



Names in the News

Next

Department Meeting

June 28, 2007

0800-0930*

Stonechurch Family Health
Centre

1475 Upper Ottawa Street

Education Room H

*please note time

The P-PROMPT project has been announced as a 2007 Innovation Award Finalists under the category Innovations in Health Information Management.

Dr. Lisa Dolovich was selected as a CPhA Centennial Pharmacist. The CPhA selected 100 pharmacists who have made contributions to leading and building CPhA and the profession of pharmacy in Canada.

Dr. Lisa McCarthy was selected as the recipient of the CPhA New Practitioner Award. She is one of the founders of the CPhA/CSHP Primary Health Care Pharmacists Practice Specialty Network, which links closely 50 pharmacists involved in primary health care. The purpose of this network is to provide peer support by sharing tools, resources and experience.

Publications:

Walsh A. Dutiful Delivery. Canadian Family Physician. Volume 53: 624.

Redwood Campbell L, Ouellete V, Rouleau K, Pottie K, Lemire F. International health and Canadian family practice. Relevant to me, is it? Canadian Family Physician Volume 53: 600-602.

Finkelstein MM, Jerrett M: A Study of the Relationships Between Parkinson's Disease and Markers of Traffic-Derived and Environmental Manganese Air Pollution in Two Canadian Cities. Environmental Research 2007;104:420-432..



Chair's Update

Graham Swanson will be stepping down as Faculty Development Coordinator. A gift basket and award was presented to him at the recent Residents Day.

Discussion took place regarding the Carl Moore Lectureship and Annual Faculty Retreat. The group discussed the possibility of having a spring meeting which would focus on professional development. The Carl Moore Lecture would be tied into this and would focus on faculty development. It would therefore, not be a public forum. A retreat would be held later in the year and would focus on goal setting for the Department.

Education Report—Postgrad

The residency program recently matched all positions in the CaRMS match with 51 R1s beginning July 1, 2007. This is an increase from 30 R1s in the year 2000. The breakdown of residents is as follows:

- 16 from McMaster
- 12 from U of T
- 2 from UWO
- 1 from U of Calgary
- 3 from U of Ottawa
- 1 from Queens
- 1 from Memorial
- 1 from McGill
- 1 from UBC
- 1 from USA
- 12 International Medical Grads

This represents a good mix from across the country. 43% of McMaster graduates chose Family Medicine – higher than the national average of 27%.

Education Report—Pre-Clerkship

The MR1 match has taken place. Lynda Redwood is working with Joe Lee to create a new award for pre-clerkship preceptors in the community. Leanne Laing is the new administrative assistant working with the program.

MIME Project—G.Agarwal

The McMaster Family Health Team Inter-Professional Mentorship and Evaluation Program (MIME) is a unique, formal inter-professional Mentorship Program that will be developed, implemented and evaluated within the two Family Health Team (FHT) units. The project questions whether this Mentorship Program affects FHT members' professional satisfaction with their working environment and also whether it increases the depth of understanding about the diverse roles within the FHT environment. Participants will complete Quality of Work Life and Attitudes to Inter-professional Roles questionnaires at the beginning and end of the Program; in between, they will meet several times with their FHT mentorship partner, recording their reflections on the conversation each time.

The MIME project is underway with successful recruitment of 32 pairs of individuals throughout the FHT. All pairs should have received a digital voice recorder in order to record their conversation. Please begin to record your conversations as soon as possible. MIME project staff will attend the units on a regular basis to help download conversations and troubleshoot any problems you may have. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Hilts (hiltsl@mcmaster.ca), Gina Agarwal (agarg@mcmaster.ca) or Jaklyn Andrews (jandrew7@uwo.ca)

PIER Project—C.Risdon

After some minor difficulties getting started, the project is now up and running at both McMaster Family Practice and Stonechurch Family Health Centre.

Quality Project—A.Barbara

The 2nd (3rd?) phase of the Quality project has been funded for just over \$500,000.00. The group will proceed with assessment in five new FHTs across Ontario. A research team, lead by Lisa Dolovich, has been included to this phase of the project. A "Getting Started" workshop for the practices involved has been scheduled for June 28, 2007. Shortly thereafter, the practices will be underway.

Research Report—L.Dolovich

The research group has recently made submissions for new grants. They would like to take CHAP and link it with the FHTs. They have also submitted a proposal to look at the Medcheck Program, which looks at best prescribing practices. The group was successful in receiving a grant to evaluate the Quality project.

A planning retreat to discuss building the Department's program in educational research will be held on Tuesday June 19 at the Marine Discovery Centre.

If you require support for a research project, please go to <http://fammedmcmaster.ca/research> and select Research Support Services Form

Unit Reports—McMaster Family Practice

McMaster Family Practice recently underwent an internal review. The official report will be submitted to the Chair's office within the next month. The unit is anxiously awaiting Dale Guenter's return at the end of June!!

Unit Reports—Stonechurch Family Practice

SFHC has recently hired many new staff members to the unit. Not only have they hired support staff, but also three locums and two new GFTs have recently been hired. Sadly, Dr. Imaan Bayoumi will be returning to Kingston at the end of July. She will be greatly missed!

SFHC is experiencing a baby boom! At least four staff and residents will soon be adding to the baby population. Congratulations to all!

Chair's Corner

I think one of the things that has surprised me the most (and really it shouldn't have, if I had thought about it) is the amount of time and energy that goes towards making a department, such as ours, function.

I have recently been in negotiating meetings with the Ministry and have been impressed by how thoughtful and knowledgeable the Ministry folks are in terms of what we are trying to do in Family Medicine across the province. They, of course, are responsible for funding a great deal of what we do but articulating to them the complexity and breadth of our department and activities has been challenging for me as a new chair. We have so many individuals in so many different places; from Collingwood to Toronto to Niagara who are spending inordinate amounts of time and energy making our department function and allowing us to do the education, clinical service, research, curriculum development etc., that we do. I would like to pay tribute to all of you involved with the department who make this complex organism function and express my thanks to you for your hard work.