



Monday Memo – October 6, 2014

Presentations

- Ron Adler presented a 90-minute workshop titled “A Rational Approach to Cancer Screening: Communication Strategies that Reduce Overdiagnosis” at the Preventing Overdiagnosis Conference at Oxford University in England on September 16.
- Hugh Silk was the Keynote Speaker for the New England Rural Health Round Table Oral Health Conference on October 3 in Chelmsford MA. His talk, entitled "Oral Health - Where does it fit into Overall Health?" focused on motivational interviewing in dentistry and warm hand-offs between medical and dental.
- Jay Himmelstein was invited to lead a panel for the MA American College of Physicians (ACP) “Deciphering the Affordable Care Act: Implications for Physicians and Patients” on Tuesday, September 30. His presentation was entitled: *Deciphering the Affordable Care Act: What’s Working and What’s Next?*
- Phil Fournier was first author of a poster presentation, “Clinical Skills teaching within a Learning Community: A model for vertical integration”, at the Learning Community Institute Annual Meeting held in Nashville on September 26..
- Herb Stevenson recently served as guest lecturer and faculty for the American Medical Society for Sports Medicine Musculoskeletal Ultrasound Conference in Portland Maine.

Awards

Mark Fitzgerald, PGY-2 at Hahnemann Family Health Center, was elected by the UMMS student chapter of the Gold Humanism Honor Society (GHHS) as one of six UMass residents to be inducted into the Gold Humanism Honor Society this year. Residents are chosen for their commitment to teaching and their kind and compassionate treatment of patients, families, students, and colleagues. The award was presented at the GHHS Induction Ceremony held on Friday, September 19th in the “Cube” in the Sherman Center. Congratulations Mark.

Faculty Appointments

Congratulations to the following faculty with recently completed academic appointments:

Abigail Averbach, MSc was recently appointed as an Instructor in the Department. Ms. Averbach is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts, School of Public Health and Health Sciences, Amherst receiving a Master of Science degree in Public Health with a concentration in Epidemiology (1996). She worked for a number of years for the Massachusetts Department of Public Health as an Epidemiologist, Bureau of Health Statistics (1995-2000) and then as the Director, Office Research and Evaluation, HIV/AIDS Bureau (2000-2004). Ms. Averbach joined UMass Medical School, Commonwealth Medicine Division in 2004, as a Senior Project Director in the Center for Health Policy and Research (2004-2007) where she managed large scale grants and led strategic planning activities and then served as the Director for the Office of Massachusetts Client Relations (2007-2008) managing Commonwealth Medicine’s many partnerships with health and human service agencies in the state. More recently she served as Assistant Vice Chancellor and Chief of Staff for the Executive Vice Chancellor, and worked closely with the Department to continuously develop and sustain our successful partnership. In July she was named Director of the Office of Data Analytics for Commonwealth Medicine. Ms. Averbach recently agreed to serve as a project mentor for a medical student as part of the new Capstone Scholarship & Discovery course, a new requirement in the Medical School. Her project will likely focus on applied health policy, public health and/or data infrastructure for public health planning and practice.

Silvia Los, MD was recently appointed as a Clinical Instructor in the Department. A multilingual primary care physician, Dr. Los serves as a preceptor in the Longitudinal Preceptorship Program, working with first and second year medical students in her office. She is currently employed by Modern Care Medical Group, Family Practice located in Lowell, MA as the Medical Director. She is a 1997 graduate of Universidad de Buenos Aires where she earned her medical degree. In 2006 she completed her training in Family Medicine at the UMass Fitchburg Family Medicine Residency. Dr. Los has a great deal of experience working in community health centers in multiple states. In her practice she provides our medical students with exposure to a diverse patient population within a fairly new primary care group practice.

John Mitchell, DMD, MPH was recently appointed as a Clinical Instructor in the Department. Dr. Mitchell recently agreed to serve as a project mentor for a medical student as part of the new Capstone requirement in the Medical School. Dr. Mitchell is a graduate of the

Tufts University School of Dental Medicine (1975) and the Boston University School of Public Health where he received his Master of Public Health degree (1988); he is currently working towards completion of a Masters program in Cross-Cultural Studies at Northland International University. Dr. Mitchell cares for patients in a variety of settings including his office, nursing homes, individual homes, and at remote dental clinics in many third world countries. He currently serves as an Instructor for dental students attending Tufts University School of Dental Medicine. Since 1996 he has worked with Grace Dental & Medical Missions (he now serves as President), an organization which coordinates mission trips to third world countries and provides people in the community with access to evangelistic medical and dental clinics.

