Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to our first edition of *Colleagues eBriefs*!

I’m Gary Baxter, and I joined the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine faculty in August as director of the Veterinary Teaching Hospital.

As referring veterinarians to our University hospital, you are an important part of our veterinary team. In order to keep you better informed, we will begin sending you periodic electronic newsletters.

Three items of interest:

1. We are now accepting patients for our linear accelerator: The linac will accommodate both small and large animals. There are no special eligibility criteria as long as the oncology team determines that treatment with radiation will benefit the patient.

2. New, state-of-the-art method of anesthesia delivery available to large animal patients: We recently became the first veterinary facility in the United States to purchase the Tafonius anesthesia machine, with an integral piston-driven ventilator. The Tafonius provides more accurate ventilation of horses and other large animals undergoing anesthesia, and therefore reduces the risk for common problems like hypoventilation and hypoxemia. There is no additional cost for use of this machine.

3. New C-arm coming this fall for small animal patients: This new fluoroscopy unit will provide our Cardiology, Radiology and Surgery clinicians with fast delivery of high-quality images, which will allow us to provide some new procedures to our patients.

Watch for more information about these, and other, stories in our Winter/Spring issue of *Colleagues*.

For more information about our services, please contact the UGA Veterinary Teaching Hospital referral hotlines:

- **800.861.7456** (small animals)
- **800.861.7458** (large animals)

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I look forward to working with all of you. On behalf of the hospital and the college, thank you for your patronage!

Regards,

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