

MOREHOUSE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Morehouse School of Medicine's (MSM) Ayanna Buckner, M.D., M.P.H., has been selected by The German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF) as a Marshall Memorial Fellow. Buckner, who is the associate director of the Public Health and General Preventive Medicine Residency Program and assistant professor and clinical director in the Department of Community Health and Preventive Medicine, is one of 54 emerging American leaders representing 18 states and the District of Columbia who have been awarded this prestigious international fellowship for 2010.



■ Dr. Ayanna Buckner

NORTH FULTON REGIONAL HOSPITAL

North Fulton Regional Hospital is proud to welcome Teresa C. Urquhart as Chief Operating Officer. Teresa has a long tenure with Tenet Healthcare. In July of 2007, she became interim chief executive officer of Coastal Carolina Medical Center. A few months later she was appointed permanent chief executive officer. Prior to that role, Teresa served as the chief operating officer at Sierra Medical Center.



■ Teresa C. Urquhart

North Fulton Regional Hospital further expands into the area of senior care with the addition of Sudeshna (Sonia) Nandi, M.D., to the medical staff. After obtaining her Medical Degree and MBBS Degree from the Medical College of Calcutta, Dr. Nandi came to the U.S. for a residency program in New York. She completed an Internal Medicine Residency at Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center in New York and became Board Certified in 2005. Dr. Nandi went on to complete a Geriatrics Fellowship at Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta. In 2006 she became Board Certified in Geriatric Medicine.



■ Dr. Sudeshna Nandi

Muhamad Kamil Obideen, M.D., recently joined the medical staff at North Fulton Regional Hospital. After completing medical school at the University of Aleppo School of Medicine in Syria, Dr. Obideen moved to the United States where he completed both his internship and residency at Emory University School of Medicine and followed with a fellowship in Digestive and Hepatobiliary diseases, also at Emory University. In 2005, he was appointed Assistant Professor of



■ Dr. Muhamad Kamil Obideen

Medicine at Emory and as Director of the Hepatology Clinic at the Atlanta Veterans Administration (VA) Medical Center. He was appointed GI Fellowship Associate Director at Emory in 2008.

North Fulton Regional Hospital welcomes Neurosurgeon William Banister, M.D., to the medical staff. He joins Spectrum Neurosurgical Specialists, PC. Dr. Banister has been practicing medicine for over 10 years. Prior to his move to North Fulton, he resided in Amarillo Texas, managing his solo practice and serving on staff at Baptist St. Anthony's Health System and Northwest Texas Health System.



■ Dr. William Banister

NORTHEAST GEORGIA HEALTH SYSTEM

Northeast Georgia Health System welcomes 15 new physicians who've recently joined the Health System. Elia Abboud, M.D., Cardiology; Osman Ahmed, M.D., Cardiology; David Bailey, M.D., Anesthesiology; Shaena Blevins, M.D., Neurology; Patricio Frias, M.D., Pediatric Cardiology; Kelly Latham, M.D., Pediatrics; Jason Lemons, M.D., Anesthesiology; Chad Palmer, M.D., Sports Medicine; Cyrus Samal, M.D., Pediatric Cardiology; Allison Turk, M.D., Family Medicine; Idopise Umana, M.D., Internal Medicine; Ryan Vaughn, D.M.D., Pediatric Dentistry; Jeffrey Ward, M.D., OB/GYN; Jennifer Williams, M.D., Neonatology; and Agnieszka Wesolowski, M.D., Neonatology.

PIEDMONT FAYETTE HOSPITAL

Piedmont Fayette Hospital is pleased to announce Jody Abigando, RN, BSN, CCM, has been hired as their new breast cancer nurse navigator. Jody has a bachelor's degree in nursing from Thomas University in Thomasville, Ga., and is certified by the Commission for Case Management Certification. She has 20 years experience in nursing and case management.



■ Jody Abigando

PIEDMONT SURGERY SPECIALISTS

Piedmont Surgery Specialists is proud to add general surgeon James I. Tikellis, M.D., to its practice. Prior to joining Piedmont Surgery Specialists, Dr. Tikellis served in private practice for over twenty one years and most recently as a general surgeon at the Wilmington Veterans Administration Medical Center from June 2008 to September 2009.



■ Dr. James I. Tikellis

QUADRAMED® CORPORATION

QuadraMed® Corporation announced that Bonnie Cassidy has been named Vice President of Health Information Management (HIM) Consulting Services. Bonnie Cassidy has more than 20 years of executive experience in healthcare management and consulting with expertise in HIM process improvement and e-HIM® transformation, as well as revenue cycle management, coding and clinical documentation improvement. Cassidy is the President-Elect of the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA), and will serve on its board for a three-year term.



■ Bonnie Cassidy

REDMOND REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Regina Short has been named Director of 5th floor Medical/Oncology and Outpatient Oncology at Redmond Regional Medical Center. Short has worked in healthcare for 13 years with her entire career spent at Redmond. She has worked in a variety of roles including staff nurse and charge nurse on the cardiac step-down unit and staff nurse and nurse manager for observation. She has also served as nurse manager for nursing admissions, bed placement and the congestive heart failure clinic.



■ Regina Short

Sherry Peace has been named District Commander Redmond EMS District 1. Peace has worked in healthcare for 14 years and spent the past four at Redmond. She most recently served as Shift Captain for Redmond EMS. She has ten plus years of ER and EMS experience.



■ Sherry Peace

VILLAGE PODIATRY CENTERS

Dr. Jennifer Price, Dr. Allen Raphael, Dr. Mark Snyder and Dr. Dane Ulett were recently elected by the Board of Directors to join thirteen existing physician partners. Village Podiatry Centers requires that potential partners achieve established standards



■ Dr. Jennifer Price



■ Dr. Allen Raphael



■ Dr. Mark Snyder



■ Dr. Dane Ulett

which include board certification through the American Board of Podiatric Surgery and fellowship status in the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons. Each candidate must further possess a proven record in patient care and outcomes and success in clinic operations.

VISITING NURSE / HOSPICE ATLANTA

Visiting Nurse / Hospice Atlanta is expanding its Healthy Transitions™ program with the addition of a Care Coordination Coach, Faye Fretz, R.N. Faye joins the program after seven years in the nonprofit's Care Management division. She holds a Certificate in Gerontology, is a Certified Case Manager, and has devoted most of her career to helping older adults successfully age in place. Fretz attended nursing school in Toronto, Canada, and graduated from George Brown College in 1979.



■ Faye Fretz

WELLSTAR PHYSICIANS GROUP

WellStar Physicians Group is pleased to announce that Ritesh Patel, M.D., and Sonia Camphor, M.D., are now seeing patients at WellStar Kennestone Hospital; John N. Murimi, M.D., and Mildred Santorufo, D.O., are seeing patients at WellStar Acworth Family Practice; and Melia Stephens, CPNP, has joined WellStar Pediatrics at Brookstone.

WESLEY WOODS

The Foundation of Wesley Woods recently announced four new board members, including new chairman, John C. Ethridge, Jr., Dennis "Denny" Betz, Catherine Hilton, and Christopher Nunn.



■ John C. Ethridge, Jr.



■ Catherine Hilton



■ Dennis Betz

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