

Community Medicine Newsletter



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Feature Community Medicine Physician:



Peter Smith, MD

We caught up with Dr. Smith, from East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) and ask him a few questions (with rather humorous results):

Q. What did you want to be when you grew up?

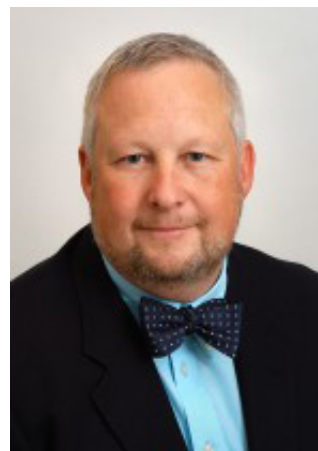
A. *A philosopher pirate.
With the power to*

Director's Notes

Innovation is Old at BMC

Did you know that the CMU administers a highly popular and innovative educational program that has been in existence for over three decades? Armed with an idea and a gift for pitching innovative ideas, Dr. John Noble, the Chief of General Internal Medicine at BCH, established the innovative Joint Hire Program (JHP) in 1980. Now 34 years later, the JHP continues to bring highly qualified community-based internists from the BMC-affiliated CHCs and other Practices into its ranks of primary care provider clinician educators. JHP Physicians supervise and precept Department of Medicine residents during their ambulatory rotations in the Shapiro building. The JHP has evolved over time, expanding its primary mission to bring the best community-based internists to train future community-oriented Internal Medicine Physicians. Over the years, it has also supported inpatient rotations as medicine ward attending, direction of a medical interviewing curriculum for primary care residents, and, most recently, an innovative Master Preceptor Program. Soon we will kick off another innovative program that will pair community-based internists with 4th year Medical Clerks in the GIM Shapiro Urgent Care Clinic.

The JHP is exceptional in that it creates wins for 6 key stake holders: the Internist, the Resident, the Hospital, the Residency Training Program, BUSM and the Internists' Community Health Centers. The JHP is a fine example that working smarter and aligning incentives can produce huge payoff. If you are interested in learning more about this cutting edge program, please [contact me](#).



Warm Regards,

Christopher W. Shanahan, MD MPH FACP
Director, Community Medicine Unit

transform into whatever mammal I wanted.

Q. What drew you to medicine? (or even Internal Medicine)?

A. *My parents suggested I take a few pre-med classes. What could it hurt? Then inertia took over and voila! Here I am.*

Q. What lessons has your work life taught you?

A. *Humility. My job seems to find a new way to teach me this every day. Alcohol seems to be the only way to forget what I have learned.*

Q. What role do you play in your CHC?

A. *I oversee the diabetes program and one of our two geriatrics programs (the SCO program). I work with a great, really diverse group of nurses and midlevel providers whose enthusiasm and commitment to their patients is really inspiring. I also think the health center has been very forward thinking in the way they have used different payment models (like PACE and SCO) to provide better, more coordinated care to patients with chronic illnesses and disabilities. Our department is kind of laboratory in this respect and it is a fun*

Network News

Follow-up: Inaugural Kathleen Bennett Memorial Grand Rounds

This past November 13th, the CMU also hosted its inaugural Kathleen Bennett Memorial lecture, given this year by Dr. Geoffrey Modest. His talk "Community Health: Confessions of a Believer" was a great success - well attended and much appreciated for those who knew her. A big thanks to Dr. Modest for his wonderful lecture. Slides are available [here](#).



Community-based Physician Receives Boston Magazine's "Top Doc" honor



Please join us in congratulating Dr. Charles Tifft, a physician with BU Affiliated Physicians at Copley Square, in his recent receipt of Boston Magazine's "Top Docs" distinction. Well done, Dr. Tifft!

Follow-up: Inaugural Bi-annual Community Medicine Grand Rounds

This past October 9th, the CMU hosted its inaugural Community Medicine Grand Rounds. It was an excellent session with two quality improvement leaders, Dr. Karin Sloan from the Dept of Medicine, and Dr. Karen Lasser from the Section of General Internal Medicine. It was a stimulating presentation on state of the art quality improvement methodologies and ways to implement them. Thank you to Drs. Sloan and Lasser!

BMC Successfully Implements New System to Combat "Alarm Fatigue"

Boston Medical Center (BMC) successfully reduced audible alarms as a way to combat alarm fatigue and improve patient safety. The hospital, one of two in the country that spearheaded this issue, implemented a novel cost-effective approach during a six-week pilot program that resulted in a drastic drop in audible alarms. The successful approach has since been expanded to all BMC inpatient medical surgical units and is being touted as a model for other hospitals working to combat alarm fatigue. To read more, click [here](#).

BUSM & GIM Updates

environment in which to work.

Q. How do others describe you?

A. *Brilliant, bold, handsome, sarcastic.*

Q. Any interesting hobbies you would like to share?

A. *On my medical school application I wrote that my hobbies included photography and sailing, but the time for lies is over. I have no hobbies and never did. My life is just basically work, yelling at my children, and TV.*

Thanks, Dr. Smith!

