This year has been a very productive time for our department. Our researchers have published over 110 peer-reviewed manuscripts and delivered 81 presentations and workshops. Our faculty were quoted by the media from across the country, including USA Today, the Chicago Tribune, PBS and internationally by the Australian Psychological Society News. Thank you for representing our department well.

Our patients continue to receive outstanding care from our practitioners. During the last year Baylor Family Medicine and Community Health Program providers treated a total of 207,900 (187,123-CHP/20777-BFM) unique patients, with 499,147 (457,569-CHP/41578-BFM) patient encounters.

Congratulations to Alicia Kowalchuk, D.O, who was promoted to Associate Professor this quarter.

Our success is entirely dependent upon the commitment of our faculty, staff, residents, fellows, students, partners, supporters, and clients. We thank you for your continued engagement, your passion for our work, and your dedication to service. Your efforts made 2016-2017 an outstanding year.
New Faculty

Ambreen Mujahid, MD is an Assistant Professor for the Community Health Program (CHP). Dr. Mujahid received her medical degree from the DOW Medical College and is board certified in Family Medicine. Dr. Mujahid is a dedicated and talented physician and prides herself on her excellent bedside manner. She comes to Baylor with over seven years of experience working in primary and urgent care clinics and is highly familiar with diagnosis and treatment of diseases in various stages. Dr. Mujahid’s primary work location is the Vallbona Community Health Clinic.

Sneha Patel, DO is an Assistant Professor for Family Group Practice. Dr. Patel received her medical degree at the University of North Texas Health Science Center-Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed her Family Medicine Residency Training at Baylor College of Medicine. She is experienced in ambulatory, hospital, ER and ICU settings. Dr. Patel’s primary work location is at Baylor Family Medicine on Kirby.

Ursula Tawbi, MD is an Assistant Professor for CHP. Dr. Tawbi received her medical degree from the Jagiellonian University School of Medicine. She completed her family medicine training at the UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. She saw patients at the St. Clair Medical in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, and the South Hills Family Medicine practice, the UPMC Suburban East, and the UPMC Family Medicine South in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She is a gifted violinist who studied at the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto. Dr. Tawbi’s primary work location is at Martin Luther King Health Center.

Peter Jian, MD is an Assistant Professor for the Family Group Practice. Dr. Jian received his medical degree at Baylor College of Medicine and continued at Baylor in the Family Medicine Residency Program (2017). Dr. Jian’s primary work location is at Baylor Family Medicine on Kirby.

The Norton Rose Fulbright Faculty Excellence Awards provide an opportunity for Baylor faculty who meet designated standards of quality, quantity, and breadth to receive recognition for their sustained exemplary educational contributions across all areas of the College. The awards are presented in four specialty areas – teaching and evaluation, development of enduring educational materials, educational leadership, and educational research. This award is given to faculty who demonstrate a record of significant leadership in a range of curriculum development or educational administration which matches or exceeds the record presented in the standard-setting examples.

The department applauds two faculty chosen for the Norton Rose Fulbright Faculty Excellence Award for Teaching and Evaluation this year. Anjali Aggarwal, MD (left) was honored with the award in October. She is Associate Professor and sees patients at Vallbona Health Center. Dr. Aggarwal also serves the department as Elective Director. Frene’ LaCour-Chestnut, MD (right) received the award in May. She is a clinician at MLK Health Center. Both recipients are eligible for a five-year membership in the Academy of Distinguished Educators.

The Star Award for Excellence in Patient Care is awarded to faculty with at least six years of service. These awards were established by Dr. Klotman to recognize faculty for their exemplary qualities of clinical excellence and expertise, consistently high level of patient care, professionalism, commendable leadership skills and continuous service to the community.

We congratulate Malvika Juneja, MD (center) as she received the Star Award for Excellence in Patient Care in May.
Faculty Excellence Awards are distributed annually to faculty. Nominations are sought from the lead of the Mission Area or supervisor, or colleagues may nominate faculty directly to the Chair. After approval by the Executive Committee, one or more awards per excellence area may be presented based on number and quality of nominees and their area of service to the department.

