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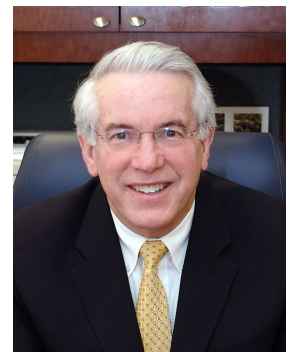
Department of Medicine Newsletter

Message from the Chairman

Colleagues,

As we enter the final month of the 2013-14, academic year, I would like to thank each of you for helping make this year a spectacular success. A few examples – total grant funding through April has been very strong, an outstanding class of incoming interns will be arriving shortly, new training pathways were implemented in the residency program, new levels of team-based approaches to clinical care were achieved throughout our practice, particularly in primary care, and our clinical volume and measures of quality have been outstanding. Remarkably, our department's financial performance is on track for an operating gain at the end of the academic year- substantially above our budget projection. The Faculty Development and Diversity Program has provided a number of leadership and faculty development initiatives that have brought enormous value to faculty from throughout the BU Medical Campus. In addition, BMC has just successfully implemented a new and improved electronic medical record on the inpatient units and begun the initial construction of their new facilities due for completion in 2017. Although we have much work ahead of us and the coming year will be challenging financially, the year is closing on a particularly gratifying and exciting note! I have no doubt we will continue to join as a community to excel in all of our critical missions! Thank you again for your commitment to excellence, to one another, and to the patients we serve. I hope you enjoy this latest addition of the departmental newsletter.

David Coleman, M.D.



CONGRATULATIONS!



Katya Ravid, PhD

Katya Ravid, PhD is the recipient of the 2014 Weizmann Institute Rosi and Max Varon Professorship Award.

"I trust and feel sure in my heart that science will bring to this land both peace and a renewal of its youth, creating here the springs of a new spiritual and material life. I speak of both science for its own sake and science as a means to an end."

Chaim Weizmann



Kevan Hartshorn, MD

Kevan Hartshorn, MD has accepted the invitation to serve as a member of the Lung Cellular, Molecular and Immunology Study Section, Center for Scientific Review, for the term beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2018. Members are selected on the basis of their demonstrated competence and achievement in their scientific discipline as evidenced by the quality of research accomplishments, publications in scientific journals, and other significant scientific activities, achievements and honors. Service on a study section also requires mature judgement and objectivity as well as the ability to work effectively in a group, qualities they believe Dr. Hartshorn will bring to this important task.



Robin Ingalls, MD

Robin Ingalls, MD has accepted the invitation to serve as a member of the Immunity and Host Defense (IHD) Study Section, Center for Scientific Review, for the term beginning July 1, 2014 and ending on June 30, 2020. Members are selected on the basis of their demonstrated competence and achievement in their scientific discipline as evidenced by the quality of research accomplishments, publications in scientific journals, and other significant scientific activities, achievements and honors. Service on a study section also requires mature judgement and objectivity as well as the ability to work effectively in a group, qualities they believe Dr. Ingalls will bring to this important task.

MORE CONGRATULATIONS!



Vipul Chitalia, MD, PhD

Vipul Chitalia, MD, PhD has been selected as an Associate Advisor for Science Translational Medicine. In addition to nominations, each Advisor nominates a number of other equally impressive emerging stars and after a preselection some are invited for a writing sample and a final (fourth) gate of selection is made. Dr. Chitalia is therefore in a most select and elite group of young scientists.



Eva Greenwood, MBA

Eva Greenwood, MBA, Vice Chair, Finance and Administration, has been elected as an institutional member at-large to the AIM Council. The three year term as at large member will begin July , 2014 and will conclude June 30, 2017. Administrators of Internal Medicine (AIM) is the organization of business administrators in departments of internal medicine at medical schools and affiliated teaching hospitals in the United States and Canada.



Mary Warner, MMSc, PA-C

Mary Warner, MMSc, PA-C, Founding Director of the Physician Assistant training program at Boston University School of Medicine has been elected to the BU Faculty Council Nominating Committee.

The Awards Committee is now soliciting nominations for its six annual departmental awards.

1. The **Robert Dawson Evans Faculty Special Recognition Teaching Award** was established in 1998 to recognize faculty members who make extraordinary contributions to the educational mission of our department over time. Winners of the award may demonstrate leadership, creativity, or dedication to educating any level of trainees or peers.

