

McLeod Foundation Physician Champions

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McLeod Foundation Physician Champions working with the Foundation to improve care for their patients.

Dr. Ernie Connor Champions New Equipment and Training for Residents

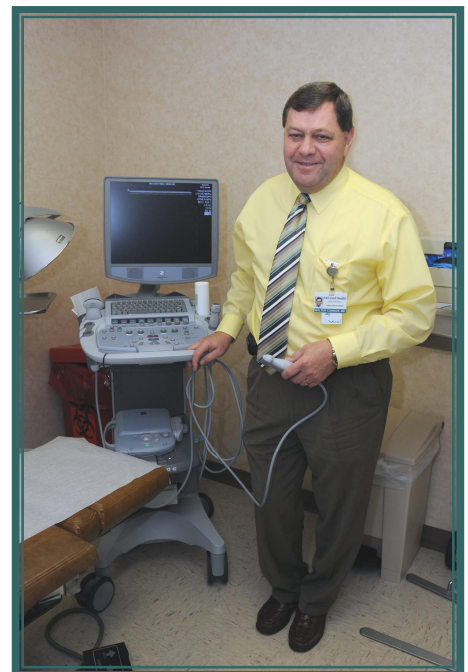
The McLeod Foundation Board of Trustees recently approved a new piece of equipment, an Ultrasound Bedside Diagnostic Machine, that will change the way the doctors and residents at McLeod Family Medicine Center diagnose their patients.

Dr. Ernie Connor was instrumental in making this grant a reality. The grant will allow the McLeod Family Medicine Center to stay at the forefront in teaching residents the latest diagnostic techniques. Dr. Connor, the Assistant Director of Technology and Patient Services, and an 11-year McLeod Family Medicine faculty member, will serve as the Program Director as well as the Master Trainer of the equipment.

The Ultrasound Bedside Diagnostic Equipment will allow the doctors and residents at McLeod Family Medicine Center to receive lifesaving information in minutes, not hours, and will allow them to evaluate disease processes quicker providing the proper treatment more effectively. All seven Family Medicine faculty physicians will be trained to use the ultrasound equipment and they in turn will help train the 24 Family Medicine residents during patient encounters. This type of faculty-led training is conducted at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine and other residency training hospitals and medical schools nationwide. McLeod Health, through the McLeod Family Medicine Program, will lead the way in teaching this technology to its residents. This will also enable the Center to attract and recruit Family Medicine residents.

In addition, this new opportunity will provide McLeod Residents and Physicians with improved patient care results and take the McLeod Residency Program to a new level.

Thanks to Dr. Connor for his diligence and passion in getting this grant approved and striving to make the patient's experience at McLeod a more positive one.



Dr. Ernie Connor is photographed with the new ultrasound equipment funded by the Foundation.



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Physician's Giving Back

Did you know that the following physicians have partnered with the McLeod Foundation to improve care for their patients?



- Dr. Ernie Connor, Ultrasound Bedside Diagnostic Equipment - \$51,451
- Dr. Vinod Jona, Super Dimension/Bronchus System - \$147,860
- Dr. Noel Phipps, Dedicated Breast MRI Biopsy Table - \$194,400
- Dr. Carolyn Reynolds, The Hospice Sensory Garden - \$150,000
- Dr. Alva Whitehead, Medical Student Fellowship - \$10,000
- Dr. Weave Whitehead, Reach Out and Read - \$10,000

**When we come together,
we become a part of something bigger than us all.**