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Publications

- The Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation released the report “Coordinating Care for Patients with Alcohol and Drug Use Disorders: Effective Practices and Common Barriers in Three Centers” last week, a study led by Robin Clark and Deborah Gurewich. The study combined an analysis of MassHealth claims for more than 18,000 patients with staff and patient interviews at Family Health Center, Edward M. Kennedy Health Center, and Community HealthLink. Robin and Deborah especially want to thank all of the FMCH faculty who supported the study by being interviewed or by helping to recruit patients for interviews. Here is a link to the report: [http://bluecrossfoundation.org/publication/coordinating-care-patients-alcohol-or-drug-use-disorders-effective-practices-and-common](http://bluecrossfoundation.org/publication/coordinating-care-patients-alcohol-or-drug-use-disorders-effective-practices-and-common)

- Michael Chin co-authored a new report titled, “Massachusetts Residents without Health Insurance Coverage: Understanding Those at Risk of Long-Term Uninsurance” which was recently released by the BCBS Foundation of Massachusetts. The report provided new analysis from two consecutive years of data from state tax filings regarding the health insurance status of Massachusetts adults. The report [is available on-line](http://bluecrossfoundation.org/publication/coordinating-care-patients-alcohol-or-drug-use-disorders-effective-practices-and-common) at the BCBSMA Foundation website, and a press release [is available on-line](http://bluecrossfoundation.org/publication/coordinating-care-patients-alcohol-or-drug-use-disorders-effective-practices-and-common) from UMMS/CWM.

Presentations

- Jaime Vallejos and Debi Lang, both from MassAHEC, presented at the National AHEC Organization’s conference in DC in June on rapid cycle quality improvement and core competency measurement for pipeline programs. Linda Cragin, director of MassAHEC, facilitated a session on HRSA’s plans to “revision” the AHEC program.
Bill Foley recently traveled to Nagoya, Japan to teach a four day course to the AT Still Sutherland Study Group. The topic was the osteopathic approach to the GI tract including the immune digestion connection.

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