**News You Can USE**: The week of March 14th was Match Week, and on March 18th, our seniors learned where they will be for their residency training. We had 193 students seeking residency placement, and to date, 97 percent of those students have a residency position secured for next year. Our new graduates will be all over the country, from Washington to Florida, Boston to Arizona and California. Seventy-eight of our seniors will be staying in Michigan for their training.

The most popular residency choices were:

- Pediatrics (30 graduates, 16.1%)
- General Surgery (24 graduates, 12.9%)
- Emergency Medicine (22 graduates, 11.8%)
- Family Medicine (20 graduates, 10.8%)
- Internal Medicine (20 graduates, 10.8%)
- Obstetrics-Gynecology (14 graduates, 7.5%)
- Internal Medicine/Pediatrics (11 graduates, 5.9%)

The next Curriculum Town Hall is Monday, April 11, 2016 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in A219 Clinical Center and 130 Secchia Center with live broadcast on Mediasite.

**Kudos**: Assistant Professor Amy Ralston (Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, CHM/CNS) has been selected to receive a Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE) from President Obama. This is the highest honor that the US government bestows on junior faculty.

**Curriculum Process and Progress**: CHM is one of 10 medical schools participating in the AAMC pilot project studying Core Entrustable Professional Activities for Entering Residents, known as CoreEPAs or by the acronym CEPAER. The goal of the project is to understand what will best enable students to be entrusted to perform 13 key tasks required of new interns in order to maximize patient safety and new resident competence and confidence at the transition from undergraduate education to residency training. Planning is taking place for accomplishing this within both our present curriculum and our new curriculum structures. The eighth of the 13 Core Activities is:

**Giving or receiving a patient handover to transition care responsibility**: Our students learn about common ways that communication failures take place in the health care environment (including during patient handovers) during Block 1 orientation and as a part of several PBL domains throughout the second year. They later observe or participate in patient care handovers during their clinical experiences. Our fourth year Boot Camp requires participants to test their readiness for that critical residency task.

**Academic Affairs Person You Should Know**: Dr. Paula Klose is a Family Physician, who became the Community Assistant Dean for the Midland Regional Campus in July of 2011. Dr. Klose is an Assistant Professor for the Department of Family Medicine; she delivered Virtuous Physician and CAAM 2011-2014, and functioned as the Clerkship Director for Family Medicine from 2011-2015. She continues to precept students and delivers other required aspects of the Family Medicine clerkship.
Dr. Klose is a native of Michigan, and graduate of MSU for both her undergraduate and medical degree; she received her Master's degree in Human Nutrition from the University of Georgia. Dr. Klose was in CHM's Upper Peninsula Medical Education Program (now known as the Rural Physicians Program). She did her residency in Family Medicine at the MSU-CHM affiliated residency in Midland, Michigan where she was chief resident. Dr. Klose has been in clinical practice for the past 30 years. She started the first hospital affiliated group practice in her community with two of her fellow residency class mates; the MidMichigan Physician’s Group practice has grown to an over 200 physician multispecialty group. Dr. Klose has been involved with residency education since 1989, and is the chair of the GME Committee for the MidMichigan Medical Center Family Medicine Residency. She joined CHM in 2010 to help create the Midland Regional Campus, which started with 3 third year students in 2011, and now trains 12 third and fourth year medical students. She is passionate about teaching and mentoring medical students. She continues to see patients 2½ days per week.

Dr. Klose is married to her high school sweetheart David. They have two children, both recent grads of the Maize and Blue variety. Dr. Klose enjoys travel, sailing, gardening and cooking. If you have the chance to visit the Midland Regional Campus, she will be happy to cook something for you!

Continuous Quality Improvement: This month’s CQI focus is on:

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<td>Students are concerned about use of inaccurate or imprecise language in lectures, course packs and PBL cases</td>
<td>Members of the Academic Affairs team have asked students for specific examples after meeting with students. This topic will be discussed in faculty meetings to educate faculty about student concerns and addressing ignorance and microaggressions. The Curriculum Design Groups for PBL are reviewing all cases. Faculty developing the Shared Discovery Curriculum plan extensive faculty development to improve course materials. Further action is ongoing.</td>
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Tip for Students: Is one of your goals to become more organized and paper free? You might want to check out some of the free phone apps for students. There’s a great review of them in Consumer Reports from July of 2014. To help you keep track of due dates, class times, unusual assignments (think Core Comps in third year), etc., try myHomework, available for all platforms. Another app called Studious will soon be available on iOS, and is already available on Android. It has the added advantage of automatically silencing your cell phone during crucial periods, such as during lecture or when with patients. Studious can help you track where you are with your study plan (ideal for Step 1).

Wellness Tip: April’s Wellness Theme is Healthy Sleep. Wear Lavender Tuesdays in April to promote Healthy Sleep! Next time the answer to that exam question is just out of recall consider the following: MSU researchers in collaboration with investigators at UC Irvine have
documented that lack of sleep can lead to errors in memory. Study participants who were kept awake for 24 hours – and even those who got five or fewer hours of sleep – were more likely to mix up event details than participants who were well rested. (Kimberly Fenn, Assoc. Professor, Dept of Psychology)

**Patient Care Pearl:** The Centers for Disease Control suggests several things one should think about and do to “be a safe patient.” Some of them are:

1. Speak up about questions or worries.
2. Make sure everyone cleans their hands before touching you.
3. Ask about the necessity of your central line or urinary catheter every day.
4. Watch out for diarrhea (to quickly diagnose antibiotic associated diarrhea).
5. Know the signs and symptoms of infection and remember #1. SPEAK UP!

**Presentations and Publications:**

**Posters**

- **Healthcare interviewing of LGBT patients: Bridging the gap for medical education**

- **Mounting change: Creating specialty medical schools for a more sustainable model of undergraduate medical education**

- **Strategically leapfrogging education in pre-hospital trauma management: Four-tiered training protocols**

**Presentations**

- **Integrating Expert Knowledge from Anti-Hunger Organizations with a Spatial Analysis of Food Accessibility to Optimize Siting of a Mobile Healthy Food Market**

- **Multi-institutional study of pre-hospital care curriculum in fast developing economies**

- **Pre-hospital training program: A prospective multicenter study**
  Abraham, R. & Vyas, D. Michigan State University, Department of Surgery. *American College of Surgeons North Texas Meeting*, Dallas, TX. 20 Feb 2016.

- **Using GPS and activity tracking to reveal the influence of children’s food environment exposure on junk food purchasing**

**Publications**

- **Cerebrospinal fluid proNGF: A putative biomarker for early Alzheimer’s disease**

- **The Impact of Debt on Young Family Physicians: Unanswered Questions with Critical Implications**
Publications continued

- Improving asthma severity and control screening in a primary care pediatric practice

- Please for Tonight (Poem)

- Strengthening the core, improving access: bringing healthy food downtown via a farmers’ market move

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