

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

FAMILY MEDICINE NEWS

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Awards & Honors

Congratulations to Dr. David Bedell, Associate Professor of Family Medicine, for receiving a Carver College of Medicine Collegiate Teaching Award.

Best Doctors in America

Nine faculty members from the Department of Family Medicine are included in the *Best Doctors in America* 2005-2006 database. Drs. David Bedell, Jill Endres and Jason Wilbur join Drs. George Bergus, Rick Dobyns, John Ely, Paul James, Barcey Levy and Kelly Skelly who were listed in the 2004-2005 database.

The *Best Doctors in America* database is a valued resource that contains the names and professional profiles of approximately 32,000 of the best doctors in the United States. An exhaustive peer-review survey by thousands of doctors determines the doctors included in the database. Only those doctors who earn the consensus support of their peers are included. Doctors cannot buy listings; for this reason, listing in the *Best Doctors in America* database is a remarkable honor. The Best Doctors database includes the top 3% to 5% of specialists in each country where Best Doctors is present. Over the past 15 years, Best Doctors has developed a database of over 50,000 specialists in more than 30 countries around the world, in 40 specialties and over 400 subspecialties of medicine.

Dobyns Appointed Interim Director of UIHC Palliative Care Service

Richard Dobyns, MD (1986 Residency Alum), Professor of Family Medicine, was named Interim Director of the UIHC Palliative Care Service in October. The service has existed for ten years and operates the Palliative Care Unit which is a six-bed specialized nursing unit. Dr. Dobyns is board certified in Hospice and Palliative Medicine, which will become an AGCME certified specialty in 2006. The Palliative Care Service includes one chaplain, three nurses, and is supported by the Holden Comprehensive Clinical Cancer Center.

Dr. Michelle Weckmann, 2005 graduate of the Family Medicine-Psychiatry Program, and Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, leads a group of physicians from six different medical specialties that assist Dr. Dobyns in providing consultative services for end-of-life patients in the Unit. Other members of the group include Drs. Oladipo Kukoyi (Family Medicine-Psychiatry), Richard Leblond (Internal Medicine), Janetta Tansey (Psychiatry/Ethics), Anne Sullivan (Family Medicine), John Ely (Family Medicine), Steven Wolfe (Family Medicine), Jason Wilbur (Family Medicine), David Bedell (Family Medicine) Susan Schulz (Geriatric Psychiatry), and Michael Maharry (Family Medicine), Jason Hughes (Emergency Medicine), Tom Carlisle (Internal Medicine Oncology) and Vicki Lim (Internal Medicine Nephrology). The Family Medicine Residency Program on-call residents provide coverage duties for the Palliative Care Service.

Didactics

Family Medicine Conferences are held Monday, Wednesday and Friday noon hours 12:15-1:15 pm for residents, faculty, support staff and visiting physicians. The UI Carver College of Medicine designates each program in this educational activity for a maximum of 1.0 category I credit toward the AMA Physician's Recognition Award. In addition, the Family Medicine conferences have been reviewed and are acceptable for one "prescribed" hour by the American Academy of Family Physicians. A monthly conference scheduled is distributed to area physicians and alumni, and a weekly conference schedule is posted in the Residents Room, the Residency Office and on the Family Medicine Website. Contact: Linda Hoover (phone 319/384-7507; email linda-hoover@uiowa.edu)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Family Medicine Refresher Course is scheduled **April 4-7** at the Iowa Memorial Union. The course is sponsored by the Department of Family Medicine. The purpose of the course is to provide practicing family physicians a comprehensive overview of clinical issues relevant to contemporary family medicine. Lectures, case presentations, opportunities for questions and answers, a printed course syllabus – all combine to create a fast-moving and useful educational experience. The course should prove especially useful for those preparing themselves for examination by the American Board of Family Practice. Brochures will be mailed in February. For further information contact Pamela Hoogerwerf by telephone phone 319/384-7517 or email: pamela-hoogerwerf@uiowa.edu.

On line applications are available at www.uihealthcare.com/depts/med/familymedicine/news/refreshercourse/index.html.

For those who did not register on-line last year, you must first CREATE an ACCOUNT. If you registered on-line last year, please use your login ID and password from 2005 to avoid record duplication. If you do not have last year's information, please contact The Center for Conferences at 1-800-551-9029.

Family Medicine Alumni Reception is scheduled **April 6**, 5:30-7:30 pm in the North Room of the Iowa Memorial Union. Current and former faculty, residents, staff and friends of the residency program are invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served. The reception is held in conjunction with the annual Family Medicine Refresher Course April 4-7, 2006. Invitations were mailed in January. For further information contact Linda Streb Hoover (phone 319/384-7507; email: linda-hoover@uiowa.edu).

Graduation Banquet – The 2006 Family Medicine Graduation Banquet is scheduled Saturday, **June 17**, in the Ballroom of the Iowa Memorial Union. The event honors 2005 Family Medicine residency and fellowship graduates: Jessica Lutz, DO (family medicine), Carver Nebbe, MD (family medicine-psychiatry) Sharon Steen, MD (family medicine), Andrea Venteicher, MD (family medicine), Katrina Cannon, MD (geriatrics fellowship) and Cynthia Weber, Pharm.D. (pharmacy residency).

PRESENTATIONS, POSTERS & PUBLICATIONS

Hilary Buri, M2, participated in the Department of Family Medicine summer research program in 2004, and collaborated with Drs. Jeanette Daly, Arthur Hartz and Gerald Jogerst to produce the paper titled "Factors Associated with Self-reported Elder Mistreatment in Iowa's Frailtest" to be published in the journal *Research on Aging*. Hilary has been chosen as the first place winner of the first Rosalie S. Wolfe Memorial Award for Best Student Paper/Poster. Chosen for "excellence in research and best treatment of the topic of elder abuse" this award was issued by the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA) in association with the International Association of Gerontology.

RESIDENCY NEWS

Residency Recruitment and Match – The Family Medicine Department sponsors three training programs for medical students interested in family medicine careers: a three-year Family Medicine Residency Program, the three year Pella Rural Track Residency Program and five-year combined Family Medicine-Psychiatry Residency Program. Candidate interviews were completed weekdays November through January for July 2006 positions. The National Resident Matching Program results will be announced March 16th.

Residency Calendar

February 2	Pharmaceutical Forum
February 7	First-Year Resident Class Meeting
February 9	Pharmaceutical Forum
February 14	Resident & Faculty Meeting
February 16	Pharmaceutical Forum
February 21	Second and Third-Year Resident Class Meetings
February 28	Residency Forum (All Class) meeting