Third Annual DFM Scholarship Day

Family Medicine Scholarship: Nurturing Our Passions

The Department of Family Medicine held its Third Annual Scholarship Day on Wednesday, May 28th 2008. Dr. Patrick A. Tranmer, Department Head, opened the event with welcoming remarks. Dr. Memoona Hasnain, Director of Research, provided the annual scholarship update with key aspects of the department’s efforts to promote scholarship and a summary of faculty and resident scholarly accomplishments. Professor Harold A. Williamson, Jr., M.D., M.S.P.H., Professor & Chair, Department of Family & Community Medicine, University of Missouri-Columbia, gave an insightful keynote address titled “Family Medicine Scholarship: The Medical Home as an Opportunity”. The program, which included DFM third-year residents’ quality improvement projects as well as faculty and residents’ scholarly works, generated lively discussions and helped spark ideas for future scholarly endeavors.

Congratulations to Drs. Jeffrey D. Tiemstra (faculty) and Shailendra Kapoor (resident) for receiving the 2008 Linda K. Gunzburger Awards for Excellence in Scholarship. These awards are given annually to one faculty member for demonstrated evidence of outstanding scholarship over the past year and to one graduating resident for demonstrated evidence of outstanding scholarship over the course of the three years of residency training.

Scholarship Day Presentations

Teaching & Learning  Moderator: Jeffrey D. Tiemstra, MD
Service Learning to Promote Patient-centered Care for Vulnerable Patients Memoona Hasnain, MD, MHPE, PhD; Karen J. Connell, MS; Diane M. Kondratowicz, PhD; Abbas A. Hyderi, MD, MPH; Sonia Oyola, MD; Nimmi Rajagopal, MD
Integrating Residents into Clerkship Teaching: A Strategy for Nurturing Residents’ Passions Katina Bonaparte, MD, MPH; Abbas Hyderi, MD, MPH

Quality Improvement Projects  Moderators: Mark C. Potter, MD; Nandini Khatkhate, MD
Are We Meeting Standards in Screening for Pediatric Overweight and Obesity? Agnieszka Skop, MD
Aspirin for CAD Risk Prevention Malini Dandu, MD
Education of Inpatient House Staff & Other Strategies to Improve DVT Prophylaxis Rates in the Inpatient Setting Shailendra Kapoor, MD
Can an Educational Leaflet Decrease Provider Time for Women Presenting for their Annual Pap Smear? Katina Bonaparte, MD
Evaluation of Billing and Documentation amongst Clinicians in a Family Medicine University-based Clinic Michelle Plaster, MD; Loriana Cirlig, MD

Clinical Investigations  Moderator: Susan Buchanan, MD, MPH
Assessing Need for Middle School Stress-Awareness Education Mariya Dmytriv, MD
Prevalence of Chlamydia trachomatis and Gonorrhea Genital Infections in a Publicly-funded Pregnancy Termination Clinic: Empiric vs. Indicated Treatment? Emily M. Godfrey, MD, MPH
Role of Non-Group A Streptococci in Acute Pharyngitis Rosita L. F. Miranda, MD, MS, DLO; Jeffrey Tiemstra, MD

Global Health Initiatives  Moderator: Nipa Shah, MD
Global Inequities in Chronic Disease: Emerging Trends in Low- and Middle-Income Countries and Established Effective Interventions Andrew Dykens, MD, MPH CAND.
A Model Health Outreach in an Indigenous Filipino Population Christopher M. Guerrero, MD; David J. Ramsey, MD, PhD, MPH

We are very grateful to all the participating faculty, residents, staff, and guests for making the event a success. Special thanks to the following: Professor Harold A. Williamson for his keynote address; Drs. Susan Buchanan, Nandini Khatkhate, Mark Potter, Nipa Shah, and Jeffrey Tiemstra for serving as session moderators; Karen Connell for helping plan the event; Emily Pela for providing logistical support; and, the Gunzburger Family and Patrick Tranmer for providing financial support for the Linda K. Gunzburger Award.
CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!!