- a. Who can nominate: Residents, fellows, and faculty members can nominate for this award.
- b. Who can be nominated: Nominees must be faculty members with at least five years of experience at BU.

Who is ineligible: Any past winner

2. The **Research Mentoring Award** was first given in 2007. It recognizes members of the Department of Medicine who have mentored trainees and faculty in the technical and scholarly skills required for a successful career in laboratory, clinical, or population-based investigation.

- a. Who can nominate: Residents, fellows, and faculty members can nominate for this award.
- b. Who can be nominated: Faculty who have been on staff for at least five years.

Who is ineligible: Past winners

3. The **Outstanding Citizenship Award** was first awarded in 2009. It acknowledges faculty members who help establish a healthy, enjoyable work environment and who solve problems for their whole section.

- a. Who can nominate: Only a member of the faculty can submit a nomination for this award.
- b. Who can be nominated: Nominees can be of any rank and have staff appointments of any duration.

Who is ineligible: Past winners

4. The **Junior Faculty Mentoring Award** established in 2009, recognizes excellence in mentoring by a junior faculty member. Winners of the award contribute to the successful career development of peers and trainees.

- a. Who can nominate: Residents, fellows, and faculty members can nominate for this award.
- b. Who can be nominated: Faculty members with an academic rank of Instructor or Assistant Professor who have held a staff appointment at BU or elsewhere for no more than seven years.

Who is ineligible: Past winners

Award solicitation continued....

5. The **Award for Clinical Quality Improvement**. This is intended to be for work that resulted in improvements in the provision of clinical care. Nominations will be accepted for individuals or teams. Individual Nominees must hold a faculty appointment in the Department Of Medicine. Teams that are nominated must include at least one DOM faculty member who played a prominent role in the work. Team nominations must include the name of a principle point of contact for the team.

6. The **DOM Clinical Excellence Award** is newly established to recognize and celebrate outstanding clinical prowess manifested in expert clinical skills, extensive medical knowledge and exemplary doctor-patient relationships. It is intended to acknowledge the value of clinical medicine and honors clinical role models among the faculty. The qualities possessed by potential award recipients are intrinsic to their persona, making selection of candidates somewhat intuitive. Individuals who qualify for this award possess an admirable approach to patient care and a commitment to care for all patients at all times. While perhaps intangible, an individual possessing clinical excellence is easy to recognize; it is the individual you would choose to care for your family and the individual you seek for an opinion on the most complex patients. The award is NOT meant to recognize teaching, mentoring or scholarship (although awardees may possess some or all of these attributes). Rather, the award is to recognize clinical skills and attitudes that define excellence.

Any member of the Department - resident, fellow or faculty can nominate faculty for this award. The only requirement is that the nominee must have been on staff for at least five years.

Criteria the committee will use to judge the worthiness of the nomination will include:

1. The quality and outcome(s) of the project
2. The types and creativity of changes required to achieve improvement
3. Effort of staff required
4. Lessons learned

Other issues that will be considered include, but not required are: applicability of the findings to other units, generalizability outside the institution, scholarship produced, including presentations at meetings and traditional publications.

Nominations consist of a letter with a detailed justification of the nominee's relevant contributions in the award category. Please submit through the Faculty Development and Diversity website by **June 20, 2014**: <http://www.bumc.bu.edu/facdev-medicine/faculty-awards/submit-a-nomination/>



Recent Promotions

Dr. Xingbin Ai promotion to Associate Professor in the Section of Pulmonary.

Xingbin Ai, PhD

The Section of General Internal Medicine recently held an event to celebrate the success of Dr. Battiglia's body of work on Patient Navigation.



Tracy Battiglia, MD, MPH

"Service Barriers Delay Care Among Women with Abnormal Cancer Screening."

Journal of Gen Internal Medicine. 2013

"Barriers Reported Among Patients with Breast and Cervical Abnormalities in the Patient Navigation Research Program: Impact on Timely Care." Women's Health Issues. 2014

"Patient Navigation Research Program. Costs and Outcomes Evaluation of Patient Navigation after Abnormal Cancer Screening." Cancer 2014

"Impact of Depression on the Intensity of Patient Navigation for Women with Abnormal Cancer Screenings."

