Dr. Paul Perry Receives Golden Tongue Blade Award

Paul Perry, M.D., has been selected as the recipient of NMMC’s 2011-2012 Golden Tongue Blade Award. Dr. Perry received the award at NMMC’s Annual Employee Recognition Banquet.

Dr. Perry was nominated for the award, which is given annually to an NMMC physician by NMMC employees, because of his outstanding contributions to customer service, teamwork, quality of care and leadership.

Dr. Perry is a pulmonologist with Pulmonary Consultants. He received his bachelor’s degree from Mississippi College, and completed his medical training and internal medicine residency at the University of Mississippi School of Medicine. He completed fellowships in infectious disease and pulmonology at the University of Alabama in Birmingham. He joined the NMMC medical staff in 2009.

Dr. Vinson Announces New Location

North Mississippi Medical Center-West Point and Thomas L. Vinson, M.D., announce the opening of West Point Surgical Associates, located at 850 Emergency Drive.

For an appointment with Dr. Vinson, call (662) 492-3220 or 1-800-THE DESK (1-800-843-3375).

An Oxford native, Dr. Vinson performs general, thoracic, laparoscopic and endoscopic surgery at NMMC-West Point. He was formerly affiliated with Surgery Clinic of Columbus, PLLC.

Dr. Vinson earned his medical degree from the University of Mississippi School of Medicine in 1975. He completed a general surgery residency at the University of South Alabama Medical Center in 1980. A board-certified general surgeon, he has practiced general surgery and emergency medicine in Columbus since 1984. He began practicing emergency medicine in West Point in 1981 and performing surgeries there around 2000.

Pulmonary Consultants Welcomes New Provider

Pulmonary Consultants is pleased to welcome Amanda Martin, board-certified nurse practitioner.

Martin received her bachelor’s degree in science from Mississippi State University in Starkville. She received her bachelor’s degree in nursing from the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson. She also completed a master’s degree and her family nurse practitioner certification at Mississippi University for Women.

She joins Drs. Will Edmondson, Kevin Harbour, Lyndon Perkins, Paul Perry, David Reed, James Rish, Bob Stewart, Jaime Ungo and David Witty, and nurse practitioners Vanessa Herndon and Carolyn Estes.

Pulmonary Consultants is located at 860 S. Madison St. in Tupelo.
Dr. Edward Receives
Statewide Honor
Edward Hill, M.D., has been named to the first University of Mississippi Medical Alumni Hall of Fame, along with Drs. Blair Batson, James Hardy, Arthur Guyton and Henry Laws.

Dr. Gilliland Named NMMC
Cancer Liaison Physician
David Gilliland, M.D., was recently appointed to be the Cancer Liaison Physician (CLP) at NMMC.

As CLP, Dr. Gilliland is part of a network of 1,500 physician volunteers charged with the task of providing leadership and improving the quality of cancer care in cancer programs across the country. CLPs are responsible for activities in four areas: 1) monitoring and interpreting program performance using National Cancer Data Base data and using the information to evaluate and improve the quality of care, 2) reporting on Commission on Cancer (CoC) activities, initiatives and priorities to the cancer committee, 3) serving as liaison for the cancer program with the American Cancer Society and 4) being present during the CoC survey and meeting with the surveyor.

Dr. Gilliland is a general and vascular surgeon at Surgery Associates, P.A.

Dorough Appointed to
State Board of Nursing
Mississippi Nurses Association recently announced Governor Phil Bryant’s appointment of Rebecca R. Dorough, MSN, CFNP, to the Mississippi Board of Nursing effective July 1.

Dorough fills the position of Nurse Practitioner, BSN or above on the board and represents Congressional District One. Since 2002, Dorough has served as managing director of North Mississippi Medical Center’s Garfield Clinic. In addition to managing the clinic, she treats adult patients who have infectious diseases. She joined the NMMC staff in 1979 and previously served as NMMC’s infectious disease nurse case manager and oncology nurse clinician.

Dorough earned her associate’s, bachelor’s and master’s degrees in nursing from Mississippi University for Women.

NMMC Rehab to Sponsor
Adaptive Water Ski Clinics
NMMC Rehabilitation Services will sponsor three free Adaptive Water Ski Clinics this summer.

Clinics are scheduled on Tuesday, June 19; Wednesday, July 25; and Tuesday, Aug. 21, in Tupelo for individuals who are at least one year post spinal cord injury or traumatic brain injury, or who have other physical limitations. Participation is limited, and registration is required. For more information, visit www.nmhs.net/ski_clinic.php. To register, call Bettye Witherspoon, NMMC Outpatient Rehabilitation Center, at (662) 377-7223 or 1-800-THE DESK (1-800-843-3375).

Physician Shadowing Students
Physician Shadowing students will be at NMMC for two sessions, June 11-29 and July 9-27. For more information, call Rosalyn Campbell at (662) 377-3245.

Annual Mid-Level
Provider Meeting
The annual Mid-Level Provider Meeting, including nurse practitioners and physician assistants, will be held from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, June 2, in room 21 of the NMMC East Tower. Lunch will be provided.

Presenters include David Barber, NMMC president, Mississippi Nursing Association representatives, and Brandi Young, FNP-BC. For more information, call (662) 328-9702.
IRB Approves Study
The NMHS Institutional Review Board currently oversees more than 100 biomedical and behavioral studies. The IRB meets monthly and the following studies were approved and renewed at the May 17 meeting.

New Study:
Study: RISE Registry – Rheumatology Informatics System for Effectiveness Registry
Investigators: Charles King, M.D. (PI); Brandi Young, FNP-BC
Summary: This registry, sponsored by the American College of Rheumatology, will provide the opportunity for members of the organization to build a data collection system that will be used to better understand rheumatic disease processes, address existing treatment gaps and assist in the development of new and improved treatments for rheumatic disease.
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.


June 5 • Diastolic Heart Failure
Barry Bertolet, M.D.
NMMC North Education Center
For more information call (662) 377-3826.

June 14 • ACLS One-Day Recertification
8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. • NMMC North Education Center
For more information or to register call (662) 377-3421.

June 21 • Medical Ethics Committee
How Bad Research Plays into Public Health: Vaccinations
Charles Robertson, M.D.
7:30 a.m. • NMMC East Tower, Room 21
For more information call (662) 377-4115.

July 13 • PALS Renewal Course
8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. • NMMC North Education Center
For more information or to register call (662) 377-3421.

July 19 • Medical Ethics Committee
Ethical Issues in Medical Genetics
Christopher Croot, M.D.
7:30 a.m. • NMMC East Tower, Room 21
For more information call (662) 377-4115.

July 26-27 • ACLS Two-Day Provider Course
8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. • NMMC North Education Center
For more information or to register call (662) 377-3421.

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