Rashmi Rode, MD
Outstanding Educator
MSE

Fareed Khan, MBBS
Outstanding Educator
Residency

Eric Warwick, MD
Chair’s Recognition Award

Jason Buchanan, MD
Outstanding Clinician
CHP

Alicia Kowalchuk, DO
Outstanding Service in Education

Elizabeth Tran, MD
Outstanding Clinician
Baylor Family Medicine

Kenneth Barning, MD
Outstanding Educator
MSE

Honors and Awards
Faculty Excellence Awards

(Dir. left to right)
Drs. Zoorob, Barning, Kowalchuk, Rode and Khan

(Left to right)
Peggy Harrison, Gabriela Mireles, Mae Redha
Honors and Awards

RIITE Role Model Awards

The RIITE Role Model program identifies current faculty and staff employees whose sustained high performance and exceptional contributions to BCM directly or indirectly advance the College’s mission and values.

Congratulations to Dr. Eric Warwick (third quarter recipient) and Dr. Roger Zoorob (first quarter recipient). Here are excerpts from a few of their nomination letters:

“Dr. Warwick is the linchpin of the residency program. He has carefully and masterfully woven together a residency curriculum and a residency program manual that incorporates every aspect of the ACGME RRC requirements, mindful of all Baylor College of Medicine rules and policies, and has all curricular aspects of the HRSA grant incorporated. He has published and presented numerous posters and abstracts. His work demonstrates a repertoire that is broad and confirms his tireless efforts and his dedication to the field of medical education.”

“Dr. Zoorob recognizes that people do their best work, not on command, but because they believe they can make a difference doing specific work in a particular area. He is always open to comment and criticism. Part of his job is integrating clinicians from Baylor Family Medicine and the Harris Health clinics. He is not defensive, and his candor about what he can do, and what he can’t, helps everyone understand that although he can’t do everything, he will do what he can and he respects our work.”

Honors and Awards

Kirby 6th Floor Superlatives

Jason Salemi, PhD, MPH Most likely to be heard from down the hallway
Riddhi Bhatt Most likely to stay late in the office
Marina Blum Most humorous
Laura Lind Most likely to have a secret identity
Simon Whitney, MD, JD Best dressed
Dr. Zoorob Department Chair
Anna Perales Most helpful
Sharon Mitchell Cleanest workspace
Mohamad Sidani, MD, MS Most caffeinated
Sara Rahman Department Administrator
The Baylor College of Medicine Family Medicine Interest Group (FMIG) helped ensure the safety of local children by giving away free bicycle helmets at Peck Elementary School in May 2017. This “Hard Hats for Little Heads” event is part of a statewide effort co-sponsored by the Texas Medical Association and the Texas Academy of Family Physicians that promotes fun exercise. Members of the FMIG, Claudia Collins, Justin Fu and Imaad Siddiqi, taught the second grade class about the importance of bicycle helmet safety, and then brought over 100 helmets for students to take home after making sure they were properly fitted. The elementary students were encouraged to wear the correct helmet for all sports on wheels, including biking, skateboarding, inline skating, and riding a scooter.

Cycling is the number one cause of injury to children aged 14 and younger. Injuries resulting from bicycles, scooters, skateboards, and inline and roller skates account for more than 500,000 emergency department visits annually for children under age 14. Head injury is the most common cause of death and serious disability from bike crashes. A helmet can reduce the risk of head injury by as much as 85 percent, yet fewer than half of cyclists wear one when they ride.

The FMIG Happenings

On May 24, 2017, the department hosted the BCM Family Medicine Interest Group (FMIG) for its end-of-the-year celebration. Current FMIG members and key department faculty and staff celebrated a successful year for the FMIG. After a time of enjoying refreshments together, the Department Chair, Dr. Zoorob, began the program by introducing the faculty and staff.

Standing in for Dr. Eric Lee, the FMIG Advisor who could not be present that evening, Dr. Huang recognized the FMIG officers from the past year (2016-2017) and presented them a certificate of appreciation for their service.

President: Imaad Siddiqi
Vice President: Claudia Collins
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Dr. Warwick announced the graduating BCM students who had matched into Family Medicine residencies: Claudia Collins, Sydney Dittman, Megan Esteb, Imaad Siddiqi and Miranda Wang.

