



Monday Memo – May 26, 2015

Professional Service

- Stacy Potts has been elected Chair of the Family Medicine Review Committee of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME). The term is from July 2016-June 2019. Congratulations Stacy.

Awards and Recognition

- Mary Cooper, third year resident at Hahnemann FHC, 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. Being elected to GHHS from the large pool of housestaff at UMass is a major achievement and an acknowledgement of serving as an exemplar of humanism to the students.
- Several Department members were honored for their long term service to UMass Memorial at a Recognition Ceremony held at Mt Wachusett last week. Those with 25 years or more of service included Bob Baldor, 25 years; Lynn O’Neal, 30 years; Alan Chuman, 35 years; Anne Smilie (HFHC), 40 years; and Shirley Hunter and Susan Patriquin, 40 years (Barre).
- Len Levin recently received the 2015 MAHSLIN (Massachusetts Health Sciences Libraries Network) Hall of Fame Award. This award recognizes a MAHSLIN member for their outstanding long distinguished career in health sciences librarianship and contributions to the association. In the Department and in the Lamar Soutter Library, Len has been instrumental in promoting librarian roles on systematic review teams, working with medical school curriculum development, and instructing in Evidence Based Medicine.

Grants

- Hugh Silk and his team at Smiles for Life have received their 6th grant and 8th year of funding from Dentaquest for \$145 000 to continue the work that they are doing to promote oral health. The Smiles for Life site has now had over 300,000 discrete users, a recent survey showed

that thousands of providers were changing their care due to taking the training, and a new dynamic app will be available any day (www.smilesforlifeoralhealth.org).

Publications

- In the “Close Up” section of this month’s AAFPJournal, a patient of Apesksha Tripathi has published her story, with commentary from Dr. Tripathi. <http://www.aafp.org/afp/2015/0515/p716.pdf>

Presentations

- Bill Foley was a table trainer in training at the Sutherland Cranial Teaching Foundation's course entitled "Introductory Course in Osteopathy in the Cranial Field." It was a 40 hour course May 15-19 at the New York Institute of Technology.

Faculty Appointments and Promotions

Congratulations to the following faculty with recently completed academic appointments or promotions:

- **Laura Petras, MD** was recently appointed as an Assistant Professor in the Department. Dr. Petras is a 2009 UMass Medical School graduate and completed a Family Medicine Residency Program in 2012 at the University of Virginia Health Systems in Charlottesville, VA. She remained in Virginia for a little more than two years as a new physician working initially at First Med, providing urgent care, primary care and employee health services, and then as a family physician at Eastern Shore Rural Health Systems, Atlantic Community Health Center. There she worked as a provider in a patient centered medical home setting and precepted medical students. We were fortunate to successfully recruit Dr. Petras, a National Health Service Corp Scholar back to Massachusetts as a physician and member of our Worcester Family Medicine Residency Program’s faculty, based at Family Health Center of Worcester’s new satellite site in Southbridge, MA, where she teaches residents and medical students at all levels. A bi-lingual provider, she takes care of a diverse population of patients across the spectrum. She assumed a leadership role as Site Director for the Southbridge location with responsibilities focused on ensuring that multi-lingual, comprehensive primary care services are provided to the community, which fits well with her desire to care for the underserved.

Apeksha Tripathi, MD, MPH was recently promoted to Assistant Professor. Dr. Tripathi received her MBBS degree from the University of Bombay in India in 1997. Prior to her residency training she earned a Masters in Public Health degree from the University of Minnesota in 2001 and completed a Family Medicine Residency Program at Regions Hospital, Health Partners Institute. She joined the Family Medicine faculty in 2012 as an Instructor employed by the UMassMemorial Community Medical Group at a family practice located in Northboro. She has been consistently teaching medical students since her initial appointment, taking 1st and 2nd year LPP students as well as precepting 3rd year Family medicine clerkship students, up to four a year, and has been highly rated by the students. Dr. Tripathi has published an article on *Risk Factors for Urinary Bladder Carcinoma, Post Menopausal Women* and has also presented regionally on topics such as preconception care, post –menopausal health, and women and heart disease.