



Focus: What's New in Undergraduate Medicine

Names in the News

Next

Department Meeting

May 24, 2007

0800-0900*

Stonechurch Family Health
Centre

1475 Upper Ottawa Street

Education Room H

***please note time**

0900-1000 GFT Meeting

Dr. Inge Schabert

has been selected as this year's winner of the **Gerry Cohen Family Medicine Postgraduate Teaching Award**. This award honours a family physician who has demonstrated a strong commitment to residency education and who is known as a role model in his/her clinical contributions and care of patients across the spectrum of care.

Dr. Julie Maidment

Has been selected as this year's winner of the **Dr. Ben Finkelstein Family Practice Award**. This award is based on nominations from residency supervisors and goes to the resident who has outstanding capabilities in the psychosocial aspects of care.

Dr. Cristina Musngi

Has been selected as this year's recipient of the **Ted Evans Scholarship Fund**. This is a monetary award and was awarded based on Dr. Musngi's strong contributions to medical education at the unit and department level as well as her leadership within the unit.



FMIG (Family Medicine Interest Group — Melissa Jessome)

Melissa Jessome gave a power point presentation on FMIG at the April 26 Full Department Meeting.

FMIG consists of a group of medical students with an interest in family medicine

Their mission:

- To promote a positive image for family medicine
- To provide mentorship for interested students
- To provide an environment to develop leadership
- To offer educational events specifically related to family medicine

For further information, please contact one of the students listed below:

LearnLink (@learnlink.mcmaster.ca)

Salma Rawof

Melissa Jessome

Solveiga Pranaityte

Website: www.macmeds.ca/fmig

Family Medicine Clerkship—J. Miklea

Dr. Jon Miklea has been the Undergraduate Program Director for the last 16 months. He was present at the meeting to discuss the new FM clerkship. Dr. Miklea and the Undergrad Education Committee have been working on making changes to the clerkship curriculum, which will be applied to the next block of students. One identified change is to introduce professional competencies into the clerkship. If you are interested in becoming involved with professional competences, please contact Dr. Cathy Risdon (risdonc@mcmaster.ca).

COMPASS, the new curriculum, is described below (excerpt from J.Miklea's presentation):

"What is COMPASS?"

COMPASS is the new curriculum of the Undergraduate MD Program (2005)

(Concept-oriented, Multi-disciplinary, Problem-based, Practice for transfer, Simulations in Clerkship, Streaming)

>Emphasis on concepts, mechanisms, integration, application

>Professional Competencies: longitudinal, pre-clerkship

>Professionalization, Self-Awareness; Communication; Clinical Examination; Life-long Learning; Ethics; Social/Community Context

Family Medicine Clerkship—J.Miklea

For a detailed look at Dr. Miklea's presentation, please go to:

http://fammedmcmaster.ca/communications/newsletters/april_2007-newsletter/JonMiklea-Clerkship.ppt

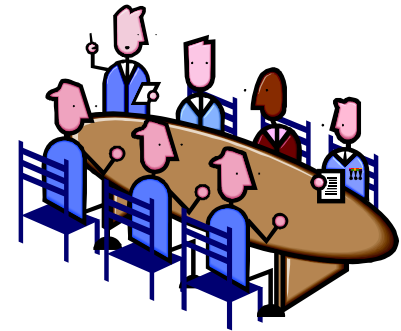
Family Medicine Clerkship Tutorial—A.Walsh

The Undergraduate Education Committee has been working to review the family medicine tutorial for clerkship and pre-clerkship for the purpose of:

- Bringing pre-clerkship teaching closer to clerkship teaching
- Revisiting skills from Professional Competencies
- Providing some consistency in approach, and guidance to tutors
- Increasing connection with preceptor experiences

Their goal is to:

- Provide a forum for discussing puzzling or difficult cases/concepts
- Facilitate understanding the role of the family physician
- Teach in areas of our expertise
- Integrate concepts of professionalism



A copy of the complete presentation is available at

http://fammedmcmaster.ca/communications/newsletters/april_2007-newsletter/AllynWalsh-Tutorial.ppt

Member Reports—Care of the Elderly

Dr. Doug Oliver, a member of the COE Committee reported on the progress of the group. Their goal is to develop a formalized Division of Care of the Elderly over the next two to three years. It should be noted that there is no other program in the country which has a Care of the Elderly Division.

