It is an honor for me to send this message as Chair of Emergency Medicine at the University of Michigan. The first few months on the job have been both exciting and challenging. Our former Chair, Bill Barsan, is enjoying his new opportunity to focus on research, and continues to be a major contributor to our faculty. I view my role as taking the baton for the next leg of the relay, to build on the foundation of excellence that has already been well-established at U of M. Moving forward, my vision is that our department will be the leader in our specialty, and the place where the future of emergency medicine is created. Below I have outlined some highlights of the past year and plans for the future.

Clinical Operations
In the past year our clinical operations leadership has evolved and grown. Jeff Desmond was appointed Associate Chair of Clinical Operations, and Steve Kronick assumed the role of Service Chief. Dave Somand and Ben Bassin were appointed Associate Service Chiefs. Marie Lozon continues to serve as Director and Service Chief for Pediatric Emergency Services with Nicole Sroufe serving as Associate Service Chief. In the past year Drs. Lozon and Sroufe did an incredible job of transitioning Children’s Emergency Services to the new 33 bed pediatric ED in Mott’s Children’s hospital. In addition, our entire operations team took the lead in transitioning to a new electronic medical record. Hurley Hospital, under the leadership of Mike Jaggi, opened their newly renovated state-of-the-art 60 bed ED in March, 2012.

The entire clinical operations team has continued its dedication to quality and safety with many new initiatives planned. Our combined adult and pediatric patient volumes increased by 7% last year to 87,057 and we predict similar increases in the year to come. In the future, we plan to expand our ability to deliver life-saving care by building an emergency critical care unit within our department at University Hospital.

Education
We also have new leadership to our educational programs. In August of 2011, Sally Santen was recruited from Emory University and took on the new role of Associate Chair for Education. Dr. Santen is also serving as Assistant Dean for Education Research and Quality in the Medical School. Laura Hopson assumed the role of Program Director in October, 2011, and under her direction the residency program remains strong. Over the coming year we are undertaking a formal strategic planning process that engages both residents and faculty. The result will be a clear vision, mission, and strategic plan for building the best training program in the country that will create the future leaders of our specialty. One key component will be expanded simulation training under the direction of Suzanne Dooley-Hash. We are also planning to develop a new critical care training program in conjunction with Pulmonary Critical Care that will prepare EM residency graduates for critical care board certification.

Research
Our research programs remain strong, and will continue to grow. The Clinical Coordinating Center of the Neurologic Emergencies Treatment Trial Network (NETT) under the leadership of Bill Barsan was awarded a second 5-year term of funding from NINDS.
Notes from the Chairman Continued…

Just this summer, the Michigan Injury Center under the direction of Rebecca Cunningham was funded as one of 12 CDC Injury Centers. We are also spearheading a new multidisciplinary research and engineering center for critical illness and injury that will be based at the North Campus Research Complex (NCRC). Dr. Kevin Ward was recruited from Virginia Commonwealth University to lead this initiative. The core group of lead investigators from EM will include Kevin Ward, John Younger, and myself. Our department published over 35 manuscripts this past year and was ranked #2 in NIH funding.

Service
We continue to be engaged in global health through our training program in Ghana. Terry Kowalenko and Rocky Oteng have provided key leadership over the past year. This fall, our first group of residents will graduate from the program we sponsor at KATH Hospital in Kumasi. Many of these graduates will stay on as Emergency Medicine Faculty at KATH hospital and continue to support the program. We are also sponsoring the 2012 African Conference on Emergency Medicine that will be held October 30th to November 1st in Accra. Dr. Barsan will be a keynote speaker and many of our faculty will be participating.

Survival Flight
Mark Lowell continues to serve as Medical Director Survival Flight, and oversaw the arrival of three new American Eurocopter 155 helicopters. This marks the beginning of a new era for the 29-year-old U-M Survival Flight program, which was the first medical flight service in Michigan. The new helicopters are equipped with advanced equipment and safety features, including the ability to fly in low-visibility conditions. They have nearly 50 percent more cabin space for nurses and patients, an all-glass cockpit and a 500-mile range allows them to fly as far as Syracuse, N.Y., or Louisville, KY without refueling.

