



Radiology Residency Newsletter

Summer 2023

Editorial

Welcome to the Summer Edition of the Radiology Residency Newsletter!

Wow how time has flown! The last time we presented this newsletter, the senior class was preparing to take their Radiology Core Exam, which they all passed! Shortly thereafter, they celebrated their graduation from the program, and it was my class's turn to take the Boards in the same year. And I am extremely proud to say that we too managed to slay the test with aplomb! Because of course, #UAMSRadiologyResidentsRock.

Unfortunately, one of the greatest UAMS Radiology attendings, the legendary Dr. Shah, decided to retire earlier in 2022 but we are ever so grateful to him for his lasting dedication to the teaching mission and for instilling a sense of professionalism, kindness, curiosity and scholarship in all the residents he has taught in his 40 plus years of service.

At the moment, we are not only valiantly battling the newest variant in the COVID pandemic but also an all-consuming blistering heat wave that is unprecedented in these parts. Despite all this, we have had fun events and get-togethers throughout the fall, spring and now summer in the form of beautiful nature hikes, delicious crawfish boils, and not to forget the much-awaited Annual Welcome Pool Party at Dr. Eichhorn's gorgeous home. The long overdue residency tradition, Buffalo River Float Trip made a comeback too!

I look forward to more awesome gatherings and feel blessed to have the effortless camaraderie we all share which I seek to showcase in this edition!
I hope you will enjoy leafing through this issue.

Yours truly,
Surbhi Raichandani

PS – Hot off the press! Watch out for the Shah Special Edition Newsletter that will be released in honor of Dr. Shah shortly after!

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We will miss you!

Dr. Hemendra R. Shah, widely known across the halls of UAMS as simply Dr. Shah, Professor of Radiology & Urology, decided to step into retirement early this year, after more than forty years of dedicated service. He was and continues to be the most knowledgeable, well respected, admired and fastidious UAMS Radiology attending there ever was and will be. He has helped train generations of incredible radiologists, all of whom owe at least part of their success to him. Thank you, Dr. Shah, for your perseverance, dedication and commitment to advancing the educational mission of academic medicine. For being steadfast in saving those interesting cases, sharing them with the residents and teaching us something new with each case you find. You will forever be enmeshed in the fabric of UAMS Radiology.



Dr. Scott Lile, Assistant Professor, Pediatric Radiology also chose to retire this year from Arkansas Children's Hospital after several years of service. He will be missed. We wish him a happy retirement!



Dr. Sarah Fitch, Associate Professor, Pediatric Radiology, will be retiring this year from Arkansas Children's Hospital North-West. We wish her the very best!



Dr. Xiaofei Wang, Assistant Professor, Nuclear Medicine will also be leaving UAMS this year. After leading the Nuclear Medicine department after Dr. McDonald's retirement, he expertly ran the show for the last couple of years and we're sorry to see him go. However, we wish him well for his next chapter at WVU!



Welcome Aboard!

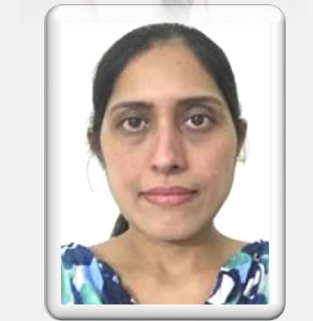


Dr. Dixon earned his medical degree from State University of New York, Upstate Medical University in Syracuse, New York in 1988. He then completed an Emergency Medicine residency at Akron General Medical Center in Ohio in 1998 & practiced for 12 years before completing a Diagnostic Radiology residency in 2003 at State University of New York in Syracuse. Dr. Dixon completed his VIR fellowship in 2004 at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. So thrilled to have you here, Dr. Dixon!



Dr. Jadhav received his medical degree from Dr. Vaishampayan Memorial Medical College, Shivaji University, in India. He completed residency training at BJ Medical College and Sassoon General Hospital, Pune University in India.

Dr. Jadhav went on to complete fellowships in neuroradiology, nuclear medicine, body imaging/musculoskeletal, advanced imaging, and IR and cardiothoracic imaging at Rush University in Chicago, where he also earned a Master's in Clinical Research. He also completed a fellowship in NeuroIR at the University of Washington in Seattle. Welcome to Team UAMS!



Dr. Kala Buddha earned her medical degree from NTR University of Health Sciences, in Vijaywada, India in 2007. She then went on to complete a Diagnostic Radiology Residency at NTR University & practiced for several years before completing a fellowship in abdominal imaging and intervention in 2019 at UT Health San Antonio in San Antonio, Texas. We are glad to have you!

Kudos!



This year's Roentgen Research Award goes to none other than our resident rockstar researcher, George Vilanilam, R3. Nicely done!



Two victories for our R2, Sanaz Ameli, who not only bagged the win on Resident Research Day but was also accepted to the ITAR program and will be representing UAMS. So proud of you!

Kudos!



Congratulations to Dr. Raghu Ramakrishnaiah for being honored with the Faculty Award for Clinical Excellence, Best Consulting Physician, at the 2022 Dean's Honor Day for consistently going above and beyond the consults he provides. We are so inspired by you Dr. Raghu!



Congratulations to Dr. Surjith Vattoth for his well-deserved promotion to Professor in the Neuroradiology Division!

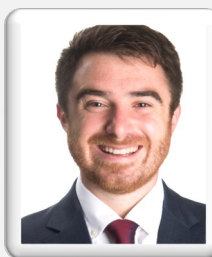
Heartiest congratulations also to Dr. Fathima Palot Manzil for her promotion to Associate Professor in the Nuclear Medicine Division!



