NEW ELECTIVE

The Primary Care Leadership Collaborative (PCLC) at Baylor College of Medicine, consisting of a handful of medical students and faculty, is promoting education in primary care by piloting a new exciting elective, tentatively titled “Experiences in Longitudinal Primary Care” that increases exposure to social determinants of health, community and population health, longitudinal patient care and other vital components of primary care. We’ve conducted a needs assessment survey of the medical student body and found that, overwhelmingly, students report wishing that they had greater exposure to principles of primary care earlier in their medical education. We hope that this elective will fill that need. The objectives of the elective are:

- Understand the importance of longitudinal patient care in improving health outcomes
- Understand the 5 key functions of Patient-Centered Medical Home model and how it facilitates treatment in the primary care setting.
- Understand how the patient’s social factors including socioeconomic, family, cultural, and community impact patient health.
- Understand the value of an interprofessional healthcare team in improving patient care

CALL FOR FACULTY: We are seeking a junior faculty member to be involved in this elective to help get it off the ground. Please contact jeremiah.lee@bcm.edu if are interested!
Anayatzy Franco, MD. graduated from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey - School of Osteopathic Medicine in 2011 and completed Family Medicine Residency at UMDNJ-Rowan and the Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine/Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine +1 in 2015. He was named a South New Jersey Top Doc in 2017. Dr. Rabara will see patients at the Kirby Clinic.

Knic Rabara, DO graduated from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey - School of Osteopathic Medicine in 2011 and completed Family Medicine Residency at UMDNJ-Rowan and the Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine/Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine +1 in 2015. He was named a South New Jersey Top Doc in 2017. Dr. Rabara will see patients at the Kirby Clinic.

Ranjani Amin, DO received her medical degree from Touro University Nevada College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2015 and completed residency at the Broward Health Medical Center in 2018. Dr. Amin will see patients at the Baylor Clinic location.

Denny Fe Agana, PhD, MPH, CPH is the department’s newest Primary Care Research Fellow. She earned her doctorate of epidemiology (2018) and her Master of Public Health (2017) from the University of Florida.

FY2018 Faculty Awards

Dr. Zoorob presented trophies to the 2018 Outstanding Faculty Award winners at the departmental faculty meeting in July. Faculty nominations were discussed among department leadership and confirmed by the department’s Executive Committee.

Congratulations!

William Huang, MD
Chair’s Recognition Award

Mohamad Sidani, MD, MS
Educator Award (Residents)

Malvika Juneja, MD
Researcher Award

Aymer Al-Mutairi, MD
Clinician Award

Irvin Sulapas, MD
Service Award

Anjali Aggarwal, MD
Clinician Award
HAPPENINGS

AAFP National Conference for Residents & Medical Students

In August, members of Baylor’s Family Medicine Interest Group (FMIG) traveled to the AAFP National Conference for Residents and Medical Students in Kansas City, Missouri to learn more about the field, engage in policymaking and speak with residency programs. A handful of members represented the Primary Care Leadership Collaborative (PCLC), a nationwide leadership initiative that seeks to promote education in primary care. There, they gained valuable training in various contexts of leadership in order to bring back a strong voice for primary care at Baylor College of Medicine.

Several of Baylor’s Family Medicine residents as well as Dr. Fareed Khan were present at the biggest Family Medicine residency fair of the year to help with recruitment of the newest applicants for our Residency Program. Afterwards they had a dinner get-together to debrief the long day and enjoy the good company!

FMIG Plans for 2019

Some highlights of this upcoming year include monthly lunch-and-learn lectures by various faculty in Baylor’s FM department illustrating the range of possibilities in Family Medicine, as well as our first annual Procedures Workshop later this fall to highlight the variety of procedures that are available in the field.

ALSO One-Day Course

Fifty-six participants from the family medicine residencies at BCM, UT, Houston Methodist and Round Rock and 20 faculty (including one certified instructor who came from California) gathered for this year’s ALSO Course, held on August 23 at the Kirby location. Below are comments on the event:

“Very well organized”
“Participants liked the way they could learn at their own pace”
“Lecture on maternity care was well-received.”
“Workstations were very well organized.”
“Great instructors”
“All participants got the opportunity to practice manual skills.”
“Faculty promoted a positive educational environment.”
“Group testing was great! Everyone passed!!”
“The day ended with a debriefing where everyone shared lessons learned. Overall, a great day!”

Dr. Enjoli Benitez (center) is from the Houston Methodist Residency Program

Dr. Alisha Kidane, MD (left) and Vijaya Mallela, MD (UTHealth Residency Program)

“Word is getting out about this educational event. I met an attendee who flew in from Odessa, Texas to take part.”
“Smooth check-in process and transfer between activities.”
“I overheard visitors’ comment on the great appearance and overall comfort of the facilities.”

A special thank you to department faculty Drs. Kidane, Sidani, Latimer, Danek, Warwick, Mahadasyam and Aggarwal who instructed participants in the event.
Clinical Research Methods Beginner’s Course
Our two-day intensive courses in clinical research methods, directed by the department’s Vice Chair Hamisu Salihu, MD, PhD, are tailored for the busy healthcare professional who would like to review and discuss important fundamental concepts in research methodology. The courses are held in an engaging environment where participants will have the opportunity to learn from an expert medical researcher who has published hundreds of papers and successfully acquired many federal grants. (8/31-09/01/2018)

Below are comments on the event:

“After taking Dr. Salihu’s Beginner’s Course, a question on paired sample t-test appeared on my surgery board exams, and I was smiling because I knew it and I even did some SAS programming on it in Dr. Salihu’s class.”

