



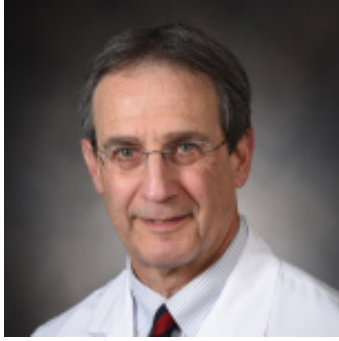
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Publications



Hogge C, Goldstein LB, Aroor SR. Mnemonic utilization in stroke education: FAST and BEFAST adoption by certified comprehensive stroke centers. *Frontiers in Neurology*. 2024.1359131.

Presentations

American Clinical Neurophysiology Society

Azeem M, Wilkerson P, Mirza F, Bensalem-Owen M, Ainger T, Mahuwala Z, Kapoor S, Clay J. Heschl's Gyro: A Unique auditory aura phenomenology observed cortical stimulation.

Akemokwe F, Sharrer C, Krupenin P, Bensalem-Owen M, Clay J. Antegrade amnesia associated with frequent electrographic seizures in LGI-1 encephalitis.

Akemokwe F, Bacus P, Menghani D, Bensalem-Owen M, Haghighat Z, Khan G, Jones K, Mahuwala Z. Rhythmic mid-temporal theta of drowsiness in a child

Faculty Achievements



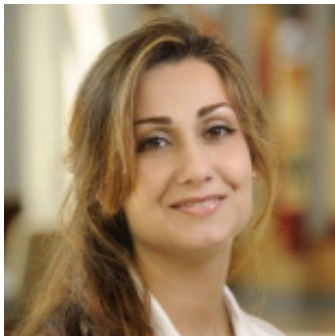
Ima Ebong, MD, received the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Ambassador Award for Leadership.



Ahmed Bahrani, PhD, was named a KY Alzheimer's Disease Research (ADR) Scholar.



Gregory A. Jicha, MD, was selected by the Vice President for Research as a University Research Professor.

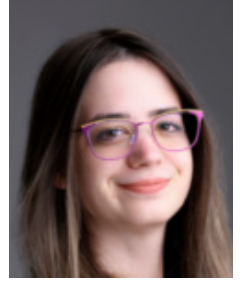
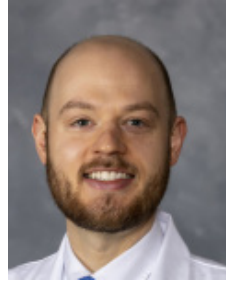


Mahsa Haghghat, MD, was nominated for the Joy Edwards Hembree Oak Leaf Award for the faculty/physician category.



Dan Han, PsyD, was named the William R. Young Jr. Endowed Lecturer at Brescia University's Social and Behavioral Sciences Division.

Faculty & Resident Kudos



Congratulations to Kevin O'Connor, MD, Ima Ebong, MD, Tritia Yamasaki MD, PhD, Jordan Clay MD, and Patricia Bacus, MD, PGY 3, for being the top 5 Step Challengers!



Sahreem Javid, MBBS, PGY 1, received a shout out from the NICU, "Sahreem is doing awesome on NICU, the attending said on rounds you are caring for the sickest babies and doing an excellent job, always a wonderful attitude, way to go rock-star."



"Dr. Mangayarkarasi Thandampallayam Ajjeaya, Thank you for helping me and treating my optic neuritis last week. My vision has improved and I was discharged! Thank you!"

Resident Achievements

GME Trainee of the Month - March



Congratulations to Andrew Witt, MD, who was selected as the [March 2024 GME Resident of the Month!](#)

Chosen from a pool of more than 800 College of Medicine residents and fellows, Dr. Witt was singled out as a tremendous resident. His work ethic, fund of knowledge, assessment abilities, and professional skills make him a great asset to the team.

Resident Achievements Cont.



Congratulations to **Dr. Carlos Palomino** for winning the 2024 Joy Edwards Hembree Oak Leaf Award in the learner category.

The Joy Edwards Hembree Oak Leaf Award for Excellence in the Care of Children Endowment was created in Joy's memory to recognize caregivers who exemplify excellence and work in the same spirit as Joy: thoroughly diligent, compassionate, honorable and inspiring.

