

Upcoming Events

Next

Department Meeting

November 22, 2007

0800-1000

SFHC

1475 Upper Ottawa

Education Room H

1st Annual Awards Recognition Dinner

Saturday, December 15, 2007

Warplane Heritage Museum

\$25.00 per person

All members of the Department of Family Medicine are invited to attend our inaugural Awards Recognition Dinner. For further details or if you have not received an email invitation, please contact Dianne Hickey (dhickey@mcmaster.ca) or Suzanne Padhi (padhism@mcmaster.ca)

Please RSVP by November 23, 2007

Names in the News

Funding for CIHR Grant:

Schwartz, L. Adelson N, Elit L, Redwood-Campbell L, Sinding C. Ethics in conditions of disaster and deprivation: Learning from health workers' narratives. \$48,757/year for three years.

Dean's Report—(J.Kelton)

Dr. John Kelton, Dean and Vice-President, Faculty of Health Sciences, was at the meeting to discuss the Faculty of Health Sciences and the Department of Family Medicine.

Dr. Kelton commented on the good relationship that exists between the Department and the Faculty as a whole. The Faculty of Health Sciences began as a nursing school 45 years ago at the General Site. Today, our School of Nursing is one of the largest nursing schools in the country with approximately 1500 nurses enrolling per year. The Faculty of Health Sciences is proud to have the Bachelor of Health Sciences Program which is one of the hardest programs to get into in Canada.

Approximately 40 years ago, the medical school began with 12 students. FHS put in a winning bid to the province and had the opportunity to expand the medical school which doubled in size over a period of six to seven years. There was a shift from teaching students in teaching hospitals to teaching in communities. Eighty sites were set up across the province.

The medical school is also developing a distributive education model which will be more of a community based education model. An integrated model will be used in the satellite schools of medicine in Kitchener/Waterloo, Brampton and Niagara. By next year, there will be approximately 176 students in the School of Medicine where Family Medicine will be the driver. The monies from David Braley have given the Faculty of Health Sciences the opportunity to do something big in the community with opportunities to enhance stem cell research, to initiate an infectious disease centre, and to build a downtown centre for Family Medicine.

Dr. Kelton reported that Family Medicine is once again moving to the forefront with many students making family medicine their first choice. Through the MD expansion and the AFP, Family Medicine has done well.

Downtown Campus:

Dr Kelton felt it important that the new centre for Family Medicine be centrally located. David Braley has provided \$10 million as seed money. Both Drs. Kelton and Price are in discussions with the province to obtain more funding. The Centre would train students/residents in an interprofessional fashion and will reach out to the communities around us. Many thanks to all of the faculty who so willingly give up of their time to train our future family physicians.

Education Report—Postgrad (L.Shaw)

Discussions are ongoing with the City of St. Catharines to build a teaching unit.

Dr. Reg Quart, a previous GFT candidate, will be in the area November 20–22 to look at taking on an administrative role in the new teaching unit.

More faculty are needed to take part in CaRMS. If you are interested, please contact Sandra Johnson (sjohnso@mcmaster.ca)

Education Report—Undergrad (J.Mikle)

Seven groups are currently going through Clerkship. The students have done formal evaluations of the clerkship and some constructive feedback has been received. There will be a meeting on December 13, 2007 to discuss fine tuning the Clerkship experience. The group will discuss having an integrated clerkship in the distance learning sites. This would mean that students would spend eight months in a family physician's office and would have the opportunity to follow patients through surgeries etc.

Dr. Brian Kerley has resigned as one of our distance site coordinators. He will, however, continue to act as a tutor and preceptor.

The 1st block of the MF1 match has recently wrapped up. If are you willing to volunteer your time as a preceptor for any upcoming blocks, please contact Leanne Laing (laingle@mcmaster.ca)

Family Health Team (L.Dykeman)

The Social Work Conference held at SFHC on September 28, 2007 was a great success, with over 90 attendees. Conference planners are hopeful that this conference will become an annual event. Many thanks to Wendy Milburn and Linda Pontrelli for their help in coordinating the day. Thanks also to the many member of our Department who were involved in teaching sessions throughout the day.

Emergency Medicine (K.Sidhu)

Seven clerks are currently going through the Clerkship rotations. EM is trying to promote clerks to follow patients through the hospital environment. The Postgraduate program put through approximately 130 students, with a large number of elective students. Five residents graduated successfully from the EM Residency Program.

Palliative Care (E.Latimer)

As part of the current clerkship, students undertake two half-day tutorials in aspects of palliative care. Palliative Care also conducts a TOSCE exercise, the only of its kind in Canada, in which students are exposed to aspects of interprofessional care.

20 undergrad students recently attended a Palliative Care interest group (the only of its kind in Canada!).

Upcoming in 2008:

Innovations Day (February): This day will focus on four subject areas dealing with cutting edge issues in Palliative Care

Five Days in Palliative Care. Dates TBA

Website (J.Silver)

Jason Silver, our new web programmer, is working on enhancing the Family Medicine website. There have been some big changes in the look and feel over the website over the last few months. Check it out — you may see someone you know!

