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MFA Collaborative Research Program Kicks Off

Medical Faculty Associates, the GW School of Medicine, and the Office of the Vice President for Research (OVPR) announce a jointly funded \$500,000 program to foster collaborative research between faculty in the MFA and faculty who hold a primary appointment in any school at GW. The major goal of these collaborative research projects is to firmly establish strong research partnerships and to generate preliminary data that will lead to future NIH grant application(s). Pertinent details follow:

1. Size and duration of the award:
One year at \$50K - \$100K
2. Application Deadline: **May 1, 2010**
3. Grant proposals of no more than 1200 words comprised of the following sections:
 - (i) Specific aims including hypotheses to be tested and the impact;
 - (ii) Significance, innovative aspects and approach;
 - (iii) How will the study lead to a future NIH application?

Successful applications will be those evidencing potential for strong collaborations, sound science, and a strategy that will lead to successful extramural funding.

Contact askovpr@gwu.edu for complete requirements and to submit applications.

**SAVE THE DATE
FOR THE**

**END-OF-THE-YEAR
PARTY**

FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 2010

**FOUR SEASONS
WASHINGTON DC
HOTEL**

From the Chairman

I am really sick of this Health Care debate and had no intention of writing anything about it this month. But then I read an op-ed piece in Saturday's March 27th Washington Post by Congressman Bart Stupak in which he refers to himself as a "pro-life Democrat."

This pro-life Democrat was ready to deny 32 million Americans access to affordable health care in order to pursue his single-minded anti-abortion stance. A recent study puts the number at 45,000 deaths every year in this country due to lack of or inadequate health insurance. How does anyone have the gall to call themselves pro-life and withhold their vote on a bill (they support) because of the fear that some money may go to further the right of woman to choose what to do with her body? Do you think he knows that his government-subsidized health insurance is already indirectly subsidizing the ability of poor women the affordable access to abortion; as those of us who have insurance help pay for those who don't. If he knew that, he may have to give up his federally funded health insurance plan. Please don't tell him. This country doesn't need any more uninsured.

But enough of that, let's get to an important issue before the start of the summer, tanning salons. How significant is this issue? Well do you know that there are more tanning salons in most major cities than there are Starbucks or McDonalds? That's a lot of salons. Charleston, W. Va., holds the prize for the most salons per 100,000 individuals followed closely by Pittsburgh, PA. Studies have shown that the use of salons is directly related to proximity. If it's close by people will go (and the low cost of tanning doesn't hurt.)

Seventy percent of the more than one million people visiting tanning salons daily are women aged 16 to 29. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has declared tanning beds to be a known carcinogen (of course, so is the sun). There has been a significant increase over the last decade in the number of cases of melanoma and non-melanoma skin cancers, and excessive exposure to UV radiation also leads to skin aging, immune suppression and eye damage. Of course it's not all bad; tanning may help skin conditions like eczema or psoriasis.

So why are tanning salons so popular? Many people, especially in the winter, like the warmth and light of tanning beds. My guess is most of them are suffering from Seasonal Affective Disorder where a simple light box might be a healthier and more effective treatment. Some are just after the bronze glow that makes them feel more beautiful and look healthier.

Don't worry; the new health care bill is imposing a 10% tax on all salon use which is expected to generate \$2.7 billion dollars over 10 years. If you are as outraged as I am about this infringement of an individual's right to be self abusive you may want to log on to stopthetantax.com and register your complaint. After raising a few eyebrows, the 5% tax on Botox treatment was removed. That tax, which would have generated \$5.4 billion dollars in 10 years, is a wrinkle that congress couldn't tolerate. The Botox tax was seen as anti-woman. After all, what about a woman's right to choose?

Alan G. Wasserman, M.D.

Department of Medicine April 2010 Grand Rounds

Apr 1 "What is Fibromyalgia?"

