Partridge takes reins of Comprehensive Cancer Center

Edward E. Partridge, M.D., has been named the new director of the UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center. Partridge, 59, has served as interim director for the past year.

“During the past year, Ed has been instrumental in shaping the future of the center, ensuring that we remain one of the premier cancer centers in the nation,” said Robert Rich, M.D., senior vice president and dean of the UAB School of Medicine. “He is leading the effort as we prepare our renewal application to the National Institutes of Health, which will enable us to continue to respond to the needs of our patients, researchers, staff and colleagues throughout the world.”

The UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center moved up five notches in the U.S. News & World Report “Best Hospitals” ranking, to No. 18; the magazine’s 2007 rankings were published July 13.

“We have been trying to convince Ed for nearly three years that he is the best person to lead our program,” Rich said. “We finally have succeeded.”

Life’s work
Partridge is well known for his expertise as a clinician and researcher specializing in gynecological cancer. He has spent his entire career at UAB, working to improve the lives of Alabamians and people around the world.

“It is an honor and a privilege to lead the UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center and all it represents,” Partridge said. “As a native of Demopolis, I have for my entire life witnessed the health issues our state faces. To positively impact the health care of Alabamians has been a principle that has guided my professional career. I look forward to working through our institutions, researchers and all our health care providers as we strive to find improved ways to prevent, detect early and treat cancer in the men and women we serve.”

Partridge is the principal investigator for the Deep South Network for Cancer Control, a community-based participatory research network that provides cancer education, prevention and screening activities in the community. Partridge

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Vaidya’s composite fielding lighter, faster, stronger Army
Brian Pillar and Haishin Ning, Ph.D., shuffle their feet quickly, both bending their bodies at a 45-degree angle. There is an occasional grunt before the final sigh of relief after Pillar and Ning, a research associate and post-doctoral researcher in Materials Science and Engineering, finally lay the block of steel on the table.

Meanwhile, Uday Vaidya, Ph.D., professor in Materials Science and Engineering, is maneuvering his much lighter block of glass-fiber-reinforced composite to its place next to the steel with relative ease. Bullet holes riddle both blocks, but one distinct difference is evident: Two bullets have penetrated the steel, leaving holes the size of a dime or greater; however, there are no holes on the backside of the composite – just two slightly protruding marks where the bullet finally stopped, unable to penetrate the 1½-inch thick block.

“This is what the composite material does – localizes the damage,” Vaidya explains. “The composite material has been shot by five different types of bullets, and the damage doesn’t extend from one end to the other.”

Why composite material?
The U.S. Army has become interested in composite materials and ways in which they can replace materials now used in everything from airplanes, tanks and projectiles to soldier helmets, shoe inserts and body armor. Vaidya is nearing the end of a four-year, $2 million contract from the Army Research Laboratory to develop

New Emergency Notification System in place at UAB
UAB has a new telephone-based UAB Emergency Notification System that will be used to send text messages to cell phones and pagers when urgent information needs to be quickly communicated to students, faculty and staff.

UAB’s Information Technology group is collecting contact information from those who wish to receive alerts from the system. To submit your information, fill out the UAB Emergency Notification System testing form found in BlazerNET – blazernet.uab.edu.

The form can be found:
• On the Student Resources tab in the Registration Tools channel
• On the Employee Resources tab in the Policies & Form channel

Standard charges will apply for text messages. However, at this time UAB intends to use this system only for emergency purposes, with the exception of drills or other tests that may be conducted to ensure proper functioning of the system. Messages from the system will be sent from “UABeNotify.”

During an emergency situation, UAB also communicates via Web and intranet, announcements to the media, emergency message through telephone and e-mail to building administrators and direct communication from officers on the scene.

• Emergency alerts appear also on the UAB home page, the UAB Reporter site and the UAB Police Department site.
• Mass e-mails are sent to students, faculty and staff.
• Targeted announcements to faculty, staff and students appear on the BlazerNET portal.

For more information on UAB’s policies and procedures during any emergency or severe weather situation, please visit the UAB Emergency Information Web page at www.uab.edu/emergency.

