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MEDICINE DEPARTMENT PHYSICIANS ARE TOP DOCTORS ACCORDING TO *MPLS.ST.PAUL MAGAZINE*

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The January edition of *Mpls.St.Paul Magazine* includes a list of Top Doctors in the metro area; this year, 7 Department of Medicine physicians are on the list! They have been identified by their peers as top doctors in their field through a survey of local physicians.

Each year the magazine sends surveys to 2,500 doctors and 2,500 nurses, randomly selected from a State of Minnesota list of licensed physicians and nurses in the 10-county metro area. Those surveyed are asked to recommend physicians in each of the 70 specialties certified by the American Board of Medical

Specialties. Physicians receiving the top 15% of the votes in each specialty are named in the Top Doctors' list.



Dr. Scott Davies has the special honor of being named to the Top Doctors' Honor Roll of among 30 physicians who have been listed in every Top Doctors' list published by the magazine since 1992. In the article Dr. Davies comments to the question, "Many of you have been at the same clinic since you started in medicine, why is that?" "I like the culture of a safety-net hospital like Hennepin County Medical Center. I get to teach and see patients in clinic." And the question, "Many of you teach residents as part of your practice. What is it like to usher in the new generation of medical care?" "I want to teach as part of my practice because teachers and mentors make the biggest impact on you in medical school."

Dr. Lawrence Kerzner and **Dr. Conrad Iber** have the honor of appearing in 4 of the past 6 Top Doctors' Lists.



The Department of Medicine's distinguished list of Top Doctors for 2011

Dr. Scott Davies, Critical Care Medicine
Dr. James Leatherman, Critical Care Medicine
Dr. Mark Sprenkle, Critical Care Medicine
Dr. Jeffrey Albrecht, Gastroenterology
Dr. Lawrence Kerzner, Geriatric Medicine
Dr. Ellen Coffey, General Internal Medicine
Dr. Conrad Iber, Pulmonary Disease



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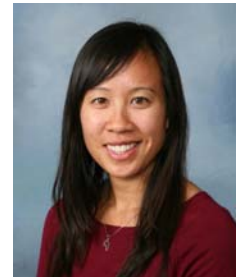
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STAFF UPDATES

Recent leadership changes in the Department of Medicine



Dr. David Hilden has been appointed the new Section Leader of the Hospitalist Program. Dr. Hilden completed his internal medicine residency at HCMC in 2003 and then joined our staff working in the HFA Internal Medicine Clinic until last year; then he transitioned to our Hospitalist Program. Dr. Hilden began his new role on March 1, 2011.



Dr. Brita Hansen has been appointed Associate Section Leader of the Hospitalist Program effective March 1, 2011 and she will be focusing much of her efforts on the quality aspects of the Hospitalist Program. Dr. Hansen completed her internal medicine residency and chief residency at HCMC in 2008 and then joined our hospitalist program.



Dr. Ayesha Rashid will continue in the Hospitalist Program but will shift her leadership contributions to other important duties.



Dr. John Ely's clinical role with the palliative care service at HCMC will be changing. He has recently been involved in international palliative care education, spending time in Russia, Romania, Serbia, Tajikistan and Azerbaijan. He was recently offered a position by the European Union and Oxford University in the United Kingdom to lead the development of adult and pediatric palliative medicine services for the National Health Plan of Serbia.

Starting in April and for the next several years, he will be spending nine months of each year on site in Belgrade and will continue with clinical involvement at HCMC for a number of weeks throughout the year. Palliative care service will continue to be available at HCMC, likely with new faculty on board.

Welcome new faces in the Department of Medicine



Dr. Angelique Bouma, Research Fellow, joined the General Internal Medicine Division on March 1, 2011, for a 3-month internship from VU University, Amsterdam, where she is completing a Master's Degree in Management, Policy Analysis and Entrepreneurship in Health and Life Sciences. She will focus on Shared Decision Making in the Medicine Clinic.



Ms. Pamela Evans joined HFA and the Department of Medicine on March 14, 2011, as the Hospitalist Program Coordinator. Pamela brings great skills and experience to the position, having previously served for 12 years as the Operations Director of both the Emergency Physicians Department and the Hospitalist Department at the University of Minnesota Medical Center, Fairview.

