Colleagues,

The recent 2013 Evans Days were an inspiring reflection of the commitment of the department’s faculty and trainees to excellence, discovery, and mentorship. So much of our professional success is defined by measurable units of achievement - wRVU’s, visits, DC/IDC per sq ft, grant numbers, EPA’s, etc. However, Evans Days is a reminder of the importance of what often cannot be easily measured. As examples, the passion and collegiality in Hiebert Lounge during the poster sessions were palpable. The pride of mentors in the remarkable accomplishments of their mentees was evident throughout the day. The generosity of the collaborative spirit in our department was on full display in the posters, talks, and at the dinner. The very bright future of medical research and education was reflected in the promise and curiosity of our students and post-doctoral fellows. We acknowledge individuals who have made extraordinary contributions and achievement at Evans Days and summarize them in this edition of the enewsletter. However, I hope you will also take a moment to reflect on the achievements of all members of our department as manifested in the annual Evans Days events. Most importantly, I hope you share the enormous pride in being part of a departmental community that exhibits such character and excellence in so many critically important missions.

David L. Coleman, M.D.
Evans Junior Faculty Merit Award Winners 2013

Alan Walkey, MD
Pulmonary Section

Tamar Aprahamian, PhD
Renal Section

Jennifer Ho, MD
Cardiology Section

Jared Magnani, MD
Cardiology Section
CONGRATULATIONS!

We were one of the 8 programs awarded a 5 year HRSA Preventive Medicine Residency training grant. The grant, which was submitted last November with the support of the Internal Medicine Residency will facilitate development of a joint training program between the Boston Medical Center Preventive Medicine and Internal Medicine Residency Programs, with the goal of joint ACGME accreditation (instead of 3+2 years—do a joint program in 4 years). It will also expand the number of training slots and support development of new curriculum in leadership and management. *Jane Liebschutz, MD MPH,* Program Director from 1998-2013 is the principal investigator on the award. *Jonathan Berz, MD* became the official Program Director of the Preventive Medicine Residency in July, and is transitioning to lead this grant effort moving forward.

*Tracy Battaglia, MD* was awarded funding from Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) on September 10, 2013 for her project Eliminating Patient Identified Socio-legal Barriers to Cancer Care. It was a very competitive award cycle; approximately 13% of applicants were selected for funding.
NCURA announced the election result for 2014 officers and Fredric Majnoun was elected for Treasurer-Elect Position. Fredric Majnoun is Director of Finance and Administration for the Arthritis Center/Rheumatology and Anatomy & Neurobiology.

Richard Wainford, PhD attended the 3rd International Society of Hypertension New Investigators' Symposium on Hypertension and Cardiovascular Disease (held Tuesday 10th September) and the American Heart Association High Blood Pressure Research Scientific Sessions (September 11th-14th) in New Orleans. At these meetings he received the following awards.

1) the International Society of Hypertension New Investigator Committee 2013 Oral Presentation Award

2) The American Heart Association Council for High Blood Pressure Harry Goldblatt New Investigator Award

3) His student Casey Carmichael received an American Heart Association Council for High Blood Pressure Poster Presentation Award

The AHA Goldblatt Award is the highest level of award given to researchers at his stage of his career - below is a link to the video interview he had with Dr. Fink, president of the council, in which the award is described and he discusses his research and training and highlight his position here at Boston University in the Department of Pharmacology and the Whitaker Cardiovascular Institute. As part of this award he will be hosted by the Australian Council for High Blood Pressure Research in 2014.

http://my.americanheart.org/professional/Sessions/HBPR/ScienceNews/Science-News-HBPR-2013-Friday_UCM_444431_Article.jsp#finalists
And More Congratulations!

Colleen LaBelle, Program Director

Dear Ms. LaBelle,

On behalf of the City of Boston and the Boston Public Health Commission, I am pleased to inform you that the Boston Medical Center Office-Based Opioid Treatment (OBOT) Program has been selected as this year’s recipient of the Mayoral Prize for Innovations in Primary Care in a Health Care Setting. The OBOT Program was chosen for providing comprehensive and accessible services and treatment for patients in need of opioid-addiction treatment.

