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The Tri Cities Medical News team is excited to share with our readers the 2011 edition of Healthcare Profiles, our annual resource guide highlighting the region’s premier providers of healthcare services. While many changes are still anticipated for healthcare providers, facilities, and partners across the nation, the greater Tri Cities region has demonstrated their commitment to quality services and patient-centered care, even as the future of our nation’s healthcare remains unclear. This year’s compilation of profiles includes a diverse group of professional providers, ranging from the medical specialties of neuro-spine surgery, oncology, and radiology, to mental health providers and home health services. We have also added a year-in-review of our Tri Cities featured physicians from our monthly news publication. Special thanks to our repeat contributors from last year’s issue who recognize the value of continuing to share their story with our readers throughout the region.

While perusing the pages of our magazine, providers and patients alike must recognize that the East Tennessee area ranks among the highest in the nation for its innovative healthcare initiatives. Rather than travel miles away for care or treatment, patients can stay healthy where they live and work, and providers can partner with local professionals for support and services. Our desire is that you will use the profiles herein as a resource for learning about the professional healthcare services available at your backdoor.

For more insight into medical topics in our region and beyond, please look to our monthly newspaper, the region’s only healthcare publication written by and for medical professionals. To view our publications online, please visit www.easttnmedicalnews.com.

Sincerely,
Bridget Garland, Editor
East Tennessee Cancer and Blood Center

A CLINIC WITH A HEART

Sen and Chlebisch see patients at both the Greeneville and Johnson City offices. The remainder of the practice’s staff includes four oncology registered nurses (two at each location), four medical assistants, and a laboratory technician who oversees the laboratories at both locations, in addition to the office manager, assistant manager, biller, bookkeeper, receptionist, and medical assistant in charge of precertification.

“We try very hard to go the extra mile for the patient. Every employee puts the patient’s needs first,” said office manager Patricia Posey. She continued, “This is especially true for Dr. Sen. He knows what is going on with each patient.” Posey emphasized the advantage the practice holds for East Tennessee residents, “We want patients to know they don’t have to go out of town to get treatment; there is a board certified physician right here. We administer the same medications given in big hospitals, and we get the newest medications approved by the FDA so there is no need to go out of town. Patients can get their treatment and be close to home at the same time.”

East Tennessee Cancer and Blood offers cutting edge treatments for all types of cancers. Halaven®, a breast cancer drug approved in December 2010, was quickly adopted by the practice. Therapies such as Avastin®, Erbitux®, and Vectibix™ have greatly improved the outlook of colorectal cancer patients. The practice does not depend solely on chemotherapy, but offers a variety of treatments with biological drugs, which have superior side effect profiles and do not affect bone marrow.

Sen and the staff of East Tennessee Cancer and Blood are committed to a multidisciplinary, team-based approach to patient care, working closely with individual patients’ referring physicians to fine tune and implement appropriate management strategies. High quality patient care is of the utmost priority to the practice. Sen travels between the Greeneville and Johnson City offices daily, in addition to caring for patients in several of the Tri-Cities and Greeneville hospitals. “We want to continue to provide excellent care to our patients now and in the future,” Posey said. “We offer individual care. We want each patient to realize how special he or she is to us,” she added.

For more information on East Tennessee Cancer and Blood Center, visit their website at www.easttennesseeoncology.com.
Frontier Health 2011
WHERE PEOPLE ARE IMPORTANT

Frontier Health, a private, not-for-profit established in 1957, is the region’s leading provider of mental health, co-occurring, substance abuse, recovery, intellectual and developmental disabilities, vocational rehabilitation, and residential services. The agency offers 90+ programs at 63 facilities in Northeast Tennessee and Southwest Virginia. Frontier Health provided clinical services to 55,713 people and community educational or interpretive services to 12,448 individuals in Fiscal 2010.

Frontier Health consistently addresses emerging community needs and works to establish coalitions that tackle healthcare gaps and evolving social problems with healthcare providers, community agencies, advocacy groups, law enforcement, courts, and government and business markets in the region to affect change.

Crisis Services
Frontier Health’s Crisis Stabilization Unit is the only mental health crisis stabilization facility east of Knoxville and has served 1,877 clients since opening in April 2009. The 15-bed CSU is a 24-hour, voluntary unit for adults experiencing a mental health emergency. Clients who need stabilization were previously referred to a psychiatric hospital. Clients remain close to their usual provider, experience less time out of their home, and receive care at a much reduced rate.

