Monday Memo – October 31, 2016

Awards and Recognition

- Several Department staff were recognized at the 2016 Employee Service Award Celebration sponsored by the Medical School last Wednesday, October 26. Staff recognized with ten or more years of service included:

  Jodie Martineit (35 years!); Lorna Chiasson, Sue Foley and Carole Upshur (15 years); Elaine Desjardins and Jodi Early (10 years). Thank you all for your many years of outstanding service to the Medical School and the Department.

Presentations

Judy Savageau presented last week at the American Evaluation Association’s annual conference in Atlanta, GA (October 29, 2016) on: “To IRB or Not to IRB: When Does Program Evaluation Require an Institutional Review Board Application?”

Hugh Silk presented at the Oral Health for All 2020 conference in Phoenix AZ on October 27th on the topic of “Engaging Health Education Programs in Oral Health.”

Several Department faculty and residents presented at the Family Medicine Education Consortium conference in Pittsburgh, October 28-30:

  - Joseph Gravel, Jonathan Lichkus; “Advocate for Change!: Skills for FPs”
  - Jonathan Lichkus, Clark Van Den Berghe, Geoff Pechinksy, Wendy Barr, Joe Gravel; “Developing the Clinical Chief Rotation: A Capstone Leadership and QI Experience for Residents”
  - Jim Ledwith, Eric Brown, Shelly Burchsted, Jonathan Han: “Chronic Pain and Addiction”
  - Virginia Van Duyne, Christine Runyan: “Enhancing Faculty Wellness and Preventing Burnout”
Wendy Barr, Katherine Neely, Elise Carpenter: “Balancing Act: Women, Medicine, and Families”

Hannah Kazal, MS1, Lilia Cardenas, Leanne Marcotrigiano, Emma Worringer, Wendy Barr; “Labor Support for Women: Developing a Volunteer Doula/Compañera Program in a CHC”

Jennifer Fishbein MS4, Judy Savageau: “Enrichment of Health Education Curriculum for Teenagers in Correctional Facilities” (poster)

Elise LaFlamme, Wendy Barr, Hannah Kazal, MS1: “Late Presentation to Prenatal Care: Are We Giving These Patients Quality Care? (poster)”

In addition, Laura Sturgill received a Creative Writing Award from FMEC at the conference.

Publications


  https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5066926/

Events

- Sports medicine fellows Kim Sikule and Elana Bannerman, and resident Lisetta Shah (Barre Family Health Center) recently provided medical coverage for the Gran Prix of Gloucester, an international bicycle race held in Gloucester, MA, working alongside Katherine Riggert and Nathan Cardoos who served as medical directors for the event.
Chair’s Corner

- I’m writing to announce that Dr. Jim Ledwith has stepped down from his leadership role as Director of the Fitchburg Family Medicine Residency, effective immediately. The change is necessitated by illness in his family. He will continue serving as a full-time Core Faculty member in Fitchburg as the Director of Medical Education.

Dr. Beth Mazyck will resume the Residency Director role in addition to her role as Medical Director.

I want to express my appreciation to both Jim and Beth for their continuing leadership and commitment to the program and its patients. Jim joined the faculty in 2005 after 19 years in practice in rural Virginia, and has served as Residency Director since 2008, a time period that included a major transition for the residency. Beth joined the faculty in 1996, and from 2001-08, she served in this dual role as Program Director and Medical Director.

WELLNESS MOMENTS

“Helping, fixing, and serving represent three different ways of seeing life. When you help, you see life as weak. When you fix, you see life as broken. When you serve, you see life as whole. Fixing and helping may be the work of the ego, and service the work of the soul.”

~ Rachel Naomi Remem

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