DIVISION OF GENERAL INTERNAL MEDICINE

Overview

It was with great sadness that the division learned of the passing of Dr. Coy D. Fitch in May 2010. Dr. Fitch was the Chairman of the Department when the Division of General Internal Medicine was formed.

In 2009-2010, the Division of General Internal Medicine continued to play a pivotal role in the teaching, administrative and patient care activities of the Department of Internal Medicine. The division continued to work in conjunction with The Center for Outcomes Research (SLUCore) on a number of research projects. Major responsibility for the teaching program for third and fourth year medical students rests with the Division of General Internal Medicine. Third year medical students have a required four week ambulatory Internal Medicine rotation. One half of each third year class of medical students was assigned to General Internal Medicine faculty at the Doctors Office Building and the John Cochran Veterans Administration Hospital (JCVAH). The ambulatory continuity clinics for the Internal Medicine residents are based at both the Doctors Office Building and the JCVAH. Residents and third and fourth year students are assigned to the Acute Care Service at the Doctors Office Building and the VA Prime Ambulatory Clinic at the JCVAH. Internal Medicine consultation services are provided at both JCVAH and SLUH. The outpatient component of the Internal Medicine Consultation Service is based at the Doctors Office Building as well. The faculty also serve as inpatient teaching attendings at both hospitals. The General Internal Medicine faculty at the JCVAH participate in morning report, an ambulatory lecture series and the noon conference lecture series. There is an ambulatory lecture series each day for students and residents assigned to the outpatient rotations at the Doctors Office Building. At both the JCVAH and Saint Louis University Hospital, the faculty serve as junior preceptors on the inpatient service. General Internal Medicine faculty are teaching attending physicians at both hospitals for the inpatient Medicine teams and for the Internal Medicine Consultation Services. Many of the faculty participate in the Physician, Patient and Society Course in Phase I of the Medical Curriculum. These include Physical Diagnosis and Death and Dying. Fourth year medical students have electives in EKG interpretation, cardiac auscultation, interactions with the pharmaceutical industry, ambulatory Internal Medicine and Pediatrics, ambulatory Internal Medicine and consultative Internal Medicine. The Capstone Course for fourth year students is directed by General Internal Medicine faculty.

In February 2010, Dr. Thomas Olsen accepted the position of Director, Division of General Internal Medicine after serving several years as Acting Director. Dr. Olsen completed his 25th year as a faculty member of the School of Medicine.

Members of the division hold key administrative positions in the department, Medical School and University Medical Group. Dr. Marilyn Maxwell is the Program Director for the Internal Medicine Pediatrics Residency Program. Dr. Thomas Olsen is Associate Program Director for Ambulatory Education for the core program. Dr. Robert Heaney is Senior Associate Dean for the Medical School. Drs. Nora Porter and Douglas Walden are the Clerkship Directors for the Third Year Internal Medicine rotation. Faculty play important roles in medical school committees. Drs. Drake, Maxwell and Porter are members of the Admissions Committee. Dr. Victoria Cornelius is a member of the Curriculum Management Committee. Drs. Nora Porter and Douglas Walden are members of the Phase III Committee. Dr. Govind Nagaldinne is a member of the Institutional Review Board for the Medical Center. Dr. Olsen is a member of the Appeals Committee. Dr. Olsen is President of the Alumni Association and Chairman of the Dean's Executive Advisory Board for the School of Medicine. Dr. Erin Bakanas is Chair of the Hospital Ethics Committee. She is Course Director for the Death and Dying Course in Phase I of the Medical Curriculum. Dr. Olsen is a member of the Hospital Ethics Committee as well. Dr. Timothy Rice is Chair of the University Medical Group Clinical Operations Committee. Dr. Olsen is a member of the University Medical Group Contract Review Committee.
Dr. Erin Bakanas is Associate Director of the Bander Center for Medical Business Ethics at Saint Louis University. The Bander Center, funded by a generous donation by Stephen Bander, M.D., is dedicated to education and investigation of the ethics of business relationships in medicine. Dr. Bakanas oversees the fellowship program at the Center.

Natalie Brooks, Pharm.D, BC-ADM, continued to develop collaboration between the Division of General Internal Medicine and the St. Louis College of Pharmacy. Dr. Brooks provides consultation for patients in the General Internal Medicine practice. Dr. Brooks sees scheduled patients in a pharmacotherapy clinic at the Doctors Office Building. She precepts sixth year pharmacy students and participates in the ambulatory lecture series. A clinical study of the accuracy of medication histories has begun.

Patient care activities at the Doctors Office Building provide opportunities for teaching, clinical income and are a source of patients for clinical studies. Out-patient visits for 2009-2010 totaled 22,396. New outpatient visits including consults, through June 30, 2010 totaled 1,574. The division has off-site practices at two locations. The General Internal Medicine practice at the Des Peres Medical Arts Pavilion continues to expand. Drs. Bishnu Devkota, Thomas Olsen and Mary Keegan are working to develop that practice. The division has a practice at the University Club Tower site with Drs. Roque Castillo, George Griffing and Govind Nagaldinne. The division has patients scheduled 10 half days each week at that site. It is anticipated that third year medical students are assigned to that site as part of their clinical ambulatory rotation. The division finished this fiscal year ahead of budget.

