Message from the Chair

Outside Our Walls

I attended Interim Dean Richard Fedorak’s recent presentation, where he described his vision for the Faculty and took questions as part of his candidacy for permanent Dean. I asked him a question about taking the Faculty beyond our walls: what is our role in improving the health care system as a whole?

It occurs to me that that’s an important question for the department. Family medicine, more than any other discipline in the Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry, lives and works in large part outside our walls. Our residents train in community practices - not just rotating there, but being based there. We place our students in the community. Our faculty development work is oriented outward. Our faculty are extensively involved in provincial health care policy, and nationally in educational direction. Social accountability is a core part of our mission, always part of our self-evaluation every month at DBG. Our research is almost entirely located in, and created in partnership with, the community of practice.

Are we on the right track? Are we, with all that outwardly-directed activity, performing valuable service for the world around us beyond academe? How well are we doing that? Send me your thoughts over the next month or two.

- Dr. Lee Green

Dr. Lee Green and Colleagues in Avenue Edmonton Magazine
The October issue of Avenue Edmonton Magazine includes an article in which Dr. Lee Green and three other family medicine physicians discussing PCNs and the Patient Centre Medical Home (PCMH) model. Read Is There a Doctor in the House.

Evidence Based Medicine Makes the Cover of Canadian Family Physician
September has been a big month for the Evidence Based Medicine team! Not only did they grace the cover of Canadian Family Physician, but they were also featured in the Engaged Leaders Series in the ACFP newsletter for the Evidence and CPD program. The Evidence Based Medicine team is Drs Mike Allan, Tina Korownyk, Michael Kolber, Scott Garrison, as well as Adrienne Lindblad, and Sharon Nickel.

Community Clinics Recognized
We were delighted to see two of our community clinic partners, the Justik Medical Clinic and the Allin Clinic, voted Best Medical Clinic in Vue Weekly’s Best of Edmonton 2016 issue. Congratulations!
STAFF WELCOME

Mac-Jordan (MJ) Disu-Degadjor has accepted the new position of Department Technical Administrator. MJ will be responsible for managing the technical aspects of the CBAS Program and will assume a lead role in managing Department office ICT equipment. MJ has substantial experience delivering IT services and joins us from the School of Public Health. Welcome to family medicine, MJ!

SEPTEMBER 2016 GRAND ROUNDS UPDATE

Thank you to those who joined us for the September 15, 2016 Grand Rounds. The presentation *Death Certificate Errors in Alberta and How to Avoid Them*, led by Drs Kim Wood and Mitchell Weinberg led an informative and engaging discussion. Our thanks to Drs Wood and Mitchell for sharing this valuable information, and answering questions from faculty and residents about the death certificate form and processes.

The next Grand Rounds will be held January 19, 2017, and will be a session about understanding and making the best use of HQCA Panel Management.

CBAS UPDATE

The Competency Based Achievement System (CBAS) team was asked to send a representative to speak on a panel about competency-based medical education in Canada during the first World Summit on Competency-Based Medical Education. Shirley Schipper did an outstanding job of describing competency-based assessment in family medicine residency training.

The summit was held August 27 and 28, 2016 in Barcelona, Spain and was organized by the Association for Medical Education in Europe (AMEE).

UNDERGRADUATE UPDATE

Welcome to all of the new physicians who have signed up to teach small group sessions and Longitudinal Clinical Experience in Family Medicine (LCE-FM) to our Year One and Two medical students. We appreciate your dedication to helping our students learn and develop their communication and physical examination skills in both settings.

We have now completed all of the orientation sessions for LCE-FM, Clerkship and giving proper feedback. All orientation sessions were recorded and are available as podcasts. If you were unable to attend and would like one or more of these podcasts sent to you, please contact Kerri Hample at kerri.hample@ualberta.ca.

Awards

We presented the Clerkship Site of the Year Award to the Ottewell Clinic at our second orientation session. Along with their continued dedication to teaching, Drs Blais, Ahmed and Corrigan all received outstanding evaluations from their clerkship and LCE-FM students.
POSTGRADUATE UPDATE

Planning for CaRMS 2016 is underway! Mark your calendars for the following dates:

November 22, 2016: File reviews begin.
January 14, 15, 20, 21, 2017: Edmonton Interview dates.
February 2, 2017: Grande Prairie Interview date.
Fort McMurray interview dates are still pending at this time.

