Monday Memo – April 2, 2018

PUBLICATIONS

- **Hugh Silk** had an article published in the latest edition of the Journal of Public Health Dentistry describing his work grant work from a 4 year DentaQuest grant entitled: Multi-State Initiative to Implement Pediatric Oral Health in Primary Care Practice and Clinical Education (See: [https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/jphd.12225](https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/jphd.12225)).

- **Stefan Topolski** published a commentary "Old Paths Retread" on David Loxterkamp's essay "Caring for the Tribe: From Addiction to Zen" in Annals of Family Medicine, November 2017. [http://www.annfammed.org/content/15/6/578.abstract/reply#annalsfm_el_30417](http://www.annfammed.org/content/15/6/578.abstract/reply#annalsfm_el_30417)

CLARIFICATIONS AND CORRECTIONS:

- Corrected, Presentations at 11th Academic and Health Policy Conference on Correctional Health

- **Kate Pivovarova**, Assistant Professor of Psychiatry: *Chronic Disease and Health-related Quality of Life in Drug Treatment Court Participants*

- **Judy Savageau**, 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**, 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*

WELLNESS MOMENTS FOR THE MONDAY MEMO

Perhaps less of a wellness moment but an important topic nonetheless, especially if you have not yet seen the perspective piece in NEJM last week written by Michael Rose entitled, *SIGECAPS, SSRIs, and Silence — Life as a Depressed Med Student*. Rose cites staggering statistics, including:
More than 25% of medical students and residents experience depression each year.

Just over half seek treatment, and most at the time of crisis instead of early on.

More than 10% have contemplated suicide.

Rose also astutely points out that questions on licensure applications for many states are unnecessarily broad, inquiring about any history of mental illness or seeking treatment, instead of focusing on current physical and mental health fitness to practice. Many questions also fail to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. A recent review found that only 53% of states ask questions limited to functional impairment and only 14% of state applications limited their inquiries to current problems. We are fortunate in Massachusetts, where the question is worded well: “Do you have a medical or physical condition that currently impairs your ability to practice medicine?” These types of changes are necessary and represent a critical step toward facilitating the health and wellness of the current and future physician workforce. Consider sharing this article with your students and elicit their reactions...We should all be a part of this conversation.