Brian T. Walitt, MD

Assistant Professor of Medicine
Georgetown University Medical Center
Research Director, Section of Rheumatology
Washington Hospital Center

Apr 8 "Studies in Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome: A Paradigm for Translational Research"

Gordon R. Bernard, MD

Melinda Owen Bass Professor of Medicine
Associate Vice Chancellor for Research
Senior Associate Dean for Clinical Sciences
Vanderbilt University

Apr 15 "The Effect of 'ATHENA trial' on the Current Management of Atrial Fibrillation"

Marco Mercader, MD

Associate Professor of Medicine
Division of Cardiology
Department of Medicine
George Washington Medical Faculty Associates

Apr 22 "Management of Alcohol and Substance Use Disorders in Primary Care: Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral"

Suena H. Massey, MD

Assistant Professor of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences
Director of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services
Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences
George Washington Medical Faculty Associates

Apr 29 "Adult ADHD: It's Not Your Child's Illness Anymore"

Charles Samenow, MD, MPH

Assistant Professor of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences

Robert L. Jenkins, PhD

Chief Psychologist
Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences
George Washington Medical Faculty Associates

The George Washington University Medical Center (GWUMC) is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to sponsor continuing medical education for physicians. GWUMC designates this continuing medical education activity on an hour-for-hour basis in Category I of the Physician's Recognition Award of the American Medical Association.

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Cardiology Grand Rounds

5:00 PM, GWU Hospital, Conference Room 6-116

Apr 7 M & M

Apr 14 **Cardiology Fellows**
What I Learned at the ACC

Apr 21 **George Ruiz, MD**
Center for Heart, Lung and Kidney Disease
Children's National Medical Center
Heart Failure and Pulmonary Hypertension Unit
Washington Hospital Center
Washington, DC
Pulmonary Hypertension

Apr 28 **Christopher W. May, MD**
Cardiology
Inova Fairfax Hospital
Fairfax, VA
Cardiac Allograft Rejection

Resident Lecture Series April 2010 Noon Conference

Apr 1 **Medicine Grand Rounds**
Apr 2 **Chairman's Rounds**
Apr 5 **Primary Care Lecture Series**
Apr 6 **"Glomerulonephritis" - Dr. Nicolas Guzman**
Apr 7 **GME Lecture Series**
Apr 8 **Medicine Grand Rounds**
Apr 9 **"Loan Repayment for PCPs" - Tracy McClintock**
Apr 12 **Primary Care Lecture Series**
Apr 13 **Public Health Grand Rounds**
Apr 14 **GME Lecture Series: Patient Safety Conference**
Apr 15 **Medicine Grand Rounds**
Apr 16 **Chairman's Rounds**
Apr 19 **Primary Care Lecture Series**
Apr 20 **Jeopardy**
Apr 21 **Mortality & Morbidity Conference**
Apr 22 **Medicine Grand Rounds**
Apr 23 **"Hyperthyroidism" - Dr. Suzanne Adler**
Apr 26 **Primary Care Lecture Series**
Apr 27 **"Thrombocytopenia" - Dr. Jeannie Aragon-Ching**
Apr 28 **CPC**
Apr 29 **Medicine Grand Rounds**
Apr 30 **Chairman's Rounds**

2010 Internal Medicine Match Roster

Categorical

Ribka Ayana	Pennsylvania State University
Alexis Carrington	Boston University
Shyunti Das	Drexel University
Jennifer Hamilton	EVMS
Faysal Haroun	American University of Beirut
Sam Karki	GWU
Anita Katikineni	University of Maryland
Nancy Maaty	GWU
Hardik Mangrolia	Temple University
Chino Mannikarottu	Drexel University
Alicia Myers	East Carolina University
Swathi Namburi	UMDNJ
Nisha Nathan	GWU
Dipti Patel	Temple University
Ishita Prakash	Temple University
Pia Prakash	GWU
Jun Shoji	GWU
Tiffany Turner	Temple University
Nicholas Tyau	Temple University
Anna Warszawa	Drexel University

Primary Care

Sarah Doaty	GWU
Monique Duwell	Univ. of Pennsylvania
Sylvia Gonsahn-Bollie	GWU
Ngoc-Phuong Luu	University of Washington
Monica Suarez	Temple University

