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## Publications



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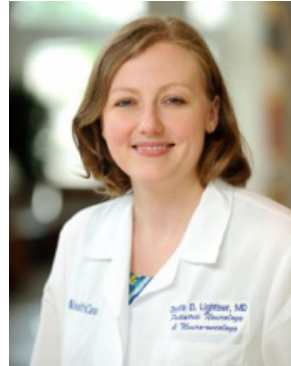
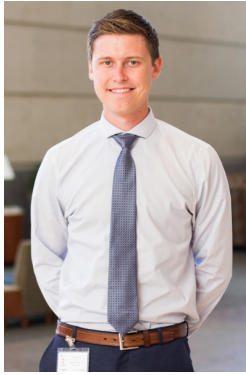
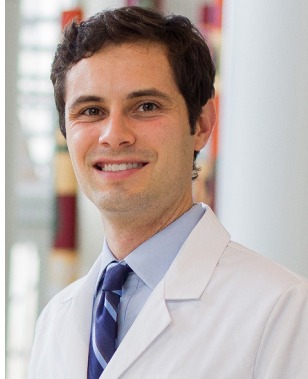


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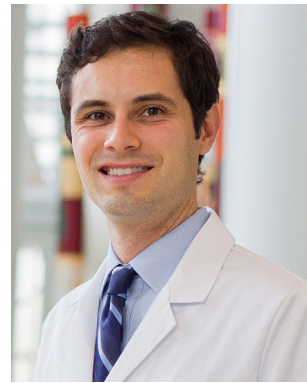
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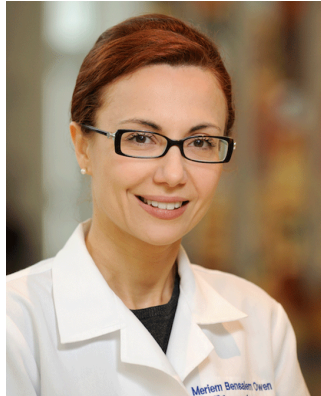


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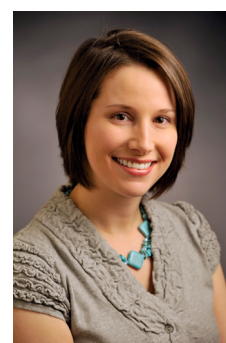
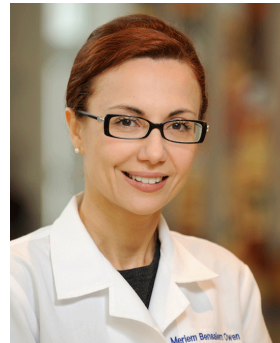
## Meetings

### American Clinical Neurophysiology Society



Meriem Bensalem-Owen, MD, participated as a panelist in the CNP Fellowship Match Townhall hosted by the ACNS.

### Epilepsy Foundation of Kentuckiana



Meriem Bensalem-Owen, MD, Ima Ebong, MD, and Rachel Ward-Mitchell, BSN, RN, participated in a panel discussion organized by the Epilepsy Foundation of Kentuckiana (EFKY) on Epilepsy Equity for African Americans in the Treatment of Epilepsy.

## Poster Presentations

### Stroke Summit



Thankdampallayam M, Swafford K, Lee J. "Cryptococcal meningitis mimicking as stroke."

## Achievements

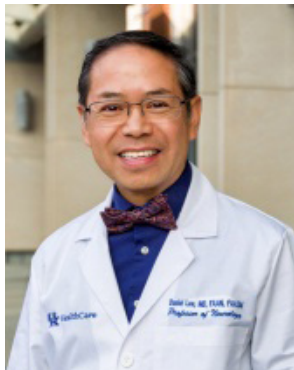


The University of KY, Department of Neurology, has achieved Comprehensive Multiple Sclerosis Center status for both adult and child neurology, from the National MS Society.

## Faculty Achievements



Mam Ibraheem, MD, was nominated for the AAN-Neuro Infectious Disease Section (Chair Leadership Program).



Daniel Lee, MD, will serve as Frankfort Regional Medical Center's next Chief of Staff. He is currently serving as the Vice Chief of Staff and will move up next year.



Ima Ebong, MD, was named one of "1,000 Inspiring Black Scientists in America" in a list published by Cell Mentor, an online resource for researchers. [Click here](#) to read the article.

