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Second Annual DFM Scholarship Day: Advancing Family Medicine Scholarship

The Department of Family Medicine held its 2nd Annual Scholarship Day on Wednesday, May 30th 2007. Dr. Patrick Tranmer, Department Head, opened the event with welcoming remarks. Dr. Memoona Hasnain, Director of Research, provided the annual scholarship update and highlighted key aspects of the department's efforts to promote scholarship. Professor John J. Frey III, MD, from the Department of Family Medicine University of Wisconsin Medical School, gave an inspiring keynote address titled "Medical Schools Meet the Community: New Opportunities for Family Medicine Research". Faculty and resident scholarly endeavors were presented as oral presentations as well as posters. Unique features of this year's event included the newly established Linda K. Gunzburger Awards for Excellence in Scholarship and broader participation from other family medicine programs in the Chicago area.



We thank all the participants, with special recognition of the following:

Keynote speaker: Professor John J. Frey, III; **Session moderators:** Drs. Mark Potter, Jeffery Tiemstra, and Tamarah Duperval; **Scholarship Award judges:** Drs. John J. Frey III, Amy Luke (Department of Preventive Medicine, Loyola University), and Michael Friedman (Saint Elizabeth's Family Practice Program); **DFM Scholarship Interest Group Members:** Patrick Tranmer, Memoona Hasnain, Karen Connell, Jeffery Tiemstra, Emily Godfrey, Maureen Gecht, and John Rogers; **LKG award support:** The Gunzburger family; **IT support:** Frank Fernandez; **Logistics support:** John Rogers.

Congratulations to recipients of the 2007 Linda K. Gunzburger Awards for Excellence in Scholarship:

Resident award

Impact of Self-Management-oriented Group Visits and Physician Coaching on Patients with Type-2 Diabetes. **Perumal S.** (R3, Cook County-Loyola-Provident Family Medicine Residency Program)

Faculty awards

The Family Physicians Inquiries Network: A Scholarship Venue for Residents and Faculty **Hyderi A, Guthmann R.**
A Multi-Faceted Faculty Development Program to Enhance Preceptors Use of Strategies to Promote Resident Thinking.
Connell KJ, Hasnain M, Tranmer PA.

Resident Quality Improvement Projects: Pathways to Promoting EBM, Research, and Scholarship **Hasnain M, Potter MC.**





From right to left: Adel Khmour, MD; Mark Potter, MD, Residency Director; Sakthi Arigovindan, MD; Shreeketa Mehta, MD; Yves-Mario Piverger, MD; J. Andrew Dykens, MD.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES !!

Once again, we bid farewell to another group of residents whom we all have watched blossom and grow into amazing physicians. The 2007 Graduation Celebration was held at Marcello's restaurant on June 23, 2007. With an overwhelming turnout to celebrate the achievements of the graduating seniors and the faculty and staff who contributed greatly to their education, the day was one to remember.

The Graduates:

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| Sakthi Arigovindan, MD | ★ | Andrew Dykens, MD |
| Humaira Khan, MD | ★ | Adel Khmour, MD |
| Shreeketa Mehta, MD | ★ | Mario Piverger, MD |

FACULTY & STAFF HONOREES

Family Medicine Teacher of the Year
Abbas Hyderi, MD

AAFP Teaching Certificate Awards
Vybert Greene, MD
John Ilie, MD

Specialty Teacher of the Year
John Ilie, MD

Clinical Staff Recognition Awards
Debbie Sheu, RN
Debra Gilmore, LPN

Dr. Andrew Dykens was selected by the DFM faculty to receive the STFM Resident Teacher Award in recognition of his demonstrated skills and interest in teaching.

Drs. Shreeketa Mehta and **Andrew Dykens** were acknowledged for their outstanding leadership as Chief Residents. **Drs. Malini Dandu** and **Michelle Plaster** were named Chief Residents for 2007-2008.