Mobile Crisis Response is available 24/7 for those experiencing an acute mental health or substance abuse crisis. Crisis therapists respond to schools, medical providers, mental health centers, jails, and other agencies. Last year, 6,848 individuals received Frontier Health crisis response services. Mobile Crisis has privileges in 25 area hospitals to assess regional psychiatric and substance abuse crises.

A&D Residential, Outpatient
Frontier Health’s A&D Treatment includes the adult residential detoxification and treatment program—Magnolia Ridge (19 beds) and Willow Ridge (12 beds). The program is for adults with substance abuse addiction or co-occurring substance addiction and mental health problems. Specialized residential services and outpatient Women’s Recovery Services are available for women who are either pregnant or have dependent children.

Other outpatient A&D programs include adult and adolescent outpatient and intensive outpatient treatment and community based prevention programs.

Fiscal 2010 Highlights
Frontier Health’s Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities division received the highest compliance rating as a Four Star Agency by the Tennessee Department of Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities for exceptional performance, quality management of services, and client support. Three similar agencies received an award. More than 250 community-based providers statewide were reviewed.

The Co-occurring Disorders Treatment Enhanced Rating was granted to Frontier Health by the Tennessee Department of Mental Health A&D services. The highest level of evaluation and certification followed several months of assessment utilizing a nationally accepted process and was the result of the program consistently striving for excellence in service delivery to individuals who have both a mental health and substance use diagnosis.

Frontier Health is moving forward to achieve Meaningful Use with their Electronic Health Record. Frontier uses Netsmart’s MIS system and e-prescribing software, Scripture from DAW Systems. Both systems are preparing for their American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Certification, which is expected within the year. Netsmart has already passed its first phase toward certification.

In April 2011, Frontier Health and Planning District One Behavioral Health Services celebrate their 30-year partnership of providing services in Southwest Virginia’s Lee, Scott, and Wise Counties and the City of Norton. From three staff in 1981 to 226 staff in 2010, the program served 5,909 individuals during the fiscal year.

Frontier Health is using the Trauma Focused Therapy Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration model program that helps children, youth, and their parents overcome traumatic life events such as child sexual abuse; traumatic loss of a loved one; and domestic, school, or community violence. The training team helps set national quality standards.
Loss of independence can be one of the toughest parts of having a chronic illness or growing older, especially if that loss requires leaving the comforts of home. For Pam Lancaster, a licensed baccalaureate social worker in Tennessee (LBSW) and owner of Legacy HomeCare, LLC, family experience made her very aware of this reality for many seniors and chronically ill patients.

“In 1968, we moved to Johnson City and lived next door to my paternal grandparents, Morrell and Sue Lacy. My grandmother had several strokes and needed help during the day while my grandfather worked at Hannah’s Clothing Store in downtown Johnson City. I stayed with my grandparents during the summer to help them out,” shared Lancaster. “This was before they hired a live-in housekeeper, and before home healthcare agencies.”

After graduating from Science Hill High School, Lancaster joined the Air Force and was honorably discharged. She graduated from East Tennessee State University in 1986. Her first jobs in healthcare were in Florida, followed by her position as Social Services Director for Appalachian Christian Village in Johnson City, then as a certified Volunteer Ombudsman Representative in Atlanta, Georgia.

Just prior to starting Legacy HomeCare, Lancaster was the administrator of 15 employees at a local homecare agency, and as she explained, after dealing with serious personal illnesses and her father’s cancer, she learned and understood the need to have a good caregiver to come in and help out.

However, Lancaster wanted to be able to offer another alternative to the community for in-home care. “After having worked in the field, I saw the problems that other agencies had in providing services, and I have set higher expectations to make sure that we deliver what the client and family want.”

Lancaster had always wanted to own her own company, which she attributes to seeing her grandfather’s hard work at Hannah’s growing up. “I knew I needed help, so I made an appointment with the SCORE office for assistance,” recalled Lancaster. “The help and encouragement I received through their office gave me the confidence that I could do it.”

Legacy’s state license was approved in November 2008, and the company’s first year of business witnessed significant growth.

“During our first year, our employees grew from one to over 20, and our client base continues to increase,” said Lancaster. “This growth caused us to move from a home office to a downtown location on Main St., only two doors down from where Hannah’s was located.”

