

**2000-2001
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J.L. Herrera. (1) Epidemiology and Natural History of Hepatitis C Infection; and (2) Diagnosis of Hepatitis C Infection. Am. Coll., Osteopath. Fam. Pract. 38th Annu. Conv., Philadelphia, PA (2001).

J.L. Herrera. Update on Hepatitis C. Grand Rounds, Eglin Air Force Base Hospital, Eglin, FL (2001).

J.L. Herrera. The Role of Liver Biopsy in the Diagnosis and Management of Hepatitis C Infection. Clinical Implications in Hepatitis. Am. Coll., Gastroenterol. Symp., Dallas, TX (2001).

J.L. Herrera. Current Diagnosis and Treatment of H. Pylori Infection, Medical Care of the Cirrhotic Patient. Gastroenterology Topics for the Primary Care Physician, Mobile, AL (2001).

J.L. Herrera. Chronic Hepatitis B and C: Should the Employer Worry? Texas Occupational Med. Soc. Annu. Mtg., San Antonio, TX (2001).

C.V. Massey. Effect of Weight Loss on the Electrocardiogram in Morbid Obesity. 66th Annu. Sci. Assem., Am. Coll., Chest Physicians, San Francisco, CA (2000).

C. McCombs. Scientific and Commercial Considerations in Developing a Point-of-Care TB Diagnostic for Simian Tuberculosis. Annu. Retreat, Sequella, Inc., Rockville, MD (2001).

K.M. Ramsey. The Use of Molecular Biology Techniques to Solve Infectious Disease Outbreaks. Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC (2000).

K.M. Ramsey. Bioterrorism: The Threat is Here. Naval Hospital, NATO Base, Keflavik, Iceland (2001).

B.A. Warner. Insulin in Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus. Family Practice/Internal Medicine Physicians, Shreveport, LA (2000).

B.A. Warner. Mix 75/25: A Speaker's Overview. Endocrinology Physicians, Huntsville, AL (2000).

B.A. Warner. Dual Defects Require Dual Treatment. (1) George State Corrections Physicians, Atlanta, GA; (2) Houma Family Care, Houma, LA (2000); (3) Fairhope Physicians Group, Fairhope, AL; (4) Biloxi VA Hospital Physicians, Biloxi, MS; (5) Glucovance Education Meeting, Montgomery, AL ; and (6) Eglin Air Force Base Physicians, Eglin, FL (2001).

B.A. Warner. ACTOS Program: TZD's. Family Physicians, Brewton, AL (2000).

B.A. Warner. Oral Agents: Targeted Treatment for Type 2 DM. Family Practice/Internal Medicine Physicians, Brewton, AL (2000).

B.A. Warner. Insulin Therapy. Ala. Primary Health Care Assoc., Orange Beach, AL (2000).

B.A. Warner. Type 2 DM. Brewton Primary Physicians Group, Brewton, AL (2000).

B.A. Warner. Glucovance Education Program. Sheffield Family Practice, Sheffield, AL (2000).

B.A. Warner. ACTOS. (1) Jackson Primary Physicians, Jackson, AL (2000); (2) Atmore Medical Clinic Physicians, Atmore, AL; (3) Primary Care Physicians, Camden, AL; (4) Family Practice Physicians, Birmingham, AL; and (5) ACTOS National Speakers Bureau Update Meeting, Key Biscayne, FL (2001).

B.A. Warner. ACTOS Update Training Meeting. Vancouver, British Columbia (2000).

B.A. Warner. DM: Dual Defects Require Dual Treatment. Georgia Osteopathic Medical Association, Atlanta, GA (2000).

B.A. Warner. ACTOS Insulin Resistance: Its Role in Type 2 Diabetes. (1) Pensacola Physicians Group, Pensacola, FL; and (2) Physicians in Evergreen and Brewton, Brewton, AL (2000).

B.A. Warner. DM: Diagnosis and Pathogenesis and DM: Treatment. Alabama Academy of Family Physicians, Birmingham, AL (2000).

B.A. Warner. Nateglinide. National Speaker Training Program, Boca Raton, FL (2001).

