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CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATING MEDICAL RESIDENTS, CLASS OF 2011



L to R (front and back): Program Director Anne Pereira, Andrea Olson, Tyler Dunphy, Umesh Goswami, Elizabeth Goelz, Justin Kane, Almoutaz Shakally, Andrew Hamp, Joseph Benson, Muhammad Ali, Anushree Bora, Andrew Kummer, Caitlin Eccles-Radtke, Pernia Latif, Abdul Moiz Khan, Viet Pham, Dipi Sharma, Matthew Prekker, Jena Wirt, Nathan Harris, Pia Maria Franco Pino, Ramona Kyrillos, Alok Sharma, Brandi Gary, and Department Chief Scott Davies.

Where are they going?

Mohammad Ali	Hospitalist, Sanford Healthcare, Marshall, Minnesota
Joseph Benson	Primary Care, Brainerd, Minnesota
Anushree Bora	Hospitalist, HCMC
Tyler Dunphy	Hospitalist, Brainerd, Minnesota
Caitlin Eccles-Radtke	Chief Resident, HCMC
Pia Maria Franco Pino	Geriatric Medicine Fellowship, HCMC
Brandi Gary	Global Health EM/IM Fellowship, St. Luke's, New York, New York
Elizabeth Goelz	General Internal Medicine, HCMC
Umesh Goswami	Sleep Medicine Fellowship, HCMC
Andrew Hamp	Geriatric Medicine Fellowship, HCMC
Nathan Harris	Hospitalist/Primary Care, Innovis Health/St Joseph's, Park Rapids, Minnesota
Justin Kane	Hospitalist, Fairview Southdale, Edina, Minnesota
Abdul Moiz Khan	Hospitalist, Sanford Healthcare, Marshall, Minnesota
Andrew Kummer	Chief Resident, HCMC
Ramona Kyrillos	Infectious Disease Fellowship, University of Miami, Miami, Florida
Pernia Latif	Primary Care, Fairview Southdale, Edina, Minnesota
Andrea Olson	Cardiology Fellowship, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin
Viet Pham	General Internal Medicine, HCMC
Matthew Prekker	Pulmonary/Critical Care Medicine Fellowship, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington
Almoutaz Shakally	Hospitalist, Des Moines, Iowa
Alok Sharma	Cardiology Fellowship, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota
Dipi Sharma	Infectious Disease Fellowship, SUNY, Brooklyn, New York
Jena Wirt	Critical Care Medicine Fellowship, HCMC

INTERNAL MEDICINE RESIDENT GRADUATION BANQUET

The 2011 Internal Medicine Resident Banquet was held at the Golden Valley Country Club on Saturday, June 18, 2011, to recognize and honor our stellar graduating class of residents and fellows. We were treated to **Dr. Steven Hillson's** new jazz band, "Optimum Trajectory," who played during the social hour and dinner.

Drs. Anne Pereria and **Scott Davies** gave the opening remarks, and turned the program over to the evening's emcees, **Drs. Carl Dean** and **Mike Lawson** followed by hilarious videos provided by the underclass residents. The Award presentations included the following resident awards to: **Dr. Alok Sharma**, Resident Research Award; **Dr. Rawad Nasr**, Chief Resident Award; **Dr. Sakina Naqvi**, Chief Resident Award; and **Dr. Matthew Prekker**, Morris Davidman Resident Teaching Award. Faculty awards went to **Dr. Gautam Shroff**, Clinical Excellence Award, and **Dr. Meghan Walsh**, Best Staff Teacher. This is Dr. Walsh's unprecedented 5th year in a row to win this award, which is voted on by the residents. Dr. Walsh won a Distinguished Teaching Award in recognition of her longstanding and outstanding commitment to resident education. This award supersedes the Best Staff Teacher.

Fellow Graduation Certificates were presented: Critical Care Medicine, **Drs. Vijay Johnson** and **Clara Zamorano**. Sleep Medicine, **Drs. Muhammad Shakir Ejaz**, **Younghoon Kwon**, and **Justin Moore**.

Drs. Davies and **Pereira** then presented our very first EM/IM and the Internal Medicine Resident Graduation Certificates. The evening was capped off with dancing and music provided by DJ Jake, from JMR Productions.

