Dear Colleagues,

Strategic Plan News

The OU School of Community Medicine Strategic Plan states that OU Physicians will become an integral part of an Accountable Care Organization (ACO), a term you’ll be hearing often in the next few months. The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 directs the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to create a national voluntary program for ACOs by January, 2012. An ACO is a provider group that accepts responsibility for the cost and quality of care delivered to a particular population of patients. The foundation for our ACO is the Patient-Centered Medical Home model. Many of you have been involved in our efforts toward that model, and great progress is being made on that front.

Education News

The TU-OU Steering Committee recently met to discuss several issues, and most importantly, to approve the principles of the new SCM curriculum. From the first day, medical students learn the sciences and skills required to solve the various problems that patients present to doctors. The curriculum continues in the next phase to incorporate patient-center organized care around the site of care or patient’s stage of life. In the final phase of the curriculum, students will acquire the skills and knowledge needed for internship/residency, and take part in research and other activities.

SCM PEOPLE NEWS

Faculty

Jana Bingman, M.D., is returning to Tulsa as an Assistant Professor in Child Psychiatry. A former student of the OU School of Community Medicine, an OU Physician and a high school educator in the Tulsa area for many years, she graduated from the OU College of Medicine in 2003. She completed her general psychiatry residency at the University of Texas Southwestern
Medical Center, then completed a fellowship in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at the University of Utah in 2008. Certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology in Psychiatry and Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, she treats issues related to child and adolescent psychiatry, particularly complex mood disorders.

It has now been a few months since Damian A. Laber, M.D., FACP, joined the OU School of Community Medicine as Professor of Medicine and Chief of Hematology and Medical Oncology Director of the OU-Tulsa Cancer Center. Dr. Laber received his medical doctorate from the University of Buenos Aires, Buenos Aires, Argentina. He completed his internal medicine residency in the Cleveland Clinic Health System; a Bone Marrow Transplant residency at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle; and Hematology/Oncology fellowship at Baylor College of Medicine and the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, both in Houston. Dr. Laber is tasked with developing OU cancer center programs on the Schusterman Center campus and at the Wayman Tisdale Specialty Clinic.

Victor Test, M.D., has joined OU Physicians and the OU School of Community Medicine as an Associate Professor of Medicine. Dr. Test completed his medical doctorate at the University of Texas medical School at San Antonio and his residency at Scott and White Memorial Hospital and Clinic. Also at Scott and White, he completed a pulmonary medicine fellowship, then went on to complete a critical care medicine fellowship at the University of California at San Diego. Prior to joining OU, he served as Associate Clinical Professor of medicine in the Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine at the University of California at San Diego.

For more information and for photos of our staff, see SCM People News at http://www.ou.edu/content/tulsa/community_medicine/spotlight.html

We wish Dr. Charles Henley his best in his new venture as Associate Dean for Marian University in Indianapolis Indiana.

OTHER NEWS

Dr. Robert Block, professor and former chair of Pediatrics, is president-elect of the American Academy of Pediatrics and is featured on the cover of this month’s issue of Tulsa Kids Magazine.

Dr. Gerard Clancy, OU-Tulsa president, was featured as Greater Tulsa Reporter Ten to Watch in 2011, and as the 2011 Chairman of the Tulsa Metro Chamber please read http://www.tulsaworld.com/business/article.aspx?subjectid=48&articleid=20110118_48_0_Univer273721

Dr. Daniel Duffy was interviewed by Tulsa World read

We should hear Dr. Mark Fox on KWGS this month discussing obesity in children.

Dr. David Kendrick was featured in the Tulsa World Five Questions With...

Dr. William Yarborough and Dr. Michael Weisz, internal medicine, are noted in

On a different note: more good news to report. The Blue Cross and Blue Shield Board of Directors meet in December and awarded OU Bedlam Clinics $350,000.

Congratulations goes to SCM’s Department of Emergency, which will be the academic sponsoring institution for a research project funded by FEMA and conducted by the AMA Disaster Medicine Section. The research project is a portable media for distribution of individual HIPPA protected patient data and how to best implement this in a country-wide fashion. We are going to sponsor a community (rural) focus group in the area.

Please send news our way if you have news you wish to share to Karen Mulkey at karen-mulkey@ouhsc.edu.

Sincerely,

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Daniel Duffy, M.D.
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