Recently, however, one more move was needed, as Legacy outgrew the Main Street office in need of more space for files, staff, and employee meetings. Now located on Myrtle Street, Legacy is comprised of over 40 employees, some of whom have been with Legacy since its inception. As Stephanie Tabit, one of Legacy’s caregivers, explained, “I felt welcome immediately, just like family.”

“I’ve seen how little CNAs are appreciated at other places,” said Lancaster. “I care about what happens to these workers, and treat them like they matter.”

Obviously, such growth means quality care and a high demand for it. With home care, clients can keep their own routine and lifestyle, which improves their outlook on their situation. As such, Legacy’s home care services are tailored to meet individual client needs. “We always try to make a good match with caregiver and client,” Lancaster stated. “We’ve had client families say that they thank God every day that our worker was brought into their lives.”

Legacy offers services for both TennCare and VA cases, as well as private pay clients. Legacy HomeCare is located at 112 E. Myrtle Ave., Suite 300, Johnson City, TN.

For more information, call 423-631-0075 or visit www.legacyhomecaretn.com
Over the last three decades, diagnostic imaging has been one of the many healthcare fields to experience major changes.

Advancements in computer and equipment technology have led to a new realm in high-resolution imaging. Recently, Mountain States Health Alliance (MSHA) has seen strides in low-dose computed tomography (CT) scanners, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and positron emission tomography (PET) imaging. These technologies improve patient care by decreasing the length of the procedure, thereby reducing the patient’s discomfort. MSHA's facilities in Tennessee and Virginia are continually responding to the ongoing advancements in healthcare.

**Advancements in Radiation Safety**

In a continuing effort to provide exceptional quality in diagnostic imaging with the utmost concern for patient safety, MSHA has recently installed low-dose CT scanners in six of its facilities: Johnson City Medical Center, Franklin Woods Community Hospital, Johnson County Community Hospital, Norton Community Hospital, Sycamore Shoals Hospital, and Mountain States Imaging at Med Tech Park. These scanners operate at such a fast speed that often patients are no longer required to hold their breath during the procedure. The new faster scanners are ideal for performing cardiac CT procedures and operate at an extremely reduced radiation dose. Cardiac CT procedures are currently available at Johnson City Medical Center and will be coming soon to Norton Community Hospital and Johnston Memorial Hospital.

A study published recently in the journal Radiology found that the frequency of CT scans for children increased five-fold between 1995 and 2008. During that time, better CT technology has led to more accurate diagnoses and better care for patients of all ages, but some concern remains regarding radiation exposure, particularly in children. MSHA is committed to providing the lowest possible radiation dose for every patient by using the latest technology in CT scanners. These scanners reduce radiation dose by up to 50 percent without compromising image quality, and they are accredited by the American College of Radiology.

“These new scanners allow us to individualize the radiation dose for each patient,” said Marianne Neal, MD, a pedi-
atrial radiologist at Niswonger Children’s Hospital. “When a child needs to be scanned, he or she won’t get an adult dose of radiation; we can reduce that to limit the radiation to the very smallest dose possible.”

MSHA has introduced Siemens low-dose CT scanners throughout the system, combining the fastest speed, highest resolution and lowest radiation possible.

**Invasive and Noninvasive Procedures:**

MSHA is providing patients with less invasive alternatives compared to conventional surgeries and procedures of the past. The health system offers an array of procedures that would not have been a reality 20 years ago. Some of the procedures include:

- **CT Virtual Colonoscopy (also called CT colonography):** This procedure detects abnormalities in the colon and rectum. Virtual colonoscopy uses a CT scanner and special computer software to produce detailed, three-dimensional images. Both traditional colonoscopy and virtual colonoscopy require bowel preparation prior to the procedure to cleanse the colon. But unlike traditional colonoscopy, virtual colonoscopy does not require sedation or inserting a scope into the colon. This technology is available at Johnston Memorial Hospital.

- **Cerebral Aneurysm Coiling:** Endovascular treatment of brain aneurysms involves insertion of a catheter and navigating it through the vascular system, into the aneurysm. Micrösized platinum coils are threaded through the catheter and deployed into the aneurysm, blocking blood flow in the aneurysm and preventing rupture. The Department of Interventional Radiology at Johnson City Medical Center and Samuel Massey, MD, neuroradiological radiologist, have together performed more than 120 non-invasive embolization procedures since 2006. The installation of the new Siemens Artis Biplane system in April 2011 has added to the efficiency of this highly specialized procedure.

