Network Chiefs Pass the Baton

Saturday, May 11th, 2013 was the First Annual Chief Resident Hand-Off, a new event instituted in response to feedback from the Chief Resident Summit held in September 2012. At the Summit, Chief Residents noted that—while one Chief Resident event was great—two would be better. They suggested the additional event should be held in May after new chiefs had been chosen but before the outgoing chiefs graduated. This timing would give the outgoing chiefs the opportunity to share with their successors what had worked over the previous year, what hadn’t worked, and words of wisdom to help them manage the complex duties of today’s Family Medicine Chief Resident.

Dr. Ronald Fong, Network Director, lead several sessions, including the discussion of platform for Network cohesion, a sharing of lessons learned, a brainstorming exercise in what the chiefs and their programs wanted from the Network and an opportunity to delve into what rewards would give them pride of position.

After a lovely luncheon, Dr. Fong instituted a right of passage: the dousing of incoming chiefs with Silly String!

Incoming Chief Residents for the 2013-2014 Academic Year:

MERCED:
Shahab Akbari & Suhail Khan

MODESTO:
Jan Janay & Baltej Dosanjh

REDDING:
Laura DiPaolo & Adam Pace

STOCKTON:
Jeanine Phan & Rina Ricci Rivera

TRAVIS AFB:
Adam Howes, Kyle Jarnagin, Alexander Reynolds

SACRAMENTO:
Vona Britz-Diener, Rebecca Cantone, Anjali Rao, Ryan Spielvogel, Swati Rao

Central Line Placement Training at UC Davis

Dr. Jonathan Pierce, Surgical Director at UC Davis’ Center for Virtual Care, offers our Network residents a virtual care module in Central Line Placement.

He offers two module styles: a single 4-hour module for 12 residents or a 3-hour module for 6 residents or less. Pricing is still to be determined but this is an excellent way for your program to use allocation funds toward suplemental education.

In addition to the module cost, residents who attend are entitled to reimbursement of mileage costs to and from UC Davis.

All that will be required for reimbursement is the standard TEV form, a Google map showing the distance (one way), and the Attendance Verification form, available from Erin Countryman upon request.

Let your Program Directors or Erin know if you are interested and we will get you connected!
UPDATE: Merced

The 2013 graduation ceremony was held at the local country club in Merced. Almost 200 guests attended to celebrate the graduation of 8 senior residents. The Director of our program, John Paik-Tesch, MD, was the master-of-ceremonies. The Best Teacher award went to Ellen Pacson, MD and the Dr. Betchel award went to the resident who showed the most enthusiasm in the Emergency Department, Simren Claire, MD. The graduating senior with the strongest work ethic award went to Co-Chief, Stephanie Voyles, MD. The teaching awards went to faculty Brian Sugimoto, MD and Subrahmanyan Nasika, MD. Faculty member and choreographer, Theresa Schill, MD, led the residents in a dance. More fun continued when graduating senior, Samantha Pecson, MD, gave gag awards to the residents. It was wonderful for families and friends to be there to celebrate the culmination of three years of dedication and hard work. We are proud of our 8 graduating residents who are well-prepared to provide the full scope of primary care as fully-qualified physicians.

Dr. Jim McDiarmid
Mercy Medical Center, Merced

UPDATE: Modesto

The Valley Family Medicine Residency of Modesto proudly congratulates the Class of 2013, including three residents who also earned a certificate of Area of Concentration, each with different focus: global health, hospital medicine, and dermatology. Our outgoing group, as usual, created a fun-filled show at the graduation ceremony, featuring a surprise appearance by “Michael Jackson” and his sidekick. We also welcome our talented class of 2015, about half of whom are local talent, originally from our beloved Central Valley. Several residents and faculty worked abroad this past year in far-off settings, including Haiti, India, Niger, and Mexico. Meanwhile, we continue our practice transformation at home in our Family Medicine Center, striving toward patient-centered teams. Our prenatal group care continues, and our diabetes group care thrives into its second year. Always striving to make ourselves better and wiser, we are looking forward to sending yet another core faculty to the UCSF Faculty Development Fellowship this year. A Medical Education Research Foundation grant has supported the launch of our enhanced curriculum in addiction medicine and substance abuse disorders, including our new multidisciplinary chronic pain clinic.