Resident Academic Day Featuring Indigenous Health

The September 14, 2016 Academic Day took place on the Alexis First Nations reserve (100km outside of Edmonton) and was overall a great success. Over 100 residents attended and learned about important topics in Indigenous health. We were warmly welcomed by the community and had a great experience. The day was organized by Drs Sam Horvey, Keith Huber and Cara Bablitz.

Presenters and attendees at Indigenous health academic day.

RURAL AND REGIONAL

Introducing Red Deer’s new Co-Director

It is our pleasure to announce that Dr. Jordan LaRue in Sylvan Lake has been appointed as the new co-director for family medicine. He will be working alongside Dr. Jack Bromley, long-time site director in Red Deer, and Charlene Carver, the administrative coordinator. Dr. LaRue brings with him experience working with learners since the beginning of his career. He was a pioneer student in the University of Alberta’s Integrated Community Clerkship (ICC) program and was based in Hinton. He did his family medicine residency in Red Deer and then began practice in Sylvan Lake. For the past year he has been the site coordinator for the ICC students in Sylvan Lake. We much appreciate his new involvement with the residency program.

- Dr. Fred Janke

Dr. Jordan LaRue

Grande Prairie Learning Site: Welcome Back and Best Wishes

Welcome back to Jane Turnmire, site administrator at the Grande Prairie learning site, who returned from maternity leave in September. Thank you and best wishes to Corrie Merchant, whom we had the pleasure of working with during Jane’s leave.
Hinton Summer Workshop

The three rural sites held their annual summer workshop August 22-26 at the Hinton Training Centre. This is the first opportunity for all 40 of the rural residents and their families to come together since the start of the academic term. It has been held in Hinton every year since 2011 because this facility provides such an ideal environment for academic programming and social interaction at such a reasonable cost.

Our week started with a full morning of academics focusing on cross cultural issues. We had Jo-Ann Saddleback from Maskwacis (Hobbema) who gave a very powerful presentation on the traditional First Nations understanding of creation, life and health, and how things have gone so badly since contact with European settlers (particularly with the influence of residential schools). She provided a great deal of insight for dealing with First Nations communities and patients in our practice.

The remainder of our week was a mix of other academics (Evidence Based Medicine for R1s, EDE Ultrasound for R2s, guideline review, therapeutics, ethics, practice management, and SOO preparation, among other things) and social activities (white water rafting, baseball, bowling, hiking, swimming) or just relaxing in the lounge, sharing stories or hanging around the giant fire pit until early hours of the morning.

We are now ready to continue on with the challenges of residency training with added knowledge, enhanced skills and renewed resilience.

- Dr. Jack Bromley

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT TEACHING TIPS

Harden and Laidlaw consider a “good teacher” to be someone who:

- clarifies learning outcomes,
- develops and delivers learning opportunities,
- supports and facilitates student’s learning and
- assesses learners’ progress.

Medical educators require a combination of technical competence, appropriate teaching skills, and professionalism as illustrated:

RESEARCH UPDATE

Cultural Exchange with China a Success

Hoan Linh Banh (PharmD), associate professor in the Department of Family Medicine, began work on a unique collaborative project with the Second Affiliated Hospital, Zhejiang University of Medicine in Hangzhou, China in early 2015. As part of this initiative, Hoan has travelled to China a number of times to share her clinical pharmacy knowledge with Chinese pharmacists, teaching them to be more patient focused.

Hoan taught the international summer courses at China Pharmaceutical University in Nanjing, China between July 2 and 9, 2016. She was also in the Second Affiliated Hospital, Zhejiang University of Medicine in Hangzhou, China to present at their clinical pharmacy conference on July 13, 2016.

Hoan travelled once more to Changsha, China presenting "Inspiring Ideas for Pharmacy Practice Research" on September 12 and 13, 2016 at the 6th International Xiangya Clinical Pharmacy Forum.

