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Center of Excellence for bariatric surgery

University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics has been named an American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS) Center of Excellence®. By attaining this recognition, UI Hospitals and Clinics' bariatric surgery program—UI Obesity Surgery—has held itself to the highest standards in the industry. The center of excellence program benefits patients because of enhanced safety

and advocacy efforts. It provides a platform for continuously improving the procedure, builds a shared database to help guide decisions about patient care, and advances research in the field. The designation is indicative of the program's demonstrated track record and commitment to a high level of bariatric care. For further information visit www.uihealthcare.com/weight. 


Burn Treatment Center equipped for complex cases

The Burn Treatment Center at UI Hospitals and Clinics has seen a large increase in the number of patients with complex wounds. Many of these cases are complicated with necrotizing fasciitis, known as "flesh-eating disease" and caused by *S. pyogenes*, methicillin-resistant *S. aureus*, or G-anaerobic bacteria. According to the Center's director, Barbara Latenser, MD, of the

approximately 1,500 cases treated nationally in 2006, UI Hospitals and Clinics saw 129. The national mortality rate is around 29% while the UI Burn Treatment Center's is around 5%. "Early diagnosis, one-stage complete surgical resection, and intense, around-the-clock burn team care is at the core of our success in treating this highly destructive disease process," Latenser said. 


Reed's arrival enhances UI transplant program

Patients in Iowa and surrounding states who are experiencing organ failure or require kidney, pancreas, or liver transplantation now have access to an expert closer to home. Alan Reed, MD, recently was welcomed as UI Health Care's new director of transplant and hepato-biliary surgery and director of the Abdominal Organ Transplant Center. Reed, who previously was surgical

director of liver transplantation at the University of Florida, is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and a member of several professional transplant organizations. Among his goals, Reed said, is to "make patient referral simple and the evaluation process streamlined for our patients, while continuing the outstanding clinical outcomes for which this hospital is known." 

We're here to assist referring physicians

As the only teaching hospital in the state, UI Hospitals and Clinics supports regional providers through its Office of Referring Physician Relations. The office acts as a single point of contact to address any issues or concerns from referring providers. It promotes positive referring physician relationships, encourages effective communication, and establishes


effective referral processes. It can also arrange site visits by a UI Physicians member for everything from informal roundtable discussions about your practice to presentations focused on specific conditions and the latest treatment options. The office's director is Christine Miller. Call 319-384-6103 or e-mail referring-physicians@uiowa.edu. 

Need information on AirCare, burns, or stroke?

Pocket card sets providing tools to easily access services at UI Hospitals and Clinics are now available on a complimentary basis. Each set of four plastic cards gives step-by-step information about:

- UI AirCare Automatic Acceptance


- Burn patient transfers and consultation
- UI Stroke Center Code Stroke Protocol.

Referring physicians or practices can request a copy by contacting the Office of Referring Physician Relations at 319-384-6103, or e-mailing referring-physicians@uiowa.edu. 

Multidisciplinary melanoma, sarcoma clinics now available


Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center at UI has pulled together two new teams of cancer experts to provide a highly concerted care option for melanoma and sarcoma patients.

- **Melanoma:** Held in the UI Department of Dermatology, this clinic includes specialists from dermatology and medical oncology, working in collaboration with other specialties, such as radiation oncology, surgical oncology, ophthalmology, and otolaryngology. These experts offer prevention information and screening to high-risk populations and treatment to those already diagnosed.

- **Sarcoma:** A clinic and tumor board has been implemented to offer evaluation, biopsies, and multidisciplinary treatment options. This referral-based clinic offers a collaboration of specialists from medical oncology, orthopaedics and rehabilitation, pediatric oncology, radiation oncology, radiology, and surgical oncology, with support from palliative care and rehabilitation specialists. The program recently received Sarcoma Alliance for Research through Collaboration (SARC) designation. For specific information go to www.sarctrials.org. 

Spinal cord injury guides available for your patients

Multidisciplinary experts from the Department of Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation and other areas within UI Health Care have put together a comprehensive spinal cord injury guide. Packed with images and medical term definitions, the guide explains the working of the spinal cord, the types of injuries that can occur, and the treatments for

these injuries (including non-surgical options). It discusses various aspects of the rehabilitation process, including preventing medical complications and coping with spinal cord injury. The booklets are available for purchase by medical institutions. For pricing information, contact Amy Mickelson at 319-356-1314 or amy-mickelson@uiowa.edu. 

