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#### CHANCELLOR SYLVIA MANNING VISITS THE DFM

In December, the Department of Family Medicine was fortunate to be the recipient of an visit from Chancellor Sylvia Manning, which coincided with the monthly Department Meeting. DFM faculty were provided a look at campus and State issues from her perspective. The following is a summary of that interactive meeting.

In describing the state of the State, Chancellor Manning advised that we expect another flat budget for the next fiscal year. This is in keeping with the agreement the State legislature made last year i.e., a two year zero increase in State dollars to UIC. The situation is not good and as the institution receives less and less from the State, we must look at cross-subsidization to grow, just as the private sector does.

This requires us to be more creative and resourceful in seeking additional sources of revenue. The campus is gearing up for an increase in philanthropy, but that cannot alone solve the problem. Money given through that effort will be used to enhance faculty salaries and establish endowments, but it does not solve the base problem.

Chancellor Manning discussed the "Illinois Bill of Health" introduced last year, which educates the State legislature on what we do at UIC: physicians we produce, patients we see. The goal this year is to take the next step by establishing an understanding of a defined revenue source for health education to be shared with other schools involved in health education throughout the State of Illinois. We are however, the only campus operating a hospital, so there would be an expectation of a larger share of the pot of money. Dr. Manning indicated that suggestions are being studied regarding possible funding sources.

Another huge issue is medical malpractice costs. We will need to produce at least two years of data that illustrate a decrease in litigation costs before malpractice costs will decrease. The State needs to recognize that we are performing a service (30% of the patient base is Medicaid) for which we are not being reimbursed the associated malpractice insurance costs and for which we need direct relief.

Important to the campus is the strategic plan and also important is that people understand the seven goals it encompasses: UIC will offer outstanding education at all levels to a diverse student body; UIC will excel as an internationally recognized center for research and creativity by advancing and disseminating knowledge within and across disciplinary boundaries and by translating discovery into application, practice and the marketplace; through the Great Cities commitment, UIC will engage with the people, communities, and institutions of Chicago and other great cities of the world in ways that transform lives; UIC will build areas of excellence in disease prevention, health promotion, patient care, education, and research within a highly-competitive health care market; UIC will be a destination where students, faculty, and staff want to study, work, and live and that attracts visitors from around the world; UIC will secure the resources needed to achieve its goals from a wide variety of sources and use those resources wisely; UIC will implement a comprehensive marketing and public relations program to increase its visibility and improve its image among key external constituencies. To be considered as well is the "Clusters of Excellence" program, which involves the hiring of faculty from multiple disciplines to study cross-cutting issues (ex: aging/geriatrics) and determine social and biomedical consequences. Also important is the coordination of the campus, hospital and COM strategic plans, intended to help us uphold the momentum that has grown over the past decade, and to strive for a more brilliant future in the years to come.

The Department of Family Medicine appreciates Dr. Manning's time in discussing issues important to all of us and we look forward to her next visit. Additional information regarding the UIC Strategic Plan is available on the website at <http://tigger.uic.edu/depts/oa/planning/>.

### Alumni Update: Katarzyna Malecka, MD UIC DFM Residency Graduate, 1998

Upon completion of her residency at the UIC DFM in June 1998, Dr. Katarzyna Malecka joined a small private group in Chicago's southern suburban area. There, she provided comprehensive quality care to families in office, hospital and nursing home settings, utilizing skills in pediatric, adult, gynecological, and geriatric medicine. She also dealt with a high volume of both outpatient and inpatient cases, including ICU.

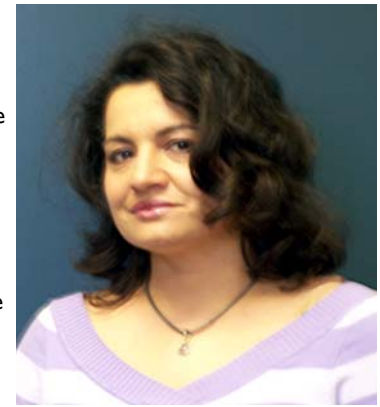
Also following her residency, Dr. Malecka served as a clinical instructor for medical students from UIC, and was a member the Therapeutics and Pharmaceuticals Committee and the Infectious Disease Committee at Ingalls Memorial Hospital where she was an attending physician until December 2002.

Dr. Malecka then took some time off to relocate to Wilmette, IL with her husband, Dr. Zbigniew Malecki, a pathologist, to raise their three children – Alex (11), Maya (5), and Max (3).

