**Monday Memo – July 2, 2018**

**Fitchburg Family Medicine Residency Graduation**

Friday night’s (June 29) celebration for this year’s graduating Fitchburg Family Medicine residents at the Westminster Country Club honored:

- Vinay Bhamidipati, MD, MPH
- Yrene Holmes, DO
- Julie Morrison, DO
- Dean Singer, DO (Chief Resident)

The residents recognized the following:

- Their annual “class gift” was dedicated to the staff of HealthAlliance Fitchburg Family Medicine
- Teacher of the Year: Abhijeet Patil, MD
- Specialist of the Year: Ashraf Elkerm, MD
- Staff Member of the Year: Kayla Hamel

Special recognition was also given to Vinay Bhamidipati for the assistance he gave to the Chief Resident during the year

**Presentations**

At the 8th Annual Integrative Medicine for the Underserved Conference in Washington (June 21-23), Paula Gardiner presented: *Integrative Medicine Group Visits: Who Does Well in the Group Visits and Who Attends the Group Visits?*

She also presented four posters based on her research:

- *Initial Experience with Co-Management of Low Income Pediatric Patients with Functional Abdominal Pain*
- *Prevalence of Integrative Medicine in Pediatric Pain Clinics across the United States*
- *A Randomized Controlled Trial to Reduce Chronic Pain and Depression using Integrative Medicine Group Visits*
- *Using an Innovative mHealth Tool to Reduce Chronic Pain in Patients with Health Disparities*

Bill Foley was recently in Barcelona:

- Serving as a guest tutor at the Centre d’Osteopatia d’Infants (Barcelona, Spain), a clinic that provides affordable care for children in need. He served as a consultant advising osteopathic students
- Speaking at the **Formacio i Desenvolupament en Osteopatia**, where he provided lectures focused on osteopathic approaches to the gastrointestinal tract, the immune-digestion connection, and neurological issues.

Preventive Medicine Fellow Lisa McGonigal presented *Culinary Medicine Intervention with the Anti-Inflammatory Diet for Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD-AID)* at the June 15 Health Meets Food 2018 Conference at the Goldring Center for Culinary Medicine at Tulane University.

**Publications**