Pulmonary/Sleep/CF Wins the $10,000 That’s the Way Award

Message from the Chief:
Increased communication was a strong desire of the faculty expressed at the retreat. In response we will bring a quarterly newsletter & faculty meetings. Meetings will be on Zoom.

Spotlight:
- Section wins the 10K award
- Welcome to the incoming 2017 Fellows!

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Congratulations to the entire clinic, staff and faculty for winning the $10K award for the most improved Press Ganey Patient Satisfaction score jumping by 31 points!

Many thanks to Drs. Manian and Shaib for their leadership in this effort. Below is the link for the article:
https://bcmfamily.bcm.edu/2017/04/05/pulmonary-critical-care-and-sleep-medicine-team-celebrated-for-patient-care/
SCCM awards “Excellence in Service for Research/Quality Improvement”

A collaborative team effort led by Petra Grami RN of BSLMC and Dereddi Raja Reddy MD, Critical Care Faculty at BSLMC, won the prestigious Excellence in Service Award for Research & Quality Improvement at the Society of Critical Care Medicine 2017 Congress in Hawaii.

While a growing body of evidence demonstrates benefits of early rehabilitation for mechanically ventilated patients in the ICU, it is very infrequently prescribed because of multiple perceived barriers. Using Exercise Physiologists as an innovative method, Grami & Reddy’s team successfully implemented a quality improvement study showing statistically significant positive outcomes.

Faculty in News!

Congratulations Dr. Lazarus for receiving the Faculty Awards for Excellence in Patient Care!

Congratulations Dr. Ayyala for becoming a member of the Vice Chair Committee on Quality Improvement and Innovations for the Department of Medicine!
Dr. Aladin M. Boriek received the National Science Foundation grant of $175,000 to Baylor College of Medicine in support of Dr. Boriek’s project entitled “EAGER: Exploratory Role of the Cytoskeleton in Anisotropic Regulation of Micrornas in Skeletal Muscles”.

Christopher Howard & Kalpalatha Guntupalli:
“Update in Pulmonary Medicine Evidence Published in 2016”
http://annals.org/article.aspx?articleId=2615446&guestAccessKey=db29640a-498f-9d4c-5905daae3828

N. Hanania, December 2016- April 2017
Publications:

New paper featured in Wall street Journal (attached) and on Channel 2
https://www.wsj.com/articles/many-asthma-patients-use-their-inhalers-incorrectly-research-shows-1488822193


BILLING AND CODING TRAINING WITH DR. SCOTT MANAKER

Friday, March 17, 2017: 7:30 am—1:00 pm
DeBakey M112

- Review of documentation and coding for basic evaluation and management services, observation services, tobacco cessation counseling, advanced care planning, and a refresher on the teaching physician regulations (we can include PFTs and 6 min walk test to this section)
- Review of Pulmonary Procedure coding and documentation
- Review of critical care coding, including rapid response teams and resuscitations; and a refresher on working with advanced practitioners (NPs and PAs)

BSLMC ACQUIRES NEW TREATMENT TOOL IN MEDICAL ICU!

Treatment teams within the medical ICU at CHI Baylor St. Luke's Hospital will soon have a new tool to improve the care provided to their patients. BSLMC has invested in and is currently installing Decisio Health’s clinical decision support tool (Decisio) within every bed of the medical ICU and emergency room. Decisio was developed here in Houston at the University of Texas Health Science Center and Memorial Hermann Hospital where it is used within their shock trauma ICU. This tool includes a cloud-based software and screens, visible to the treatment team, installed in the patient room. Decisio’s software uses data gathered from the electronic medical record and directly from treatment hardware such as ventilators, and then presents the real-time information to providers at the bedside via the in room monitors. This information can also be accessed via a website and apps on personal devices. The software runs both diagnostic algorithms and treatment bundles, with the ability to inform the treatment team of clinical changes or if time sensitive interventions are still pending. In 2015 Decisio attained FDA approval as a medical device, the first of its kind. Although Decisio has been instituted at other hospitals within the US, BSLMC will be the first medical ICU. The treatment of sepsis and compliance with treatment bundles is one of the main drivers for the application of this tool within the medical ICU, currently with a plan to study its effect on the treatment and outcomes of this population. Moving forward Decisio will provide a means of gathering large amounts of data and quickly changing interventions within the medical ICU, greatly expanding the ability to perform quality improvement and research within the ICU.
School of Medicine Admissions Committee features
Dr. Philip Alapat

What have you enjoyed most about interviewing Medical school applicants? I have enjoyed the opportunity to discuss the impressive and diverse accomplishments of our applicants. I am continually amazed and humbled at the independent and resourceful mindsets of our applicants.

Is there one question that you always ask each applicant that you are interviewing? I ask each applicant to try to summarize their entire life—from birth to present—in a couple of minutes. This is obviously a significant challenge to compress their entire life into a few sentences, but it allows me an opportunity to understand what the applicant views as important.

Describe one of your best interview sessions from the 2016-2017 cycle.
I don’t think I have any particular ‘best interview session’, but I think the best interview sessions come about when the applicant is able to convincingly convey excitement about their future in the practice of medicine.

Why did you choose a career in medicine? I found a career in medicine provided me a limitless potential to learn, discover, teach and provide care such that I wake up each morning with a desire to do more.

The additional facet of the admissions committee that I enjoy is finding a nonstandard applicant who I feel will excel not only at Baylor College of Medicine but in the future practice of medicine and supporting that applicant in the admissions committee meeting.
The Maconda Brown O’Connor PhD Adult Cystic Fibrosis Center at Baylor College of Medicine is one of the largest adult cystic fibrosis care centers in the country providing multidisciplinary care to nearly 300 patients aged 18 years and older. CF care centers across the country are accredited by the CF Foundation to ensure they have the resources to provide comprehensive care in line with the CF Foundation Care Guidelines. On March 27th Dr Mary Ellen Kleinhenz, adult CF center director at UCSF, visited the Baylor adult CF care center to conduct an accreditation visit. During this visit she met with learners, colleagues as well as inpatient and outpatient leadership. She was also able to tour inpatient and outpatient facilities. Pictured above is a luncheon with Dr Kleinhenz, the outpatient care team and select members of the inpatient care team. Overall, the visit was a success and Dr Keinhenz was very complimentary of all those involved. Dr Tara Lynn Barto, interim director of the Baylor adult CF care center, and her team will receive a final report later this year after review by the CF Foundation.

Congratulations to Dr. Fidaa Shaib and Baylor St. Luke’s Sleep team!

Baylor St. Luke’s Center for Sleep Medicine has received a 5 year re-accreditation by the AASM as a Sleep Center and Home Sleep Apnea Testing facility. They received no citations and a site visit was not required despite the recent transition.
Pulmonary Critical Care Medicine Multidisciplinary Grand Rounds

Early Rehabilitation in the ICU: Understanding the Rationale and the Evidence

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OUTCOMES AFTER CRITICAL ILLNESS & SURGERY (OACIS) GROUP
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VENUE: THE DENTON COOLEY AUDITORIUM (DAC) - BAYLOR ST. LUKE’S MEDICAL CENTER
MARCH 31, 2017
1330 TO 1430 PM
REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED
ALL MDS, FELLOWS, RESIDENTS, NURSING AND ALLIED HEALTH CARE STAFF ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

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