ACADEMIC AFFAIRS Monday Monthly NEWS for March 25, 2013

Newsy Note: Dean Rappley just returned from Malawi where she worked with deans from across the university to create opportunities for students and faculty to visit and collaborate with clinicians in Malawi.

Kudos: The graduating students from CHM had a wonderful match last week. Over 97.2% of our students matched compared to about 95% nationally. There was a wide range of specialties and some very impressive programs. Dean Rappley sent out an update with more detail, but everyone in the educational programs is very pleased and proud of the how our students matched.

Someone You Should Know: The College of Human Medicine’s Office of College-wide Assessment is pleased to welcome Matt Emery, MD as our new Medical Director for Simulation. Dr. Emery is an Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine, and Associate Chair for Academic Affairs for the Department of Emergency Medicine. In addition to serving as the Educational Assistant for Simulation for the Emergency Medicine residency program in Grand Rapids, Dr. Emery is also the lead clerkship director for the 4th year elective in Emergency Medicine. He has been very active in the College serving on our Curriculum Committee as well as the Student Performance and Block 3 Committees. As the Medical Director for Simulation, Dr. Emery will provide leadership for simulation activities across the College's educational enterprise. Dr. Emery's office is located in the CHM Simulation Center at Secchia in Grand Rapids. We are thrilled to have Dr. Emery join our assessment and simulation teams, and welcome him in his new role.

Challenge: Electronic Health Record (EHR) use presents challenges for faculty, residents and students.

Solution: The New Curriculum Design Group will be developing an introduction to EHR use for students participating in the Early Clinical Experience Pilot (see last month’s NEWS).

Student-to-Student Pearl: From one PBL student to another: Good discussion of thorough learning issues makes for really efficient small group time. If you have talked about most of the stimulus questions before you review them, chances are better that you have developed good learning issues, covered a lot of ground and spent your small group time wisely.
**Patient Care Pearl:** The United States Preventive Services Task Force recently recommended “against daily supplementation with 400 IU or less of vitamin D₃ and 1,000 mg or less of calcium for the primary prevention of fractures in non-institutionalized postmenopausal women.” This is a change from what has been common practice. If you look at the evidence behind this recommendation (see [http://www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/uspstf/uspsvitd.htm](http://www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/uspstf/uspsvitd.htm)) you will see that the USPSTF is confident in the evidence that supplementation does not help healthy postmenopausal women. There is not enough evidence to determine whether supplementation is helpful in men, premenopausal women, institutionalized postmenopausal women, or for higher doses in postmenopausal women. Note that supplementation is different than a diet high in calcium and vitamin D rich foods.

**New Curriculum Update:** The Curriculum Design Group has formed teams that will develop components of the Early Clinical Experience Pilot. Each week of the pilot will employ a different methodology as the main instructional strategy (Team Based Learning, Problem Based Learning, Integrative Clinical Correlations, Tutorials, Fortified Independent Study, to name a few strategies). Don’t forget that there is a New Curriculum website you can visit: go to [http://curriculum.chm.msu.edu/](http://curriculum.chm.msu.edu/)

There is a Town Hall meeting regarding the New Curriculum for faculty, students and staff on Tuesday, March 26th from 5-7pm in A219 Clinical Center in East Lansing and 130 Secchia Center in Grand Rapids. It will be streamed live on Mediasite [http://media.hc.msu.edu/Mediasite/Play/300907afe023431196b3b43260bc5da31d](http://media.hc.msu.edu/Mediasite/Play/300907afe023431196b3b43260bc5da31d).