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#### **Joseph A. Flaherty, MD, Dean College of Medicine, University of Illinois at Chicago**

The Department of Family Medicine was privileged to have Dean Flaherty in attendance at the monthly faculty meeting in May. Dean Flaherty presented information necessary to understand the financial environment in which we function and the impact it has on the strategic plan of the COM as well as the DFM.

Dean Flaherty reported that 21% of the State budget has been taken back by the State, which represents the largest amount since 1861. Education budgets in other states have been hit hard as well (MI, WI), but IL has been hit hardest. 15% of faculty salaries come from State funding. Additionally, the COM is looking at a 53% increase (\$8M) in malpractice costs in FY06. The key to getting through these hard times is leveraging State dollars with other sources of funds, and the COM is actively pursuing opportunities for financial growth.

As the largest public institution in Chicago, the question is how to capitalize on our size in attracting consumers and community-based physicians to the medical center. Family medicine clinicians, as primary care providers, are critical to accomplishing this objective in their ability to expand the patient base, which in turn will be a referral source to UIC subspecialty services. It is essential to create a culture of change leading to a greater acceptance of and esteem for primary care providers, and creating a primary care environment in an academic setting.

The strategic plan of the COM includes the development of partnerships with area health organizations, which will create an urban medical program; provide additional income; data for research; healthcare to the underserved; a groundwork for growth; and an identity for UIC. It is hopeful that in the marketing and expansion of UIC strengths (we have all six basic sciences on campus comprising the strongest basic science group in Chicago; diversity in faculty and student population), our reputation will be enhanced, and service area expanded. Additionally, the inauguration of a philanthropic program will attract donations from generous benefactors.

In conclusion, Dean Flaherty expressed that the UIC COM is experiencing a time of change, which requires evaluation of current strategies, and the development of innovative and creative ideas in advancement of UIC as the premier provider of healthcare services in Chicago.



## UIC DFM



**Emily Godfrey, MD** has been accepted for the Berlex Foundation Junior Faculty Development Award that will take place July 30 – August 5. The award entitles 25 recipients to participate in a 6-day intensive workshop which provides instruction in descriptive studies, cohort studies, case-control studies, and randomized controlled trials and offers participants an interactive program in protocol preparation, data analysis, Cochrane Library research, and understanding the peer-reviewed publication process.



**Nipa Shah, MD, Asst Residency Program Director**, was a featured faculty for a CME program sponsored by the IAFP entitled “Women & Cardiovascular Disease: Prevention, Diagnosis and Treatment” held in May and June.



**Karl Kochendorfer, MD (PGY-3) and Mario Piverger, MD (PGY-2)** have been designated as “Tomorrow’s Leader Award” recipients and scholarship winners to attend the 2005 National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students in July in Kansas City, MO.

**Sam Grief, MD** has been selected by his peers to receive a 2005 Teaching Recognition Program Award sponsored by the UIC Council for Excellence in Teaching and Learning. He will be honored at the 2005 Faculty Awards Recognition Dinner to be held in October.



**Michael Friedman, MD**, non-salaried faculty at St. Elizabeth’s Hospital and Director of the Family Medicine Residency Program, has been designated Teacher Of the Year by the IAFP.

Congratulations to the following **DFM Administrative Staff** who completed required courses in the NETgLearning employee development curriculum during the past year: **Annie Carter, Liz Hawes, Corinne Holas, Meg Oberholtzer, Robert Rios, Linda Scarver, Fran Trejo, Diane Underwood, Patrice Ward-White and Jim Zhang.**



### CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

The following residents have successfully completed their training in the UIC Family Medicine Residency Program and were celebrated at a graduation reception in June at Francesca’s on Taylor: **Mahtab Tashakori, MD; Jacqueline Olivo, MD; Shivani Rawal, MD; Ella Varney, MD and Hermanda Glaser, MD.** Included as part of the festivities was the presentation of awards to the 2004-05 Chief Residents pictured below, **Shivani Rawal, MD and Karl Kochendorfer, MD.** Also honored: AAFP Teaching

Certificates were presented by Family Medicine Faculty Member **Jeffrey Rubin, MD** to **Janice Makela, MD** and **Vybert Greene, MD** in appreciation of their time and efforts in educating the Family Medicine Residents; the Family Medicine Teacher of the Year recipient was **Nipa Shah, MD** and the Specialty Teacher of the Year recipient was **Parkash Talwar, MD** of the UIC Department of Radiology, as chosen by the family medicine residents; Certificates of achievement and an award were presented by **Memoona Hasnain, MD, MHPE, PhD** to the winning Inquiry Team as chosen by a group of Family Medicine faculty members. The winning team included **Hermanda Glaser, MD; Mirela Galatanu, MD and Humaira Khan, MD.**





# IN THE SPOTLIGHT



**Patrick A. Tranmer, MD, MPH** has been appointed to the AAFP Commission on Membership and Members Services through 2008.



**Steve Crossman, MD** has been nominated by multiple ECMI-2 and ECM 3-4 students for special recognition for contributions made to the course. He was singled out as being an exceptional part of their learning experience in 2004-05.



