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Message from the Department Head

Welcome to the Department of Family Medicine at the University of Illinois at Chicago and the first edition of the quarterly family medicine newsletter. We take pride in the accomplishments of our faculty and the direction we are moving, despite the financial obstacles in place due to the State economy. The Department has not experienced reductions in staff or the services and programs we offer. The Family Medicine Clerkship for medical students continues to thrive. Faculty and resident interest in research endeavors have been enhanced with the addition of a tenure track Director of Research.

Family Medicine at UIC is an academic program dedicated to clinical care, education, and research, which focuses on meeting the medical needs of a diverse, urban population. Members of our faculty reflect the variety of interests and qualities inherent in Family Medicine. They are dedicated to demonstrating and promoting the specialty to the University community of students, residents, and faculty as well as to the people we serve. Through contact with our patients, medical students in all levels of training, and our dedicated group of residents, the Department is cultivating the culture of Family Medicine on the UIC Campus as well as within Chicago and Illinois. We are committed to collaborative efforts throughout the University and broader community.

We invite you to browse through this newsletter as well as our website and learn more about the faculty and programs of the Department of Family Medicine, and encourage you to comment on our newsletter, website or departmental activities.

UIC SPONSORED ALSO COURSE

The Department of Family Medicine at UIC, along with the UIC affiliated Family Medicine Residencies, will be hosting the AAFP & AMA Category I CME-accredited ALSO Course at the UIC Chicago Circle Center.

ALSO is a structured, evidence-based, multidisciplinary training program on the practical management of obstetric emergencies. The two-day course is for maternity care providers including physicians, midwives, residents, nurses and other clinicians.

Topics to be presented will include: First Trimester Complications, Preterm Labor/PROM, Labor & Shoulder Dystocia, and Intrapartum Fetal Surveillance. In addition to the lecture/workshop topics, an optional Perineal Repair Workshop is being offered this year for the first time. Deadline date for course registration is September 24th.

For additional information and registration form, please download the ALSO Course brochure at www.uic.edu/depts/mcfc/also.doc or contact the ALSO Program Coordinator at ehawes1@uic.edu.



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The University of Illinois rolled out its new health benefit program for students, CampusCare, on 8/23/04. CampusCare is a comprehensive package of supplemental health benefits designed to provide protection against unexpected accidents and illnesses. It covers health services not provided under the Student Health Service Fee, including inpatient and outpatient hospitalization, prescription drugs, chronic illness care, physical therapy, home health care, mental health/substance abuse services, and emergency services. All eligible students will be enrolled in CampusCare, unless they choose to opt-out. Under this new program, all students will choose a DFM physician as their primary care physician, who in turn will provide primary care and referrals to UIC specialty physicians.



Samuel N. Grief, MD
Medical Director

Spearheading this new program is DFM Assistant Professor of Clinical Family Medicine, Dr. Samuel Grief. Dr. Grief joins the Managed Care department as Medical Director of the CampusCare Health Program. In this new and exciting role, he will work with network providers and hospitals to ensure that program services meet the needs of plan members, as well as providers. Dr. Grief will also serve as a key medical liaison and strategic resource to representatives of the UIC Physicians Group, the hospital, University administrators, and CampusCare network providers.

For more information regarding CampusCare please visit the DFM website at: www.uic.edu/depts/mcfc.



DFM SPOTLIGHT

Residency Team Gears Up

Our Family Practice Residency Program underwent an ACGME RRC site visit in September 2003. We were notified that we have achieved three-year, full accreditation status. We are also proud of the fact that with a declining interest in family medicine residency training state-wide this year, we have a full complement of PGY-I residents



for program year 04-05 having successfully filled 5 of our 6 positions through the match and the addition of a UIC grad post-match.



Building on these accomplishments, the residency team is preparing for the recruitment season for the next program year. Applications submitted through ERAS are being reviewed, interviews are being scheduled November through January, and an exciting interview day for accepted applicants is being planned. The DFM website has expanded information regarding curriculum, faculty, and current residents. Should you have questions or comments, please contact Lindsay Hendricks, Program Coordinator at lindsayh@uic.edu.

