**Reminder! Community Movie Night – August 29th**
Join members from all three Communities for a family friendly movie night on Saturday, August 29th at the Clairmont Campus Recreation Field (1946 Starvine Way, Decatur, GA 30033). Faculty members and their families are invited to come out at 7:30pm for pre-show entertainment and networking followed by a viewing of *How to Train Your Dragon* at sunset. **RSVP by 8/21!**
*Rain Date: September 12th*

**What can the Clinical Excellence Community do for you?**
We are very interested in knowing what you would like to see from the Clinical Excellence Community. We would be grateful if you can complete a very brief (2-3 minute) survey to provide us your feedback. Thank you for your participation!

**Qualitative Research Training Workshops**
The RSPH is hosting a series of workshops for professionals to develop skills in qualitative research and data analysis. Additional information and registration details can be found [here](#). Please contact Khaleelah Muwwakkil at kmuwwak@emory.edu or 404-727-3152 with any questions.

**5th Annual Winship Win the Fight 5K**
Registration is now open for the Winship 5K which will take place on Saturday, October 3. John Schuerholz, legendary president of the Atlanta Braves, will serve as grand marshal. [Read more](#) and [register](#) today.

Submit an announcement to be featured in the newsletter

**Congratulatory Corner!**

**Congratulations to the Emory Department of Medicine faculty members recognized by Atlanta magazine in its annual Top Doctors issue!**

Vasilis Babaliaros, MD (Cardiology)
Stephen Clements, Jr., MD (Cardiology)
David DeLurgio, MD (Cardiology)
Taylor Graves, MD, MHS (General Medicine and Geriatrics)
Janice Lea, MD (Renal Medicine)
Kenneth Leeper, MD (Pulmonary)**
Angel Leon, MD (Cardiology)
Michael Lloyd, MD (Cardiology)
Jonathan Masor, MD (General Medicine and Geriatrics)
Douglas Morris, MD (Cardiology)
Bruce Ribner, MD, MPH (Infectious Diseases)
David Schulman, MD, MPH (Pulmonary)
Andrew Smith, MD (Cardiology)
Laurence Sperling, MD, FACC, FAHA, FACP (Cardiology)
Gerald Staton, Jr., MD (Pulmonary)
Jonathan Waltuck, MD (Rheumatology)
Byron Williams, Jr., MD (Cardiology)

**Dr. Kenneth Leeper passed away earlier this year. The Department of Medicine would like to remember Dr. Leeper and the tremendous impact he made in his 17 years at Emory.**
FOAM IN – FOAM OUT has been our slogan to improve hand hygiene for the past few years. It is simple to say and simple to do, yet we miss opportunities every day to protect our patients. Without our awareness, “secret shoppers” monitor our performance of hand hygiene in the Emory Healthcare hospitals and at Grady. On average we clean our hands in just 60-80% of the opportunities as we enter/exit patient rooms, physicians and non-physicians alike. That rate has not changed in several years. Hospital-acquired infection (HAI) rates fall when hand cleaning becomes the norm (>90%, consistently), and reducing HAI rates can save lives and millions of dollars yearly in reduced health care costs and financial penalties in our Emory hospitals. As we start this new academic year, what can we do to better clean our hands?

- For the next week make it a personal challenge to FOAM IN – FOAM OUT 100% of the time. Once it’s a habit, it will become second nature.
- Have each other’s backs. Remind a colleague EVERY time you see a missed opportunity.

**Recent Publications from Clinical Excellence Community Members**

*Community members are bolded*

**High risk of delisting or death in liver transplant candidates following infections: Results from the North American consortium for the study of end-stage liver disease**  

**Open-label prospective study of the safety and efficacy of glass-based yttrium 90 radioembolization for infiltrative hepatocellular carcinoma with portal vein thrombosis**  
Kokabi N, Camacho JC, Xing M, El-Rayes BF, Spivey JR, Knechtle SJ, Kim HS. Cancer. 2015 Apr 6. doi: 10.1002/cncr.29275. Read more...

**Preservation of quality of life with doxorubicin drug-eluting bead transarterial chemoembolization for unresectable hepatocellular carcinoma: Longitudinal prospective study**  

**Persistence of Ebola Virus in Ocular Fluid during Convalescence**  

**Clinical Documentation Tip**

### Outpatient Billing Tips

**Time**  
Time is used in selecting an E/M code only when counseling or coordinator of care represents more than 50 percent of the time the physician spent face-to-face with the patient. Example: Patient Jane Doe is seen in clinic today as an established patient and she has been non-compliant in taking her medications. The provider spends over 50% of the visit counseling Ms. Doe on why it’s important to take her meds correctly. Level 4 (99214) is typically a 25 minute visit. Documentation must include the total face-to-face time of the encounter and a description of the counseling or care coordination. Example: Total visit time is 30 minutes, in which over half was spent counseling on...

