Monday Memo – March 25, 2019

Presentations

At last week’s annual meeting of the Massachusetts Academy of Family Physicians:

- **Mary Flynn** co-presented *Primary Care for Patients with Serious Mental Illness: the Art and the Science*
- **David Gilchrist**, outgoing MAFP President, presented *Change Management*
- **Ron Adler** presented *Harms and Pitfalls Associated with Cancer Screening* at General Medicine Grand Rounds at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston on March 22.

Recognition

At last week’s annual meeting of the Massachusetts Academy of Family Physicians:

- **Liz Erban** was recognized as the Academy’s Family Physician of the Year. In introductory remarks, Dennis Dimitri made note of her ongoing dedication to her full spectrum of practice, including maternity care, her volunteer work in area free clinics, and her serving as a role model for residents.
- **Beth Mazyck** was recognized as the Academy’s Educator of the Year. Second year resident Naris Ghazarians represented her nominators, the Fitchburg Family Medicine residents, in introducing Beth as a “living example of an extraordinary Family Physician . . . who demonstrates with humility what ‘scope of practice’ really means.”
- For the *ninth year*, **Frank Domino** has been selected by the Medical School’s graduating class to serve as hoofer at this year’s graduation ceremonies. In addition, check out the website for the American Academy’s annual September FMX meeting in Philadelphia, one of the largest physician conferences in the country, which features Frank as one of two “Main Stage” speakers: [https://www.aafp.org/events/fmx.html?cmpid=em_FMX_NC_20190314](https://www.aafp.org/events/fmx.html?cmpid=em_FMX_NC_20190314)
- **Paula Gardiner’s** research on *Reducing the Physical and Emotional Burdens of HPV Infection through an Integrated Primary and Secondary Cervical Cancer Prevention Texting System Initiative in a Primary Care Setting* has won the 2019 Vaughn Rickert Vaccine Research Award by the Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine.
- **Daria Szkwarko** has been selected by the Division of Tuberculosis Elimination at the CDC as one of nine “CDC U.S. TB Elimination Champions.” On their website, they recognize her work as latent TB Infection-ECHO course director and facilitator, working
with participants from community health centers in Massachusetts: “She champions building capacity for latent TB infection testing and treatment in primary care providers . . . Dr. Szkwarlko is a great mentor, teacher, and advocate, and participants have opportunities to learn from peers.”

- **Phil Bolduc** has been selected as this year’s “Clinician of the Year” by the Worcester District Medical Society. He will be honored at their annual business meeting on Wednesday evening, April 10 at the Beechwood Hotel.

- **Hugh Silk** has been appointed to be a Team Leader for the Interprofessional Education and Interprofessional Practice Training of the Surgeon General's Report on Oral Health 2020 (an update on the 2000 Report).

**Faculty Council Update**

Linda Long has joined Sherrilyn Sethi as the Department’s second representative to the Faculty Council. To keep faculty in the Department informed, she has prepared a summary of the March Faculty Council Meeting:

- Dr. Melissa Fischer described the Diversity, Representation, Inclusion and Value in Education (DRIVE) Initiative. The goal of this initiative is to minimize bias in the curriculum. Efforts are being made to develop an audit tool which faculty can use for self-assessment. This tool is undergoing testing in preparation for implementation.

- Dr. Anne Larkin, Associate Dean for Educational Affairs, explained that the accreditation process for Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) is underway. The Medical School is currently preparing for the LCME site visit in April, 2020.

- Dr. Bruce Barton, Chair of the Library and Learning Resources Committee, gave an overview of library services and challenges for the future.

**NEAETC Annual HIV Primary Care Update**

- The [New England AIDS Education and Training Center](https://www.neaetc.org/) (NEAETC) will host its annual [HIV Primary Care Update](https://www.neaetc.org/events/view/12634) on Thursday, April 25 at the [Provincetown Inn](https://www.provincetowninn.com). This full day conference will provide updates on care and treatment of HIV, HCV, co-morbidities, and other emerging areas related to HIV in the primary care setting. This year's topics include pain management, HIV and aging, cultural competency and structural challenges, PrEP, and neurocognitive disorders. To view the agenda and register visit this link: [https://www.neaetc.org/events/view/12634](https://www.neaetc.org/events/view/12634)