

**2000-2001
SUMMARY OF SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES
DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY PRACTICE & COMMUNITY MEDICINE**

I. ARTICLES PUBLISHED IN BOOKS AND JOURNALS

A. Full-length published articles.

N. B. Clark, F. Hale, and H. Strothers. From Petting Zoos to Electronic Classrooms: Meeting the Technology Learning Needs of Family Medicine Teachers. *Fam. Med.* Vol. 33, No 3:198-202 (2001).

R. A. Perkins. Gene Therapy – A Primary Care Perspective. *Am. Fam. Physician.* 63: 1704-1706 (2001).

B. Articles in press.

N. B. Clark and G. McLeod. Feedback in an E-mail Medical Distance Education Activity: A Qualitative Analysis. *Acad. Med.* (2001).

K. S. Derbin, R. A. Perkins, Noncooperation. IN: F. V. deGruy and W. P. Dickinson (Eds.) 20 Common Behavioral Problems in Primary Care. McGraw-Hill, New York, NY (2001).

II. PUBLISHED ABSTRACTS

None.

III. BOOKS PUBLISHED

None.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

N.B. Clark. (1) Advanced Presentation Software Skills: Taking Your Presentation to the Next Step – Interactive Multimedia CBI; and (2) Coordinator of Computer Lab. Society of Teachers of Family Medicine, Annu. Spring Conf., Denver, CO (2001).

R.R. Lee. (1) Head Injuries: On-field Management and Return to Play; (2) Cervical Spine: Anatomy and On-Field Evaluation; (3) Functional Anatomy and Evaluation of the Athletic Knew; (4) How Can Sports Medicine Enhance Your Practice?; (5) Maintaining Bone Health in the Athletic Patient. Co-Team Physician. University of South Alabama Departments of Orthopedic Surgery and Family Practice. Primary Care Sports Medicine: Orthopedic Review with Workshops. Destin, FL (2001).

R. A. Perkins. Panel Presentation. Primary Care Research in Minority Populations. Dartmouth COOP Annu. Convocation, Dixville Notch, NH (2001).

V. NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

R. A. Perkins served as a member of the Study Section for Primary Care Residency Training, Health Resources and Services Administration. He also served as a member of the AHRQ panel on Practice Based Research Networks.

VI. BRIEF SUMMARY OF DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS

Shannon S. Morgan, M.D. joined the faculty in July after having completed her residency at USA. Her research interests lie in women's health, evidence-based medicine, and graduate education. Dr. Morgan will also actively manage a transition to a competency based third-year curriculum in the Department's residency program.

Ron L. Lee, M.D. was recruited from private practice in Orange Beach to coordinate primary care sports medicine/orthopedics programs. He also holds a faculty appointment in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery.

Amy L. Herndon, Pharm.D., began an adjunct appointment in August after having completed her residency training in Pharmacy Practice at the Regional Medical Center in Memphis, Tennessee. She will continue to coordinate inpatient and outpatient clinical experiences for Auburn University pharmacy students. She succeeds Dr. Deborah Kennedy, who returned to her home town of West Palm Beach.

Dr. Mary Katherine Barfield and Dr. Melinda Harper left the faculty to follow spouses to other states, and Dr. Chris Kerby chose to go into private practice in Tennessee. Ms. Nancy Clark was recruited to the College of Medicine at Florida State University to develop medical informatics programs.

Dr. E. Lee Taylor assumed responsibility for the administration of the department's undergraduate programs with the departure of Dr. Barfield.

Dr. Allen Perkins sought and received partial funding for a nascent Practice Based Research Network (DeltaNet) and has begun working on projects involving USA Family practice and other practices within the network around functional assessment tools and changing office practice through the use of group visits. This project is in collaboration with established researchers in the Dartmouth COOP Network. He is also the Principal Investigator of a three-year, Health Resources and Services Administration graduate training grant to develop a competency based third-year family medicine curriculum.

Dr. Allen Perkins and Dr. Shannon Morgan are establishing a rural OB tract for Family Medicine residents through the Southeast Alabama AHEC which will begin in October, 2001. The training will take place partially in Ozark, Alabama.

The program continues to be successful in the NRMP, filling five of 6 positions. A resident who is returning from an extended leave of absence for family reasons will fill the sixth position.

A new course (Doctoring I and II) was developed from the Medical Practice and Society and Medical Ethics course. This course includes patient care exposure, beginning in the first year. Dr Allen Perkins is the course director.

Dr. Mary Katherine Barfield, Dr. Allen Perkins, and Dr. Thomasina Sharpe were recognized by the College of Medicine students as Distinguished Faculty Members at its Honors Convocation.

The department continues to be clinically productive despite the loss of faculty, averaging 1,800 patients-per-month in the Family Practice Center, Springhill Avenue Campus, increased clinical responsibility for Student Health, and undertaking a Sports Medicine practice on campus.