

Department of Medicine Faculty Meeting

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

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Obituary

Greg Hudson died suddenly and unexpectedly last week. He was a highly valued member of our IT team, despite only working for us for less than a year. He is survived by his wife and daughter.

Charitable donations may be made in his honor to the American Heart Association.

Announcements

- New interns began orientation Monday, June 15, 2009, to start rotations next week.
- **Maria Trojanowska, Ph.D.** named Director Arthritis Center - will start October 1, 2009
- **Joseph Mizgerd, Ph.D.** named Director, Pulmonary Center - will start July 1, 2009
- **Jeff Greenwald, M.D.** will step down as Director of the Hospitalist Medicine Unit July 1, **Nila Radhakrishnan, M.D.** will serve as Interim Director during search
- **David Halle, M.D.** is stepping down as Director of the IMPAC Unit, **Alok Kapoor, M.D.** will take over for Dr. Halle in directing the Unit
- Kudos to **Alice Jacobs, M.D.** for receiving the American Heart Associations 2009 Gold Award for her contributions to the organization as a volunteer

Announcements (con't)

- Planning for submission of an application to create a NCI-designated Cancer Center is getting underway-RFA for Associate Director positions has been distributed. Submission is anticipated in 2010 or 2012.
- Faculty are reminded to create an informative web page describing your academic/research activities and interests. See:
<http://www.bmcmedicine.info/ResearcherForm.html>
- Department website has been improved, more work to do. Your suggestions for improving content or functionality are welcomed! Please visit:
<http://www.bumc.bu.edu/medicine/>

Research Update

- Evans Junior Faculty Merit Award applications due July 1, 2009 (Asst Professor)- submit completed application to Julie.hoey@bmc.org
- Pilot Grant Deadline July 1: The online uploading system will be accepting Pilot grants beginning June 19.
<http://www.bumc.bu.edu/medicine/research-in-the-department/pilot-project-grant-program/>
- Next deadline for the Specific Aims Page Review will be August
- Next deadline for Bridge Funding applications will be September
- Next Researchers meeting will be July 20 from 12:30-1:30 p.m. in the Wilkins Boardroom

Clinical Update

- Volume:
 - wRVU's up 17% year to date; on pace to reach 625K for the academic year
 - Outpatient visits up 4.6%
 - Collections up 9% YTD
 - Several new primary care providers being added in the summer and fall- will increase capacity by 25-30%
- FPPE/OPPE for each section approved at last week's MEC
- BMC better than budget YTD in discharges and outpatient volume but supplemental funding from the state not forthcoming so far

Clinical Update (con't)

- QMC primary care practice closing in early July
- Outpatient capacity at Commonwealth Ave practice site being expanded
 - Primary care
 - Sleep lab
 - Endoscopy
 - Nutrition and weight management
- Patient Keeper implementation should be completed soon
- Switch to inpatient consults in SCM should be fully implemented for each section soon