

## **NEW FACULTY APPOINTMENTS – October, 2006**

### Ritu Aneja, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor of Cell Biology

Dr. Aneja has been recruited to Emory as Assistant Professor of Cell Biology. She received her Ph.D. in Chemistry at the University of Delhi in India. She received postdoctoral training in the Department of Internal Medicine at Yale University School of Medicine and the Department of Cell Biology at Emory University School of Medicine. She also has held appointments as Lecturer and Assistant Professor in the Department of Chemistry, University of Delhi. Dr. Aneja's research focuses on dissecting microtubule functions using a chemical-genetic approach: kinder, gentler antimicrotubule drugs for cancer chemotherapy.

### Jose G. Avila, M.D., Ph.D.

Assistant Professor of Surgery

Dr. Avila has been recruited to Emory as Assistant Professor of Surgery. He graduated from the Imperial College, University of London, with a Masters degree in Surgical Science. He received his M.D. degree from Universidad del Zulia School of Medicine in Venezuela and his Ph.D. from the University of Alberta in Edmonton, Canada. His training and experience will enable him to enhance and expand the Department of Surgery's clinical research efforts in islet isolation and transplant surgery.

### Marie K. Blossom, M.D.

Assistant Professor of Gynecology and Obstetrics

Dr. Blossom has been recruited to Emory as Assistant Professor of Gynecology and Obstetrics. She received her M.D. degree from Case Western Reserve University and completed her internship and residency at Metro Health Medical Center at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation. Dr. Blossom's primary responsibility will be participation in the Division of General Gynecology and Obstetrics. She will train house staff and students and provide care to her patients in The Emory Clinic and Emory Crawford Long Hospital. Dr. Blossom may also be expected to participate in the call coverage schedule for the practice, including the Emergency Room.

### Timothy L. Farmer, M.D.

Instructor of Medicine

Dr. Farmer has been recruited to Emory as Instructor of Medicine. He received his M.D. degree and completed his postgraduate medical training at Emory. He is board certified in Internal Medicine. Dr. Farmer will provide service as a hospitalist at Cartersville Medical Center.

### James L. Gilbert, M.D.

## Instructor of Medicine

Dr. Gilbert has been recruited to Emory as Instructor of Medicine. He received his M.D. degree from the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta. His postgraduate medical training includes an Internal Medicine Residency at Oregon Health and Science University. Dr. Gilbert will serve as a hospitalist at Emory Crawford Long Hospital.

### Shannon E. G. Hamrick, M.D.

Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

Dr. Hamrick has been recruited to Emory as Assistant Professor of Pediatrics. She received her B.S. and M.D. degrees from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. She received her subspecialty training in Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine from the University of California in San Francisco. She is board certified in general pediatrics as well as in neonatal-perinatal medicine. Dr. Hamrick will be assigned as an attending physician in the NICU and intermediate care nursery and will also participate in the evening and weekend call schedule.

### Eric W. Hein, M.D.

Associate in Ophthalmology

Dr. Hein has been recruited to Emory as Associate in Ophthalmology. He received his B.A. at Pepperdine University and his M.D. at Eastern Virginia Medical School. His residency in Ophthalmology was completed at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. Dr. Hein joins the Section of Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus. He will be providing patient care at Emory Eye Center, Grady Memorial Hospital and Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.

### Maryann K. Jacob, M.D.

Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Behavior Sciences

Dr. Jacob has been recruited to Emory University as Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. She received her M.D. degree from the American University of the Caribbean. She completed a fellowship in adolescent psychiatry at McGaw Medical Center of Northwestern University Children's Memorial Hospital. Dr. Jacob will provide service to the child and adolescent population at the Child Outpatient Clinic in Piedmont Hall at Grady Memorial Hospital and will participate in a Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder NIH research project.

### Koba A. Lomashvili, M.D.

Instructor of Medicine

Dr. Lomashvili has been recruited to Emory as Instructor of Medicine. He received his degree from Volgograd Medical Institute in Russia. His postgraduate medical training includes an Internship in Surgery at the Hospital of Urgent Medical Care in Ulianovsk,

Russia and an Internal Medicine Residency and Internship at Emory University. He is board certified in Internal Medicine and he will provide clinical coverage at the VAMC.

