Around the State

Leadership Changes in Sioux City

The Siouxland Medical Education Foundation recently announced changes in the program leadership. Leah Johnson, M.D., has been named the Interim Executive Director of the Foundation and Michael Jung, M.D. Interim Family Medicine Residency Director. Sue Erickson began work on January 14, 2013 as the new Chief Operating Officer for the program.

Johnson is a native of Albert Lea, Minnesota. She completed her residency in Family Medicine at the Siouxland Medical Education Foundation in Sioux City in 2002. She has served as a Family Medicine Associate Director since August 2002.

Leadership and Staff Changes in Cedar Rapids

David Basel, M.D., Executive Director of the Cedar Rapids Medical Education Foundation (CRMEF) since early 2009, has announced he will be leaving the program in early March. Basel, wife Dayna, daughters Hannah and Ilsa, are moving to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where they have family ties and where Basel will become Director of Quality for the Avera Health System. Dr. Basel leaves behind an excellent record of leadership and praise from many sectors of the Cedar Rapids health care community.

Despite Dr. Basel’s imminent departure, both the residency and its partner clinic will remain in good hands. Robert Beck, M.D., currently the Associate Foundation Director and the Associate Program Director, will become the Interim Director of the Foundation.

Sue Erickson previously served as Director of Network Operations and Organizational Integrity at Mercy Medical Center in Sioux City. She holds a Masters of Administrative Studies from the University of South Dakota.

Jung completed his residency in Family Medicine at the Siouxland Medical Education Foundation in 1983 and has previously served as a Family Medicine Residency Director as well as the Clinical Services Executive Director of CRMEF, pending selection of a permanent Executive Director. Faculty member Craig Davenport, M.D., will step in as the Chief Medical Officer at Linn Community Care.

Dónal Gordon, MD, remains the residency’s Program Director. January also saw CRMEF welcome a new faculty member, Angela Godejohn, M.D. Godejohn comes to CRMEF from the U.S. Navy, where she served as a faculty member at a Naval Family Medicine residency at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, and on the faculty of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. She holds a degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Rochester (NY) and completed medical school at the Uniformed Services University. Godejohn also completed an obstetrics fellowship, which will further strengthen CRMEF’s C-section teaching.
Awards

Breakfast Award Ceremony for Outstanding Educators

Katherine Imborek, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor of Family Medicine and Andrea Venteicher, M.D., Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor of Family Medicine, were honored on November 8, 2012 at the Carver College of Medicine Breakfast Award Ceremony for Outstanding Educators. George Bergus, M.D., Professor of Family Medicine, was recognized for the 10th Anniversary of the Performance-Based Assessment Program. Bergus is the Program’s Director.

Corrine Ganske, Receives Educator of the Year Award

Corrine Ganske, M.D., Iowa Lutheran Family Medicine Residency Director, was named the 2012 Iowa Medical Educator of the Year during the 2012 Iowa Academy of Family Physicians Annual CME Forum and Installation Banquet on Friday, November 2nd, 2012, in Des Moines. The Medical Educator of the Year Award is presented annually to recognize a physician who is providing outstanding quality in Family Medicine education. Nominees are submitted by students, practicing physicians and educators. A former resident of Dr. Ganske’s had this to say about her: “Dr. Ganske is happy to answer questions, even if she is in the middle of her own busy clinic. She encourages residents to develop their own plans and supports their own critical thinking. She helps them to understand the hows and whys of sound medical treatment without undermining their own ideas. I have often left a staffing session with Dr. Ganske feeling both affirmed that my medical knowledge was strong and that I had learned something new, too.”

Broadlawns Resident and Faculty Honored

Carly Quam, D.O., First Year Broadlawns Family Medicine Resident, received a $2500 Farm Bureau Rural Family Medicine Scholarship during the Iowa Academy of Family Physicians (IAFP) Annual Meeting in November, 2012. The purpose of the Farm Bureau Family Medicine Scholarship is:

- To encourage residents upon graduating from an Iowa family medicine residency program, to pursue a medical career in Iowa communities with populations under 10,000.
- To encourage medical students to enter an Iowa family medicine residency and to practice in a rural Iowa community.

Additionally, Joshua Stubblefield, D.O., Broadlawns Medical Center faculty, was awarded the distinction of “Fellow” at the 2012 IAFP Conference.
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Forty Under Forty Award

Anne Gaglioti, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor of Family Medicine at the University of Iowa, is one of 40 honorees chosen in the Corridor Business Journal’s annual Forty Under 40 program. The event spotlights individuals in the Iowa City/Cedar Rapids area who make a significant impact in their community or business and a commitment to community work early in their careers. The dinner was held on October 23rd at the Coralville Marriott where the recipients were recognized as local young leaders of 2012.

Appointments

CRMEF Faculty Member Named Journal Columnist

Dónal Gordon, M.D., Director of the Cedar Rapids Family Medicine Residency, was named one of 10 regular columnists for the Journal of Palliative Medicine. His contributions to the on-line journal can be found at http://palliativejournal.stanford.edu.

Recently Elected President

Steve Craig, M.D., Carver College of Medicine Assistant Dean for Des Moines Consortium Branch Campus, was recently elected President of the Association for Hospital Medical Education (AHME) and will begin his duties as President-Elect at the annual AHME meeting in Las Vegas in May 2013. Craig was also recently asked to serve a three-year term on the Transitional Year Residency Review Committee by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) beginning in July 2013.