New website launched
In September of this year we launched our new departmental website. We view this a key communication tool for our department. In the coming year, we will be adding many new features including a dedicated page for the alumni of our programs to stay connected and engaged.

Recognition Event for Dr. Barsan
November 16th we will be honoring the legacy of Dr. Barsan with an event at the University of Michigan. The program will include a day of guest lectures and a fundraising dinner, to be followed by a tailgate party the next day before the Iowa football game. We expect a strong turnout form our program alumni. Please RSVP to erijas@umich.edu or call 734-936-6020 if you plan to attend.

In summary, our department has undergone significant evolution and growth over the past year. I look forward to the exciting opportunities and challenges of the coming years as we strive to create the future of emergency care.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Robert W. Neumar, MD, PhD
Professor and Chair
Department of Emergency Medicine
Awards, Honors, & Promotions

Faculty Promotions—Patrick Carter, MD—Promoted to Assistant Professor
Steve Kronick, MD—Promoted to Associate Professor
Terry Kowalenko, MD—Promoted to Professor
John Younger, MD—Promoted to Professor

Faculty Development Awards—Keith Kocner, MD
Eve Losman, MD
Will Meurer, MD

Faculty Awards—James Weber, DO—Golden Apple Teaching Award
Cemal Sozener, MD—Off-service Teaching Award
Andy Hashikawa, MD—Golden Apple Teaching Award

Service Awards—Bradley Uren, MD—MCEP President 2012-2013

2012-2013 EM Residency Chiefs—Alison Kapadia, MD
John Martel, MD, PhD
Eric Wei, MD, MBA

Resident Awards—Nathan Brouwer, MD—Senior Resident Teaching Award
Jenna White, MD—Student Teaching Award
Brian Sharp, MD—Professionalism Award
Ani Fisk, MD—In-service Exam Award
Richard Owens, MD—Khare Scholarship Award
Alan Lazzara, MD—Fellowship of Academic Wilderness Medicine (FAWM)
Torben Becker, MD—Chair, EMRA EMS Committee
Vice-Chair, EMRA International Committee
Regional Representative for Michigan

Resident Presentations—Travis Ganje, MD—SAEM
Ani Fisk, MD—SAEM
Eric Wei, MD, MBA—ACEP
Richard Owens, MD—ACEP

Fellowship Awards—Allison Cator, MD—In-service Exam Award

Student Awards—Andrew Latimer—SAEM Excellence in Emergency Medicine
Jessica Nelson—Wiegenstein Award
Survival Flight Receives New Helicopters

The arrival of three new American Eurocopter 155 helicopters marks the beginning of a new era for the 29-year-old U-M Survival Flight program, which was the first medical flight service in Michigan.

They will enhance the Health System’s ability to provide advanced, high quality and safe care to patients from across the state, region and nation in partnership with other institutions.

The new helicopters are equipped with advanced equipment and safety features, including the ability to fly in low-visibility conditions. They have nearly 50 percent more cabin space for nurses and patients, an all-glass cockpit and a 500-mile range allows them to fly as far as Syracuse, N.Y., or Louisville, Ky. without refueling.

“We’re excited about the helicopters’ increased capabilities and safety features, but it’s also important to remember that the heart of Survival Flight will remain the same, and by that I mean our dedicated team of highly skilled flight nurses, pilots, mechanics and communications specialists,”

Preventing injury through research and education: U-M chosen as one of handful of CDC injury centers

Every three minutes, an American dies from an injury that could have been prevented. Now, the University of Michigan will ramp up its efforts to prevent more of these unnecessary deaths, as well as non-fatal injuries, with a new research initiative that puts it among the nation’s top centers for such work.

