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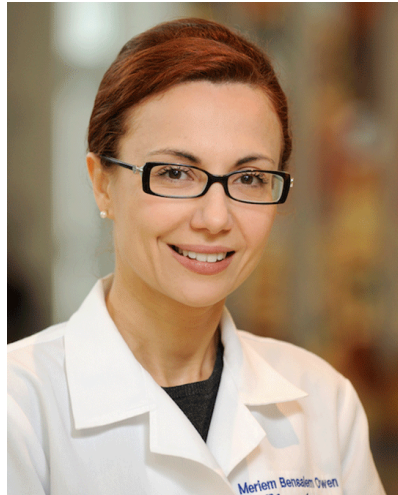
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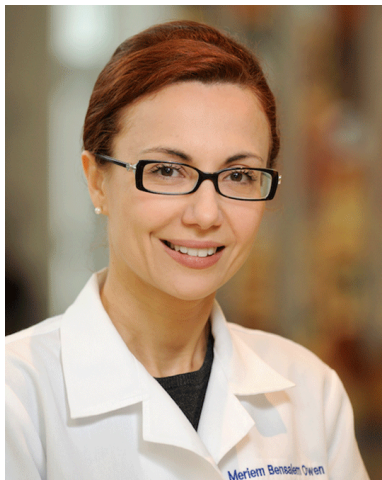
Invited Speaker and Moderator American Clinical Neurophysiology Society



Meriem Bensalem-Owen, MD, was invited to speak at the ACNS annual meeting she presented, "Does EEG-Video Monitoring Still Need to be done in the Inpatient Setting? Hospital vs. Ambulatory EEG-Video."

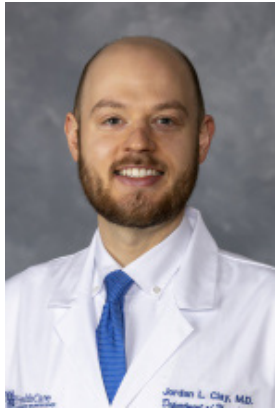
Dr. Bensalem-Owen, MD, co-chaired 2 symposia: "Combining EEG and fMRI for Intractable Epilepsy Evaluation: Something Old, Something New", and "The Power of Social Media in Shaping the Future of Clinical Neurophysiology Education".

Faculty Achievements



Meriem Bensalem-Owen, MD, was elected 2nd vice president of the American Clinical Neurophysiology Society (ACNS). Dr. Bensalem-Owen was appointed as Chair of the NAEC Accreditation Committee, and will serve as Affiliate Board of Advisor representative for the Epilepsy Foundation National. She was also appointed as at-large member of the College of Medicine faculty council.

Faculty Achievements Cont.



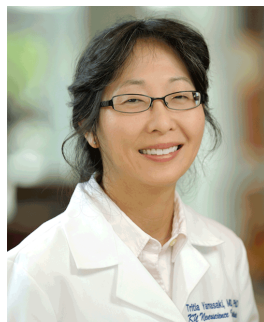
Jordan Clay, MD, passed the ABPN Clinical Neurophysiology Certification boards.



Jordan Harp, PhD, accepted the position as Program Director for our Neuropsychology Fellowship program.



Ima Ebong, MD, who is currently the Co-Councilor for UK CoM's chapter of Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society, has also been selected for induction into AOA by our student members. Dr. Ebong also accepted an invitation to be a member of the *Neurology Clinical Practice* editorial board.



Amanda Glueck, PhD, and Triticia Yamasaki, MD, PhD, completed the requirements for the WIMS Professional Development Certificate. The program consisted of participation in 10 hours of professional development over two-years and included a variety of WIMS seminars and keynote sessions.

Faculty Kudos



Fred Schmitt, PhD, received a very nice comment from one of his patients. The patient's daughter called to tell the clinic that she was very impressed with the level of service and compassion that our team showed. She said the staff, Dr. Schmitt, and his colleague (she couldn't recall her name) were exceptionally kind, and understanding. Much to her surprise, Dr. Schmitt actually pushed her mother's wheelchair out to the parking garage himself to assist them. They are having some difficult times navigating the patient's health due to her advancing dementia. The team's extra time and compassion really meant a lot to them. The patient's daughter also said they have been referred to several clinics/organizations as of late due to the complexity of her mother's condition. She commented that they have not received this level of care from any other institutions.