Department of Medicine Staff Departures

Dr. Leslie Surbeck left HCMC and her position as Section Leader of the Hospitalist Program on March 13, 2011, to pursue other opportunities.

Ms. Jennifer Doyle, Hospitalist Program Manager, left the Department of Medicine on February 18, 2011 to assume the position of Manager of the HCMC Brooklyn Center Clinic.

Dr. Richard Granger will be leaving the Department of Medicine's Division of General Internal Medicine on May 27, 2011. He is moving to Seattle, Washington, to practice primary care.

CARDIOLOGY DIVISION ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. Bradley Bart is pleased to announce our new Cardiology Fellowship at HCMC.

Hennepin County Medical Center and the Minneapolis Heart Institute at Abbott-Northwestern Hospital are offering a newly accredited 3-year Fellowship Training Program in Cardiovascular Disease. This is only one of four cardiology fellowship programs to receive accreditation from the Accreditation Council of Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) this year in the United States. HCMC is the primary site and Abbott Northwestern is a major participating site for the fellowship.



The mission of the fellowship is to provide outstanding clinical training in cardiology and develop cardiovascular disease specialists with superb clinical skills, a life-long commitment to learning, and the ability to function as leaders in their local medical communities. We have been honored to serve the University cardiovascular fellows as educators and mentors over the years and look forward to expanding our role in the development of the next generation of clinicians. We plan to recruit our first class of fellows this July. We will expand to our full complement of 6 fellows (2 per year) by July 2013.

MEDICINE FACULTY IN THE NEWS

Dr. Mark Linzer was interviewed for the Cover Story in the January 2001 *Minnesota Medicine* edition in an article entitled: "Battling Burnout - Medicine is recognizing that physician well-being affects both practitioners and their patients." by Kate Ledger.

Dr. Anne Pereira was quoted on January 19, 2011, in a *Star Tribune* article entitled, "On-the-Job Training, Healthcare-Style."

Dr. Bradley Bart was interviewed by KSTP-5 News, on January 20, 2011, for a piece entitled, "Cold Weather May Boost Your Risk of Heart Attack."

Dr. David Hilden was interviewed by WCCO Radio, on January 30, 2011 for a segment entitled, "Flu Season Normal But Far From Over."

Dr. Roberta Meyers was interviewed by Fox 9 News, on February 1, 2011, for a segment titled, "Exercise to Prevent Memory Loss."

Dr. David Hilden gave an interview on KARE 11 News, on March 15, 2011 titled, "Cyberchondria: The good and bad of symptom searches."

HONORS AND RECOGNITION

Dr. Kathleen Ogle received her Board Certification in Hospice and Palliative Medicine in late 2010.

The following physicians were recognized with the HCMC "**You Made A Difference**" Award for making a difference in the life of a patient, family member, or co-worker.



Dr. Mark Sprenkle on January 8, 2011
Dr. Ayesha Rashid, on January 20, 2011
Dr. Martin Stillman, January 25, 2011
Dr. Douglas Pryce on January 29, 2011

Dr. Lawrence Kerzner was named a "Best Doctor" in the March 25, 2011 issue of *The Minneapolis/St Paul Business Journal*. The Best Doctors database includes more than 45,000 doctors and represents the top 5 percent of the specialists in the United States.

Dr. Sarah Thordsen (G1 Resident) was selected for a Joseph E. Johnson Leadership Day Grant. Leadership Day 2011 will be held on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., on May 24 -25, 2011. The attendees will be given briefings from White House officials, Capitol Hill staff, and members of Congress who are key health decision makers.

GRANTS AWARDED

Dr. Woubeshet Ayenew, *Alecardio*. La-Hoffmann Roche/ Cleveland Clinic.

Dr. Bradley Bart, *Hyponatremia Registry*. Otsuka Pharmaceutical.

Dr. Steven Goldsmith, *The Minnesota Heart Failure Consortium: A Regional Clinical Center - Non Competing Continuation*. NIH/NHLBI.

Dr. Richard Grimm, *Action to Control Cardiovascular Risk in Diabetes (ACCORD) Trial - Continuing Renewal* Wake Forest/NHLBI.