WELCOME THE CLASS OF 2010



Noah Walman, MD

Noah was born in Phoenix, AZ but grew up mainly in Toronto, Canada. He is a devoted Toronto Maple Leafs fan. He did his undergraduate in biological sciences with a minor in Zoology at the University of Guelph, in Guelph, Ontario, Canada. Noah went to medical school at American University of the Caribbean, in St. Maarten. He is looking forward to living in Chicago. His hobbies include jogging, hiking, skiing and SCUBA diving, but most of all he loves to travel, and hang out with friends and family.

Kathleen Talamayan, MD

Kathleen is a native of the Phillipines, where she earned her undergraduate & graduate degrees in Public Health. She then attended medical school at the University of Santo Tamos. Kathleen's hobbies include cooking, painting, & designing furniture.



Vikaruddin Mohammed, MD

Vikaruddin earned his undergraduate degree in Biology at Loyola University Chicago. He then went on to earn his medical degree from Ross University in the Dominica. His hobbies include drawing, repairing cars, and sports.

Kameron Matthews, MD

Kameron completed her undergraduate studies at Duke University and attended medical school at John Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore, Maryland. She also earned her J.D. in 2006 from the University of Chicago. Her hobbies include Classic and Contemporary Movies, Fashion, Restaurants, & Key West.



Marina Khusid, MD

Marina is a native of the Ukraine. She attended Rutgers University for her undergraduate degree and earned her PhD in Naturopathic Medicine and her MS in Acupuncture from Bastyr University in Seattle. She then earned her MD at the College of Medicine and Health Sciences in Saint Lucia. Marina's hobbies and interests include teaching, trekking, backpacking, traveling, whole foods, ethnic cooking, figure drawing & sculpture.

Alvaro Rodrigo Encinas, MD

Rodrigo completed his undergraduate degree in Russian History at the University of Illinois at Chicago. He then went of to pursue his medical degree at Ross University in the Dominica. His hobbies and interests include scuba diving, weight lifting, and reading books about the history of Chicago.



DFM ANNOUNCEMENTS



Memoona Hasnain, MD, MHPE, PhD is the recipient of two grant awards. Dr. Hasnain will be leading a team which includes representatives from the College of Pharmacy and the College of Nursing for a grant from the Association of Prevention Teaching and Research titled "An Interdisciplinary Service Learning Experience to Prepare Tomorrow's Health Care Professionals". The second grant from HRSA entitled "A Longitudinal Continuity of Care Predoctoral Curriculum to Promote Patient-Centered Medicine" is a significantly larger grant. This grant involves numerous faculty within the Department of Family Medicine. These grants are extremely difficult to obtain due to the current federal funding environment related to primary care education. Congratulations to Dr. Hasnain and to all involved with these grants.

An article by **Emily Godfrey, MD, MPH** entitled "*Clinical Utility of Urine Pregnancy Tests to Determine Medical Abortion Outcomes Is Limited*" was published in the May issue of **Contraception Journal**.

Dr. Godfrey was quoted in the April 26th **MSN Health & Fitness** article entitled, "*The Underground Abortion Pill*". The article discussed safety issues arising from the underground use of Cytotec to induce abortions.

Dr. Godfrey was also quoted in the June issue of **Shape Magazine** in an article about how women can prepare for their well-woman visit with their doctor.



Javette Orgain, MD, MPH was featured in an article on the Urban Health Program of the College of Medicine in the recent issue of UIC Medicine. The Urban Health Program (UHP) was created to recruit, retain and graduate students from groups underrepresented in the health professions, specifically African Americans, Hispanics, and Native Americans who desire to practice in medically underserved urban areas. The ultimate goal is to train a cadre of underrepresented health professionals, Masters and Doctoral graduates dedicated to improving the quality and availability of health care services in underserved urban areas.

Congratulations to **Nancy Gazdziak, NP** and **Kara Perry, CSR II**, who each received CAUGHT IN THE ACT awards from the UIMC. The award is provided by the UI Medical Center in recognition for voluntarily providing service above and beyond the call of duty. Both Nancy and Kara were nominated by patients at the Family Medicine Center.