The page also contains links to internal and external emergency support and information resources.
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MetLife reps to be on campus to discuss long-term care plan

Representatives from MetLife will be on campus for personal consultations on long-term care insurance Wednesday, Aug. 15 and Wednesday, Aug. 29. Faculty, staff and retirees who are interested in a personal-ized review of the plan can schedule an appointment by calling 970-9782 ext. 150 or by e-mailing jtrant@metlife.com.

UAB offers long-term care insurance at a group discount through MetLife for UAB employees, retirees and their family members. The long-term care benefit provides for an array of services, including home health care, assisted living, facility care, nursing facility care, adult day care and respite care.

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The university would like to hear your opinion of its efforts to keep employees informed of news, information and services. UAB, or in the employee survey.

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Summer camp turns into seven-year stint for Lockhart

When Jarrod Lockhart was a student at Tarrant High School, he was interested in pursuing a career in medicine. He wasn’t sure which discipline would be the best fit for him, but he was leaning toward optometry.

Lockhart was looking for something to do the summer prior to his senior year at Tarrant when his brother, UAB graduate Jason Lockhart, told him about the scientific research at the university.

A phone call from Cynthia Scott, director of Minority Retention, led to a conversation with Shirley Ginwright, program director at the UAB Center for Community Outreach Development (CORD). Ginwright then gave Lockhart the opportunity to participate in CORD’s Summer Science Institute’s Research Internship Program.

Seven years later, Lockhart is the program coordinator for CORD’s Regional Science and Engineering Fair and its middle-school environmental camp, sharing his knowledge of science and research with middle- and high-school children.

“It really has been fun,” he says. “The kids have been great, and they have done a number of experiments, such as ozone readings, using GPS units to calculate latitude and longitude, testing the pH levels in water and learning about noise pollution. Our main goal is to introduce the area students to environmental factors that can affect their health and how these factors can be studied.”

Lockhart remembers vividly his summer experience in CORD as an incoming high-school senior. His conducted research in vascular biology and hypertension, presented his findings at the end of the summer and was honored for his work.

“I can’t remember if I came in second or third in the competition, but I was offered a student-assistantship at CORD,” he says. “Throughout my undergraduate experience at UAB, I worked for CORD and taught in their middle- and high-school laboratories in area schools and at the CORD teaching labs.”

J. Michael Wyss, Ph.D., UAB CORD director, says Lockhart has made a tremendous impact on the program, both as a student in the Summer Science Institute and as the coordinator of CORD’s Central Alabama Regional Science and Engineering Fair, an event featuring the best and brightest of the area’s science students.

Making a difference

“Jarrod is fantastic,” Wyss says. “He’s visited many schools where he has helped students carry out experiments and assisted them in developing their own science fair projects.

“The kids obviously respond to him, both for the fair and in the camps. In fact, I just received a letter from a parent commenting on Jarrod’s work with her child this summer. He’s making a difference.”

Lockhart recognizes that children really enjoy the program. He says the work is important because many of the students involved would not otherwise get hands-on exposure to a wide variety of research tools and science studies.

“Many of the students we work with are in school districts that lack the resources that I was fortunate enough to have at CORD and UAB,” he says. “It’s amazing to me how little experience they have with even simple lab instruments. It’s definitely caused me to be more driven in the science-education arena.”

So much so, in fact, that the career he once thought about pursuing in medicine just might not materialize.

“My experience here has really made me fall in love with education,” he says. “I love and enjoy working with the kids. I’m thinking about pursuing a master’s degree in science education and becoming a certified teacher.”

Employees: Enroll online for educational assistance

Employees now can register online for UAB’s Educational Assistance Program, and they will be required to annually certify themselves and any eligible dependents/spouses that plan to enroll in classes.

“UAB takes pride in its role as one of the leading educational institutions in the country and is pleased to offer its employees and their dependents the Educational Assistance Program benefit,” said Benefits Director Michael Boyd. “We’re excited to have moved the registration process online. We know it will make it much more convenient for our employees.”