POSTER, MEETING, AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Mark Linzer and **Ms. Sara Poplau** attended the Association for Chiefs and Leaders in General Internal Medicine (ACLGIM) Winter Summit, Phoenix, Arizona, in December, 2010. In conjunction with staff from the Commonwealth Fund, they worked with presenters to tailor articles for ACLGIM's quarterly newsletter, *Leadership Forum*.

Dr. Mark Linzer and **Ms. Sara Poplau** were also invited to speak with HealthPartners and HealthPartners Research Foundation staff on March 2, 2011. The topics covered included: physician stress and burnout, building collaboratives and future funding for the Minnesota Primary Care Research Consortium.

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RECENT GUEST SPEAKERS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE

Thursday, January 20, 2011, Medicine Grand Rounds.
Dr. Alan T. Hirsch, Professor of Medicine, Epidemiology and Community Health Director, Vascular Medicine Program Cardiovascular Division University of Minnesota Medical School. "Best care strategies for individuals with atherosclerotic renal artery stenosis: The critical role of comparative effectiveness research in national health care."

Thursday, February 3, 2011, Medicine Grand Rounds.
Dr. Melissa Kemperman, Epidemiologist Senior, Minnesota Department of Health. "Vector Borne Disease in Minnesota."

Thursday, March 3, 2011, Medicine Grand Rounds.
Dr. Ulrich Specks, Professor of Medicine, Mayo Clinic College of Medicine, Rochester, Minnesota. "Pulmonary Aspects of Rheumatic Disease."

Thursday, March 17, 2011 Medicine Grand Rounds.
Dr. Craig Weinert, Associate Professor of Medicine, University of Minnesota, Staff Physician, Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine, University of Minnesota. "New Advances in Sedation of Mechanically Ventilated Patients."

Thursday, March 31, 2011, Medicine Grand Rounds.
Dr. David A Talan, Professor of Medicine, UCLA School of Medicine, Olive View-UCLA Medical Center, Sylmar, California. "Emergency ID NET."



ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF RECOGNITION

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

Ms. Cheryl Christenson, 3 years of Administrative Support in the Division of Cardiology in the Department of Medicine on January 7, 2011.



Ms. Wendy Yates, 13 years of Administrative Support in the Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine in the Department of Medicine on February 1, 2011.

2011 SENIOR PROJECTS: POSTER SESSION AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS

******SAVE THE DATES!******

Dear Faculty: We have decided to change the format for the senior project presentations this year. The residents put a great deal of effort into their work, and we would be delighted for them to have the opportunity to present it to as many faculty as possible. Thus, rather than scheduling senior project presentations on individual noon conferences over the course of two months (which makes it difficult for many faculty to attend on any given day), there will be a **POSTER RECEPTION ON TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2011, FROM 4:30-6:00 PM in the RL.110 Conference Room**. Beverages and light refreshments will be served.

Two best posters will be selected from that session, and the winners will each provide a 30-minute oral presentation from their work on **THURSDAY JUNE 2, 2011, at The NOON CONFERENCE in the RL110 Conference Room**.

Please mark your calendars for these two important events. We would love to have a large faculty turnout to support the residents and recognize their hard work.

[Dr. Anne Pereira]

PATIENT AND FAMILY CENTERED CARE RALLIES IN 2011

HCMC has embraced patient-and family-centered care as a platform to ensure that every patient, and their family, has an excellent experience at the medical center. It is imperative that every staff member and provider understand and embrace their role in creating an exceptional experience for our patients and their families.

There will be 3 Patient Experience Rallies in 2011 that will serve as the foundation for learning. 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.

Please plan to attend one of the all-day Patient Experience Rallies:

- **Friday, May 20, 2011. Location: North Central University (adjacent to HCMC campus)**
- **Wednesday, August 17, 2011. Location: Earle Brown Conference Center (Brooklyn Center)**
- **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 OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

April 28, 2011, The Department of Medicine 2011 Distinguished Alumnus of the Year, Dr. Robert H. Lohr, Assistant Professor of Medicine, College of Medicine, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota. HCMC Internal Medicine Resident 7/1976-6/1980.



June 18, 2011, The Department of Medicine's Graduation Banquet at the Golden Valley Country Club.

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.*