Journal of Health Care Poor Underserved. Feb 2014

"Challenges in the Delivery of Quality Breast Cancer Care: Initiation of Adjuvant Hormone Therapy at Urban Safety Net Hospital." Journal of Oncology Practice 2014 (in press)

"Feasibility of Patient Navigation in Resident Primary Care Practices: A Screening Mammography Quality Improvement Initiative." Journal of Ambulatory Care Management 2014 (In press)

"Can Patient Navigation Improve Receipt of Recommended Breast Cancer Care? Evidence from the National Patient Navigation Research Program" Journal of Clinical Oncology 2014 (in press)

Faculty Development and Diversity

Participate in the AAMC Faculty Forward Engagement Survey

Boston University School of Medicine, along with other medical schools around the country, is participating in the Faculty Forward Engagement Survey to better understand faculty engagement in an effort to improve the faculty workplace.

- **Confidentially** share your opinions and help take part in improving our work environment. Our institution will only receive aggregate data reports
- All part-time and full-time faculty members will receive an individualized invitation to take the online survey from facultyforwardsurvey@aamc.org
- The survey takes approximately 20 minutes to complete and can be completed in more than one sitting
- Your participation is completely voluntary and you may withdraw at any time
- Survey results will be shared with the medical school community and used to create specific action plans to improve programs and policies within our institution
- Your participation in this survey can help our institution learn how to make our school a better place to work and a better educational environment for our students

Look for survey communications in your email inbox in the coming weeks!

For more information about Faculty Forward visit: www.aamc.org/services/facultyforward or contact Robina Bhasin (rbhasin@bu.edu)



New Arrivals



Laurie Dubois, Administrative Director of the Internal Medicine Residency Program and her husband Matt McKillop announce the birth of Elliana Grace McKillop. She weighed 8lbs 10oz and was born on May 15 at 2:55 p.m. Mom and baby are doing great.



Anamika Verma, Fellowship Coordinator in the Hematology/Oncology Section and her husband Vinod are happy to announce the arrival of their son Einar Vinod Raman at 9:49 am weighing 7lb 6 oz, and height 19 inches. They say "We all are doing well in good hands of BMC staff."



Grants Feb-April

SECTION	PI LAST NAME	PI FIRST NAME	PROJECT TITLE	PROJECT TOTAL COSTS	PROJECT END DATE	FUNDING AGENCY
Gastroenterology	Roy	Hemant	EFRI-BSBA: Photonic Technique for Sensing and Understanding Subcellular Structures at Nanoscale	\$80,976	8/31/2013	Northwestern University
Gastroenterology	Shirihai	Orian	Seahorse Spheroid/Islet Kit for the study of Bioenergetic of Islets	\$29,916	5/31/2014	Seahorse Bioscience, Inc.
General Internal Medicine	Battaglia	Tracy	Subaward #084 Supplement Completion of video to assist with subject recruitment for #084	\$127,996	8/31/2014	EMMES Corporation
Hematology and Medical Oncology	Bharti	Ajit	To determine the synergistic effect of MLN9708 with irinotecan in solid tumor and use of a predictiv	\$259,909	1/27/2016	Millennium Pharmaceuticals Inc
Endocrinology, Diabetes and Nutrition	McDonnell	Marie	A randomized controlled trial on the safety and efficacy of linagliptin (Tradjenta) therapy for the i	\$156,809	9/30/2015	Emory University
Gastroenterology	Mostoslavsky	Gustavo	The Role of SIRT6 and Metabolism in APC Mediated Tumorigenesis	\$212,040	12/31/2018	Mass General Hosp
Gastroenterology	Singh	Satish	High Resolution Phase Contrast Endoscopy	\$374,143	11/30/2017	Trustees of Boston University
Infectious Diseases	Fagan	Maura	QI Project to Improve Extragenital Gc/Chl Screening in HIV+ MSM at Boston Medical Center	\$10,000.00	8/31/2014	DPH
Cardiology	Hochberg	Claudia	International Study of Comparative Health Effectiveness w/ Medical & Invasive Approaches	\$600.00	3/31/2015	New York University

Karen H. Antman, MD
Provost, Medical Campus
Dean, School of Medicine

cordially invites
you to the
installation of

David C. Seldin, MD, PhD
as the
Wesley and Charlotte Skinner Professor
for Research in Amyloidosis

Thursday, June 12
12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Hiebert Lounge, 14th Floor, School of Medicine

Join us for a speaking program followed by refreshments
RSVP to busmdev@bu.edu or 638-4570 by Friday, June 6