Finally, Dr. Huang announced that the 2017 winners of the Leonard D. Moise Award for Excellence in Family Medicine were graduating students Imaad Siddiqi and Sydney Dittman.
Family Medicine Residency Graduation

On April 22, Dr. Jason Salemi, Assistant Professor, attended the March for Science throughout downtown Houston alongside his wife, Jennifer Carvalho-Salemi, a Clinical Dietitian at Texas Children’s Hospital. They joined thousands of fellow marchers to celebrate Earth Day and to defend science and evidence-based research on topics like climate change and environmental protection from impending budget cuts and attacks from the new administration. Following their start in Sam Houston Park and march through downtown, the Salemis and fellow defenders of science gathered outside City Hall to listen to music, experience some interactive science exhibits, and hear from speakers including Patrice O. Yarbrough, an investigator with NASA's Human Exploration Research Analog project, fellow Baylor College of Medicine colleague Huda Zoghbi, a geneticist at Baylor whose work on brain disorders won her the prestigious Breakthrough Prize in Life Sciences award, and many others.

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The winner of the Leonard D. Moise Teaching Award was Eric Warwick, MD.

The STFM Teaching Award was presented to Sophia Thomas, MD, who also was presented the Obstetrics Deliveries Award.

The Ida and Taylor Pickett Award was presented to Louis Gilbert, MD.

Larry Balle, MD will attend the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) Northwest Primary Care Sports Medicine Fellowship; David Carter, MD will attend the Cullman Regional Medical Center ER Fellowship in Cullman, Alabama; Sophia Thomas, MD will attend the Hospitalist Fellowship at Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston, Maine; Sneha Patel, DO and Peter Jian, MD will practice at Baylor Family Medicine on Kirby; Louis Gilbert, MD will be faculty at UTMB.
Momentum Blog: Rise to the Top. According to Fortune magazine, only 5.4 percent of America’s 500 biggest companies have women at the helm.

Anjali Aggarwal, MD (left) was chosen Outstanding Volunteer for the Houston Outreach Medicine, Education and Social Services (HOMES) clinic at the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on April 22, 2017. Dr. Aggarwal precepts 12-15 students at every visit since she began in September 2015.

On March 31, Rise to the Top, a luncheon program featuring women executives in Houston, offered the opportunity for women from all career fields and walks of life to share their professional experiences. Camille Leugers, MD (center) participated in the gathering.

Baylor Family Medicine enjoyed Happy Hour at Lupe Tortilla on May 12.

Top photo, left to right:
Isabel Valdez, PA; Peggy Harrison; Paula Rosales; Dina Melendez; Michelle Vasquez; Ana Gonzalez; Andrea Martinez; Matthew Horsfield, MD

(Center photo):
Camille Leugers, MD, Vida Kahrizi; Naga Srivani Kambala; Rocio Hernandez; Jessica Nunez; Brittany Lee; LaToya Dennis; Kristy Young; Ashley Hicks; Roger Zoorob, MD, MPH; Mohamad Sidani, MD, MS

Can going to the gym be harmful to your health?
Irvin Sulapas, MD offers his tips on how to avoid germs in the gym in the video from the BCM Momentum Blog.

Maria Mejia de Grubb, MD, MPH was honored as a fellow of the American College of Preventive Medicine at their conference in June.

Malvika Juneja, MD been appointed as Course Director for DDASH - a newly designed course in the core curriculum of third-year medical students on the subject of Social Determinants of Health. The course, which replaces LACE, retains a few of its essential elements and further extends the foundational ground for students to connect with their community, its resources, its disparities and socio-epidemiological challenges.

Newsmakers

James Bray, PhD was quoted in the article, Psychologists warn ‘13 Reasons Why’ could inspire copycat suicides in USA Today.

Dr. Bray was re-elected as a representative to the American Psychological Association Counsel of Representatives for a three year term beginning January 1, 2018. The Council of Representatives is the governing body of the American Psychological Association and approves all policies for the Association. Dr. Bray was elected to represent the Society of Addiction Psychology and approved policies for the Association. Dr. Bray previously served as President of the APA in 2009.
Congratulations to Joanna Fields-Gilmore, MD who received recognition from Harris Health System during the quarter.

Patrick McColloster, MD (left) was chosen for a Visiting Professorship, Lecturer and Convocation Speaker AOA Medical Honors Society at UTMB-Galveston May 2017. Dr. McColloster, a member of Physicians for Human Rights, volunteers at the Missionaries of Charity Home for the Disabled and provides political asylum evaluations.

