



Mid-Illinois Medical District



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Medical Innovations: Advances in the Mid-Illinois Medical District Featured at Recognition Event

The Sangamon County Medical Society and the Quantum Growth Partnership (Q5), in support of the Mid-Illinois Medical District (MIMD) hosted “Medical Innovations” on March 30, at the James T. Dove, M.D. Conference Center, located in the Prairie Heart Institute, at 619 E. Mason St., Springfield.

The purpose of “Medical Innovations” is to educate business leaders and the local community about the MIMD and its growing stature as a center of medical excellence. The event explored the medical advances and recent changes occurring within the Medical District and featured marketing materials that illustrate the medical excellence that make the MIMD a technology center worthy of investment.

“Medical Innovations” showcased the leading edge medical and scientific breakthroughs captured in a new publication and marketing tool referred to as “*Medical Innovators*,” which offers a close look at the significant advanced medical treatments and clinical trials currently taking place within the Medical District. This second edition features 10 physicians and researchers who were selected by a peer review panel based upon review of their patent(s), success in obtaining national grant funding from agencies such as the National Institutes of Health, participation as the principal investigator in clinical research trials, and/or regional and national reputation in attracting patients to Springfield.

With underwriting support from The Chamber’s Q5 Initiative, the Sangamon County Medical Society has also partnered with the Medical District’s anchors to host the event. These include: Memorial Health System, Prairie Cardiovascular Consultants, St. John’s Hospital, Southern Illinois University School of Medicine and Springfield Clinic. Additional support comes from the three neighborhood associations located within the MIMD: Downtown Springfield, Inc., Enos Park Neighborhood Association, and Oak Ridge Neighborhood Association.

Medical industry leaders including the District Anchors, Prairie Education and Research Cooperative, The Hope Institute, The Autism Program, Lincoln Prairie Behavioral Health Center and Kindred Healthcare will display information about their contributions to the center of medical excellence.

“The Sangamon County Medical Society’s (SCMS) continued support of the Mid-Illinois Medical District (MIMD) is a reflection of the unique partnership that exists between academia and business. Our shared mission is to make MIMD a nationally known life science center. This strong interaction among public, private and medically-related sectors advances our ability to attract new business ventures to the economic engine present within the MIMD,” said Gayle E. Woodson, M.D., Chair of SCMS’s *Medical Innovations* peer review panel. “The event broadened awareness as to the top tier of medical treatment and research occurring in our own community that has far-reaching national and international effect on the future of medicine as we know it.”

"This event has furthered the Medical District Commission's goal to inform not only the Springfield community, but the entire nation of the cutting edge medical research and development activities already underway within the District," said Mike Boer, President of the Mid-Illinois Medical District. "The research physicians and scientists represent an enormous potential for attracting research dollars, new businesses which will commercialize these outstanding innovations, and all the economic activity and opportunities attendant to them."

For additional information or copies of “*Medical Innovators*” contact the Sangamon County Medical Society at 217.525.0765 or the Mid-Illinois Medical District at 217.527.3908.

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Established in 1899, the Sangamon County Medical Society is a non-profit professional organization of over 1,100 physician, resident and medical student members from Sangamon County whose mission is to provide leadership in health care through service, education and advocacy for our members, patients and the community in Central Illinois. For more information about SCMS, visit www.scmsdocs.org.

The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce is focused on enhancing the business climate and promoting and stimulating economic development in Sangamon County for the benefit of its members and the community. The Quantum Growth Partnership (Q5) is an initiative by The Chamber, local governments, labor and business leaders, to build wealth, unity and prosperity in Sangamon County, with 4,500 new, retained and expanded jobs and \$2.6 billion in wealth by 2012. For more information about The Chamber and Q5, visit www.gsc.org.

Attachment

Medical Innovations – list of Medical Innovators

Sangamon County Medical Society

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1. Tom Ala, M.D.

Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, Department of Neurology
Associate professor of neurology and interim director of SIU's Center for Alzheimer Disease and Related Disorders

2. Kathleen C.M. Campbell, Ph.D.

Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, Department of Surgery
Professor of surgery and director of audiology research in SIU's otolaryngology division

3. John E. Godwin, M.D.

Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, Department of Internal Medicine,
and SimmonsCooper Cancer Institute at SIU
Professor of medicine, chief of oncology and associate director of SimmonsCooper Cancer Institute at SIU

4. Ziad F. Issa, M.D.

Prairie Cardiovascular Consultants, Ltd.
Cardiac electrophysiologist at Prairie Cardiovascular Consultants and clinical assistant professor on the volunteer faculty at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine

5. Richard E. Katholi, M.D.

Prairie Cardiovascular Consultants, Ltd.
Cardiologist with Prairie Cardiovascular Consultants and clinical professor of pharmacology and internal medicine on the volunteer faculty at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine

6. John E. Kwedar, M.D.

Springfield Clinic, LLP
Ophthalmologist at Springfield Clinic and assistant professor of clinical surgery on the volunteer faculty at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine

7. Robert B. McLafferty, M.D.

Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, Department of Surgery,
and St. John's Hospital, Regional Wound Care Center
Professor of surgery in the vascular surgery division, vice chair of clinical affairs for the surgery department at SIU and medical director for the Regional Wound Care Center at St. John's Hospital

8. H. Dennis Mollman, M.D., Ph.D.

Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, Department of Surgery
Associate professor of surgery and chair of the neurosurgery division, and director of neurosciences for the 13-member Hospital Sisters Health System

9. Krishna A. Rao, M.D., Ph.D.

Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, Department of Internal Medicine,
and SimmonsCooper Cancer Institute at SIU
Assistant professor of internal medicine and a member of the research team at the SimmonsCooper Cancer Institute at SIU

10. Thomas G. Shanahan, M.D.

University Radiologists, S.C.
Radiation oncologist at Memorial Medical Center and a clinical associate professor of radiation oncology and urology on the volunteer faculty at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine