MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Happy New Year! The old one was good for the Department, as you can see by the number of accomplishments listed in this newsletter and the last year’s worth of issues. The new one is promising, as well. There are many things that make me think so, but the most important theme among them is teamwork. Our research teams have been steadily raising the bar, and the CBAS team is making a serious mark in the world of educational assessment. Most exciting to me as we continue our journey toward the Medical Home transformation is the teamwork in our clinics.

I was privileged to see an overview of that teamwork at this fall’s Accelerating Primary Care conference. Mirella Chiodo and our quality coordinators Cheryl Berezan from the Grey Nuns, Leslie Bortolotto at the Royal Alex, Sharon Cunningham from Northeast, and Karianne Hannak from the Misericordia gave an absolutely amazing concurrent session on how they are helping the clinical teams manage the changes we’ve accomplished already, and those we are undertaking in the next few years. Getting a chance to stand up on the hilltop and see how far we’ve come, I was impressed again with what we’ve done, and encouraged that we’re more than up to the challenges health care in Alberta faces.

I also have to comment on some sad news: we start our new year without our innovative and energetic undergraduate program director, Dr. Amy Tan. As of the start of the year she is in the same position at the University of Calgary. We wish her well there, and she certainly will do well there! We’re grateful for the outstanding work she did here, helping lead major innovations and improvements to the MD program curriculum. Her work raised the profile of Family Medicine, to the benefit of students who will choose Family Medicine careers and those who will become our Royal College specialty colleagues.

And finally, a thank-you to Dr. Michael Kolber, who has stepped into the breach to provide his leadership skills as interim while we conduct a search for a permanent undergraduate director.

If there’s anything we can confidently expect in the new year, it is change. If there’s any team that can not only handle it but lead it and thrive on it, it’s us!

- Dr. Lee Green

JANUARY 2016 GRAND ROUNDS

Addressing Lifestyle Factors in Family Medicine: The CHANGE-5AsT
with presenters Dr. Denise Campbell-Scherer and Dr. Doug Klein.

January 21, 2016
8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Bernard Snell Hall (University Hospital)

Doors open at 7:30, speakers 8:00 - 9:00, Q&A 9:00 - 9:30.
PRIVACY & SECURITY AWARENESS TRAINING

All university employees who access the university’s information technology resources or personal information are required to take privacy and security awareness training, and complete a privacy and security acknowledgement. The reasons for this are set out at: https://privacyandsecurity.ualberta.ca/.

A direction to complete this initiative will be rolled out on a unit-by-unit basis in the coming months. However, you can complete the training and acknowledgement at any time by following the link set out above. Thanks very much for your participation in this initiative.

The quizzes will take roughly 25 minutes but can be done as separate modules. You will all see the link and instructions on the right hand side of your GMAIL main page. Log in through there and it will document your CCID. Once you have completed the Privacy and Security modules the third step is to complete the acknowledgement.

Enter Mirella Chiodo’s email address (listed below) in the space provided to provide notification that you have completed the course.

If you have any questions, please contact Mirella at mirella.chiodo@ualberta.ca.

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

Family Medicine Interest Group Mix N Mingle Seeking Physician Participants

The Family Medicine Interest Group (FMIG) has just started planning the Family Medicine Faculty Mix N Mingle event, which will occur Wednesday, February 10, 2016 from 6:00-7:30 pm.

FMIG is hoping to recruit around 10 family physicians with a variety of practices to participate in the event, talking to year one and two medical students about the many different practice interests in family medicine. Please let Erika Siroski know if you are interested in attending this function at erika.siroski@ualberta.ca.

2016 CARMS SCHEDULE

CaRMS is underway! Here is a list of important CaRMS dates.

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| Ranking Meeting         | Thursday, February 4, 2016
|                         | 8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
|                         | Room 6-10 University Terrace                     |
| CaRMS Ranking Deadline  | Thursday, February 10, 2016 @ 14:00 ET           |
| CaRMS Match Day         | March 2, 2016 @ 12:00 ET (Wednesday)             |

If you have questions about residency, please contact Cindy Heisler: cindy@ualberta.ca.
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

FREzER

The Faculty Resident Education Extravaganza and Retreat (FREzER) will be here soon!

March 11 - 13, 2016
Jasper Park Lodge
Jasper, AB

Program Highlights
March 11 - Chair’s Reception at 19:30
March 12 - Alberta AIM workshop for faculty and residents from 09:00 to 11:00 (including special guest Dr. Rob Wedel)

Watch your inbox for upcoming registration details!

Interprofessional Eye Care Forum

You are invited to the inaugural Interprofessional Eye Care Forum
January 23, 2016
7:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Maple Leaf Room, Lister Conference Centre, University of Alberta

The program is open to family physicians, emergency physicians, ophthalmologists, optometrists, residents, students and other eye care professionals. The goals of this forum are to focus on patient-centred emergency eye care, promote diverse as well as collaborative interprofessional perspectives and foster mutual understanding and collegiality.

For registration and more information please visit http://www.cvent.com/d/yfqlw0 or www.cvent.com/events/interprofessional-eye-care-forum-2016/event-summary-e7448fd435c64314bd0409973c6bcb81.aspx

The planning team consists of Drs. Samuel Bouche, Karenn Chan, Karim Damji, Dennis Lefebvre and Carlos Solarte.

PUBLICATIONS

A Better2 publication was recently included on the list of highly accessed articles in the open access journal Implementation Science. Congratulations to the BETTER2 team: Donna Manca, Denise Campbell-Scherer, Ginetta Salvalaggio and Carolina Aguilar. The publication, which was cited in the November 2015 Family Matters Newsletter, can found in Implementation Science at dx.doi.org/10.1186/s13012-015-0299-9.


FACULTY AND STAFF INFORMATION

2016 Community Connections Awards

The Community Connections Awards recognize those who embody the spirit of the University of Alberta’s promise of “uplifting the whole people.” If you know individuals, teams of community members, faculty, staff, students, or post-doctoral fellows who should be recognized for their community service activities such as volunteer work, public speaking, school visits, or other outstanding community service, please nominate them for this award.

The awards honour the positive impact of nominees on communities near and far, as well as their impact on the university. Click here to find out more about the awards and how to make a nomination.

The nomination deadline is January 29, 2016.

Upcoming DoFM Meetings and Events

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New Year, New Family Medicine Website!

Department staff have been quietly working behind the scenes for the last few months to re-build the Department of Family Medicine website.

The new site will feature a cleaner look and better compatibility with hand-held devices.

User Acceptance Testing (UAT) is anticipated in January, and we hope to go live in February. Watch your email and the newsletter for updates!

Newsletters

Global Health Weekly

December 17, 2015

ABOUT FAMILY MATTERS

Family Matters is the monthly Department of Family Medicine newsletter highlighting the work of department faculty, staff and researchers. If you have news or information for Family Matters, please send it to danica.erickson@ualberta.ca.