“I’ll make sure I come to every one of your different courses.”

“I am faculty, and I strongly believe that all residents and fellows need to take this course. It is so empowering!”

“Even if you are not going to run the data yourself, the mere fact that you can establish a meaningful conversation with your statistician after taking this course is priceless.”

“I am a medical student and just took my Step 2. This course is so relevant to us. I was asked a question on the Step 2 exams about ‘Ecological Fallacy,’ and there it is on one of Dr. Salihu’s slides! Can you imagine?”

“It is so unbelievable that such an excellent course is available and only few people know about it.”

“Dr. Salihu, you need to teach this course on a weekly and NOT monthly basis!”

“Thanks to you Dr. Salihu. Great job. Down-to-earth explanations and good basic ‘digested’ level examples…wished there were more and more time, but I understand how it goes… BAYLOR IS LUCKY TO HAVE YOU.”

Clinical Research Methods Intermediate Courses

• Intermediate Course A: Training in Analysis of Continuous Outcome Data: This course will focus on providing hands-on competency with respect to the most common statistical procedures used to analyze continuous outcome data. All analyses will be conducted using SAS software. (7/27-28/2018)

• Intermediate Course B: Training in Analysis of Categorical Outcome Data: This course will focus on providing hands-on competency in the most common statistical procedures used to analyze categorical outcome data. All analyses will be conducted using SAS software. (9/28-29/2018)

Below are comments on these events:

“I am a Ph.D. student and I thank my Dean so much for recommending this wonderful course to me. I used to apply t-test for all my lab work. Now, I know I should have tried non-parametric options because of the small sample size. I will definitely start doing that. What a positive impact on my work!”

“I work for a clinical research study. My background is Ph.D. basic science, and I used to hate statistics before coming to your class because of the way I was taught. After taking this class, statistics is now my very good friend. I now understand why and when to use a battery of statistical tools that used to be a mystery to me. Thank you so much Dr. Salihu!”

“Instructor was excellent with comparing concepts. Provided major points which the students can take home.”

“I really appreciated Dr. Salihu’s enthusiasm. He was very patient and help me learn a lot. I also admire the other staff who helped when I was stuck with some errors in SAS. A big thank you to all. Please keep more courses coming our way, so that we can gain expertise in the field of clinical research analysis.”

“Overall, very informative, excellent course. The instructor interaction with the student made the material easier to digest.”

“The interactive nature of its structure; The pace was crucial to my understanding of the information, The class exercises/quiz es were invaluable.”

“Really enjoyed Dr. Salihu’s teaching style - great ability to explain statistical concepts to non-statistician clinician!”

“Great job! 2nd time here and I love the series!”

“Fantastic instructor and assistants; no stress environment; hands-on experience”
Hamisu Salihu, MD, PhD, was elected to head a peer-reviewed journal that is indexed in PUBMED, *IJMA* (*International Journal of MCH and AIDS*). As the newly elected Executive Editor of the journal, Dr. Salihu will be responsible for decision-making regarding submitted manuscript assessment for acceptance and rejection.

Under the leadership of Yasmeen Quadri, MD, the HHS Homeless Clinic was awarded the Quality Improvement Award from the US Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) for its success in improving various quality measures including increasing colorectal cancer screening among Harris County’s homeless population. The monetary award of $110,549 will be used to strengthen the homeless program’s quality improvement activities. This is the fourth straight year the homeless program has received national recognition.

Dr. Quadri responded in a statement, “This award validates and allows us to offer our homeless clients a continuity of care and services. This monetary award gives our program stability and helps us add new tools to educate staff and providers on better ways to care for our patients.”

HRSA made the announcement of award honorees during National Health Care for the Homeless Day in August.

Isabel Valdez, MPAS, PA-C, CPAAPA, (left) was interviewed for a *Covering Katy* News article, “What your body may be telling you about your health.”

Luis Rustveld, PhD, RD, LD was interviewed by Quinn Phillips for *Everyday Health* newsletter, “Do you really need to give up kale, cauliflower, and other cruciferous vegetables when you have hypothyroidism?”

Congratulations to Irvin Sulapas, MD on being named one of the Top Doctors 2018 by *Houstonia*.

During the last quarter, Dr. Sulapas was interviewed by the Houston Chronicle for their article “Summer in Houston doesn’t mean slowing down your workout but experts urge caution.”

He was also interviewed for a live segment on Fox 26 “Knowing the difference between heat exhaustion and heat stroke.”

Sabaa Joad, MD was named a Harris Health Hero in their second quarter report Congratulations!

Angie Sung, MD (left) was named a BCM Physician Top Performer with an overall Mean score 2 standard deviations above the FGP mean.

Walking early in the morning allows Camille Leugers, MD, FAAFP to get her daily steps in. Read her interview for the Healthy Habits on BCM’s Momentum Blog.
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UPCOMING EVENTS

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Smoking Cessation in Primary Care Training
10/27/2018
Kirby Conference Center

Thanksgiving Luncheon @ Kirby
11/06/2018
Kirby Conference Center

11/15/2018
Damian’s Cucina Italiana

Alumni Event

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