**Steve Crossman, MD and Maria Devens, Ph.D.** have been invited to participate as faculty in the 26th Annual Behavioral Science Forum, co-sponsored by the STFM and the Medical College of Wisconsin.



**Maureen Gecht, MPH, Director of Patient Education**, was one of two T-trainers invited by Stanford's Patient Education Research Center, who conducted Chronic Disease Self-Management Training.



**Brian Dudkiewicz, MD** completed a faculty development fellowship. "Teaching Clinical Reasoning to Residents".



**Memoona Hasnain, MD, PhD** has been nominated by multiple ECM 3-4 students for her contributions made to the course. She was singled out as being an exceptional part of their learning experience.



**Javette Orgain, MD**, completed her MPH degree in the UIC School of Public Health.

**Tai Huynh, MD**, completed his Masters in Medical Management degree in the USC Marshall School of Business.



**Karen Connell, MS, Director of Educational Development**, has accepted another two year term on the STFM Program Committee.

**DFM Predoctoral Clerkship Program** has been selected to receive an award for Outstanding Achievement in a Single Course or Clinical Experience". This award includes a \$5,000 prize.

**The DFM Predoctoral Program** acknowledges the following faculty for their contributions to the educational programs provided to medical students during the past academic year:

Maria Albright, MD	Marisela Dominguez, MD	Nandini Khatkhate, MD	Kimberly Scott-Townsend, MD
Susan Arjmand, MD	Brian Dudkiewicz, MD	Greg Kirschner, MD	T.E. Schackow, MD
Ihab Aziz, MD	Tamarah Duperval, MD	Ilesh Kurani, MD	Nipa Shah, MD
Jacqueline Bardwell, MD	Jose Elizondo, MD	Meher Medavaram, MD	Leslie Sleuwen, MD
Stephen G. Bennett, MD	Ronald Ferguson, MD	James Nee, MD	Joy Smith, MD
Janice Benson, MD	David Freedman, MD	Adeyoyin Okunade, MD	Daniel Shin, MD
Jon Beran, MD	Michael Friedman, MD	Allan Olthoff, DO	Augustine Sohn, MD
Matthew Brown, MD	Yacob Gawo, MD	Javette Orgain, MD	Donald Szachowicz, MD
Susan Buchanan, MD	Sam Grief, MD	Bruce Perlow, MD	John Terando, MD
Clara Carls, MD	Emily Godfrey, MD	Tamar Perlow, MD	Patrick Tranmer, MD, MPH
Frank Castillo, MD	Kate Gunnell, MD	Mark Potter, MD	Rafael Vargas, MD
Milton Chavez, MD	Richard Guthmann, MD	Nimmi Rajagopal, MD	Suhkveer Wahi, MD
Deborah Coleman, MD	Zewdu Haile, MD	Manthani Reddy, MD	Michelle Walker, MD
Henry Cordero, MD	Tricia Hern, MD	Glenda Rios, MD	Lise Weisberger, MD
Steven Crossman, MD	Tai Huynh, MD	Lizbet Ronnig, MD	Margaret Wiedmann, MD
Teresa Cvangros, MD	Carrie Jaworski, MD	Jeffrey Rubin, MD	Augustine Wong, MD
Bo Dudas, MD			

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### SUMMER '05 DFM MVTP



Congratulations to **Andrea Meza-Bustos, RN**, who works in the Family Medicine Center, OCC and has been selected the **DFM Most Valuable Team Player** for the summer quarter. Andrea received nominations for this recognition from people who made the following comments about her:

*Andrea is noted in the Center for her commitment to patient care. She is a wonderful mix of 'jack of all trades' as well as strong specialized nursing skills. She is an A to Z type of nurse, who can be counted on – in fact, she has changed days off to help out the center when there have been conflicting priorities and demands. Andrea can attenuate high stress clinical situations in the clinic with her calm and confident manner. Andrea has been participating actively with suggestions and input for our continued transition to Advanced Access: reminding others of 'short cuts' to save time (such as exam room computer start ups in the morning), education and feedback to appointment schedulers to reduce phone transfers, membership on Support Staff Task Force..*

*Andrea consistently facilitates the taping of residents through the OCC schedule. Without her help, this component of residency education would not occur. Andrea verifies that the residents are appropriately scheduled and does so with ease and good cheer. She is flexible and understanding.*

*Regarding patient care, Andrea recently played a key role in helping to manage a patient with the patient's physician. Her calming presence, willingness to go "above and beyond" helped make a difficult time easier. No matter how busy she is, her demeanor is one of "How can I help?"*

Also nominated were: Lindsay Hendricks, FM Residency Coordinator; Fran Trejo, Billing Office, and Maureen Gecht, MPH, Director of Patient Education.

#### DFM NEWSLETTER STAFF

Special thanks to Liz Hawes, Administrative Coordinator; and Meg Oberholtzer, Assistant to the Head for their contributions to this newsletter. Please direct questions and comments to Meg at [holtzer@uic.edu](mailto:holtzer@uic.edu).