ACADEMIC AFFAIRS Monday Monthly NEWS for February 25, 2013

**Newsy Note:** The Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (the people who accredit residency programs) has initiated a new kind of institutional visit: the CLER program (Clinical Learning Environment Review) that will involve on-site visits by a team evaluating the following institutional capacities: Patient Safety/Professionalism/Duty Hours/Supervision/Quality Improvement/Care Transitions. The visits will be informational to start but will inform future accreditation visits. These topics mesh nicely with many of our undergraduate medical student initiatives.

**Kudos:** Our very own Block 1 student, Amanda Rutishauser, took second place in this year’s William Carlos Williams Poetry Competition and has been invited to read her poem with those of other prize winners in April. This poem will appear in an upcoming volume of the *Journal of Medical Humanities*. Congratulations, Amanda!

**Someone You Should Know:** The Mini Medical Interview (MMI) is in full swing. A reference to how fun it was has been seen on an admissions-related web source. Anyone who has not signed up to be a part of the MMI experience please contact Jay Bryde in the Admissions office: jay.bryde@hc.msu.edu

**Challenge:** Curriculum Design Group faculty seek students who would like to participate in the Early Clinical Experience (ECE) Pilot being developed for the weeks between the end of Block 1 and the start of Block 2. Both new students and students finishing Block 1 are needed.

**Solution:** If you are interested in more information about participating in the New Curriculum’s Early Clinical Experience Pilot, contact Lisa Galbavi at lisa.galbavi@hc.msu.edu
Student-to-Student Pearl: Grab your friends, family and pets and practice those physical examination steps. You can’t practice too often.

Patient Care Pearl: 80% of West Nile virus infections are asymptomatic.

New Curriculum Update: The Curriculum Design Group continues to plan the pilot Early Clinical Experience that students will volunteer to be a part of this summer. Drs. Robin Demuth and Anthony Paganini are Course Directors for this pilot segment of the New Curriculum. The blend of methodologies includes Team-Based Learning, PBL as we now know it, Integrative Clinical Correlations, simulations and labs to compliment the clinical experiences seeing patients in ambulatory primary care settings. There is a New Curriculum website you can visit: go to http://curriculum.chm.msu.edu/.