The Medical Education Program would like to sincerely thank the Department of Medicine faculty for their financial support of the residents for this annual event. Without this support we could not continue to recognize our residents in this manner. This year, many faculty supported several residents for this event, covering almost half of the expenses.

The Department of Medicine faculty, staff and residents would all like to thank **Michelle Herbers**, **Jessica Norles**, and **Joy Christiansen**, the hostesses for the evening. Their work prior to and throughout the evening made for a well-managed and highly enjoyable event.



SENIOR RESIDENT POSTER RECEPTION AND GRAND ROUNDS

On Monday, May 23, 2011, we had our first annual Senior Resident Poster Reception. Each senior resident gave a five-minute oral presentation on their poster, which represented their senior project (research, clinical vignette, and educational innovation). The competition was stiff, as there were a number of outstanding posters. Winners were **Dr. Pia Maria Franco Pino** for her work, "Screening for anal dysplasia in HIV-positive patients: cytology compared

to histology from high resolution anoscopy," and **Dr. Matthew Prekker** for his work, "Rapid HIV Testing in the Emergency Department: A Comparison of Routine Screening and Physician-Directed Testing." Their work was then presented at Medicine Grand Rounds on Thursday, June 2, 2011. Dr. Prekker's work was presented by **Dr. Travis Olives**, as Dr. Prekker was at a national meeting in Boston, Massachusetts, presenting his work.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2012-2013 FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS

Dr. Jorge Brenes – Cardiology, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota

Dr. Caitlin Eccles-Radtke – Infectious Diseases, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dr. Pia Maria Franco Pino – Infectious Diseases, University of Maryland, Baltimore, Maryland (after completing Geriatric Medicine training, HCMC)

Dr. Umesh Goswami – Sleep Medicine, HCMC (2011-2012)

Dr. Lisa Hayden – Pulmonary Critical Care, California Pacific Medical Center, San Francisco, California

Dr. Ameer Khowaja – Endocrinology, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dr. Andy Kummer – Nephrology, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dr. Abdullah Ladha – Palliative Care, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota

Dr. Manoj Ray – Infectious Disease, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, Alabama

Dr. Karam Sandhu – Hematology-Oncology, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dr. Surbhi Shah – Hematology-Oncology, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dr. David Williams – Critical Care, HCMC

DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE CHIEF RESIDENTS

Incoming Internal Medicine Chief Residents

Dr. Caitlin Eccles-Radtke and **Dr. Andrew Kummer** upon graduation from the Department's Internal Medicine Residency Program will assume the position of Internal Medicine Chief Residents for the Academic Year, 2012-2013. Both attended Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska, prior to their residencies at HCMC.



Departing Internal Medicine Chief Residents

Dr. Rawad Nasar and **Dr. Sakina Naqvi** were honored at a dinner hosted by **Dr. Scott Davies** in appreciation for the great job they did as chief residents this past academic year. Dr. Nasr will be entering a fellowship in Rheumatology at the University of Minnesota and Dr. Naqvi is going into a fellowship in Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine also at the University of Minnesota.



DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS

The Cardiology Division is pleased to announce the first HCMC Cardiology Fellows starting July 1, 2011.

Dr. Hemal Kadakia received his medical training in India. He completed his Internal Medicine Residency at St. Barnabas Hospital in New York. Dr. Kadakia has worked as a cardiology hospitalist in a variety of academic settings, and comes to us now after completing a heart failure fellowship at Scripps Clinic in La Jolla, California.

Dr. Louis Kohl received his medical degree from the University of Minnesota. He completed his internal medicine residency at the University of California in San Francisco (UCSF), after which he served as junior faculty at UCSF.

The HCMC Geriatric Fellowship Program welcomes **Dr. Pia Maria Franco Pino** and **Dr. Andrew Hamp**, both graduates from the HCMC Internal Medicine Residency Program.

The HCMC Critical Care Medicine Fellowship Program welcomes **Dr. Roy Cho**, who did his residency at Western Pennsylvania Hospital, Temple University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and **Dr. Jena Wirt**, who graduated from the HCMC Internal Medicine Residency Program. They will be joining **Drs. Matthew Klee** and **Maximillian Mulder** who are in their second year of the two-year Critical Care Medicine Fellowship Program.

