



Monday Memo – December 8, 2014

Chair's Corner

Mentorship: Two years ago, we instituted a program to foster faculty mentorship. 21 mentor/mentee pairs set goals, met regularly, and tracked their progress, with support and training from the Department. An evaluation which is currently underway indicates that most participants felt that it was a valuable experience. Announcements recently went out to solicit new mentors and mentees for a new cycle to begin in January. It's not too late: Links are available for those who are interested in applying to the program as mentees (www.surveymonkey.com/s/CallforMentees2015) or as mentors (www.surveymonkey.com/s/CallforMentors2015).

Presentations

The Society of Teachers of Family Medicine held its annual Conference on Practice Improvement last week in Tampa, FL. The Conference Chair was our own Daniel Mullin, Behavioral Science faculty member based at the Barre Family Health Center. The program included presentations by several of our faculty and 2014 fellowship and residency graduates from the Barre and Hahnemann Family Health Centers, as well as staff from Plumley Village Health Center and from Commonwealth Medicine:

- **Lecture:** Linken, Lauren, Deligiannidis, Kostas, Martin, Stephen, Mullin, Daniel. *Primary Care Interventions in the Treatment of Hepatitis C: Screening and Project ECHO (Extension for Community Health Outcomes) in a Rural Primary Care Practice*
- **Lecture:** Johnston, Joan, Cohen, Jeanne, Vallejos, Jaime. *Recognize, Transform and Innovate: Why Choose One?*
- **Lecture:** Cohen, Jeanne, Johnston, Joan, Vallejos, Jaime. *Providing Wisely: How Clinical Care Management Can Improve Your Practice's Performance*
- **Paper:** Cherala, Sai, Vallejos, Jaime. *Role of Clinical Quality Data in the Patient-Centered Medical Home*
- **Poster:** Barnard, Katharine, Flynn, Mary, Opkata, Mary, Wholey, Julie. *Safe Narcotic Prescribing in a Small Urban Family Practice*

· **Poster:** Vitko, Amanda, Hon, Serena, Louidor-Paulynice, Bency, Sing, Browyn, Spannring, Jeanna, Adler, Ron, *Transitional Care Management at a Residency Site*

Barry Saver presented “Initial Evaluation of Novel, Persuasive Interventions for Prostate and Breast Cancer Screening” at NAPCRG last week. The presentation stemmed from the Patient Care Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) grant for which Barry is the PI, and implemented in conjunction with colleagues from the Central Massachusetts AHEC and UMass-Boston.

Media Fellowship

Robin Clark, Phil Bolduc and Rick Sacra participated in a two day Media Fellowship the Medical School offered to local print and television media representatives on December 2 and 3. The goals of the media fellowship were showcasing UMass areas of expertise and its ‘best and brightest’ to journalists who are likely to report on these topics in the future, to have them know more about our institution, make new connections and, hopefully, be intrigued and inspired to include this work in future stories. Among the presenters over the two day event, Robin and Phil presented “Pain Management or Epidemic Of Abuse? The Opioid Question” and Rick presented on “The Ebola Crisis & Challenges of Developing World Health Care”.