B.A. Warner. Long and Short Diabetic Therapy. Florida Osteopathic Association Winter Seminar, Tampa, FL (2001).

B.A. Warner. Insulin Analogues. (1) Oneonta Family Physicians, Oneonta, AL; (2) Evergreen and Pell City Physicians, Pell City, AL; and (3) Primary Care/Internal Medicine Physicians, Charlotte, NC (2001).

B.A. Warner. PPG. (1) Pascagoula Primary Care Physicians Group, Pascagoula, MS; and (2) Alabama Society of Physicians Assistant Program, Mobile, AL (2001).

B.A. Warner. Nateglinide. (1) Mobile Adult Care, L.L.C., Mobile, AL; and (2) Nateglinide Advisory Board, Pensacola, FL (2001).

B.A. Warner. Spotlight on Diabetes Management. 7th Annu. Geriat. Conf.: West Florida Regional Medical Center, Sandestin, FL (2001).

B.A. Warner. Insulin Resistance: Its Role in Type 2 Diabetes. Stadium Family Care Medical Education Program, Phenix City, AL (2001).

B.A. Warner. Hypothyroidism in Clinical Practice. Pensacola Adult Care Physicians Medical Education Program, Pensacola, FL (2001).

B.A. Warner. Oral Agents: Combination Therapy – Step Approach? Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association, Philadelphia, PA (2001).

B.A. Warner. Syndrome X: Diabetes and Hypertension, Part I, Current Trends in the Management of Diabetes. 20th Annu. Conf. Miss. Osteopathic Med. Assoc., Sandestin Beach, FL (2001).

B.A. Warner. A Rational Approach to the Treatment of Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus in 2001. Education Program-Southeastern Physicians, Destin, FL (2001).

B.A. Warner. Thyroid Disease. Ala. Osteopathic Med. Assoc. Mtg., Sandestin, FL (2001).

V. NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

R.C. Allison served on Editorial Review Boards for the following journals: *The American Journal of Medical Science*, *American Journal of Medicine*, and *Southern Medical Journal*.

M.A. Alpert served as Associate Editor of the *American Journal of the Medical Sciences*, as Assistant Editor of the *Southern Medical Journal* and as a member of the editorial boards of the *American Journal of Cardiology*, *Angiology* and the *Journal of Heart Failure*. He was appointed to the editorial board of the *Journal of Heart Disease*. He was invited to serve as a member of the Working Group on the Pathophysiology of Obesity-Associated Cardiovascular Diseases, sponsored by the NHLBI and NIDDK, and served as Guest Editor of a symposium entitled "Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Complications of Obesity," published by the *American Journal of the Medical Sciences*. He moderated a session entitled "The Heart in End-Stage Renal Disease" at the 21st Annual Conference on Dialysis and moderated a session entitled "Dilated Cardiomyopathies-Variety Etiologies" at the 2nd International Congress on Heart Disease and served on the Scientific Advisory Board for this meeting. Dr. Alpert also served as Chairman of the Cardiology Section of the Southern Medical Association and as a member of the Planning Committee for the 95th Annual Scientific Sessions of the Southern Medical Association.

W.A. Broughton served in the following capacities: Member ATS/ISDA Consensus Panel For the Statement on Community Acquired Pneumonia (Diagnosis of C.A.P.); Secretary: Alabama State Thoracic Society; Board Member: Tri-state Respiratory Conferences; Program Planner: For USA College of Medicine ATS Tri-State Thoracic Society Meeting.

M.V. Cohen served on the editorial boards of *Basic Research in Cardiology* and *Heart Disease: A Journal of Cardiovascular Medicine*. He continued to serve as a member of NIH Study Section on Clinical and Integrative Cardiovascular Physiology and Pathophysiology.

R.M. Culpepper served as Assistant Editor -- *Southern Medical Journal*, *Referee-Kidney International*, *American Journal of Medicine*, and *American Journal of Physiology*. He also served as President, National Kidney Foundation of Alabama and National Trustee of the National Kidney Foundation.

