Pediatric News
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Congratulations!

Each year faculty are invited to submit applications to be promoted. We are pleased to announce the following promotions effective July 1, 2015:

- **Jessica Snowden, M.D.**, Associate Professor, Division of Pediatric Infectious Disease
- **Scott Fletcher, M.D.**, Adjunct Professor (Clinician), Division of Pediatric Cardiology

UNMC College of Medicine Working on Curricular Change

The Curriculum Innovations Work Group (CIWG) was formed in October 2014 by the COM Curriculum Committee. Their task was to investigate and recommend a new framework for the medical school curriculum. In April, the Curriculum Committee approved the 3-phase framework.

The CIWG has identified five overarching goals for UNMC curricular redesign:

1. Integration throughout the curriculum - this includes greater integration between clinical and pre-clinical learning experiences as well as greater integration between and within a core(s).
2. Earlier clinical experiences - in addition to an enhanced longitudinal clinical experience in the pre-clinical years, students should have a greater opportunity for career exploration prior to applying for the residency match process.
3. Enhanced M4 Year - the final year of medical school should be structured to provide robust learning experiences that facilitate a student's transition into residency in their chosen field.
4. New competencies - there is a need to have purposeful curricular learning experiences and integration of assessment in new and emerging competencies (e.g. quality improvement, population health, patient safety, health systems, etc...).
5. Structure of existing cores - to facilitate student learning and application of basic science knowledge to the clinical environment, the curriculum should be organized around human organ systems with foundational knowledge about basic sciences and clinical

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  - **July 23 | 7:00 AM**
    - Pediatric Faculty Meeting
      - UNMC Private Dining Room
  - **July 21 | 8:00 AM**
    - Dr. Anu Chundu
      - University Tower 7412
  - **July 28 | 8:00 AM**
    - Dr. Maggie Egbarts
      - University Tower 7412

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Previous issues are available on the UNMC Pediatrics website (Link).
skills embedded into each core in a longitudinal fashion. Key curricular themes or "threads" will be woven throughout the four-year curriculum.

Faculty interested in working on this. If you are interested, please contact Renne Alley at renee.alley@unmc.edu.

Pediatric Clerkship Information

On an annual basis the Liaison Committee on Medical Education requires that we disseminate clerkship learning objectives to faculty and staff. This is done so that anyone who interacts with the medical students on the clerkship is aware of the objectives for the course.

Medical Knowledge

- Junior medical students will apply principles of growth and development (physical, physiologic and psychosocial) from birth through adolescence during ambulatory and inpatient settings.
- Junior medical students will demonstrate clinical problem-solving skills in real and simulated experiences.

Patient Care

- Junior medical students will be able to demonstrate age appropriate physical examination skills for infants, children and adolescents in real and simulated experiences.
- For common acute illnesses, chronic illnesses, and common emergencies in pediatrics, junior medical students will discuss problem lists and management options during patient care experiences.

Interpersonal & Communication Skills

- Junior medical students will demonstrate communication skills that facilitate the clinical interaction with children, adolescents and their families.

Professionalism

- Junior medical students will demonstrate the attitudes and professional behaviors appropriate for clinical practice during ambulatory and inpatient settings.

Practice-based Learning and Improvement

- Junior medical students will identify sources of evidence based medicine in the care of patients and families during inpatient settings.

Systems-based Practice

- Junior medical students will explain the influence of family, community and society on the child in health and disease during ambulatory settings.
These objectives all relate to the College of Medicine objectives, which may be reviewed by going to http://unmc.edu/com/curriculum/objectives.html.