

# THE UNC MEDICINE CHIEFS' CORNER

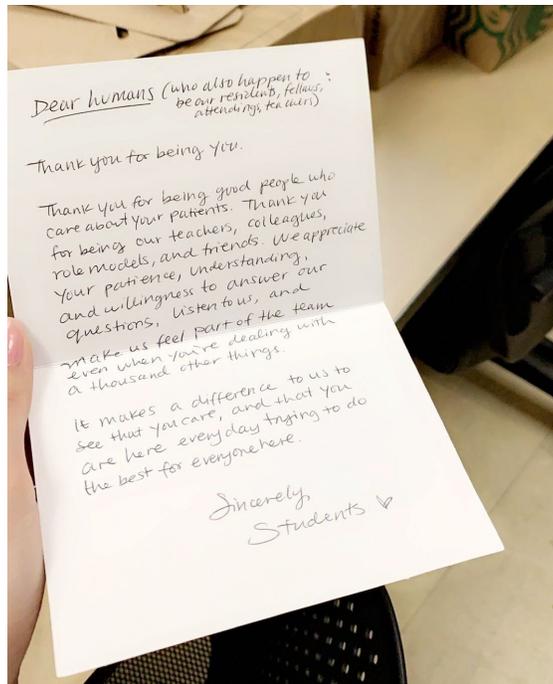
*The "First Chiefs Corner of the New Academic Year" Edition*  
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## BREAKING NEWS



Dr. Bynum made progress toward conquering her fear of heights at the first annual UNC Internal Medicine Residency ropes course during orientation! We hope everyone had a great time.

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



A little reminder from our friends the med students that our efforts to teach and role model on the wards are noticed and appreciated. Keep it up, team!

## BITE-SIZED NEWS

**Clinic Survey Winner:** Josh Hudson was the winner of the drawing for a \$50 Amazon Gift Card for completing our Clinic Survey! Thanks to everyone who participated - this feedback really helps us to continue improving the clinic experience!

## CLINIC CORNER

**Please make note of your clinic team!** The goal of these teams is to create a 'mini-firm' to help support and care for your patients. We are very excited about this model and how it can work to make stronger connections as a team and coordinated care for our patients.

- **Co-residents:** good for discussing ideas or questions you may have about your patients, and great for In Basket coverage while on vacation. They will be the second line providers if you are unavailable in clinic
- **Attendings:** can answer questions when you are not in clinic or that can help with leveraging resources in clinic. They can be the "authorizing provider" for tests ordered when not in a clinic session
- **Admin Support:** for calling patients to make appointments, to follow up on referrals, or gather medical records
- **Care Assistants:** for getting DME, working on medication affordability and following up on chronic conditions like Diabetes, Hypertension or COPD.

**Diabetic retinopathy screening:** From Dr. Tom Miller: The diabetic eye screening is going very well. So far we have screened 90 patients, about 40% of those who have been identified for screening. In the short time the camera has been functional we have detected a surprising number of patients with pathological findings. Results:

- Mild NPDR: 10
- Moderate NPDR: 4
- Severe DR: 1
- Proliferative DR: 3
- Diabetic Macular Edema: 2

**Heart Failure Initiative:** The clinic is targeting patients with low EF who are not on optimal medications. Pharmacy staff will attempt to up-titrate Ace or beta blocker via telephone or my chart prior to a visit with a provider. FYI, as part of this initiative, you may be contacted to order monitoring labs for new medications as part of your clinic visit.

**Managing Service Animals in Outpatient Clinics:** UNC Medical Center welcomes service animals at all facilities, consistent with our commitment to patients and the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you have additional questions, please contact the legal department at 984-974-3041.

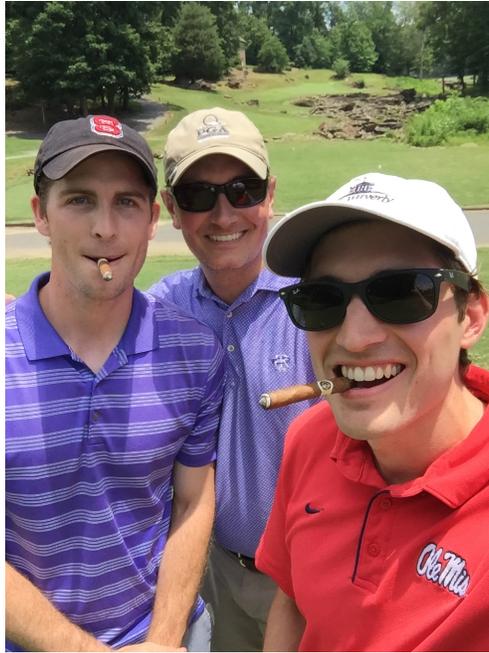
## SCHOLARLY & EXTRACURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

**Teaching opportunity:** We will kick off our annual EBM series in the near future with a series of conferences focused on understanding key EBM concepts. Please let the chiefs know if you would be interested in teaching a 10-15 minute 'mini session' on any EBM subject! Crowd favorites have included Forrest plots, odds ratios, and composite endpoints.

## CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Morning Report and Noon Conference Schedules can be viewed [here](#)

## OUT & ABOUT



Drs. Eubanks, O'Shea, and Peebles practice good golf and bad respiratory habits on an afternoon off together.



The chiefs taking out the trash with the assistance of the Chair of Medicine after Intern Picnic. Nick is still taking a self-imposed hiatus from selfies.

## SHOUT OUTS

*From recent graduate Dr. Sarah Stern:* This is my last email before I deactivate my account! I wanted to give a big shout out to Dr. Jonathan Sorah for seeing my last patient on our busy clinic day so I could pick up my mom from the airport- it was such a nice gesture and memorable way for me to leave the ACC clinic on my last day of clinic ever!

*To Dr. Sayyad Kyazimzade:* for literally pulling someone out of a broken elevator during a night shift. Not in the job description – but appreciated nonetheless!

*From the 3-Anderson nursing staff:* Dr. Andrew de la Paz was absolutely above and beyond anything that the staff or I have ever seen! The atmosphere of teamwork and commonality amongst us was really great to work with. He stays up to date with recorded documentation (intake/output, VS, medication administration), checks with nurses to make sure documentation is up to date, and places orders and communicates frequently, personably, and clearly with the nurse. He remains thorough-reading RN notes, checking in with patients and outcomes of interventions, jumping in to place a central line that was much needed due to loss of IV access one evening. With the accompaniment of the primary nurse and the CVAD liason, he pulled this off without a hitch. The patient was able to receive their much needed treatments in a very timely manner.

## SPOTLIGHT ON



Dr. Ahad Abid, one of our newly-minted PGY-1s!

Originally from Lahore, Pakistan, Ahad moved to Charleston, SC where he completed his undergraduate education at the College of Charleston, before attending medical school at University of South Carolina. Alongside his passion for patient care, he has continued to focus on the humanities. He is a self-taught guitarist, pianist, and song-writer. In his free time, he continues to explore his creative side, enjoys attending concerts, watching sports, and enjoying the outdoors. His career goals include an interest in Cardiology and a passion for medical education.

## TRIVIA

*Did you know?* English and Irish, but not Gaelic, are the official languages of the country of Ireland.