Dr. David Parish presented on the TRACE-CORPS grant, a grant which originated at the University of Massachusetts, with MUSM as a collaborator.

TRACE-CORPS is a study of acute coronary disease, including factors related to caring for patients in the community, educating the patients prior to discharge from the hospital, education once the patient returns home, and modification of drug therapy. Throughout sites in Massachusetts and Georgia, 6500 patients will be recruited. MUSM/Georgia offers the opportunity to add diversity to the subject population. In addition to the baseline interview, there will be follow up at 1, 3, 6, and 12 months as well as examination of hospital records and claims data.

Dr. Parish discussed some of the positive aspects of this collaboration including: Establish a reputation for MUSM through collaboration with well-respected researchers; MUSM has contributed conceptually and operationally to the grant; we bring strengths with some of our key personnel; and there is the opportunity for continued collaboration with the faculty from UMass.

The slides describing the TRACE-CORPS grant are posted on the CSACS website.