Monday Memo – March 26, 2018

The Monday Memo began 18 years ago under the direction of Alan Chuman. This marks his final Monday Memo in the Department. Alan’s final day is this Friday, March 30th. This memo is dedicated to him.

Grand Rounds

- Reminder: Tomorrow’s Grand Rounds will be our first broadcast-only presentation, utilizing our “Zoom Studio.” It will not be presented at the Memorial Amphitheater. To join us, please tune in via Zoom to participate, https://zoom.us/j/191986273!

We are piloting this studio broadcast-only approach in coordination with the Worcester Family Medicine residency’s schedule that has residents away from the Memorial campus every fourth Tuesday. On the other three Tuesdays, we will continue our tradition of live presentations in the amphitheater (with broadcast).

Awards and Recognition

- Annual Meeting of the Massachusetts Academy of Family Physicians: March 23-24
Ginny Van Duyne was recognized at the Massachusetts Family Physician of the Year.  
Ginny is Associate Director of the Worcester Family Medicine Residency.

David Gilchrist was inducted as President of the Academy.  
Dave is Medical Director at the Hahnemann Family Health Center.

Stephanie Silverman was inducted into the Academy’s Preceptor Hall of Fame.  
Recognizing over 20 years of precepting in her practice in Northampton.  
Stephanie recently joined our faculty as an Assistant Professor in the UMass Baystate Population-based Urban and Rural Community Health track.

Events

- **Warren Ferguson** directed the 11th Academic and Health Policy Conference on Correctional Health in Houston, co-hosted by University of Texas Medical Branch. The conference was attended by 240 individuals from 5 countries, 25 states and over 100 organizations. The conference was keynoted by Eamonn O’Moore, National Lead for Health and Justice in Great Britain and Director of the UK Collaborating Centre for the WHO Health in Prisons Programme, European Region. The conference also featured Jody Rich, MD, MPH, Professor of Medicine and Epidemiology from Brown University who spoke on recent research outcomes of medication assisted treatment in Rhode Island Prison and Jails. Additionally, a Special Session on the Impact of Mass Incarceration on the health of justice involved persons and their families was led by Warren in collaboration with the American Association of Medical Colleges and JustLeadership USA and featured a video of persons formerly or currently incarcerated persons produced by AAMC and filmed in Worcester and Rhode Island. Speaking from UMass at the conference were:
  
  Kate Pivovarova, PhD, Assistant Professor of Psychiatry:

  **Chronic Disease and Health-related Quality of Life in Drug Treatment Court Participants**  
  Judy Savageau, MPH, Associate Professor of Family Medicine and Community Health:

  **Healthcare Utilization and Opioid Overdoses among Medicaid Members with Criminal Justice involvement: An Exploratory Analysis**  
  Warren Ferguson, MD, Professor of Family Medicine and Community Health:

  **Implementation of medication-assisted treatment in jails and prisons. Person-First Language for a New Era of Correctional Health Research: Words Matter When Promoting Health for All**  
  The first Warren J. Ferguson Scholarship was awarded to Precious Bedell, MA, a doctoral student at the Warner School, University of Rochester. Additionally, grant funding from NIH and the Langeloth Foundation facilitated the award of 18 scholarships to junior investigators, students and community-based stakeholders.
The conference is funded in part by grants from the National Institutes of Health, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, the Jacob and Valeria Langeloth Foundation and educational grants from Gilead and Indivior.

Presentations

- Department faculty made the following presentations at the MA Academy meetings on March 23 and 24:
  
  **Frank Domino:** *Top 10: Updates from the Medical Literature*
  
  **Dennis Dimitri:** *Update on the Opioid Epidemic: Might Safe Injection Facilities be Part of the Solution?*
  
  **Mary Lindholm:** *Post Menopausal Bleeding – A Practical Approach*
  
- **Alan Ehrlich** spoke at the Worcester Senior Center on Medical Marijuana on Friday 3/9.

