

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA FAMILY MEDICINE NEWS

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AWARDS AND HONORS

Congratulations are in order to Dr. Anne Sullivan, who received an "Above and Beyond Award" initiated by a grateful patient for care received. And to Dr. Rick Dobyns, newly elected Carver College of Medicine Executive Committee member. Congratulations also go to the research group, led by Dr. Barcey Levy, for obtaining funding from AHRQ for the Wellmark Incentive Support to Encourage Quality Improvement. And congratulations to Dr. George Bergus whose proposal "The SOCE: An alternative use of standardized patients to evaluate the clinical skills of medical students" has been approved for funding.

US News & World Report has ranked nine University of Iowa colleges and graduate programs among the top 10 best in the United States, and an additional 10 in the top 25 when compared with other public and private universities. The Carver College of Medicine was ranked 4th in Rural Medicine, 11th in Primary Care, 12th in Family Medicine, and 30th for Research.

STAFF NEWS

Resignation – Susan Langbehn, MD, Assistant Professor of Clinical Family Medicine, accepted a faculty position in a community-based program in Anderson, South Carolina. Dr. Langbehn is a 1993 graduate of the University of Iowa Family Practice Residency Program, and a faculty member in the Department of Family Medicine since 1993. She is also the current President of the Iowa Academy of Family Physicians. A farewell reception is scheduled Wednesday, **May 24**, 4:00-5:00 pm.

Welcome – Tom Feldman and Ed Bracket are new "IT gurus" for the Family Care Center. Tom will be available to assist with IPR and other electronic medical record issues. Ed will assist with quality improvement group to monitor and assess clinical quality.


PRESENTATIONS, POSTERS & PUBLICATIONS

STFM News – Drs. George Bergus, Jerry Jogerst, Kelly Skelly and Jason Wilbur will attend the upcoming Society of Teachers of Family Medicine 39th Annual Spring Conference **April 26-30** in San Francisco. Dr. Bergus and his co-presenters will present "Practical Tips for Preparing Fundable Training Grant Applications." Dr. Jogerst and his co-presenters will present "Tools for Teaching Geriatrics in Family Medicine." Dr. Skelly is presenting "Teaching Faculty to Educate Learners About Accurate Coding and Documentation." Dr. Wilbur has been selected as a recipient of the 2006 New Faculty Scholar Award. As award recipient he will attend various STFM Foundation activities in addition to Annual Meeting sessions.

Russian Invitation – Paul James, M.D., Professor and Head, Department of Family Medicine and Iowa Academy of Family Physicians Endowed Chair in Rural Medicine, and Gerald Jogerst, M.D., Professor of Family Medicine, Mary Ristine Brodie Geriatrics Education Professor, and Director of Geriatrics Fellowship will attend the All-Russia Conference devoted to the 10th anniversary of the Department of Family Medicine at St. Petersburg Medical Academy of Postgraduate Studies **May 15-16**. Theme for the conference is "Family Medicine: Science, Practice and Training". Drs. James and Jogerst will give presentations on "Family Medicine in USA: Priorities of Development" and "Elderly Patients", respectively. The University of Iowa Department of Family Medicine and Saint Petersburg Medical Academy of Postgraduate Studies (MAPS) collaborated over the past ten years to training family medicine teachers who are now working at MAPS.

NAPCRG – The annual North American Primary Care Research Group meeting is scheduled **October 15-18**, 2006 in Tucson, Arizona. NAPCRG is a multidisciplinary organization for primary care researchers. Research abstracts will be submitted by Elizabeth Clark, Jeanette Daly, John Ely, Art Hartz, Barcey Levy, Mary Merchant, Terri Nordin, Yinghui Xu and Paul James.

Publications -- At a February meeting of the Association of Departments of Family Medicine, Chapel Hill researchers shared information from their study which examined literature being published by the most prolific publishing Departments of Family Medicine in the country. As shown below, our department was ranked second in the category of number of research publications in 2003.



