

Department of Medicine  
Faculty Meeting  
January 11, 2010

Announcements  
Acknowledgement of Elaine Ullian  
Research Space planning process  
Clinical update

# Announcements

Year of Post-Doc luncheon January 12 at 12:30-1:30 pm in 714-5, EBRC

Annual Departmental Dim Sum 11 am - 2 pm on Saturday, February 6 at the China Pearl restaurant, 9 Tyler Street - rsvp to Maria Losurdo

Brian DiSanto taking over as new Director of Finance for the Department

Aaron Freed new Desktop support technician for DOM IT

2010-11 budget review process to start in February

Rhoda Alani, M.D. new Chief of Dermatology started this month

# Medical Grand Rounds

## Keefe Auditorium 12-1pm

**January 15:** *“Health care reform: Patient rights, patient safety, and medical malpractice”*, **George Annas, J.D., MPH**

**January 22:** *“Pulmonary Hypertension: New Definitions, New Treatments, and the REVEAL Registry”*, **Harrison Farber, M.D.**

# Faculty Development and Diversity Seminar

Tuesday, January 19, 2010: *“Electronic tools for organization and time management and their optimal use”*, **Chris Shanahan, M.D.**, 12-1 pm, Wilkins Board Room

# Evans Center ARC Celebratory Event

Tuesday, **February 16, 2010** (714/5 EBRC) 11:30-6  
p.m.

## Guest Speakers

- “*What Fruit Flies Teach Us about RNA Silencing*”, **Philip Zamore, Ph.D.**, UMass
- “*Transcriptional Control of Adipogenesis and Systemic Energy Homeostasis*” **Bruce Spiegelman, Ph.D.**, DFCI, Harvard

Presentations by ARC Directors

PLEASE RSVP to Robin McDonald at [remac@bu.edu](mailto:remac@bu.edu)

# New President and CEO BMC

**Kate Walsh, M.P.H.**, Executive VP and Chief Operating Officer at  
Brigham and Women's Hospital

Starts March 1, 2010 (Ron Bartlett will be interim President in February)

Search firm screened several dozen candidates, search committee  
seriously considered about 25 candidates, chose to interview 8, and  
invited 3 for on campus interviews



# Clinical Update

Reviews underway of transfer process from medical floors to ICU's and admission to specialty teams

Review of strategies to improve attending supervision, particularly at night

Ambulatory visit volume up 15% ytd

wRVU's up 7% ytd but missing some data

Upgrades to BU Medical Group at Commonwealth Ave practice site beginning shortly

All billing and collection metrics have improved substantially (AR days, net collection rate, denial rate, charge lags)

# wRVU Targets for Clinicians

MD specific wRVU's for the first six months available shortly - clinical dashboard

Some faculty are below the target

First year faculty receive waiver

BMC will substantially reduce salary support for MD's below target

Salary reductions 2010-11 planned for faculty who fail to reach target in 2009-10

Strategies to reach target

- Improve billing capture of clinical work
- Improve documentation to enable higher level CPT code (careful not to over-code!)
- Reduce %clinical effort
- Increase clinical work



# Proposed Changes to Policy on Interactions with Industry

Pre-approval of consulting, speaking for industry required from Department Chair

Trainee salaries cannot be supported by industry

Ghostwriting specifically banned

No receipt of free medications by clinicians for patients (directly to the pharmacy)

Funds from industry for on-campus education events channeled through CME office and must be ACCME compliant

Propose disclosure of all financial relationships with industry except those related to research

Enforcement provisions strengthened

# Research Update

**ARRA grants to BUSM ~\$22 m**

Dr. Corkey leading committee to review process and criteria for supplementing stipends of T32 recipients

Reminder re waiver for use of research cores - funds have been made available to Section Chiefs

Electronic billing system for the research cores being tested

Additional staff added to the Clinical Research Resources Core of the CTSI

# Space Allocation Policy and Guidelines

- Philosophy
- Assignment of space
- Definitions and categories of space
- Annual inventory
- Requests for space
- Stewardship of space
- Incubator space
- The metrics

# Considerations

- Shared utilization (by multiple sections) is preferred to single use of any space
- Grant support, trainee, personnel and equipment needs of the research group
- Minimum space requirement for viability of a research group or investigator
- Need for stability over time for continuity of ongoing research programs

# Assignment of Space

- Lab space: Each full time, year round lab worker (technician, postdoc, student, faculty member) should be assigned a desk and lab bench.
- Office space: Each full-time PI faculty member should ideally be assigned a private office.
- Administrative space: PIs need administrative support and all investigators should have access to administrative services. Full time Section administrators should be assigned an office.
- Dry lab space: Each full-time PI faculty member should be assigned a research office. Each support worker requires desk, computer and storage space.
- Clinical research space: Dedicated clinical research space should be made available for approved and funded clinical projects.

# Definitions and categories of space.

- Research space: wet laboratory
- Research space: dry laboratory
- Research space: patient accessible
- Research space: laboratory support (includes dark rooms, autoclave rooms, tissue culture rooms and equipment rooms and can be shared)
- Core space: University Cores, DOM Cores and Section Cores. University and DOM Cores are not attributed to the Section.

# Backup Childcare Now Available

## Department of Medicine

- **Episodic in home childcare**
  - Child mildly ill
  - Working late or on weekends
  - School vacations or Monday Holidays
  - Childcare gaps
- **Rate** \$15.00/hour
- **Parent's in a Pinch**  
<http://www.parentsinapinch.com/ParentsInAPinch.aspx>
- **Logistics**
  - Call 617-739-5437,
  - Identify as BUSM, DOM faculty or staff