Online registration for the benefit can be found under the Educational Assistance section of the Oracle self-service menu. Go to www.uab.edu/adminsystems, then select Oracle, from there choose Self-Service.

The new, annual certification requirement has been put in place to manage administration of the Educational Assistance Program benefit in conjunction with the new BlazerNET student information and registration systems.

Employees interested in taking advantage of the program for an entire academic year must annually certify themselves and eligible dependents/spouses after the summer term and before the fall semester Drop/Add date on the academic calendar. If an employee decides to enroll in classes for January or for the summer semester, he or she may do so and take advantage of the benefit as long as certification takes place before the Drop/Add date for that term.

For example, those interested in taking classes for this fall must certify by the Drop/Add date Aug. 29. If you fail to enroll in time for fall classes, you can certify you or other eligible dependents by Jan. 14, 2008, if you plan to enroll in classes for the spring semester 2008. Employees then will be required to re-certify themselves and eligible dependents/dependents before the fall semester if they wish to take part in the Educational Assistance Program for the next academic year.

Failure to re-certify each year will mean that credit will not be given for the educational assistance benefit. To locate Drop/Add dates for any academic term, see the academic calendar at https://studentaffairs.sas.uab.edu/calendar/search.asp?id=2.

Who is eligible?

The Educational Assistance Program is a benefit available to all full-time regular employees and all 3/12-hour shift employees. To participate in the program, an employee must have completed at least six months of continuous service prior to the Drop/Add date for that term.

UAB will pay in-state tuition for up to 18 semester hours of course work taken at any time during an academic year for course work taken only at UAB and only for coursework eligible for UAB academic credit.

Undergraduate students must have at least a 2.0 UAB undergraduate grade-point average on any prior course work taken at UAB and must maintain an undergraduate UAB grade-point average of 2.0 to participate. Graduate students must have at least a 3.0 overall UAB graduate grade-point average on any prior course work taken at UAB and must maintain a graduate UAB grade-point average of 3.0.

For more detailed information on the Educational Assistance Program including dependents and spouses, visit http://main.uab.edu/show.asp?durki=44429.

For any questions regarding certification and re-certification for educational assistance, call Human Resource Management at 934-3458.
Overseas training program helps to curb global diseases

One key in fighting global diseases such as malaria, HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis (TB) is strengthening high-quality research programs, particularly in places where those diseases are prevalent.

UAB increased its efforts in this area when it received a five-year, $5 million grant from Fogarty International, a center of the National Institutes of Health, to establish a training program to enhance the clinical research capabilities of institutions in poor resource countries in 2003.

Now, four years later, partnering institutions in Mali, Uganda and India have shown great progress, expanding their established research centers with the help and guidance of UAB faculty and staff, says Eric Chamot, M.D., Ph.D., assistant professor in epidemiology and principal investigator for the project. Mali and India have made great strides, he says, and Uganda in particular is thriving.

“We have been working on this project for four years now, and we’ve literally trained hundreds of people in Uganda,” Chamot says. “We’ve had several trainees who came here to learn go on and have tremendous impact in the field.

“There are people who are making a difference.”

The partnering institution in Uganda is Makerere University in Kampala. (All partnering institutions are identified as International Centers for Excellence in Research.) A team of UAB researchers, faculty and staff led by co-principal investigator Sibylle Kristensen, Ph.D., was charged with providing training for teams in Uganda; that included bringing some to train here at UAB from the partner sites. Kristensen’s teams had to determine elements needed to strengthen Makerere University’s capacity to do HIV/AIDS research. That included identifying the most crucial needs of the university, who needed to be trained and the kind of training needed.

“The University of Makerere was well established. In fact, many of the landmark studies about HIV/AIDS in Africa first were conducted there by Nelson Sewankambo, the dean of the School of Medicine and a pioneer in HIV/AIDS research. That included identifying the complexity of the research work,” Chamot says. “But their program was relying on a small number of investigators and research personnel. They needed help.”