Mia Sorcinelli, MD was recently appointed as a Clinical Instructor in the Department. Dr. Sorcinelli received her MD degree from UMass Medical School (2007), and graduated from the Lawrence Family Medicine Residency Program in 2010 where she served as Chief Resident. Upon graduation she joined the faculty at the Greater Lawrence Family Medicine residency with responsibilities for teaching and precepting medical students and residents in the inpatient and outpatient setting. Additionally, she was appointed as Director of the health center's Office-Based Opioid Treatment Program, which involves coordination of the program and the oversight of three nurse case managers who are treating patients on buprenorphine/naloxone therapy. This work was developed into a poster presentation, *Office Based Opioid Treatment for the Underserved* which was presented at 2012 Medical-Scientific conference of the American Society of Addiction Medicine. She has also authored chapters in Frank Domino's *5-Minute Clinical Consult* (2011) on Aortic Dissection and Near Drowning.

Meredith Walsh, MPH, RN was recently appointed as a Clinical Instructor in the Department. Ms. Walsh is a graduate of the UMass Graduate School of Nursing (GEP program, 2011, and MSN/Family Nurse Practitioner, 2013). While at UMass, she was an Albert Schweitzer Fellow (2010-11), focused on refugee youth from Burma residing in Worcester. She previously completed a Master of Public Health degree at Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine with a focus on International Health and Development (2005). Ms. Walsh is passionate about international health and healthcare issues affecting underserved populations, and has worked/volunteered in countries such as Thailand, Philippines and Uganda. She is the co-founder of a 501c(3) organization, Worcester Refugee Assistance Project (WRAP) which provides mentoring advocacy and material support to refugees of Burma. A multi-lingual clinician, Ms. Walsh is currently employed by Edward M. Kennedy Community Health Center based in Worcester where she provides clinical care to a diverse population of patients including immigrants and refugees. She recently agreed to serve as a project mentor for a medical student as part of the new Capstone requirement in the Medical School.

Kimberly Lenz, PharmD was recently appointed as an Assistant Professor in the Department. She is currently a Clinical Pharmacy Manager in the Office of Clinical Affairs (OCA), a division of Commonwealth Medicine, overseeing clinical initiatives, coordinating multidisciplinary workgroups for various disease states, and serving as a liaison between the MassHealth Pharmacy Program and other agencies. Dr. Lenz received a Doctor of Pharmacy degree in 2005 from the University of Connecticut and went on to complete a Pharmacy Practice

Residency program at St. Louis Children's Hospital in 2007. She joined Commonwealth Medicine in 2008 as a Clinical Consultant Pharmacist with Clinical Pharmacy Services (CPS) where her responsibilities included development and training of clinical guidelines, analyzing drug utilization and serving as a preceptor for pharmacy students and residents. She, along with her OCA team have begun recruiting participants for a new rotation which is slated to begin in the summer of 2014; Dr. Lenz will serve as a primary preceptor for this rotation. Dr. Lenz has also agreed to serve as a mentor for the Medical School's Capstone course if requested and she is currently collaborating with Drs. Maria Garcia and Jeff Baxter to offer a Flexible Clinical Experience (FCE) for medical students focused on appropriate opioid prescribing. She serves as a Contributor to two pharmacy related publications, Clinical Pharmacy Service Pipeline Tr_xends (2012) and MassHealth Pharmacy Fax (since 2013). She was awarded contract in 2013 totaling over \$24,000 entitled, *Impact of a Pharmacist-Delivered Medication Therapy Management Program on Hospital Readmissions of Medicaid Patients with Congestive Heart Failure* and served as Co-PI. She has presented her work nationally as posters in conjunction with the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy's annual meetings and has contributed to the literature, co-authoring three peer reviewed articles.

Claudeleedy Pierre, MD was recently appointed as an Assistant Professor in the Department. Dr. Pierre is a 2005 graduate of Brown University School of Medicine and completed a Family Medicine Residency Program in 2008 at Boston University/Boston Medical Center. Following residency, she joined the Greater Lawrence Family Health where she completed an Obstetrics Fellowship in 2009 and then remained on as a faculty member until 2013. Her fellowship provided her with the expertise to perform C-section deliveries, as well as other OB procedures and effectively manage high risk pregnancies. Later as a faculty member at GLFHC she taught these skills to residents, medical students and OB fellows. Dr. Pierre is a member of our Worcester Family Medicine Residency Program's core faculty, based at Family Health Center of Worcester (FHCW). Her advanced OB skills have been extremely valuable; she is the only faculty member at the health center able to provide patients with advanced OB procedural care. She continues to be a certified Advanced Life Support & Obstetrics (ALSO) Instructor and presents lectures and leads workshops for the residents who recently selected her as "Outpatient" Teacher of the Year after less than one year on the faculty. Additionally she is collaborating within the health center to develop new prenatal protocols, working to improve overall patient flow in the clinic and focusing on the chronic disease management for patients.