Bergus Named Co-Director

George Bergus, M.D., Professor of Family Medicine, has been named the inaugural Co-Director of the Mechanisms of Health and Disease (MOHD) Strand within the revised medical curriculum for the Carver College of Medicine. This is a great honor and it recognizes the expertise that Bergus has developed during his tenure in the Department. The MOHD strand is an important element of the new curriculum, spanning the spectrum of diseases and health through all four years of the curriculum.

Tessier appointed to an AAFP Commission

Joshua Tessier, D.O., Iowa Lutheran Hospital Family Medicine Residency, was appointed to the AAFP Commission on Continuing Professional Development (COCPD) for a four-year term in December 2012.
CRMEF/LCC Apply for PCMH Status

After months of planning and meticulous attention to the application process itself, the Cedar Rapids Medical Education Foundation's clinical partner, Linn Community Care, submitted its application for Patient-Centered Medical Home status in mid-January. Dr. David Basel, Nurse Director Natalie Goyette and Linn Community Care Director of Quality, Neal Currell, led the endeavor.

Broadlawns to Receive Patient Safety Award

Broadlawns Medical Center established a patient safety intervention to identify patients at high risk of readmission, determine barriers to healthcare that may have contributed to the readmission and establish close follow-up with the patient after discharge from the hospital. Using readmission percentages and Fischer exact chi-squared testing, a comparison was made with readmission data from previous years to show that with the interventions readmission rates decreased from 14.7 percent to 8.33 percent.

The Patient Safety Award will be given out on March 6, 2013, at the IHA Patient Safety conference in Des Moines, Iowa.

Funding Awarded for Radon Testing in Plymouth and Surrounding Counties

Barcey T. Levy, M.D., Ph.D., Professor CCOM Department of Family Medicine, and Cynthia K. Wolff, M.D., family physician in Akron, were awarded funding from the Iowa Cancer Consortium for a study to test 625 homes for radon in Northwest Iowa. They will also provide three community forums regarding the dangers of radon. The project started November 15, 2012.

Factoid

Since 1977, the Office of Statewide Clinical Education Programs has conducted annual market demand surveys across all categories of Iowa’s physician employers to ascertain the number of practice opportunities currently available. The survey is done at the same time each year with a response rate above 95%. The accompanying graph shows the demand for general internists in Iowa for the past five years. The advent of hospitalist positions increased the total number of practice opportunities for general internists to more than 80 while the number of openings for primary care internists stayed relatively constant within the total. The demand for hospitalists trended down from 2008 through 2011, but rebounded in 2012 due to hospitals in mid-sized Iowa communities joining their larger urban counterparts in seeking hospitalists.
Physician Publications

Northeast Iowa Medical Education Foundation Active with the ACGME:

Adam Roise, M.D., M.P.H., Assistant Program Director at the Northeast Iowa Family Medicine Residency Program in Waterloo, was recently published in the Journal of Graduate Medical Education. The article, entitled “Defining Scholarly Activity in Graduate Medical Education”, clarifies the definition of scholarly activity across all residencies and proposes a rubric to measure scholarly activity for accreditation purposes. Dr. Roise co-authored the article with representatives from other specialties serving on the ACGME. Please go to this link to read the article. http://www.jgme.org/doi/abs/10.4300/JGME-D-12-00266.1

The article is an outgrowth of Roise’s term on the Family Medicine Residency Review Committee of the ACGME.

Additionally, Northeast Iowa Medical Education Foundation is serving as an alpha test site for the ACGME Family Medicine Milestones Project. The testing will occur during the months of January and February 2013. The purposes of the test are to:

- Obtain information on the usability of the milestones under conditions similar to those in which the milestones will be implemented for accreditation beginning in July 2014;
- Gather information about different ways of conducting the Clinical Competency Committee review; and
- Ascertain the usefulness of the current resident evaluations for informing the milestone semi-annual evaluations.

Andrew Andresen, M.D., and Mark Jones, PharmD, both faculty of the Genesis Quad Cities Family Medicine Residency, were recently published in the journal Trials. The article, “Collaborative Care for Older Adults with Low Back Pain by Family Medicine Physicians and Doctors of Chiropractic (COCOA): Study Protocol for a Randomized Controlled Trial,” was a collaborative effort with Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport. The full article can be found through the following link: http://www.trialsjournal.com/content/14/1/18

Presentations

Joshua Tessier, D.O., and Dan Harkness, PhD., L.M.F.T., presented “Not Just Smoking And Your Father’s MI – The Importance of Family/Social History”, at the STFM Medical Student Education Conference in San Antonio, TX, January 2013.

Department of Family Medicine Researchers Present at NAPCRG

The North American Primary Care Research Group (NAPCRG) is a multidisciplinary organization for primary care researchers, founded in 1972 and oriented to family medicine. NAPCRG’s mission is a volunteer association of members committed to producing and disseminating new knowledge from all disciplines relevant to primary care. NAPCRG has bi-national governance (US-Canada) and international research vision and outreach. NAPCRG’s Annual Meeting is the premier international forum for presenting new knowledge in primary care and advances in research methodology. The following researchers from the Department of Family Medicine made presentations at the 2012 NAPCRG Annual Meeting, December 2012 in New Orleans:

George Bergus, M.D., MA-Ed, Professor of Family Medicine
Jeanette Daly, RN, PhD, Associate Research Scientist
Jeffrey Dawson, ScD, Professor of Biostatistics
John Ely, M.D., MSPH, Professor of Family Medicine
Anne Gaglioti, M.D., Assistant Professor of Family Medicine
Paul James, M.D., Professor and Head, Department of Family Medicine
Barcey Levy, M.D., PhD, Vice Chair for Research, Professor of Family Medicine
Michelle Weckmann, M.D., Assistant Professor of Family Medicine
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