A Message from the Chairman

The Department of Family Medicine Department is made up of many parts. We train residents to become family physicians, and we teach principles of primary care medicine to medical students in the College of Medicine. Faculty and staff also provide high quality medical care to thousands of patients seen in our outpatient clinics and University Hospital.

As part of our department's mission, we are committed providing a high-quality education to students, residents, and beyond. We are helping our residents become well-rounded family physicians who will be able to deliver a baby, treat an elderly woman, or work with a family whose lives have been disrupted by disease. Members of our department also are engaged in research in such areas as diabetes, rural health, and advance medical directives.

To accomplish our goals in 2016, we depend on everyone in the Department, whether it be an office associate assisting a student before their rural rotation, an attending physician who oversees the resident suturing a laceration, or the volunteer faculty member who spends an afternoon supervising a student. The successes that we have known over the years have come about largely because of contributions by many people, rather than any major contribution by a single individual.

In 2016, I hope we continue to live our mission as a department and as a University.

Michael Sitorius, MD

Department of Family Medicine Mission Statement

Our Mission:

To provide:

1. Physicians prepared to serve the rural and urban medical needs of Nebraska.
2. High-quality student, resident, fellowship, continuing medical and public education.
3. Health care service and consultation.
4. Scholarly methods to advance medical science health care delivery.
5. Community, state, regional and national leadership and consultation in family medicine and health care.
New Faculty & Staff

**Dianna Flores** - Dianna began as an Administrative Associate in October. Dianna has previously worked at UNMC in the General Internal Medicine Division and also the Department of Radiology. She has a degree in Education from UNO.

**Sunny Renyolds** - Sunny joins us as an Administrative Sr. Assistant. She has worked for Nebraska Medicine before as a Radiology Support Specialist and as Patient Access Representative at CHI Health. She is finishing a Bachelor’s of Science in Health Care Business Management degree at Clarkson College. Sunny and her husband Joe have a son, Zane and twin daughters, Lily and Claire.

**Dr. Megan Willet** - Dr. Willet join the faculty as an assistant professor where she will primarily be housed at Eagle Run. Dr. Willet is an UNMC Family Medicine resident alumni and joins us from a local private practice.

**Kim Battreall, LPN** - Kim joined the Student Health team in early January. Kim graduated from Clarkson College in 2011 and has worked at the Peggy Cowdery Patient Care Center, Hillcrest Cottages, and with Pulmonary Medicine Specialists. She is currently working on an Associates Degree in Applied Sciences. Her daughter Jade, is an ICU nurse at Nebraska Medicine - Bellevue and her son Jake, is working on a Marketing degree. Welcome, Kim!

**Brandy Hertzig** - Brandy is now the Clinic Manager at Oakview Family Medicine and joined the team in February. Brandy has been with Nebraska Medicine since 2001, most recently with Enterprise Practice Support as a Lead Analyst. She brings a strong nursing background as well as extensive One Chart experience. Brandy’s experience will be invaluable in leading the Oakview Family Medicine Team in meeting their goals and objectives. Welcome!
Urban and Rural Residents Score Higher than National Average on In-Training Exam

Scores from the American Board of Family Medicine Inc. indicate that the Urban and Rural Residency Program House Officers have scored higher than the national average across the board. Residents took the 240 question exam in October. Congratulations to the Family Medicine House Officers for this achievement!

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**Rural Program Results**

New Chief Residents Announced

Please congratulate the new Family Medicine Chief Residents for the 2016-2017 academic year: Nate Renes, M.D., and Jamil Neme, M.D. As this year comes to a close, special thanks goes to the current chiefs, Steve Gale, M.D., and Chelsea Williams, M.D., for their hard work and dedication to keeping the program moving forward! Congratulations again to Nate and Jamil!

ACGME Commends Residency Programs

Each year the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education reviews and accredits graduate medical education (residency and fellowship) programs, and the institutes that sponsor them. The Family Medicine Urban and Rural Residency programs received commendation from the ACGME for their 2016 application.

Congratulations to the Residency Program Directors, Kimberly Jarzynka, MD, and Jeff Harrison, MD on this achievement!

Alisha O’Malley, MD, recognized by AAFP

Family Medicine House Officer III, Dr. Alisha O’Malley, was one of the 2015 recipients of the American Academy of Family Physician’s Award for Excellence in Graduate Medical Education. The award recognizes outstanding family medicine residents for their leadership, civic involvement, exemplary patient care, and aptitude for and interest in family medicine. Only 12 out of 3,500 family medicine residents qualified for the esteemed designation. Awards were presented at the AAFP’s Family Medicine Experience in Denver on October 1st.

