that **Brad Crosswhite, M.D.**, is joining the clinic for the practice of family medicine.

Dr. Crosswhite joins Dr. Barry Jones at the clinic. Drs. Jeff Brown, Michael Gipson and Billy R. Walton and nurse practitioners Terry Miller, Mary Ann Fleming-Parker and Pam Hodges comprise the medical staff at Barnes Crossing Urgent Care Clinic next door.

Dr. Crosswhite graduated summa cum laude from David Lipscomb University in Nashville with a bachelor's degree in biology and Spanish. He received his medical training at the University of Mississippi School of Medicine in Jackson, where he graduated magna cum laude. During his studies he received the Miller Pittman Medical Scholarship and the F.A. Hunt Scholarship. He was an American Medical Association Foundation Scholar in 2006 and 2007, and a member of Phi Kappa Phi and Alpha Omega Alpha honor medical societies.

He recently completed his training at North Mississippi Medical Center's Family Medicine Residency Center, where he served as chief resident. Barnes Crossing Medical Clinic is located at 903 Mississippi Drive in Tupelo. For appointment information, call (662) 377-4652 or 1-800-THE DESK (1-800-843-3375).

Eupora Medical Clinic Welcomes New Doctor

Eupora Medical Clinic is pleased to announce that **Christy Vowell, D.O.**, is joining the clinic for the practice of family medicine.

Dr. Vowell joins Drs. David G. Booth, Jack Huffman, Charles Ozborn and John Shields and certified family nurse practitioner Abigail Moss at the clinic.

Dr. Vowell graduated magna cum laude from Mississippi State University with a bachelor's degree in microbiology. She completed her medical training at Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences and her residency at North Mississippi Medical Center Family Medicine Residency Center. During her studies, she was the recipient of the KCUMB Primary Care Award and the Dr. Leonard Smith Scholarship.

Eupora Medical Clinic is located at 1301 Veteran's Memorial Blvd. in Eupora. For appointment information, call (662) 258-7200.

Urology Professional Association Welcomes New Doctor

Urology Professional Association welcomes **Kristopher Whitehead, M.D.**

Dr. Whitehead, a native of Alabama, graduated magna cum laude from Auburn University and received his medical training at the University of Alabama School of Medicine in Birmingham. He completed an internship in the Department of Surgery and a residency in the Department of Urology at Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Fla.

While in medical training, Dr. Whitehead was in several honor societies, including Phi Kappa Phi, Beta Beta Beta National Biological Honor Society, Phi Theta Kappa and Golden Key International Honour Society. He also received the E.L. Gibson Foundation Scholarship. In addition to training in general urology, Dr. Whitehead was also trained in robotic surgery.

He is a member of the American Urological Association, the Sexual Medicine Society of North America and the Society for the Study of Male Reproduction.

Urology Professional Association is located on the fourth floor of the East Tower of North Mississippi Medical Center, 830 S. Gloster St. For more information, call (662) 377-7100.

Low Vision Services Available in Baldwyn

Baldwyn Outpatient Rehabilitation Services offers **low vision rehabilitation services** for individuals with glaucoma, macular degeneration, cataracts, diabetic retinopathy, stroke and traumatic brain injury.



Services are provided by Cheri Nipp, an occupational therapist who recently completed her graduate certificate in low vision rehabilitation from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. The therapist evaluates the patient's ability to perform daily tasks and the areas that have been affected by vision impairment. Training may be provided in either the home or the clinic, or in some cases both. Services may include training with optical and non-optical devices, paying bills and managing finances, managing medications, preparing meals safely, teaching use of remaining vision and teaching non-visual methods.

Medicare and most insurance will cover low vision services when referred by a physician and provided by an occupational therapist. For more information, call (662) 365-7840 or (662) 365-4016.

NMMC Plans Asthma Super Saturday for Children & Adults

NMMC will host **Asthma Super Saturday** from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, at the NMMC Women's Hospital, 4566 S. Eason Blvd.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. Participants will be divided into two groups. Asthma education and entertainment will be provided for children.

