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Residency Program Receives Good News

The Residency Review Committee for Internal Medicine has reviewed the information we have recently submitted and is extending the site visit date for us by one year. Our next site visit will be approximately 10/1/2011.

This excellent news also extends to some of our Fellowship programs with Gastroenterology, Renal, Cardiology, Hematology/Oncology, Infectious Diseases, Electrophysiology, and Interventional Cardiology extended by a year. Critical Care, Pulmonary, Rheumatology, and Palliative Care have been extended by six months.

This gives us all some time before we have to gear up for all the work involved in these site visits. The paper work is out of control as is the time and effort that we have to put in to preparing.

So congratulations to us with special thanks to Tracie Bass and Tamara Lyons for demonstrating to the RRC that our programs are doing so well and are completely in compliance.

**Its Never Too Early to
Start Planning for a Party!**

**Save the Date for the Annual
Faculty/Housestaff
Holiday Party**

December 11, 2009

From the Chairman

The question is simple: Does our nation have the responsibility to ensure that every American has the right to affordable health insurance?

Read that a few times and try to answer in the negative. You just can't. It makes too much sense. It's embarrassing that the question even has to be asked.

It seems that this country is more interested in making sure no American goes without a car rather than have health insurance. The much heralded "Cash for Clunkers" program resulted in 690,114 Americans having a new car at a cost to taxpayers of almost \$3 billion dollars. Most of that money benefitted Japanese and Korean car makers who sold the overwhelming majority of vehicles. They will undoubtedly use the money to help pay for their Universal Health Coverage.

How is it then that the insurance companies are winning this battle? The failure to do anything to remedy this situation does nothing but ensure millions of dollars for health insurance companies and their executives. Why do the Republicans insist on a policy of intransigence and fear-mongering? Why don't Democrats have the courage of conviction to move forward with a public option that could mitigate the unseemly profits of the insurance companies?

The Medicare prescription drug plan, a flawed but necessary venture, only passed because of bipartisan support. But bipartisan support has been replaced by unilateral distortion. Sarah Palin's "death panels" and imagery of Hitler are the height of demagoguery. So let's keep the status quo and watch as our emergency rooms continue to be the primary care resource to millions of uninsured people and as insurance companies continue with their double digit rate increases to make sure their executives are grossly overcompensated. But don't worry; if you don't have health insurance, at least you have a new car.

Alan G. Wasserman, M.D.

Department of Medicine September 2009 Grand Rounds

Sep 3 "Mechanisms and Brief Treatment of Substance Abuse"

Daniel Lieberman, M.D.

Associate Professor of Psychiatry
Director, Clinical Psychiatric Research Center
Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences
George Washington University Medical Faculty Associates

Sep 10 "Update on the Management of Atrial Fibrillation"

Jonathan S. Steinberg, MD

Chief, Division of Cardiology
Endowed Director, Al-Sabah Arrhythmia Institute
St. Luke's and Roosevelt Hospitals
Professor of Medicine
Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons

Sep 17 "Angiogenesis Inhibition in the Treatment of Prostate Cancer"

Jeanny B. Aragon-Ching, M.D.

Assistant Professor of Medicine
Division of Hematology/Oncology
The Dr. Cyrus & Myrtle Katzen Cancer Research Center
Department of Medicine
George Washington University Medical Faculty Associates

Sep 24 "Care of the Homebound Elderly: MFA's Visiting Doctors"

Robert L. Jayes, M.D.

Associate Professor of Medicine
Division of Geriatrics & Palliative Medicine
Department of Medicine
George Washington University Medical Faculty Associates

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Cardiology Grand Rounds

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| Sep 2 | M & M |
| Sep 9 | Allen Solomon, MD
Professor of Medicine, Division of Cardiology
GW Medical Faculty Associates
Update on Atrial Fibrillation |
| Sep 16 | Emile R. Mohler, III, MD
Director, Vascular Medicine
Associate Professor of Medicine
The University of Pennsylvania Health System
PAD |
| Sep 23 | Steven M. Haffner, MD
Professor of Internal Medicine
Department of Medicine/Clinical Epidemiology
The University of Texas Health Science Center
Micro & MacroVascular Effects of Hyperglycemia |
| Sep 30 | Craig M. Kessler, MD
Professor, Department of Medicine and Pathology,
Division of Hematology/ Oncology; Director,
Clinical Coagulation Laboratory, Division of
Laboratory Medicine, Department of Pathology
Georgetown University Hospital
Venous Thromboembolism |

The "Line-up" for September

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PAGER ACCESS (202) 414-7777 or (800) MFA-5144
or in-house (82)

