



## Monday Memo – August 24, 2015

### Grants

· The Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) recently approved funding for a project entitled *Integrating Behavioral Health and Primary Care for Co-Morbid Behavioral and Medical Problems*. The Center for Integrated Primary Care (CIPC) and the Department of Family Medicine and Community Health are major partners for this study with financial support totaling in excess of \$1M over 5 years. The Center will be providing training and technical assistance to all of the 40+ primary care practices participating in the study. In addition, four of our own primary care practices will be engaged: Barre Family Health Center, Hahnemann Family Health Center, Benedict Family Medicine, and Fitchburg Family Practice. This award will further enhance the CIPC's reputation as national leaders in the education of primary care teams. Both the CIPC and practice transformation activities will be directed by Dan Mullin. The practice transformation work will be managed in close collaboration with the rest of the department's behavioral health team, practice medical directors, and practice quality improvement/transformation team. Benjamin Littenberg, MD at the University of Vermont is the PI for this project.

### Events

· Our Department recently hosted the ALSO (Advanced Life Support in Obstetrics) course on August 6-7 at South Street in Shrewsbury. 60 participants and 36 faculty from 5 residencies across New England participated. Serving as faculty from our Department were: Marcy Boucher, Michael Ennis, Lisa Gussak, Tracy Kedian, Anita Kostecki, Claudeleedy Pierre, Stacy Potts, Rola Saab, Sara Shields, Kimberly Sikule PGY-3, Olga Valdman. Also involved were two of our recent Worcester Family Medicine Residency graduates: Aileen Chen and Mary Cooper. Ginny VanDuyne served as the Course Director.

Special thanks to Tamara Cullen, Janice Craig and Maryanne Adams who provided course support.

### Media

· Steve Martin was quoted extensively in a recent article which appeared in US News & World Report entitled, *HealthSigns of Overtreatment: How to Avoid Unnecessary Care* and focused on what questions patients should ask before allowing more tests, procedures or prescriptions. You can view the full article [here](#).