Welcome to the inaugural issue of the School of Medicine News. I am pleased to publish a newsletter about the great things that are happening in the school. This newsletter will be published biannually to update the students, faculty and staff at-large on the happenings of the school, as well as serve as a resource to answer frequently-asked questions. I look forward to sharing this avenue of communication with my colleagues!

The School of Medicine is comprised of three areas:

- Undergraduate Medical Education (UME: M.D. Program);
- Graduate Medical Education (GME: fellows, residents and interns); and
- Continuing Medical Education (CME: continuing education for professionals).

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Medical Student White Coat Ceremony

Matthew Carter Service Day

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30: Admissions interviews
30: SACSCOC M.D. Program Review
Nov. 2, 11*, 18: Admissions interviews
18: Curricular Renewal Kickoff 8 a.m. to noon in Cullen Auditorium/Rayzor Lounge
Dec. 1-2: Te4Q Workshops (email cme@bcm.edu for more information)
2: Admissions interviews
Jan. 13, 27*: Admissions interviews
Feb. 3: Admissions interviews

* M.D./Ph.D. Admissions interviews
THE M.D. PROGRAM WILL UNDERGO A SACSCOC M.D. PROGRAM REVIEW ON SEPT. 30. Formal reviews of all degree-granting programs are a requirement of the continuous accreditation compliance for SACSCOC. The M.D. Program has been chosen this year to complete BCM’s first degree-granting program external review. Two faculty members from the University of Michigan School of Medicine and the University of Virginia School of Medicine will come to BCM on Sept. 30 to review the M.D. Program. Faculty, staff, residents and students have been selected to participate in this full-day event. For more information about the M.D. Program Review, contact Ricky Mercado, M.P.H., accreditation and special projects coordinator, at 713.798.2076.

ON NOV. 18, THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE M.D. PROGRAM WILL KICK OFF A MAJOR CURRICULUM RENEWAL EFFORT. The Dean’s office, along with the Center for Professionalism, are proud to present Dr. Eva Aagaard (University of Colorado Denver School of Medicine) as a featured presenter. Dr. Aagaard will open the kickoff event with her feature presentation, “The Future of Medical Education” at 8 a.m. Dr. Christner will present the vision for curricular renewal at 9 a.m. Strategic planning sessions will follow at 10 a.m. The event will take place from 8 a.m. to noon in Cullen Auditorium and Rayzor Lounge. For more information or to RSVP for the strategic planning sessions, contact Jamie Smith at 713.798.8878 or jamies@bcm.edu.

THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE PUBLIC WEBSITE WILL UNDERGO A MAJOR REVISION. The Dean’s office will be working to reorganize and update content to provide a more easy-to-navigate site and to establish a web presence for all School of Medicine offices. The updated site will be designed to provide a one-stop-shop for all potential and current students, residents, fellows, physicians and staff. For more information about this project, contact Jamie Smith at 713.798.7669.
GME UPDATES

SEPT. MARKS THE INTRODUCTION OF THE GME PROGRAM COORDINATORS’ COUNCIL. Led by Melodie Allison (pediatrics) Lori Burlin (radiology), Desi Griffin (orthopedics), Linda Johnston (medicine) and Cathryn Linn (plastic surgery), this initiative hopes to increase the visibility and integration of these vital individuals within all GME training programs.

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THE NEW PROGRAM DIRECTORS’ LUNCHEON (open to all P.D.s) also kicks off in Sept. Meeting monthly, this hourly luncheon will feature a speaker, an administrative review and still leave time for “hot topics” from participants. This first meeting will feature Dr. Nana Coleman, assistant dean for quality improvement and patient safety, discussing her group’s plans for the academic year and a discussion on how programs should process trainee maternity leaves.

THE BCM HOUSESTAFF QUALITY AND SAFETY COUNCIL is committed to providing BCM trainees with particular interest or expertise in continuous quality improvement with opportunities to enhance their experience and knowledge through active participation in key GME initiatives focused in this area. Together with the Office of Graduate Medical Education, and with oversight provided through the GME Faculty Workgroup for Continuous Quality Improvement, the Council plays a vital role in developing educational initiatives to facilitate the attainment of trainee competence in the six designated areas of focus in the ACGME CLER Pathways to Excellence:

- patient safety
- supervision
- healthcare quality
- duty hours, fatigue management and mitigation
- care transitions
- professionalism

Recent activities of the council include presentations in supervision and professionalism at the incoming resident and fellow GME orientations in June of this year. All BCM training programs are requested to appoint one or more representatives to the Housestaff Quality and Safety Council. Council members will serve as recognized leaders within their programs and in the institution as they make contributions to advancing our work in continuous quality improvement. The council meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of every month from 4–5 p.m. on the main Baylor campus. Please contact Lauren Macha at lmacha@bcm.edu with any questions regarding the council. We look forward to your participation.

DID YOU KNOW?

- DR. NANA COLEMAN serves as the assistant dean of GME for Healthcare Quality and Safety, and as director of QEP Curriculum and Faculty Development Team. She is an assistant professor of pediatrics-critical care medicine at Texas Children’s Hospital. For more information about GME and the affiliated hospitals residency programs, visit the GME website.

BCM GME, along with many faculty, staff, residents and fellows, continues to work with each of its affiliate hospital partners to prepare for ACGME clinical learning environment review (CLER) site visits. Ben Taub Hospital anticipates having its second CLER site visit in Feb. 2017. Other BCM affiliate hospital partners expect to have their first CLER visits sometime after Ben Taub. The focus of CLER includes assessing resident, fellow, faculty and interprofessional team members’ engagement in the six designated areas of focus in the ACGME CLER Pathways to Excellence. For more information, visit the ACGME CLER website.

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JACQUELINE LEVESQUE, A.ED., ASSISTANT DEAN GME, has been named director of the GRA leadership course. Designed for designated institutional officials and other individuals in or seeking leadership positions in GME, this AAMC course will be two sessions. The first session will be in conjunction with the GRA 2017 Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., and the second in Jan. 2018.

Additional information and applications will be available on the AAMC website.
THE OFFICE OF CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN MEDICAL COLLEGES (AAMC), will host faculty development workshops at Baylor College of Medicine in teaching quality improvement and patient safety (QI/PS). Developed by the AAMC, the Teaching for Quality (Te4Q) program offers two tracks—

- **Teaching for Quality Part 1: Quality Improvement Boot Camp** for those desiring an introduction to QI/PS and a companion workshop
- **Teaching for Quality Part 2** designed for faculty experienced in the fundamentals of QI/PS and interested in focusing on integration of QI/PS instruction across the medical continuum.

The boot camp will be offered on campus, Dec. 1–2, 2016 with part 2 to be held in Spring 2017. If you are interested in learning more, please forward your contact information to cme@bcm.edu.

THE JOHN M. EISENBERG CENTER FOR CLINICAL DECISIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS SCIENCE, a national center supported by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality and based within the Center for Collaborative and Interactive Technologies within Baylor College of Medicine has released **Lung Cancer Screening** Tools including a Patient Decision Aid; Summary Guide for Clinicians; Clinician’s check list to meet the criteria for reimbursement from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services; and a tool to use within the patient-clinician encounter.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The Office of Continuing Medical Education works in partnership with the Center for Collaborative and Interactive Technologies (CCIT). Housed at the McGovern Building, CME and CCIT are led by Dr. Michael Fordis. For more information on CCIT, visit the [website](#).

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