WHITE TEAM	(202) 715-5669	Beeper
Elizabeth Gray		741-0431
Janae Phelps		741-0046
Alexander Cho		002-0871
YELLOW TEAM	(202) 715-6041	Beeper
Razi Ali		741-0131
Anne Bennett		741-0099
Mohamed Sultan		002-0602
GREEN TEAM	(202) 715-6062	Beeper
Laurence Busse		741-0434
Niraj Bhalakia		002-0832
Sarah Kattakuzhy-Thomas		002-0828
RED TEAM	(202) 715-6039	Beeper
Christian Hinrichs		002-0830
Jessica Logan		002-0706
BLUE TEAM	(202) 715-6156	Beeper
Edward Perry		741-0286
Abdelkader Almanfi		002-0749
Ehsan Nobakht-Haghighi		002-0638
SILVER TEAM	(202) 715-6040	Beeper
Timothy Dougherty		741-0436
Myriam Ferzli		741-0315
Randip Taneja		002-0717
PURPLE TEAM	(202) 715-6042	Beeper
James Yang		741-0115
Julia Dorfman		741-0259
Gurpreet Sodhi		002-0641
GOLD TEAM	(202) 715-6044	

Resident Lecture Series September 2009 Noon Conference

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| Sep 1 | Chairman's Rounds |
| Sep 2 | "GI Problems" - Dr. Rebecca Ramirez |
| Sep 3 | Medicine Grand Rounds |
| Sep 4 | "Rheumatoid Arthritis" - Dr. Patience White |
| Sep 7 | Primary Care Lecture Series |
| Sep 8 | Journal Club |
| Sep 9 | Topic TBA - Dr. Linda Lesky |
| Sep 10 | Medicine Grand Rounds |
| Sep 11 | "Sarcoidosis" - Dr. Mahnaz Momeni |
| Sep 14 | Primary Care Lecture Series |
| Sep 15 | M & M |
| Sep 16 | "Acid/Base" - Dr. Samir Patel |
| Sep 17 | Medicine Grand Rounds |
| Sep 18 | "Gout" - Dr. Herbert Baraf |
| Sep 21 | Primary Care Lecture Series |
| Sep 22 | Chairman's Rounds |
| Sep 23 | "Urticaria" - Dr. Dr. Daniel Ein |
| Sep 24 | Medicine Grand Rounds |
| Sep 25 | "Challenging Cases in Rheumatology" - Dr. Olcay Jones |
| Sep 28 | Primary Care Lecture Series |
| Sep 29 | Geriatrics/Psych/Palliative Care lecture |
| Sep 30 | Topic TBA - Dr. James Gehring |

Please Help Us Welcome the Department's New Faculty

Please join us in welcoming the newest members of the Department of Medicine.

Dr. Chi H. Kim joins the Division of General Internal Medicine on September 1, 2009. Dr. Kim received her undergraduate degree from the University of Washington in Seattle before completing medical school at the Medical College of Pennsylvania - Hahnemann University School of Medicine in Philadelphia. She then returned to Seattle for her internal medicine residency at Virginia Mason Medical Center where she was in the Primary Care Track.

After completing her residency Dr. Kim joined the staff at Virginia Mason where she participated in some of the groundbreaking work the medical center did reducing costs by creating efficiencies in clinic flow and standardizing evidence-based guidelines in the primary care setting.

Dr. Kim has a particular clinical interest in preventive medicine, hypertension, infectious disease and medical education. She is board certified in Internal Medicine and she is accepting internal referrals.

Dr. Alexandria J. Schwarsin, joins the Division of Hematology & Oncology on September 1, 2009, after completing her Hematology & Oncology fellowship here at GWU in June. Dr. Schwarsin graduated from Syracuse University then received a Masters in Medical Science from Boston University. After completing her medical degree at Stony Brook University in New York she came to George Washington for her Internal Medicine residency. She then stayed at GWU for her Hematology/Oncology fellowship after her residency. Dr. Schwarsin is board certified in Internal Medicine and board eligible in Hematology and in Oncology.

Chairman's Rounds

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

Sep 1	Dr. Faisal Daud Dr. Christian Hinrichs
Sep 22	Dr. Razi Ali

First Ever Community Health Elective

The inaugural Community Health Elective for Internal Medicine Residents begins this month. The elective was designed by **Dr. Jillian Catalanotti**, Assistant Professor, **Dr. Zohray Talib**, Assistant Professor, **Dr. Vicki Britton**, Chief Medical Resident and **Dr. Patrik Johansson** of the GW School of Public Health and Health Services Department of Prevention and Community Health. The purpose of the elective is to introduce residents to pertinent topics in community health, to expose residents to the practice of medicine in a community setting, and to develop physician leaders in community health. This two-week elective will feature guest lecturers which are open to all who are interested in attending.