The HCMC Sleep Medicine Fellowship Program welcomes **Dr. Armais Akovbyan**, who just finished a Pulmonary/Critical Care Fellowship at New York Medical College/Westchester Medical Center where he also did his Internal Medicine Residency; **Dr. Jane Dever**, who recently completed her Hennepin/Regions psychiatry residency; **Dr. Tacjana Friday**, who recently completed a Clinical Neurophysiology Epilepsy Fellowship at the University of Minnesota where she also did her Neurology residency; and **Dr. Umesh Goswami**, who graduated from the HCMC Internal Medicine Residency Program.

STAFF UPDATES

Welcome new faces in the Department of Medicine



Ms. Bernice Larson joined the Nephrology Division on May 9, 2011, as a Senior Medical Office Specialist. Bernice joined us from the HCMC Family Medicine Department where she coordinated the Sports Medicine Fellowship. Bernice has worked in the healthcare industry for over 22 years, joining HCMC in 1992. In addition to providing

administrative support for the nephrology staff, Bernice will be the Coordinator for nephrology educational activities, working with the nephrology fellows and medical students.

Dr. Jeffrey Rubins, will start July 1, 2011, as Program Director for the Palliative Medicine Service. He is joining our faculty from the Minneapolis Veterans Administration Medical Center.

Dr. Asha Madar will be joining the General Internal Medicine Division in August or September 2011.

Dr. Brett Inglis will be joining the Gastroenterology Division on July 18, 2011.

Dr. Viet Pham will be starting July 15, 2011, for a 3-month period working in the Direct Care Clinic in the Division of General Internal Medicine.

Department of Medicine Staff Departures

Dr. Kathleen Ogle, Division of Hematology/Medical Oncology, left HCMC on June 30, 2011, to pursue outpatient hospice work.

Dr. Cristina Baker, Division of Infectious Diseases, left HCMC on June 24, 2011 to work in Infectious Diseases at Park Nicollet Medical Center.

DR. MILTON BULLOCK RETIRES FROM THE DIVISION OF ADDICTION MEDICINE

Dr. Milton Bullock retired from the Division of Addiction Medicine on June 30, 2011. Over the past 35 years, Dr. Bullock has worked in a variety of areas including clinical medicine (both ward medicine and methadone) and antabuse clinics. He taught medical students and residents, performed community work with the Salvation Army, and helped to develop Hennepin County Detox units.



In the area of research, he and his team received two NIH grants to study the efficacy of acupuncture in the treatment of chronic alcohol and cocaine abuse. These studies were particularly instructive since many experimental design

issues had to be resolved in order to gain the interest of funding agencies. Other multi-site studies evaluated the drugs Acamprosato and Natrel for possible value in treating alcoholism.

From 1994-2005, Dr. Bullock headed up the Department of Medicine's Addiction Medicine Program. During this time, our methadone program was established (with particular help from Gregory Carlson). Currently this clinic serves 560 patients.

Dr. Bullock also served as the Medical Director of the Alternative Medicine Program from 1996-2001, where he worked with Pat Culliton on acupuncture treatment for cocaine addiction and other complementary and alternative therapies in the treatment of alcohol and other addictions.

GRANTS AWARDED

Dr. Tom Arneson, *Pilot Study of Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation*. U of M Cancer Center.

Dr. Gavin Bart, *Methadone population pharmacokinetics: treatment outcome in Hmong and non-Hmong - Non Competing Continuation*. NIH/NIDA.

Dr. Allan Collins, 1) *Surveillance of Anemia Management Therapies in the Dialysis Population*. Takeda International. 2) *Retrospective Research in Anemia Management and Chronic Kidney Disease*. Amgen. 3) *Outcomes and Costs Associated with Frequency of Physician-Patient Visits on Hemodialysis - Non Competing Continuation*. NIH/U of M.

Dr. Keith Henry, *An open-label medication trial in HIV-1 infected subjects*. Tibotec Pharmaceuticals Ltd.

Dr. Charles Herzog, *Epidemiology of Acute Coronary Syndrome*. Ortho McNeil Janssen Scientific Affairs LLC.

Dr. Bertram Kasiske, *Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients (SRTR) - Option Period 1*. HRSA.

Dr. Paul Pentel, *Portion Size Effects on Body Weight: Free Living Setting - Non Competing Continuation*. NIH/UMN.

Karin Sabey, 1) *Medical Case Management Grant*. Hennepin County / DHHS Ryan White. 2) *Treatment Adherence / Inreach Services*. Hennepin County / DHHS Ryan White. 3) *Chemical Health Services*. Hennepin County / DHHS Ryan White.

