



Department of Family Medicine

Names in the News

Dr. Allyn Walsh:

has been promoted to the rank of Professor in the Department of Family Medicine, effective July 1, 2007. Congratulations Allyn!

Dr. Jack Marlowe:

Passed away on December 26, 2006. Dr. Marlowe was a GFT for many years at the Henderson FPU. Our condolences go out to his family and friends.

Accepted for Publication/Published:

Dr. Rick Tytus - published in Clinical Therapeutics for the TRAIL study. The article can be viewed at:

<http://www.clinicaltherapeutics.com/current.html?6292993.914389072>

Drs. Juan Munoz, Jon Mikle, Russ Springate and Michelle Howard and Janusz Kaczorowski —

Treatment of benign paroxysmal positional vertigo with the canalith repositioning maneuver in family practice: A randomized controlled trial"- accepted for publication by the Canadian Family Physician

Next

Department Meeting

March 22, 2007

75 Frid St.

0800-1000

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PRESENTATION – DISTRIBUTED LEARNING

Drs. Karl Stobbe and Alan Neville were at the Full Department meeting to discuss the distributed learning campuses. Their vision is to have a three-site network of medical school campuses which will allow for collaboration of teaching, research and medical care. The goals of the distributed learning campuses are to:

1. Address the shortage of physicians
2. Address the distribution of physicians
3. Enhance patient care
4. Improve research capacity
5. Maximize the exposure of the students to the communities in the region
6. Recruit, develop and retain educationally-minded clinicians
7. Foster collegial relationships across communities

CHAIR'S UPDATE

Expansion:

Dr. Price recently met with Cam Jackson, mayor of Burlington, and Dr. Mike Mills regarding their vision for Burlington. Stay tuned for further updates.

SFHC:

The education wing at SFHC is coming along well and should be completed by the end of March.

Department Manager:

Patricia Syms-Sutherland has been hired as the new Department Manager. She will begin with us on March 12, 2007. Betty Ho will stay on with us for a few months to help transition Patricia into her new role as well as to work on a number of projects.

REPORTS – POSTGRAD

The CaRMS process is finished. Match numbers should be out on March 14, 2007. Many thanks to Sandra Johnson, Susan Vaughan, Colleen Willson and Shelley Omand for their efforts to ensure this year's CaRMS were a success. Thanks to all faculty for taking part in the interview process.

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REPORTS – RESEARCH

Lisa Dolovich reported that they are working on a process for people who wish to access research resources. A web form will be created which can be sent to Debra Lockey requesting resources. More info to come!

A conference calling service will soon be available for those who need it for research purposes. Debra Lockey will be able to administer this service for you.

REPORTS – FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

Faculty Retreat/Spring Workshop
May 4 & 5, 2007
Travelodge on the Lake, Burlington

Please mark your calendars! Registration information coming soon.

Poster boards will be created for the retreat, to highlight faculty members and years involved in teaching. Please forward an electronic photograph to Dianne Hickey (dhickey@mcmaster.ca), ensuring to include your name and years taught.

INDONESIA

Drs. Lynda Redwood-Campbell and Steve Lloyd shared pictures of their recent trip to Banda Aceh, Indonesia. They participated in an assessment mission from January 21 to February 3, 2007.

During this mission, they conducted a community needs assessment through interviews, public forums, focus group meetings and a pre-assessment questionnaire. They also had the opportunity to review some secondary data regarding community immunization and health. They discovered there is an unmet need for community education around maternal and prenatal health, maternal child health, and humanitarian service (disaster planning and internal refugee) needs.

They are part of the Health Communities Through Medical Education Project which is designed to improve the quality of life through increased competence and capacity leading to self-reliance of the health care system in Banda Aceh.

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CHAIR'S CORNER

It is minus 22 degrees C outside so, of course, my thoughts immediately turn to spring. This is an exciting time for the Department as we move into the next phase of expansion. We will be hearing about our residency match numbers shortly. Kudos to Liz, Colleen and all the rest of the CaRMS volunteers and staff. Without all of your dedication, it would be impossible to even have a chance at being successful on CaRMS match day.

We are in the process of hiring at least three new GFTs, we have a wonderful array of stellar applicants for our research director position, our FHT allied health professionals are now in place, and a number of research projects have recently been funded. All of this expansion etc., is good news for us as a Department. We are going to be well positioned to provide first class education to our residents and other learners, first class care to our patients and start to build on the research that we have undertaken over the last few years.

I believe that we are rapidly moving into a phase where we are going to have to start to actively think about what our Department looks like in the next few years, how we deliver interprofessional care and how we deliver interprofessional education to our wide variety of learners. The challenge for each and every one of us is going to be to adapt and evolve with the changing parameters. A famous quote by George Santayana says, "those who do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it". We could paraphrase this to be "those who do not lead in innovation, are doomed to be second rate".

David