Medical Student Service Project Benefits Newborn Babies

Each year, 24 medical students from the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine complete the majority of their third-year of clinical training at the branch campus in Des Moines. The students rotate through the five teaching hospitals that are part of the Des Moines Medical Education Consortium: Blank Children’s Hospital, Broadlawns Medical Center, Iowa Lutheran Hospital, Iowa Methodist Medical Center, and the VA Central Iowa Health Care System.

This year’s students have been very active in service activities during their time in Des Moines. One new project they launched this year will benefit patients at Broadlawns Medical Center, specifically the babies born at Broadlawns. The group realized that many private hospitals provide newborn babies cute little hats to wear during their stay in the newborn nursery. This service was not being provided to babies born at Broadlawns Medical Center and the students wanted to change that.

With the help of Consortium secretary Wendi Kruger, the students approached several local fabric stores and asked for donations of fleece material and patterns to construct infant hats. One local store (Hancock's Fabrics in Ankeny, Iowa) donated all of the fleece material and the pattern used to sew the hats. The students then organized two different sewing parties to create the hats. The effort resulted in 185 fleece hats that are being donated to the Newborn Nursery at Broadlawns for distribution to newborn babies.

Each hat comes with a label that says, “We hope this hat helps to keep your new baby warm! Hats were made & donated by University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine Medical Students while completing rotations at the Des Moines Branch Campus”.

Below: 185 brightly colored fleece hats that were donated to the Broadlawns Newborn Nursery for distribution to babies born there.

Above: Students at one of the sewing parties. Standing (L to R) Jordan Peterson (M3) & Michael McGarvey (M3). Sitting (L to R) Mike Moriarty (M4), David Janssen (M3), Elizabeth Breitbach (M3), James Moriarty, Kristen Sandvig (M3).
Cedar Rapids Medical Education Foundation Moves Offices

Almost six years after being displaced by the 2008 flood and losing clinic and faculty offices as a consequence, the Cedar Rapids Medical Education Foundation (CRMEF) is preparing to move from its “temporary” office space in the Resource Center behind St. Luke’s Hospital to a more permanent location. This Spring, CRMEF will relocate, making a new home in an office vacated by local specialists. The space has undergone renovations to suit the needs of residents and faculty. Residents and faculty will continue to see patients at their continuity FQHC, Linn Community Care.

Award

Anne Gaglioti, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor with the UI Department of Family Medicine, was awarded The Luella Lesmeister Volunteer of the Year Award. It was given by the State of Iowa 6th Judicial District. The award was in recognition for the Transitions Clinic, which Dr. Gaglioti founded in December 2010 with the Hope House, a halfway house in Coralville for men transitioning back to the community from jail or prison, and the Free Medical Clinic of Iowa City. Dr. Gaglioti makes a home visit to the halfway house once per month and also sees the men at the Free Clinic once per month. Dr. Meghan Connett, faculty with UI Department of Family Medicine, has recently joined her as a second care provider in this program. Dr. Gaglioti states that she is honored to serve this population and to be recognized.

Publications

Kate Jansen, Ph.D, Clinical Assistant Professor with the UI Department of Family Medicine recently published the following: Clark MD, Jansen K, Bresnahan M, Replogle WH. How do antidepressants affect sexual function? The Journal of Family Practice. 2013:62(11):661.

Michelle Weckmann, M.D., Assistant Professor with the UI Department of Family Medicine recently published the following: De Witt Jansen B, Weckmann MT, Nguyen CM, Parsons C, Hughes CM. A cross-national cross-sectional survey of the attitudes and perceived competence of final year medicine, nursing and pharmacy students in relation to end-of-life care in dementia. Palliative Medicine. 2013:27(9):847-854.
New Faculty

Cedar Rapids

Krishna Khanal, M.D., a 2012 graduate of the Cedar Rapids Family Medicine Residency program, joined the Cedar Rapids Medical Education Foundation as a part-time faculty member in February 2014. Khanal completed a Sports Medicine fellowship at the University of Southern Illinois in 2013. He then practiced Emergency Medicine in Cedar Falls, in conjunction with Sports Medicine at the University of Northern Iowa. Initially, Dr. Khanal will assist faculty with call and precepting, in addition to staffing a Sports Medicine clinic at Linn Community Care, the residency continuity clinic.

Sioux City

The Siouxland Medical Education Foundation is pleased to announce the additions of Hemlata Meena, M.D. and Thomas Morgan, M.D. to its faculty. Both Meena and Morgan are members of the American Academy of Family Physicians and will be responsible for the teaching of family medicine residents, medical students and physician extenders, while also providing primary care services at the Family Medicine Center.

University of Iowa

Jennifer A. Johnson, Ph.D., M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor, has joined the Department of Family Medicine at the University of Iowa. Dr. Johnson received her BA from the College of St. Scholastica with a degree in biology and chemistry. She then went on to Michigan State University where she received her Ph.D. in Chemistry and Environmental Toxicology. Dr. Johnson earned her M.D. at Loma Linda University and completed her residency at Allentown Family Practice/Temple University Family Medicine Program. She also completed a fellowship in Geriatrics. Dr. Johnson began her faculty appointment in August 2013 and practices at the UIHC Family Medicine Clinic.

