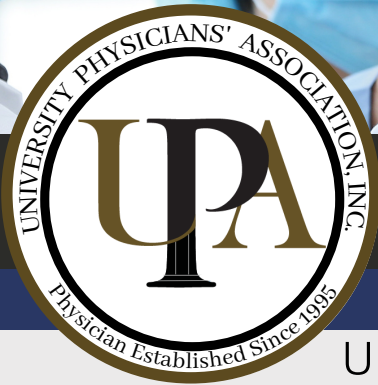




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### UPA Heartfelt Recognition

It is with both sadness and excitement that we announce the retirement of Barbara Lane, Director of Essential Services.

Barbara has been a dedicated team member for 34 years with UPA and has held several roles within departments of the Central Billing Office, Managed Care, and her last role with creating and leading our Essential Services department. Her knowledge of credentialing, Medicare, and managed care applications is vast.

Barbara anticipates her retirement date to be effective on 12/31/2021, but she has also graciously agreed to adjust the date if needed during our transition.

We wish Barbara nothing but the best during her retirement. We are excited for her plans to relax and travel more, but she will be extremely missed.

Please join us in congratulating Barbara on her retirement.



**Barbara Lane**

Director Essential Services, UPA



Since I began working at UPA in January 1988 as a biller, I think I have had every position the UPA has offered. I even think I have worked in most of the department cubicles at one time or the other!

My advice to anyone would be to work hard and you too will go far with UPA.

This UPA family has been there for me for 34 years. We teamed together to work through the old Smart Software days, the changeover to Cerner and then to Intergrity. Anyone that knows me would know that I loved to stay and balance at month-end. Sometimes we would be there until late at night but we always balanced.

My common response to co-workers saying they were tired would be: are your fingers ok? Their response of course would be yes. Then I would reply, "*then get to work.*"

My advice if you touch a patient account: if you touch it...*always write a note in the patient account!*

I look forward to being with my family more, traveling with friends, not setting my clock every morning but I will surely miss my UPA family who means the world to me.



*Thank you for the last 34 years!*

# New Patient Referrals

## 865-305-4487

### Areas of Expertise

#### *Gastrointestinal Cancers/Neoplasms*

Esophageal Cancer  
Gastric Neoplasms  
Small Bowel Neoplasms  
Neuroendocrine Tumors  
Colorectal Cancer  
GIST

#### *Benign and Malignant Diseases*

Liver, Pancreas, Bile Ducts,  
Gallbladder

#### *Secondary Tumors of The Liver*

Metastatic Neuroendocrine Tumors  
Metastatic Colorectal Cancer

#### *Other*

Peritoneal Metastatic Disease  
Primary Peritoneal Malignancies  
Retroperitoneal Sarcoma  
Surgical Palliation  
Feeding Tube Placement  
Port Placement

### Benefits of University Surgical Oncology

*Nurse Navigators* to ensure seamless new patient evaluations and triage

New patient consults seen in **7 Days**

Timely *coordination of care* and communication with referring providers

Site specific *multidisciplinary tumor boards*

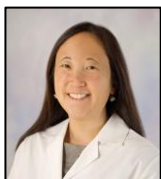
Complex *Interventional Radiology* and *Interventional GI* Services

Numerous GI *clinical trials* Currently accruing

**24-hour in-house** intensivist and physician coverage

Advanced *laparoscopic* and *robotic* approaches for most diseases

**Dr. Laura Enomoto**



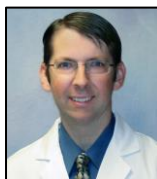
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## Brain Spine Institute announces Alzheimer's Research Grant Funds

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**Application Deadline:** January 10, 2022

**Award Date:** March 1, 2022

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On behalf of the University of Tennessee Medical Center's Brain & Spine Institute, in conjunction with the University of Tennessee Graduate School of Medicine (UTGSM), it is with great excitement that we are announcing a call for grant applications specifically related to research on Alzheimer's Disease and related dementias.

As a result of a philanthropic initiative chaired by former Regal Entertainment Group and CEO Amy Miles launched on our campus in 2018, we can accept grant applications for Cycle Two of research funding. For this cycle, there are three possible grants based on the size and scope of the project: two grants will be awarded at \$25,000 and one grant at \$10,000. Project funding is for one year but may be extended to a second year, if necessary.

The details of the grant process and the grant application are available for download here:

[https://gsm.utmck.edu/research/ARI\\_app.docx](https://gsm.utmck.edu/research/ARI_app.docx)

Grant applications are due by Monday, January 10, 2022, at 5:00 PM. The completed application in PDF format should be submitted to Melissa Weaver ([mweaver@utmck.edu](mailto:mweaver@utmck.edu)) or Jennifer Ferris ([jferris@utmck.edu](mailto:jferris@utmck.edu)) at least 5 days before the deadline to ensure compliance with UTHSC grant submission policy.

The grant applications will be reviewed by the Alzheimer's Research Initiative Scientific Review Committee who will make recommendations for funding to the Alzheimer's Research Initiative Oversight Committee. It is anticipated that applicants will be informed of the results of the grant review by Tuesday, March 1, 2022, with a projected start date of Wednesday, June 1, 2022.

If you have questions regarding the application process, please contact Melissa Weaver, Jennifer Ferris or Jon Wall ([jwall@utmck.edu](mailto:jwall@utmck.edu)).

Brian Wiseman, MD

Vice President, Brain & Spine Institute

The University of Tennessee Medical Center



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# SAVE THE DATE!

# APRIL 23, 2022

## Smokies Baseball Stadium



## Catch This! We plan to see you at the Smokies Stadium on April 23, 2022!



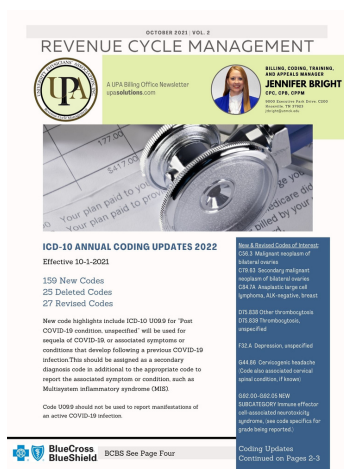
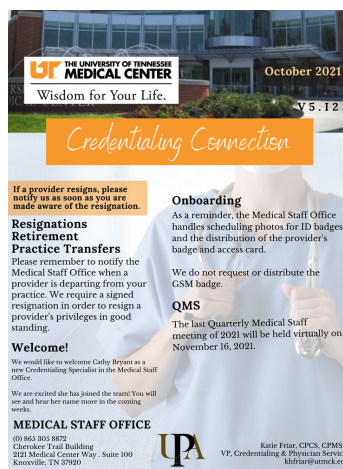
# Thankful & Grateful

UPA dedicates 100% to their clients, but 110% to their employees. I am thankful to be a part of this team!  
-Michelle

UPA takes care of their own people. -Jeffrey

I consider myself blessed to work for a company with such caring, hard-working individuals. -Tami

The thing about UPA that has made me a better person, in the 16 years that I have been here, is that we care. -Stacy



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