Visit the Family Medicine Connect blog for more information on each resident and their nominations as resident of the month.

RESIDENT OF THE MONTH RECAP

October 2015 - AMY FECK, MD
November 2015 - ALLI HIRZ, MD
December 2015 - AHN DAVIS, MD
January 2016 - MELANIE MENNING, MD
February 2016 - JAMIL NEME, MD
March 2016 - WOLFGANG RODRIGUEZ
From our clinics

Eagle Run
• Megan Willet, MD, signed on as a provider and began this month.
• Eagle Run Immediate Care Clinic was featured in a Nebraska Medicine Now story.

Oakview
• Clinic manager, Linda Dechant, retired on December 14. Thank you for your 10 years of service, commitment to our patients and staff at Oakview!
• Dr. Doug Inciarte became a member of the Nebraska Medicine Provider Advisory Group for Patient Experience.
• Read more about the Oakview Clinic on the Family Medicine Connect blog in the Clinic Spotlight.

• Fontenelle - formerly Baker Place
  Dr. Andrea “Drea” Jones began seeing patients at Baker Place on January 6.

Medical Student Education News

Leadership Transition

Since 1984, Dr. Paul Paulman has assisted in the education of thousands of medical students. With the assistance of rural community preceptors and faculty, Dr. Paulman has had great success as the Predoctoral Education Director for the Department of Family Medicine. As of January 12, Dr. Paulman has stepped down from his role and passing the baton to fellow faculty member, Dr. Mindy Lacey. Dr. Lacey has assumed the role of Medical Student Education Director where she will experience the support and collegiality from the extended network of preceptors. Dr. Paulman will continue as a faculty member of the Department of Family Medicine and also plans to work with the College of Medicine and UNMC to help develop and expand efforts in simulation for training, assessment and bringing simulation technology to Nebraska communities. Thank you Dr. Paulman for your all your marvelous work for the program and congratulations Dr. Lacey!

21st Annual NAFP Conference

Eight rural preceptors were in attendance for the annual meeting at Arbor Lodge in Nebraska City on October 31, 2015. Eight community preceptors were in attendance. Highlights from the NAFP Fall Conference included reviewing the annual clerkship report, student test results, curriculum reform, and student quality improvement project.

Preceptor Newsletter Published

The first issue of the Family Medicine Preceptor Newsletter was distributed to our rural preceptors in March. The newsletter is available to view on our website.

Family Medicine hosts Alpha Epsilon Delta

Members of the Alpha Epsilon Delta University of Nebraska-Lincoln chapter got a glimpse into the life of a medical student on Wednesday, February 24 when Family Medicine faculty members hosted the group in the Sorrell Clinical Simulation Lab. Dr. Lacey and Dr. Paulman were present to assist the students.

STUDENT HEALTH

The arrival of Kim Battreall, LPN, now completes the Student Health team along with Doug Wheatley, MD, Jessica Kapple, PA, and Elva Medrano, Medical Receptionist.

Student Health ran 15 PPD/Flu Clinics from August to December, providing 1,060 vaccines to date.

Student Health is partnering with the College of Pharmacy to organize a campus-wide student run flu shot clinics. Students visited the clinic on February 17 and February 19.

Dr. Paul Paulman shows Alpha Epsilon Delta students the Sorrell Clinical Simulation Lab
Dr. Audrey Paulman and students earn e-learning grant

Family Medicine faculty member, Audrey Paulman, MD, served as a faculty advisor for one of 19 approved UNMC E-Learning modules. Approved applications will receive a $1000 grant to develop the modules geared toward improving learning experiences for UNMC students. Read more on our blog.

Faculty medical education trainees graduate

Dr. Jarynzka and Dr. Harrison contribute to the Asain Pacific Rim Development Program with a series of lectures from their FM 850 course. UNMC Today featured the program’s graduates.

Lili Bronner named to Nebraska Children and Families Foundation Board

Family Medicine clinical education manager, Liliana Bronner, MHSA, MBA, was recently named to the board of directors of the Nebraska Children and Families Foundation.

Lili is an instructor for the Department of Family Medicine and has served as a faculty member since 2013.

The Nebraska Children and Families Foundation’s mission is to “create positive change for Nebraska’s children through community engagement.”

Congratulations! Frauke Wilcox

Office Associate, Frauke Wilcox was awarded the Silver “U” Award in October. The Silver “U” Award recognizes employees whose overall performance goes above and beyond the scope of their position.

The dates for the 2016 8th Grade Science Meets have been set and can be viewed on the AHEC webpage. The State Science Meet will be held at UNMC on June 9-11, 2016.