Strategic support

The NIH has been a strong supporter of research at Makerere University, the University of Mali in Bamako and the Tuberculosis Research Center in Chennai, India. UAB was selected to help establish a strategic, long-term partnership between the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) and the three institutions. The program has four training components: degree training at UAB for young investigators; short-term courses at UAB in clinical research methods and techniques for researchers and support staff; onsite training for research teams and distance learning via the Internet. The program also aids the institutions in competing for additional grant funding.

The NIH and other international funding agencies require strict compliance with guidelines governing clinical trials, and a large portion of the training focuses on teaching the researchers the intricacies of the guidelines. “This guarantees the quality of the research work,” Chamot says.

Typical training grants are focused on young researchers expected to develop outstanding careers as researchers. Money is provided for them to pursue a doctoral degree and work with well-known U.S. researchers as mentors, Chamot says. This grant, however, wasn’t intended to focus on individuals, but, rather, institutions. It also wasn’t exclusively aimed at young scientists, but instead targets mid-level research staff and managers.

“Lab supervisors, people in charge of quality control, administrators familiar with NIH rules on grant management and reviewers — because they play an important role in implementing research projects — are what our program is about,” Chamot says.

Looking ahead

Each site has key research projects planned for the coming years. New malaria vaccines are available for testing and small clinical trials already are under way in Mali. In Uganda, a large study conducted in recent years has confirmed that circumcision seems to reduce HIV transmission by almost 50 to 60 percent.

“Because of this study the NIH and the Ugandan government would like to try and implement a program, at least at the regional level, to propose circumcision as an option to adult men,” Chamot says. “This will lead to major pilot-research programs in the coming years.”

Uganda, one of the first countries in sub-Saharan Africa to experience the devastating impact of HIV/AIDS and to take action to control the epidemic, is one of the rare success stories in a region that has been ravaged by the HIV/AIDS epidemic, according to the World Health Organization.

While the rate of new infections continues to increase in most countries in sub-Saharan Africa, Uganda has succeeded in lowering its very high infection rates. Since 1993, HIV infection rates among pregnant women, a key indicator of the progress of the epidemic, have been more than halved in some areas, and infection rates among men seeking treatment for sexually transmitted infections have dropped by more than a third.

The NIH and NIAID hope the project spearheaded by Chamot and UAB, which has aided in these successes, will continue past next year when the grant expires, but whether it will or not has yet to be decided.

“The NIH desperately would like to continue, but they just don’t know where to find the money currently,” Chamot says. “They are under a much tighter budget. Hopefully the funds will come through because the successes there now are just the beginning.”

Summary of minutes from the July 10 Faculty Senate Meeting

Chair Report: Chair Pat Greep announced the following items: 1) State of the University address by President Garrison is scheduled for Oct. 4 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in Spain Auditorium; 2) Topics discussed at FSEC meeting included faculty salaries, appointment of ad interim representatives to universitywide committees, senate history, and future presentations; 3) Topics discussed at FSEC meeting with president included IMPACT funding, universitywide committees, scorecards, value of institutional service, faculty rank and data, athletics certification process and senate representation, athletics master plan, and status of dean searches; 4) Senate approved revisions to section 2.6.3.7 (annual evaluations) will be reviewed by provost in conjunction with revisions to section 3.8 (standards of behavior) of faculty handbook.

President Report: President Carol Garrison announced the following items: 1) Jean Ann Lanyon has been named SRS dean; 2) Scorecards have undergone some minor changes but no major revisions are planned; 3) Institutional service is expected of faculty and should be tied to annual evaluations and promotion and tenure guidelines in academic units; 4) Faculty encouraged to complete employee communication survey available through BlazerNet.

Presentation: Susan Hart, program director for Counseling and Wellness Center, discussed proposal for faculty-development program on how to identify and intervene with distressed students that will be offered during fall semester. The presentation is posted on the senate page.

Intellectual Ownership Recommendations: FPPC Chair Donna Handley presented intellectual ownership recommendations, which were approved by the senate.

