

Clinical Mission Updates

Point of Care Ultrasound Education Leadership is offering an intensive introductory course for Internal Medicine faculty training in cardiac, pulmonary, renal, biliary and vascular point of care ultrasound. The two sessions are being held on March 6th to March 10th and May 15th to May 20th. For more information or to register, please email Dr. Tanping Wong.

Research Mission Updates

Lisa Kern, MD, was awarded The Commonwealth Fund grant of \$255,907 in support of “Addressing Fragmentation in the Health Care of Medicare and Medicaid Beneficiaries.”

Monika Safford, MD, was awarded an RO1 to continue her project, “Reasons for Geographic and Racial Differences in Stroke-Myocardial Infarction-3.” Period of performance for this grant is four years in the amount of \$2,946,120.



Medical Education Mission Updates

Cole Brandon Hirschfeld, MS3, has received the Society of Hospital Medicine’s (SHM’s) Student Hospitalist Scholar Grant in the Longitudinal Program in the amount of \$5,000 under the mentorship of **Drs. Ole Vielmeyer and Ernie Esquivel**. The AOC project title is “The Role of Diagnostic Bone Biopsy in the Management of Osteomyelitis.”

We are excited to introduce to you a new monthly educational series: **Medical Education Journal Club**. The series, run by Dr. Ernie Esquivel, will highlight what’s new in medical education and will be a joint effort between our faculty and residents. Please join the 2nd session of this conference, scheduled on March 15th in the Medicine Library, M-529. For more information and new ideas please contact Dr. Ernie Esquivel.

The **Primary Care Core Clerkship** is undergoing a radical transformation under new Clerkship Director, Dr. Brian Eiss and Associate Director, Dr. Pamela Eliach. Student schedules are being reorganized to prioritize continuity and mentorship from faculty preceptors and tutor group sessions. Educational resources are being compiled to help faculty preceptors further develop their own teaching abilities, and students will have a more formal mid-clerkship feedback experience as well as a dedicated curriculum in motivational counseling.

Affinity Projects

Medical Ethics Affinity Team recently published its first [peer-reviewed paper](#) and has several manuscripts in press. Later this year, they plan to launch a large pilot study examining the ethical issues that arise in inpatient medical services. If you are interested in participating in the study, contact Dr. Matt McCarthy or Dr. Ezra Gabbay.

Quality Improvement Affinity Team is brainstorming and considering an educational project on iTunes U. They welcome additional ideas and input. Stay tuned for the date and time of the next meeting. For more information, please email Dr. Jennifer Inhae Lee or Dr. Amanda Carmel.

Transitions of Care Affinity Team is exploring ideas for a research project looking at patterns of outpatient care before and after hospitalizations. The first team meeting will be held on March 8th, bringing together hospitalists and ambulatory faculty to talk about various efforts/projects around transitions of care. For more information, please email Dr. Laura Frances Gingras.

Evidence Based Medicine Affinity Team is now working on finishing up the Receiver Operating Characteristic Curves paper, and hoping to submit it to JAMA in the coming month. For more information please contact Dr. Amiran Baduashvili.

Cornell Center for Health Equity (CCHEq)

The CCHEq committee has submitted a Center of Excellence grant proposal under the direction of Drs. Susana Morales and Monika Safford on January 9, 2017.

CCHEq is looking into the next opportunity to submit a proposal to the *Specialized Centers of Excellence for Research on Minority Health and Health Disparities* (U54) issued by the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD) due on April 2017.

The committee is also planning a retreat in Ithaca at the end of April.

Institute for Primary Care Innovation (IPCI)



This initiative is led by Dr. Fred Pelzman. In addition to a website launch in early April, there are three seed grants for Drs. Joseph Shin, Lisa Kern, and Amanda Carmel that are in progress.

Patient Activated Learning System (PALS)

As of now the web development team is on release 1.1 for the website, click [here](#) to view. In mid-March the team will survey patients in CIMA HT-4 waiting rooms to get end user feedback.

Honors & Awards

Ernie Esquivel, MD, was inducted into the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society at the University of Virginia School of Medicine and will be awarded on March 18, 2017.

Ernie Esquivel, MD, has been designated as a Fellow in Hospital Medicine by the Society of Hospital Medicine.

Publications

Anna Maw, MD, [Timely use of Probiotics in Hospitalized Adults Prevents Clostridium difficile Infection: a Systematic Review with Meta-Regression Analysis](#)

Erica Phillips, MD, [Year-End Clinic Handoffs: A National Survey of Academic Internal Medicine Programs](#)

Madeline Sterling, MD, [Now What? Postelection Reflections from Millennials](#)

Matthew William McCarthy, MD, [Expert Review of Molecular Diagnostics](#) and [Medical Mycology](#)

Ramin Asgary, MD, [Opt-Out Patient Navigation to Improve Breast and Cervical Cancer](#)

Sanjai Sinha, MD, [Early Primary Care Follow-Up](#)

Announcements

Erica Phillips, MD, has been awarded Diplomat status on the American Board of Obesity Medicine and she is dedicated to grow WCIMA's Obesity Management Practice.

Ernie Esquivel, MD, is featured on the *The Hospitalist Magazine*! Read more by clicking on the title "[Scholar Grants Help Future Hospitalists Explore Career Pathways](#)"

Judy Tung, MD, was featured on the front page of Weill Cornell Medicine's website, to read more about her story click on [WeAreWCM](#).



Margaret McNairy, MD, was mentioned in the recent WCM magazine related to Kellen Fellowship on working mom-researcher.



Academic

Ariel Rivera, NP, Nurse Practitioner

Arnab Ghosh, MD, Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine

Emily Taylor, MD, Instructor in Medicine

Iris Yolanda Navarro-Millan, MD, Assistant Professor of Medicine

Janey Peterson, EdD, Associate Professor of Clinical Epidemiology in Medicine

Juan Emilio Carrillo, MD, Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine

Martin Shapiro, MD, Professor of Medicine

Maya Hogg, MD, Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine

Non-Academic

Ahd Fudl, BA, Research Assistant

Alexi Archambault, MPH, Research Data Analyst

Arta Habili, MA, Education Administrative Manager

Eri Telegrafi, BBA, Finance Manager

Mangala Rajan, MBA, Senior Research Data Analyst

Tahera Begum, BA, Administrative Specialist [Integrative Health](#)

Benicia Fernandez, Administrative Assistant

Jacqueline Crerar Herbach, Massage Therapist

Jacqueline Topol, Nutritionist

Manna Lu-Wong, Clinical Practice Nurse

Oleg Fabrikant, Acupuncturist



Rowland Chavez, MD, welcomed baby girl Olivia Christine Chavez!

Laura Greisman, MD, welcomes baby!

Savira Kochhar, MS, recently got married in India and is now Mrs. Dargar! Check out her memories at

[savisaurabh.com](#)!