IMG (I.Schabort)

Dr. Schabort will be running, in conjunction with the Program for Faculty Development, three half-day workshops for teachers of IMGs. Dates of the workshops are:

November 22

January 30

February 28

For more information, please contact Annette Sciarra (sciarra@mcmaster.ca) in Education Services

Kurdish Project (L.Dykeman)

Lynn Dykeman would like to invite staff to be a part of the Kurdish Project Advisory Committee. This Committee will be involved in applying for funding for the Kurdish Family Project and will be involved in assisting the Kurdish Board. Meetings are once a month on Tuesdays from 3 until 5. First meeting is 27 November 2007. at Stonechurch Family Health Centre. The second meeting will be on 8 January 2008. If you are interested in being involved, please contact Lynn Dykeman via OSCAR or Jennifer Gough (goughj@mcmaster.ca) . Please note this project will be a PIER project

C-CHAP Project (T.Karwajaltys)

Tina Karwajaltys presented the results of the C-CHAP Project (Cardiovascular Health Awareness Program). This was a randomized controlled trial rolled out to 39 medium-sized communities across Ontario in the Fall of 2006. Patients over the age of 65 were invited to attend two CHAP sessions where volunteer peer health educators assisted with blood pressure measurement, CVD/stroke risk profile and in handing out educational materials and linking patients with community resources.

The goal of this program was to reduce the annual mean rate of hospital admissions for stroke, acute MI, and CHF (composite score) for residents 65+, using routinely-collected, population-based administrative health data.

Detailed information as to the demographics of the patients etc., is available at http://fammedmcmaster.ca/research/C-CHAP_Report.pdf

Research Report—(T.Karwajaltys)

October was conference month, with 22 presentations being done at Family Medicine Forum and eight posters, one workshop and two oral presentations being presented at Napcrg.

Two new grants have been funded and one letter of intent has been submitted. If you have any information to share re: funding, publication etc., please let Deb Farquhar know (dfarquh@mcmaster.ca)

Academic Forum is scheduled for November 29, 2007. A copy of the notice has been attached to the end of the newsletter.

A poster training session has been scheduled for Friday, November 30, 2007, 12:00—1:00 in HSC 2V7. If you would like to attend, please contact Dawne Corkill (corkill@mcmaster.ca)

Chair's Report (D.Price)

As you may know, Lisa Dolovich, is our new research director, effective October 15, 2007. Please stay tuned for more information as to the future of research within the Department. Exciting times are ahead!

Please remember that email is not a confidential form of communication. For those in the units, please ensure to use OSCAR for any discussions concerning patients etc. Please also remember that confidentiality, especially in a clinical environment, is essential. OSCAR programmers are currently working on guidelines for those who have access to clinical charts, with staff having tiered levels of access according to their needs.

Dr. Dave McCann will start with the Department as of December 1, 2007. Dr. McCann is originally from Canada but has been residing in Georgia for the last few years. He has an interest in disaster medicine and will bring an interesting new dimension to the Department.

Alternate Funding Plan:

Phase 3 of the AFP will soon be rolled out. These funds will help to free up the Clinical Practice Plan and will allow the Department to increase capacity and hire more staff or allied health professionals as needed.

Many thanks to Dr. John Kelton for providing a very stimulating and thoughtful presentation. We look forward to having him back at some point in the future.

Department of Family Medicine Academic Forum

Research in Primary Care Medical Education

✦ **Renewal of the Behavioural Science Curriculum using Appreciative Inquiry**

Joyce Zazulak MD, Department of Family Medicine, McMaster University

Appreciative Inquiry (AI) is a process of inquiry that helps to better understand the positive potential and root causes of success of any group/ organization. Focus groups were conducted with the first and second year residents as well as the Behavioural Science tutors using AI methods. The information obtained from the focus groups was then used to inform a Behavioural Science curriculum renewal.

✦ **Evaluation of Using a Practice-Based Small Group Learning Approach to Acquire Effective Feedback Skills**

Allyn Walsh MD, Department of Family Medicine, McMaster University

This project aimed to assess the feasibility of a novel faculty development approach (facilitated small group discussion using prepared educational modules with role-playing scenarios) by developing the feedback skills of medical teachers, in a variety of settings. Evaluation results will be presented highlighting: key ingredients that promote an effective faculty development session; factors effecting delivery of feedback in the practice setting; and the impact on clinician teachers and their learners.

✦ **Development and Evaluation of the Family Practice Simulator**

Lisa Dolovich BScPhm PharmD MSc, Department of Family Medicine, McMaster University

The Family Practice Simulator (FPS) was created as a training experience for pharmacists about to integrate into family practice. The FPS simulates a family practice office complete with physicians, patients, nurses, office staff. The components of the FPS will be described and qualitative and quantitative results from the evaluation of various facets of the FPS experience will be provided.

November 29, 2007, 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

MDCL Rm. 3023, McMaster University campus

The Department of Family Medicine Academic Forum provides an opportunity for presentation and discussion of research and related academic scholarship relevant to family practice. Each event will typically feature 2-3 speakers who will present on related projects or topics, followed by time for discussion. We welcome anyone with an interest in the presentations, including faculty, staff, residents, and students from other departments and research groups affiliated with McMaster University, decision makers, and community primary health care providers.

