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Internal Medicine Horsemanship Seminars - On October 1st and 22nd the department's latest hands-on workshop emphasizes enhancing nonverbal communication between physicians and patients through equine-assisted therapy. Previous studies at other academic institutions have demonstrated that similar sessions improve communication, leading to better patient compliance and satisfaction with their medical care. Dr. Matejuk said, "Horsemanship and medicine was a great opportunity to engage with a diverse group of horses, each showcasing unique personalities that mirrored the individuality of patients we encounter in our practice. Empathy and adaptability are essential in medicine."

Check Us Out

Life in Internal Medicine Residency

Upcoming CME Event

We will be hosting the Alabama ACP Winter Meeting on February 15th, 2025 from 8am-1pm. It will be located at the University Student Center Terrace Room. Guest speakers will include:

Errol Crook, MD, FACP
Antwan Hogue, MD
Robert Israel, MD, FACP
Brian Persing, MD

The event will count up to 5.25 CME credit hours and is no cost to attend, but registration is required. You can RSVP with the QR code below or find more information on ACP's website. We will see you then!

New Department Faculty

We want to welcome our new department faculty to the USA Internal Medicine Family!

Carla Benjamin, MD
Infectious Disease

Puspa Bista, MD
Hospitalist

Daisy Escobar, MD
Hematology/Medical Oncology

Dahlene Fusco, MD, PhD
Infectious Disease

Suganya Manoharan, MD
Cardiology

Anita Mazloom, MD, MS
Hematology/Medical Oncology

Luke Mueller, DO
Stanton Road Clinic Director

Kim Nguyen, DO
Hospitalist

Frederick Rossi, DO
Hospitalist

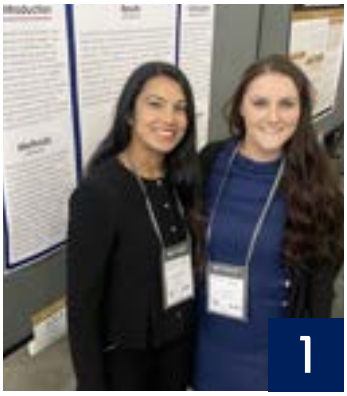
Residents At Conferences

ATS, CHEST, and Journal Club

CHEST 2024 (1, 4, 5) - From October 6th-9th, Drs. Krithika Muthyala, Lauren Healey, and Adam Miller presented at the CHEST Conference in Boston, Massachusetts. Dr. Miller said, "I always love representing South Alabama Internal Medicine and showing other physicians nationwide the depth of our research and clinical projects."

ATS 2024 (2) - From May 16th-21st, Drs. Misty Ellis, Marialaina Carter, Kelley Cutrell David Marks, Dawood Sheikh, and KB Singh presented at the ATS Conference in San Francisco, California.

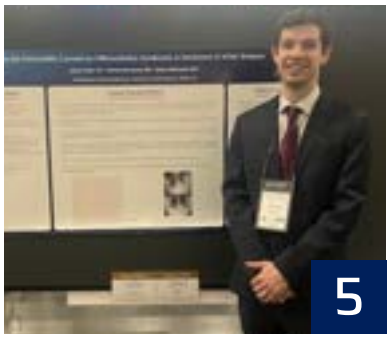
Revamped Journal Club (3, 6) - Dr. Gurunathan has helped revamp the Journal Club structure to have PGY III resident groups present a research article once a unit at the Thursday conference hour.

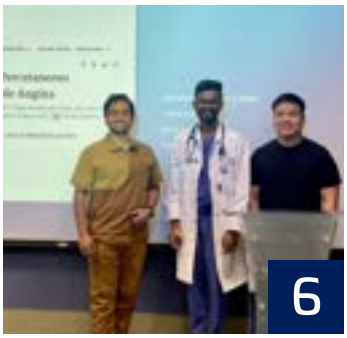












Alumni Spotlight

Dr. Anas Khouri (Resident from 2021-2024)



"Since graduating, I have started gastroenterology at Cleveland Clinic Florida continuing my journey toward subspecialty expertise. In my personal life, I have moved with my lovely wife to a nice home in Florida. We've enjoyed exploring new places and enjoying the rhythm of life together. The program taught me the importance of empathy, evidence-based medicine, and patient-centered care which are the cornerstones that shaped my approach as a physician. The dedicated attendings and co-residents created a supportive learning environment where I could build foundational skills, ask questions, and grow into a confident internist. The friendship that I had with my peers made the residency with all its challenges an enjoyable and memorable journey! I hope that future residents learn from the program the value of teamwork, discipline, and commitment to lifelong learning. The structure and the high standards set by the program should be a motivation to always strive for excellence and become effective well-rounded physicians."

From The Coordinators

We would love to hear from you! Feel free to write, email, or call us at the contacts below.



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