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has selected U-M to become one of its Injury Control Research Centers, a rare designation held by only 10 other institutions.

With a five-year, $4.2 million grant from CDC, U-M researchers will expand their already strong effort to prevent death and disability, as well as to treat injuries from automobile crashes, prescription drug overdoses, violence – such as bullying, suicide, and child maltreatment – and other leading causes of injury in the region.

Much of that work is done by the U-M Injury Center, which brings together researchers and funding from the U-M Medical School, School of Public Health, Transportation Research Institute, Office of the Vice President for Research, and other areas.

“Becoming a CDC injury center will help us take our work to the next level, to help us understand why injuries occur, and what works best to mitigate physical and emotional harm,” says Rebecca Cunningham, M.D., the U-M emergency physician who directs the center. “Injuries are common and too often we accept them as just part of life. But injuries are not accidents. Injuries can be prevented, and their consequences can be reduced. Prevention works. Given the toll of injury on young people and our entire society, we can’t work hard or fast enough to develop and test new ideas for injury prevention.”

With the new grant, U-M will partner with researchers from Wayne State University, Michigan State University, and others to serve as a regional resource and to increase the opportunities for researchers from different areas to work together. In addition, the funding will allow for greatly expanded educational opportunities for students, physicians, and practitioners who are interested in injury prevention, including a certificate program, as well as regional conferences and seminars.

“Our core faculty have secured more than $30 million in grants in just the last five years, funding a broad range of projects. The new CDC funding will create new opportunities to work together, to fund pilot projects, to train a new generation of injury researchers, and to provide injury prevention resources for the region,” she says.
Join us for an event to honor Dr. Bill Barsan as he departs his Chair position with Emergency Medicine. We will say farewell to Dr. Barsan on Friday, November 16th 2012 beginning at 12:00 noon with lectures in the UofM Towsley Auditorium. A cocktail reception will follow at 5:00pm in the UofM Windows Lounge of Palmer Commons. Dinner will be at 7:00pm in the UofM Great Lakes Room in Palmer Commons.

The fun continues the next day, Saturday, November 17th, 2012 at the UM vs. Iowa football tailgate party. Please RSVP to erijas@umich.edu or call 734-936-6020.

Dr. Barsan will be remaining at the UofM in the Department of Emergency Medicine and will continue to pursue his many research projects.
New Emergency Medicine Faculty

Nathan Brouwer, M.D.
Instructor, Emergency Medicine

Medical School or Training
Medical College of Wisconsin, 2008

Residency
University of Michigan Health System, Emergency Medicine, MI, 2012

Adrienne Haggins, M.D.
Lecturer, Emergency Medicine

Medical School or Training
Michigan State University College of Human Medicine, 2007

Residency
University of Chicago Medical Center, Emergency Medicine, IL, 2010

Board Certification
Emergency Medicine

Robert Neumar, M.D.
Professor, Emergency Medicine

Medical School or Training
University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, 1990

Residency
University of Pittsburgh, Emergency Medicine, PA, 1993

Board Certification
Emergency Medicine

Paul Pustinger, D.O.
Instructor, Emergency Medicine

Medical School or Training
Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, 2008

Residency
Botsford General Hospital, Emergency Medicine, MI, 2012

Amber Sabbatini, M.D.
Lecturer, Emergency Medicine

Medical School or Training
Loma Linda University School of Medicine, 2009

Residency
University of Chicago Medical Center, Emergency Medicine, IL, 2012

Kevin Ward, M.D.
Professor, Emergency Medicine

Medical School or Training
Tulane University School of Medicine, 1989

Residency
University of Pittsburgh, Emergency Medicine, 1992

Margaret Wolff, M.D.
Assistant Professor, Emergency Medicine

Medical School or Training
Michigan State University-College of Human Medicine, 2005