MEDICINE FACULTY IN THE NEWS

On May 1, 2011, **Dr. Kevin Larsen** was interviewed for a story titled, "A new path for healthcare," in the Health Data Management Magazine (online).

On May 12, 2011, **Dr. Ronald Molony** was interviewed on Cable Channel 12 News for a piece on Fibromyalgia.

On April 18, 2011, **Drs. Keith Henry** and **Jason Baker** were quoted on Fox 9 News for a story titled, "Treatment Change Could Delay AIDS Onset." Dr. Henry was also quoted on April 18, 2011, in the HealthDay Reporter (Online) in an article titled, "Starting HIV Drugs Earlier May Delay AIDS But Not Death."

MEDICINE FACULTY HONORS AND RECOGNITION

In the March 25, 2011 issue of the *Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal*, the following Department of Medicine faculty were acknowledged as "Best Doctors in America" from the Best Doctors in America 2011-2012 database.

Dr. Gavin Bart, Addiction Medicine
Dr. Richard Asinger, Cardiovascular Disease
Dr. Fouad Bachour, Cardiovascular Disease
Dr. Craig Peine, Gastroenterology
Dr. Lawrence Kerzner, Geriatric Medicine
Dr. Keith Henry, Infectious Disease
Dr. Margaret Simpson, Infectious Disease
Dr. Dean Tsukayama, Infectious Disease
Dr. David Williams, Infectious Disease
Dr. Laxmana Godishala, Internal Medicine
Dr. Guilford Hartley, Internal Medicine
Dr. Paul Pentel, Clinical Pharmacology
Dr. Henry Smith, Internal Medicine
Dr. Douglas Rausch, Medical Oncology and Hematology
Dr. Allan Collins, Nephrology
Dr. Charles Smith, Nephrology
Dr. Scott Davies, Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine
Dr. Conrad Iber, Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine
Dr. James Leatherman, Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine
Dr. William Marinelli, Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine
Dr. Robert Kempainen, Pulmonary Medicine

In the same report, the Hennepin Comprehensive Cancer Center was ranked 13 out of the Top 25 Minnesota and Western Wisconsin cancer centers ranked by newly diagnosed cancer patients in 2009.

Dr. Meghan Walsh and **Dr. Matthew Prekker** (EM/IM G5) were awarded University of Minnesota Distinguished Teaching Awards on April 20, 2011 at the University of Minnesota Medical School and Minnesota Medical Foundation Celebrating Excellence: 2011 Honors and Awards Program. The recipients of these awards are selected by 4th year medical students at the University of Minnesota. Only one faculty and one resident are selected by the 4th year class, and, this year both individuals are from the HCMC Department of Medicine! **Dr. Thomas Stillman** was also recognized at this program as a past recipient of the Lifetime Distinguished Teaching Award.

Drs. Steven Hillson and **John Hitt** recently became members of the hospital's reorganized CME Advisory Committee. This quarterly committee will commence in August and will focus on organizational learning needs, quality improvement work, HCMC mission-specific needs assessment, and areas of specific needs/interest.

On April 20, 2011, **Dr. Mark Linzer**, by unanimous decision of the Medical School Promotion and Tenure Committee, was appointed Professor on the Clinical Scholar Track in the Department of Medicine. The committee noted his outstanding academic credentials with a strong portfolio of scholarly activities and an established national and international reputation.



Dr. Thomas Stillman was voted by the University of Minnesota School of Medicine's graduating class to be greater at the graduation ceremony for an unprecedented 13th year in a row on May 6, 2011. **Dr. Martin Stillman**, President of the Medical Alumni Association, was a speaker at the medical school graduation ceremonies.

Dr. Laxmana Godishala was inducted as a Fellow of American Society of Hypertension (FASH) for excellence in research and clinical contributions to the field of hypertension at the 26th Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Society of Hypertension in New York, New York, on May 22, 2011. There are only 4 fellows of FASH in Minnesota to date, including two from the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, one from the University of Minnesota, and Dr. Godishala from HCMC.



Dr. Mengistu Simegn won Teacher of the Year Award presented by cardiology fellows at the graduation event on June 10, 2011 at the University of Minnesota. This is a remarkable achievement given that Dr. Simegn has been here for less than one year! It is a testament to his knowledge and teaching skills that he was recognized by the fellows for this award.

