DATE: January 1, 2017

TO: All Faculty, Department of Medicine

FROM: Dr. Akbar Panju, Professor and Acting Chair, Department of Medicine

RE: CHAIR’S QUARTERLY INFORMATION UPDATE

Dear Colleagues,

Happy New Year to all of you. This quarterly newsletter highlights our scholarly activities since the last newsletter. Our department continues to excel in research and education activities and continues to maintain excellence in clinical activities. Congratulations to all of the members who have won awards and received recognitions. The department has organized two CHE events and these are the McMaster Internal Medicine Review courses: Hamilton course is planned for March 2017 and the International course is planned for May 2017 in Krakow, Poland. Our members continue to be active in our Global Health Program and initiatives and presently we have these activities occurring in Uganda, Namibia and Guyana.

New Faculty

Welcome to the following faculty members whose appointments recently commenced:

Assistant Professor: Dr. Luciana Catanese, Neurology
Dr. Jeremy Hirota, Respirology

Assistant Clinical Professor: Dr. Syed Masood, General Internal Medicine
Dr. Tatjana Zdravkovic, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

Assistant Clinical Professor (Adjunct): Dr. Danya Al-Badawi, Geriatric Medicine
Dr. Ziyaad Al-Khateeb, Geriatric Medicine
Dr. Sankalp Bhavsar, Rheumatology
Dr. Han-Oh Chung, Critical Care
Dr. Seth Glassman, Infectious Diseases
Dr. Michael Heffernan, Cardiology
Dr. Paul Hong, Cardiology
Dr. Abdel Kaleel, Neurology
Dr. Andy Wong, Rheumatology
Awards & Achievements

Dr. PJ Devereaux – Canada Research Chair in Perioperative Medicine
Dr. Alison Fox-Robichaud – 2016-17 HAHSO Innovation Grant
Dr. Gordon Guyatt – ACP Laureate Award, American College of Physicians
Dr. Richard Hunt – Community of Distinction, McMaster University
Dr. Justin Lee – 2016-17 HAHSO Innovation Grant
Dr. Simon Oczkowski – 2016-17 HAHSO Innovation Grant
Dr. Ameen Patel – ACP Laureate Award, American College of Physicians
Dr. Bram Rochwerg – 2016-17 HAHSO Innovation Grant
Dr. J-D Schwalm – 2016-17 HAHSO Innovation Grant
Dr. Elena Verdú – Renewed Canada Research Chair in Inflammation, Microbiota and Nutrition
Dr. Irwin Walker – 2016 CHS Paper of the Year Award, Canadian Hematology Society
Dr. Michelle Welsford – 2016-17 HAHSO Innovation Grant

Internal Medicine Residency Program

Winter Gala: Residents and faculty celebrated the holiday season at the annual Winter Gala hosted by the Residency Program. The Uganda fundraiser was highly successful again this year, raising $8,400 for education and medical projects in Kampala.

Congratulations to the following resident award winners:
Dr. Derek Chu, PGY3, First place clinical poster at the annual Oncology Research Day
Systematic review and meta-analysis of antithrombotics (antiplatelets and anticoagulants) for cardiovascular events in patients with essential thrombocytosis Supervisor: Dr. Sonia Anand
Dr. Marissa Laureano, PGY2, RMA Scholarship Award
Extended VTE prophylaxis in patients undergoing abdominal or pelvic surgery for cancer
Dr. Kevin Singh, PGY1, Canadian Association of Gastroenterology, Scholar's Program

ACP Ontario: McMaster residents made an excellent showing at the recent chapter meeting. Our Doctor's Dilemma Team won the regional competition and will progress to the National level in San Diego in Spring 2017. Congratulation to Drs. Tooba Ali, Casey Park and Michael Wang.

Dr. Tooba Ali, PGY3, won first place Clinical Vignette Award for her Oral Presentation on Euglycemic DKA in a patient on SGLT2 Inhibitor

A number of residents: Haroon Yousuf, GIM PGY4; Hassan Mir, Cardiology PGY5; Gavin Mazzetti, PGY3; Adam Mazzetti, PGY3; Talha Syed, Cardiology PGY5; and Ahraaz Wyne, Assistant Professor, conducted a CME Accredited, McMaster Based Simulation Workshop at the ACP Meeting for Faculty and Junior/Senior trainees.

Subspecialty Match: The 2017 Subspecialty match was successful. Residents matched to competitive programs at McMaster and elsewhere: 2 Cardiology (McMaster); 1 Clinical Immunology (McMaster); 3 Critical Care (2 McMaster, 1 Manitoba); 2 Endocrinology (1 McMaster, 1 Western); 1 Gastroenterology (McMaster); 1 Geriatrics (Toronto); 4 GIM (McMaster); 2 Hematology (McMaster); 2 Infectious Diseases (1 McMaster, 1 UBC); 3 Medical Oncology (1 McMaster, 1 Toronto, 1 UBC); 1 Nephrology (Western); 2 Respirology (McMaster); 2 Rheumatology (1 McMaster, 1 Queens).
CaRMS R1 Match: Applications for Canadian Medical Graduate positions have increased significantly to 438 applications. International Medical Graduate applications remain consistent with other years at 639.

Merit Certificates: Congratulations to the following faculty who received merit certificates for 2014-2016 for outstanding scores on resident evaluations:

Craig Ainsworth  
Waleed Alhazzani  
David Armstrong  
Ahmed Attar  
Mazen Bader  
Manoela Braga  
Scott Brimble  
Deborah Cook  
Michael Cyr  
Judah Denburg  
Martha Fulford  
Micheline Gagnon  
Subhas Ganguli  
Ammar Gilani  
Peter Gross  
Alistair Ingram  
Tim Karachi  
Zahira Khalid  
Christian Kraeker  
Kimberly Legault  
Wendy Lim  
Lori-Ann Linkins  
Cheryl Main  
John Marshall  
Mark Matsos  
Natalia McInnes  
Joseph McMullin  
Brian Misiaszek  
John Neary  
Natalie Needham-Nethercott  
Ameen Patel  
Christopher Patriquin  
Christopher Patterson  
Marco Puglia  
Christine Ribic  
Bram Rochwerg  
Demetrios Sahlas  
Omid Salehian  
Holger Schunemann  
Jon-David Schwalm  
Tej Sheth  
Matt Sibbald  
Vikas Tandon  
Frances Tse  
Marcel Tunks  
Nicholas Valettas  
Brian Van Adel  
Madeleine Verhovsek  
Richard Whitlock  
Ted Xenodemetropoulos  
Debbie Yamamura

Publications (in the Past Three Months)


Reddel HK, Busse WW, Pedersen S, Tan WC, Chen YZ, Jorup C, Lythgoe D, O’Byrne PM. Should recommendations about starting inhaled corticosteroid treatment for mild asthma be based on symptom frequency: a post-hoc efficacy analysis of the START study. Lancet. Epub 2016 Nov 29.


If you have currently published peer-reviewed publications and would like to include them in the Chair’s Quarterly Newsletter, please submit the citation by email to Sara Sellers at sellers@mcmaster.ca.