Congratulations to **Drs. Abbas Hyderi, Chad Braun, and Samuel Grief** for being acknowledged by the 2006-2007 Essentials of Clinical Medicine program for their outstanding teaching and mentoring efforts.



UIC COM Department of Family Medicine Alumni Reunion Reception

Mark your calendars for the Chicago, Rockford, and Peoria Resident and Medical Student Alumni Reunion Reception, in conjunction with the **American Academy of Family Physicians 2007 Scientific Assembly**.

Date: Thursday, October 4th, 2007

Time: 6:00-8:00 PM

Location: Hyatt Regency Chicago (151 E. Wacker Drive), Plaza Ballroom A, East Tower

For additional information, contact Meg Oberholtzer at holtzer@uic.edu.

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE 125TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

Come celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the College of Medicine - the largest College of Medicine in the United States.

An autumn day in 1882 marks the date when a small but industrious group of physicians opened the doors to the College of Physicians and Surgeons, the precursor to the UIC College of Medicine. To commemorate this most significant date, please mark Oct. 5 on your calendar to join us for our 125th Anniversary Gala celebration at Chicago's Union Station: a spectacular venue to hold such an illustrious celebration. This date coincides with our annual fall reunion and all alumni and friends of the college are cordially invited to attend. It promises to be a brilliant evening!

For more information, contact Connie Cochran Toole at (312) 996-1640 or e-mail medevents@uic.edu.



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COLLEGE OF MEDICINE - REUNION 2007

Thursday, October 4th - Friday, October 5th, 2007

Join the College of Medicine for an evening reception, breakfast, luncheon, and gala dinner as we celebrate the classes of: **1942, 1947, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, and 1982**

As in years past, reunion offers a wonderful opportunity to see the campus, tour the buildings, and most importantly, renew old friendships with former classmates. This year, catch up with old friends at a welcome reception Thursday night, attend an alumni dinner Friday night, and share stories about your lives since graduating many years ago.

Tickets are \$175.00. For additional information, contact Mary Lema at (312) 996-8426 or e-mail reunion@uic.edu.



Congratulations to **Deb Sheu, RN University Village**, who has been chosen to be recognized as the Summer 2007 DFM Most Valuable Team Player. Deb was nominated by several people who made the following comments about her:

Someone recently called Debbie an 'energizer bunny'. That is an understatement! She does not just 'keep going' but keeps going in the right direction, with a great attitude, and with compassion toward all patients and coworkers. When the 'tough get going', Deb shows them how to do it with compassion, dignity, and grace.

Fellow staff and clinicians continually turn to Deb for assistance, because they know that not only will she follow through, but she will make sure things are done right. Not only does she leave 'no stone unturned' but she polishes it!"

Deb is an experienced RN of the highest caliber, who is a pleasure to work with. She is competent in all her functions, very efficient, and always accepts work gladly without hesitancy. I comfortably rely on her to communicate with my patients with both clarity and compassion. Most importantly, she has a genuine concern for her patients' welfare that is demonstrated by the extra miles she goes for them, whether providing her cell number for them to use, communicating test results, or facilitating appointments and referrals. She has maintained this high level of performance even as we have been short-staffed at the RN position at UV lately. She definitely has earned this honor.

I am writing to enthusiastically support Deb Sheu's nomination. Deb embodies excellence in care that we seek. She has a wonderful "can do" attitude and is always ready to help with a smile. Deb has been managing multiple nursing tasks with superior ability. Deb is an excellent patient advocate and our patients love her. She is a skilled RN and is proud of her job. Her passion and caring is evident daily. Deb was awarded for her service at the resident graduation this year. All in all, she is an excellent employee!

Congratulations Deb and thank you for your outstanding service to the DFM and UIC!

DFM NEWSLETTER STAFF

Special thanks to Memoona Hasnain, MD, MHPE, PhD; Abby Irvine, Residency 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.