Get to Know CMU Staff:



Debbie Paarz
Section Administrator

I've been with the Section of General Internal Medicine since 1989. In my role as Section Administrator, I often serve the function of traffic director for all activities in the Section of General Internal Medicine as well as the

Upcoming CMU Grand Rounds - April 30th

Please save the date for our upcoming CMU Grand Rounds on April 30th. This series will consist of interactive seminars with cutting-edge topics for community practitioners. **CME credit will be given for all CMU Grand Rounds.**

2nd CMU Grand Rounds in the series to be held:

Weds, April 30th, 2014
6:30-8pm

"Mastering Difficult Conversations:
Efficient and Evidence-based Methods to Identify & Address
Unhealthy Substance Use in your Patients"

presented by: Lee Ellenberg, MSW & others TBA

BMC's Code of Conduct Training

Please take a moment, if you have not done so already, to complete BMC's Code of Conduct training. This video training is a requirement of BMC and must be viewed to completion for the training to be considered complete. Please make sure that when you view the video that you see a "course completion" message at the end. To complete the training, click [here](#).

Opioid CME Credits through BUSM - SCOPE of Pain

[Safe and Competent Opioid Prescribing Education](#)

www.scopeofpain.com is a free online educational program developed by the BUSM Office of CME that covers: 1) deciding when opioid analgesics are indicated; 2) assessing for opioid misuse risk; 3) counseling patients about opioid safety, risks and realistic benefits/goals; 4) creating policies and procedures around safe opioid prescribing including using a multidisciplinary approach; 5) monitoring patients prescribed opioids for benefit and harm; 6) making decisions on continuing or discontinuing opioid analgesics; and 7) safely discontinuing opioids when there is too little benefit or too much risk and/or harm.



There is an upcoming meeting that you can register to attend:

SCOPE of Pain Half-Day Meeting!

April 5, 2014 | 8:00am-1:30pm

Basketball Hall of Fame | Springfield, MA

Community Medicine Unit (CMU).

For the CMU, I work with Dr. Shanahan to setup and manage the contracts and financial arrangements of new and existing Joint Hire Program positions. I also facilitate BMC onboarding and faculty academic appointments and field the entire range of questions and concerns that Community-based faculty often have. I work with Sarah Brunt, Faculty Support Coordinator, to make sure the biannual BMC OPPEs (Ongoing Professional Performance Evaluations) occur in a timely fashion. Lastly, I work closely with my colleagues to develop these bimonthly newsletters!

If you are interested in becoming a Joint Hire, or have a question about faculty appointments (or, really, ANY question), I'm happy to help. Shoot me an email at dpaarz@bu.edu.

Education Corner

Upcoming GIM & DOM Grand Rounds and Ambulatory Rounds

GIM Grand Rounds (CME)

Fri, Mar 28th @ 8AM-820 Harrison Ave, Carter Conf Rm
"Mark A. Moskowitz Memorial Lecture: TBD" - presented by [Russell S. Phillips, MD](#)

Weds, Apr 2nd @ 8AM-72 E. Concord St, Wilkins Board Rm on 1st flr
"Massachusetts Health Reform and Use of Inpatient Care: What Have We Learned?" - presented by [Nancy Kressin, PhD](#), [Amresh Hanchate, PhD](#), [Karen Lasser, MD, MPH](#) & [Danny McCormick, MD, MPH](#)

Weds, Apr 9th @ 8AM-72 E. Concord St, Wilkins
"Medical Marijuana" - presented by [Timothy S. Naimi, MD, MPH](#)

Weds, Apr 30th @ 8AM-72 E. Concord St, Wilkins
"The Challenging Patient" - presented by [Robert Sokolove, PhD](#)

GIM M & M Rounds (CME)

Weds, Apr 16th @ 8AM-820 Harrison Ave, Carter Conf Rm "Ambulatory M & M" - presented by TBD

DOM Grand Rounds (CME)

Fri, Mar 21st @ 12PM-72 E. Concord St, Keefer Auditor.
"TBD" - presented by [Jessie Gaeta, MD](#)

Fri, Mar 28th @ 12PM-72 E. Concord St, Keefer Auditor.
Mark A. Moskowitz Memorial Lecture: TBD - presented by [Russell S. Phillips, MD](#)

DOM M & M Rounds (CME)

Weds, Mar 26th @ 11:30AM-72 E. Concord St, L-110
"TBD" - presented by TBD

Faculty Development & Diversity Seminars (CME)

Tues, Apr 1st @ 12PM-72 E. Concord St, Wilkins
"Navigating Your Career Using Research Networking and Analytic Tools" - presented by [Christopher Shanahan, MD, MPH](#)

Tues, Apr 15th @ 12PM-72 E. Concord St, Wilkins
"Beyond Power Point: How to Rewrite Your Talk Using Creative Teaching Strategies" - presented by [Robert C.](#)

[Lowe, MD](#)

Mon, Apr 28th @ 12PM-72 E. Concord St, Wilkins
"Faculty Flexibility Policies at BUSM" - presented by
[Emelia Benjamin, MD, ScM](#) & Robina M. Bhasin, EdM