Ruta Yardi, MD, received a nice comment from the Epilepsy Foundation of Kentuckiana:

"Our client is genuinely grateful for the support she has received from the EF Kentuckiana and Dr. Yardi. She shared that Dr. Yardi is incredible and immediately squeezed her in for testing this week. She also shared that Dr. Yardi provided her with more information about her diagnosis that her previous neurologist didn't know."



Sharoon Qaiser, MD, received a kind note from a patient's mother:

"There was almost no wait time anytime during his appointment. The nurse was very helpful and answered any and all of our questions."

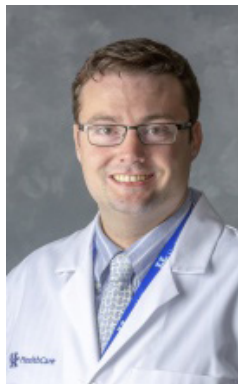
Resident/Faculty Kudos



Prasanna Gangishetti, MBBS, PGY 4, received some nice comments from a patient in the KNI Clinic: "He was awesome! His questions were appropriately paced, to the point and compassionate. His exam was likewise. Overall, he was able to re-assure both of us with his explanations of the potential problems in both language and context that was easy for us to understand. He identified himself as a trainee, in his interactions and yet conducted himself at a level above what we've come to expect from residents at UK. My wife (who is not medical) was very positive about her experiences with him."

Zain Guduru, MD, received a nice comment from the same patient: "Dr. Guduru was great and provided us with a diagnosis, explanation, and treatment plan that was easy to understand. He was also took the time to teach his resident and made sure the correct treatment was ordered. Compared with many interactions at UK, we left this visit confident that everything was ordered and entered correctly and look forward to follow-up."

Resident Achievements



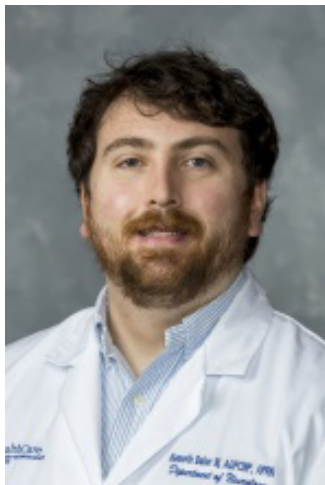
Eric Miller, MD, PGY 4, Dana Ionel, DO, PGY 4, and Gabriela Keeton, MD, PGY 4, Completed the GME Emerging Leaders program.

Resident Kudos



Rani Vasireddy, MBBS, PGY 2, received a very nice note and a beautiful piece of art from one of her patients. The patient's family wrote that Dr. Vasireddy worked calmly and intentionally while everything else seemed like chaos. She was referred to by the patient as Dr. Rani, and he called her "my girl." Dr. Rani means a lot to the family and are very thankful she was placed with their family.

Staff Kudos

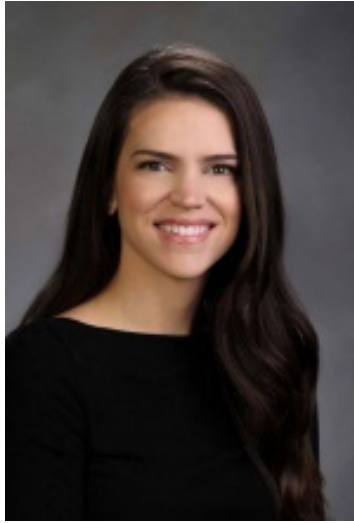


Kenneth Baker, APRN, received a SILVER STAR recognition. Some of the comments: "Ken went above and beyond yesterday for both out patients and our staff. We had a patient that was an out of state discharge who required a lot of additional documentation and in an expedited manor."

"We also had a patient who attempted to elope. Instead of just passing it on to another group, he followed the patient down and back up the stairs and spent time talking to the patient to try and re-direct him."

"He constantly does more than expected and makes things happen to get patients discharged and get people where they need to be, even when it creates more work for him. Ken is a very important part of the Neuro team."

Staff Kudos Cont.