Dr. Duane Bland
Program Director

UPDATE: Redding

The Mercy Redding Family Practice Residency Program is proud to announce our affiliation with a new residency program in Redding – Shasta Community Health Center Family Medicine Residency Program. This new residency program opened its doors and Shasta Community Health Center on July 1st. By next year, they will have a full complement of 6 residents. The program is working closely with our program (18 residents) sharing inpatient services, outpatient experiences, call, and lectures. Many of their faculty members are graduates of our program. This is an exciting collaboration that allows us to broaden family medicine residency training experiences and enhance primary care for the underserved in our community.
UPDATE: Stockton

The SJGH FM residency program has trained Family Medicine Physicians for 41 years in affiliation with the UC Davis Network of Family Medicine Residencies. Our residents learn using a hands-on approach in a supportive environment. They are exposed to amazing pathology, unique to our underserved and socio-culturally diverse population.

As part of our efforts to meet the needs of our population the residency has a busy “Primary Care Dermatology” clinic. Our faculty have developed expertise in this area as evidenced by the recent publication of the April, 2013 FP Essentials™ # 407 Skin Conditions, co-authored by our Program Director, Ramiro Zuniga, MD and Associate Program Director, Tam Nguyen, MD.

Dr. Nguyen will also be presenting five different dermatology lectures and procedural workshops during the upcoming 2013 AAFP Scientific Assembly in San Diego.

UPDATE: Travis AFB

Save the date! On October 9th, Travis AFB is hosting a free Faculty Development Workshop (breakfast to cost $5) from 6:30am—4pm. A full agenda can be obtained by contacting Erin Countryman at her email address listed on the last page.

Also, Pamela Williams, MD, the Program Director at Travis, was recently installed as the President of the Uniformed Services Academy of Family Physicians (USAFP). The installation was covered in the USAFP Spring newsletter which you can read here: http://tinyurl.com/usafp13.

Susan Avila, a current PGY3 at Travis, was elected as a PGY2 to serve as one of three resident representatives to the USAFP Board of Directors. Her term of service will be one year.

In addition, two recent graduates, Jim Cassleman, MD and Justin Huang, MD, won research awards for case report presentations at the USAFP Annual Research Forum.

Rich Trowbridge, MD, recently graduated, and Ryan Pearson, MD, a current faculty member, completed a clinical research project on the impact of rank and appearance in military medicine. Their findings have been accepted for publication in the journal Military Medicine.

UPDATE: Sacramento

We have hired a community liaison, Katie Campbell, to lead our Communities and Health Professionals Together (CHPT) program. CHPT is our longitudinal curriculum which matches each resident in our department with a community organization in the area surrounding the UC Davis Medical Center. This program offers residents an opportunity to learn about community health indicators, public health services, and the health needs of a community beyond the medical office. We are planning on expanding our program to include 1-2 more community partners in the next year.

We are happy to announce that one of our CHPT projects, The Transgender Hormone Clinic, has become an official part of the UC Davis Student Run Clinic network. The Transgender Hormone Clinic evolved from a CHPT project needs assessment done by a former resident, Elis Madrigal, who found there were multiple barriers to transgender individuals obtaining hormone treatment. The Family Medicine residency and the Gender Health Center partnered to provide a venue for culturally sensitive, evidence-based access to appropriate hormone treatment. We have also included the Transgender Health clinic as part of our Underserved Community rotation.
What else can we do?
First, we must understand the goal. The Affordable Care Act will present the US and our state with a problem—a shortage of primary care physicians. With the influx of the newly-insured into our state and national health care systems, we have an opportunity to highlight the value and the contribution of the family physician in a new way.

By promoting the Year of the Family Physician, we step forward into our communities as more than providers of health care. We step forward into our communities as architects of healthy living and as resource directors capable of connecting families to the care they need to flourish.

Ways to do this are myriad. Dr. Fong has begun some of this work—with ACA Hot Spots designed to field questions about how the new legislation will affect our communities and with his tireless promotion of Family Medicine as THE choice for medical students soon to graduate.

What would you do? How would you make 2014 the Year of the Family Physician in your community? We want to hear from you. Please send your thoughts and ideas directly to Dr. Fong, who can be reached by email at:
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