New Faculty

University of Iowa Health Care is pleased to introduce the following faculty:

CARDIOTHORACIC SURGERY

James E. Davis, MD
Clinical focus: Neonatal heart surgery and transplantation for all congenital heart defects

FAMILY MEDICINE

Glenn Abernathy, MD
(UI Primary Care Clinic North—Boyd Tower 1005-2)
Clinical focus: Family medicine, with expertise in addictionology

Harnoor Singh, MD
(UI Primary Care Clinic North—Boyd Tower 1005-2)
Clinical focus: Family medicine

NEUROSURGERY

David Hasan, MD
Clinical focus: Endovascular neurosurgery, complex spine and functional surgery

OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY

Veronica Kolder, MD
Clinical focus: Gynecology and midlife medical issues
Merida Miller, MD
Clinical focus: Obstetrics and gynecology

PATHOLOGY

James Stacey Klutts, MD, PhD
Clinical focus: Clinical microbiology

PEDIATRICS

Patrick Brophy, MD
Clinical focus: Nephrology
Julie Lindower, MD
Clinical focus: Neonatology
Anita Moonjely, MD
Clinical focus: General pediatrics and Adolescent medicine

Physicians who would like to communicate directly

with our consultants, members of the faculty group practice UI Physicians, should go to

uiphysicians.healthcare.uiowa.edu/consultants.html

where they will find the consultant profile of each faculty along with their contact information.

The UI Physicians website can also be accessed at <http://www.uihealthcare.com/about/uihealthcare/index.html>

Carla Nester, MD
Clinical focus: Nephrology
Charuta Joshi, MD
Clinical focus: Neurology

PSYCHIATRY

Maria Morcuende, MD
Clinical focus: General psychiatry
Scott Temple, MD
Clinical focus: General psychiatry

RADIATION ONCOLOGY

Yusung Kim, PhD
Clinical focus: High-dose rate brachytherapy and total body irradiation
Sarah McGuire, PhD
Clinical focus: Stereotactic radiosurgery, and four-dimensional imaging and radiation therapy delivery
Ryan Flynn, PhD
Clinical focus: Prostate seed implant brachytherapy and the design of superior imaging analysis tools

SURGERY

Thomas Collins, MD
Clinical focus: Full range of solid abdominal organ transplant and hepatobiliary procedures

Upcoming CME Activities

For the full list of upcoming UI Carver College of Medicine continuing medical education events, visit: www.medicine.uiowa.edu/cme/ or call the CME office, 319-335-8599.

One call puts you in touch

UI Consult is a centralized resource linking health care providers with members of UI Physicians and services at UI Hospitals and Clinics. Whether you are seeking a consultation, are providing a referral, need patient information, or want news about clinical trials or CME courses, a single call is all it takes to put you in touch with the right person. **UI Consult is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.** Simply call 800-322-8442. When referring a patient, you may also fill out an online referral form at www.uihealthcare.com/consult.

Information needed to refer a patient:

- Patient's name
- Address
- Phone number
- Date of birth
- UI Hospitals and Clinics registration number (if born or previously seen here)
- Type of insurance (i.e., HMO, workers' compensation, medical assistance)
- Nature of the medical problem
- Services you would like us to provide

University of Iowa Health Care is a fully integrated academic medical center, uniting UI Hospitals and Clinics, the UI Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine, and UI Physicians, the largest multi-specialty group practice in Iowa. As the state's premier academic medical center, UI Health Care provides patient-centered care, conducts groundbreaking biomedical research, and educates future scientists and health care providers.

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Dermatology Surgery Program expands

With the addition of two surgeons and an improved operating schedule, the UI Department of Dermatology is offering the Mohs micrographic surgery service to more patients and with reduced wait time. Mohs is a tissue sparing surgery of non-melanoma skin cancers. It has cure rates of 95% to 97% for basal cell and squamous cell carcinomas and is the treatment of choice for locally recurrent skin cancers. It is especially valuable for tumors located on the head and neck as it preserves more normal tissue than any other method, while allowing the surgeon to trace and

eradicate areas of tumor that are invisible to the naked eye. The three-surgeon team also works with ophthalmology, otolaryngology, facial plastic and plastic surgery, urology, orthopaedics, surgical and medical oncology, and radiation oncology to provide the best care for their patients. Now, referring providers can expect patients to be scheduled for their procedure within two weeks of receiving medical referral materials, including biopsy slides, and a consultation letter. For more complex patients, this time frame may be longer. Call 319-356-SKIN. [UI](#)

New approach to aortic dissection management

A joint effort of the Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery, the Division of Vascular Surgery in the Department of Surgery, and the Cardiovascular Division of the Department of Internal Medicine has set up a new program for management of patients with dissection of the aorta. The program works in unison with the Automatic Acceptance Program of the Emergency Treatment Center. According to the new protocol, patients diagnosed at the ETC with aortic dissection are immediately seen by a joint group of three specialists: a cardiac surgeon, a cardiologist, and a vascular surgeon. The joint consult decides on the treatment plan

and determines the route of the patient to the fastest and most efficient care for the condition in the individual patient. Dissection of the aorta is a luminal split-up of the aortic wall due to an atherosclerotic process. If the dissection is proximal to the left subclavian artery, emergency surgery is necessary. If it is distal to the left subclavian, medically instituted blood pressure control is the usual treatment. Intervention using endovascular techniques or standard open surgical technique is reserved for patients with compromised circulation to their organs or extremities. To refer a patient who may likely have an aortic dissection, call 1-800-272-6440. [UI](#)