Darcy Taddeo, PA-C served as a role model for exemplary patient centered care, and cross functional teamwork on a very busy weekend with a unit full of patients new to her and with limited resources. One perfect example was caring for a rather complicated patient who was discovered to be COVID positive. Darcy spoke with different teams across the hospital to make sure we had the best plan in place for the patient. Darcy was also able to explain to the patient a complex diagnosis that was made after rounds that day. "On my follow up phone call, the patient was well informed of her diagnosis and appreciative of the explanation and care provided by Darcy. This is only one example, however, all throughout the weekend, I witnessed Darcy providing excellent evidence based care filled with compassion and respect for patients & the team!" Way to go, Darcy, and thank you!

One of our long time KNI patients sent a note to the the clinic manager, and wanted to congratulate the extremely proficient and friendly front desk staff. They wrote they have always received the same courtesy and consideration at each visit. "Each team member is very helpful and respectful when greeting patients. The patient went on to write we should be very proud of the service they provide."

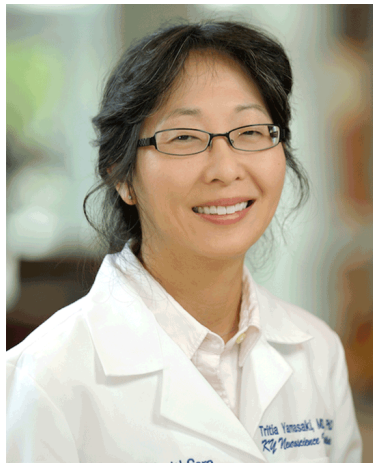


Dawn Baker, Clinical Research Coordinator, was selected as one of the six panelists for the topic, "A day in the life of a coordinator", at the Epilepsy Consortium's Coordinator's Bootcamp.

Awards



Ima Ebong, MD, was honored with the University of KY Martin Luther King Center (UK MLKC) Legacy Catalyst Award.



Tria Yamasaki, MD, PhD, received the Medical Excellence in Teaching Award for Mentoring.

Seen and Heard

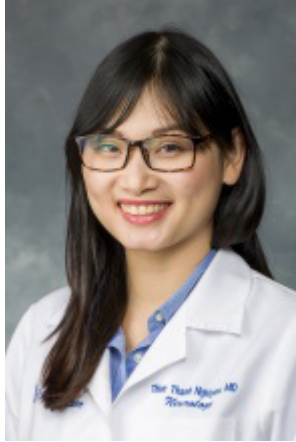


Larry Goldstein, MD, was quoted in an article in Medical News Today, "Hypertension in young adults may lead to brain changes later in life." [Click here](#) to read it.

Sally Mathias, MD, & Timothy Ainger, PhD, were featured in on WKYT & in UKNOW. The WKYT interview can be found [here](#), and the article in UKNow titled, "She Was No Longer My Sister – UK Neurologists Help Patient Suffering from COVID-Induced Psychosis", can be found [here](#).



Department Trainee of the Month - January



Thien Nguyen, MD, PGY 3, was selected to be the January trainee of the month. Below are a few of the comments she received by her peers and faculty:

“Over the last year, I have interacted with Dr. Nguyen on several occasions in clinic and more often for her wellness initiative for residents. She is respectful, knowledgeable, collegial and well organized. She along with her co-residents on the wellness committee has successfully initiated and implemented several group activities. She is highly caring, has good work ethic and is receptive to feedback. She is always smiling and spreads positive vibes wherever she is.”

“Dr. Nguyen voluntarily joined the Neurology wellness group and brings a positive vibe to the residency program. This has helped our group activities a lot. In this role she has done so much for our residents. She was the chaperone for a few of our junior residents who did not know how to drive and did not have a car. She helped them with grocery shopping on a weekly basis. She does so much whenever a resident has a major event in their life (e.g., have a baby, get married, get engaged, have a birthday, etc.). She collects gifts and wishes them with card. She plans events for residents to participate as a group. I have personally participated in some activities that she organized. While all this sounds fun these are difficult to accomplish during a busy residency. Hats off to her to be able to offer such support to our wellness group and thus to the residents. Proud to have her in our program.”

