OSCEP

The Office of Statewide Clinical Education Programs (OSCEP) is a unit of the Carver College of Medicine’s administration. Established in 1974, OSCEP has principal responsibility for developing and coordinating collegiate outreach programs for medical education and community service. This continuous effort for nearly four decades has resulted in a high level of visibility and trust for the College in Iowa communities.

OSCEP comprises three divisions:
- Community-Based Medical Education
- Community Services
- Information Systems/Workforce Analysis

This report summarizes select 2010-2011 OSCEP activities.

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Community-Based Medical Education Division

- Administered $2.2 million of state grant money.
- Maintained affiliation relationships with the six UI-affiliated Regional Medical Education Centers.
- Provided administrative and educational support for eight residency programs and 152 residents in the Iowa Family Medicine Residency Network.
- Organized and administered an intensive two-day course on Advanced Life Support in Obstetrics for 60 Iowa family medicine residents.
- Planned and coordinated 12 faculty development workshops at the six UI-affiliated Regional Medical Education Centers, serving community-based clinical faculty.
- Placed 154 M1s in 308 shadowing experiences with primary care physicians within a 40-mile radius of Iowa City as part of the Foundations of Clinical Practice II course.
- Coordinated four UI Community Teaching Scholars workshops for 37 participants at the Carver College of Medicine.
- Published semi-annual issues of Around the State, a newsletter for community-based medical educators with a readership over 700.
- Administered the Community-Based Primary Care Clerkship, a four-week required course for 135 M3 students emphasizing community health services in designated Iowa communities.
- Arranged housing for medical students, PA students, and UIHC residents in community settings, and for UI-affiliated residents rotating at the UIHC.
- Processed and tracked 15 requests for adjunct appointments for community-based volunteer faculty.
- Arranged 64 faculty speakers providing 110 teaching visits for the UICCOM Visiting Professor Program at eight community-based residency programs.
Community Services Division

- Provided **recruitment assistance** and related services to 103 communities in 78 of Iowa’s 99 counties through the Medical Practice Development Service.

- Advised and consulted in depth with numerous providers regarding their **practice management** needs, including practices in Charles City, Mt. Pleasant, Nevada, Newton, and Oskaloosa.

- Assisted 93 physicians regarding their **practice searches** including CV preparation, practice preferences, identification of practice opportunities, and employment agreement consultation.

- Administered the **Rural Physician Support Program**, through which physicians in training have covered rural practices 324 times involving 577 weeks of physician absences since 1994.

- Published OSCEP’s **2010-2011 Iowa Medical Practice Opportunities Directory** that provided information on a total of 515 practice openings in family medicine, emergency medicine, general internal medicine, hospital medicine, obstetrics, pediatrics and psychiatry. A similar directory was published for physician assistants and advanced registered nurse practitioners.

- Coordinated the **Fringe Benefits Plan of UI-Affiliates**, covering 3 UI-affiliated Medical Education Centers.

- Critiqued **contracts** for 18 residents and fellows who were considering their first practices after completion of training. Twenty-three (23) other physicians received guidance on specific contract issues and/or referral to an attorney.

- Administered the **UI-Affiliated Medical Liability Insurance Plan** for a group of UI-affiliated Medical Education Centers located in Cedar Rapids, Davenport, Sioux City and Waterloo. Risk management reduced premiums by 9% for 2012.

- Administered and facilitated **Community-Based Residency Network** organizations and interests groups including the **Iowa Family Medicine Residents Council**, **the Community-Based Residency Program Directors, Administrators, Coordinators and Behavioral Science faculty**, all of which regularly face new challenges as graduate medical education continues to evolve.

Regarding the Medical Practice Development Service, one physician writes:
“I want to thank you for all your help in getting me in touch with the right contacts and finding a position in (Indianola) Iowa. My husband and I are very excited for this opportunity and again want to say thank you for your assistance in making this happen.”

Best regards,
Dr. Larissa Ackerson
Information Systems/Workforce Analysis

- Maintained the content of the Iowa Health Professions Inventory, a longitudinal database tracking all of Iowa’s active physicians, dentists, pharmacists, advanced practice nurses and physician assistants.

- Maintained the content of the Resident Information System, a longitudinal database tracking Iowa’s 1,600 family medicine graduates at their practice locations in Iowa and 48 other states.

- Maintained the content of a database documenting the clinical education experiences of UI medical students, residents and physician assistants in community settings across Iowa.

- Produced annual workforce supply reports for each of Iowa’s major health professions.

- Coordinated the deliberations of state-level advisory committees for each of the health professions represented in the Iowa Health Professions Inventory.

- Provided routine and special reports for UI Medicine Administration, UI President’s Office, Office of the Vice President for Medical Affairs, Iowa Department of Public Health, Iowa Hospital Association, and other agencies and organizations.

- Produced data, graphics and tables for internal and external clients in support of more than 50 projects.

- Conducted the Visiting Medical Consultant Clinic (VCC) inventory and produced the Annual VCC Report. Provided VCC data to support scholarly research and publication.

- Coordinated software development for the Visiting Professor Program and software enhancements for the Iowa Health Professions Inventory and Residency Information System.

- Generated data sales ($90,000) to help support OSCEP’s tracking systems and data services.

- Provided technical support for the OSCEP website.

- Collaborated with the University of Iowa College Of Public Health in the production of the Iowa Health Fact Book.

- Under a grant from the American Society of Clinical Oncologists, tested the feasibility of a national census of oncologists.

Pattern of Medical Consultant Outreach Activity
Sites with the Highest Volume of Outreach Activity 2011

*All medical and surgical specialties, except general surgery are included. Vectors connect points of origin with sites where consultant clinics are held. Services are provided by specialty.

Source: Iowa Health Professions Tracking Center, Office of Statewide Clinical Education Programs
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