Angela Farrell, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor, has joined the Department of Family Medicine at the University of Iowa. Dr. Farrell received her BA in Biology from Grinnell College. She then went on to the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine to receive her M.D. and complete her Family Medicine Residency. Dr. Farrell began her faculty appointment in September 2013 and practices at the UI’s North Liberty Family Medicine Clinic.
Appointments

James (Jim) Poock, M.D. has been named Executive Assistant Program Director of the Northeast Iowa Medical Education Foundation in Waterloo, effective October 24, 2013. A native of Waverly, Iowa and a former paramedic, Poock attended medical school at the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine and completed his residency with the Northeast Iowa Family Medicine Residency Program in 2002. He then practiced Family Medicine and Emergency Medicine in Waverly until 2006 when he began teaching part-time in the Waterloo residency program. In 2007 he transitioned to full-time faculty. His wealth of clinical experience has brought numerous benefits to the residents, and this promotion reflects his strengths in teaching, communicating with community preceptors, and leadership among a strong faculty group.

Adam Roise, M.D. has been named the Medical Director for the Northeast Iowa Family Medicine Clinic in Waterloo. Roise grew up in North Dakota and attended the University of North Carolina medical school and completed his residency with the Northeast Iowa Family Medicine Residency Program in 2011. Roise joined the residency program faculty in August 2011 and has served on the Milestone Committee of the ACGME, participates in CCOM Community Teaching Scholars, and was physician champion for the successful application to be the first Iowa Family Medicine residency accredited as a Level 3 NCQA-certified Patient-Centered Medical Home. His organizational skills, commitment to Quality Improvement issues and leadership skills make him an excellent choice as Medical Director.

Paul James, M.D., Chair and Head of UI Department of Family Medicine, recently had the opportunity to co-chair the Eighth National Joint Committee on Prevention, Detection, Evaluation, and Treatment of High Blood Pressure (JNC-8). In the culmination of his five plus years of work as a national committee co-chair, a publication was released in the Journal of the American Medicine Association (JAMA) online on December 18, 2013. The “2014 Evidence-Based Guideline for the Management of High Blood Pressure in Adults” is the result of work by the panel members appointed to the Eighth Joint National Committee (JNC 8). Dr. Howard Bauchner, Editor-in-Chief of JAMA, stated in an editorial, “This guideline has been long-awaited and much anticipated, with the last revision of the blood pressure guidelines, the JNC 7 report, having been published in JAMA in 2003.” The guidelines are a departure from previous guidelines and have thrust the committee – and Dr. James – into the media spotlight.

The following URL links to the online article:

Presentation

Cedar Rapids Medical Education Foundation (CRMEF) Clinical Pharmacist, Kelly Hoenig, Pharm.D., and Behavioral Scientist, Neal Sheeley, M.A., have been selected to present at this year’s Spring Conference of the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine in San Antonio, TX. Hoenig and Sheeley will address “Hard Pill to Swallow: Teaching Residents about Medication Adherence.”
After 44 years of exemplary service to the Carver College of Medicine, Roger Tracy, M.A. has stepped down as Assistant Dean and Director of the Office of Statewide Clinical Education Programs (OSCEP) effective December 9, 2013. To assist with the transition in leadership, Carol Alexander, M.A., Ed.S., Associate Director of OSCEP, has assumed the role as Interim Assistant Dean and Director of the office.

Mr. Tracy founded the Office of Statewide Clinical Education Programs in 1973 to develop the Iowa Family Medicine Residency Network as the foundation for what would become the College's Statewide Medical Education System. As part of the statewide system, The Carver College and University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics have formal affiliations with six community-based medical education entities that serve as the University's Regional Medical Education Centers (RMECs) in their corresponding regions. Each RMEC site sponsors one or more residency programs, including the seven UI-affiliated, community-based family medicine residencies.

Under Mr. Tracy's direction, OSCEP has had principal responsibility for developing and coordinating collegiate outreach programs for medical education and community service. His visionary leadership brought about the establishment of the Iowa Health Professions Tracking Center, which tracks all active Iowa physicians, dentists, pharmacists, physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. Using his intimate knowledge of workforce issues for physicians in Iowa, Mr. Tracy has played important roles in bringing primary care physicians back to Iowa and to assisting rural communities and their hospitals with recruiting physicians. Among his many awards, Mr. Tracy received the John B. Sanford Award for Distinguished Service to Iowa Medical Communities from the Iowa Medical Society in 1991, the UI President’s Award for State Outreach and Public Engagement in 2008, and the Iowa Board of Regents Award for Staff Excellence, also in 2008. Throughout his career at the Carver College, Mr. Tracy has been a strong voice for Iowa communities within the College.

We are grateful to Mr. Tracy for his dedication and commitment to both the College and to the State of Iowa and wish him the very best in his retirement.
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