Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I am exceedingly proud of what we have done together to shape the future of radiology by supporting our best and brightest future leaders. In just ten years, the Adopt-A-Resident Program has significantly impacted both Emory and our field. By offering highly motivated and talented radiology residents the support, mentorship, and resources to pursue their dream projects, we have developed and sustained innovative programs in global radiology, electronic education, and health policy and advocacy. Our “adoptees” have exceedingly bright career paths; they also are well on their way to enhancing the value of radiology for us all.

Please join me in continuing to support our future through the Emory Radiology and Imaging Sciences Adopt-A-Resident Program.

Best wishes,

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William P. Timmie Professor and Chair
Department of Radiology and Imaging Sciences

Emory's Department of Radiology and Imaging Sciences is a community dedicated to promoting health, supporting discovery and innovation, and educating the future healthcare workforce. We embrace and celebrate a collaborative culture, adaptive approaches to continuous innovation, and aligned partnerships in patient-centered care.

That's why Emory Radiology encourages its diagnostic radiology residents to be well-rounded professionals with a broad range of skills needed to improve healthcare worldwide. The Adopt-A-Resident Program provides funding and faculty mentorship for enterprising residents to undertake and complete specialized projects that advance the quality of clinical, academic, and research training.

The following stories explain how Adopt-A-Resident grantees have harnessed the power of technology to improve training, and also created innovative program tracks to more formally prepare trainees for careers as educators, researchers, informatics specialists, and even medical entrepreneurs.

Join us by supporting the Adopt-A-Resident Program. Your generosity is an investment in both the people and the promise of radiology and imaging sciences.
### Neuroanatomy Live: An Interactive Curriculum Using 3D Print Technology

**Anna Trofimova, MD, PhD**

Anna Trofimova hopes “Neuroanatomy Live: An Interactive Curriculum for Radiology Residents and Fellows Using 3D Printing Technology” will make it easier for residents to master the complexities of neuroanatomy.

“Radiology is one of, if not the most rapidly developing technology-driven fields in medicine, and we as radiologists work with an increasing number of different imaging modalities and techniques,” says Dr. Trofimova. Dr. Trofimova is developing six workshops that augment the presentation of neuroanatomic information with 3-dimensional printed models of the brain, head, and neck. These will allow residents to better see, feel, and understand complex anatomical and neuroanatomical systems and structures. 3D printing can produce an endless variety of models which can be designed and redesigned as needed.

“I’m very excited to have an opportunity to bring together my passion for neuroradiology and cutting-edge technologies to enhance residents’ education in our and, potentially, other residency programs,” shares Dr. Trofimova.

### Radiology at Emory Medical Innovation (REMI) Track

**Alex Dabrowiecki, MD**

Alex Dabrowiecki sees his proposed Radiology at Emory Medical Innovation (REMI) Track as a logical addition to the residency program.

“I chose radiology because of the exciting manipulation of technology that drives our contributions in medicine,” Dr. Dabrowiecki explains. “Even as a hard-working and capable (albeit junior) resident attempting to bring a solution of mine to fruition, I quickly stalled, realizing product development was never part of my formal academic education.”

He is designing the REMI track to combine didactic education with hands-on learning to equip residents with the knowledge and skills necessary to turn a good idea into a marketable product. Participating residents would attend monthly lectures on the theories and tenets of entrepreneurship and product development during their first two years of residency. REMI-track residents in their third and fourth years of residency then would conceive and develop a prototype technological solution with an accompanying business plan as a capstone project.

The goal is to launch the REMI track in 2019.
Patricia Balthazar, MD

Dr. Patricia Balthazar recognizes how radiologists are increasingly expected to take the lead with information systems and envisions I3T providing in-depth imaging informatics experience to trainees working closely with the Division of Imaging Informatics. She explains, “I3T residents will learn skills needed to improve the quality and efficiency of imaging services while supporting clinical, educational, and research efforts through the use of information technology. This will place Emory Radiology at the forefront of imaging informatics education.”

The curriculum Dr. Balthazar designed was approved for roll-out in fall 2018. It includes didactic instruction plus an informatics capstone project.

Capstone projects will prioritize the application of informatics to improve residency training. For example, Dr. Balthazar studied a data retrieval tool to find and list imaging reports with noncritical, incidental findings to improve patient follow-up; a successful pilot-test was presented at the SIIM annual meeting.

