

Community Medicine Newsletter



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Feature Community Medicine Physician:



This newsletter's featured physician is Geoff Modest, MD. Dr. Modest is BUSM faculty, with a Primary Care practice based out of Upham's Corner. He also has the distinction of being the inaugural presenter of CMU's annual Kathleen Bennett Memorial Lecture on Nov 13th, 2013. He recently took the time to answer a few questions about himself:

Director's Notes

Recently, I read the book "Steal Like an Artist: 10 Things Nobody Told You About Being Creative" by Austin Kleon, 2012. Though a small, lighthearted book, I wasn't disappointed with its clever approach to creativity which resonated with my professional ethos and experience. A main point was that there is nothing new under the sun, including ideas. The creative person takes the old and reworks it to make it their own, pushing an idea forward in ways that are truly innovative.

Over the last 20 years, I've seen things come and go: ideas touted as the latest and greatest that are just good ideas from the past, dusted off and repackaged with a twist. First it was HMOs and now it is ACOs... Remember Community-Oriented Primary Care (COPC)? Now it's the Primary Care Medical Home that is all the rage. We've been there and done that, right? Yet, these new takes are the legitimate offspring of these concepts, devised by creative colleagues responding to the weaknesses in the old models, aiming for improved and more salient approaches. Perhaps, as Community-Based Providers, we all can be creatively productive by "stealing" an old idea and making it better? That could be fun, valuable, and contribute to improving our health system.



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

Network News

Inaugural Bi-annual Community Medicine Grand Rounds

Please join us for the first of the new bi-annual Community Medicine Grand Rounds on Weds, Oct 9th, 2013. This series will consist of interactive seminars with cutting-edge topics for community practitioners. **CME credit will be given for all CMU Grand Rounds.**

Drs. [Karin Sloan](#) and [Karen Lasser](#) will co-present "Quality

Q. What inspires you?

A. (Though it sounds pretty corny) I really do love Primary Care. I treasure my relationships with my patients and often times feel like I am almost a member of their family. Primary Care also provides the profound intellectual challenge of figuring out how to apply current medical knowledge to the specific patient in front of me, who is typically very different from the one represented in the studies.

Q. What have you learned in your position?

A. Primary Care is a continual educational experience, both in terms of medical knowledge and in terms of understanding the cultural/linguistic/social interactions that underlie the medical and psychosocial problems of my patients.

Q. What is your biggest challenge, as a clinician?

A. Paperwork.

Q. Any interesting hobbies you would like to share?

A. I love doing things with my hands, whether it is woodworking, fixing cars, plumbing, etc; it complements my medical

Improvement: In Theory and in Practice" on:



Karin Sloan, MD



Karen Lasser, MD, MPH

Weds, Oct 9th, 2013

6:30-8 PM

801 Mass Ave, 2nd floor - Room 2127

Light dinner and refreshments will be served. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to [Lorraine Williams](#) (but walk-ins are welcome). We will also send out a formal Grand Rounds announcement the week of the event.

Boston University School of Medicine is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

Boston University School of Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 1.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

To request reasonable accommodations for a disability please notify [Lorraine Williams](#), in writing, at least two weeks prior to the conference.

Course Director: Christopher W. Shanahan, MD, MPH, FACP.

Target audience: Community-based Primary Care providers.

Objectives: 1) Describe the following QI tools: process map, fishbone analysis, PDSA cycle 2) Identify potential facilitators and barriers to a successful QI project 3) In collaboration with peers, apply tools to a new or existing Quality Improvement project.

Dr. Philip "Chip" Severin honored by Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Severin; he was recently awarded Outstanding Massachusetts Community Health Center Physician Award at Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers annual gala in June.

Dr. Severin joined Codman Square Health Center in 1995, began serving as Medical Director in 2004, then later became the Chief Medical Officer in 2011.

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BUSM & GIM Updates

New Memory Disorder Clinic opening at BMC

The Geriatrics Ambulatory Practice at Boston Medical Center now offers 2 consultative services for older patients:

Memory Disorders Clinic (NEW!):

- provides assessment and evaluation for patients age 60 years and older with concerns about memory loss. A multidisciplinary team (a behavioral neurologist, geriatrician, social worker, and geriatrics nurse) provides consultation on diagnosis, treatment options, and guidance to patients and families on community and home health resources. Referrals are made as necessary to Boston University Alzheimer's Disease Research Center and the Alzheimer's Association. For questions about the Memory Disorders Clinic, please contact [Dr. Ilona Kopits](#)

The Geriatric Assessment Clinic

- provides comprehensive geriatric assessment and consultation for patients age 65 and older for multiple or complex medical problems, functional and/or cognitive decline, and common geriatric syndromes including poly-pharmacy, falls, and frailty. This clinic is staffed by a geriatrician, geriatrics fellow, and geriatrics nurse. For questions about the Geriatric Assessment Clinic, please contact [Dr. Serena Chao](#)

For appointments in both clinics, please call 617-414-4639

Faculty Development & Diversity Seminars

Starting this September, BUSM is extending its invite to the CMU providers to attend its Faculty Development and Diversity Seminars. These monthly lunchtime faculty development seminars are designed to enhance professional productivity. The seminar curriculum covers topics related to research, education, and clinical excellence. Please check the upcoming sessions below in the Education Corner.

