



Monday Memo – July 14, 2014

Transitions

On July 1, Health Alliance Fitchburg Family Practice officially opened its doors. The practice is comprised of our Fitchburg Family Medicine Residency program faculty and residents, and is located in the new Community Health Connections FHC building on the Burbank campus of Health Alliance. The practice is now renting space from the CHC, which continues to offer separate medical, dental and behavioral services at the site. Many thanks to Health Alliance leadership and staff, to CMG leadership and staff which has provided practice management assistance, and to the faculty, staff and residents of the Fitchburg Family Medicine residency who have persevered with positive spirit through a challenging transition. Congratulations and best of luck to all.

Appointments

Joe Gravel has been elected as one of four new Board members of the American Board of Family Medicine (ABFM). Dr. Gravel is Chief Medical Officer for the Greater Lawrence Family Health Center and the Residency Program Director for the Lawrence Family Medicine Residency, and is a Professor in our Department. . . He is the Immediate Past President of the Massachusetts Academy of Family Physicians (MassAFP), and a Past President of the Association of Family Medicine Residency Directors (AFMRD) and the Family Medicine Education Consortium (FMEC). Dr. Gravel will serve the ABFM on the Operations Committee and the Examination Committee.

Publications

Barry Saver is first author, and Kathy Mazor, Lee Hargraves and Marcela Hayes co-authors of *Inaccurate Risk Perceptions and Individualized Risk Estimates by Patients with Type 2 Diabetes*, J Am Board Fam Med July-August 2014; 27:510-519;doi:10.3122/jabfm.2014.04.140058

Media

Joe DiFranza was one of four UMass faculty providing expert opinion on WBUR radio CommonHealth on July 10, speaking on the way addiction affects connections between areas of the brain. For the accompanying written coverage, see the following link. <http://commonhealth.wbur.org/2014/07/addiction-brain>

Presentations

Mary Lindholm and Erik Garcia both were presenters for the July 11 Schwartz Rounds, Forums in Providing Patient-Centered, entitled *Broader Horizons, Greater Compassion*.