Awards and Recognition

- Ginny van Duyne has been selected by the Massachusetts Academy of Family Physicians as Family Physician of the Year! Congratulations Ginny. Ginny’s selection will be announced in the next edition of the MassAFP electronic newsletter as well as posting on the MAFP website. Her award will also be acknowledged during the MAFP annual meeting activities at the luncheon on Friday, March 23 at 12:30pm at the Taj Hotel in Boston. This event is held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting & Spring Refresher Course.

Publications

- Hugh Silk had a Letter to the Editor published in in the January 1 edition of American Family Physician entitled “Discuss Oral Health with Women of Child-Bearing Age” in response to the AAFP Practice Guideline on Preconception Care not having oral health mentioned within it. (They have now agreed to add oral health.)

Chairs’ Corner:

- Alan Chuman, MPH has announced that he will be retiring at the end of March. In 1998, I recruited Alan to join me as our Department’s Academic Administrator. Over 19+ years, he has been a true partner, assisting in the strategic direction of the Department, assuring that there is a direct link between our mission statement and the decision-making that drives our budget decisions. He has maintained our business relationships with the community with sensitivity and integrity. He has also served as a member of the faculty, teaching students and residents. His retirement is the capstone for a professional career that also includes 19 years of leadership for the Medical School’s Office of Community Programs, including the Massachusetts Area Health Education Program, the New England AIDS Education and Training Center, and the Robert Wood Johnson Generalist Physician Initiative, serving as Associate Director.

  Alan’s position has been posted, and we are in the process of recruiting a replacement. We are actively planning an event to honor his contributions to the Department and to the Medical School.