A Word From BMC's Section Chief: Jeffrey Samet, MD State of the Section - GIM: a Year of Accomplishments

We recently restarted our GIM Grand Rounds series, and per tradition, led with our annual State of the Section report (which can be found on our [website](#)). This introspective exercise prompts me to think about who we are as a group. As

Section Chief, I have the privilege to be part of and lead our distinguished Section of General Internal Medicine (GIM). We have a nationally recognized division of general internists including clinicians, educators and researchers. We are particularly proud of our outstanding GIM Grand Rounds series and everyone's dedication to our patients. Those of us at Boston Medical Center share with our fellow GIM community-based faculty, the honor and satisfaction serving a patient population with similar medical and social issues. We feel as if we are all partners in this mission and would like to foster increasing collaborative relationships with our community-based peers. We invite and encourage you to attend our GIM Grand Rounds, apply and obtain BUSM faculty appointments, team up on research projects with our clinician investigators and creatively connect to mutually move forward. We have many exciting opportunities here, which can bridge your interests in maintaining a community-based practice with academic pursuits, like the BMC Joint Hire Program (JHP). Please visit our Section (801 Mass Ave, Crosstown Bldg, 2nd floor), introduce yourself and find connections here with GIM - we can both benefit greatly.



Education Corner

Upcoming GIM & DOM Grand Rounds and Ambulatory Rounds

GIM Grand Rounds (CME)

Weds, Sept 18th @ 8AM-801 Mass Ave, 2nd flr, Rm 2127
"Schwartz Center Connections: Improving Communication between Primary Care and Oncology - Mr J's Rising PSA" - presented by [Karin Sloan, MD](#), [Carol Mostow, MSW](#) & [Julie Crosson, MD](#)

Weds, Sept 25th @ 8AM-801 Mass Ave, 2nd flr, Rm 2127
"Pelvic Pain" - presented by [Liezl G. Irisari, MD](#)

Weds, Oct 9th @ 8AM-801 Mass Ave, 2nd flr, Rm 2127
"Evidence-based Confusion and the Story of Perioperative Beta-Blockers" - presented by [Daniel Cottrell, MD](#)

Weds, Oct 23rd @ 8AM-801 Mass Ave, 2nd flr, Rm 2127
"Watching Patients Move/Examining the Legs" - presented by [David T. Felson, MD, MPH](#)

Weds, Oct 30th @ 8AM-801 Mass Ave, 2nd flr, Rm 2127
"Another Challenging Patient" - presented by [Robert Sokolove, PhD](#)

GIM M & M Rounds (CME)

Weds, Oct 16th @ 8AM-801 Mass Ave, 2nd flr, Rm 2127
"Ambulatory M & M" - presented by [Thomas Barber, MD](#)

DOM Grand Rounds (CME)

Fri, Sept 20th @ 12PM-72 E. Concord St, Keefer Auditor.
"Language Barriers and Medical Interpretation: USA 1984-2013" - presented by [Eric Hardt, MD](#)

Fri, Sept 27th @ 12PM-72 E. Concord St, Keefer Auditor.
"Pulmonary Hypertension: What REVEAL has Revealed - New Demographics and Thoughts" - presented by [Harrison Farber, MD](#)

Fri, Oct 4th @ 12PM-72 E. Concord St, Keefer Auditor.
"Sick Euthyroid Syndrome: Should it be treated?" - presented by [Alan Farwell, MD](#)

Fri, Oct 11th @ 12PM-72 E. Concord St, Keefer Auditor.
"Exploring the Allergic Immunity: New Cells, New Pathways" - presented by [Richard Locksley, MD](#) (Sue Kim Hanson Memorial Lecture)

Fri, Oct 18th @ 12PM-72 E. Concord St, Keefer Auditor.
"TBD" - presented by [Wendy Levinson, MD](#) (Ingelfinger Visting Professor Lecture)

Fri, Oct 25th @ 12PM-72 E. Concord St, Keefer Auditor.
"TBD" - presented by [Karin Sloan, MD](#)

DOM M & M Rounds (CME)

Weds, Sept 25th @ 11:30AM-72 E. Concord St, L-110
"TBD" - presented by Ann Woolley, MD

Weds, Oct 23rd @ 11:30AM-72 E. Concord St, L-110
"TBD" - presented by Francisco Yun, MD

Faculty Development & Diversity Seminars (CME)

Tues, Sept 24th @ 12PM-72 E. Concord St, Wilkins
"Approach to a K/Career Development Award" - presented by [Renda Weiner, MD](#) & [Allan Walkey, MD](#)

Mon, Oct 21st @ 12PM-72 E. Concord St, Wilkins
"The Art of Interviewing: Knowing Your Intern Applicant (and other ERAS tricks)" - presented by [Sheilah Bernard, MD](#)



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