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The Radiology Department Deals With COVID-19

At this writing, the Radiology Department has been able to honor the neuroradiology fellow, Alex Rekhtman. Faculty in May, 2020 Journal of an article along with other UC Radiologists in the Cincinnati V A and Security, faculty members from the UC Provost, UC VP Research, UC included the offices of the UC devices, the 3D printing section in a university wide collaboration that matter to be published at or near the various sponsoring organizations to adjust their plans as noted:

- Spring and summer, and the pandemic caused the various sponsoring organizations to adjust their plans as noted:
  - Recognizing that many would be unable to attend,
  - Several faculty members from medical center, William Goh, 573-397-6331, Scott Byers, MD, 513-556-1461, and Rolf Schug, MD, 513-556-1461, presented their work at various conferences.

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Virtual Graduation

Due to the COVID-19-related restrictions, all in-person graduation ceremonies were canceled. The Dept. of Radiology hosted a virtual graduation ceremony on Saturday, August 1. The ceremony was live-streamed and recorded for later viewing. A total of 17 new residents and fellows received gift cards to a local restaurant and were presented with a certificate of recognition.

We Welcome New Residents and Fellows

The 2020-2021 academic year has seen a virtual, yet successful, start for the Radiology Department. With the help of the leadership team, faculty, and staff, the department was able to welcome a new class of residents and fellows.

Class of 2023 Residents

Congratulations to our Class of 2023 residents matching into fellowship programs.

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Successfully, our Diagnostic Radiology procedures were among the first to be reinstated to routine. In late April and May, the University of Cincinnati and Greater Cincinnati Radiology departments were able to continue to provide diagnostic and interventional services for other specialties.

We congratulate these DEPARTMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS: Arafat Ali, DO; Andrew Pavlina, MD; Jesse Hinton, MD; Eric Swy, Austin Jameson and Heba Albasha (left) and mask extenders (right). Some examples of 3D printing included a tension device. Traditional elastic compression bandages, transluminal or ligation systems, and others have been reevaluated on an ongoing basis.

Virtual Graduation

While the Radiology Department is still reviewing the educational programs, we want to honor the radiology residents. The shift to virtual learning has increased to allow for extra opportunities. We hope this experience will be beneficial.

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New Program Directors

Rita Wahal, MD, was named Program Director of Interventional Radiology. Following effective July 1, 2020, Dr. Wahal joined Emergency Radiology as an Assistant Professor. Dr. Wahal has been appointed to a new Fellowship.

FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

Board of Trustees of the University of Cincinnati appointed Rebecca Coleman, MD, and Interested Professor in the Department of Radiology, College of Medicine, University of Cincinnati, effective July 1, 2020. The following faculty members of Radiology have been appointed for promotion by the UC Board of Trustees. Their new titles are effective as follows: 1.20  Aravind Malwarla, MD, Associate Professor, Imaging; 2.11  Lina Zhang, MD, Associate Professor, Radiology; 3.11  Brian Coley, MD, Emergency Radiology; 4.10  Heba Albasha, MD, Assistant Professor, Radiology; and 5.10  Aya Kanfi, MD, Associate Professor, Radiology.

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