- **MRI of Breast and MRI-Guided Breast Biopsy:** MRI of the breast offers valuable information about many breast conditions that cannot be obtained by mammography or ultrasound. It is a useful tool for the detection of breast disease, assessment of local extent of disease, evaluation of treatment response, and guidance for biopsy and localization.

The American College of Radiology states, “MRI can detect malignancy in the contralateral breast in at least 3%-5% of breast cancer patients.” This service is available at Franklin Woods Community Hospital, Indian Path Medical Center, Johnston Memorial Hospital, and Norton Community Hospital.

**Technology Updates**

MSHA Diagnostic Imaging has comprehensive services throughout Virginia and Tennessee, expanding to 17 facilities. MSHA continues to make additions to better serve patients in its communities. Mountain States Imaging has recently added:

- Digital mammography at Russell County Medical Center;
- Bone-density testing (DEXA) at Johnson County Community Hospital;
- Veriphy – Critical Results Reporting System at all MSHA facilities.

In addition, PET/CT services are available at Johnson City Medical Center, Indian Path Medical Center, Norton Community Hospital, and Johnston Memorial Hospital—Cancer Center location.

For more information about Mountain States Diagnostic Imaging, please visit the MSHA website at www.msha.com or call 1(800) 659-6762 for scheduling.
New York, Vienna, Berlin, China—all of these places have been or will be stops for Morgan Lorio, MD, who has been sharing and collaborating internationally about the latest state-of-the-art spine technologies being offered at his practice, Neuro-Spine Solutions, P.C. in Bristol, Tenn. Some of the most exciting ventures the practice has been undertaking are providing hope and health for individuals suffering with back pain and spinal injuries.

Guided Lumbar Interbody Fusion (GLIF)

“It’s a revolutionary approach to spine,” explained Lorio when describing Guided Lumbar Interbody Fusion (GLIF). “Most people think linearly, but GLIF incorporates what’s called Arc Portal technology. The surgery is performed by going through an arc or a curve. It’s hard to envision, but it can be used anywhere in the body.”

GLIF provides patients with a 360° fusion without repositioning the body. Using the GLIF technology, Lorio is able to access the spine without having to violate the spinal canal or cause scarring around nerves. GLIF also allows him to avoid going through the stomach cavity or using a massive incision on the side. For the patient, this minimally invasive technique translates into less tissue trauma, less blood loss, and faster recovery.

As holder of three patents for the GLIF/Arc Portal System, Lorio, and the design team at Alphatec Spine, accepted the Orthopaedics This Week Spine Technology Award for Minimally Invasive Care in 2009. “GLIF truly is revolutionizing spinal surgery,” said Lorio. “We hope it continues to move forward.”

Aging Spine Technology, Teaching, and Research

As part of his commitment to improving spine care, Lorio stays active in teaching and research.

In the summer of 2011, Lorio will spend time in Vienna teaching about aging spine technology, including OsseoFix® Vertebral Body Fracture Reduction System, a vertebral augmentation device, and LLICO® MIS Posterior Fixation System coupled with a new screw (Osseoscrew®) that is designed to treat disorders in the thoracic and lumbar spine.

Additionally, Lorio recently presented at the International Society for the Advancement of Spine Surgery (ISASS), including two podium and three poster presentations, covering on-going motion technology studies at Neuro-Spine Solutions. The ACADIA-Facet Solutions study researches the use of the ACADIA device, a “non-fusion” device used in the lumbar spine, which replaces degenerative facets, equated as a “total knee replacement” for the spine. Some patients have reported returning to work after two days.

Lorio will also be directing a fellowship under Bonovo Academic Alliance to promote and an exchange ideas in spinal surgery between Eastern and Western orthopaedic communities. As part of this program, Chinese fellows will come to the United States for training under Lorio and Dr. David Wiles. The program will be sponsored by East Tennessee State University and is expected to begin Fall 2011.

Spine Health Foundation, Inc.

As spokesperson for the Spine Health Foundation, Lorio is reaching out to the community, hospitals, medical device industries, and healthcare providers to offer assistance to those individuals in need of spinal surgery but without the financial ability to receive it.

“Currently, there is no real outreach to provide spinal health to the working wounded,” shared Lorio. “They have recently lost their job, they don’t qualify for Medicare or Medicaid, and they don’t have the economics to get their spine repaired in order to get back to work and back to life.”

