Monday Memo – October 15, 2018

Announcements

Faculty Retreat
There’s still time to register for the Department’s annual Faculty Retreat, October 26 at the International in Bolton. The agenda focuses on accomplishments from around the Department, including

- Time to network with faculty from around the Department
- Presentations by faculty showcasing projects, programs and initiatives
- Opportunities for one-on-one consultation with librarians from the Lamar Soutter Library (sign up online, and bring your laptop!)
- A midday plenary focusing on the use of buprenorphine integrated within primary care settings, showcasing the training, dissemination, and clinical care being conducted across the Department
- A coming together of all things creative to celebrate the things that makes us “Come Alive” in Family Medicine and in the work we do. There’s still to send your photos, poems, songs, podcasts, stories, essays, rap, haiku, 55 word stories, 6 word stories, spoken word, video, art work to Hugh Silk at Hugh.Silk@umassmed.edu. You can also join if you just want to come to the session to listen, enjoy and immerse yourself in the creativity and celebration of others.
- Opportunities for small group meetings (with hands-on experience) with faculty from the New England School of Acupuncture, which is starting a new consultation clinic in collaboration with the Department at the University campus
- Reviews of several initiatives underway in the Department, including:
  - Diversity – a series of faculty development workshops focusing on unconscious bias and racism
  - Mentorship – Three 18 month cohorts involving 40 mentees and 31 mentors
  - Wellness – a series of activities and investments sponsored by a Department-wide committee working to improve the work environment, from scribes to a new work out room at the Hahnemann campus, and
  - Project Echo – a unique program devoted to enhancing the capacity of primary care physicians to manage complex conditions such as Hepatitis C within their community setting

The latest draft of the agenda can be found at https://www.umassmed.edu/globalassets/family-medicine-and-community-health/fmch/faculty-resources/agenda-2018---final.pdf - and you can register now by going to https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FMCHRetreat
Awards & Recognition

Faculty Awards: At last Tuesday night’s annual Department dinner (October 9):
- **Liz Erban** was recognized as the Department’s Outstanding Community Clinician of the Year
- Faculty recognized for excellence in education in the past year, as chosen by the Department’s Leadership Team, included
  - **Kim Bombaci** (Hahnemann Family Health Center)
  - **Kristina Gracey** (Barre Family Health Center)
  - **Joshua Tessier** (Fitchburg Family Medicine residency), and
  - **Neha Wacks** (Family Medicine Hospital Medicine)
- **Dan Nguyen** (Chelmsford, MA) was presented with the Community Educator Award selected by the Medical School’s Education Policies Committee
- **Sara Shields** received the 2018 Chair’s Award for her work as Director of Inpatient Perinatal Services, assuring quality in the care of the Department’s maternity patients
- The faculty and staff from **Plumley Village Health Services** received a Special Recognition Award for their 26 years of critical community-based health, education and outreach programs. Those honored included: **Katharine Barnard, Mishel Caisapanta, Maria Collazo, Yadira DeJesus, Mary Flynn, Leesandra Gonzalez, Laura Lopez, Mary Opatka, Ken Peterson, Ellen Ruell, Mary Sullivan, Julie Wholey, Colleen Bregman**

Presentations

**Paula Gardiner** was invited to speak at Harvard Symposium on Technology-Assisted Meditation on Sept 29th Cambridge MA. She spoke on her research on mindfulness, technology, and chronic pain.

**Heather Alker** was an invited panelist at the Massachusetts Operational Services Division (OSD) Learning Session "Commercial-Grade, Zero-Emission Landscaping Equipment" at Tower Hill Botanic Garden on September 27th, 2018 and spoke on "The Health Hazards of Gas Powered Lawn".

**Phil Bolduc** presented a HRSA Regional Ryan White Grantee Chat Call Webinar on Family Health Center of Worcester’s HIV Continuous Quality Management Program. October 12th.

Presentations at AAFP FMX: At last week’s annual business and educational meeting of the American Academy of Family Physicians, which brought over 5,000 Family Physicians to New Orleans:
- **Frank Domino** served as a “Main Stage” plenary speaker to a packed convention hall, speaking on *Top Ten EBM Updates From the Medical Literature*
  Additional faculty presenters included:
  - **Bob Baldor**:
    - *Common Shoulder and Knee Problems in the Elderly*
    - *Management of Eye Injuries: Managing the Red or Injured Eye*
  - **Leonard Finn**:
    - *Adult Obesity Management: Mindful Eating for Patients with Obesity*
**Publications**


**Administration Announcements**

**Need a new headshot for the website?**

Employed physicians who need to create or update their profile images for the online Find a Physician directory are encouraged to attend photography sessions on our University and Memorial campuses. Walk-ins are welcome and no appointment is necessary. Email or call Michelle Carrier at 508-334-5173 for more information.

Sessions are offered:

**Memorial Campus – Memorial One Conference Room**
- Monday, October 22, 11 am to 12:30 pm
- Monday, November 29, 11:30 am to 1 pm
- Monday, December 17, 10 am to 11:30 pm

**University Campus – Endosurgery Conference Room**
- Monday September 24, 12 to 1:30 pm
- Monday, October 1, 1 to 2:30 pm
- Monday, October 15, 9 to 10:30 am
- Monday, November 13, 9 to 10:30 am
- Monday, December 3, 9 to 10:30 am
- Monday, December 10, 12 to 1:30 pm

**Research Study Design and Analysis Series**

**Session II: Design, Conduct, and Analysis of Randomized Controlled Trials**

In this second session, attendees will learn about the design, conduct, and analysis of randomized controlled clinical trials (RCTs). This two hour session will cover various topics that pertain to RCTs including the development of study hypotheses, trial design (including sample size/power estimation), patient recruitment and enrollment, reasons for randomization and common randomization approaches, data collection activities, data analysis (including interim and final analyses), and presentation.

Date: October 16, 2018, Time: 3:00 – 5:00 PM Location: Albert Sherman Building, 6th Floor, AS6-2072