- **Bill Foley** traveled to Nagoya, Japan March 13-15 to conduct an advanced osteopathic practitioner course, “From Conception to Birth”. Topics included osteopathic treatments to help pain in pregnancy including back, feet, neck, hand, and head pain. This is the second time that Dr. Foley has made the trip to teach Japanese osteopaths about biodynamic and osteopathic principles and techniques.

- **Steve Martin** gave an invited presentation on "COPD: Ways to help members" to Commonwealth Care Alliance clinicians on March 15th.

- **Dan Mullin** presented at the 2018 Integrated Health Care Conference hosted by Arizona State University. "Integrated Care Strategies for Patients with Opioid Use Disorder.”
  
  [https://chs.asu.edu/ihc](https://chs.asu.edu/ihc)

- **Hugh Silk** lectured on March 19th at Boston University Henry M Goldman School of Dental Medicine on the topic of: Perinatal Oral Health - Why it's Essential and a Review of the State Perinatal Oral Health Guidelines as part of a collaborative effort with Massachusetts Department of Public Health to educate all obstetrical and dental providers about the state perinatal oral health guidelines which can be found at: [www.mass.gov/eohhs/docs/dph/com-health/data-translation/oral-health-guidelines.pdf](http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/docs/dph/com-health/data-translation/oral-health-guidelines.pdf)

Publications

• **Jill Tirabassi** is first author of “Variation of Traditional Biomarkers of Liver Injury After an Ultramarathon at Altitude” in *In Sports Health: A Multidisciplinary Approach*, Sage Journals, March 20, 2018

**Medical Student Education**

• **Capstone Scholars and Discovery course:** Many of our fourth-year medical students presented their final Capstone project as part of the Capstone Scholars and Discovery course’s final poster and podium presentations on Wednesday, March 14th. FMCH faculty have been advising them throughout their project. Detailed below are those students who presented last week and their FMCH faculty advisor. 12 students worked with our students this year. In addition, Linda Cragin, Judy Savageau, Susan Hogan, and Lou Fazen serve on the CSD Faculty Advisory Committee.

Congratulations to all!

- Kathryn Czepiel: Teen Health: Advocacy through Social Media  
  Advisor: Heather-Lyn Haley

- Thomas Ford: Streams of Consciousness: A UMass Medical School Library Journal  
  Advisor: Emily Ferrara

- Anna Handorf: Primary Care Principles Optional Enrichment Elective: Curriculum Design, Implementation, and Evaluation  
  Advisor: Linda Cragin

- Katarina Anderson and Jasleen Kaur: Targeting Adolescent Substance Abuse: The Development, Implementation, and Evaluation of an Optional Enrichment Elective at UMass Medical School  
  Advisor: Margret Chang

- Gisele Arrey: An Observational Study: Screening and Management of Preeclampsia and Eclampsia at the Bamenda Regional Hospital, Cameroon  
  Advisor: Lee Mancini

- Courtney Birchall: Quantifying the Impact of Global Health Experience on Family Physician Training  
  Advisor: Olga Valdman

- Jessica Fortin and Jonathan Gammel: Opioid Overdose Policy and Prevention  
  Advisor: Jeffrey Baxter

- Trupti Ingle: Hotspotting: UMMS-UMMHC Task Force on Inpatient Super-Utilization  
  Advisor: Suzanne Cashman
Nicholas Losso: Footcare Clinic for the Homeless  
Advisor: Erik Garcia

Jessica Plager, Cassidy Mellin, and Brittany Novak: Expanding Adolescent Sexual Health Education: A Pilot Study  
Advisor: Cynthia Jeremiah

Yevin Roh: Improving How the Social Determinants of Health are Taught Using Small Group Discussion, and Faculty Facilitator Training through Role Play  
Advisor: Suzanne Cashman

Jeffrey Sumner: Addressing In-Home Environmental Triggers of Asthma at Head Start Sites Through Educational Intervention  
Advisor: Leanne Winchester