



Monday Memo – July 7, 2014

Faculty Appointments

Congratulations to the following faculty with recently completed academic appointments:

- **Kimberly Bombaci, MD** was recently appointed as an Assistant Professor in the Department. Dr. Bombaci is a 2010 UMass Medical School graduate who trained in the Worcester Family Medicine Residency program at the Hahnemann Family Health Center (HFHC) where she served as Chief Resident, graduating in 2013. We were pleased to recruit Dr. Bombaci last summer for a core residency faculty position in our Department based at HFHC. Dr. Bombaci has co-authored a chapter in the *5-Minute Clinical Consult* on and has served on the curriculum and recruitment committees for the residency. She is also an active member of the Massachusetts Medical Society and the American Academy of Family Physicians.
- **Shaylin Cersosimo, MD** was recently appointed as an Assistant Professor in the Department. Dr. Cersosimo received her medical degree in 2010 from St. George's University, Grenada, West Indies and continued on at St George's completing her Masters in Public Health degree in 2006. She is a 2013 Worcester Family Medicine program graduate, having trained at the Barre Family Health Center. We were fortunate to recruit her last summer as the Family Medicine Hospitalist Service's first "Nocturnist" working overnight shifts; she is based at the Memorial campus. She rounds with residents and students on the Family Medicine inpatient service, and also presents didactic lectures to them monthly. She has co-authored a chapter in the *5-Minute Clinical Consult* on Myasthenia Gravis and she has also presented nationally as a resident at the Society of Teachers in Family Medicine meeting held in 2012; a session entitled "A Resident Run Family Wellness Group in a Rural Health Center".
- **Ahmed Hussain, MD** was recently appointed as an Assistant Professor in the Department. Dr. Hussain received his MBBS degree in 1999 from Kasturba Medical College in Mangalore, India. In 2016 he completed a family medicine residency program at Indiana University School of Medicine. Late last year we recruited Dr. Hussain to join UMass Memorial Medical Group as a physician at the Family Medicine practice located on the first floor of the Benedict Building. Prior to joining the Department, Dr. Hussain gained clinical experience for seven years in southern New Hampshire, most recently in a practice sponsored by the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center. He nurtured his interest in health policy as a member of the

inaugural class for a new Masters of Health Care Delivery Science (2013), an intense immersion into health policy taught by faculty at the Tuck School of Business and The Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice (TDI). As a student, he gained practical experience working on a project at Hartford Hospital, and he served as a representative of the Dartmouth Hitchcock Clinic to the Northern New England Accountable Care Collaborative. Dr. Hussain is also taking the lead in implementing the new Primary Care Payment Reform (PCPR) project in the Benedict practice.

· **Abhijeet Patil, MD** was recently appointed as an Assistant Professor in the Department. Dr. Patil graduated with his MBBS degree from Grant Medical College in Mumbai India in 2004, and went on to complete two Masters degree programs in Exercise and Health Studies (2007) and Sports Studies (2009), both at Miami University in Oxford, OH. Dr. Patil completed his Family Medicine residency at Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis, MN in 2012 where he was Chief Resident and was awarded the Eldon Berglund Award for “academic excellence, clinical competence, educational commitment, professional demeanor and abiding concerns for the welfare of the patients;” he was also chosen Resident of the Year. He came east to UMass Medical School, where he completed the Geriatrics Fellowship program in 2013 and successfully obtained a small grant from the Massachusetts Medical Society which supported travel to India to study the unmet needs of an elderly population in that country; he subsequently developed a needs assessment based on that work. He has demonstrated a passion for teaching both students and residents and has developed a standardized patient session and educational materials for residents focused on the evaluation of dementia. Locally he has been a frequent presenter at the Geriatric Medicine conferences and nationally he has presented at the American Geriatrics Society annual conference where he received the award for Best Presidential Poster presentation. He has most recently been appointed as Associate Director of the Fitchburg Family Medicine residency program.

· **Sherrilyn Sethi, MMH, DMH** was recently appointed as an Instructor in the Department. Dr. Sethi received her Masters in Medical Humanities degree from Drew University in 2011. She went on to complete her Doctor of Medical Humanities degree in 2012, graduating with distinction. Prior to joining the Department and completing her advanced degrees, Dr. Sethi worked for the University of Southern California, Irvine, as Assistant Program Manager for Research Conduct Administration (2001-2002) and for the Undergraduate Research Department (2003-2004). Since 2003 she has received five awards focused on ethical, humanitarian and community outreach leadership. We recruited Dr. Sethi as the result of a search for an Assistant Residency Director for Education Development and Curriculum Assessment based within the Worcester Family Medicine Residency Program. Working with the Program Director, she is particularly focused on the incorporation of Accreditation Council of Graduate Medical Education Milestones into the existing residency curriculum as well as the implementation of an evaluation process. Dr. Sethi will also have a teaching role in the Humanities in Medicine course and the History of Medicine elective offered to learners at all levels. Since arriving at UMass she has become a member of the Department’s Curriculum Committee, the Unit Director’s Committee, Graduate Medical Education Faculty Committee and the Humanities Initiative in Medicine Committee.

· **Brian Sullivan, MD** was recently appointed as an Assistant Professor in the Department. Dr. Sullivan received his medical degree from UMass Medical School in 2009. Upon graduation he was accepted into the University of Utah Family Practice residency program where he served as Chief Resident, graduating in 2012. As a resident, he represented his residency program at the AAFP National Residency Conference, and he served as a member of the University of Utah's Retention, Promotion and Tenure Committee. He remained in Utah for an additional year after residency working as an attending physician for Community Health Centers, Inc., caring for a largely uninsured and immigrant population. We were pleased to recruit Dr. Sullivan back to Massachusetts last fall for a faculty position in our Department based at the Barre Family Health Center. As a National Health Service Corps Scholar he is also providing urgent care services to patients at the Edward M. Kennedy Community Health Center.