



Monday Memo – November 30, 2015

Grants and Contracts

· Roger Luckmann, along with Mary Jo White and Caroline Cranos, through a contract with PCORI, planned a statewide conference on lung cancer screening that was held at the Massachusetts Medical Society on November 10. The goal of the conference was to bring together representatives of screening sites, insurers, public health officials, screening advocates, and patients to develop recommendations for assuring that lung cancer screening in Massachusetts is of the highest quality. Thirteen screening sites from all over the state were represented. The group addressed controversy over screening eligibility criteria, the challenges of supporting shared decision making for patients interested in screening, the need for standards and oversight to assure that follow-up of positive screening tests is done safely and effectively, and resources for supporting smoking cessation among patients receiving screening. The group recommended that statewide plans be developed for identifying and disseminating the most effective decision aids for patients and for assuring that all the data needed for quality assurance is routinely collected by all screening sites. The group did not reach consensus on the need for formal, legally binding oversight of screening programs, the appropriateness of expanding eligibility for screening beyond the criteria recommended by the USPSTF, or a requirement that all patients with positive screening test be evaluated by an experienced multidisciplinary team. Representatives of the screening sites expressed an interest in continuing to share experiences and ideas and to discuss lung cancer screening challenges and controversies through follow-up virtual and live meetings in the future.

· Wen-Chieh Lin is Co-Principal Investigator of a grant from the Prevention and Wellness Trust Fund Worksite Wellness Data Management and Evaluation, Department of Public Health; \$500,000; 7/1/2015-6/30/2017. Abbie Averbach is a Co-Investigator

· Wen-Chieh Lin is Principal Investigator of a grant from the Department of Public Health; Screening and Treatment for Infectious Disease; \$238,438; 7/1/2015-6/30/2017. Judy Steinberg and Abbie Averbach are Co-Investigators

Publications

· Wen-Chieh Lin is first author and Robin Clark a co-author of “Frequent Emergency Department Visits and Hospitalizations among Homeless People with Medicaid: Implications for Medicaid Expansion,” American Journal of Public Health, 105(S2): S716-S722, 2015

Faculty Appointments and Promotions

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

· **Marco Cornelio, MD** was recently appointed as an Instructor in the Department. Dr. Cornelio received his medical degree in 2010 from Tufts University School of Medicine and went on to graduate from the UMass Worcester Family Medicine Residency program in 2013, with training at the Barre Family Health Center where he also served as Chief Resident. After residency he accepted a position at as a rural Family Physician for Health Access Network, a Federally Qualified Community Health Center in northern Maine. After two years he was appointed Medical Director for Health Access Network’s Lincoln, ME site. As a resident Dr. Cornelio became involved teaching medical students in the Rural Health Pathway and was very well received by both faculty and learners. Now practicing as a rural physician, he recently hosted a Rural Health Scholar as well as a medical student who completed a fourth year elective with him.

· **Paul Daniel, MD** was recently appointed as an Assistant Professor in the Department. Dr. Daniel received his medical degree in 2012 from UMass Medical School and spent one additional year conducting Senior Scholars research. He remained in Worcester and in 2015 graduated from the Worcester Family Medicine program, having trained at the Family Health Center of Worcester. We were fortunate to recruit him this past summer as a provider on the Family Medicine Hospitalist Service working most often as the service’s “nocturnist” working overnight shifts; he is based at the Memorial campus. In addition to his clinical responsibilities Dr. Daniel will continue his roles as an educator for residents completing their inpatient rotation. This past June his teaching skills were recognized when he was awarded the STFM Resident Teacher Award.

· **Leonard Levin** was recently promoted to Assistant Professor in the Department. Mr. Levin has been with UMass Medical School in roles in the Lamar Soutter Library since 2004. A Simmons College graduate, he completed a Master of Science degree in Library and Information Science in 1996. By 2003 he had gone on to complete a Master of Arts degree in Psychology and Religion from Andover Newton Theological School. Mr. Levin joined UMass Medical School's Lamar Soutter Library in as the Manager for Educational Programming and after four years was promoted to Head, Clinical and Educational Services. At that time he was appointed as an Instructor in the Department. Over the years Mr. Levin has participated in valuable ways educating learners, contributing to the literature and participating in professional service committees. Mr. Levin has served as an instructor and co-course developer in the required third year Family Medicine Clerkship since 2004 and he has had responsibility for the evidence-based medicine curriculum for the entire school. This work required successful collaboration between the Department of Family Medicine and Community Health, the Department of Psychiatry, and the Department of Pediatrics. He continues to teach in the health centers and serves as a resource once a week for their clinical teams during chart rounds providing clarity on how to incorporate the use of evidence-based medicine into the regular practice of ambulatory medicine. Additionally, he has also provided instruction at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, and with other regional educational programs. In 2011 the Department of Family Medicine & Community Health with the American Academy of Family Physicians recognized him with a Faculty Teaching Award. Mr. Levin's has played an enormous role in establishing the face of the University of Massachusetts Medical School on the region's health sciences libraries. This includes his role as past Chair on both the North Atlantic Health Sciences Libraries Chapter (2003-04) and the Libraries in Medical Education Special Interest Group of the AAMC Northeast Group on Educational Affairs. He was recently awarded the Hall of Fame Award (2015) from the Massachusetts Health Sciences Library Network which he has been a member of since 1996. Additionally, he has published a number of articles in a variety of peer reviewed journals and he has presented papers and posters at national health sciences, library, and medical education meetings. He has been a co-author and co-leader on a variety of grants, including a Women's Health/National Library of Medicine and the Antebellum Medical and Central Massachusetts. He continually looks for opportunities to actively participate in his field of expertise and share best practices that will help clinicians, residents and students successfully find and utilize evidence based medicine resources.