Every year at the end of June we bid farewell to a group of people who have become part of our family. With every graduating class, we wish them well and send them on their way with the knowledge and confidence necessary to be fine young physicians. The 2008 Graduation Celebration was held at Venus restaurant on June 21, 2008. 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 faculty and staff honorees of the day included:

Family Medicine Inpatient Teacher of the Year
Brian Dudkiewicz, MD

Family Medicine Outpatient Teacher of the Year
Loriana Cirlig, MD

Specialty Teacher of the Year
Michelle Plaster, MD

AAFP Teaching Certificate Awards
Katina Bonaparte, MD

Clinical Staff Recognition Awards
Shailendra Kapoor, MD

THE GRADUATES (from left to right)

Brian Nelson, MD
Loriana Cirlig, MD
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WELCOME THE CLASS OF 2011

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Congratulations to Dr. Tamarah Duperval who received The 2008 Marshall Memorial Fellowship. The MMF is designed to educate the next generation of American and European leaders on the importance of the transatlantic relationship and encourage them to work with each other on a range of international and domestic policy challenges. Dr. Duperval along with 18 fellows from Europe and the United States traveled to Washington, DC; Brussels, Belgium; Amsterdam; Netherlands; Bilbao, Spain; Podgorica, Montenegro; and Berlin, Germany in June of 2008. Dr. Duperval’s specific focus was in looking into the various healthcare systems of the countries she visited to look for learnings that compare to the US challenge of National Health Care and health care access for underserved people.

Dr. Duperval was also featured on Wise TV, Channel 20 as part of the Chicago Department of Public Health’s panel to discuss the Chicago perspective of the issues raised in the program ‘Unnatural Causes’.

Emily Godfrey, MD participated as a speaker for Loyola University’s first contraceptive educational workshop, entitled TEACH (Teaching Everything About Contraceptive Health) on June 25. The workshop was initiated by an OB/GYN resident who is a former UIC medical student (Maryam Guiahi) Plans are being made for Loyola OB/GYN and UIC DFM to host a similar full day workshop for faith-based FM and OB/GYN residencies throughout the Chicago area.

Samuel Grief, MD appeared in an NBC5 news story regarding the dangers of dietary supplements. The story can be viewed at: http://www.nbc5.com/nbc5next/16619893/detail.html

Congratulations to Memoona Hasnain, MD, PhD and Abbas Hyderi, MD, MPH for being recognized by medical students for their outstanding teaching and mentoring efforts in the ECM course for 2007-2008.

NEW FACES! Welcome to CSR Tamara Griffin, Karol Stirneman, RN and Jackie Kelly, RN to the University Village Clinic!

Congratulations to Debbie Sheu, RN who has been promoted to CN2 at the University Village Clinic!

Karl Kochendorfer, MD welcomed the birth of his son Wesley Paul Kochendorfer who was born at 6:31am on June 25, 2008. He weighted 9lbs 8oz and was 21” long. Congratulations and Best Wishes to the entire Kochendorfer family!!
DEPARTMENT HEAD VISITS
JAZAN UNIVERSITY, SAUDI ARABIA

Department Head, Patrick A. Tranmer, MD, MPH traveled to Jazan University in Saudi Arabia in May 2008. As part of a larger affiliation agreement between the University of Illinois at Chicago and Jazan, Dr. Tranmer was asked to consult on primary care in general and family medicine in particular in the region by the Department Head of Family and Community Medicine, Dr. Ibrahim Bani, MD PhD, and by the Dean of the College, Dr. Hussein Ageely MD. The College was also teaching its first family medicine clerkship to the soon to be graduating students. Dr. Tranmer presented didactic lectures to the class of 24 students on many common problems in family medicine as well as many informal student meetings on education and residency training. He also spoke to the College faculty on "Learner-centered Precepting to Promote Thinking", and to the University president and faculty on "Family Medicine: Concepts and Updates".

Family Medicine is in a very early stage of development in Saudi Arabia, and as in many developing countries, the public health system depends on primary care clinics staffed by physicians with one or two years of general practice training. However, they are very interested in the Family Medicine training model and in the delivery of primary care by trained family physicians. Next year the College, which has a six year curriculum, will expand from 24 students to a class of 120, half women and half men. The family medicine clerkship will continue as a 4-week experience, and hopefully can move to the fifth year. Collaboration will expand with several Saudi senior students coming for electives at UICOM this August 2008. In the future additional faculty visits to Jazan will occur, with interested UIC medical students and residents traveling to Jazan for clinical experiences. This becomes one of several sites for an expanded Global Health curriculum that is being developed within the department primarily by Drs Andrew Dykens and Nipa Shah.

Dr. Ibrahim Bani also visited UIC’s Department of Family Medicine in July of 2008, meeting with the faculty and presenting a Grand Rounds giving a more in-depth perspective of Jazan University in Saudi Arabia. He also met with faculty from the School of Public Health.

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