Residency
Children's Hospital Boston, Pediatrics, MA, 2008

Fellowship
Pediatric Emergency Medicine, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, 2012

Board Certification
Pediatrics
Emergency Medicine Residency Class of 2016

Kara Baker, MD
Medical School: Boston University School of Medicine
Undergraduate: Michigan State University

David Black, MD
Medical School: Emory University
Undergraduate: Georgia State University

Joseph Betcher, MD
Medical School: Michigan State University
Undergraduate: Western Michigan University

Joseph Cheung, MD
Medical School: Pennsylvania State University
Undergraduate: Grove City College

Jennifer Cheung, MD
Medical School: Pennsylvania State University
Undergraduate: Grove City College

Christopher Fung, MD
Medical School: University of Pittsburgh
Undergraduate: University of California, Berkeley

Dana Liu, MD
Medical School: Boston University School of Medicine
Undergraduate: Northwestern University

Allen Majkrzak, MD
Medical School: University of Michigan Medical School
Undergraduate:

Michael Boyd, MD
Medical School: George Washington University
Undergraduate: George Washington University

Jeffrey Murphy, MD
Medical School: University of Cincinnati
Postgraduate: University of Toronto School of Graduate Studies
Undergraduate: Xavier University

Ashley Pavlic, MD
Medical School: Northwestern University
Postgraduate: Northwestern University
Undergraduate: Princeton University

Michael Boyd, MD
Medical School: George Washington University
Undergraduate: George Washington University

Jennifer Cheung, MD
Medical School: Pennsylvania State University
Undergraduate: Grove City College

David Black, MD
Medical School: Emory University
Undergraduate: Georgia State University

Joseph Betcher, MD
Medical School: Michigan State University
Undergraduate: Western Michigan University

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Medical School: Pennsylvania State University
Undergraduate: Grove City College

Christopher Fung, MD
Medical School: University of Pittsburgh
Undergraduate: University of California, Berkeley

Dana Liu, MD
Medical School: Boston University School of Medicine
Undergraduate: Northwestern University

Allen Majkrzak, MD
Medical School: University of Michigan Medical School
Undergraduate:

Jeffrey Murphy, MD
Medical School: University of Cincinnati
Postgraduate: University of Toronto School of Graduate Studies
Undergraduate: Xavier University

Cody Soyk, MD
Medical School: University of Wisconsin
Undergraduate: University of Wisconsin

Matt Watson, MD
Medical School: University of Missouri
Undergraduate: University of Missouri-Kansas City

Pediatric Emergency Medicine Fellowship

Jennifer Jachowski, DO
Medical School: New York College of Osteopathic Medicine

Melissa Skaugset, MD
Medical School: Loma Linda University School of Medicine
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- EMS
- Global Emergency Medicine

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**Reputation:** The University of Michigan Health System includes our Medical School, Hospitals and Health Centers, and School of Nursing—all highly ranked with state-of-the-art resources.

**Patient Care & Research:** Every year, we treat more than 85,000 patients in our adult and pediatric emergency departments—both of which are Level 1 trauma centers. Notable research programs include: the U-M Injury Center, the Neurologic Emergency Treatment Trial Network Clinical Coordinating Centre, and the Great Emergency Medical Services for Children Research Network, a PECARN node. A planned multidisciplinary science and engineering center will focus on critical injury and illness. U-M Health System is #6 in National Institutes of Health funding.

**Education:** We conduct our four-year emergency medicine residency with St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, Hurley Medical Center, Flint, is also a key training site. We emphasize clinical excellence and premier preparation for careers in academic medicine. Our well-established pediatric emergency medicine fellowship is based in the newly opened 1.1 million sq. ft. C.S. Mott Children’s Hospital.

**Compensation/Benefits:** We offer competitive salaries and an excellent fringe benefit package. Academic rank based on credentials.

**Requirements:** Residency training and/or board certification in Emergency Medicine.

**Preferred:** Fellowship training in the listed areas.

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