Monday Memo – December 11, 2017

Presentations

• Jim Ledwith presented a workshop “Treating People with Chronic Pain & Addiction: A Continuum” on Saturday, November 11, at the FMEC Annual Meeting in Cleveland. The workshop was a product of the FMEC Pain-Addiction Continuum Working Group. Fitchburg residents Jeannette Ryan-Alkasab and Amy Chung took part in a demonstration of a scenario from the UMMS Opioid Safe-Prescribing Training Immersion (OSTI) during the workshop. Jim also participated in a follow up Panel Presentation, “Why I Choose to Prescribe Opioids When They Are Needed”.

• Hugh Silk was a panelist on November 15 at the Forsyth Institute Fall Forum: Innovating at the Intersection of Care and Need (with Mary Otto author of Teeth), addressing how the medical community can play a role in reducing oral health inequities through bending the access curve and acknowledging implicit bias. Hugh was also an Invited Speaker and Participant on November 17-18 at the QUEST 2017 Symposium on Caries in Alaskan Indian/Native Children in Hood River, OR speaking on the topic of Medical-Dental Integration: Programs I Believe In.

• Daniel Mullin presented at the North American Primary Care Research Group’s annual conference in Montreal on November 18th. His workshop, delivered with colleague Rodger Kessler, PhD (Arizona State University), was entitled “Evaluating Primary Care Behavioral Health: Measures and Metrics.”

• Phil Bolduc gave a talk on the “Evolution of HIV Treatment” at AIDS Project Worcester’s 30th Anniversary Celebration on December 1, World AIDS Day.

• Lauren Eidt-Parson presented “Child Maltreatment and Mandated Reporting” at the 2017 UMass Memorial Life Flight Symposium on December 3 at Amherst College.

• Bonnie Greenwood participated in a panel discussion on Research and Development at the World Healthcare Students Symposium in Kigali, Rwanda. The biennial meeting took place November 23-26 and focused on the role of a multidisciplinary approach to achieve the UN Sustainable Development Goals Agenda 2030. The conference was attended by 1,200 healthcare students from 32 countries.

Professional Service

- Alan Ehrlich has been elected as the Chair of the Board of Directors for Beyond Celiac. Beyond Celiac is a national organization whose mission includes advancing research and accelerating the discovery of new treatments for celiac disease.

Publications


EPIC Notes

- UMass has an Epic central website on the intranet. One of the useful sections on this website is the section titled “EPIC 'IT'S POSSIBLE' VIDEOS”. Go to the link here (https://www.umhcepiccentral.org/providers) and scroll down halfway on the page to see a list of 2 to 3 minute videos that will show you how to optimize your use of Epic from in basket tips to setting up macros and more.

WELLNESS MOMENTS FOR THE MONDAY MEMO

Today’s wellness moment may seem like the anti-well-being message, asking you to complete yet another survey, but we are appealing to your altruistic side and how good it feels to help someone else! J As the U Mass clinical system mobilizes a workgroup to address clinician burnout, one of the suggestions in almost every published article on the topic suggests starting with measurement. The FMCH Department is ahead of the system in already establishing a measurement of faculty wellbeing as a core quality metric. The target and impact of our efforts require input from you!! If you haven’t already completed the 2017 assessment, please take five minutes (MAX!) to do so now! Your responses to the survey are anonymous and the department is receiving only de-identified data. And if you have already replied, THANK YOU!!
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Family_Medicine_2017

We’d also like to take this opportunity to invite ideas from the group about wellness moments – topics, ideas, suggestions, or a full post you’d like to appear in the Monday Morning Memo. If you have something to share, please send to Ginny VanDuyne or Christine Runyan.