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TO: All Faculty, Department of Medicine
FROM: Dr. Paul M. O'Byrne, Professor and Chair, Department of Medicine
RE: CHAIR'S QUARTERLY INFORMATION UPDATE

New Faculty

Welcome to the following faculty members whose appointments commenced since April 1, 2009.

Associate Professor:

Dr. Alex Spyropoulos, Division of Infectious Diseases

Assistant Professor:

Dr. Mazen Bader, Division of Infectious Diseases

Dr. Helen Neighbour, Division of Respiriology

Ms. Deniece O'Leary, Division of General Internal Medicine

Lecturer:

Mr. Michael Kilborn, Division of General Internal Medicine

Assistant Professor (part-time):

Dr. Neil Johnston, Division of Respiriology

Assistant Clinical Professor:

Dr. Clara Chow, Division of Cardiology

Dr. Sarah McClennan, Division of Emergency Medicine

Assistant Clinical Professor, Adjunct:

Dr. Robert Chernish, Divisions of Respiriology and General Internal Medicine

Dr. Mary Jackson, Divisions of General Internal Medicine and Respiriology

Dr. Danny Lagrotteria, Divisions of Nephrology and Critical Care

Dr. Richard McMillan, Division of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

Dr. Louise Vitou, Division of Nephrology

Internal Medicine and Subspecialty Program Accreditation

This past academic year, the Postgraduate Programs at McMaster University underwent Royal College Accreditation March 30 - April 2, 2009. The Core Internal Medicine and all Subspecialty Programs within the Department of Medicine were successful in obtaining full approval status. For Core Internal Medicine, the strengths of the program included *well developed objectives; academic curriculum and an effective evaluation and feedback system*. The CTU experience and CTU Faculty were also noted to be a strength of the Core Internal Medicine Program. As the CTU is the foundation of Core Internal Medicine, this is certainly a strong validation of the educational experience that our CTU Directors and its faculty members are providing. There were no deficiencies identified within the core program.

All Subspecialties had extremely positive Royal College reviews with five programs having no identified deficiencies noted in the survey. The success of our postgraduate programs within the Department of Medicine is certainly an indication of the overwhelming support and commitment that our faculty has towards residency education.

McMaster Employee Expense and Travel System

The Department of Medicine will be participating in the pilot of the new employee expense reimbursement system beginning July 1, 2009. The new system, "MacMEETS" (McMaster Employee Expense and Travel System) has been configured to meet most of the business requirements set by the Business Owners and Working Group Committee. The Department of Medicine will participate in the User Acceptance stage of the project.

Some of the highlights of the new system include:

- Simplify & Standardize Processes
- Eliminate Duplication
- Introduce Self Service
- Achieve Compliance & Make It Easy
- Expedite reimbursement of expenses to employees in a timely manner

The Department of Medicine will submit a selection of expense reports to be processed using MacMEETS to ensure the new systems meets the needs of our Department.

Department of Medicine Website

It is expected that the Medicine website will move to the new McMaster look during the summer months. Within your own Division section, please check your faculty bio information to be sure that it is accurate and up to date. If you have not submitted faculty bio information as yet, please commit to providing this information before the upgraded site is launched.

ETA

Use of ETA for Rounds scheduling and attendance registration is growing across the Department. As Medicine moves toward elimination of paper attendance records for MOCOMP purposes, be sure to become familiar with the self-registration feature. For assistance with this, contact Jan Taylor in the Chair's Office, X 76724.

If you are continuing to receive unwanted ETA emails, be sure to contact Jan for assistance in selecting only notices of interest to you.

Upgrades are underway which will increase ETA effectiveness. By early fall, ETA email notices will include the topic of each round and a direct link within the notice to record your attendance by return email.

STAR CV

If you haven't had a chance to submit your STAR CV template yet, the summer months may provide an opportunity to do so. For assistance, contact Barb Halliday bhallid@mcmaster.ca, 525-9140 X 26027. If you have submitted your CV and now need to maintain updates, contact Barb for a password and any support you may need for the process.