We will be honoring you as a distinguished guest at this year’s Mayoral Prize award ceremony on **Tuesday, November 19th at 5:30pm**. Dr. Paula Johnson, Board Chair of the Boston Public Health Commission and I will present your award for demonstrating excellence in primary care delivery and improvement in Boston. Congratulations on this wonderful achievement and I look forward to seeing you at this year’s event.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Menino
Mayor of Boston

GAO Appointments to Health IT Policy Committee

WASHINGTON, D.C. (October 24, 2013) — Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States and head of the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO), today announced three appointments to the Health Information Technology (HIT) Policy Committee: David Kotz, PhD, who will fill the position of an expert in privacy and security; **Devin Mann, MD**, who will fill the position of a researcher; and Troy Seagondollar, RN, who will fill the position of a member of a labor organization representing health care workers. The HIT Policy Committee makes recommendations to the National Coordinator for Health IT on the development and adoption of a nationwide health information infrastructure, including standards for the exchange of patient medical information.

Devin Mann, MD, MS is an Assistant Professor of Medicine at Boston University School of Medicine as well as an attending physician at Boston Medical Center. His research has focused on the use of health information technology in improving clinical care, such as developing decision support systems with electronic health records to support advanced medical home care. He serves as the lead physician in ambulatory implementation of an Epic system at Boston Medical Center and co-lead of the Epic optimization project at East Boston Neighborhood Health Center. He previously served as the HIT lead on the Evidence-Based Medicine Task Force of the Society of General Internal Medicine. He received his medical degree from the NYU School of Medicine and his Masters of Science in Clinical Epidemiology and Health Services Research from Weill Cornell Medical College. Dr. Mann will serve a 3-year term on the committee.
Awards from Evans Day

Jeffrey Samet, MD  
Research Mentoring Award

This award honors your contributions to the research mission of the Department of Medicine through an exceptional commitment to mentoring. With warmth, enthusiasm, and amazing time management, you guide each mentee toward success. Through selfless guidance, personalized attention, and exemplary role modeling you have built a productive group of clinician researchers locally while fostering thriving research careers nationally and internationally.

Adam Rose, MD  
Junior Faculty Mentoring Award

The Department of Medicine honors your outstanding contributions to the development of trainees. With extraordinary enthusiasm, flexibility, and commitment you have established yourself as an effective and popular mentor among residents, fellows and colleagues. We applaud your ability to train, counsel, advocate for, and empower your mentees to reach their academic goals.

Katya Ravid, PhD  
Special Contribution Teaching Award

The Department of Medicine honors you with this Special Recognition Teaching Award. For two decades medical and graduate students have benefited from your participatory and lucid teaching inside the classroom, and generous mentorship outside of it. As a champion of interdisciplinary science, you were instrumental in designing and co-leading two highly successful interdisciplinary graduate courses. For your numerous and creative contributions to the teaching mission of the department we honor you.

QI: IVC Filter Retrieval  
Evans Department of Medicine Quality Improvement Award

The Department of Medicine honors the IVC Filter Retrieval Task Force for their work in improving the percentage of retrievable IVC filters that are removed. This work will reduce long term clinical complications in scores of patients at BMC.

Team Leads: J Mark Sloan MD, Jeffrey Kalish MD
Team Members: Meg Waite RN, MPH, Glenn Barest MD, Rajendran Vivelndhan MD, Ashvin Pande MD, Shayna Sarosiek MD, Hannah Marks MPH

QI: Clinical Alarm Management  
Evans Department of Medicine Quality Improvement Award

The Department of Medicine honors the Clinical Alarm Management Group for their work in reducing clinical alarm fatigue. The marked reduction of audible alarms improves patient safety and the hospital environment for patients and staff alike.

Team Leads: Deborah A Whalen MSN, MBA, ANP, Patricia M Covelle MMHC, RN, James Piepenbrink BSBME
Team Members: Eric H Awtry MD, Karen Villanova BSN RN, Charlotte Cuneo MSN, RN
# Poster Winners from Evans Day 2013

## Clinical Research:

1. Doan Ngo  
   - Mentor Noyan Gokce  
2. Teresa Wang  
   - Mentor Avi Spira  
3. Andrew Hoss  
   - Mentor Richard Myers  

**Runner ups:**  
Zayd Razouki  
- Mentor Adam Rose  
John Brothers  
- Mentor Avi Spira  
Daniel Ambrus  
- Mentor Allan Walkey  

## Basic Research:

1. Qingde Zhou  
   - Mentor Victoria Bolotina  
2. Sarah Rozelle  
   - Mentor George Murphy  
3. Leona Al Sayah  
   - Mentor Francesca Seta  

