Monday Memo – August 29, 2016

Publications


- The Massachusetts Medical Education Working Group published a paper about the core competencies for the prevention and management of prescription drug misuse it developed in Academic Medicine. The group of state medical schools and health officials was convened by Governor Charlie Baker and Marylou Sudders, Secretary for the Massachusetts Department of Health and Human Services. Highlighted in the paper is the UMass Medical School Opioid Safe Prescribing and Training Immersion performance assessment for incorporating patient- and standardized patient-based examinations, as well as technology-enhanced simulations. Dennis Dimitri is a co-author of the paper, having served on the Working group as President of the Massachusetts Medical Society; “Developing Core Competencies for the Prevention and Management of Prescription Drug Misuse: A Medical Education Collaboration in Massachusetts”, Karen H. Antman, MD, Harris A. Berman, MD, Terence R. Flotte, MD, Jeffrey Flier, MD, Dennis M. Dimitri, MD, and Monica Bharel, MD, MPH.

Media

- Alan Ehrlich is quoted a few times in the Massachusetts Medical Society Vital Signs article about the upcoming ballot question on recreational marijuana.

Awards and Recognition

- Our Benedict practice has once again been selected as one of the “Sweet 16” finalist teams for the UMass Memorial Innovators of the Year Award! This award recognizes teams from across the system for contributions toward innovation through a successful idea system.
- More than 70 nominations were submitted with 16 finalists then selected as representing the “best of the best” of our everyday innovators. Criteria used to determine the finalists included: team member participation in huddles, the impact of implemented ideas and celebration of outcomes.
- The practice was also a “Sweet 16” finalist in 2015.