When billing is based off of time, the provider does not have to worry about counting elements for HPI, ROS, etc.

**New Patient Visits – 99201 - 99205**

A new patient E/M visit must contain all three (3) key components to select the level of service: History, Exam and Medical Decision Making

**History:** the history must contain at least 4 HPI elements, 10 Review of Systems (ROS) and a Past, Family and Social History for a level 4 or 5. Any missing element will cause the level of service to be down-coded.
Exam: At least eight (8) organ systems must be examined for a level 4 or 5. Tip: Musculoskeletal – no edema counts as Cardiovascular. A musculoskeletal exam includes range of motion, joints, inspection of digits (e.g. clubbing, cyanosis, inflammatory conditions), etc.

MDM: Medical decision making consist of the number of diagnosis (established and/or new); the amount of data (labs, x-rays, etc.) and the level of risk.

Established Patient Visits – 99211 – 99215
An established patient E/M visit must contain 2 of 3 key components to select the level of service: History, Exam and Medical Decision Making

Modifier -25
Modifier -25 is appended when there is a significant, separately identifiable E&M service by the provider (or another provider in the same specialty) on the same day of the procedure. Example: Mr. Jones comes in today for follow-up for his Rheumatoid arthritis. After the examination, the provider decides that the patient may benefit from an injection of Depo-Medrol. The provider would bill: 99214-25 and J1040 for the injection.

Victoria Y. Smith, RHIA, CCS-P
Sr. Mgr., Revenue Cycle Operations

Events & Educational Opportunities

August 15: 9th Annual Women and Heart Disease
Emory Saint Joseph’s Hospital is sponsoring this CME/CE activity providing the latest evidence-based information on evolving concepts and new therapies. August 15, 7:00- 1:15 PM | Atlanta Evergreen Marriott Conference Resort | Read More

August 21: Preparing for your 15 minutes of fame: How Emory Media Relations can help your research program
This event sponsored by the Research Community will feature a discussion on being prepared for a call from the media and how it can help your research program. Speakers include Nancy Seideman, Vince Dollard, and Department of Medicine (DOM) faculty members David Weiss, PhD and Jay Varkey, MD. 1 – 3 p.m. School of Medicine room 170A. RSVP by August 19 | Questions?

October 1: Clinical Skills Workshop
Save the date for this half day workshop aimed at improving clinical examination skills of faculty and the teaching of those clinical skills to trainees. Workshops will include EKG, eye exam, joint exam, an ultrasound course plus more! Registration and additional details coming soon.

Submit an event to be featured here

Highlighted Clinician!

Dan Hunt (Hospital Medicine)

Dan Hunt, MD joined the Division of Hospital Medicine as the Director in May 2015 and brings a background that has spanned private practice of general internal medicine, academic internal medicine at a safety-net hospital, extensive involvement in medical education, and substantial leadership experience at a major academic medical center. Dan received his MD degree from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine and completed his internal medicine residency at Vanderbilt with his third year at Baylor College of Medicine. He then spent eleven years in private practice of general internal medicine in Houston, becoming a partner with the Medical Clinic of Houston in the Texas Medical Center. He was subsequently recruited as a clinician educator by Baylor College of Medicine where he focused much of his clinical effort on the inpatient wards at the Ben Taub General Hospital.
Dr. Hunt was recruited in 2005 by the Massachusetts General Hospital to develop and lead the Inpatient Clinician Educator Service for the Department of Medicine. This service grew to thirteen dedicated clinical teachers/scholars many of whom have become nationally-prominent in the field. In 2010, Dan became the Chief of the Hospital Medicine Unit at the MGH, combining the Clinician Educator Service and the larger direct-care Hospital Medicine Group under a unified administrative structure. Under his leadership, the Unit grew to a total of 75 faculty with diverse interests and expertise in medical education, global health, clinical operations, and quality improvement.

Dan’s scholarship has focused primarily on medical education, venous thromboembolism, and perioperative management. In addition, Dan has been the primary discussant for five “Clinicopathologic Case Conferences (CPCs)” published by the New England Journal of Medicine and has served as the unknown case discussant at national conferences. Dr. Hunt received the Alfred Kranes Award for Excellence in Clinical Teaching at the MGH in 2006 and 2011, the Best Clinical Instructor Award from Harvard Medical School in 2008, and the Society of Hospital Medicine Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2011.

Dan and his wife Rosa have three daughters. Their youngest daughter will be a high school junior this fall, while her older sisters live in Phoenix and Austin. The family enjoys travel, particularly to Iceland (Rosa’s native country) and Texas. Dan enjoys cycling, hiking, reading, and is a lifelong Red Sox fan.