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USA College of Medicine Hosts Crampton Trust Lecture in Geriatric Medicine



The USA internal medicine departmental grand rounds on Dec. 13, 2012, featured USA College of Medicine alum Dr. Anthony N. Galanos.

Dr. Galanos' lecture, "Hazards of Hospitalization in the Elderly," marked the second annual Crampton Trust Lecture in Geriatric Medicine.

Dr. Galanos, who serves as professor of medicine at Duke University, is a geriatrician and palliative care expert who focuses most of his efforts on inpatient palliative care and care of the elderly.

At the event, Dr. Galanos, who serves as the Crampton Visiting Professor in Geriatric Medicine, gave a talk regarding the hazards of hospitalization in the elderly, as well as information on the costs of readmissions and transitions of care, both to the patient and to the institutions.

Dr. Galanos earned his medical degree from the USA College of Medicine in 1986.

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He completed an internship and residency in internal medicine at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, Texas. In addition, he completed a geriatric medicine fellowship at Duke University Medical Center and Durham Veterans Administration Medical Center in Durham, N.C., and was a post doctoral fellow at the Center for the Study of Aging and Human Development, also at Duke University.

According to Dr. Errol Crook, professor and Abraham Mitchell Chair of Internal Medicine at USA, the Crampton Trust lecture enhances the medical education activities at USA and is made possible through the Crampton

Trust.

To view more photos from the lecture, [click here](#).

To read about last year's inaugural Crampton Trust Lecture in Geriatric Medicine, [click here](#).

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USA Medical Center Participates in Holiday Toy Drive



USA Medical Center employees drop off toys collected for the Dumas Wesley Community Center's Toy Store. From left to right: Anita Shirah, human resources manager; Stephanie Williams, human resources specialist; and Ashley Sewell, supply technician.



The University of South Alabama Medical Center recently assisted the Dumas Wesley Community Center this year with donations for the Community Center's Christmas Toy Store.

Toys were collected within departments at the USA Medical Center for transport

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to the Dumas Wesley Community Center.

Donated toys are sold to pre-qualified Crichton residents at greatly reduced prices. The money generated from the toy sales goes to help other distressed community members with emergency needs.

According to Anita Shirah, human resources manager at the USA Medical Center, the hospital began working with the Dumas Wesley Community Center on the Christmas Toy Store in 2002 and has made the store an annual project in providing toys, books,

and accessories.

The annual Christmas Toy Store serves approximately 75 families residing in the Crichton neighborhood and Sybil Smith Family Village, Dumas Wesley's transitional housing program.

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Students Donate Books to USA Children's Medical Center through Reach Out and Read Program



USA pediatrician Dr. Cindy Sheets with class representatives from St. Paul's Episcopal School

The University of South Alabama Children's Medical Center recently received approximately 100 books collected by kindergarten students at St. Paul's Episcopal School in Mobile as part of the Reach Out and Read program.

Reach Out and Read is a nonprofit organization that promotes early literacy and school readiness in pediatric physician offices nationwide by giving new books to children and advice to parents about the importance of reading aloud.

According to USA pediatrician Dr. Cindy Sheets, half of the books donated to the USA Children's Medical Center have already been distributed to children visiting the clinic.

"We love to give books at our clinic because the children and parents are so delighted to receive them," Dr. Sheets said. "We are greatly appreciative of the generosity of the children of St. Paul's for their donation."

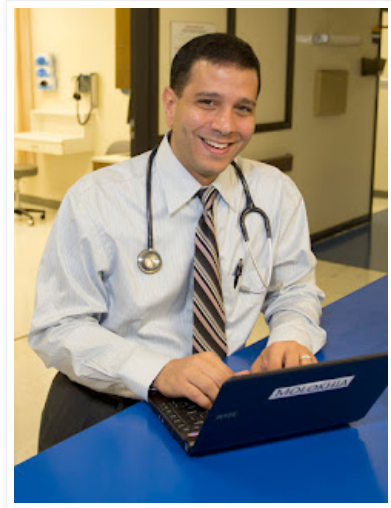
The Children's Medical Center, which is the pediatric teaching clinic for the University, has been a Reach Out and Read site for 8 years.

The Reach Out and Read program begins at the 6-month checkup and continues through age 5, with a special emphasis on children growing up in economically challenged communities. According to Dr. Sheets, physicians at the Children's Medical Center also buy books or obtain donated books to give to children at sick

visits and at well visits to ages outside of the official Reach Out and Read guidelines.

Tuesday, December 11, 2012

December Med School Café - 'The Patient Centered Medical Home'



The December Med School Café lecture will feature Dr. Ehab Molokhia, associate professor of family medicine at the University of South Alabama College of Medicine.

His lecture, titled "The Patient Centered Medical Home," will take place Dec. 18, 2012, at the USA Faculty Club on USA's main campus. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m., and the presentation begins at noon.

Dr. Molokhia will lecture on the role of the primary care physician in coordinating health care. During the talk he will include information on patient centered medical homes, a team-based model of care led by a personal physician who provides continuous and coordinated care throughout a patient's lifetime to maximize health outcomes.

In addition, Dr. Molokhia will discuss the role of primary care in the health care system and the added value of having a primary care physician.

The Med School Café lecture and lunch are provided free of charge, but reservations are required. For more information or to make reservations, please call Kim Partridge at (251) 460-7770 or e-mail kepartridge@usouthal.edu.

Med School Café is a free community lecture series sponsored by the USA Physicians Group. Each month, faculty from the USA College of Medicine share their expertise on a specific medical condition, providing insight on the latest treatment available.

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