*Monday Memo – December 21, 2015 *

**Department’s Annual Report, Self Study and External Review**

 ·         [Here](http://libraryguides.umassmed.edu/loader.php?type=d&id=1469543) is a copy of our Department’s 2014-2015 Annual Report, which reviews highlights of the past year.  It summarizes lots of accomplishments by lots of talented people!   As it provides a broad overview of the Department, many use it for recruitment, or as a reference in the preparation of grants or other materials.  We will be posting the document on our website later this week for reference as well.

 This year, we are conducting a self-study, reviewing our strategic goals and objectives, as well as each of our programs and the metrics that we use to evaluate our programs.  The work will be summarized in a document which will be used as part of an external review of the Department, which is scheduled for early Spring.  The review, which is conducted on a periodic basis by the medical school, will bring three outside reviewers to the campus March 30-April 1  to review our accomplishments.  Over the next several months, we will be sharing information about the review and self-study with the listserv, at faculty meetings, etc.  At the time of the review, there will be opportunities for faculty, residents, fellows and students to meet with the reviewers; as soon as their schedule is finalized, we will share it with you.  We will also be posting the self-study document with everyone.

**Graduate Medical Education**

·         Congratulations to the UMass Fellowship in Geriatrics, which has filled both of its fellowship positions for 2016.  Its two Fellows will be Christine Pierre, MD, who is currently Chief Resident in our Worcester Family Medicine Residency (FCH/W), and Sanaa Ayyoub, MD, who is currently a resident in Internal Medicine at the Lahey Clinic.  Over many years, the Division of Geriatric Medicine, which is jointly sponsored by the Departments of Internal Medicine and Family Medicine and Community Health, has done extremely well in recruiting Fellows, despite a lack of interest in geriatrics across the country:  According to Division Chief Jerry Gurwitz, one hundred fellowship programs did not meet their quotas, with over 200 unfilled fellowship slots.

**Presentations**

·         Hugh Silk lectured at the Harvard General Practice Residency on Dec 11 on the topic Oral Health Promotion - A Family Doctor's Perspective.

 Wishing you all a joyous Holiday and a Happy New Year!