Good luck DFM Family Practice Residency Program!

Clockwise from the left: Mark Potter, M.D, Residency Director; Nipa Shah, M.D., Assistant Residency Program Director; Rafy Guillen, Assistant Residency Program Coordinator; Lindsay Hendricks, Residency Program Coordinator

ANNOUNCEMENTS

! WELCOME! Dr. Emily Godfrey who joined the DFM faculty on September 1st, 2004. Her focus will be on clinical research and women's health. Dr. Godfrey was recently elected as a Board Member of the Association of Reproductive Health Professionals (ARHP) based in Washington, DC effective January 1, 2005. She was also awarded 2004 ARHP Member of the Year.

! The DFM Predoctoral Team for AY05 is: Dr. Steven Crossman has been named Predoctoral Director and Dr. Susan Buchanan is rejoining the DFM as Assistant Predoctoral Director. We are looking forward to wonderful new ideas from this fresh and eager team. We would also like to express much gratitude to Dr. Allan Olthoff for his successful years as Predoctoral Director.

! The DFM would like to congratulate Drs. Javette Orgain and Michael Friedman on their promotions. Dr. Javette Orgain was promoted to Associate Professor of Clinical Family Medicine. She practices at Mile Square Health Center and at Thresholds. Dr. Michael Friedman was promoted to Clinical Associate Professor of Family Medicine. He is Family Practice Residency Director at St. Elizabeth's in Chicago.

! Javette Orgain, MD, DFM joined Susan Braun, Director of the Center of Integrated Health Care at Thresholds, in Los Angeles at a management development program addressing the issue of community based healthcare using an interdisciplinary approach.



IN THE NEWS

Showtime with Rev. Jesse Jackson

Dr. Javette Orgain and Dr. Paul Crawford appeared with the Rev. Jackson on The Jesse Jackson Show, on June 7th, 2004. The segment focused on cardiovascular health, stroke, tobacco use, and preventative health. Both Dr. Orgain and Dr. Crawford enjoyed the opportunity to draw public attention to these topics.



Philippine Medical Mission

Drs. Ed and Nida Hernaez of Golf Mill Medical Center, Niles, Illinois, successfully completed a medical mission in the Philippines last December. The mayors, vice-mayors, and other local officials made the event peaceful and organized. About 2000 patients were seen and in appreciation presented a plaque to Drs. Hernaez at their town fiesta. Another medical mission in the future is hopeful. Drs. Hernaez are thankful to those who helped them to make this mission a success.

To read more about Dr. Hernaez, a 2003 UIC-DFM residency graduate, and this mission go to:
www.viatimes.com/2004_March/2_b_pictorial_philippine_medical_mission.phtml

Non-salaried Appointments

The DFM welcomes participation of non-salaried faculty in residency and medical student teaching activities and departmental Grand Rounds presentations. Individuals interested in applying for a non-salaried appointment within the Department of Family Medicine, please contact Liz Hawes at (312) 996-1103 or at ehawes1@uic.edu.

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Family Medicine Center at University Village

The Department of Family Medicine is privileged to be included as part of Phase One in the development of the UIC South Campus in University Village. Currently, plans are underway for the design and construction of the new Family Medicine Center on the corner of Maxwell and Halsted streets. This clinic will serve the student population on the East campus as well as reaching a new patient base in this revitalized neighborhood. This project is expected to be completed by late Spring, 2005. We will continue to offer services in a smaller location on the West Campus in the Outpatient Care Center.



WEBSITE UPDATE

The DFM Website has undergone a major facelift over the past few months thanks to the effort of DFM IT Specialist, Jim Zhang. Make sure you log on and take a look at all the new and exciting events happening in the DFM.

Please direct comments and questions to Jim Zhang, IT Specialist at JimZhang@uic.edu

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Special thanks to Liz Hawes, Administrative Coordinator; Jim Zhang, IT Specialist and Meg Oberholtzer, Assistant to the Head for their contributions to this newsletter. Please direct questions and comments to Meg at holtzer@uic.edu.