11 Most Prolific Publishing Departments, 2003

	# Articles	# Authors	% Art by Top Publisher	% Art w/ Extern Fund	% Art in FM Jrnls	# Art in Top Jrnls
U Washington	33	39	21%	50%	36%	0
U Iowa	31	19	16%	52%	10%	0
MUSC	30	21	47%	64%	27%	0
UCSF	24	16	21%	70%	21%	2
U Pittsburgh	22	13	50%	68%	9%	1
U Michigan	20	15	35%	77%	15%	1
UNC-Chapel Hill	19	13	26%	91%	16%	1
U Missouri-Colum	19	13	26%	67%	5%	0
U Colorado	18	15	33%	79%	39%	0
U C Davis	18	9	39%	58%	33%	1
U Kansas	18	9	67%	54%	6%	0

Reuben Widmer Library – Dedra Diehl, Family Medicine librarian, announces new CD's have been added to the Audio Digest Family Practice collection, which is located in the large file cabinet (second drawer) at the back of the Reuben Widmer Library. Cardiovascular Concerns; Lies, More Lies, and Lawyers—Why the Law Can Suit You; and Pediatric Dilemmas. Other new CD's are from the Audio-Digest: Internal Medicine collection and also from Journal Watch include Stroke Prevention/ In-Hospital Health; COPD Guidelines/ Smoking Cessation; and Geriatric Concerns: Dementia/Falls. The CD's have been provided by a gift from the very same Dr. Widmer: There are also older Audio-Digest audiotapes available in the top drawer of the same file cabinet. Each drawer has a quick legal-pad check-out system.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MUST– The Department of Family Medicine Predoctoral Education Program sponsors the Medically Underserved Service Track (MUST). The Spring 2006 MUST Keynote Event is scheduled Tuesday, **May 2**, 6:30 pm in the Atrium Dining and Conference Center. Robert McKersie, MD, Family Medicine physician, Chicago Family Health Care Center, will present “In the Foothills of Medicine: A Young Doctor’s Journey from the Inner-City of Chicago to the Mountains of Nepal”.

Graduation Banquet – The 2006 Family Medicine Graduation Banquet is scheduled Saturday, **June 17**, in the Ballroom of the Iowa Memorial Union, with a 6 pm social hour, 7 pm dinner and 8 pm program to honor 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 Fellow), and Cynthia Weber, Pharm.D. (pharmacy residency).

RESIDENCY NEWS

Chief Residents – Drs. Neha Shah and Lisa Van Hofwegen were elected by their peers to serve as Chief Residents for 2006-2007. Drs. Shah and Van Hofwegen will attend the 2006 Chief Resident Leadership Development program sponsored by the American Academy of Family Physicians May 18-20 in Kansas City. They will also attend the AAFP’s 2006 Scientific Assembly in Washington DC September 27-October to continue their skills development and participate in policy-making process of organized medicine.

New Residents – Aaron Berg (University of North Dakota), Nathaniel Jones (University of Iowa), Matthew Nessetti (International University of Health Sciences, St. Kitts) and Akash Shah (University of Iowa) will enter the Family Medicine Residency Program July 1, 2006. Dr. Aaron Olson accepted a second-year family medicine position beginning July 1. Dr. Olson is a 2005 graduate of the Medical College of Wisconsin and is transferring from the LaCrosse-Mayo Family Medicine Residency. Stephen Pallone (Medical College of Virginia) and Benjamin Shepherd (University of Illinois-Rockford) will join the Family Medicine-Psychiatry program July 1, 2006.

Residency Calendar

May 2	First-Year Resident Class Meeting; Family Medicine Conference Room; 12:15-1:00 pm
May 9	Second -Year Resident Class Meeting; Family Medicine Conference Room; 12:15-1:00 pm
May 16	Third-Year Resident Class Meeting; Family Medicine Conference Room; 12:15-1:00 pm
May 17	Residency Committee Meeting; Family Medicine Conference Room; 1:00-2:00 pm
May 23	Residency Forum (All Classes Meeting); Family Medicine Conference Room; 12:15-1:00 pm