## Faculty Achievements Cont.



Kara Swafford, MD, passed her Vascular Neurology boards, congratulations!

## Faculty Kudos



A patient's family member wrote, "She was put at ease and less anxious during her interview and neurocognitive assessments. I was appreciative especially when she got confused at one point, and Dr. Ainger defused the situation with ease and comedy continuing the assessment without disruption.

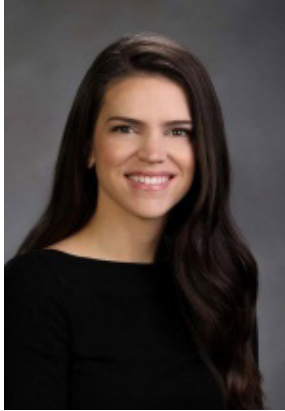
As a former educator, you can truly tell who "loves" their job, and Dr. Ainger exemplifies that in every aspect that I observed with his interactions with her. Just saying, you definitely have a keeper there! I am sure he does not need appraisals, but it does not hurt to acknowledge "good" when you find it."

## Staff Kudos



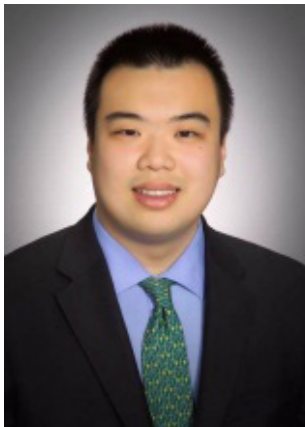
Selina Mullins, PharmD, MBA, CSP, MSCS, received a nice a note from customer relations. The patient wrote Selina was their "saving grace", and wanted to say she had gone above and beyond with them.

## Staff Kudos Cont.



Darcy Taddeo, PA-C, at Good Sam, received a nice compliment. "I want to say that Darcy is amazing!! She was intelligent, professional and enthusiastic. I was impressed with all of my interactions with her yesterday and my team has also spoken very positively about her work."

## Trainee Kudos



Wenyang Li, MD, PGY 3, was recognized by the STAR Program. The person that nominated him said:

"Over the last 6 months I have interacted with Dr. Li multiple times. Every time our interaction and his promptness in delivering patient care has left me spellbound. He is compassionate, respectful, knowledgeable, and comes across as so welcoming, and that makes my day whenever I talk to him."



Tarek Ali, MBBS, M.ed, received a nice compliment from a patient, "I had the occasion to meet with Dr. Ali yesterday in neuroscience. He is a neurologist, and by far the best staff member I've met. I really enjoyed him, he asked so many questions and let me talk. I wish him well and I wish other doctors would follow suit."

## Trainee of the Month



Patricia Olson, MD, PGY 3

### **Education**

"Her excellent brief and focused presentation helped us collaboratively to accurately predict LVO MCA neuroanatomical stroke and aggressively advocate to get an urgent evaluations and collaboratively mobilize resources and transfer the patient promptly from the VA to UK overnight and get timely intervention."

"We highly value caring, promptness, and advocacy skills by our residents in providing excellent patient-centered care as one team collaboratively. Her work overnight was critical in this situation."

### **Collective responsibility:**

"She has been an excellent team leader. Excellent judgement; excellent communication."

### **Caring:**

From a patient/family member (edited for privacy) :

"I wanted to send you this message to make clear how much I appreciate Dr. Olson's kindness and outstanding bedside manner in talking with patient and family. She was a very important element of the positives in our experience and I deeply appreciate all of the extra effort she made, especially her efforts to really understand the complicated elements of the case."

### **Professionalism and Caring**

"We were extremely impressed and congratulatory of Dr. Olson's caring and bedside manner. The staff were just singing her praises. I enjoy watching her skills grow and her consummate bedside manner just keep excelling. She is so cool under pressure, caring in her demeanor, and really an excellent neurologist."



## Seen and Heard



Sally Mathias, MD, was featured in UKBlog Spot in an article entitled, "Epilepsy and COVID-19 vaccination: what you should know." [Click here](#) to read.



Sharoon Qaiser, MD, was featured on UK HealthCast discussing, "Children and Young Adult Headache Research Program." [Click here](#) to listen.

## 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](mailto:lisa.greer@uky.edu)) or by clicking here <https://neurology.med.uky.edu/neurology-alumni>.

