



## *Monday Memo – June 2, 2014*

### **Appointments**

- Dennis Dimitri was elected President-Elect of the Massachusetts Medical Society at the organization's annual meeting May 15-17 in Boston. He will serve a one-year term as one of the top officers of the Society, a statewide membership organization representing more than 24,000 physicians and medical students in the Commonwealth. The Society, under the auspices of NEJM Group, publishes the New England Journal of Medicine, and NEJM Journal Watch alerts and publications covering 13 specialties. Founded in 1781, MMS is the oldest continuously operating medical society in the country. Congratulations Dennis!

### **Awards and Recognition**

UMMS had the annual awards breakfast for graduating students the morning of May 30. Our department's Ann Nemitz Award was presented to Jennifer MacDonald. This is only the second time since the inception of the award following Dr. Nemitz's death 14 years ago that the student selected (by garnering the most votes from our FMCH Listserve) for the award is not going into Family Medicine. Jim Ledwith described Jen well in his nomination: "I know no one more deserving than Jennifer MacDonald, who is graduating in the MD/PhD program. She is going into pediatrics at CHOP in Philadelphia. Jen was the backbone of the free clinic programs for at least 7 years, uniquely maintaining a presence during her clinical clerkships and mentoring first and second year students in coordinating the four student-site programs. She has a passion for outreach to those in need and demonstrated a unique skill in engaging volunteers to fill the gaps in our health care system."

### **Professional Development**

Congratulations to Dan Mullin who recently received his MPH and to Matt Collins who received his MBA.

### **Publications**

- Stefan Topolski is co-author of an article in the Journal of Evaluation in Clinical Practice, *For every complex problem, there is an answer that is clear, simple and wrong* -

*And other aphorisms about medical statistical fallacies*, first published online: 9 MAY 2014, DOI: 10.1111/jep.12156, © 2014 John Wiley & Sons, Ltd.

- Michael Chin is a co-author of a report published by the Massachusetts Health Connector (which is the state's Health Insurance Exchange) and the Massachusetts Department of Revenue. The report is entitled, *Data on the Individual Mandate: Tax Year 2011*. Key findings from the report include: (a) 96% of Massachusetts tax filers reported having health insurance for some part of Tax Year 2011, which was not changed from 2008 to 2011; (b) the number of Massachusetts residents who were assessed a tax penalty for failure to have health insurance in Tax Year 2011 was essentially unchanged compared to the prior year. The report is available on the Health Connector's website:

[https://www.mahealthconnector.org/HomePortal/content/conn/UCM/path/Contribution%20Folders/Content%20Folders%20for%20Connector/About/Policy\\_Center/Reports\\_and\\_Publications/documents/TaxYear2011FinalReport.pdf](https://www.mahealthconnector.org/HomePortal/content/conn/UCM/path/Contribution%20Folders/Content%20Folders%20for%20Connector/About/Policy_Center/Reports_and_Publications/documents/TaxYear2011FinalReport.pdf)

## **Presentations**

- Linda Weinreb and Carole Upshur, with their collaborators from Care for the Homeless NYC, presented the results of their NIMH funded *Integrated Care Model for Homeless Mothers with Depression-The Healthy Mom's Project*, at the National Health Care for the Homeless Council Annual meeting in New Orleans on May 30..
- Bill Foley presented a course entitled *An osteopathic approach to the GI system: The immune-digestion connection* on May 30 - June 1 in Westborough MA. US and international osteopaths were in attendance.
- Hugh Silk was an invited speaker at the Better Oral Health for Massachusetts Coalition's Oral Health Summit on Medical-Dental Collaboration: Practical Tips for Making It Work in Southbridge, MA on May 30th.