

ALUMNI NEWS

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Welcome to the first issue of the UCLA Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Alumni News! We are truly excited to be able to provide this new way to stay informed about your fellow alumni and the Department, and provide an opportunity to strengthen your connections and relationship with both. *We encourage your participation* – please keep us informed! Send your news, happenings and photos to pathologywebsite@mednet.ucla.edu. This newsletter is a project of the Pathology Clinical Alumni Committee. We are delighted to represent the alumni and

Alumni Spotlight



Mohammad Kamal, MD
Fellow, Class of 2003

Dr. Mohammad Kamal, UCLA GI fellow class of 2003, has had a varied and interesting career. He is a graduate of Cairo University School of Medicine in Cairo, Egypt. After leaving UCLA, he spent a short time with the Long Beach Veterans Health Administration, before moving on to Dianon in Los Angeles, a subsidiary of LabCorp. There he developed a group of 10 pathologists and served as Medical Director.

In April 2009, while still with Dianon, he founded OmniPathology, a pathology laboratory and FNA clinic. In August of 2009 he was recruited to be the Chief Medical Officer and Director of Gastrointestinal Pathology of Plus Diagnostics, a national company with several labs in New Jersey, California and Texas. He was able to create a relationship between Plus Diagnostics and OmniPathology to the benefit of both. In August 2012 he transitioned away from PLUS and now devotes all of his time to his company where he works with one other pathologist, Dr. Marisol Penichet. In addition to providing anatomic pathology services, OmniPathology also provides services to the medical device

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ensure the link between us remains strong and benefits all. We look forward to hearing from you and working together on many worthy projects in the future.

companies such as Boston Scientific and Advanced Bionics as part of pre-clinical work for implantable medical devices. He also enjoys lecturing on GI pathology topics to physicians at UCLA, the Naval hospital in San Diego, in Saudi Arabia, and in Cairo.

In his spare time Dr. Kamal is a champion croquet player, playing on the United States national team in multiple world championships in Egypt, New Zealand and England. He is a three-time national champion in 1999, 2007 and 2009. In 2009 he was ranked #1 in North America. This November, he will travel to South Africa as 1 of 4 representing the US for the team world championship. Dr. Kamal lives with his wife Omneya, and has three children; 19-year-old Adel, a sophomore at the University of Miami, 16-year-old Ali, a junior at Polytechnic High School in Pasadena, and 13-year-old Salma, a freshman at Polytechnic High School.

Editors Note: We want to help your fellow Alumni know what you have been up to! If you would like to be a future Spotlight Alumni, please email: pathologywebsite@mednet.ucla.edu

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Alumni Mentoring and Teaching Opportunities

MENTORING: An important goal of the Alumni Committee is to establish a mentoring program for current residents and fellows, and many of our Alumni Survey respondents expressed interest in participating. A Mentoring program will allow alumni to provide assistance in career development and guidance in many areas of pathology. Interactions can take many forms, and can be tailored to take as much or as little time as you have available. Visits can be in-person at the mentor's work-place, or by way of a simple phone call. We are working on developing this program and hope to have activity by the spring.

TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES: UCLA alumni collectively have many years of experience as well as familiarity with a variety of practice settings. Another goal of the Alumni Committee is to bring those valuable resources to current residents and fellows, so that they may benefit from our knowledge and expertise – and maybe even from our

mistakes! We are pleased to report that several alumni will be giving lectures to residents in the coming months:

- Dr. Kimberly Mislick, Resident, class of 2004; Fellow, class of 2005, will be talking about medical directorship of the community laboratory.
- Dr. Jonathan Lucas, Resident, class of 1998; Fellow, class of 1999, will give a lecture on forensic pathology.
- Dr. Mohammad Kamal, Fellow, class of 2003 and Dr. Valerie McWhorter, Resident and Fellow, class of 2005 will be addressing career issues, including identifying potential employers, preparing for and conducting the interview, and how to survive professionally, among other things.

We hope that these lectures will be the start of an annual program targeting beneficial interactions between alumni and current trainees.

*Please visit our Alumni Webpage for updates throughout the year:
www.pathology.ucla.edu
(Go to "About Us" -> "Alumni")*

"Patch" Spotlights Donations to UCLA Blood & Platelet Center

The Westwood-Century City edition of AOL's Patch ran a Sept. 7 story about the UCLA Blood & Platelet Center receiving a \$73,000 two-year donation from two passionate Bruin fans to buy a new truck for UCLA Health System's mobile blood-collection program. The checks were presented by Peter Heumann, founder of the annual City of Angels Run Ride, which generated the bulk of the gift; and Howie Neftin, owner of Neftin Volkswagen on behalf of Volkswagen of America, which sponsors the ride. The story quoted Dr. Alyssa Ziman, the center's medical director, and featured several DGSOM at UCLA Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine faculty. The full story and photos can be found at: <http://centurycity.patch.com/articles/ucla-blood-center-receives-45k-gift-for-mobile-donations#photo-11256283>



L to Rt: Dr. Linda Baum, UCLA chief of laboratory medicine; Dr. Scott Binder, UCLA senior vice chair of pathology and clinical director of laboratory medicine; Dr. Alyssa Ziman, UCLA medical director of transfusion medicine; Peter Heumann, City of Angels Fun Ride founder; Maria Marsh, owner of Pace Sportswear; Howie Neftin, owner of Neftin Volkswagen; and Pamela Bumerts, UCLA director of transfusion medicine. Credit Kosal Taing

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