Four members are board certified in Internal Medicine and Pediatrics. These are Drs. Marilyn Maxwell, Nora Porter, Victoria Cornelius and Timothy Rice. Dr. Cornelius is also certified in Adolescent Medicine. This group of faculty supervises the continuity clinics for the Internal Medicine/Pediatrics residency program. In addition to inpatient teaching responsibilities at Saint Louis University Hospital, they teach and supervise patient care at Cardinal Glennon Memorial Hospital.

In 2009-2010, the General Internal Medicine faculty at the St. Louis VA Medical Center continued their teaching, administrative and patient care activities of the Department of Internal Medicine. Faculty provided over one half the months of inpatient attending on the VA Medicine wards. The Ambulatory Block rotation continued to have a full complement of didactic lectures and journal club to augment the clinical teaching. The Internal Medicine continuity clinics at the VA remained busy and resident satisfaction with the VA experience remained high.

Members of the division hold key administrative roles at the St. Louis VA Medical Center and the Medical School. Dr. Gina Michael is the Associate Chief of Staff for Primary Care. Dr. Laura Kroupa is the Associate Chief of Staff for Education and Informatics. Dr. Eliot Katz is the Associate Chief of Staff for Specialty Care and Dr. Coy Fitch is the Chief of the Medicine Service. Dr. Margaret Hochreiter is VA site coordinator for the Physical Diagnosis Course. Drs. Katz, Fitch and Kroupa are members of the VA Affiliated Partnership Council. Dr. Eliot Katz is a member of the Saint Louis University Graduate Medical Education Committee. Dr. William Mootz is the Assistant Dean for Curriculum for the Medical School. Dr. Oscar Cepeda and Dr. Aditi Purandare are hospitalists, working on the inpatient service with both students and residents.

Patient care activities are the bedrock of faculty activity at the VA. There were over 17,000 encounters for GIM faculty and there was an overall increase in visits and encounters for all faculty in the last year.

The VA faculty has begun an initiative with the residents to improve patient satisfaction in the clinics. Drs. Michael and Warren will also continue their support of patient safety training for residents and students.

Nancy Delaney, M.D. continued to provide patient care to the students of Saint Louis University at the Student Health and Counseling Center. The Center has seen tremendous growth over the past several years.
The excellent care provided has been recognized by both students and parents. Services have expanded to include Orthopedic Surgery, Sports Medicine and Physical Therapy. Dr. Olsen is Medical Director of the Center.

In the fall of 2009, the novel influenza virus, H1N1, caused an epidemic of swine flu on the undergraduate campus of Saint Louis University. A medical team led by Dr. Nancy Delaney, Dr. Thomas Olsen and Dr. Erin Bakanas worked to diagnose and treat the students who were ill. The staff of the Student Health and Counseling Center worked extended hours and on weekends and holidays over four weeks to provide care. Students were sent home in the care of family members or were isolated in the Manressa Center which was staffed by University personnel. They received symptomatic treatment, nutrition and rest. More than 600 students were treated for influenza-like illness during this period.

In the coming year, the division will continue to expand patient care activity at the Des Peres Medical Arts Pavilion site. This is expected to afford opportunities for teaching medical students as well.

**Honors, Recognition and Community Service**

**Best Doctors, St. Louis Magazine**
- Erin L. Bakanas, M.D.
- Victoria E. Cornelius, M.D.
- Bishnu Devkota, M.D.
- James R. Drake, M.D.
- George T. Griffing, M.D.
- Robert M. Heaney, M.D.
- Marilyn A. Maxwell, M.D.
- Govind Nagaldinne, M.D.
- Thomas J. Olsen, M.D.
- Nora L. Porter, M.D.
- Timothy D. Rice, M.D.
- H. Douglas Walden, M.D.

**Erin L. Bakanas, M.D.**  
Chair, Ethics Committee Saint Louis University Hospital

**Bishnu Devkota, M.D.**  
Super User/Physician Champion EPIC Electronic Health Record

**George T. Griffing, M.D.**  
Editor-in-Chief, eMedicine.com  
Positively Outstanding Physician Award, SLUH Target 100 Physician Satisfaction Team 2009  
NCQA/ADA Physician Recognition Award 2009

**Marilyn A. Maxwell, M.D.**  
Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS (PACHA), Co-Chair 2006-present  
American Academy of Pediatrics, Bioethics Executive Board 2003-present  
Focus on the Family Physicians Resource Council 1994-present  
Medical Institute for Sexual Health Advisory Board 1996-present  
Medical Staff Executive Committee (SLUH) 2007-present  
Saint Louis University Hospital Medical Executive Committee 2007-present  
Saint Louis University School of Medicine Executive Advisory Board 2000-present
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Thomas J. Olsen, M.D.
Chair, Dean’s Advisory Board School of Medicine
President, Saint Louis University School of Medicine Alumni Association

