Division of Hospital Medicine Newsletter

Celebrating the Division of Hospital Medicine

On June 29, 2017 the Department of Internal Medicine celebrated the inauguration of the Division of Hospital Medicine in the Ford Auditorium Lobby with a ribbon cutting ceremony (pictured), new division pins and of course cake! Speakers included Dr. Carethers, Dr. Spahlinger, Dr. Chopra, and Dr. Flanders. Dr. Chopra also presented Dr. Flanders, Dr. McMahon, and Julie Wietzke with much-deserved tokens of appreciation for their hard work in making hospital medicine at Michigan so great. If you were unable to attend the ceremony and have not yet received one of these special pins that were given out, please stop by the division offices.

Hospital Medicine Photography

We were able to take our first Division of Hospital Medicine group photo before our annual welcome lunch on July 10, 2017. If you were someone who also had an individual photo taken, please stop by the division offices to choose your favorite shot to be used in Hospital Medicine visual posters for our units.

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Upcoming Events

- 7/30—Hospital Medicine Welcome Picnic
  Marshview Meadows Park
  300 E. Textile Road
  Ann Arbor, MI 48108
  3:00-6:00 PM
  (catering & games provided)

- 8/7—HM Business Meeting
  Dr. Chopra, new Division Chief
  Kelley Conference Room
  3201TC, 12:00-1:00 PM
  (lunch provided)
Congratulations to Dr. Valerie Vaughn!

At the 2017 Society of Hospital Medicine's annual meeting, Dr. Valerie Vaughn was awarded Best Research Presentation by a Trainee for her presentation, 'Excessive Antibiotic Duration for Pneumonia: Lessons and Opportunities.'

For more, view video here:


“As hospitalists, we have a role to play in antibiotic stewardship” - Valerie M. Vaughn, MD

2017 Clinical Excellence Society Inductees

Several Hospital Medicine faculty have been inducted over the years as follows:

Aaron Berg, MD—2015
Robert Chang, MD—2017
Scott Flanders, MD—2016
Michael Lukela, MD—2016
Mark McQuillan, MD—2014 (Current President Elect)
David Wesorick, MD—2014

From left to right: Dale Bixby, MD, PhD; Palak Choksi, MD; Silas Norman, MD; Mary Kleaveland, MD; Hari Conjeevaram, MD, MSc; Thomas Sisson, MD; Scott Schuetze, MD, PhD; Robert Chang, MD; Yeong Kwok, MD; Caroline Vitale, MD, AGSF

The Department of Internal Medicine’s Clinical Excellence Society was started in 2013 to recognize faculty who “exude and demonstrate clinical excellence towards their patients and colleagues.”
Congratulations to Dr. Raﬁna Khateeb!

On April 27, 2017, Dr. Raﬁna Khateeb graduated from the University of Michigan Ross School of Business with her MBA!

Additionally, Dr. Khateeb was awarded the Department of Internal Medicine Chairs’ Award for Impact at the annual awards dinner on June 9, 2017.

It should be noted that last year’s award winner was our own Dr. Denege Ward!

2016-2017 Hospital Medicine Award Winners!

Congratulations to the following 2016-2017 recipients of the Hospital Medicine Awards!

Monee Amin, MD—Hospitalist Spirit Award
Awarded to the hospitalist who best enhanced the spirit of the program and the lives of fellow hospitalists through exceptional teamwork, dependability and enthusiasm.

Aaron M. Berg, MD—Hospitalist Educator of the Year
Awarded to the hospitalist who best demonstrated the highest level of skill and dedication to the mission of educating peers and other learners.

Kris Kawamoto, MD—Hospitalist Rookie of the Year
Awarded to the most outstanding first year hospitalist.

Mark S. Kolbe, MD—Hospitalist Clinician of the Year
Awarded to the hospitalist who best demonstrated the combination of medical knowledge, clinical judgment, professionalism, and humanism necessary to provide exemplary patient care.