A former patient of Lorio’s and now the director, Carol Conduff has been working with Lorio to increase recognition of the Foundation’s presence and gather funding. “Spinal surgery can be very expensive, and I’m not talking about the surgeon’s services; the implants and devices are extremely costly,” explained Lorio. “We hope to establish a partnership among all of those who are involved with the implementation of spinal care—industry, hospitals, surgeons, and pain management providers.” Currently, the Foundation serves four counties in Tennessee and four counties in Virginia.

For more information about Neuro-Spine Solutions, P.C., please visit their website at www.neurospinesolutions.net or call (423) 844-0501. For more information about the Spine Health Foundation or to make a donation, please visit the website at www.spinehealthfoundation.org.
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Physician Spotlights

June 2010—R. Keith Huffaker, MD, Quillen Physicians & Associates

Sometimes it can be lonely, being the only practitioner of a specialty branch of medicine. Not so for R. Keith Huffaker, MD, whose services are very much in demand by women throughout East Tennessee and the surrounding region.

Huffaker is the area’s only fellowship-trained physician in the practice of urogynecology.

Huffaker finished medical school at ETSU’s James H. Quillen College of Medicine, and then completed a three-year fellowship in his specialty at Scott & White Hospital and Clinic in Temple, Texas. He returned to ETSU in the summer of 2009 and began offering his services.

July 2010—Cary Meyers, MD, Cardiovascular Associates

“If you go back ten years, when I was a resident, when we saw people with venous disease, it wasn’t ignored, but it was completely de-emphasized,” explained Cary H. Meyers, MD, a board-certified surgeon with Cardiovascular Associates (CVA).

Fast forward to 2010, and patients and physicians alike are experiencing a totally different approach to the painful disease using the new technology Endovenous Laser Treatment.

Meyers first came to the Tri Cities area in 2003, after working in open heart and transplant surgery. He attended college and medical school at the University of Chicago, graduating in 1988. He completed a nine-year internship, residency, and fellowship at Duke University Medical Center.

August 2011—Geoffrey Correll, MD, Mountain View Medical

There are many reasons why people go into medicine—to work in the sciences, to have a reputable career, to make a lot of money—but as Geoffrey Correll, MD, pointed out, “I got into medicine because I really wanted to make a difference in people’s lives. That has always been the guiding principle in my career.” As a board-certified family practitioner at Mountain View Medical in Bristol, Tenn., Correll’s focus is on a wide array of patients, and from the start of his medical education, family medicine has always been his passion.

Correll attended Furman University in South Carolina, where he majored in Spanish and pre-med studies. He stayed in South Carolina for medical school, attending the University of South Carolina in Columbia. He headed to Tennessee for his internship and residency at East Tennessee State University, and has been here for 17 years.

September 2010—Robert Harris, MD, Holston Valley Medical Center

Robert Harris, MD, who is Holston Valley Medical Center’s first orthopedic traumatologist, is a graduate of the US Military Academy at West Point.

During his 17-year military career, Harris was stationed in Somalia as part of the army’s Joint Special Operations Command, where he operated on former hostage and pilot Michael Durant’s broken leg, the subject of the film Black Hawk Down. Caring for him and countless other soldiers who’d experienced trauma led to some innovative new practices for Harris, procedures and techniques that he and other Army medical personnel perfected and that now are being put into place in the private sector.

October 2010—Harrison D. Turner, MD, Cardiovascular Associates

Harrison D. Turner, MD, founder of Cardiovascular Associates (CVA) in Kingsport, Tenn., attended the University of Tennessee and majored in biology. He headed to Vanderbilt for medical school, and his internship and first year of residency was at Parkland Memorial Hospital, but because of Vietnam, Turner served in the Indian Health Services (IHS) in Oklahoma.

Turner finished his final year as an internal medicine resident at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. His cardiology residency was completed at Duke University in 1978.

During his 32-year career as a cardiologist, Turner has witnessed many improvements in patient care and is very excited about the new partnership that has been formed between Cardiovascular Associates and Wellmont Health Systems.

November 2010—John Culp, MD, Quillen Physicians & Associates

John Culp, MD, was born in Livingston, Alabama, where he spent most of his youth engrossed in scientific pursuits—turning over rocks in the yard by day and reading books by lamp at night. At age 20, Culp graduated from East Tennessee State University a few credits shy of a double major in Biology and Chemistry.