Standing Committee Reports: Curriculum and Research Committee – Senator Heather Martin reported on scholarly communication institute that was attended by three representatives from UAB in December 2006. The presentation is posted on the senate page.

Faculty Policies and Procedures Committee – Senate Chair Pat Greep reported on intellectual ownership, review of faculty handbook according to cycle and standards of behavior.

Announcements: Next senate meeting is Aug. 14, in Administration Building Penthouse CR1. The next FSEC meeting is July 25, and the next FSEC meeting with president and provost is Aug. 7. The next FPPC meeting is July 20.

Secretary Jennifer Long submitted this draft summary of the minutes and a complete record will appear on the senate page at www.uab.edu/senatehome.html after approval at the August senate meeting. The minutes of the FPPC meeting also are available for review on the senate page.
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new, low-cost composite materials that lighten the soldiers’ loads and make stronger, lighter combat weaponry.

A composite material can be made up of materials such as epoxy, phenolic or vinyl esters and are reinforced with high-strength glass, Kevlar or carbon fibers. Materials can weigh 90 percent less than steel, yet be more durable. That’s one reason many of the military’s vehicles – such as the Stryker, Abrams tanks, helicopters and ships – are being armored with composites.

Composite materials also are cheaper over the life of the product, Vaidya says.

“Men of Kevlar”

Vaidya and his team also are working to make improved body armor using Kevlar and other composites. These include things such as improved helmets, shoe inserts and other items that protect extremities below the elbow and below the knee.

“How can we get to $30 a piece?” he says. “That represents a tremendous amount of savings. And the good news is that all the initial testing they have done with it really looks promising.”

Vaidya and his team have been developing a composite material for the tail cone of tank projectiles. The tail cone is located on the back end of the projectile and is in place to provide aerodynamic stability and spin characteristics to the ammunition. Vaidya’s team has developed a composite tail cone that he estimates will save the Army 70 percent annually on its cost. The Army uses between 300,000 and 400,000 of these projectiles a year.

“So let’s say it costs them $100 to make it, we could do it for $30 a piece,” he says.

Addressing the Overriding Concerns

The Army is developing a next-generation helmet with a composite insert that is capable of surviving multiple hits and more without modifications. It should weigh less than three pounds, but offer the same level of protection.

“It will be lighter, more efficient and multi-functional,” Vaidya says.

The hope is that extend same technology to other body-armor components.

David Littlefield, Ph.D., and Jong-Kun Kim, Ph.D., in Mechanical Engineering say they hope to Munson-Weed’s support on the body-armour project. By generating high-fidelity computer models, a number of material combinations and loading situations can be investigated virtually, thereby reducing a large number of experiments and manufacturing trials.

The body-armour phase of the project and the grant are scheduled for completion by May 2008. The AAB team has applied for the grant renewal and hopes to know soon if it will be extended.

“Each year the program the Army wants our help with is different, which is exciting,” says Vaidya. “Hopefully we will be able to continue our work for them because it’s been a great learning experience for our staff and our students.”

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UAB employees help promote World Breastfeeding Week

Thirty-five UAB employees are promoting World Breastfeeding Week at UAB Hospital by appearing on posters that will be displayed Aug. 1-7 in the atrium of Spain-Wallace.

Kimberly Ross Wurst, a pharmacist in the Regional Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (RNICU), is one of the mothers participating—a decision she says was an easy one to make.

“I see the benefits for the babies in our nursery who are breastfed,” says Wurst. “They tolerate their feedings better. It’s easier on their stomachs. We encourage our moms to breast feed as long as they want to.”

In addition to the posters promoting World Breastfeeding Week, UAB Hospital staff will encourage moms to begin breastfeeding within the first hour of the child’s life as part of the World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action (WABA) program “Breastfeeding: The First Hour Saves One Million Babies.”

WABA says breastfeeding within the first hour of birth is the first and most vital step towards reducing infant and under-age-5 mortality. According to global data, of 10.9 million under-5 deaths, roughly 4 million babies die during the first month of life. This means that deaths will have to be brought down appreciably within the first month to make a significant dent on the child-mortality rate.