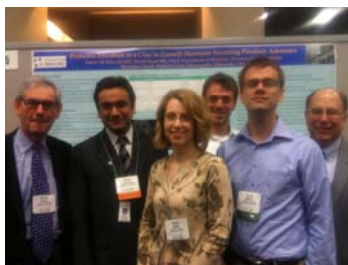


POSTER, MEETING, AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

At the University of Minnesota Medical School Department of Medicine Research Day on April 4, 2011, **Dr. Maximillian Mulder** (Critical Care Fellow) and **Dr. Nathaniel Scott** (EM/IM G3) presented a poster titled, "Utility and impact of cranial computed tomography in the initial evaluation and management of resuscitated non-traumatic out of hospital cardiopulmonary arrests in adults."

At the American College of Physicians (ACP) National Scientific Meeting, April 7-9, 2011, in San Diego, California,

Dr. Ameer Ali Khowaja (G2) presented a poster co-authored with **Dr. David Stuart** titled, "Prolactin Elevation as a Clue to Growth Hormone Secreting Pituitary Adenoma." Dr. Khowaja is pictured at his poster with other Medicine faculty who also attended this ACP Scientific meeting.



L-R: Drs. David Williams, Ameer Ali Khowaja, former faculty member Heidi Coplin, Charles Reznikoff, David Hilden and Lawrence Kerzner.

At the National Kidney Foundation Meeting, April 27-30, 2011, in Las Vegas, Nevada, **Dr. Ameer Ali Khowaja** (G2), presented a poster titled, "Patterns of urine albumin excretion in normoalbuminuric normotensive type I Diabetics on Renin Angiotensin System blockers."

Dr. Meghan Walsh and **Dr. Brian Hilgeman** (G1) led a workshop at the Association of Program Directors in Internal Medicine, held in Las Vegas, Nevada, in April, 2011, titled: "Lost in Transition," a workshop on improving the discharge process.

Dr. Mark Linzer and Minimizing Error, Maximizing Outcomes, (MEMO) researchers presented three abstracts and posters at the Society of General Internal Medicine

(SGIM) conference in Phoenix, Arizona, on May 4-7, 2011. The oral abstracts on, "The Effect of Burnout on Patient Outcomes: Results from the MEMO Study," and "Disparities in Care Between Primary Care Clinics Serving Minority Versus Non-Minority Patients" were very well received, as was the paper titled, "Electronic Health Records and Physician Stress in Office Based Practice." At this same meeting in Phoenix, Dr. Linzer also led a table workgroup on worklife balance for the National Association of Chiefs and Leaders in General Internal Medicine (ACLGIM).

Dr. Mark Linzer was invited to present to various groups at Stanford Medical Center and Stanford University Medical School in Palo Alto, California, May 9-11, 2011, speaking on topics such as: "Burnout in Women Physicians," "Physician Satisfaction, Stress and Professionalism," and "Physician Worklife: Predicting satisfaction and preventing burnout during training & beyond." The talks were a great success, and Dr. Linzer appreciated the opportunity to speak with over 600 faculty, staff and residents.

Dr. David Williams attended the 21st ECCMID/27th ICC Joint Conference of the European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases and the International Society of Chemotherapy meeting in Milan, Italy on May 7-10, 2011, and presented a poster titled, "The broadening spectrum of septic pulmonary embolism: a retrospective review." This study was undertaken with **Drs. Umesh Goswami** (G3) and **Jorge Brenes** (G2).

At the American Thoracic Society International Conference 2011 in Denver, Colorado, on May 14-16, 2011, **Dr. Umesh Goswami** (G3) and **Dr. Jorge Brenes** (G2) presented a poster co-authored with **Dr. David Williams** titled, "Beyond Lemierre's: Expanded spectrum of venous origin septic pulmonary emboli." **Dr. Goswami** and **Dr. Brad Smith** (G1) presented a poster titled, "Pleural Calcification as a Cause of Pulmonary Hypertension and Cor Pulmonale."

