ACADEMIC AFFAIRS Monday Monthly NEWS for December 16, 2013

Newsy Note: MidMichigan Medical Center-Midland will break ground in May for a medical education building planned to open in summer 2015. This building will be the base for CHM medical students, family medicine residents and faculty as well as the Family Practice Center within MidMichigan Health.

LCME Accreditation Update: The LCME returns October 19-23, 2014, for our regular accreditation site visit. The Self-Study Subcommittees (Communities, Faculty, Educational Program, Educational Resources, Institutional Setting, Medical Students, Research) have completed their work at the beginning of this month. The Dean’s Student Advisory Committee has begun surveying all of the CHM medical students. The LCME Steering Committee (the chairs of the Self-Study Subcommittees with additional faculty) will start in January 2014 the work of developing the report for the LCME as well as addressing areas that have been identified as areas of concern in the self-study. The current plan is to present the report at the spring CHM faculty meeting.

For a description of the College’s SCRIPT educational competencies, go to http://lcme.chm.msu.edu/documents/script.html

More information about accreditation can be found at http://lcme.chm.msu.edu/

Kudos: Units and clinics throughout the college are adopting families in need, making donations to charity, and shopping for toys that will brighten the holidays for children who would not otherwise have something to unwrap. Many generous deeds will be done that will go unrecognized – to everyone giving of themselves to others this season, this “kudo” is for you!
Someone You Should Know: Andrea Kepsel, MLIS, is the liaison between the MSU Health Sciences Library and the CHM Grand Rapids campus. Ms. Kepsel just completed a fellowship program at the National Library of Medicine, which is one of the most prestigious forms of post-masters training for health sciences librarians. Her fellowship was a course on BioMedical Informatics. She attends the Block I, II, and III meetings and is a wonderful resource. She offers classes in GR for faculty members on things like End Note, and is always happy to help with literature searches.

Challenge: Copyright guidelines can decrease student and faculty access to course materials.

Solution: MSU Libraries and Lippincott Williams & Wilkins have negotiated an agreement to enable faculty and students to easily utilize electronic versions of books and images contained within their collection.

Holiday Challenge: Is it possible to maintain any kind of nutritional balance over the holidays?

Holiday Solution: Keeping up on healthful activities (like exercise) and helpful activities (like volunteering) are strategies to keep a good balance going during a challenging time.

Student-to-Student Pearl: Student organizations will be looking for new e-board members to take over responsibilities in the New Year. Keep an eye out for openings and take this opportunity to get involved.

Patient Care Pearl: Human parainfluenza viruses are a common cause of respiratory infections. There are several serotypes. In the United States, PIV-1 causes outbreaks in the fall of odd-numbered years – and 2013 was no exception. Fever, rhinorrhea, cough and a prominent sore throat are the usual clinical manifestations in adults, with croup or laryngotracheobronchitis more characteristic in children. Patients who get flu shots and then contract parainfluenza often can attribute their illness to having been caused by the flu shot – patient education may be necessary the following fall.
New Curriculum Update:  The New Curriculum Design Group has incorporated a great deal of information from the Early Clinical Experience (ECE) Pilot into a vision of what the New Curriculum’s ECE might look like. Discussion has progressed to planning for the Middle Clinical Experience (MCE) and the Intersessions that take place between each of the clinical experiences. Block II Curriculum Development Group (CDG) faculty will be a part of creating the end-competency documents for the group of “Chief Complaints and Concerns” that will form the backbone of our New Curriculum. The New Curriculum Advisory Group met on Thursday, December 12, and reviewed MCE logistics; their insights and suggestions were very helpful.

Don’t forget that there is a New Curriculum website at http://curriculum.chm.msu.edu/

HAPPY HOLIDAYS! Here is hoping everyone has a little rest, a little relaxation, a little fun, a little serenity, and more solutions than challenges this holiday season!!!