Shortly after graduating from ETSU, Culp packed his bags for the University of Alabama School of Medicine. He rotated into Anniston’s Family Practice Residency from 1980-83 and practiced in Anniston for several more years.

When Culp and his wife, Jane, learned they would soon become parents, Culp took a faculty position with the Bristol Family Practice Residency in October of 1986. “I am a family doc, after all, and I get to teach the residents and medical students in a very direct, personal way.”
**December 2010—Robert Clemons, MD, Tri-Cities Skin & Cancer**

Water, water everywhere, and that’s where you’ll find Robert Clemons, MD, a dermatologist with Tri-Cities Skin & Cancer. While most people might find it unusual that a dermatologist spends his leisure time in the sun, Clemmons’ believes that we shouldn’t shy away from what we love, especially considering the skin protection now available.

Clemmons attended the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, as an undergraduate and moved back to the Tri Cities for medical school at ETSU’s Quillen. Clemons headed west to Arkansas, where he did his internship in dermatology at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, and returned to practice with his father in the Tri-Cities.

**January 2011—Robert Funke, MD, Mountain Region Family Medicine**

Robert Funke, MD, is a true advocate for his patients; in the exam room, in the classroom, and in the current national debate on healthcare. A family medicine physician with over 20 years’ experience, he remains passionate about medicine and works in all spheres to ensure that his patients have the best possible healthcare.

Funke has been in the Kingsport area for the majority of his career. Following his graduation from medical school at Tulane, he practiced for three years in Salt Lake City, then came to East Tennessee State University to practice and teach. After six years, he went into private practice, and in 1995, he joined forces with several other physicians to form Mountain Region Family Medicine.

**February 2011—Roger Jones, MD, James H. Quillen VA Medical Center**

Since 2008, Roger Jones, MD, has served as Chief of Medical Services at the James H. Quillen VA Medical Center at Mountain Home, Tennessee.

Jones came to the Mountain Home campus from Chattanooga, where he had been serving as the program director of the Internal Medicine Residency Program at the University of Tennessee College of Medicine. Throughout his career, Jones has demonstrated a passion for education. He has received several outstanding teacher awards, and he truly enjoys his involvement in residency programs.

Jones began his medical career after completing his undergraduate degree at Louisiana State University and attended Vanderbilt University Medical School, where he also completed an internship and residency.

**March 2011—Anindya K. Sen, MD, East Tennessee Cancer & Blood**

Dedicated is one word to describe A. K. Sen, MD. Superman is yet another. Taking very little time out of the day for himself, Sen travels throughout the northeast Tennessee area to see patients. With a practice in Greeneville and one in Johnson City, and with patients in several of the Tri-Cities hospitals, Sen covers a lot of territory.

While some people may wonder how he works so many long hours in private practice at East Tennessee Cancer & Blood, Sen doesn’t seem to mind—to him, it comes with the profession. “It’s the love of medicine that keeps me going,” he explained.

Originally from India, Sen attended the University of Delhi Medical School and did his post graduate work in the United States and Great Britain.

**April 2011—Morgan Lorio, MD, Neuro-Spine Solutions**

Morgan Lorio became interested in medicine before entering kindergarten. His initial fascination thrived throughout his school days, and after suffering a severe spinal injury, he turned his attention more specifically to the spine.

After graduating from Louisiana State University, Lorio completed his general surgical internship and orthopedic residency at the State University of New York at Buffalo. He further completed a hand and microsurgery fellowship at The Hand Center of Western New York and the Simmons Spine Fellowship and clinical practice fellowship at the Health Science Center Syracuse, in addition to training in plastic surgery at the University of Pittsburgh.

**May 2011—Josh D. Hall, MD, Gastroenterology Associates**

A Maryland native, Josh D. Hall, MD, a physician with Gastroenterology Associates in Bristol, Tenn. found his way to the Volunteer state when deciding to attend King College for his undergraduate education.

After finishing at King, Hall attended the University of Virginia School of Medicine, where he received his MD and continued there with his internship and residency in Internal Medicine. Hall went on to complete his Fellowship in Gastroenterology/Hepatology in Augusta, Georgia.

After finishing his Fellowship, Hall decided to return to the northeast Tennessee to practice his specialty. “I always really liked this area, especially the people,” said Hall. “I always felt like there was more of a downhome feeling here.”
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