

Residents and Faculty Go the Extra Mile in Winter Storms

Kudos to our dedicated residents and faculty who went the extra mile during the winter storms! These are some of our many selfless individuals.

Anesthesiology

Stayed overnight:

Anesthesia Tech – Twaun Bluefer

CRNA – Mathew Bolding

Faculty – Drs. Caroline Martinello, Alvin Stewart, Greg Mehaffey

Gave rides:

Residents – Drs. Kevin Barkley, Ryan Mitchell, Jonathan Lowery

CRNAs – Dennis Armstrong, Nick Begley

Faculty – Drs. George Rader, Mohammed Abdeldayem, Matthew Spond, Geoff Muller, Jill Ramsey, Victor Mandoff

-Dr. Jill Mhyre, Chair

During the inclement weather last week, Dr. Aru Reddy (Professor, Pediatric Anesthesiology) arranged for transportation for on-call faculty members to ACH. She attempted to drive some to work, placing herself at risk. Ultimately, she spent three days at the hospital to ensure timely backup for her faculty and patients requiring urgent care. The patients, faculty, and staff of UAMS/ACH are fortunate to have such a dedicated and selfless leader.

-Whit Robben, M.D., Associate Professor, Pediatric Anesthesiology/Pain Management

Dermatology

Dr. Blake St. Clair, who lives within walking distance of the hospital, made himself available 24/7 for Dermatology emergencies.

-Dr. Sara Shalin, Chair

Family/Preventive Medicine

Dr. Monica Kothari - PGY1 on NICU

Dr. Ethan Chandler - PGY1 on Peds Wards

Dr. Monica Ferrero - PGY3 on FM Wards

Dr. Swapna Manyam - PGY2 on FM Wards

Dr. Wayne Bryant - PGY2 on FM Wards

Dr. Onna Lau - PGY3 on Nights

... and above all – Dr. John Ukadike, PGY1 on FM Wards, who ran the shuttle service for all of our residents and faculty for the last 3 days.

-Dr. Shashank Kraleti, Residency Program Director

Internal Medicine

Department Chair Dr. Edward Yeh shared an update and kudos for Internal Medicine and Medicine-Pediatrics residents from *Dr. Keyur Vyas, Internal Medicine Residency Program Director*. They also thanked off-service residents in other programs who were assigned to Internal Medicine inpatient services and continued to work during the winter storms.

All of our services at UAMS and the VA were fully staffed by our residents last week during the snowstorms. Like true professionals, they made sure they were at work and available for their patients. They looked out for each other by providing rides to their colleagues as needed. In addition to those listed below, I want to single out our chief residents, Dr. Michael Cross and Dr. Jim Chen, who were here each day making sure that the residents were OK. They attended on VA services and continued our educational conferences. Jim spent the night in the hospital. Michael came back to work on Tuesday evening to help Dr. Robert Hopkins, Dr. Michelle Krause, and myself with the urgent COVID vaccination clinic to make sure no doses went to waste. I could not ask for a better team.

-Dr. Keyur Vyas, Internal Medicine Residency Program Director

The following IM and Med-Peds residents came in to work.

Dr. Prachi Saluja - <i>Gave People Rides</i>	Dr. Husam Salah
Dr. Amisha Gupta	Dr. Todd Turner
Dr. Heath Mitchell	Dr. Jake Leffert
Dr. Marc Stanley - <i>Slept in the hospital</i>	Dr. Tanya Sharma
Dr. Cody Webster - <i>Gave people rides</i>	Dr. Omar Alqaisi - <i>Walked to work and slept in the hospital</i>
Dr. Thomas Augustine - <i>Gave people rides</i>	Dr. Tyler Fugere - <i>Gave People Rides</i>
Dr. Zach Ray - <i>Gave people rides</i>	Dr. Arya Roy - <i>Gave People Rides</i>
Dr. Nathan Falls - <i>Walked to work</i>	Dr. Trevor Meece - <i>Gave People Rides</i>
Dr. Katie Moreaux - <i>Gave people rides</i>	Dr. Tanya Savenka
Dr. Erik Meyers - <i>Walked to work</i>	Dr. Ples Spradley - <i>Gave People Rides</i>
Dr. Mavinder Guram	Dr. Aakash Rana - <i>Slept in the hospital</i>
Dr. Jeremy Rowe - <i>Gave People Rides</i>	Dr. Zach Tilley
Dr. Lucas Carver - <i>Slept in the hospital</i>	Dr. Lana Abusalem
Dr. Akash Patel - <i>Gave people rides</i>	Dr. Fares Mashal
Dr. Caitlan Murphy - <i>Gave people rides</i>	Dr. Kelsey Besett - <i>Gave People Rides</i>
Dr. Emily Enderlin - <i>Gave people rides</i>	Dr. Zee Al-Fanek - <i>Gave People Rides</i>
Dr. Connor Rayburn	

The following IM and Med-Peds residents were on their ambulatory clinic block and took care of their patients virtually.