· **Stephen Martin, MD, MPH** was recently promoted to Associate Professor in the Department. Dr. Martin began his career as an educator in the summer of 1993 after completing the Klingenstein Summer Fellowship, a "Teachers College" in New York City. Following the fellowship he enrolled in the Harvard Graduate School of Education where he completed his Master of Education degree (1996) and was accepted into Harvard Medical School, completing his degree in 2002. His family medicine residency training was through Boston University Medical Center (2002-2005) where he served as Chief Resident. A National Health Service Corps Scholar, Dr. Martin practiced at the Community Health Center of Franklin County and dedicated two years to serving incarcerated individuals being treated at the Federal Medical

Center in Devens, MA. This experience helped to bolster an early research career, leading a study for the Federal Bureau of Prisons on forced smoking cessation programs for inmates. In 2009 Dr. Martin joined the faculty as an Assistant Professor at the Barre Family Health Center where he continued his commitment to practicing full-spectrum family medicine and teaching in a rural residency training site. Dr. Martin is recognized for his work on opioid addiction, and in 2013 the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration awarded him with the National Science and Service Award for the *Treatment of Opioid-Related Disorders*. He is regionally recognized for his work related to distant care for patients with hepatitis C, clinical approaches for organizing medical information and correctional health. Since 2013 he has also served as Project Director for TandemHealth where he has collaborated with the National Physicians Alliance and Consumer Reports. He is focused on developing evidence-based prescribing tools to help better inform trainees, physicians and patients. Since 2010 Dr. Martin has served as the Co-Director of the Rural Health Scholars Program working with nursing and medical school students interested in rural healthcare. This is in addition to his other precepting of residents and medical students as well as mentorship for the residents assigned to him. He is currently serving as a Capstone Advisor for a medical student pursuing a project on addiction. He has led a number of workshops for learners on issues around primary care procedures in dealing with substance abuse. In 2013 he was recognized by the Mass Academy of Family Physicians as Preceptor of the Year. Dr. Martin has been persistent in his research efforts focused on enforced tobacco restriction on incarcerated populations. His work has helped forge a very successful collaboration with other research institutions such as Brown and Harvard as well as strengthen ties between UMMS' Criminal Justice Program and the Federal Bureau of Prisons. He has presented his research in this area nationally and internationally. Dr. Martin has been an area director for collaborative grants with Boston University School of Medicine on use of technology for underserved populations. Additionally, Dr. Martin was lead author on a 2014 British Medical Journal article on the evidence around treating "Mild Hypertension in People of Low Risk" and a 2014 letter to the New England Journal of Medicine on "Diabetes Care", and has numerous other publications and presentations.

· **Noah Rosenberg, MD** was recently appointed as an Assistant Professor in the Department. Dr. Rosenberg received his medical degree in 2012 from UMass Medical School and in 2015 graduated from the Worcester Family Medicine program based at the Barre Family Health Center where he served as Chief Resident. We were fortunate to recruit him this past summer as a provider on the Family Medicine Hospitalist Service where he will be caring for patients on our inpatient service while working towards his MBA degree at Harvard Business School (anticipated completion 2017); he is based at the Memorial campus. Dr. Rosenberg holds various leadership and service appointments including Chief Medical Officer, Institute for Safety in Office-Based Surgery, recent Board Member for the Worcester District Medical Society and is a member of numerous other professional associations. He serves as a reviewer and Editorial Board member for three journals. He has been the PI on four small grants to help fund some of the projects he has been passionate about and has been the recipient of numerous awards including the Family Medicine Education Consortium Emerging Leader Award (2014) and the American Academy of Family Physicians Tomorrow's Leader Award (2014).