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Sean Z. Goodin, MD

The models medical students encounter in their training may not be idealized beauties revered for their nearly perfect bodies but they’re just as far from a representation of the average person as the supermodel.

That’s why Dr. Sean Z. Goodin proposed developing a new kind of anatomic model to be used in training: a dynamic 3D printed model. These models can easily and inexpensively be altered to simulate body conditions like high or low BMI and produce degenerative pathologies so residents can practice troubleshooting such difficulties.

Like Dr. Goodin’s proposed 3D printed model project, half of Adopt-A-Resident projects employ technology in innovative ways. Projects also are evenly split between exploring innovations in teaching and training and advancing the quality of clinical practice. Some projects even focus on global health issues.

Dr. Goodin’s project has paved the way for other Adopt-A-Resident grantees to leverage 3D printed model technology to enrich training both for residents and for global health partners.

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Dexter Mendoza, MD, always enjoyed teaching, so he proposed a track to prepare residents like him for academic medical careers. He was awarded Adopt-A-Resident program funding to create the Clinician-Educator Track, which features seminars and group discussions about learning theories, learning and teaching styles, curriculum development, mentorship, and research. The track’s required capstone project germinates additional innovation: for his capstone, Dr. Mendoza created a curriculum for building an academic career using teaching and education research. His work resulted in presentations at the Association of University Radiologists 2017 and 2018 conferences plus an article in Academic Radiology. Dr. Mendoza credits Dr. Mullins plus mentors Ryan Peterson, MD, and Meg Fleming, MD, for his success. He also mentored other residents to ensure a leadership pipeline. Dr. Mendoza also inspired other residents to propose additional program tracks.

Frederic Bertino, MD

Dr. Frederic Bertino wanted medical students to have a clinical radiology experience that allows them to create reports, experience how a radiologist thinks, and learn clinical medicine from the other side. Learning to think like a radiologist diversifies the educational experience and translate into better patient care regardless of the student’s chosen career path.

Dr. Bertino envisioned medical students working in the reading rooms on their simulated PACS at the same time radiology faculty are interpreting patient images so students get a real feel for image-guided medicine. The simulated PACS has about 120 case files that require student to engage in evidence-based decision-making by reading and interpreting the simulated imaging studies and dictating their findings to the system, all within the radiologists’ real work environment.

“This allows students the opportunity to act clinically, feel integrated into the reading room team, and learn the thought process of a radiologist to better prepare them for residency both in and outside of radiology,” says Dr. Bertino.
Drew Streicher, MD

Dr. Streicher realized that interruptions such as clinical consults, phone calls, and protocoling exams are inevitable but valuable. At the same time, these interactions can increase levels of stress and fatigue, which can impact the quality and efficiency of the radiologist’s primary responsibility: imaging interpretation. Through a mutual interest in the topic with his mentors, Drs. Michael Osipow and Aarti Sekhar, the project idea was developed.

Dr. Streicher identified the types and number of interruptions a radiologist experiences and how these interruptions affected stress levels. He also investigated how thoughtful reading room design could impact the number of interruptions and decrease the need for multitasking.

Additionally, through a unique partnership with the SimTigrate design lab at Georgia Tech, Streicher performed a case-control simulation that involved imaging interpretation in two different environments, an interruption heavy and interruption free environment, to determine the effect of multitasking and interruptions on efficiency, report quality, and error rate.

Nima Kokabi, MD

Dr. Kokabi proposed investigating the occurrence of unnecessary imaging examinations across two different healthcare systems: the US and Canada.

During two 2-week elective rotations at a tertiary referral center in Canada, Kokabi investigated the utility of various imaging modalities for a specific clinical presentation in a targeted group of patients. The emphasis was on clinicians conforming to available guidelines and the role of radiologists in reducing unnecessary examinations. By surveying both clinicians and radiologists, he was able to map out the working dynamics at both healthcare centers and determine best practices and areas of challenge.