Dr. Morgan Tripod	Dr. Ryan James
Dr. Vidhu Vadini	Dr. Charles Lavender
Dr. Nitesh Gautam	Dr. Lauren Taylor
Dr. Kayln Holloway	Dr. Jake Smith
Dr. Malek Alaiwah	Dr. Maddie Williams
Dr. Emily Askew	Dr. Jesal Shah
Dr. John Ferguson	Dr. Julie Gardner
Dr. Lana Hasan	Dr. Stephanie Onedo
Dr. Alan Baltz	

The following off-service residents from multiple programs were assigned to IM inpatient services and came in to work.

Dr. Brian Rhea, Transitional Year - *Gave people rides*
Dr. Nicole Sullivan, Transitional Year
Dr. Zachary Dawes, PM&R
Dr. Johnathan Colby Smith, PM&R
Dr. Erin E. Jefferson, Psych - *Gave people rides*
Dr. Duy Ha, Anesthesia

Dr. Grant Chambers, Anesthesia
Dr. Vivian Diep, EM
Dr. Rebecca Pratt, Neuro
Dr. Shilpa Mohanan, Rad
Dr. Wayne Bryant, FM
Dr. Diorella Lopez-Gonzalez, FM
Dr. Parth Shah, WRMC IM - *Gave people rides*

Neurology

Our Residency Director, Dr. Mitesh Lotia, Dr. Jamie Watson (our adjunct faculty member that we share with Medical Humanities) and Dr. Kelly-Ann Patrice shuttled the residents back and forth in their four-wheel-drive vehicles.

-Dr. Lee Archer, Chair

A few other neurology residents that provided transportation every day to other residents are Drs. Carolina Gil Tommee, Rohan Sharma and Ricardo Lopez Castellanos.

-Dr. Nidhi Kapoor, Assistant Professor

Neurosurgery

Neurosurgery residents continued to work in-house. Some transported residents and others to the hospital. Some faculty slept in their offices. Dr. Angela Parmer, Chief Resident, was always available. Elective and emergent surgeries continued. All teams are to be congratulated for their dedication during the Snow Storms of 2021, that will long be remembered.

-Dr. T. Glenn Pait, Professor

Obstetrics & Gynecology

I would like to recognize Landon Greulich, critical care RN, for driving the labor and delivery resident team to work every night during the snow storm. He picked up 3 residents every night even when he wasn't working. I would also commend the L&D nights residents for coming in every night to take care of our pregnant moms of Arkansas. Dr. Jennifer Greulich, PGY1. Dr. Clara Tang, PGY2. Dr. Meredith McKinney, PGY3.

We also had an OB attending, Dr. Chad Taylor, stay in house for approximately 30 hours to make sure other faculty could make it home safely. Dr. Dora Smith and Dr. Melissa Helmich were some of our other OB attendings that braved the weather to work on labor and delivery during the snow storm.

Additionally, PGY1 Dr. Hunter Bane provided rides for multiple residents who needed to make it to the hospital to round on OB inpatients as well as our GYN ONC patients.

-Dr. Meredith McKinney, PGY3 resident

Ophthalmology

Dr. Kinza Ahmad
Dr. Zia Siddiqui
Dr. Steven Edens

-Dr. Paul Phillips, Chair

Otolaryngology-Head/Neck Surgery

These ENT residents did in-house call:

Dr. Tyler Merrill

Dr. Terrell Bibb

Dr. Mary Catherine Brown

Dr. Sriram Navuluri

Dr. Don Vickers

Dr. Zach Anderson

Dr. Anvesh Kompelli

-Dr. John Dornhoffer, Chair

Pathology

Several faculty members joined with Department Chair *Dr. Jennifer Laudadio* in sharing stories about team members pulling together and going the extra mile during the storms. As Dr. Murat Gokden put it, "I think that these occurrences are not all that unusual, but are rather routine in some shape or form for our folks. They just do not necessarily come to light, because we do not have snow storms all the time."

Kudos from Dr. Soheila Korourian: Dr. Alan Lim came on Saturday covering for another resident who could not make it. He helped with frozen section. Dr. Autumn Wyeth, our Surg Path fellow, was here every single day and helped with frozen sections and sign-out.

Residency Program Director Dr. Susanne Jeffus relayed a note of appreciation from a trauma surgeon thanking resident Dr. Azin Mashayekhi for her outstanding patient care and willingness to help during difficult circumstances.