Awards and Achievements

Dr. Myrna Dolovich received the ISAM (International Society for Aerosols in Medicine) Career Achievement Award. This Career Achievement Award is presented to a senior investigator whose body of work demonstrates a lifetime of outstanding achievement in aerosol science.

Dr. Amin Mulji received the 2009 PAIRO Excellence in Clinical Teaching Award for McMaster University. This award acknowledges the essential role that good clinical teachers play in residency education.

Dr. Patangi (P.K.) Rangachari received the 2009 MSU (McMaster Students Union) Teaching Award. Given on behalf of all full-time undergraduate students, these awards are designed to encourage excellence in teaching.

Dr. Mark Soth successfully completed the McMaster University Teaching Certification Program and was mentored by Dr. Parveen Wasi. Dr. Denise Marshall, Assistant Dean, Program for Faculty Development, FHS made a statement that Dr. Soth's portfolio was "truly exemplary and a gold standard for the UTP certification".

Dr. John Wallace has won the prestigious Premier's Summit Award in Medical Research. The Premier's Summit Award is designed to build Ontario's research prowess by recognizing exceptional medical researchers and helping them expand their programs.

Publications

I would like to congratulate the following individuals on their recent publications:

Drs. Deborah Cook, Chris Rabbat, Agnes Lee, Martin O'Donnell, Lori-Ann Linkins, Darin Treleaven, Maureen Meade, Mark Crowther, Jim Douketis et al for "Event adjudication and data monitoring in an intensive care unit observational study of thromboprophylaxis". *J Crit Care Med*, 2009. 24:168-75.

Dr. Richard Hunt et al for "Myths and facts in the use of anti-inflammatory drugs". *Annals of Internal Medicine*, 2009. May 8:1-16.

Drs. Nader Khalidi and Elzbieta Kaminska et al for "Resident Evaluations: The Use of Daily Evaluation Forms in Rheumatology Ambulatory Care." *J Rheumatology*, 2009. Jun;36(6): 1298-303.

Dr. Aliya Khan et al for "Guidelines for the management of asymptomatic primary hyperparathyroidism: summary statement from the third international workshop." *J Clin Endocrinol Metab*. 2009 Feb;94(2):335-9.

Dr. Aliya Khan et al for "Medical management of asymptomatic primary hyperparathyroidism: proceedings of the third international workshop." *J Clin Endocrinol Metab*. 2009 Feb;94(2):373-81.

Dr. Aliya Khan et al for "Menopause and osteoporosis". *JOGC Clinical Practice Guideline SOGC Supplement*, 2009. Jan:1-48.

Dr. Renée Labiris et al for "Evaluation of allergic lung inflammation by computed tomography in a rat model *in vivo*". *Eur Resp J*, 2009. 33:1437-47.

Drs. Wendy Lim, Deborah Cook, Mark Crowther et al for "Low-molecular-weight heparin thromboprophylaxis in medical-surgical critically ill patients: A systematic review". *Journal of Critical Care*, 2009. 24:197-205.

Drs. Peter Margetts, Mark Inman, Martin Kolb et al for "VEGF ameliorates pulmonary hypertension through inhibition of endothelial apoptosis in experimental lung fibrosis in rats". *J Clin Invest*, 2009. May;119(5):1298-311.

Drs. Shamir Mehta, Sanjit Jolly, Madhu Natarajan, Salim Yusuf et al for "Early versus delayed invasive intervention in acute coronary syndromes". *N Eng J Med*, 2009. May 21;360:2165-75.

Dr. Paul Moayyedi et al for "Yield of diagnostic tests for celiac disease in individuals with symptoms suggestive of irritable bowel syndrome". *Arch Intern Med*, 2009. Apr 13;169(7):651-8.

Dr. Alexander G. Turpie et al for “Rivaroxaban versus enoxaparin for thromboprophylaxis after total knee arthroplasty (RECORD4): a randomized trial”. *Lancet*, 2009. May 16;373(9676):1673-80.