Melissa M. Magill, M.D.

Instructor of Pediatrics

Dr. Magill has been recruited to Emory as Instructor of Pediatrics. She received her M.D. degree and completed a three-year residency, both at Emory University. She will provide clinical service in the Term Nursery at Grady Memorial Hospital.

Christina D. Noyes, M.D.

Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology

Dr. Noyes has been recruited to Emory as Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology. She received her M.D. degree from the University of Alabama in Birmingham and completed her residency in Anesthesiology from Duke University Medical Center in Durham, North Carolina.

Parasiva M. Satish, M.D.

Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology

Dr. Satish has been recruited to Emory as Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology. He received his M.D. degree from J.N. Medical College, Karnataka University in Dharwar, India. He completed his residency at the University of Toronto and completed his senior fellowship at Memorial Hospital of Jacksonville, University of Florida.

Iqbal Sayeed, Ph.D.

Instructor of Emergency Medicine

Dr. Sayeed has been appointed as Instructor of Emergency Medicine. He received his M.Sc. in Toxicology and his Ph.D. from Hamdard University in New Delhi, India. He has served as a postdoctoral fellow in the Brain Lab of the Department of Emergency Medicine since 2003. His research interests are in how neurosteroids affect mitochondrial function in stroke and the specific mechanisms by which neurosteroids work to repair brain damage.

Michael S. Schechter, M.D., M.P.H.

Associate Professor of Pediatrics

Dr. Schechter has been recruited to Emory as Associate Professor of Pediatrics. He received his M.D. degree from SUNY at Buffalo and while he completed his fellowship in pediatric pulmonary medicine at the University of North Carolina, he also received an M.P.H. degree in Epidemiology. Dr. Schechter will be appointed as Director of Emory's Cystic Fibrosis Center, where he will assume primary responsibility for the quality improvement research currently conducted at the center, will direct both the adult and

children program for cystic fibrosis, and become the principal investigator of the cystic fibrosis center grant.

Ann B. Sollinger, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor of Neurology

Dr. Sollinger has been recruited to Emory as Assistant Professor of Neurology. She is a licensed psychologist who earned her Ph.D. degree at American University in Washington D.C. She completed a two-year postdoctoral residency in neuropsychology at West Virginia University School of Medicine. She will spend a majority of her time providing patient care and the remainder of her time will be spent developing research in the area of cognitive rehabilitation and in collaborating with others with the goal of obtaining independent funding.

Joshua S. Spitalnick, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Behavior Sciences

Dr. Spitalnick has been recruited to Emory as Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. After completing his pre-doctoral internship at Boston University School of Medicine, he received his Ph.D. degree in psychology from the University of Georgia in Athens. He completed a postdoctoral fellowship at Emory University in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. Dr. Spitalnick will provide inpatient consultation services and participate in clinical and educational activities of the Consultation-Liaison Service at Grady Memorial Hospital.

G. Allen Tindol, M.D.

Assistant Professor of Hematology/Oncology in the Winship Cancer Institute

Dr. Tindol has been recruited to Emory as Assistant Professor of Hematology and Oncology in the Winship Cancer Institute. He received his M.D. degree from the Medical College of Georgia School of Medicine, having earlier received a Master of Science degree in Information Technology and Operations Research from the Georgia Institute of Technology. After his residency at Memorial Medical Center in Savannah, he completed a Fellowship in Public Health Informatics at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Dr. Tindol's strong medical expertise and informatics skills will enhance the Winship Cancer Institute's focus on translational research.

Friedrich A. Wieser, M.D.

Associate in Gynecology and Obstetrics

Dr. Wieser has been appointed as Associate in Gynecology and Obstetrics. He received his M.D. degree from Vienna Medical School, University of Vienna and completed his internship and residency in the Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics, Vienna General Hospital. Dr. Wieser's primary responsibility will be participation in the Gynecology and Obstetrics research division. The majority of his time will be devoted to

scholarly investigative work and the supervision and instruction of our trainees and research associates in biochemical and molecular biology methodologies. Dr. Wieser will be responsible for the design, conduct, and analysis of research experiments related to endometrial growth factors and preeclampsia.