**Runner ups:**  
Connie Slocum  
- Mentor Caroline Genco  
Milka Koupenova  
- Mentor Katya Ravid  
Nadia Krasner  
- Mentor Neil Ruderman  

## Evans Center Collaborator of the Year Awards

- **Mark Grinstaff, PhD,** Professor, Biomedical Engineering and Chemistry  
  *Award: Basic Physical Sciences & Engineering Collaborator*

- **Donald Hess, MD,** Chief, Section of Bariatric Surgery  
  *Award: Clinical Collaborator*

- **Karl J. Karlson, MD,** Chief, Cardiac Surgery  
  *Award: Clinical Collaborator*

- **Benjamin Wolozin, MD, PhD,** Prof Pharmacology and Neurology  
  *Award: Basic Science Collaborator*
In Remembrance

Dr. Weintraub passed away Sunday August 18, 2013, after a long illness. He died at the West Roxbury VA Medical Center, with his wife Joan and sons Dan and Jon present.

Dr. Weintraub was a member of the faculty at Boston University School of Medicine and attending hematologist at Boston University Hospital and Boston Medical Center for more than 40 years. He attended Dartmouth College and Harvard Medical School, and trained in medicine at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Michigan, and then in hematology at Mount Sinai Hospital. In the 1960s, he served as Assistant Chief of Hematology at Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington DC, where he carried out research on iron metabolism. He returned to Boston in 1965 as a member of the faculty in hematology at Tufts Medical School and New England Medical Center under Dr. Jane Desforges. In 1972 he was recruited to Boston University School of Medicine as an Associate Professor of Medicine, and in 1977 he was promoted to Professor and Chief of Hematology at University Hospital. He served in this position until the merger of UH and BCH, then continuing on the faculty as our leading hematologist and hematology teacher.

Dr. Weintraub was the author of more than 75 papers and reviews covering topics including hemochromatosis, myelofibrosis, anemia, and thrombocytopenia. He was a member of the Evans Medical Foundation Board, and the Cancer Care, Transfusion, and Pharmacy committees at BMC. He was the first director of the BUSM II Biology of Disease course in hematology. He was a recipient of the Jerome Klein Award for Physician Excellence in recognition of his decades of outstanding patient care, teaching, and service to our community. His dedication to his patients and his contributions to generations of trainees in hematology were unparalleled. He will be missed.

His and Joan’s home address is 32 Grey Stone Path, Dedham MA, 02026 if you wish to send a card. The family is planning a memorial service in the fall.
This summer the Internal Medicine Residency Program arranged a trip to Hyderabad, India for the residents within the newly implemented global health pathway. Dr. Yadavalli ran a series of similar trips to Hyderabad during his time at Case Western, building off of connections to NGOs and academic centers to provide Case medical students and residents with an overview of the Indian medical system. As with those prior trips, the goal of this journey was to use exposure to a range of locations within the Indian medical system to spark conversation and education on global health.

The inaugural trip from BUMC featured junior IM residents Ania Leszczynski and Kari Meyer, as well as 4th year medical student, Lauren Collins, joining Dr. Yadavalli and global health pathway director, James Hudspeth, for a two week trip to Hyderabad. Over the course of the visit we visited a range of locations within Hyderabad's medical system, including an academic hospital, microbiology laboratory, leprosy hospital, tuberculosis outreach program, and an HIV hospital. This was joined with extensive conversations on global health topics such as economics, epidemiology, ethics, HIV, tuberculosis, and some specifics of the Indian medical system. During weekends, the group took advantage of Dr. Yadavalli's familial roots in Andhra Pradesh to visit a range of Hyderabad tourist sites with a Telugu-speaking guide, as seen in photo 1. Other highlights included ample quantities of excellent, spicy food, and a range of truly impressive Indian physicians who kindly took the time to share some of their experience with the group.

Hopefully this trip shall be the first of many, and marks the beginning of some very fruitful connections between BUMC and our Hyderabadi partners! To learn more visit the BUMC global health blog at: www.bumimglobal.wordpress.com.

Photo 1: Dr. Yadavalli lecturing to Ania, Kari and Lauren (left to right)
## New Grants July—September

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Promotions July—September 2013

Promotion to Associate Professor —
Elizabeth Klings, MD. Pulmonary Section

Promotion to Assistant Professor—
James Hudspeth, MD. General Internal Medicine Sec-

Promotion to Assistant Professor—
Jennifer Ho, MD. Cardiology Section
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