Monday Memo – February 4, 2019

AOA Match

- The Fitchburg Family Medicine Residency, which is dually accredited for allopathic and osteopathic training, is pleased to announce its successful residency match for graduating Osteopathy students through the AOA match:

  Chandler Charette, DO, will graduate from Liberty University College of Osteopathic Medicine (Lynchburg, VA) this spring. She is from the North Worcester County area and wants to remain in the area to practice comprehensive Family Medicine after her residency. She is from a physician family, as her father is Dr. Daniel Ervin, a local ENT physician.

  Kate Cosgrove, DO, will graduate from the University of New England College of Osteopathy Medicine this spring. She is a Fitchburg native, born at our own Burbank Hospital, the first hospital site of our residency. She is the granddaughter of Dr. Paul Cochrane, past President of the Massachusetts Academy of Family Physicians and one of the founding Family Physicians for the residency. She also plans on staying in the Fitchburg area following residency completion.

Clinical Innovation Grant Awarded to Jennifer Reidy

- Congratulations to Jennifer Reidy, Chief of the Division of Palliative Care, who was awarded a Clinical Innovation grant from UMass Memorial Health Care devoted to Documenting and retrieving goals-of-care conversations effectively in Epic to improve communication, teamwork and goal-concordant care. The grant will fund an interdisciplinary effort to understand the current state of Goals Of Care documentation, create standard language for documentation that matches the current communication skills training for UMass Memorial clinicians, and design a user-friendly process to concise capture and easily retrieve GOC documentation in Epic to improve patient care.

Appointments

- Dennis Dimitri was recently been named as Vice Chair of Tobacco Free Mass, a privately-funded coalition that advocates for funding and policies to reduce death and disease caused by tobacco use. He has also been appointed to a 4 year term on the AAFP’s Council on Governmental Advocacy.
Robin Clark has been named to the National Institute of Drug Abuse’s (NIDA) Scientific Review Panel for the HEALing Communities Study. The study is designed to test the immediate impact of an integrated set of evidence-based interventions across healthcare, behavioral health, justice, and other community-based settings to prevent and treat opioid misuse and opioid use disorder within highly affected communities.

Presentations

- William M. Foley presented a series of lectures on topics including osteopathic approaches for pregnancy across 3 trimesters and the treatment of newborns at an international course entitled Conception to Birth in Innisfil, Ontario, Canada January 9-11, 2019.

- Hugh Silk organized, presented and emceed a 3 hour panel presentation at the Annual Yankee Dental Congress conference on Feb 1 in Boston, MA on the topic of Perinatal Oral Health: Evidence, Guidelines and Practice-Based Solutions.