Chief Residents for 24-25 AY

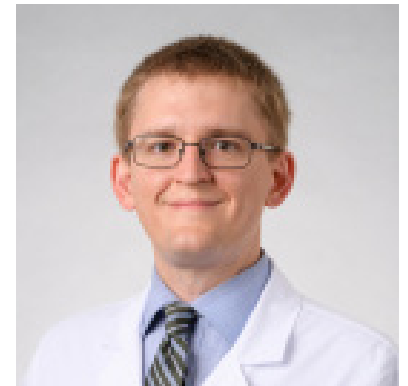
Selected by their peers



Fatai Akemokwe, MBBS, PGY 3, Clinical Chief Resident

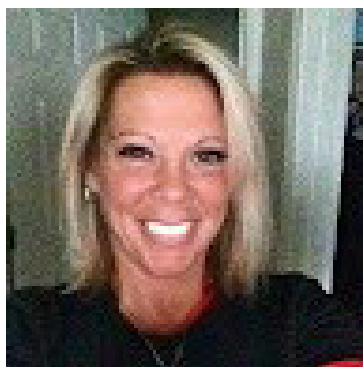


Misbah Azeem, MBBS, PGY 3, Chief Resident



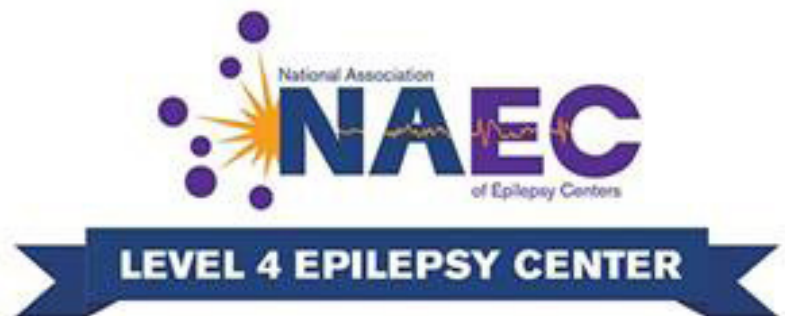
Andrew Welleford, MD, PhD, Academic Chief Resident

Staff & Other Achievements



Heather Bailey, R.EEGT, received a certification for long term monitoring, (CLTM).

Congratulations!

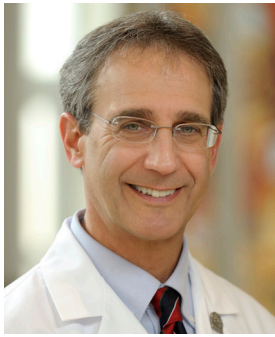


University of Kentucky HealthCare was recertified as a Level 4 Epilepsy Center Status for the National Association of Epilepsy Centers Program.

Seen & Heard



Doctors Meriem K. Bensalem-Owen and Jessica D. Lee appeared in the March 2024 issue of TOPS Magazine as 2024 Leaders of Lexington. Inside they discuss their passion for innovation epilepsy and stroke care and what that means to their community. You can [read the digital version now](#).



Larry B. Goldstein, MD, was [quoted in NeurologyToday](#) regarding the new clinical guideline on diagnosing and managing atrial fibrillation. Dr. Goldstein appears inside, and on the cover, of [the March 07, 2024 issue](#).

Dr. Goldstein served as session moderator at the 2024 International Stroke Conference. His opening comments were [highlighted in Vascular News](#).



Ima Ebong, MD shared her story of colorectal cancer survival. She discusses her challenges, successes, and the importance of screening for communities that are disproportionately affected by colorectal cancer. Read her advice and inspiring [story in UKNOW](#).



Amanda Glueck, PhD, Jordan Harp, PhD, and Frederick Schmitt, PhD, were quoted in a [UKNOW article](#) highlighting UK's part in researching the relationship between Down syndrome and Alzheimer's disease.

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

five 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.

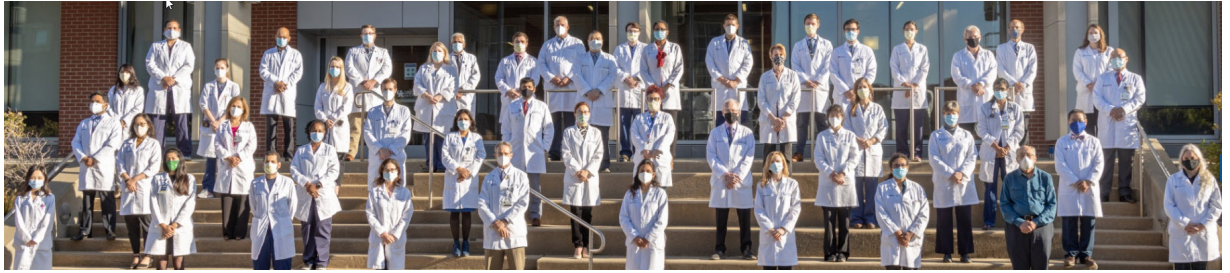
In keeping with Dr. Baumann’s passion for providing a strong medical education, the endowment will bolster the continued expansion of the Residency Program and ensure that our trainees have a well-rounded experience, positioning us to be among the best, and most sought out programs in the United States. 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.