RECENT GUEST SPEAKERS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE

Thursday, April 7, 2011, Medicine Grand Rounds. Dr. Kevin M. Harris, Director of Echocardiography, Minneapolis Heart Institute, Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine, University of Minnesota Medical School. "*Acute Aortic Dissection-Insights from 2010 ACC/AHA Guidelines and Advantages of a Multidisciplinary Systematic Care Program.*"

Thursday, April 14, 2011, Medicine Grand Rounds. Dr. J. Bruce Redmon, Associate Professor, Department of Medicine and Urologic Surgery, University of Minnesota Medical School. "*Testosterone in Older Men.*"



Thursday, April 28, 2011, Distinguished Alumnus of the Year. Dr. Robert H. Lohr, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Mayo Clinic College of Medicine, Consultant, Division of General Internal Medicine, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota. "*Providing Value for Patients: Role of Physician Leadership.*"

Thursday, May 12, 2011, Medicine Grand Rounds. Dr. Mark Willenbring, CEO, ALATYR, Director, ASSET Clinic, Staff Psychiatrist, United Hospital, St. Paul, Minnesota. "*Medical Treatment of Addiction.*"

Thursday, June 16, 2011, Medicine Grand Rounds. Dr. Phillip Peterson, Professor of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases and International Medicine, University of Minnesota Medical School. "*Chronic Fatigue Syndrome and the 10th Rule of Internal Medicine.*"

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IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Lois Heaney passed away on May 2, 2011, at the age of 64, at home in Minneapolis surrounded by family and friends after waging a courageous battle with cancer for more than four years. Dr. Heaney graduated from Northwestern School of Nursing and later the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis with a biology degree. After working at the University of Minnesota Hospitals as a nurse and clinical researcher, and while raising her two sons, Dr. Heaney entered the University of Minnesota Medical School in Minneapolis in 1984. After graduation, she completed her residency in internal medicine at the Hennepin County Medical Center and joined Hennepin Faculty Associates in Minneapolis where she



practiced medicine for nearly ten years. Dr. Heaney was one of the first hospitalists in the Department of Medicine at HCMC and her focus was on orthopedic and cardiology patients. In 2001 she moved to Phoenix to join the Arizona Medical Clinic where she served on the board of directors and as head hospitalist until her retirement in 2007. Dr. Heaney had an adventurous spirit with interests ranging from skiing and coaching baseball to worldwide travel, including volunteer service with Habitat for Humanity in the Philippines. A loving mother, she will always be remembered for her dedication to her family and friends. She will be remembered in the Department of Medicine as a great teacher and physician.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF RECOGNITION

Congratulations to the following Administrative Staff on recognition of their years of service in the Department of Medicine:

Ms. Rosemary Tricola, in recognition of 3 years of Administrative Support in the Palliative Medicine, Hospitalist Services, and Rheumatology Division of the Department of Medicine on April 7, 2011.



Ms. Beverly Deen, in recognition of 5 years of Administrative Support in the Cardiology Division of the Department of Medicine on May 1, 2011.

PATIENT AND FAMILY CENTERED CARE RALLIES IN 2011

There are only 2 Patient Experience Rallies left in 2011! These events are designed to immerse each group in a day-long dialogue and learning session with the main objectives: 1) to inspire and motivate those in attendance to embrace the key tenants of patient- and family-centered care and envision their application at HCMC; and, 2) to enable interdisciplinary workgroups to define specific patient experience improvement strategies and tactics to be implemented in their service areas in the coming 12 months. If you haven't already taken part in an all-day Patient Experience Rally, please plan to attend:

Wednesday, August 17, 2011. Location: Earle Brown Conference Center (Brooklyn Center), or Tuesday, November 15, 2011. Location: North Central University (adjacent to HCMC campus)

Contact:

Sandra Main at 612.873.3525 or Sandra.main@hcmcd.org for more information and to register to attend a rally.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE IMPORTANT DATES

September 8, 2011, The 23rd Annual Alvin L. Schultz Visiting Professor, Dr. William T. Branch, Jr., Head of General Medicine and Professor of Medicine, Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, Georgia.

October 20-22, 2011, The Best of Hennepin, Partnerships in Primary Care, Holiday Inn Metrodome, Minneapolis, Minnesota. *Details to follow.*

November 11, 2011, The Hebbel Medicine Research Day in the Department of Medicine at the University of Minnesota. Dr. Andrew Schaffer, Chair of the Department of Medicine at Weill Cornell Medical College and the 2010-2011 President of the APM will be the speaker for this event.

June 1, 2012, The Internal Medicine Resident Graduation Banquet. *Details to follow.*



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