Monday Memo – January 2, 2018

HAPPY NEW YEAR Everyone! May the new year be a healthy and happy one.

Publications

- Tina Runyan had two peer-reviews articles recently published, both in the latest issue of *Family, Systems, and Health*. One is an editorial and another was published with two of her mentees from the Collaborative Family Health Association.


Academic Promotions

Congratulations to the following individuals with recently completed academic promotions:

- **Vasilios Chrisostomidis, DO** was recently promoted to Clinical Associate Professor in the Department. Dr. Chrisostomidis completed his osteopathic training in 2000 at the University of New England, College of Osteopathic Medicine. He is a 2003 graduate of the UMass Fitchburg Family Practice Residency Program where he also served as Chief Resident. In 2004 he completed the UMass Primary Care Sports Medicine Fellowship and was appointed to the faculty as an Assistant Professor. He spent two years in a community health setting serving the underserved populations at the Great Brook Valley Community Health Center (now known as the Edward M. Kennedy Community Health Center) from 2005-2007 and then joined his current clinical practice, UMass Community Medical Group, Shrewsbury Family Practice. His most notable contribution as a leader has been his recent role as Vice President for the Massachusetts Osteopathic Society (2013-17) and his service to this organization for ten years as a member of the Board of Trustees. As a clinical faculty member he has also devoted a significant amount of time teaching students and residents in both the Worcester and Fitchburg programs as well as sports medicine fellows. He has also accommodated visiting residents and students with a desire to complete a sports medicine elective.

- **Jennifer Reidy, MD, MS, FAAHPM** was recently promoted to Associate Professor in the Department. Dr. Reidy joined the faculty in 2010 as an Assistant Professor and in 2013 was appointed Co-Chief for the Division of Palliative Care at UMassMemorial Medical Center. In 2000, Dr. Reidy graduated from the University of Vermont College of Medicine in 2000 and completed her Family Medicine Residency program at the Greater Lawrence Family Health Center in 2003. Fellowship trained in Palliative
Medicine at San Diego Hospice & Palliative Care, Dr. Reidy also worked as the Medical Director for Merrimack Valley Hospice in Lawrence, MA prior to joining UMass; in 2013 she was named as a Fellow by the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine.

Dr. Reidy has made significant contributions as a clinician educator in both undergraduate and graduate medical education. Her involvement spans electives devoted to Caring for the Seriously Ill and pain management and serving as faculty for the Palliative Care Interclerkship. She has served as co-Director and faculty for a Flexible Clinical Experience, Palliative Care/Geriatrics for 3rd year medical students which is a week-long immersion in community based palliative care. Both students and residents benefit from her clinical teaching which involves a combination of bedside teaching and experiential learning.

Outside of her clinical responsibilities she has been involved in a variety of additional activities, including mentoring learners as part of the Medical Center’s Quality Scholars Program, working with students on a project as a Capstone Advisor and serving as a House Specialty Advisor as part of our Learning Communities. Dr. Reidy is a member, of the Opioid Safe Prescribing Training Immersion Program (since 2015); a committee designed at the request of the Governor to address issues with prescription drug use/misuse. She has been active in helping to develop medical student curriculum on this topic, and with a working group implemented medical education competencies. She continues to participate in curriculum work and faculty development devoted to this important issue.

- **Patricia Seymour** was recently promoted to Associate Professor in the Department. Dr. Seymour has completed all of her educational endeavors within the UMass family of programs. In 2003 she entered graduate school at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst and completed a Master of Science degree in Neuroscience and Behavior. She is a 2007 graduate of UMass Medical School and went on to complete her residency training through the Worcester Family Medicine Residency program based at the Hahmemann Family Health Center (2008-10). Upon graduation she accepted a position on our Family Medicine Inpatient Service based at the Memorial campus as a Hospitalist/Residency Teaching Attending, and was appointed to the faculty as an Assistant Professor; she also serves as Adjunct faculty at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy. In 2016 she was inducted as a Fellow in two prominent national organizations; American Academy of Family Physicians and the Society of Hospital Medicine. She recently stepped down from her Education Director role (2011-17) to accept the Interim Chief of Service position for the Family Medicine Hospitalist group.

Since 2011 Dr. Seympur has served as the UMMS Family Medicine Sub-Internship Course Director. Her teaching activities span medical students, nurse practitioner students and residents. Within the medical school she has contributed to a quality improvement Interclerkship, serves as a small group leader for the Department’s 3rd Year Clerkship and a Specialty House Advisor. She also precepts 1st and 2nd year medical students as part of the Longitudinal Preceptorship Program (LPP) and teaches a clinical skills elective. At the residency level she is lead faculty on several core residency
workshops related to intimate partner violence and breastfeeding. She has developed curriculum/educational materials for the Worcester Family Medicine Inpatient Critical Care Simulation Program (since 2013) and developed the novel curriculum for the Hospital Medicine Sub-I (2015). Recently, she completed a revision of the *Atrial Fibrillation, A Family Medicine Guide to Caring for Patients with AF* curriculum (2015 and 2017); a joint effort between the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine and the Association of Family Medicine Residency Directors.

In the clinical setting, Dr. Seymour excels at providing learners with challenging patient encounters, providing a clear, concise evidence-based approach to patient care. She is a committed preceptor on the inpatient service to our residents, nurse practitioners and Sub-I students.

- **Roger Luckmann, MD, MPH** was recently promoted to Professor in the Department. A graduate of Yale (BA), Boston University (MD) and the University of California Berkley (MPH), Dr. Luckmann completed his clinical training in Internal Medicine at Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis (1976-79). From 1986-87 he completed a Geriatrics and Preventive Medicine Fellowship at the University of California, Davis with rotations at the California Department of Health Services (1986-87) and worked as a Medical Epidemiologist. He became a Fellow with the American College of Preventive Medicine in 1990. Post training, Dr. Luckmann came to the East coast to join our faculty as an Assistant Professor in 1988 providing patient care in the Benedict Family Medicine Clinic and developing his career as a family medicine researcher; he was promoted to Associate Professor in 2005.

Dr. Luckmann is a nationally recognized health services researcher who has dedicated his career to the promotion of cancer screening in primary care. His research portfolio has addressed a variety of cutting-edge health services issues, focused on assisting patients with shared clinical decision-making. His work has been well funded as a Principal Investigator most recently through the Primary Care Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI), as well as in the past by the National Cancer Institute, National Institute of Health, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; his findings have been well published. He has collaborated with investigators across our campus, across disciplines, and with highly recognized Family Medicine researchers from across the country. Some of the priority issues he has addressed include quality improvement, chronic pain, and screening for colorectal, prostate and breast cancer.

Dr. Luckmann is a committed clinician educator. At the predoctoral level, he served as Course Director for the Epidemiology/Biostatistics course for ten years and in 2000 became the Co-Course Director for an additional ten years. His teaching in the clinical setting has included serving as preceptor for first and second year medical students in the Longitudinal Preceptorship Program and as a preceptor for our 3rd year medical students. A Preventive Medicine trained faculty member, Dr. Luckmann has played a crucial role in our Preventive Medicine Residency Program serving as the clinical
preceptor for the preventive medicine residents ensuring that they fulfil the requirements of the American Board of Preventive Medicine while providing them with the solid clinical patient care experience. He has maintained his clinical practice in the Benedict Family Medicine Clinic and has successfully maintained his continuity practice within this setting. For the last ten years he has served as a Physician Quality Officer (PQO) for the Medical Center.