“The first hour of life is important to help baby and mom get breastfeeding established and in order to create a bond with the baby,” says Sylvia Edwards, lactation services manager at Women and Infants Services. “And, breast milk is the best milk for baby.”

Lactation centers for working moms Companies that provide breastfeeding support in the workplace have observed many benefits including:

• Reduced absenteeism among breastfeeding employees
• Lower health-care costs
• Improved employee productivity
• Higher morale and greater loyalty.

UAB encourages its returning-to-work mothers to use one of the two lactation centers currently available, and one organization — The Commission on the Status of Women — is working to create other centers on campus. In its 2006 annual report, the Commission, a group that advises President Carol Garrison on issues, policies, and practices that affect women at UAB, made a recommendation to increase the number of lactation centers on campus and provide education to supervisors to ensure support across campus for employees wishing to use these facilities.

Kimberly Ross Wurst and her baby Abigail are among 35 UAB employees and their children that will be featured in a poster campaign in the Spain Wallace atrium promoting World Breastfeeding Week Aug. 1-7. Wurst says the stations have been invaluable since her return to work.

“Having the lactation center here is a great benefit,” she says. “They make it so easy.”

Benefits for mom, baby The American Academy of Pediatrics says extended breastfeeding reduces infectious and compelling advantages to infants, mothers, families and society from the use of human milk for infant feeding. These include mental, physical, social and economic benefits.

“Breastfed children are healthy children,” says Edwards. “They have fewer incidences of ear infections, allergies and digestive tract problems.”

Breastfeeding helps mothers in many ways, too. Research shows a decreased risk of breast cancer for moms who breastfeed, as well as a decreased risk of osteoporosis, says Edwards. And then there is the free workout — breastfeeding moms burn up to an additional 500 calories a day.

“That’s like a workout at the gym without having to sweat,” Wurst says. “It does help your body get back into shape.”

Survey to assess needs, facilities for working moms who breastfed The UAB Commission on the Status of Women is working to increase the number and location of lactation centers for breastfeeding mothers on campus, based on requests from employees and students.

An online survey is being conducted through Wednesday, Aug. 8 to gather information that will help the university assess community needs to make these centers as useful as possible.

Employees can access the survey link from the Employee Resources tab on BlazerNET at blazernet.uab.edu. A link also is contained in a targeted announcement to be distributed via BlazerNET.

Standing seminars suspended for summer
Cardiology GRs will resume in August.
CNRC/Nutrition Sciences Noon Seminar will resume in August.
Endocrine Conference will resume Sept. 6.
Geographic Medicine GRs will resume in September.
GI/Hepatology GRs will resume Sept. 10.
Hematology/Oncology GRs will resume in September.
Vascular Biology/Hypertension Program Seminar will resume Sept. 7.

Meetings
Monday, July 23
5:25 pm Power Yoga: UAB Marshall Conference Center. For more info, call Fran 987-0303.

Wednesday, July 25
5:25 pm Power Yoga: UAB Marshall Conference Center. For more info, call Fran 987-0303.

Thursday, July 26
6:30 pm SMART recovery group meetings: not a 12-step or religious program. Any addiction or habit can be helped. SouthShore Baptist Church. Call WL Fulcher 975-7755 for details.
6:30 pm Breastfeeding Mothers Support Group. This meeting is open to any breastfeeding mother to offer support and information regarding breastfeeding. A lactation consultant will be available. WP-G.
7 pm Conversational English classes, levels 1-4; Smolian INT’l House. 4-1205/awowens@uab.edu.
8 pm Stammtisch conversation table, for anyone who speaks German. Giuseppe’s Cafe, 925 8th Street South. For info, agresti@uab.edu.

Friday, July 27
7 am Falun Dafa exercises, an ancient Chinese exercise that brings harmony & health. UAB Mrs Park, 4-8295.

Religion
Tuesday, July 24
Noon Medical Center Christian Fellowship Meeting, WP-B. All welcome. Mark 647-5177 or Blair 951-3826.

