

Upcoming Events

Next

Department Meeting

October 25, 2007

0800-1000*

SFHC

1475 Upper Ottawa

Education Room H

*our special guest will be Dean John Kelton. Dr. Kelton will give an update on the Faculty of Health Sciences and will also discuss the Downtown Campus.

ALL staff we invited to attend.

1st Annual Awards Recognition Dinner
Saturday, December 15, 2007
Warplane Heritage Museum

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 note that numbers are limited so please RSVP as soon as possible

Names in the News

Congratulations to Dr. Lisa Dolovich who has accepted the position of Research Director for the Department of Family Medicine

Congratulations to Michelle Howard who successfully completed her PhD in Health Research Methodology

Dr. Russ Springate will extend his term as Unit Director of MFP until late spring, 2008. He will also work on the FHT model and FHT clinical practice.

Barb Flaherty, social worker at McMaster Family Practice will be leaving the unit for another job opportunity. We wish Barb success in her new job. She will be greatly missed!

Education Report—Postgrad (L.Shaw)

CaRMS is fast approaching! There are five interview dates this year:

February 1 (IMG)

February 2, 3, 8, 9 (Canadian)

Volunteers are needed! If you would like to volunteer, please contact Sandra Johnson at sjohnso@mcmaster.ca or 905.521.2100 x73800.

Many thanks to all of you who continually give of your time for these events. Your help is much appreciated!

Education Report—Undergrad (J.Mikle)

The Undergraduate Program is in the process of reanalyzing and changing Clerkship after the last eight rotations. The evaluation process, including the exam, will be changed.

MF1

The first batch of students (164) has begun. Volunteers for the next block (Nov-Dec) are needed. Involvement is one-half day per week for the six-week block.

Oct 25 FMIG Open House

Please note the date of the upcoming FMIG open house. Venue TBA.

Education Report—Faculty Teaching

Please remember to return teaching contribution forms to Terri Lyons at 905.521.5594 or tlyons@mcmaster.ca. It is important for the Department to capture teaching hours as education credits represent approximately 20% of our operating income.

If you have had any teaching involvement over the past year, please contact Terri.

Family Health Team (L.Hilts)

The FHT is currently in negotiations with the MOHLTC for next year's budget. They are negotiating for increased pharmacy support and are also hoping for OT/PT support.

The last two FHT retreats have been successful with the group starting to look at different ways to deliver care.

The FHT recently hosted a Social Work conference at Stonechurch Family Health Centre. Over 100 social workers from across the province attended.

MyOSCAR (D.Chan)

The first national OSCAR user group meeting will take place at Family Medicine Forum. The first My OSCAR workshop will take place at FMF and the MyDrugRef will be unveiled at the National EBM Teachers meeting.

Research Report (L. Dolovich)

The DFM and other colleagues from McMaster will be participating in an academic consortium that will be responding to the Ontario MOHLTC request for proposals to evaluate Family Health Teams from an across Ontario perspective. If the consortium is successful, this initiative is expected to last five years and involve approximately 60 researchers from across Ontario. The results of this consortium will help form the basis for the way primary care is performed in Ontario.

At each department meeting, someone will be asked to take two to three minutes to present some research results based on research generated within the Department. Stay tuned!

Congratulations to those who were awarded research funding over the past few months. Congratulations also to those who had papers published over the last few months and to those involved in the 20 letters of intent submitted to various agencies over the last few months.

There will be an upcoming Academic Forum in December on Medical Education. Date TBA.

Our Role as Educators Group (J.Zazulak)

The Educators group meets four times per year. The group is used as a forum for individuals to discuss their research or to practice workshops with their colleagues.

Stay tuned for the next meeting date.

Shelter Health Network (D.Guenter)

The Shelter Health Network is made of up seven family physicians, two psychiatrists and one internist. They provide medical care to the inner city population. The group's goal is to make lives better at the same time as treating medical issues that arise.

Unit Reports—Maternity Centre (C.Good)

Ms. Claudia Steffler has stepped in as the Acting Director. The unit has recently hired Sue Robinson, a nurse practitioner, who will be at the Centre three days per week. Alison Young, new social worker will be at the Centre two days per week.

The Centre is looking forward to its 2500th baby some time in the next month or two. They hope to have the media involved in this celebration..

MIME Report (G.Agarwal)

Dr. Gina Agarwal presented the results of the MIME research study. Overall job satisfaction among participants is rated at 86%. 94% of staff indicating they would recommend their unit (either MFP or SFHC) to someone seeking a job.

Kurdish Population Presentation (I.Schabort/L.Dykeman)

SFHC and MFP have a large Kurdish population. There are currently 3500 Kurds in Hamilton which is the largest population in Canada. Dr. Schabort and Lynn Dykeman are working together to meet with the Kurdish patients on a weekly basis to help educate them about our health care system etc.

The group faces many challenges with this population (cultural issues, language barrier) and are working to overcome the many challenges the Kurds are faced with on a daily basis. The group hopes to make an application for funding so that the Kurdish people can have a community centre where they can come together.

After some discussion, it was suggested that a working group be created in order to look at some of the issues facing the Kurdish people and discuss ways to address the issues. If you would like to be involved with this group, please contact Lynn Dykeman (lynnd@cogeco.ca) or Inge Schabort (ischabo@mcmaster.ca).

For a complete copy of the report circulated by Lynn and Inge at the meeting, please contact Jennifer (goughj@mcmaster.ca)

Chair's Report (D.Price)

The Department is currently recruiting for four GFT positions. Many thanks to those have been involved in the interview process and who have provided feedback. Your involvement is greatly appreciated.

Negotiations continue to take place regarding funding for the distance learning sites and for the downtown campus

The Department is in good shape financially

Chair's Corner (D.Price)

It really feels like spring out there doesn't it? Even though the leaves are turning colour and falling there is an excitement and a buzz around Family Medicine. We have a number of new teaching units beginning to bud (Kitchener Waterloo, Brampton and not far behind, St. Catharines and Burlington).

We are welcoming new members into our two teaching units and we have brand new preceptors in both the rural and CBRT programs. It really is an exciting time for Family Medicine. As we undergo a rather massive expansion in our residency numbers as a result of the medical school expansion, there are amazing opportunities for us. In the Hamilton Spectator of October 9, 2007, the Dean spoke almost exclusively about Family Medicine. Family Medicine is the hot spot. There are going to be enormous opportunities as we move forward over the next five years and I believe that our Department is uniquely poised to capitalize on these opportunities. The reason that we are poised is due to the energy, the optimism, the hard work and the skill of all of our full- and part-time members.

I look forward to working with you to take advantage of these many opportunities as our Department continues to go and build on our previous accomplishments. I have no doubt that our Department is going to be known by medical students as the place where they want to go to do their family medicine residency and I have no doubt that we will be providing leadership in areas of research and primary care model development; not only here in the province but across the country.