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Donations can be made by contacting Taryn Derrick at taryn.derrick@uky.edu, for Neurology Alumni Philanthropy and Beth Wells at beth.wells@uky.edu for the Grateful Patient and Family Philanthropy.

Wellness and Support Resources



[Click here to find more helpful information on our Department of Neurology website.](#)

UK Wellness Resources

Academic Resources offer a wide variety of online and in-person tips, tools, and suggestions.

Workplace Safety

UK HealthCare is committed to safety and well-being of patients, visitors, and staff in our enterprise. We take all forms of aggression, violence, and threats seriously. Sometimes frontline staff don't report these incidents, because they feel disruptive behavior is "part of the job". There is uncertainty about how and where to report.

Childcare

Several childcare facilities are located on or adjacent to the UK campus. Please note that some of these programs have a 9-10 month waiting list, so if you are interested, please talk to the directors as early as possible.

Financial Health

You and your family have access to live financial experts for guidance on financial questions, big or small.

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.

Spiritual

Various resources are available for spiritual support through the GME program.

Abuse Response and Reporting

For procedures to report abuse, and for details of patient rights, click the title.

The Vicarious Trauma Toolkit

The *Vicarious Trauma Toolkit* (VTT) was developed on the premise that exposure to the traumatic experiences of other people—known as *vicarious trauma*—is an inevitable occupational challenge for the fields of victim services, emergency medical services, fire services, law enforcement, and other allied professionals; however, organizations can mitigate the potentially negative effects of trauma exposure by becoming vicarious trauma-informed.

Well-Being

The University of Kentucky GME Wellness In Training Committee is devoted to helping GME learners achieve their highest potential through the integration of the physical, social, emotional, environmental and economic aspects of wellness.

Physician Support Line

This is a peer-to-peer support line for physicians by physicians that is available to US based DO / MD / International equivalents at the attending, fellow, resident, intern, medical student, or research level. Any discussions are confidential and protected.

Lexington Medical Society Physician Wellness Program

Services include individual counseling, couples/family sessions, and sessions with spouse/partners alone. These confidential and free counseling services are available to anyone.

UK Work-Life Counseling

Free and confidential counseling for life stress, work performance, substance abuse concerns, and mental health.

UK REFER Program

A Family Center Counseling service provided as a benefit to UK employees that focuses on personal, couple, and/or family concerns.

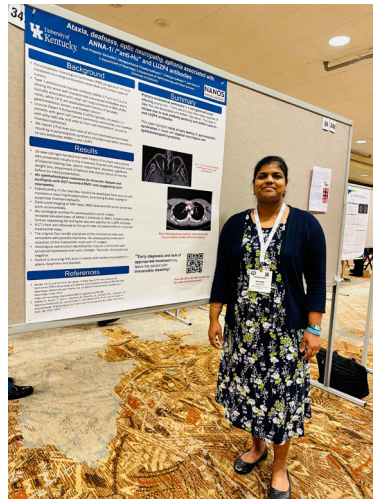
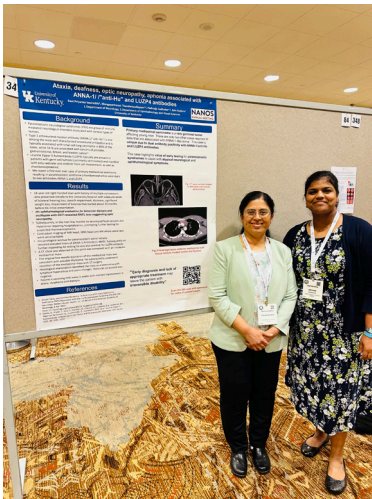
Emergent Psychiatry Services

UK Department of Psychiatry Outpatient Clinic Access to confidential consultation is available through the UK Outpatient Clinic during business hours, five days per week. Call 859-323-6021 and follow the prompts for the Outpatient Clinic.

The Ridge Behavioral System

Access to confidential consultation regarding the need for emergency psychiatric services is available to 24 hours per day, seven days a week. The house staff officer is to call 859-268-6400 and ask for the Assessment Office and identify oneself as a UK resident/fellow needing immediate evaluation.

Events



Save the Dates

2024 SCN Summit

September 12 & 13

WE ARE CHANGING LOCATIONS

Marriott City Center • 121 West Vine Street • Lexington, KY



Rachel Ward-Mitchell, BSN, RN, would like to invite you to the virtual epilepsy support group via Zoom. This meeting is the first Tuesday of the month from 6:30 pm to 8 pm. 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).