Dr. Jennifer Forsyth gave a shout-out to Dr. Anna Tart (Chief Resident) for her excellent work and for shuttling her and others during the winter storms.

Dr. Vijay Patel shared several stories about the dedication of residents and fellows:

Kudos to Dr. Steven Hemberger for being dedicated to patient care and staying at the hospital so he could fulfill his work duties at the VA! In addition to Steven, I think quite a few other residents deserve a big round of applause as well for going above and beyond this past week:

Dr. Alyssa Higgins was on call last week, and she stayed at Dr. Anna Tart's house every night so that she could be near the hospital. They both trekked back and forth every day by foot to be present all day, for any and all coverage and assistance that was needed in surg path for stranded residents. They helped with a lot of grossing and looking at cases so that things kept running during our mini ice age.

The surg path residents themselves (Drs. Patty Connor, Ben Rollins, Miki Lindsey, and Kellen Dawson) all live quite far away from the hospital, but each made their own (sometimes Herculean) efforts to get to the hospital as much as they could throughout the week, so that surg path could keep functioning.

Dr. Alan Lim and Dr. Eleonora Fiorletta weren't even on surg path, but both made dedicated efforts to make it to the hospital some days anyway, and pitched in to help with some grossing

as well. Brannon Broadfoot was always available to provide the surg path-ers with transportation as needed.

These are just some examples I'm personally aware of, so I'm definitely not meaning to leave anyone out. But I think we have some pretty awesome residents in this department, and I think we're all very proud of how they kept things going for us last week!

Pediatrics

We had quite a few Pediatric residents stay overnight at UAMS and ACH. So proud of their dedication to their patients!

Lakeya O'Neal

Taylor Gohman

Susanna Chandler

Keri Read

Shawn Walker

Thomas Fiedorek

Thanh Thanh Dai

Phoebe Martin

Kelsey Floyd

Oscar Nguyen

RachelAnn Sullivan

Ulriche McCurdy

Kimberly Hubbard

-Emily Argue Stotts, Pediatric Residency Coordinator

Psychiatry

Our two residents who stayed overnight are Jace Duhon, MD, and Mary Nance, MD. (PGY2s)

-Dr. G. Richard Smith, Chair

Dr. Jessica Coker (Assistant Professor) in the Department of Psychiatry went above and beyond to take care of her inpatient residents this week with the inclement weather. She offered to drive all of us to and from work every day to make sure we could get there safely to take care of our patients. We are so thankful for her always going the extra mile (literally)!

-Erin Bider (psychiatry PGY4)

Radiology

None of our residents had to stay in, apart from the ones who would have been in-house for call anyway. They banded together to travel and if needed stayed at their colleague's house. But there were initial attempts with cars needing towing services, at a later stage.

Some of our faculty stayed-in for the entire week including Dr. Xiaofei Wang, Dr. Amole Adewumi, and at ACH, Dr. Rob Buchmann and Dr. Sateesh Jayappa. Others such as Dr. Rudy Van Hemert Jr. helped bring colleagues to work and back home.

We had many nurses and techs who stayed-in or stayed at nearby hotels.

Dr. Arabinda Choudhary, Chair

Surgery

I would like to highlight how multiple surgery residents did more than I could ask for others during this time to care for each other.

-Dr. Joe Deloach pulled a resident out of the snow and towed her car up University to its parking lot. He also patched a leaking pipe while the plumber was en route.

-Multiple residents – Drs. Garrett Klutts, Whitney Taylor, Levi Watson, Ali Wenholz, and Jordan Wells – were shuttling other residents back and forth in their snow-capable vehicles. They made multiple trips throughout the day to do this while maintaining excellent clinical coverage of their patients.

-Dr. E.J. Soto and Dr. Tamara Osborn even walked (safely), setting out at an even earlier time than the regularly very early mornings required for general surgery residency.

-Dr. Krista Stephenson lodged another resident so they could stay closer to the hospital for a safer drive.

-When people were late, all services and operations were cross-covered by other residents who could make it, and there were daily check-ups on everyone's well-being and morning and evening ride status. When call rooms were flooded, and food was scarce, food was delivered, and housing was provided.

Through it all, I witnessed the incredible sense of family within our program and unrelenting sense of duty to the care of our patients from all of our residents in this largely unprecedented time.

-Dr. John Pagteilan, Chief Resident, General Surgery

Urology

Dr. Davis picked up and dropped off a few residents several days last week. Dr. Mark Campbell and Dr. Jordan Hanberry both walked to the hospital since they live close. Dr. Jordan Hanberry and Dr. Joel Ubeda spent the night.

-Tony DeJarnatt, Department Administrator

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