Wednesday, July 25
Noon Employee-led Bible study: Interfaith Chapel-West Pavilion.
12:15 pm Latter-day Saints Student Association Scripture study and discussion: HUC-413. All welcome. For more info, Andrew 822-9338.

Sunday, July 29
10 am Catholic mass. St Stephen Church, 1515 S 12th Ave. 933-2500.
5 pm Catholic mass: St Stephen Church, 1515 S 12th Ave. 933-2500.
5 pm UAB Hindu Student Council. Everyone is welcome to join. For more info, Varadrag Prabhu 383-9805, 1501 15th Ave S, Apt 20, Birmingham.

Special events
‘Let’s Do Lunch’ topic is breastfeeding
Are you a new mom returning to work? Pregnant or thinking of having a baby but have concerns about the demands of a full-time job and continuing to breastfeed? UAB’s lactation consultants, Sylvia Edwards and Cheryl Smith, will offer tips on breastfeeding for working moms at the next “Let’s Do Lunch” meeting in honor of World Breastfeeding Week in August.

The meeting is Wednesday, Aug. 8 at noon in the 5th Floor Conference Room at The Kirklin Clinic. Space is limited, so call 996-2229 to make your reservation today. Lunch is provided. Open to UAB employees only.

Summer concert to be presented by UAB Gospel Choir
Hear the sweet sounds of American gospel music when the UAB Gospel Choir presents its annual summer concert, Monday, July 23 at 7 p.m. in the Alys Stephens Center Jemison Concert Hall.

The choir, directed by Kevin Turner, will perform an eclectic mix, including music from gospel legends James Cleveland, Marvin Winans, Walter Hawkins, Byron Cage and Tramaine Hawkins.

A portion of the ticket sales from the concert will support the UAB Gospel Choir’s third CD, to be recorded this fall.

Tickets are $6; $4 for children age 12 years and under and for UAB employees and students with valid ID. Tickets are $3 each with advance group purchase of 20 tickets or more. Tickets are available in advance or at the door. For tickets visit or call the Alys Stephens Center Box Office at 975-2787, or call the UAB Ticket Office at 934-8001.
From his beginning as a temporary employee moving campus lawns to his current position managing Campus Services and Grounds, Tim Sullivan has played a hands-on role in transforming the UAB campus into one of the most scenic portions of downtown.

And while he is revered by the construction and landscaping that has taken place during his 26 years at UAB, his favorite sight is a single dogwood tree he planted behind the Honors House in 1984.

“I planted the tree on Veteran’s Day,” he says. “That tree is probably 20 to 25 feet tall, and I literally carried it over there in a bucket and planted it. That was a long time ago — more than 20 years ago.”

Sullivan has planted many more trees and shrubs since, working on a primary component of one of the university’s priorities — a strong, welcoming visual impact for UAB.

His work has earned him selection as July’s Employee of the Month, says Sullivan’s work is a significant reason the campus looks the way it does.

“The first year Tim was promoted to being part of the Campus Services and Grounds the campus showed significant improvement and has continued to improve each year since,” Pruitt says.

“It is my opinion that many students, faculty and staff have chosen to come to UAB due partly to his contributions to the beautification of the campus.”

Sullivan says one of the perks of his job is that in his travels across campus he gets to meet many people doing great and important work.

One of those people, he says, is Tomant McWilliams, Ph.D., dean of the school of Social and Behavioral Sciences. He and McWilliams share a love of horticulture and the two have talked on many occasions.

McWilliams says Sullivan is a master of the technical and scientific knowledge of plants, shrubs and grass — even joking that Sullivan speaks in Latin derivatives when no one is around. However, says McWilliams, Sullivan always takes the time to speak in lay language with those interested in the growth and care of a particular plant or shrub, its origin and its contribution to the campus appearance.

“In this sense he’s actually an educator for all whose senses may have missed the point that greening a campus adds immeasurably to its sense of humanity and community,” McWilliams says. “Tim is a scientist, educator and diplomat of significant influence in all of our daily lives, whether we are aware of it or not.

