“Greetings and Salutations”
News from the Frontlines of Primary Care

What's Going on in Primary Care at MGH

General Medicine Mentoring Program
Dr. Paul Griner, MGH '64, has joined the Division of General Medicine, and the Mentoring Program is under way! Each faculty member will have an initial one-hour meeting with a member of the senior leadership-mentoring team for career planning and guidance. See your April 25 email for more details. Please contact Audrey Mertens Tedeman at 6-4106 or mertens@partners.org to schedule an appointment, and Joan Carrick at jcarrick@partners.org for assistance with your CV.

SGIM Annual Meeting
The MGH primary care community was well represented at the 30th annual meeting of the Society for General Internal Medicine (SGIM) in Toronto last month. Many members led workshops or gave abstract presentations of their work.

WORKSHOPS
Michael Barry, MD (and many others)
- SGIM Ethics Committee Open Forum: Can Pay-for-Performance Be Ethical?

Chris Coley, MD
& Claus Hamann, MD
- Medication Reconciliation: Successes, Failures, and Why It Is So Hard

Valerie Stone, MD
- HIV Testing, Prevention, and the New CDC Guidelines: Are You Ready to Opt-in?

ABSTRACTS
Perry An, MD
- Cancer Screening in the Ambulatory Setting by Resident Physicians
- Effects of Caring for Difficult Patients: Data from the Memo Study

Mary Ellen Goldhamer, MD
& Greg Ruhnke, MD
- Community-Acquired Pneumonia in the Elderly: Evidence for Marked Improvement in 30-Day Mortality

Alexander Green, MD
- Implicit Bias Among Physicians and Its Prediction of Thrombolysis Decisions for Black and White Patients

Lenny Lopez, MD
- Lifestyle Modification Counseling for Hypertensive Patients: Results from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey 1999-2004
- Physician Factors Associated with Resident Physicians’ Perceptions of Their Preparedness to Deliver Cross-Cultural Care

Sanja Percac-Lima, MD
- Barriers to Screening of Colonoscopy in Latino and White, Non-Latino Patients in an Urban Community Health Center

Angelo Volandes, MD
- Health Literacy Not Race Predicts End-Of-Life Care Preference

Awards, Accolades, and Achievements
Margo Johnson Receives Award for Excellence
Congratulations to Margo Johnson, administrative assistant for the Adolescent and Pediatric Medicine Unit of the MGH Chelsea HealthCare Center, who received the Pamela J. Ellis Memorial Secretarial Award, presented at the April 25 luncheon to honor MGH administrative assistants. Way to go, Margo!

General Medicine Division Wins BeFit #9
Congratulations to the MsFits, a team of 25 from the General Medicine Division (and friends from the Institute of Health Policy, the IMA, Neurology, Pediatrics, and the Disparities Solutions Center) for winning BeFit #9. During the 10-week program, the MsFits competed with five other teams while learning to live a healthier lifestyle through team support and the guidance of nutritionists and personal trainers. The MsFits will be the first team to participate in the pilot BeFit Forever research project, which will follow team members over the next nine months. Be Fit is an employee wellness program sponsored by The Clubs at Charles River Park and MGH Nutrition and Food Services.
MGH Community Benefit Program Announces Medical Director

The MGH Community Benefit Program (CBP), founded in 1995, builds on MGH’s history of improving access to healthcare in local communities (particularly Chelsea, Revere, and Charlestown) and its core value of providing healthcare to all, regardless of ability to pay. Community health care programs have focused on reducing community violence and substance abuse, improving access to healthcare for special populations, eliminating racial and ethnic disparities in health, and increasing opportunities for Boston Public School students.

Today the CBP comprises more than 25 community health care programs.

CBP recently announced that Jeffrey P. Collins, MD, Medical Director of the MGH Chelsea Urgent Care Center, has been appointed to the newly created position of Medical Director! Dr. Collins is a graduate of the Boston University School of Medicine and completed his residency training in the Harvard Combined Program of Internal Medicine and Pediatrics.

In his role as medical director, Dr. Collins will work closely with clinical leaders to develop community-oriented priorities for each service. He will also serve as ambassador and liaison to the medical community at MGH. “The MGH Community Benefit Program has a remarkable twelve-year history of working together with local communities, the Hospital, and the Boston Public Schools to improve the health and well-being of all the communities we serve through a variety of innovative programs. I look forward to working closely with our own medical community to continue this mission,” says Collins. Dr. Collins can be reached at jcollins@partners.org or Partners Paging.

Upcoming Primary Care Events at the Mass General

Summer hiatus: General Medicine Rounds, Stoeckle Center Seminars, Ambulatory Practice of the Future Seminars, and General Medicine Case Conferences will resume in September

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Wednesday, May 23 • 4:00-5:00pm
Ambulatory Practice of the Future (APF) Seminar
“Retail Clinics—Friend or Foe”
Speaker: Ronald F. Dixon MD, MA, Associate Medical Director, Beacon Hill Associates
Where: Yawkey Bldg, 10th floor, Doerr 10660

Friday, May 25 • 7:45-9:00am
Stoeckle Center Seminar
“New Models of Primary Care Training”
Speakers: Lloyd Michener, MD; Chair, Dept. Community and Family Medicine, Duke University Medical Ctr.; and Valerie Stone, MD, MPH; Director, Primary Care Residency Program; Associate Chief, General Medicine Unit; Associate Professor, Harvard Med School
Where: Yawkey Bldg, 10th floor, Doerr 10660

Tuesday, May 29 • 12:00-1:00pm
Pediatric Grand Rounds
Where: O’Keeffe Auditorium

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Friday, June 1 • 8:00-9:00am
General Medicine Case Conference
Details forthcoming

Tuesday, June 12 • 5:30-7:30pm
Stoeckle Center Communication Series
Focus on: Pediatrics
“Better Outcomes Through Better Communication”
Speaker: Elizabeth Rider, MSW, MD
Where: Yawkey Bldg, 2nd Fl, Satter Conf. Rm 2220

Friday, June 22 • 7:45-9:00am
Stoeckle Center Seminar
“Management of Chronic Pain Problems in Primary Care”
Speakers: Michael Bierer, MD, IMA; Heechin Chae, MD, Spaulding Rehab Hospital; Ellen Slawsby, Henry-Benson Mind/Body Institute; and Donald Schipani, patient
Where: Yawkey Bldg, 10th floor, Doerr 10660

Wednesday, June 27 • 4:00-5:00pm
Ambulatory Practice of the Future (APF) Seminar
Speaker: Alan Goroll, MD
Where: Yawkey Bldg, 10th floor, Doerr 10660