News: Dean Rappley has accepted the position of Vice President for Health Sciences and Chief Executive Officer of the Health System at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Virginia. She will lead across five health colleges and a large integrated health system, bringing the expertise and energy that has so significantly benefited our College to this new and challenging endeavor. She leaves us ready to take on the challenges before us, but she will be greatly missed.

Shared Discovery Curriculum Update: The next steps in the Shared Discovery Curriculum effort are focused on searching for learning society faculty (applications just closed last Friday) and beginning the search for key leadership positions in the curriculum. The goal is to begin pilot testing key weekly experiences beginning in the fall of this year. Work continues on the individual content for each week and module as the leadership team takes shape! Our thanks for everyone's enthusiasm on contributions; college participation has been very good so far.

For more information on the Shared Discovery Curriculum in general: go to http://curriculum.chm.msu.edu/

Kudos: Dr. Wanda Lipscomb received the 2015 Outstanding Professional Service Award from the AAMC Central Region of the Association of American Medical Colleges Group on Student Affairs in April 2015.

Dr. Hend Azhary and first year medical student Susan Edlibi joined the Syrian American Medical Society’s team of volunteers March 7-13 working at the Zaatari refugee camp in Jordan. The group of 32 included physicians, dentists, nurses, pharmacists and translators.
Academic Affairs People You Should Know: Pam Kramer is a part of our Office of Preclinical Curriculum/Academic Support located in East Lansing. Pam attended Nebraska Wesleyan University and Lansing Community College. In 1985 she began working at Michigan State University in the College of Human Medicine's Learning Resource Center and Block I. For nearly twenty years she worked with the Clinical Skills courses including assisting with simulated patients and student experiences in the Clinical Skills Teaching Area. For the past eight years she has been a part of the Academic Support Unit and the Preclinical Curriculum Assistant Dean's Office processing payroll and tracking budget expenses. Pam is married to Ronald Kramer, has three children and three grandchildren. In her free time she enjoys working on family history and genealogy.

Continuous Quality Improvement Focus: This month’s CQI focus is on:

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Tips for Students: Take a look at the MSU library Exam Prep resources at http://libguides.lib.msu.edu/medicalboardexamprep

There are also some cool apps for download at http://libguides.lib.msu.edu/mobilemedapps

Wellness Tip: Summer is prime season for road trips. Shoulders ache from the long drive? Pretend someone poured a cold drink down your back—notice how your shoulders pull back and your spine curves? That's the position your back should be in when you're rolling down the highway. You can also use this trick anytime your shoulders are tense.

Patient Care Pearl: National guidelines have been established for aerobic activity and muscle strengthening, by age group. According to this week’s Morbidity and Mortality Weekly, The National Health Interview Survey for years 2008 and 2013 shows that adults aged 18-44 years old were the most likely to meet the guidelines, and the percentage increased for all age groups from 2008-2013. Unfortunately, percentages meeting the requirement ranged from about 10 to just over 25%. There is work to be done!
Publications and Presentations:

Publications

- **Cdx2 efficiently induces trophoblast stem-like cells in naive, but not primed, pluripotent stem cells**

- **Just Caring: Fair Innings and Priority Setting (Does a 90-year old have a just claim to an artificial heart?)**

- **JUST Rationing or just Rationing: THE Challenge of Health Reform**

- **Just Solidarity: The Key to Fair Health Care Rationing**
  Fleck, Len. *Diametros* (Spring, 2015), 44-54; DOI: 10.13153/diam.43.2015.713

- **My daughter’s feet**

- **Rationing in the ICU: First Come, First Served**
  Fleck, Len. *Newsletter on Philosophy and Medicine, American Philosophical Association* (Spring, 2015), 15pp

Presentations

- **Assessment of Colorectal Cancer in the Rural Community Hospital Setting: Quality Assessment and Compliance to Standard Care**

- **A Collaborative Career Development Program for Underrepresented Minority Faculty**
  William Anderson, PhD, Wanda D. Lipscomb, PhD, and Donna Mulder. Association of American Medical Colleges Group on Diversity and Inclusion and Group on Faculty Affairs Professional Development Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico, June 24-28, 2015

- **Comparing a Blended and Self-Paced Course for Geographically Distributed Medical School Faculty**
  Deborah Sleight, Williamson J. American Association of Medical Colleges Central Group on Educational Affairs/Student Affairs Conference. Columbus, Ohio. April 2015

- **Distinct Roles for Sox2 and Oct4 in Maintenance and Patterning of the Inner Cell Mass in the Mouse**

- **Improving Our Clinical Experiences: Sharing of Best Practices for a Positive Learning Environment**
  Wanda D Lipscomb, Brian Mavis, PhD. Association of American Medical Colleges Central Region Group on Educational Affairs and Group on Student Affairs 2015 Spring Meeting, Columbus, Ohio, April 2015
Presentations continued

- **Leadership Boot Camp: Understanding the Comprehensive Roles in Student Affairs**
  Wanda D. Lipscomb. Association of American Medical Colleges Central Region Group on Educational Affairs and Group on Student Affairs 2015 Spring Meeting, Columbus, Ohio, April 2015

- **Parsimonious Care: Just Rationing or ‘Just’ Rationing?**

- **Precision Medicine: Can We Afford Either the Ethical or the Economic Costs**
  Fleck, Len. lecture For Alumni Conference at the Brocher Foundation, Geneva Switzerland, June 17-19, 2015

- **Priority Setting in Health Care: Meeting the Challenges of Equity and Efficiency**

- **Priority Setting in Health Care: Sublime Principles and Subversive Practices**

- **Still ABLE: Reflecting on 20-Plus Years of Success Implementing an Effective Post-Baccalaureate Program for Students from Disadvantaged Background**
  Wanda D. Lipscomb, PhD, Wrenetta Green, MS, Letitia V Fowler, PhD, and Gina Brooks, MA. 2015 Association of American Medical Colleges Admissions and Student Diversity Affairs Professional Development Conference, Miami, Florida, June 18-21, 2015

Posters

- **Laparoscopic vs. Robotic Simulation Study (LavRO)**
  Dr. Srinivas Kavuturu, Dr. Derek Ornelas & Caroline Moon. 10th Annual Mid-Michigan Regional Research Day. April 23, 2015

- **Lumpectomy and Margin Status in early Stage Breast Cancer**
  Dr. Karen Ching, Dr. Dahlia Rice & Edward Woo. 10th Annual Mid-Michigan Regional Research Day. April 23, 2015

- **OCT4 promotes pluripotency and differentiation to primitive endoderm**

Did you publish or present recently? Send your citation to CHM.AcademicAffairs@hc.msu.edu, and we will list your accomplishments in the next edition of the Academic Affairs Monday Monthly!