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## Holiday Greetings from USA Physicians Group

Happy holidays from the University of South Alabama Physicians Group. Watch the video below or [click here](#) for a special greeting.

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## Retirement Reception Honors Jan Sauls



The University of South Alabama Department of Pharmacology hosted a retirement reception honoring Jan Sauls (above left), on Dec. 19, 2012, at the USA Faculty Club. Sauls, a secretary in the pharmacology department, retired after 30 years of service to the university.



[Click here](#) to view more photos from the reception.

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**Wednesday, December 19, 2012**

## Students, Faculty Present Research Projects at 6th Annual COM Research Forum



Leslie Hargett (right), a graduate student in the pharmacology department and Center for Lung Biology, presents her work to Nicole Housley, a technician in the pharmacology department, at the USA College of Medicine Research Forum.



In addition to poster presentations, researchers also made oral presentations during forum.

The sixth annual University of South Alabama College of Medicine Research Forum was held Dec. 13, 2012, at the Medical Sciences Building on USA's main campus.

The forum is an opportunity for graduate students in the Basic Medical Sciences program, postdoctoral fellows, residents, clinical fellows, and new faculty to present their research to the College of Medicine community.

The forum consisted of two sessions - the morning session was comprised of eight oral presentations and the afternoon session hosted poster presentations.

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According to Dr. Donna Cioffi, assistant professor of biochemistry at USA, the forum consisted of 40 poster presentations largely focusing on research performed by basic medical scientists and clinicians. In addition, Dr. Cioffi said this year's event included presentations from the USA Biomedical Library and the Flow Cytometry Core.

Dr. Cioffi said the research forum is a great opportunity for basic medical scientists and clinicians because it opens doors for new ideas and collaborations.

"This year's Research Forum was a great success, and we are already looking forward to next year's event," she said.

[Click here](#) to view more photos from the Research Forum.

Watch the video below to learn more from Dr. Cioffi about the event.

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## Med School Café - Expert Advice for the Community





This week, Dr. Ehab Molokhia, associate professor of family medicine at the University of South Alabama College of Medicine, presented the December Med School Café lecture.

In his lecture, "The Patient Centered Medical Home," Dr. Molokhia discussed the role of the primary care physician in coordinating health care. During the talk he included 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, he discussed the role of primary care in the health care system and the added value of having a primary care physician.

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