Education will also be offered for ages 13 and older, including parents of children with asthma.

The event is free and will also feature light refreshments and door prizes. For more information or to pre-register for Asthma Super Saturday, call (662) 377-4706 or 1-800-THE DESK (1-800-843-3375).

IRB Approves, Renews Studies

The NMHS Institutional Review Board (IRB) currently oversees more than 90 biomedical and behavioral studies. The IRB meets monthly and the following studies were approved at the July meeting.

New Studies

Study: *A Randomized Cross-over Phase II Study of the Safety and Efficacy of Two Dose Levels of TH-302 in Combination with Gemcitabine Compared with Gemcitabine Alone in Previously Untreated Patients with Locally Advanced Unresectable or Metastatic Pancreatic Adenocarcinoma (TH-CR-404)*

Investigators: Christopher Croot, M.D. (PI); Hematology and Oncology Associates

Summary: The purpose of this study is to gather information on the safety and effect on pancreatic cancer from different doses of TH-302 in combination with gemcitabine.

Study: *A Phase II, Double-blind, Placebo-controlled Study of Two Doses of EPA-E in Patients with NASH (MCH-02-001)*

Investigators: John Phillips, M.D. (PI); Digestive Health Specialists

Summary: The purpose of this study is to determine how safe and effective multiple doses of EPA-E are in treating non-alcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH).

Study: *FISH – U.S. Multicenter, Randomized, Controlled Study Comparing the Safety and Effectiveness of the Femoral Introducer Sheath and Hemostasis (FISH) versus Manual Compression in Hemostatic Closure of the Femoral Artery Post Percutaneous Transluminal Procedures (IDE #G030232)*

Investigators: Barry Bertolet, M.D. (PI); Cardiology Associates of North Mississippi

Summary: The purpose of this study is to compare the investigational device, FISH, to manual compression in terms of the amount of time it takes to stop the bleeding from the puncture site and the amount of time it takes until patients are able to get up and walk around.

Study: *ELEVATE – TIMI 56 – Escalating Clopidogrel by Involving a Genetic Strategy – Thrombolysis in Myocardial Infarction 56*

Investigators: Barry Bertolet, M.D. (PI); Cardiology Associates of North Mississippi

Summary: The purpose of this study is to determine if subjects who carry a reduced-function CYP2C219 allele will have improvement in platelet inhibition with higher maintenance doses of clopidogrel.

Study: *VISARA – A Randomized, Parallel-group, Open-label, Multicenter Study to Evaluate the Effects of Tocilizumab on Vaccination in Subjects with Active Rheumatoid Arthritis receiving Background Methotrexate (NA25256)*

Investigators: Charles King, M.D. (PI); IMA-Tupelo
Summary: The purpose of this study is to evaluate the humoral immune response after the pneumovax vaccine in patients with active rheumatoid arthritis treated with tocilizumab in combination with methotrexate, compared with patients treated with methotrexate alone.





Continuing Medical Education

The CME Program is based in the NMMC Education Department and works to provide quality educational programming that will meet general as well as specific professional needs. Please call (662) 377-3826 or the Consult Line at 1-800-952-8101 if you have CME comments and/or suggestions. Select CME programs are by invitation only and are also subject to change. **Please RSVP upon receipt of invitation.** Visit www.nmhs.net/physicians_portal/cme.php for more information.

August 13

Infection Control Conference

8 a.m., NMMC North Education Center
For more information call Tracie Maxey Conwill at (662) 377-3826.

August 19

Medical Ethics Committee

Ethical Dilemmas Surrounding Reasonable and Necessary Treatments
Arthur Chambers, M.D.
7 a.m., NMMC North Education Center
AMA PRA CME credit will be issued.

August 25

ACLS 1-Day Recertification Course

8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., NMMC North Education Center
NMMC employees, \$25; others, \$120
For more information or to register, call (662) 377-3421.

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