Timothy D. Rice, M.D.
Humanitarian Effort, Haiti-February 2010, Congo-May/June 2010
Physician Champion EPIC Electronic Health Record

H. Douglas Walden, M.D.
Board of Directors, Lutheran Senior Services

New Faculty Entering the Division

Oscar Cepeda, M.D., Assistant Professor
Aditi Purandare, M.D., Assistant Professor

Grants and Contracts Held By Each Faculty Member

During fiscal year 2010 the Division of General Internal Medicine had 9 active studies with different sponsors. Due to confidentiality agreements and non-publicity clauses in contracts with sponsors, specific information pertaining to industry sponsored research may not be released in public documents.

Faculty

Professor and Director
Thomas J. Olsen, M.D.

Professor
Thomas Burroughs, Ph.D.
James R. Drake, M.D.
Coy D. Fitch, M.D.
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George T. Griffing, M.D.
Robert M. Heaney, M.D.
Marilyn Maxwell, M.D.
William C. Mootz, M.D.
Mark Schnitzler, Ph.D.
H. Douglas Walden, M.D.

Professor Secondary
James DuBois, Ph.D., D.Sc.
Frances Horvath, M.D.
Anthony Scalzo, M.D.
Randy Sprague, M.D.

Professor Emeritus
Subir Bose, Ph.D.
Alberto Galofre, M.D.
Kevin O’Rourke, O.P.

Clinical Professor
James Compton, M.D.
Robert Dorton, M.D.
William Fogarty, M.D.
M. Robert Hill, M.D.
Larry King, M.D.

Associate Professor
Erin L. Bakanas, M.D.
Victoria Cornelius, M.D.
Margaret Hochreiter, M.D.
Eliot J. Katz, M.D.
Laura J. Kroupa, M.D.
Nora L. Porter, M.D.
Timothy D. Rice, M.D.

Associate Professor Secondary
Scott Fosko, M.D.
DeeAnna Glaser, M.D.

Associate Research Professor Secondary
Robert Evans, Ph.D.

Associate Clinical Professor Emeritus
Dallas Dyer, M.D.

Associate Clinical Professor
Musaddeque Ahmad, M.D.
Larry Alves, M.D.
Ajit Babu, M.B.B.S.
Rajagopal Chadaga, M.D.
Nancy Delaney, M.D.
Kelly Gage, M.D.
Patrick Garrett, M.D.
Timothy Mahood, M.D.
Bernard McGuire, M.D.
Keith Starke, M.D.

Assistant Professor
Eric Armbrecht, Ph.D.
Paula Buchanan, Ph.D.
Roque Castillo, M.D.
Oscar Cepeda, M.D.
Pradeep Chandra, M.D.
Roshani Desai, M.D.
Bishnu Devkota, M.B.B.S.
Patrick McCann, M.D.
Patricia McKelvy, M.D.
Gina L. Michael, M.D.
Govind Nagaldinne, M.D.
Aditi Purandare, M.D.
Leo Warren, M.D.

**Assistant Professor**
Anjan Bhattacharyya, M.B.B.S.
Thomas Forrester, M.D., Ph.D.
Donna Halloran, M.D., MSPH
Jiao Ma, Ph.D.

**Adjunct Assistant Professor**
Natalie Brooks, Pharm.D.

**Assistant Clinical Professor Emeritus**
William Banton, M.D.
Joseph Costello, M.D.
Robert Fox, M.D.
John McDonough, M.D.

**Assistant Clinical Professor**
Basem Abdeen, M.D.
Aamina Akhtar, M.D.
Naser Almasalmeh, M.D.
Mona Bahl, M.D.
Eric Baker, M.D.
Tim Baker, M.D.
Milagros Banton, M.D.
Chelmer Barrow, D.O.
Peter Bettonville, M.D.
Linda Bick, M.D.
Donald Blum, M.D.
Djamel Bouazza, M.D.
Michael Brischetto, M.D.
David Brown, M.D.
William Budd, M.D.
Harmeensh Chawla, M.D.
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John Meyers, M.D.

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Hebri Ballal, M.B.B.S.
Yilmaz Bise, M.D.
Yolanda Bledsoe, M.D.
Ziad Dalu, M.D.
David Devitre, D.O.
Douglas Dripps, M.D.
Arthur Friskel, M.D.
(deceased 5/20/10)

**Clinical Instructor**
Gil Manalo, M.D.
Kurt Martin, M.D.
Donald Mielcarek, M.D.
Thomas Musich, M.D.
Miguel Paniagua, M.D., MPH
Mohammad Qadir, M.D.
Anjum Razzaque, M.B.B.S.
Naveed Razzaque, M.B.B.S.
Thomas Reardon, M.D.
Paul Vatterott, M.D.

**Administrative Assistant**
Ms. Deborah Allinson

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(L) Dr. James Drake with Drs. Abdullah & Kanchustambham