A Resident Quality Assurance Committee has been initiated to investigate practical ways to assess use of medical imaging at Emory and adherence to best practice guidelines. The committee participates in educating trainees in other specialties about evidence-based use of imaging for various clinical presentations.
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**Faramarz Edalat, MD**

Dr. Edalat proposed an anonymous, HIPAA-compliant, web-based interface for the storage of residents’ diagnostic errors and missed cases as a solution to appropriately share such cases across the residency program. The interface he developed displays the frequency of the most commonly missed diagnoses, has a built-in search engine, and has the ability to organize cases based on diagnosis, section, and modality. While many different programs exist for storing and sharing cases, none has the ability to sort these cases by frequency of missed cases, diagnosis, body section or modality.

Edalat’s interface not only is useful as a direct interface for residents, it also can use stored data on residents’ usage to suggest areas that residents would benefit from more teaching. Furthermore, given the ACGME mandate for resident quality assurance conferences and feedback, this project can be used to streamline identification of cases for use in such conferences. Future applications of this project include using missed cases for training purposes in a dynamic fashion such as teaching files, simulators and assessments.

**Dr. Loehfelm**

Dr. Loehfelm was awarded a grant to develop a tablet-computer application to make it easy to share medical images for teaching purposes among faculty and residents at Emory and beyond. Radiologists often collect images from interesting cases to share with their colleagues—a remarkable spine MRI, a rare tumor or infection, or a classic radiographic finding. A typical radiologist might accumulate hundreds or thousands of such images on a USB thumb drive, a shared network folder, and/or external hard drive. Tablet computers, like the iPad, provide an ideal platform for such images: nearly every resident has one, and they are portable, internet-enabled, and have high-quality touch-screen displays. All that would be required to make the images usable on tablet-computers would be an application that could retrieve and display these interesting cases, and a platform to allow anyone sitting at a workstation to easily create them. Loehfelm has developed a PC program to create shareable tests, cases, and teaching files, and an application for Android tablets. The Android app, RADIANT, has been downloaded more than 1500 times around the world, and he was able to use it to digitize the film library of a hospital in Ethiopia. He plans to translate these programs for the iPad and distribute them to the faculty and other residents.
Dr. Yi initiated a project to transform the classroom experience for residents by creating an audience response system that renders didactic lectures interactive. Using this technology, called ResponseWare, enables the lecturer to query all of his/her students at once or to obtain instant feedback. After Dr. Yi’s graduation, Dr. Shah assumed responsibility for the project. In the past year, Dr. Shah has developed tutorials to facilitate the use of ResponseWare. It has been successfully used by many lecturers. Shah has created templates to make ResponseWare even more user-friendly.
Well aware of how political and business influences shape the way radiology is practiced in the United States, Dr. John Chenevey used the award to participate in radiology organizations and learn more about critical issues in health care policy. Chenevey served as the resident member of the American College of Radiology (ACR) All Members Meeting Steering Committee and the ACR Neuroradiology Commission, as well as participating in the ACR Resident and Fellow Membership Subcommittee. He wrote web articles for the ACR Resident and Fellow Section and contributed to Emory's residency program through newsletter articles, email updates, and noon conferences. In addition to lecturing at the Georgia and South Carolina state radiology society meetings, he also spoke at the American Institute for Radiologic Pathology as the ACR introductory speaker.

Nnenna Aguocha, MD, MPH

Dr. Aguocha embarked on a funded, month-long international rotation in March, 2012 to Nigeria to examine the role of radiology in primary, secondary, and tertiary health care institutions in Abuja and Jos. In Jos, Aguocha provided radiological interpretations for imaging studies performed at nonprofit comprehensive health care clinics, and she organized lectures for radiology residents and faculty at the Jos University Teaching Hospital. In Abuja, she conducted needs assessments and cost/benefits analyses of primary health care clinics and mobile health care units to assess the feasibility of introducing portable ultrasound machines to these clinics, which offer free antenatal care. Aguocha hopes that her project will "encourage radiology residents to think of radiology in global terms and to formulate innovative ideas to extend some of the benefits of radiological advances and resources to developing countries."

John Chenevey, MD

2010

PROJECT AWARDED
Diagnosis Radiology in Comprehensive Health Care Clinics and Teaching Hospitals in Nigeria

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**PROJECT AWARDED**

**Project: International Humanitarian Radiology Elective in Ethiopia**

**MENTOR**

*Pat Hudgins, MD, FACR*

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**PROJECT AWARDED**

**Radiology Podcasting and iTunes U**

**MENTOR**

*Mark Mullins, MD, PhD*

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