Isabel Valdez, PA-C (left) interviewed by Telemundo on Men’s Health on June 15. Check out the segment here. Ms. Valdez volunteered with the Baylor Medical Team and walked the Avalon 39 Mile Walk to end Breast Cancer in April 2017. While spearheading the Medicare Annual Wellness Visit training for MA in BFM, Ms. Valdez created the workflow and evaluation template for BFM that is the model now used as a template for the College’s ACO Medicare Annual Wellness Visit initiative.

Nihita Shah, MD (left) was elected to the Faculty Senate for a three-year term from July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2020.

While most U.S. medical schools offer family medicine interest groups, electives, and clerkships, the number and type of family medicine electives and related experiences vary considerably across schools. Within BCM, enrollment in family medicine electives often fluctuates from year to year.

At the right are electives sponsored by FCM. The 15 electives offered by the department. The Education Council took deliberate steps to increase the number of students registering for the electives and, taking advantage of untapped expertise within our department, to create some new electives. An attractive brochure was developed, and distributed to all faculty members and advisors to share with their medical students as needed. For many of the electives, we created separate flyers that we distributed to various classes, along with the family medicine interest group and other facilitated groups, before the enrollment date for the elective. The BCM Electives website now features existing and new electives available for students.

This is an ongoing effort, and the Council continues to seek new strategies for increasing student interest and engagement. Our early success is exemplified by the expanded enrollment for History of Medicine elective from a single student in 2015-2016 to 86 students in 2016-2017!

If you are interested in spearheading an additional elective or have other suggestions, please see Dr. Anjali Aggarwal, Electives Director, or Dr. Zoorob.
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**BCM Quality Improvement and Patient Safety Congress**


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American College of Preventive Medicine 2017


Pictured are graduates of the BCM Family Medicine Residency Program who are working in the department. We thank each of you for your commitment to Family Medicine and your dedication to your patients.

We are honored that you have chosen to build your career in the Department of Family and Community Medicine.

For the Record

“First of all, I am very grateful for the opportunity Baylor Family Medicine department has given me by selecting me as a resident in Family Medicine. It was an important journey for me. Having worked in an underserved community at Northwest Health Center gave me an insight into the needs of an underserved population in an advanced healthcare system. Having moved to Roswell, New Mexico 6 yrs ago, I am working with an underserved population. I am enjoying the challenge and also grateful for what I am doing here providing care for my patients.

“Our residency training seem to have prepared me for this very job. Encouragement in leadership activities like P4 project during residency led me to take a lead in transforming our existing group from a paper-based clinic to a full-fledged EMR system and working towards Medical Home. I was made the Medical Director for this Multi Specialty Group within 11 months of joining. In the last 6 years we have made enormous progress in how we provide care, increase quality of care and utilizing EMR for clinical outcomes improvement. I think my Residency training under different attendings with different perspectives, and concentrating on preventive and community-based medicine in addition to core curriculum, has helped me to adapt myself (and thereby also our group) to the changing dynamics and policies in health care.

“For all the above reasons and for my belief that Family Medicine is very important pillar for Medicine and for my sincerest desire to see the Baylor HCHD Family Medicine Program to continue to train many bright and innovative minds to send them into the future of medicine, I have made a donation towards that goal. I thank you for giving me that opportunity.”

Vyas Dake, MD

The Family and Community Medicine Educational Endowment creates a permanent source of funding for future trainees. Donations will help us enhance our medical student and residency missions, strengthen educational resources and help develop the next generation of great primary care physicians.

To date, our faculty, alumni, and other supporters have generously donated nearly $31,840. Join us by making a gift to the Family and Community Medicine Educational Endowment. For more information please check out our website.

Below residency graduates explains why they made donations.

“Looking back on my residency at Baylor Family Medicine, I realize how fortunate I was to have the opportunity to work with and learn from incredible faculty who were true family physicians dedicated to teaching and mentorship as well as patient care. This experience provided a perspective through which I would view my role as a clinician and teacher, caring for patients but also for students and residents as physicians-in-training who would continue the tradition of patient care.

“These are uncertain times for physicians as we all face the uncertainties of our health care system. As family physicians and other primary care providers, we are undoubtedly in the forefront of change, to affect change in a way that each of us have to define for ourselves. However, what is certain for me is that it is imperative now more than ever to promote Family Medicine education, to do our utmost to strengthen and expand quality training of residents who will continue in our tradition of care. As a resident alumna and now faculty at Baylor Family Medicine, I contributed to our Educational Endowment with these hopes for our future at Baylor Family and Community Medicine.”

Elizabeth Tran, MD
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