Message from the Chair

"The clinic is the curriculum." That’s so profoundly true of family medicine training that I wish I could take credit for it. (I got it from an article posted to the Association of Canadian Chairs of Family Medicine listserv.) We hope that our curriculum not only helps our residents become good family doctors, but helps them keep being good family doctors throughout their career. That’s no small challenge, as there has never been a time when medicine has been changing as rapidly as it is now, and that trend doesn’t look likely to change.

How do we keep being good family doctors when our knowledge and the very way family medicine is practiced is changing so fast? By always trying to be better family doctors. The department has taken a significant step up in our quest to constantly improve by taking advantage of the Health Quality Council of Alberta’s Panel Management Reports. These reports give us a detailed picture on how we’re doing at the individual physician and the clinic level. We look pretty good already, and they show us how we can get even better.

Sharing our consideration of the HQCA reports with our residents within our clinics is an important part of making our clinics the curriculum we need. Discussing it as a department is too, and that’s what will happen on January 19th at our Grand Rounds. Please join us there! See the preview in this issue for details. It’ll be a great think.

- Dr. Lee Green

INTERIM UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR ANNOUNCED

Dr. Shirley Schipper has been named interim director of the family medicine undergraduate program for a one-year term beginning January 1, 2017. Dr. Lillian Au will remain in her position as assistant program director, pre-clerkship. Recruitment of an assistant program director-clerkship and an undergraduate course coordinator are nearing completion.

Thank you to Dr. Mike Kolber for excellent work serving as interim undergraduate program director for over a year.

NEW STAFF WELCOME

We are pleased to announce that effective January 3, 2017, Ms. Chun Yan Goh has joined the research office as the research administrative assistant. Chun Yan has a MSc degree in human nutritional sciences from the University of Manitoba and has most recently worked at the Manitoba Centre for Health Policy. Working with Olga Szafran and Donna Manca, Chun Yan will provide administrative support for research-related activities including the preparation of grant applications, poster and powerpoint presentations, appointment of research staff, time entry for hourly employees, recording research committee minutes, assisting with the production of the research annual reports, etc. Chun Yan can be reached at 780-492-8102 or chunyan@ualberta.ca. Please give a warm welcome to Chun Yan!
FAMILY MEDICINE GRAND ROUNDS PREVIEW

Date: January 19, 2017, 08:00 am—09:30 am  
Location: Bernard Snell Hall, University of Alberta Hospital  
Presenters: Dr. Lee Green, Chair of the Department of Family Medicine and Mirella Chiodo, Informatics and Quality Supervisor in the Department of Family Medicine.

As part of their work toward improving patient safety and quality care for Albertans, the Health Quality Council of Alberta (HQCA) provides clinic and physician-level patient panel reports to primary health care providers. These reports provide information to clinics about patient panel characteristics and practice patterns. The January 19, 2017 Grand Rounds will focus on understanding Panel Management Reports and interpreting the information provided in order to plan for and deliver improved healthcare.

This session will be of interest to physicians and residents, and is also open to interested clinic staff and other healthcare providers.

For more information about the work of HQCA, visit the Health Quality Council of Alberta website.

2017 WILDERNESS GRAND ROUNDS

In other Grand Rounds news, Grand Rounds with a focus on wilderness medicine are now being offered.

Monday, January 9, 5:00 pm  
Dr. Debra Hammer - High Altitude Illness Overview and Current Treatment

Monday, January 23, 4:30 pm  
Dr. Trevor Day PhD – Descending the oxygen cascade: Cardiorespiratory responses and adaptations during ascent to Everest Base Camp

Special Event! Monday, February 13, 5:00 pm  
Dr. Peter Bartsch (High altitude world expert from Zurich with H-index 63)

Monday, March 20, 4:30 pm  
Dermatology – to be confirmed

Monday, April 17, 4:30 pm  
Geoff Powter, MA Psychology – Risk Taking/PTSD after incidents

All sessions are held in University Hospital Classroom D.

Questions about Family Medicine Wilderness Grand Rounds or ideas for speakers can be directed to dhammer@ualberta.ca.
FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

The annual Faculty Resident Extravaganza Educational Retreat (FREzER) for 2017 will take place on March 24 & 25 in beautiful Jasper, Alberta.

This year’s event will feature Connected, offered by the Institute for Healthcare Communication. Connected prepares clinicians and staff for the challenges of having meaningful interactions with patients in the exam room while simultaneously using electronic health record technologies.

Don’t miss out! Faculty can now book rooms at Jasper Park Lodge using this link: https://resweb.passkey.com/go/uofafrezer

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Interprofessional Eye Care Forum

Date: January 28, 2017, 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Location: Maple Leaf Room, Lister Conference Centre, University of Alberta

The goals of this year’s conference are to focus on common and important eye conditions, to promote diverse as well as collaborative interprofessional perspectives and to foster mutual understanding and collegiality.

For more information or to register, click here: http://tinyurl.com/ophtha2017

Note that residents can attend for free but must register through a separate link: http://www.cvent.com/d/fvqfkj/4W

14th Annual Pediatric Emergency Medicine Update & APLS

2017 Theme: Managing the Complex Child in the ED
Date: May 4: APLS & May 5-6 (Fri-Sat)
Location: UBC Robson Square, Vancouver BC

For more information, visit http://ubccpd.ca/course/PediatricER2017
To register, visit http://www.eply.com/PediatricER2017

Target audience: Pediatricians, emergency physicians, family physicians, allied health professionals & residents.

RESEARCH UPDATE

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<td>Researchers in the Department of Family Medicine are conducting a survey to examine goal orientations of practicing physicians and invite you to complete a 5-minute online questionnaire.</td>
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<td>This is a Tri-Council funded research project. Your participation in the survey will contribute to our understanding of goal orientations and how they relate to personal and professional outcomes. The direct benefit to you is a potential for greater self-awareness.</td>
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<td>To take the survey, please click on the following link: <a href="https://goo.gl/forms/x0llAhwZttgr1Trx2">https://goo.gl/forms/x0llAhwZttgr1Trx2</a></td>
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<td>For more information about the study, &quot;Exploring goal orientations of learners in professional education and of practicing professionals&quot;, please contact Dr. Oksana Babenko: <a href="mailto:obabenko@ualberta.ca">obabenko@ualberta.ca</a>.</td>
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<td>Lifelong Learning at the Faculty of Medicine &amp; Dentistry has a newly updated website with many resources for healthcare professionals to access: uab.ca/L3.</td>
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<td>A new Lifelong Learning Management System (L³MS) Platform is currently being developed. This new platform, developed with the Evidence Based Medicine (EBM) team as part of the ‘Integrated Knowledge Translation Network’, will allow people to request personalized training specific to their needs. Keep checking the L3 website for updates on this exciting development!</td>
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<td>Bernadette Harvey, site administrator with the Northeast Community Health Centre Family Clinic, was recognized by the clinic team for her Outstanding Work in developing protocols for accepting non-university observerships for the family clinic. Well done, Bernadette!</td>
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**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.