In December 2003, Dr. Malecka started working at Michigan Avenue Immediate Care, a position she deems very challenging yet satisfying. Currently she is also an attending physician at Union Medical Center, where she has worked since September of 2005.

Dr. Katarzyna Malecka describes herself as an energetic, enthusiastic and hard-working professional. She is a self-starter and takes pride in her excellent interpersonal skills. She speaks Polish, Russian, French, and serviceable Spanish. She gives credit to accomplished faculty members and successful clinicians for helping to shape and enhance her professional skills.

Dr. Malecka's personal interests include mental health and cardiovascular health. She is a non-salaried faculty member of the UIC DFM and is admitting patients to the Family Medicine inpatient service. The Department of Family Medicine extends a warm "Welcome Back" to Dr. Katarzyna Malecka.



### DFM to Host IAFP Education Series *Family Medicine Update*

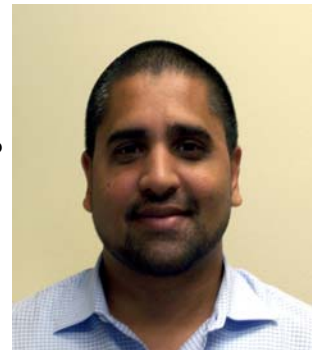


On April 21 & 22, 2006, The UIC DFM will host **Family Medicine Update**, a new education series co-sponsored by the Illinois Academy of Family Physicians. This series will be held at the new UIC College of Medicine Research Building. **Dr. Nipa Shah and Chad Braun** will be presenting at the event. Registration fee is \$80 for IAFP members, and \$100 for non-members. The two-day meeting is worth 8 CME credits. **For questions and registration, contact Kate Valentine at [kvalentine@iafp.com](mailto:kvalentine@iafp.com) or 630.435.0257.** Registration brochures can also be obtained in the DFM Administrative office.

### NEW UIC DFM FACULTY MEMBER

Prior to his return to UIC, **Abbas Hyderi, MD, MPH** co-authored and helped pass **Oregon House Bill 2706**. The bill, which became law on 01/01/06, helps include HIV testing into the prenatal laboratory panel as opposed to requiring a separate consent and requisition. The law will help test all pregnant women for HIV to help detect undiagnosed cases and to provide timely treatment to the mother, dramatically reducing the risk of transmission to the baby. He also co-coordinated the strategic planning and implementation of rapid HIV testing on labor and delivery for women with unknown HIV at his teaching hospital. The procedures and protocols associated with this hospital are now serving as a model for the entire state of Oregon.

Dr. Hyderi recently successfully passed his Preventive Medicine Boards. He also gave a presentation entitled "**HIV Update: Global to Chicago**," to the Mile Square staff, physicians and community (including patients) on 12/15/05.



### Increasing Number of Medical Students Creates Need for More Training Sites

With the number of medical students admitted to UIC each rotation, The DFM is faced with a need for more sites at which we can train our students. We have a total of 8, 6-week rotations [blocks] each academic year, and the number of students per block is on the rise. Our goals are to expose medical students to primary care in a family practice setting, to introduce them to the realities of medical practice during the early part of their medical education and to heighten awareness of the roles played by other members of the healthcare profession.

Please contact **Dr. Nipa Shah, Predoctoral Director** at [nshah1@uic.edu](mailto:nshah1@uic.edu) or at 312.413.7349, or **Robert Rios, Clerkship Assistant**, at [rrios@uic.edu](mailto:rrios@uic.edu) or at 312.996.9116 if you can provide information about any facilities that may be able to provide assistance with this essential training.

**FACULTY ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**Emily Godfrey, MD, MPH** was awarded a major **two-year grant** from an anonymous foundation that will allow the DFM to restructure the 2nd year resident **Women's Health rotation** to include comprehensive family planning, education, and training for primary care physicians. The grant was submitted in collaboration with the **Department of OB/GYN at UIC and Stroger Hospital of Cook County.**



**Memoona Hasnain, MD, PhD** has recently had a chapter on HIV published in the **Encyclopedia of Disability**, a 5 volume set published by Sage Publications.



Congratulations to **Chad Braun, MD**, for being named **Director** of the **Longitudinal Primary Care Component (LPC)** of the **Essentials of Clinical Medicine Course (ECM)** at the **UIC College of Medicine.** The main purpose of the LPC experience introduces medical students in their 1st and 2nd years of training to the practice of primary care. Paired with preceptors in outpatient settings, students are brought into contact with ambulatory patients and ambulatory medicine.