The immediate goal of the COE group is to develop an educational curriculum to provide family medicine residents with exposure to long term care facilities. There is currently no formalized program for this but currently residents can attend nursing homes with their supervisor. A formal program, to have residents spend four half days per year at a long term care facility, will be up and running for July 1, 2007.

Member Reports—IT Web Development

Dr. David Chan highlighted some initiatives the IT team have been involved in ie., developing web-sites for SFHC and MFP, Quality etc.

Members of the IT team:

Tim Tisdall - technical support, server maintenance, application upgrade

Mani Kamyabipour - graphic design, user interface

Paula Best - web-page content support, training, help desk

For IT help, please contact Paula Best at bestpa@mcmaster.ca or 905.525.9140, x28513

Chair's Report—D.Price

Staffing:

The Department will be hiring a few more GFTs and administrative staff over the next few months.

Grand Opening SFHC:

The grand opening of Stonechurch Family Health Centre is scheduled for June 1, 2007. The Minister of Health, George Smitherman, will be in attendance along with Dr. John Kelton and Mr. Murray Martin. More details expected shortly.

Congratulations to the SFHC planning group on the great job done on the education wing!

Branding:

The new logo is available and will be circulated to all administrative staff within the Department. The power point template is available and will be distributed to all faculty and staff within the Department. The template will also be posted under the Visual Identify section of the website.

Newsletter/Department Brief:

The first semi-annual Department Brief (help us think of a name!) will be sent out in June. This will highlight events that have taken place over the last six months.



General Announcements

Trillium will take place **June 1, 2007** and is hosted by the University of Western Ontario. The conference will take place at:
Windermere Manor Conference Centre
200 Collip Circle, London

For further information, please contact Andrea Burt (ajburt2@uwo.ca) or Sandi Richard-Mohamed (srichard@uwo.ca)

DFM Annual Winter Retreat will take place on Saturday, December 15, 2007 at the Warplane Heritage Museum, 9280 Airport Road, Mount Hope, Ontario L0R 1W0.

Please mark your calendars! More details to follow.

No More Members Please!!!

“A little known group in the Department has been meeting monthly for the last couple of years for support & accountability.

It’s called: Teachers of Family Medicine Who Have Survived Early Cardiac Events We Think Are Unfair (and we don’t want to shorten the name)! AND we don’t want any new members (although any qualifiers will be met with open arms)!



We do have some AWESOME achievements to report, however. On March 17th, **Graham Swanson** ran a 5K marathon and on April 16th, **Karl Stobbe** ran the Boston Marathon!”

(Reported by Lori Edey, who runs marathons vicariously but faithfully does aquafit 4-5 times weekly.)

Chair's Corner

Anyone who has ever tried to find a family doctor, knows all too well that there is a severe shortage of family physicians in this country. We, at the McMaster Department of Family Medicine are, very much doing our part. McMaster University, as well, is contributing hugely to the solution. In the recent CaRMS Match, we filled all of our spots. Congratulations must go out to Dr. Liz Shaw, Colleen Willson and the entire CaRMS team of interviewers, organizing, coordinators etc. Well done!

We must also congratulate the medical school and the visionary leaders in our Department who helped organize and fund the FMIG (Family Medicine Interest Group) initiative. McMaster University had 43% of its medical school graduates entire Family Medicine this year. This is far and away the highest percentage of any university in the country. Percentages of other universities ranged from 20- 35%. The national average was around 27%. FMIG is highlighted elsewhere in this newsletter and has been a major part of our success at McMaster.

We still have a long way to go in terms of solving the family physician shortage (crisis) in this country. We are doing our part here: we are expanding our Family Medicine Residency Program; we are involved heavily at the undergraduate level in terms of teaching pre-clerkship, clerkship, pro-comp etc. While there is much work to be done, I think it is appropriate for all of us to take a big breath and pause and recognize the excellent work that has happened here over the last number of years. Our success is a tribute to everyone involved with the Department. My personal thanks to all of you for helping make us part of the health care solution for this country.