Sarah Kurz—The Henry Fitzbutler Award for Excellence in Hospital Medicine
Awarded to the best performing fourth-year medical student on MFH.

This award is named after Dr. Henry Fitzbutler, a pioneering physician who graduated from U-M medical school in 1872 who remains widely recognized for his humanitarian values, commitment for his patients and the creation of both a medical school and hospital.

Congratulations to Dr. Sarah Hartley!

On June 9, 2017 at the Department of Internal Medicine’s annual awards dinner, Dr. Sarah Hartley was honored with the Richard D. Judge Award for Medical Student Teaching.

Dr. Richard Judge, a renowned cardiologist and pioneer in the development of the pacemaker, began his career at the University of Michigan Medical School in 1951. As a mentor to countless aspiring physicians, he set the standards for cardiovascular patient care.
Hospital Medicine Offices Are Moving

The Hospital Medicine administrative and faculty offices will be relocating mid-August from the Taubman Center to the fourth floor of UH-South, adjacent to the Blue Medical Short Stay Unit.

Highlights include a shared lunchroom with views of the courtyard, new paint, carpet, and wood furniture, and our very own conference room.

The Division of Infectious Diseases offices will also be making the move to UH-South, following our relocation.

Additional details regarding the move process will be shared as we receive it. We appreciate your patience.

The new address:
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New 6B MPLAN Director

Anu Goyal, MD has accepted the position of Medical Director for 6B Effective July 1st.

Robert Chang, MD is stepping down to devote more time to his roles as the Service Chief of our new Division of Hospital Medicine as well as Associate Chief Medical Information Officer.

Noted publications

Congrats to Drs. Lukela & Nichani on the revisions of the hospitalist core competencies!

Congrats Valerie, Vineet, Sanjay and Mary on the pancreatitis early vs delayed feeding!

Congratulations On Your Promotion!

Effective September 1, 2017:

Robert Chang, MD
Clinical Associate Professor

Vineet Chopra, MD, MSc
Associate Professor with tenure

Paul Grant, MD
Clinical Associate Professor

Amy Hepper, MD
Clinical Assistant Professor

Alexis Lopez, MD
Clinical Assistant Professor

David Wesorick, MD
Clinical Associate Professor
Happy 2nd Anniversary!

The Medical Short Stay units celebrated their 2nd anniversary this month. Several leadership members attended a small celebration on the unit, including Dee Fenner, Carolyn Cole-Brown, Rob Lash, John Carethers, Scott Flanders, Vineet Chopra, David Paje, Denege Ward, Dena Fernandez, and Cathy Kendrick... The theme of the day was how much every part of the team is appreciated for all of their hard work day in and day out...and of course there was cake!

Words from Dr. Ward: “It has been a phenomenal 2 years since the Medical Short Stay Units opened July 13, 2015. Early on, we were fraught with plumbing and census challenges. We initially thought it would be 2 years for us to be ramped up to full, when it actually only took 2 days! This unit developed outstanding medical teams, including physicians, advance practice providers, nurses, nurse techs, clerks, and EVS to deliver exceptional medical care with patient safety as a priority”.

Way to go MSSU!

“*This unit developed outstanding medical teams, including physicians, advance practice providers, nurses, nurse techs, clerks and EVS to deliver exceptional medical care with patient safety as a priority*” - Denege Ward, MD

Welcome Our 2017-2018 New Hospitalists!

Nauzley Abedini, MD
Fares Alsawah, MD
Jaimie Bolda, MD
Scott Childers, MD, MS
Zuzanna Czernik, MD
Ashly Ducharme, DO
Albert Emery, MD
Arya Mansouri, MD
Ruby Marr, MD
Adam Meyer, MD
Krasimira (Krissy) Mikhova, MD
Rachel Osborn, MD
Jigisha Patel, MD
Jonathan Sebolt, MD
Genevieve Stewart, MD, MPH

Have a special announcement to share?
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