“I have had numerous occasions to work with Dr. Nguyen on inpatient service and outpatient clinics and I can attest to the fact that she gives her 100% to whatever she does. Very thorough and meticulous with her work. Receptive to feedback, and implements feedback immediately. I also have had the opportunity to be involved more with her with our department’s social media drive. She is always a very responsive, enthusiastic and get the job done kind of person. In all her interactions, she displays respect, humility and positivity. I have also heard from the junior residents that she always offers to help and goes out of her way to help. She definitely needs to be recognized for her efforts!”

Department Trainee of the Month - February



Eric Miller, MD, PGY 4, was selected to be the January trainee of the month. Below are a few of the comments she received by her peers and faculty:

"While filling in due to an illness, Eric went to bedside to check on an abnormal EEG that was not available on the server. He did this at the most busy point of his day, but he managed the issue quickly and efficiently with a positive attitude. This is only one example of the many times he has jumped in to help!"

"Working with Dr. Miller in various clinical settings, I have seen him bring his A game every time. He has always been thorough, and does a very good job with patients, orders and documentation alike."

"Dr. Miller has become a great leader for his class and the residency as a whole. There have been countless occasions in which we needed last minute coverage or a resident needed to switch shifts and Eric stepped up without question. Aside from his great work ethic, he consistently has a positive attitude and has not complained about the extra work that he has had to accommodate. He also volunteered to help with recruitment efforts this year which has been greatly appreciated. His commitment to patient care and our residency program is encouraging and inspiring."

"Since his PGY-3 year, I have seen Dr. Miller taking an active role in teaching medical students and junior residents. Several interns approached me saying Dr. Miller is an ideal mentor and guide, and they felt they learned practical management skills from him. Junior residents also applauded his patience. It is clear why he was chosen to be the chief resident."

"Dr. Eric Miller is doing an outstanding job as the Chief Resident. He always steps up when there is any issue, including volunteering much of his own personal time. He is very responsive to communications via email, and always provides detailed answers. His calm demeanor is truly an asset in our busy residency program."

"More recently, when coverage for EMU was needed during the holidays, which came as unexpected for the residents, Dr. Miller was the only resident at the VA and agreed to cover a full EMU simultaneously so that rest of residents' Holiday schedule would not be disrupted. He definitely sets the standard for an excellent work ethic."

UK Neurology Alumni



Warren Chumley, MD, (1998-2001)

My name is Dr. Warren Chumley and I am a general, adult neurologist practicing in Lexington, KY with CHI Saint Joseph Medical Group Neurology and MS Care. I graduated from the University of KY College of Medicine in 1997, completed residency at the University of KY Chandler Medical Center in 2001, and completed a fellowship in Clinical Neurophysiology at the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta, GA in 2002. I started practice with Associates in Neurology in Lexington, KY in 2002, which then became CHI St. Joseph Medical Group Neurology and MS Care in 2011.

My clinical interests include botulinum toxin for migraine, blepharospasm, hemifacial spasm, spasticity due to MS, stroke, brain injury, adults with cerebral palsy, and spasmodic dysphonia; multiple sclerosis; patient selection and programming VNS (vagus nerve stimulators) for intractable epilepsy; patient selection for DBS (deep brain stimulators) for Parkinson's disease, essential tremor, and dystonia; migraine; neuropathy/neuropathic pain (including fibromyalgia); memory disorders; movements disorders; neuromuscular disorders (e.g. myasthenia gravis); and epilepsy. I also see and treat many patients with migraine (with or without using Botox) and mechanical pain, such as degenerative disc disease, but tend to refer to pain management clinics.

I am a member of the Lexington Medical Society, Kentucky Medical Association, American Academy of Neurology (AAN), and American Association of Neuromuscular and Electrodiagnostic Medicine (AANEM). I am planning on attending the CMSC (Consortium of MS Centers) national meeting annually as well as the annual meeting of the Southern Headache Society. In the past, I was actively involved in research with Phase II and III trials for MS, headache, epilepsy, memory disorders, and Parkinson's disease. At our practice on our campus, I am one of two full-time neurologist; one partner is part-time and actively involved with hospital administration. I am affiliated with 3 other full-time neurologists, who have 2 full-time nurse practitioners.

