Monday Memo – July 30, 2018

Awards & Recognition
• Paula Gardiner MD MPH has been appointed to the Federation-based AMA Pain Care Task Force.

• Jennifer Bradford, MD, MPH will receive an “Emerging Leader” award from the Family Medicine Education Consortium (FMEC) at their annual meeting in Rye, NY in November. The award goes to promising residents and faculty who demonstrate the potential to be future leaders in Family Medicine. Jennifer’s commitment to the pursuit of social justice and health equity across her clinical care, teaching and scholarship were cited as examples of her effectiveness in her nomination letter.

In addition, Jennifer recently received a $17,000 award from the Medical School’s Remillard Community Service Fund for her work with sexually exploited women in Worcester. To read more, see the latest edition of the Medical Group’s Group Talk at https://www.umassmemorialhealthcare.org/sites/umass-memorial-hospital/files/eNewsletter_Files/Group_Talk/jt_0718/Article_10_0718.pdf?utm_source=%22Group+Talk+- +Our+Medical+Group+Newsletter%22&utm_campaign=9ea52fb879-Group_Talk_JAN_201801_31_2018_COPY_02&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b5de4a458-9ea52fb879-416587701utm_source=%22Group+Talk+- +Our+Medical+Group+Newsletter%22&utm_campaign=9ea52fb879-Group_Talk_JAN_201801_31_2018_COPY_02&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b5de4a458-9ea52fb879-416587701

• The New England AIDs Education and Training Center, under the leadership of Phil Bolduc (PI), Linda Cragin (Co-I) and project director Vanessa Sasso received high praise and no findings from their HRSA site visit last week. The two HRSA staff and two consultants were quite pleased with the passion and commitment provided by NEAETC’s leadership and encouraged them to continue to champion innovative approaches to care and treatment across the NE region.

Presentations


Publications

• Kevin L Ard, Zoe R Edelstein, Philip Bolduc, Demetre Daskalakis, Anisha D Gandhi, Douglas S Krakower, Julie E Myers, Alex S Keuroghlian; Public Health Detailing for HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis, Clinical Infectious Diseases, ciy573, https://doi.org/10.1093/cid/ciy573.

Save the Date for the Department’s Annual Retreat:  Friday, October 26, 2018

REASON #1 to come to the Department Faculty Retreat: We are pleased to announce that Dr. Sarah Wakeman has accepted our invitation to join us to speak on “The Role of Primary Care in Ending the Opioid Epidemic.” She will also join a faculty panel highlighting our Department’s educational and clinical initiatives to address opioid use and substance use disorder. Dr. Wakeman serves as Medical Director for the Mass General Hospital Substance Use Disorder Initiative and as program director of Mass General’s Addiction Medicine fellowship. She was the lead author of a paper in the July 5 New England Journal focused on the role of primary care in addressing the opioid epidemic: Wakeman, S, Barnett, M. Primary Care and the Opioid-Overdose Crisis – Buprenorphine Myths and Realities. N. Engl J Med 2018; 379 (1); 1-4.

Medical School Orientation – LAST CHANCE!

Did you know that there is student perception that at UMMS there limited primary care visibility during the students’ first two years? MassAHEC is working to change this with a new session, Community Vital Signs, scheduled for Wednesday, August 8, 2018 during the incoming medical students’ Orientation. The aim is to introduce these students to primary care, community health and social determinants of health. Following the afternoon’s session co-led by Linda Cragin and Suzanne Cashman, we’ll be sponsoring a dinner (6:00-8:00). We are looking for physicians to come and meet these incoming students in small groups for discussion during dinner. If you are interested and available, please contact Lorna Chiasson at Lorna.Chiasson@umassmed.edu or 774-442-3924. We need to showcase you all as these newly entering students begin their medical education.