As prolific authors, their dedication to teaching and research is always a great source of motivation for us in training.



Congratulations to Dr. Harleen Kaur who will be taking over the Nuclear Medicine Division Chief leadership role starting August 1st. That only means only great things for the department. Way to go, Dr. Kaur!



Congratulations to Taylor Witt, current Neuroradiology Fellow & Jameson Gilstrap, R2 for the Resident Professionalism Award! Setting the bar high.

Congratulations to Dr. Josh Eichhorn for winning the Resident Award of Distinction this year. Such a fantastic accomplishment!

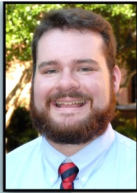


Ronald Mora, R4 did UAMS proud by bringing home the win in the Fellow Luminaries Competition at ISET 2022. Great going!

Kudos!



We did it!
So incredibly proud of my class for crushing the Radiology Boards this summer! Such an awesome feeling. It was wonderful to be able to celebrate it in style. Thank you to our amazing staff!



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Can't forget the awesome fellowships we secured 😊
Very grateful to our mentors who enabled us to reach our dreams and for the firm foundational training we get at UAMS.



Congratulations on making it to the end! This year marked the graduation of the stellar senior class of 2022. We wish them good luck for their next adventure!

Snaps & Snippets!



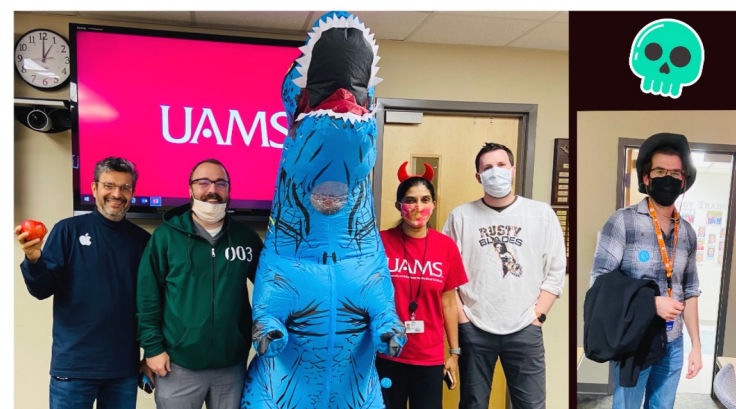
Snacks and fun packaged in an Arkansan outdoor adventure?
Yes, please!
Glimpses from a day out in the Pinnacle Mountain State Park.



Welcoming the new R1s and interns at Dr. Eichhorn's beautiful home!



No elevators to success, you have to take the stairs - in a symbolic reminder by the graduating class of 2022!



Roar like a dinosaur on come-in-to-work-dressed-as-your-favorite-character-day aka Halloween!



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Woohoo! The much-loved float trip returned this season! So. Much. Fun.

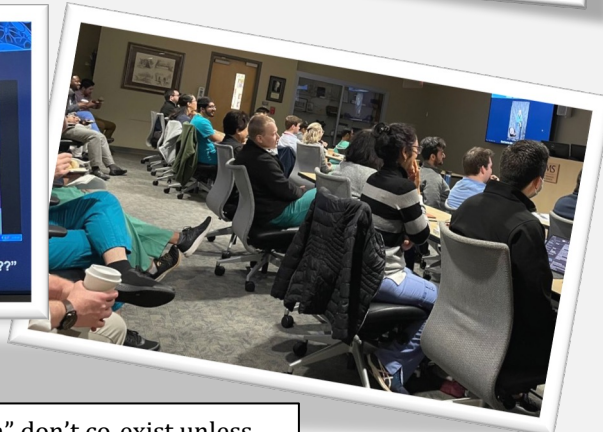
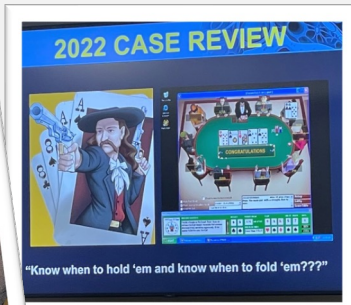


'Tis the season to be really sleighing it in the ugly Christmas sweater!

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Belles and Beaus of the Boil.
Pictures from the Spring Crawfish Boil!



The words "case conference" and "fun" don't co-exist unless you're lucky to have superstar Dr. Anne Osborne do it for you!

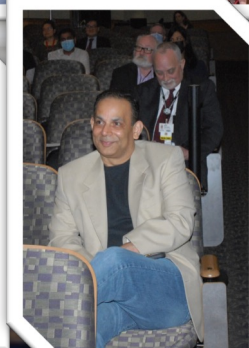
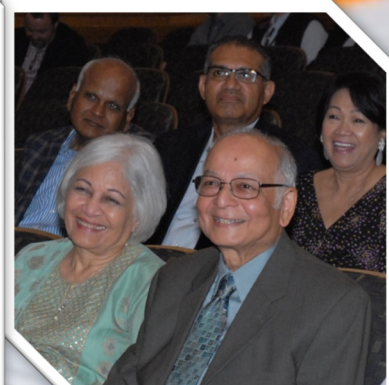


Here they are! Meet the newest crop of UAMS Radiology trainees. Pictured is the current intern class which includes (from left to right): Akhileshwar Ginnaram, Halyna Pokhylevych, Caroline Tomanek, Alexander McClanahan, Dakota Pouncey, Suryansh Bajaj and Ahmed Abdelmonem

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Happy Retirement

Dr. Shah



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