# Wellness and Support Resources



## Wellness

[UK COLLEGE OF MEDICINE RESOURCES](#)

[WORKPLACE SAFETY](#) [PHYSICAL WELLNESS](#) [CHILDCARE](#) [FINANCIAL HEALTH](#)

[PHYSICIAN WELLNESS](#) [DIVERSITY & INCLUSION](#) [SPIRITUAL](#) [ABUSE](#)

[VICARIOUS TRAUMA TOOLKIT](#) [ADDITIONAL RESOURCES](#)

## 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](#)
- [UK Work-Life Counseling](#)
- [UK REFER Program](#)
- [Emergent Psychiatry Services](#)
- [The Ridge Behavioral System](#)

## Diversity & Inclusion

[DIVERSITY & INCLUSION  
ROBERT S. DIPADOLA, MD](#) [DIVERSITY  
GME](#) [OFFICE FOR INSTITUTIONAL DIVERSITY  
UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY](#) [BUILDING THE NEXT GENERATION  
OF ACADEMIC PHYSICIANS](#)



## 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.

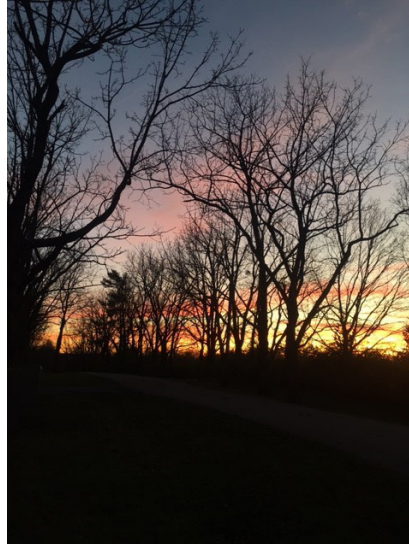
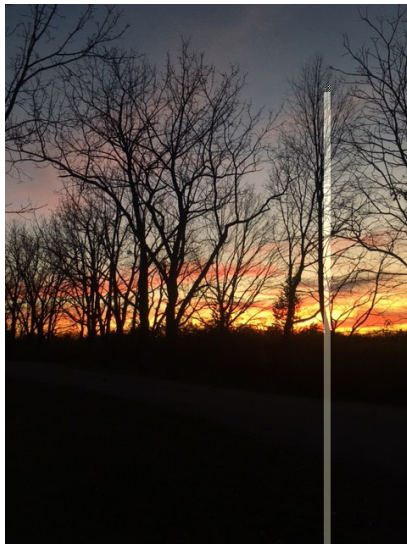
## Events

### Welcome New Neurologist



Dr. Zain Guduru and his wife Sushma Palagiri welcomed their first child on January 25, 2021, meet baby boy Ishaan.

## Beauties and Wellness



Mangay Thandampallayam, MBBS, took these beauties at sunset in January.

## Engaged



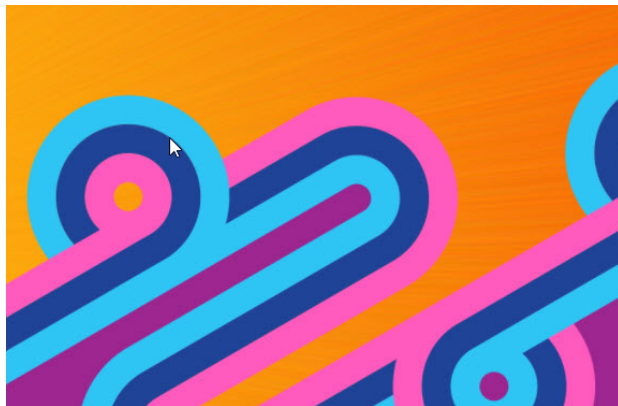
Tarek Ali, MBBS, M.ed, Movement Disorders Fellow, got engaged! Dr. Ali and Brittany Coleman have not set a date yet.



## Save the Dates



International Stroke  
Conference 2021  
March 17 - 19, 2021  
A Virtual Experience



AAN 2021 Virtual Annual  
Meeting  
April 17 - 22, 2021

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 February  
Newspaper to Lee Anne Rudd, ([lee.rudd@uky.edu](mailto:lee.rudd@uky.edu)).