News and Notes

Larry Fisher, PHD, Professor-in-Residence, has retired after 25 years in our department, though he will continue to conduct research in the field of behavioral sciences and diabetes. Dr. Danielle Hessler will be assuming more responsibilities of several of their joint studies.

Bill Shore, MD, a founding member of our department and leader in medical education has also officially retired but will continue to practice and teach at SFGH and at the Medical School.

The Hellman Foundation is supporting a study led by Dr. Nwando Olayiwola and Dr. Laura Gottlieb to investigate community health center (CHC) clinicians' knowledge and attitudes about social determinants of health and how clinician-level beliefs/skills and clinic capacity/resources for addressing social determinants of health relate to clinician burnout. It will provide necessary information to ultimately design, implement and evaluate interventions related to social determinants of health in CHC settings.
Updates

UCSF Primary Care Research Fellowship (PCRF)

In June Dr. Elizabeth Uy-Smith finished the two year PCRF and Masters in Clinical Research. Ellie is staying here and will be attending in clinic, seeing patients, and continuing to pursue her research interests in school-based models of primary care for adolescents. Our new Family Medicine Fellow, Dr. Anajana Sharma, has started the PCRF this month. Her focus of interest is in patient engagement in primary care transformation – an excellent fit for the work being done at the CEPC (see below). She will also be attending a half day a week at the FHC and will have her own continuity practice a half day a week at FHC. We will also have a new Family Medicine Fellow starting next July, Dr. Alida Gertz currently completing her family medicine residency at the University of Pennsylvania.

Center for Excellence in Primary Care (CEPC)

Led by Dr. Nwando Olayiwola, the CEPC is collaborating with the Center for Care Innovations to develop this online resource center that will provide practical tools for transforming Community Health Centers based on CEPC models and experience. The CEPC is also partnering with the San Francisco Bay Area Collaborative Research Network and the Western Clinicians Network to conduct a needs assessment of Patient Engagement as Transformation Partners in Primary Care Practices. This study, led by Dr. Michael Potter, uses both a web-based survey and qualitative interviews to explore current practices, facilitators and barriers, and resources that could help to propel greater patient engagement in practice improvement efforts.

San Francisco Bay Collaborative Research Network (SFBayCRN)

The SFBayCRN, directed by Mike Potter, MD, facilitates practice-based research partnerships between researchers, clinicians, and clinical practice groups at UCSF and in the San Francisco Bay Area, including free initial consultations and other services to UCSF faculty and community-based members seeking to engage in practice-based research. As of July 2014, volunteer clinical faculty in family and community medicine can now obtain credit toward their appointment for participating in SFBayCRN activities. To learn more about our network please visit http://sfbaycrn.org. For more information or to receive our quarterly eNews, contact, James Rouse at rousej@fcm.ucsf.edu.

Resource Reminders

A reminder that small grants (up to $500) are available to departmental faculty from the Chair’s Research Support Fund. You can find a description of the fund and an application form on the G drive by going to G:\Research\Chair’s Research Support Fund.

Faculty Senate Travel grants provides up to $500 to help pay for airfare for new and junior faculty to attend meetings to present important results of original. See: http://senate.ucsf.edu/0-funding/as-travelgrants.html or contact Dave Thom.

A list of opportunities for funding community-engagement research is maintained by CTSI and can be accessed at: http://ctsi.ucsf.edu/funding.
Upcoming Seminars
September 2014—January 2015
Third Friday of each month, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

| September 19 | Overview of Current Research/Evaluation Work and Potential Research Ideas for AETC Competitive Application  
Presenter: Michael Reyes, MD, Adjunct Professor  
Location: Parnassus MU3E, Rooms 314/316 |
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| October 17   | Shorter, Sicker Lives: The US Health Disadvantage Relative to Other Affluent Countries  
Presenter: Paula Braveman, MD, Professor  
Location: SFGH Building 80, Ward 83 |
| November 21  | Impacts of Medical Marijuana on Youth and Young Adults  
Presenter: Joanne Spetz, PhD, Professor-in-Residence  
Location: Parnassus MU3E, Rooms 314/316 |
| December 19  | TBA  
Presenter: TBA  
Location: SFGH Building 80, Ward 83 |
| January 16   | TBA  
Presenter: TBA  
Location: Parnassus MU3E Rooms 314/316 |

Focus On:
Nwando Olayiwola, MD, MPH

Dr. Nwando Olayiwola is a family physician and the Associate Director of the Center for Excellence in Primary Care (CEPC). Her role is to support the Center in achieving strategic objectives around primary care transformation and systems redesign regionally, nationally and internationally.

Prior to joining our department, Nwando served as the Chief Medical Officer of the largest Federally Qualified Health Center system in Connecticut, Community Health Center, Inc. (CHCI), where she developed expertise in medical administration, translational and implementation research, professional development, systems based and quality improvement and practice transformation of twelve primary care practices into Patient-Centered Medical Homes. Her work led to CHCI being one of the first organizations in the United States to receive both the NCQA Level 3 PCMH and Joint Commission PCMH Recognitions.

She has been a leader in harnessing technology to increase access to care for underserved and disenfranchised populations. Her interests include health systems reform, practice transformation, care for the underserved, electronic health record optimization, and social determinants of health.


Renuka Naik, MD, PhD; Tim Poore, MD; Sima Pendharkar, MD, MPH, ACP Member; Jing-Yu Pan, MD, ACP Member; Lawrence Haber, MD; Margarita Sotelo, MD; and Jack Chase, MD. ACP Brief Case Series: Cases from San Francisco General Hospital. ACP Hospitalist, January, 2014. American College of Physicians.


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