J.A. DiPalma serves as the Course Director of the Annual Post-graduate Course for the American College of Gastroenterology. He serves on the Board of Trustees for the American College of Gastroenterology and has been nominated as a Treasurer. He chairs the ACG Publication Committee. He is a member of the ACG Task Force on Clinical Practice. He is on the Expert Advisory Panel on Gastrointestinal Drugs of the United States Pharmacopeia. Dr. DiPalma was appointed to the editorial board of the *Southern Medical Journal*, is the Series Editor on *Diagnostic Physiology Testing for Practical Gastroenterology*, on the Editorial Board for *Gastro Online* and is Editor-in-Chief of and *Online Journal of Digestive Health*.

J.G. Hardin served in the following capacities: Reviewer for *American Journal of Medicine*, *Arthritis & Rheumatism*, *JAMA*, *Journal of Musculoskeletal Medicine*, *New England Journal of Medicine*, and *Annals of Internal Medicine*.

J. Haynes served in the following capacities: Member: American Thoracic Society: Planning Committee 1994-1998; Board of Directors: Sickle Cell Disease Association, Mobile, AL; American College of Physicians, Internist of Today Steering Committee, 1996-2000; Sub-committee for Program Review (sub-committee of the Program and Budget Committee) of the American Thoracic Society; Board of Directors: United Way, 1999-2000; Board of Directors: American Red Cross, 1997-2000; Member: American College of Physicians, Marketing and Communications Committee, 2000-2002.

J.L. Herrera was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Alabama Chapter of the American Liver Foundation. He serves on the Education Committee of the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases. He is a reviewer for the *American College of Gastroenterology*, *Southern Medical Journal*, *American Journal of Medicine*, *Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research*, *Mayo Clinic Procedures*, *Journal of Clinical Gastroenterology* and *Digestive Diseases and Sciences*.

C.V. Massey served as a District Counselor for the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Cardiology and was elected to Strathmore's Who's Who in the World.

C. McCombs is expending 65% effort designing and administering a new grants program to support research on a vaccine for tuberculosis in accordance with Sequella Global Tuberculosis Foundation's contract with the University of South Alabama.

J.P. Michalski is a reviewer for the *Journal of Investigative Dermatology*; *Southern Medical Journal* and *Journal of Medical Genetics*. He is also on the Medical Advisory Board of the American Behcet's Association.

K. Ramsey was elected to the Council of the Southern Society for Clinical Investigation to serve a three-year term (2000-2003). Dr. Ramsey completed his term as Chairperson of the Task Force on Volunteer and Staff Activities for the Society for Healthcare Epidemiology and was elected to a two-year term as Secretary (2002-2003).

J.A. Vande Waa completed his term as Chairperson of the Mobile AIDS Consortium.

B.A. Warner served on Editorial Review Boards for the following journals: *Endocrine Practice, Metabolism Clinical & Experimental*.

VI. BRIEF SUMMARY OF DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES AND PROGRESS.

Faculty development efforts are continuing. Drs. Nadeem Husain, Jean Glossa, and Jennifer Messner joined the Division of Medical Education; Dr. Reynaldo Rodriguez joined the Division of Gastroenterology; Dr. Tracy Neal joined the Division of Cardiology; and Dr. Syed Raza joined the Division of Pulmonary Medicine. Faculty departures this past year included Drs. Stacey Wing, T. Michael Fan, Roy Martino, Marcel Conrad, and Martin Alpert.

The educational program for the Department of Medicine is stable and strong. The junior medicine clerkship won the award as the Best Junior Clerkship at Skit Night. The senior elective in Cardiology won the award as Best Senior Elective and Dr. Stephen Greenberg won the award as the Best Attending. Nineteen faculty members in the department were honored with the Red Sash Award at graduation ceremonies. Dr. John Bass was selected by the senior class to give the address at the Honors Convocation. The housestaff program had an excellent match and completely filled with competitive candidates.

The financial situation of the department is the best that it has been in a number of years. Faculty practice plan is on a break-even basis and we are in an excellent position to rebuild the department in areas that have become understaffed over the past several years.