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## USA College of Medicine Welcomes Dr. Wilburn Bolton



Dr. Wilburn Bolton was recently appointed assistant professor of internal medicine at the University of South Alabama College of Medicine.

Dr. Bolton earned his medical degree from the University of Alabama at Birmingham in 2009. He completed both his internship and residency training in internal medicine at the USA Medical Center.

Dr. Bolton is now accepting new patients. For appointments, call (251) 470-5890.

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## USA Physician Featured on FOX10

Dr. Errol Crook, professor and Abraham Mitchell Chair of internal medicine at the University of South Alabama College of Medicine, was recently interviewed by FOX10 about health disparities in the community.

Dr. Crook serves as director for the USA Center for Healthy Communities, the lead entity within USA for coordinating community education, research, public service and health activities to help eliminate health disparities, foster access to health care for underserved populations and enhance the capacity of individuals to better participate in decision making about their health.



To watch the full interview, [click here](#).

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## USA College of Medicine Alum Inducted into Alabama Healthcare Hall of Fame



USA COM alum Dr. Steven P. Furr (right) is inducted into the Alabama Healthcare Hall of Fame.

University of South Alabama College of Medicine alum Dr. Steven P. Furr was recently inducted into the Alabama Healthcare Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony and luncheon was held at the Alabama Activities Center in Montgomery, Ala.

Dr. Steven Furr completed his undergraduate and medical degrees at the University of South Alabama. He currently serves as vice chair of the USA Board of Trustees. Dr. Furr has served on numerous hospital committees and as president of Clarke County Medical Society.

Additionally, Dr. Furr has served on the board of directors and as chairman of the board of the Alabama Academy of Family Physicians, the Alabama State Committee of Public Health, the Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners, the Alabama Medical Directors Association and most recently as president of the Medical Association of the State of Alabama.

Dr. Furr also holds faculty appointments at the University of South Alabama College of Medicine and Serves on the University of South Alabama Board of Trustees. Dr. Furr's has received numerous awards including, Outstanding Teaching Resident, Outstanding Service Award and MASA's Membership Outreach Award.

The Alabama Healthcare Hall of Fame was founded in 1997 with the purpose to recognize those persons, living or deceased, who have made outstanding contributions to, or rendered exemplary service for healthcare in Alabama.

Considerations before being inducted to this hall of fame include length of time in the field and ability to distinguish themselves from others in the areas of caring, scholarship and dedication to practice. The applicants are chosen by a special committee of representatives from the medical, dental, nursing, healthcare administration, pharmaceutical, public health and academic communities.

*One of Dr. Furr's former professors in the USA College of Medicine, the late Dr. Samuel Eichold, was also inducted into the Alabama Healthcare Hall of Fame on Saturday. To read the full story published in the Press-Register, [click here](#).*

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## Dr. Meyer Selected President of the Alabama Orthopaedic Society



Dr. Frederick Meyer, professor and chair of orthopaedics at the University of South Alabama College of Medicine, was recently installed as president of Alabama Orthopaedic Society (AOS), a medical education association comprised of orthopaedic surgeons who are licensed to practice medicine throughout Alabama and the United States.

Dr. Meyer is board certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery with a Certificate of Added Qualification in surgery of the hand and upper extremity. He is a member of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, the American Society for Surgery of the Hand, the Clinical Orthopaedic Society, the American College of Physician Executives, the American Orthopaedic Association, and is the immediate past president of the Clinical Orthopaedic Society, the second oldest orthopaedic society in the United States.

Dr. Meyer is also chair of the Council of Orthopaedic Residency Directors Education Committee. He has received numerous awards for Outstanding Teacher and Educator at each of the institutions where he has served.

Dr. Meyer served as a USA faculty member from 1982 until he was activated for military service during Operation Desert Storm in 1991. In 2001, he returned to USA as professor and chairman of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery. In 2004 he was appointed associate dean for the faculty practice at the USA College of Medicine and was later named director of compliance for the USA Health Services Foundation.

AOS is an advocate for all orthopaedists at the state and federal level and its purpose is the advancement of orthopaedic surgery in all its phases. AOS is represented at the national level by the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS).

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## USA College of Medicine Mourns Loss of Dr. Valentina Grishko

A celebration of life service was held July 31 honoring Dr. Valentina Grishko, associate professor of orthopaedics and cell biology and neuroscience, who recently died of colon cancer.

Dr. Grishko served at the University for 18 years.

Donations may be made in honor of Dr. Grishko to her minor children's education fund. An account has been established with Regions Bank -- account number 0173649457.



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