Philanthropy

Robert J. Baumann, MD Resident Endowment Fund

The endowment was established in honor of Dr. Baumann's skills as a clinician and educator. It provides much needed funding for resident learning opportunities and research-related needs that are not otherwise supported.



Education is one of the core missions of our department - we are always looking for ways to improve the curriculum and educational opportunities we provide. Our goal is to continue to attract the highest caliber trainees to our programs, provide comprehensive neurological education, and increase the number of neurologists available in the commonwealth capable of providing cutting edge patient care and who are dedicated to life-long learning. In 2015, the Robert J. Baumann, MD Fund for Neurology Residents was established to help us support our goals for the neurology resident program. Dr. Baumann has been a familiar face among neurology residents at the University of Kentucky for four decades. Dr. Baumann truly embodies the

teaching mission of our department. His devotion to the field of medicine and training the next generation of providers is truly second to none.

In keeping with Dr. Baumann's passion for providing a strong medical education, the endowment will bolster the continued expansion of the Residency Program and ensure that our trainees have a well-rounded experience, positioning us to be among the best, and most sought out programs in the United States. Please consider contributing to the continued growth of our program and making an impact on future neurology residents by making a gift to the Robert J. Baumann MD Fund for Neurology Residents. All donations will be acknowledged and are tax deductible.



Donations can be made by contacting our Director of Philanthropy, Lisa Deaton Greer. (859-323-5374 or lisa.greer@uky.edu) or by clicking here <https://neurology.med.uky.edu/neurology-alumni>.

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Wellness



Support

The Department of Neurology provides access to various services designed specifically for faculty and trainees to receive support in dealing with the unique needs of individuals. Counseling services can help identify and resolve problems related to work, personal, career or relationships.

- [Physician Support Line](#)
- [Lexington Medical Society Physician Wellness Program](#)
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Diversity & Inclusion



Statement for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

As healthcare providers, we have an obligation to do no harm. But our obligations go further to prevent harm from befalling others because of our inaction or silence. We can no longer be idle while vestigial institutions and implements of racism that perpetuate inequity remain intact. Silence for the sake of avoiding an uncomfortable truth is not acceptable and it was never acceptable. Indifference to racism makes us complicit in systems that have oppressed, marginalized, and scapegoated people for generations. In a country long heralded as the land of the free, being Black or a member of an underrepresented minority group cannot be a disqualification for enjoying the rights and privileges afforded to others.

Racism and social injustice in the United States claimed the lives of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and countless other persons of color. Breonna Taylor, a fellow Kentuckian, UK alumna, and healthcare provider, died at the hands of people who are supposed to be keepers of the peace. Violence is but one facet of the chronic and pervasive racism that has plagued our communities. Medicine is not immune to the consequences of our nation's inequities; they affect us, our colleagues, and our patients and impair our ability to provide comfort and care. As healthcare providers, we begin addressing symptoms such as implicit bias and healthcare disparities by recognizing that they stem from hundreds of years of oppression.

We proudly stand with other members of the medical community and proclaim Black Lives Matter. We stand with the people of color and others in our community and across the United States in denouncing the abhorrent treatment that Black people, other persons of color, and other underrepresented groups have endured. We stand with others who pledge to be anti-racist and who work to tear down the pillars of institutional racism. As a Department, UK Neurology is committed to equity, diversity, and inclusivity. With only 3% of Neurologists being Black or African American and only 7% Hispanic-Latino, in an effort to counter decades of neglect, we commit to recruiting colleagues from underrepresented groups and ensuring that they thrive in an environment that is free from racism and bigotry. We commit to supporting young, underrepresented persons in our community so that we can have greater diversity among physicians in our field in the future. We must do better. We will do better.

Save the Dates

Neurology Residency Graduation Sunday June 5, 2022 More info coming soon Watch for an email!



Rachel Ward-Mitchell, RN, BSN, would like to invite you to the virtual epilepsy support group meeting every other week via Zoom. This meeting will replace the in-person monthly meeting for now. If you would like to join the meetings please contact Rachel at 859.218.5053 or through Central Kentucky Epilepsy Network <https://www.facebook.com/CentralKentuckyEpilepsySupportNetwork>.

Please submit contributions for the April
Newspaper to Lee Anne Rudd, (lee.rudd@uky.edu).