Sep 22 (9:00 am) "Community-Based Health Promotion"
Dr. Mark Edberg, Department of Prevention and Community Health, GW

Sep 22 (10:30 am) "Local Public Health Infrastructure"
Prof. Jennifer Leonard, Department of Health Policy, GW SPHHS

Sep 23 (9:00 am) "Community Health Centers"
Dr. Donald Weaver, Assistant Surgeon General, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Health Resources and Services Administration

Sep 23 (10:30 am) "Advocacy in the Community"
Dr. Caroline Sparks, Dept of Prevention & Community Health, GW

* Note Location* MFA 1-401 Conference Room

Sep 24 (9:00 am) "Prison Health"
Dr. Nader Marzban, Washington DC Department of Corrections

Sep 24 (10:30 am) "Health Disparities"
Dr. Renaisa Anthony, Dept of Prevention & Community Health, GW

Note Location MFA 1-402 Conference Room

Sep 25 (9:00 am) "DC Demographics and Epidemiology"
Dr. LaQuandra Nesbitt, Washington DC Department of Health

Sep 25 (10:30 am) "International Medical Practice"
Dr. Zohray Talib, Assistant Professor of Medicine, GW MFA

Sep 28 (9:00 am) "Cultural Competence in Medicine"
Prof. Howard Straker, PA, GW Hospital Physician Assistant Program

Sep 29 (9:00 am) "Federal Physician Recruitment Programs"
Dr. B.P. Walker, Southeastern University Ctr for Allied Health Education

Sep 29 (10:30 am) "Home Visits"
Dr. Ernest Brown, Unity Health Care

Sep 30 (9:00 am) "Community-Oriented Primary Care"
Dr. Jaime Gofin, Dept of Prevention and Community Health, GW SPHHS

Sep 30 (10:30 am) "Health Care for the Homeless"
Dr. Hope Ferdowsian, Unity Health Care

Note Location MFA 1-401 Conference Room

Oct 1 (9:00 am) "Adolescent Health"
Dr. Lawrence D'Angelo, Children's National Medical Center

Oct 1 (10:30 am) "Developing U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) Recommendation Statements"
Dr. Tracy Wolff, Agency for Health Care Research and Quality (AHRQ)

Oct 2 (9:00 am) "Mngt. of a Community Health Center"
Dr. Kyu Rhee, NIH - National Ctr on Minority Health & Health Disparities

Oct 2 (10:30 am) "Health Concerns of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered (LGBT) Communities"
Dr. Ray Martins, Whitman-Walker Clinic

All lectures are in the MFA General Internal Medicine Conference Room in Suite 2-105 unless otherwise noted.

Rheumatology Review Course September 2009

Thursdays 8:00 am - 9:00 am Ross Hall 104
Questions? Call (202) 741-2488

- Sep 3 Rheumatology Review Course: Kawasaki Disease
Dr. Gulnara Mamyrova
- Sep 3 Didactic Sessions (1:30 - 3:30 p.m., GW Hospital, Ground)
- Sep 4 Rheumatology Review Course at Noon Conference
Patience White, MD, Professor of Medicine
- Sep 10 Rheumatology Review Course: Basic Immunology I
Rodolfo Curiel, MD
- Sep 10 Didactic Sessions (1:30 - 3:30 p.m., GW Hospital, Ground)
- Sep 11 Rheumatology Review Course at Noon Conference
Mahnaz Momeni, MD, Assistant Professor of Medicine
- Sep 17 Rheumatology Review Course: Basic Immunology II
Rodolfo Curiel, MD
- Sep 17 Didactic Sessions (1:30 - 3:30 p.m., GW Hospital, Ground)
- Sep 18 Rheumatology Review Course at Noon Conference
Herbert Baraf, MD, ? of Medicine
- Sep 24 Rheumatology Review Course: Osteoporosis
Mahnaz Momeni, MD, Assistant Professor of Medicine
- Sep 24 Didactic Sessions (1:30 - 3:30 p.m., GW Hospital, Ground)
- Sep 25 Rheumatology Review Course at Noon Conference
Olcay Jones, MD, Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine
- Sep 30 Pathology-Rheumatology Combined Conference
"Cutaneous Vasculitis" (Ross Hall 561: 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.)

Kudos & Congratulations

Kudos ... to **Dr. James Katz**, Associate Professor and Director, Division of Rheumatology, and **Dr. Samantha McIntosh**, Assistant Professor, VAMC, on completing the Master Teacher Leadership Development Program in June.

More kudos ... to **Dr. Brian Choi**, Assistant Professor, Division of Cardiology, who was elected to Fellow status in the American College of Cardiology in August.

Congratulations ... to **Dr. Amr Mohsen**, PGY1, who received compliments from a faculty member whose family member was admitted to GWU Hospital. The letter commended Dr. Mohsen for providing "extraordinary care ... the kind of care and attention that should be a model to all doctors."

Congratulations ... to **Dr. Andrea Flory**, Assistant Professor, Division of General Internal Medicine, on her recent marriage to Mr. Owen Bonheimer.

Our Sincere Condolences ... to **Dr. Jeanny Aragon-Ching**, Assistant Professor, Division of Hematology/Oncology, on the recent sudden and unexpected passing of her father.

See you next month! The Editor



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