Preliminary

Elisabeth Garwood	Pennsylvania State Univ.
Andrew Gordon	GWU
Rajiv Lingaraju	GWU
Joanna Riess	NYU
Anjuli Shah	GWU
Avneet Sodhi	GWU
Ajay Wadgaonkar	GWU
Lily Zou	UMDNJ

Chairman's Rounds

GWU Hospital Auditorium, 12:00 Noon
All Faculty Invited to Attend

Apr 2	Dr. Jeannie Yu Dr. Jennifer Shea
Apr 16	Dr. Michael Thomas Dr. Pooja Mehta
Apr 30	Dr. Melissa Purvis Dr. Mujeeb Basit

GWUMC Announces New Senior Associate Dean for Education

Dr. Alex, Stagnaro-Green, MD, MHPE, has joined the School of Medicine and Health Sciences and will be forming the new Office of Medical Education. He will oversee educational processes and curricular development. He received his MD from Mt. Sinai School of Medicine, did his residency at UMDNJ and a fellowship in Endocrinology 7 Metabolism at Mt. Sinai. In 2005 he obtained a Masters in Health Profession Education from the University of Illinois-Chicago. He held several academic positions at both Mt. Sinai and UMDNJ in medical education and curricular affairs. He is recognized at the national level for his work with the AAMC, the NBME and the American Thyroid Association. He has also served as a frequent site visitor with the LCME. He brings with him a wealth of knowledge in medical education, faculty development, and curricular affairs. His primary areas of research are in thyroid disorders in pregnancy and medical education. Dr. Stagnaro-Green will be starting his clinical practice at the MFA seeing pregnant patients with thyroid disorders in the near future.

Rheumatology Academic Conference Schedule April 2010

Thursdays 8:00 - 9:00 am ACC 1-401, 1:30 - 3:30 pm Hospital Rm 6-106
Questions? Call (202) 741-2488

- Apr 1 *"Pediatric Rheumatology"*
Patience White, MD, Professor of Medicine
- Apr 1 Didactic Sessions
1:30 - 3:30 p.m., GWU Hospital, Rm 6106
- Apr 8 *Radiology Conference*
Kathleen Brindle, MD, Assistant Professor of Radiology
- Apr 8 Didactic Sessions
1:30 - 3:30 p.m., GWU Hospital, Rm 6106
- Apr 15 *Intra-City Rheumatology Grand Rounds*
NOTE LOCATION: GWU, Ross Hall
NOTE TIME: 7:30 AM
- Apr 15 Didactic Sessions
1:30 - 3:30 p.m., GWU Hospital, Rm 6106
- Apr 21 DC Rheumatism Society Meeting
Len Calabrese, MD, Cleveland Clinic
"Primary Angiitis and the CNS"
NOTE TIME: 6:30 - 9:00 PM
- Apr 22 *"Billing and Coding"*
- Apr 22 Didactic Sessions
1:30 - 3:30 p.m., GWU Hospital, Rm 6106
- Apr 29 *Journal Club*
Shiraz Moinuddin, MD
- Apr 29 Didactic Sessions
1:30 - 3:30 p.m., GWU Hospital, Rm 6106

Kudos & Congratulations

Congratulations ... to Heidi Floden, Director of the MFA Pharmacy and the Cancer Center, and her husband Erik, on the birth of their daughter, Lindsey Kathryn Floden, born March 22nd, weighing 7.8 lbs and measuring 21 inches.

... also to **Dr. George Aragon**, Gastroenterology Fellow, and his wife Amber, on the recent birth of their son, James Archer Aragon, who joined the world at 7.1 lbs.

Kudos ... to Dr. Marie Borum, Professor and Director of Gastroenterology & Liver Diseases, who will be inducted into the Society of Distinguished Teachers at the senior awards banquet. Her nomination was unanimously accepted by the members of the society.

More kudos ... to Dr. David Popiel, PGY3, and rising Chief Resident, whose paper, "East Baltimore Male Youth: Health Care Needs, Resources and Barriers," has won first prize in the Clinical Science category of the Resident Research Award competition and will be presented at the upcoming Research Day.

See you next month! The Editor



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