Publications


Schipper S. High prevalence of depression in medical residents: The sad reality of medical training. Evidence Based Medicine 2016; 21(3): 118. http://dx.doi.org/10.1136/ebmed-2016-110381


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UNIVERSITY RESEARCH SERVICES RESEARCH FUNDING FAIR

Funders and campus services at the booths can help you with your research goals. Take the opportunity to meet funders from multidisciplinary and multiple sectors at casual one-on-one drop-in sessions. For more information, visit the Research Funding Fair webpage.
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Wilderness Medicine Seminar Series

A Wilderness Medicine Seminar series has been initiated at the university. Sessions will be held the third Monday of every month from 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. in 2F1.04 (Classroom D) in the Walter C. McKenzie Health Sciences Centre. If you would like to be involved, or would like more information, contact Dr. Debra Hammer: dhammer@ualberta.ca

Northern Research Workshop Series

UAAlberta North is hosting a series of workshops about Northern research. The next workshop, titled 'Approaches to Working with Northern Communities', will be held October 20th. The final workshop, 'Navigating the Process of Northern Research: Ethics, Licensing, and Funding' will be held November 17th.

UAAlberta North welcomes faculty and students who are interested in participating in their respective fields of research to the workshops. This workshop series will be held again during the winter term. To receive notification about upcoming workshops, join the UAlberta North listserv: http://www.mailman.srv.ualberta.ca/mailman/listinfo/ualberta_north

Allergy and Clinical Immunology Update 2016

Date: Saturday, October 19, 2016
Location: SFU Segal Building, Vancouver, BC
Target Audience: Family physicians, pediatricians, residents and students
Credits: Up to 6.5 Mainpro+/MOC Section 1
http://ubccpd.ca/course/Allergy2016
Highlights: The robust agenda captures the most common allergy and immunology issues faced by family physicians in a clinical setting. Participants will hear from leaders in the field on such topics as food allergy, drug allergy, immunodeficiency, and asthma.

Bringing Best Evidence to Clinicians: Combining Evidence and Clinical Pharmacology to Improve Drug Therapy
Website: http://ubccpd.ca/course/BestEvidence2016
Date: Sat, Oct 29, 2016
Location: Surrey Memorial Hospital, Surrey BC
Target audience: Family physicians, specialists, pharmacists, nurses/nurse practitioners, allied health professionals
Credits: Up to 7.0 Mainpro+/MOC Section 1 credits
Highlights: Topics include best evidence for common syndromes including hypertension, Type 2 diabetes, atrial fibrillation, and chronic pain.

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Highlights: The most common allergy and immunology issues faced by family physicians in a clinical setting.

Practical Ophthalmology for the Non-Ophthalmologist – early bird ends October 14
Website: http://ubccpd.ca/course/Ophthalmology2017
Date: Sat, Mar 4, 2017
Location: UBC Life Sciences Centre, Vancouver BC
Target audience: Family physicians, pediatricians, neurologists, residents.
Reminder: Travel and Expense Claim Tips

Conference season is here. In order to make expense claims submissions easier, the Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry has created a tip sheet to help with Travel & Expense Claims.

You can download a copy of this tip sheet from the family medicine website.

Health and Wellness

University of Alberta Organizational Health and Effectiveness offers many workshops and information sessions throughout the year. For information about fitness programs, the Employee Family Assistance Program, upcoming retirement workshops and more, check out the Health and Wellness Website.

Winter Closure Dates

The holiday season is just around the corner! To help you with your holiday planning, here are the university’s winter closure dates for 2016/2017:

Monday, December 26 (in lieu of Sunday, December 25)
Tuesday, December 27
Wednesday, December 28
Thursday, December 29
Friday, December 30
Monday, January 2, 2017 (in lieu of Sunday, January 1)

Faculty and University Events of Interest

Drop-in Meditation—Meditation for Greater Health

October 12, 2016
12:15 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.
Kaye Edmonton Clinic Meditation Room
FREE Admission

Science in the Cinema Presents: Contagion

October 13, 2016
6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Metro Cinema at the Garneau Theatre
8712—109 St.
FREE Admission