Congratulations to **Brian Lynch, MD**, Clinical Assistant Professor, on the publication of his book **How to Get Where You Want to Go: 12 Steps to Emotional Health**, available late January or early February.



**Dr. Craig Backs**, President of the Illinois State Medical Society, gave a UIC DFM Grand Rounds presentation entitled, **"S.B. 475- Liability Reform"**, to DFM faculty, residents, and medical students on 11/9/05. Dr. Backs is pictured above with DFM chief residents Drs. Karl Kochendorfer and Heidi Krebs.



**Maria Devens, PhD**, has recently been credentialed by the **American Balint Society** as a Balint leader. Congratulations Dr. Devens.



Congratulations to Co-Chief Resident, **Dr. Karl Kochendorfer**, on his appointment to the **AAFP Commission on Science.**



**Tamarah Duperval, MD, MPH** was an invited speaker at the **IAFP Fall Forum** in November. She addressed the topic of loan repayment options for medical students.

An article written by **Larry Goldberg, MD**, Clinical Associate Professor, entitled **"A Survey of Hospice and Palliative Care"** appeared in the December 04 and January 05 issues of *Hospital Physician*. Archived issues are available at [www.turner-white.com](http://www.turner-white.com). Dr. Goldberg is based at Lutheran General and teaches UIC residents and medical students on these issues.



DFM 2003 Residency graduate **Edward Hernaez, MD** and his wife Nida, a pediatrician, were awarded with the **Hall of Fame in Medicine and Medical Mission** by the Filipino American Organization for their efforts in medical missions and assistance with fund raising for victims of Hurricane Katrina and the Asian Tsunami.



**PROFESSOR LINDA K. GUNZBURGER MEMORIAL FUND**

The Department of Family Medicine has established the **Professor Linda K. Gunzburger Memorial Fund** in honor of the many educational contributions Linda had made to the UIC family. To continue her efforts an annual award of \$1,000 will be given to a recipient demonstrating excellence in academic achievement in the areas of education, research and scholarly work. Those interested in contributing to this fund may write a check payable to the **UIF - L Gunzburger Memorial Fund** and send to:

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1919 W. Taylor St. MC 663  
Chicago, IL 60612  
Attn: Marty McDermott

The Department of Family Medicine wishes to extend our appreciation to those who have contributed to this fund:

Advocate Christ Hospital  
Karen Connell

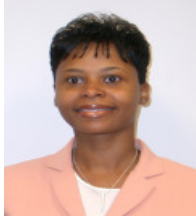
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### WINTER '06 DFM MVTP

Congratulations to **Rita Smaw, Assistant Director Physician Practice, Family Medicine Center at the OCC, who has been selected the DFM Most Valuable Team Player.** Rita received nominations for this recognition from several people who made the following comments about her:

*Rita demonstrates the most important qualities of an MVP – consistency. Consistency in bringing a positive attitude to the table when problems, issues and future plans are being discussed. Consistency in offering assistance to others. Consistency in adjusting her responsibilities for day to day changes and needs. When the going gets tough, she just takes a deep breath and pops on her sparkling smile, then takes that determined step forward. Rita brings a positive 'can do' spirit not only to her area of responsibility, but also to the clinic and department as a whole. She has done this quietly in the past and I am happy to see that she is bringing these qualities forward more assertively at the Center. Rita is a key contributor to the progress and accomplishments we have worked toward at the center for implementing Advanced Access, Clinical Team scheduling, Phone line and message management and facilitation of communication between Reception/ Registration and the clinic.*

Rita has been working at UIC since May, 1998, and held various positions in the Department of Medicine. In January, 2002, she transferred to Family Medicine and has worked in the Family Medicine Center since then. During the past four years, there have been many changes in personnel and processes at the clinic, and Rita has performed exceptionally through them all. Her experience, professionalism and good nature serve as a role model for others. We look forward to her continued efforts during the move of the clinic to the South Campus. Thank you Rita!

### WELCOME NEW DFM STAFF

Joining the DFM in the past few months are pictured at left:: Becca Barczykowski, Project Coordinator, Administration who is the assistant to Dr. Tranmer and support to Maureen Gecht, MPH with the Community Medicine rotation and patient education; Frank Fernandez, IT Specialist addressing all our IT needs and website development; and Susan Balmes, Project Coordinator, Grants, Research and Curriculum, who supports Drs. Emily Godfrey, Jeffrey Tiemstra, Mark Potter and Ms. Karen Connell.



### DFM NEWSLETTER STAFF

Special thanks to Becca Barczykowski, Administrative Coordinator; 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).