A Message from the Director

Dr. Mindy Lacey steps into new role as Medical Student Education Director for the Department of Family Medicine

I am very excited to begin my new role as Medical Director of Education for the Department of Family Medicine at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. Growing up in Norfolk, Nebraska, and as a 2007 graduate of UNMC, I’ve witnessed the importance of rural healthcare and the vital role each of our preceptors play in the education of UNMC students.

As I continue to become familiar with each preceptor, I’d also like to share a little bit about myself. I am a 2007 UNMC College of Medicine graduate and recipient of the Dr. James J. Leahy Award for outstanding senior medical students. I completed my residency with the Department of Family Medicine at UNMC in 2010 and served as chief resident in 2009. I received the Resident Teacher Award in 2010 and 2011. I completed my Obstetrics Fellowship in 2011 and joined the Family Medicine faculty that September. My husband Geoff Talmon, MD, is the Vice Chair of Education and Residency Director for the UNMC Department of Pathology. We have three-and-a-half year old twin girls, Claire and Emma.

Over the next year, the College of Medicine is working to refine the current curriculum. I’m excited for this transition and will keep you informed of how it will affect clerkships as we could see implementation as soon as fall 2017. I hope you enjoy this newsletter designed for preceptors of our program. Your continued service and support is invaluable. My goal as director is to visit each preceptor site and I look forward to meeting those whose efforts help shape our medical students into great physicians. Don’t hesitate to reach out to me by email or phone if you have any questions or concerns.

UNMC Updates Policies & Procedures

Students and employees train in fundamentals of FERPA and Title IX

Before UNMC students are sent out to train in rural communities, they are provided training about several important UNMC Policies and Procedures.

This includes the Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs receiving Federal financial assistance. Read more about Title IX and who it applies to on the UNMC website.

FERPA is the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 and protects the privacy of student education records. Training was recently required for all UNMC faculty, staff and students. You can review all University policies and procedures online.
Preceptor Spotlight
Ryan Banks, M.D.

UNMC Family Medicine alumni and current provider at Avera Medical Group O’Neill hosted third year medical student Alexis Erbst in October and November. He reflects on the precepting experience.

Why did you become a preceptor?
I think precepting is a great way to give back to those who taught me; plus I think you can learn a lot from the medical students. It can be challenging but always is rewarding. In addition, I think it reflects positively on your clinic and the patients always enjoy seeing the medical students.

What advice would you give to others considering precepting?
I think precepting has been a rewarding experience. I enjoy inspiring students whether they are going to go into family practice or not. I think you are never too old to learn, and it has kept me sharp throughout the years.

Dr. Banks shares more about his experience on the UNMC Family Medicine Connect blog.

Rural Rotation Experience
Student: Jens Johnson
Hometown: Chadron, Nebraska
Preceptorship: Chadron Community Hospital & Medical Center

Most valuable thing learning during your rural rotation?
If I had to pick one, I would say a newfound respect for the rural primary care health professional. The sheer amount of knowledge and experience needed to practice in an area like that is challenging. Every doctor I worked with was decisive and well informed.

How has your perspective about Family Medicine changed?
As a student interested in nearly every medical field and practice, being able to see how rural hospitals and rural practitioners function completely peaked my interest in Family Medicine. Unless another rotation blows me away, I’m confident that I will become a family physician in a rural area.

Read more about Jens experience on the UNMC Family Medicine Connect blog.
21st Annual NAFP Fall Conference

Saturday, October 31, 2015
Nebraska City, Nebraska

Eight rural preceptors were in attendance for the annual meeting at Arbor Lodge on October 31.

Highlights from the NAFP Fall Conference:

Student Distribution Report
- 113 students completed FM Clerkship during 2014-2015 Academic Year. 24 students received Honors, 20 received High Pass, and 69 received a Pass.

Review Annual Clerkship Report
- Positive student reporting regarding the pre-clerkship modules introduced in July 2014.
- According to the NBME Scaled Score Academic Year-End Report, UNMC students achieved an overall higher Mean Score (77.2) compared to other medical school where Mean Score was reported as 74.1.

Quality Improvement Project Topics 2014-2015 Topic/Participant Winners:
- “Utilization of Preventative Health Services in Rural Nebraska” by Roxanne Haslam, Amanda Stuelpnagel, Steven Wahlmeier
- “Use and Functionality of Electronic Medical Records in Outstate Nebraska” by Anneliese Osborn, Sally Inghma, Jessica Sonderup
- “Sleeper Cell” by Andrew Ensz, Christopher Koehn, Lauren Weber, Trevor Wilke
- “Management of Type 2 Diabetes: How Practitioners Can Help Diabetics Achieve Control of Their Disease” by Daniel Barker, Katie Borcyk, Michael Powell

Changes in Process Mandated by College Due to LCME
- The LCME mandates that students must be observed by their preceptors performing their history and physical exams. Students now are required to enter the observer’s name into the OASIS Program.

Curriculum Reform
- On April 21, 2015 the Curriculum Committee approved the re-engineering of the College of Medicine curriculum. They accepted the three phase concept proposed by the Curriculum Innovations Workgroup and agreed to create a task force to further refine the CIWG proposal. More information will be shared once it becomes available.

Calendar

Family Medicine Interest Group Residency Fair
February 24 | 12 - 3 p.m.
UNMC’s Student Chapter of AAFP sponsor the 20th Annual Residency Fair on Wednesday, February 24, 2016. Located in the Linder Reading Room in the Michael Sorrell Center.

Family Medicine NBME Shelf Exam
February 26

Koefoot Award Banquet
April 27, 2016
The Theodore Koefoot Jr. MD Outstanding Preceptor in Rural Family Medicine is an annual award sponsored by the family of Dr. Theodore Koefoot designed to recognize outstanding teaching and mentoring by an UNMC Family Medicine Volunteer Community Preceptor.

M3 Rural Rotation
February 29 - April 29
NBME Shelf Exam on Friday, April 29

M3 Rural Rotation
May 2 - June 24
NBME Shelf Exam on Friday, June 24
The blog, updated weekly, is a central news place for faculty, residents and even medical students. Any contribution or ideas for the blog can be submitted to Ellen Poly, Communications Specialist. Contact Ellen by email at ellen.poly@unmc.edu.

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