“He is the model of a life-long learner, whom he corralled on an early Sunday morning and made him move his vehicle off the grass and into an appropriate parking space.”

Sullivan, a UAB graduate, became interested in horticulture and landscaping thanks to his father and aunt. He says he was further influenced by the people working around him when began working at UAB.

As for his favorite thing to grow, Sullivan says that’s easy to answer: His greatest passion is trees.

“They're so sensual appealing to all five of our senses,” he says. “You can hear them and touch them, see, smell, and even taste them. Their presence is striking. Everything about them is cool with me.”

Sullivan says he has seen a great evolution of his department and a growth in its professionalism through the years — something of which he’s quite proud. He also says he views working at UAB as a privilege.

“To be involved in a small way in UAB’s mission of teaching, healing and research is just great,” he says. “I don’t think my job would be half as interesting if I was somewhere else.”

In 1999, Partridge was named to the Margaret Cameron Spain Chair in Obstetrics and Gynecology. The UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center is one of the original eight centers so designated by the National Institutes of Health. The center received $30 million for facilities and $10 million in new ongoing support from the state this year to address capital needs and to recruit new faculty physicians.
**Women**

Do you think you have bacterial vaginosis? Women: do you have normal hand function and have ability to compensate $300. Paula 4-2089/pspath@uab.edu. If you leak urine when you exercise, cough, or smoke you will not qualify. Participants will be paid $50 for attending the screening appointment and $35 per hour for each 1-hour lab study. For more information about a research study for people who are taking Metformin for their diabetes. Compensation. 4-9281. Are you a woman age 19 and older have two episodes of stress leakage in a 7-day period? If you experience accidental urine leakage, you may qualify. Participants will be paid $50 for attending the screening appointment and $35 per hour for each 1-hour lab study. For more information about a research study for people who are taking Metformin for their diabetes. Compensation. 4-9281.

**Children**

Would you like to know your body fat? Bone density? Healthy African-American and Caucasian girls ages 8-12 needed for study on ethnic differences in insulin sensitivity. (1) overnight visit req. Compensation. $200. 4-1976. Are you or older premenopausal women ages 40-45 with, or at-risk for, osteoporosis needed for a study of new tooth replacement therapy? Healthy women ages 18-30 are being asked to participate in a 1-year study. Compensation up to $460. 5-6914/herpevac@uab.edu.

**Men**

Inconvenience study compare two treatments for urinary incontinence after surgery for prostate cancer. Men may be eligible if they are still experiencing urinary leakage more than a year after their prostate surgery. 4-3591/866-405-6136.

Healthy African-American men age 19 and older needed for an 8-week study on weight loss and diabetes. No medications or procedures. Contact Dr. Sewell at HMDP 806-959-7687.

Men age 30 and older with, or at-risk, for osteoporosis needed for a 1-year study on weight loss and diabetes. Men may be eligible if they have not taken any medication for osteoporosis at no cost. Compensation. 4-9178.

Sedation saccadic eye movement study Participants needed for sedation study. Purpose of study is to determine the effect of sedation on eye movements. Participants must be healthy men and women ages 18-65. Compensation. Cheryl 5-2087.

Do you have type 2 diabetes? Participants are needed for an important study of an investigational drug for weight loss and blood sugar management in people with type 2 diabetes. Compensation and study drug provided. Miriam 8-2317.

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In recent years, the role of the nurse has expanded to include tasks and responsibilities more critical than even the early pioneers of nursing might have dreamed. One UABSON researcher may have found yet another way for today’s nurses to contribute: by managing and policing the flow of patient information throughout hospitals and other health-care institutions — a role in which they could save as many as 98,000 lives every year.

“There are many different kinds of health-care teams with many different jobs to do, but a common thread running through all of them is nurses,” says Jacqueline Moss, Ph.D., an associate dean of the School of Nursing. “Nurses should take the lead in getting the right information and making sure it gets to the right people so that patients get the proper treatment and nothing gets missed.”