IM 2013: San Francisco

The Illinois Chapter Downstate Region was well represented at IM 2013 in San Francisco! Several residents and medical students participated in the poster competition, as well as Jaini Sutaria, Trushil Shah, and Heena Birbal from Peoria competing in Doctor’s Dilemma.

Save the date now for IM 2014 in Orlando, Florida, April 10—12, 2014.

UIUC made a fantabulous representation at the national ACP meeting. We had 1 research poster presented by Dr. Affan Irfan and 10 associate posters presented by Dr. Snigdha Kola, Dr. Indrajeet Mahata, Dr. Kalyani Chandra, Dr. Maryam Gul, Dr. Suneel Kumar, Dr. Bonnie Wang, Dr. Roel Jamis, Dr. Jae Cho, and Dr. Omer Toor. Dr. Wang, who had won the IL Downstate poster competition last fall, also was a winner at the national ACP associates’ poster competition. This was just terrific!

Illinois chapter reception was a wonderful venue where colleagues from upstate and downstate cherished the moments together.

See Page 4 for photo gallery of poster presenters at IM 2014 in San Francisco.
Congratulations and a warm welcome to our new SIU Internal Medicine Residents 2013.

Internal Medicine
Anota Akofu:
University of Benin
Cinderella Aquino:
University of Medicine and Health Sciences, St. Kitts
Jonathan Balagna:
SIU School of Medicine
Antonino Cavataio:
SIU School of Medicine
Ehab Dababneh:
University of Jordan
Manjusha Das:
American University Of Antigua College of Medicine
Nathalie Foray:
Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine of Midwestern University

Categorical Internal Medicine
Class of 2016:
Vinodkumar Chandrasekaran
Farheen Jaffari
Janet Jang
Krishan Kataria
Hafiz Khalid
Vinod Kumar
Shakuntala Patil
Furqan Rajput
Karthikeyan Ranganathan

Ray Hinton:
SIU School of Medicine
Veena Kesireddy:
Kasturi Medical College, Guntur
Haseeb Nawaz:
Rawalpindi Medical College
Onyekachi Obi:
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Javeryah Safi:
King Edward Medical College
Puja Sitwala:
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Fellowship Matches
Gaurav Jain MD, Pain Medicine, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.
Pratima Chalasani MD, Hematology and Medical Oncology, Gundersen Lutheran Medical Center, Wisconsin.
Suraj Aurora MD, Pulmonary Medicine, Medical College of Wisconsin, Wisconsin.
Lokesh Shahani MD, Infectious Diseases, Baylor College of Medicine, Texas.

Fellowship matches 2013
PGY3 Dr. Puneet Agarwal matched at Georgetown University Hospital, Washington, DC in Pulmonary Critical Care, and will start in July 2013—congratulations Dr. Agarwal!
Report from Gaurav Jain: Representative to the National ACP Council of Resident/Fellow Members

Hi everyone, I am your representative to the national ACP Council of Resident/Fellow Members. This council is comprised of 12 to 14 members. In addition to functioning as liaison between my region and the CRFM, I work to promote ACP’s mission. The council focuses and works on various areas of importance to the resident/fellow members.

The following are few areas of priority on which the council is working: Due to uncontrolled and unsustainable cost of medical health care, there is an urgent need for High Value and Cost Conscious Care (HVCCC or HVC). In the near future we may expect to see increasing emphasis on HVC in our residency curriculum, new competition in the national conference based on above concept, TED-talk by the experienced physicians and many more interesting things related to this topic. We encourage residents in every program to identify a team of HVC champions (comprising of residents and faculty) to promote the HVC practice and teaching. Here are few important links to websites which have useful information on HVC:

http://hvc.acponline.org/
http://www.costsofcare.org/

Another area of emphasis by the council is about ways to control the cost of medical education. We have also successfully organized couple of interesting webinars on health care advocacy and surviving peer review process for publication by the leaders in these fields. They were well received by all participants and we look forward to bring together many more in future.

We are interested in developing an online resource on the systems of care for our members which will provide quick and easy insight into the basics of health systems. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or suggestions.

Thanks! ~ Gaurav Jain

SIU Match Results, cont’d

Congratulations and best wishes to our SIU Medical Students who have matched at IM residency programs.

Jonathan Balagna
Southern Illinois University

Antonino Cavataio
Southern Illinois University

Michael Guignon
St. Louis University School of Medicine

Cody Williams
Ochsner Clinic Foundation

Internal Medicine

Bryan McConomy
University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics

Amanda Velazquez
Indiana University School of Medicine

Mateusz Serafin
Indiana University School of Medicine

Jennifer Reed
Indiana University School of Medicine

Internal Medicine and Primary Care

Natasha Kyte

Jonathan Balagna
Southern Illinois University

Antonino Cavataio
Southern Illinois University

Michael Guignon
St. Louis University School of Medicine

Cody Williams
Ochsner Clinic Foundation

Jeniffer Reed
Indiana University School of Medicine

Danbury Hospital

IM / Pediatrics Combined Residency Program

Sarah Wells
Greenville Health Systems/ University of South Carolina

Rebekah Hovland
Greenville Health Systems/ University of South Carolina

Shalini Bhattacharya
Rush University Medical Center

Mara Horwitz
University of Missouri-Kansas City
IM 2013 Photo Gallery


Amardeep Shrestha, MD, SIU, Research Abstract Competition: “Reducing Stress Ulcer Prophylaxis During ICU Transfer.” Amardeep was selected as one of the 10 winners of ACP Associate Research Abstract Competition.

Idelle Fraser MD, SIU, Clinical Vignette Poster Finalist. “An Unusual Case of Low Output Heart Failure as the Initial Presentation of Hyperthyroidism”.

Kristina Prus, MS at UICOMP presented: “A Rare Cause of Exudative Ascites: Lupus Peritonitis”

Naseem Ghazanfari MD, SIU, Clinical Vignette Poster Finalist “Severe Cobalamin Deficiency: A Case Illustrating the Diagnostic Pitfalls”.
Scholarly Activities from SIU

**Congratulations to all the residents for their scholarly activities**


**Trinadha Pilla** received a Certificate of 2nd Place for Original Research search at the Annual Trainee Research Symposium, SIU, in April.

He also received a Certificate of 1st Place for Original Research at the Annual Symposium on Teaching and Learning, at SIU.

Digital Impact at SIU

As of June 2011, a Southern Illinois University (SIU) associated hospital has required that SIU residents enter electronic patient orders as well as electronic daily progress notes. Prior to the go-live of CPOE/ProDoc, the residents received classroom training and one-on-one training. Additional staff was hired to ensure a smooth transition from paper to electronic documentation and order entry. SIU Residents are supported from 7am-5pm by five members of the Medical Informatics Team; additional afterhours call support is available until 10pm and on weekends. As of August 15th, 2012 all Providers are required to input electronic notes and orders into the system.

The planning stage prior to the go-live of CPOE/ProDoc was many years in the making. SIU worked with Cerner to create and implement the new aspects of the current power chart platform. Prior to June 2011, physicians used power chart to view information, for example labs, vital signs, radiology reports, and dictated notes. The written orders were taken by a unit secretary, nurse, or pharmacist and entered into the Cerner system. Paper documents were taken from the paper chart post-discharge and scanned into the Cerner system. One of the benefits of CPOE/ProDoc is that orders are input by the person ordering so there is less room for error when trying to determine handwriting, less phone calls to ask for clarification and immediate action on important orders. Nurses are devoting more time to patient care rather than spending time receiving orders from physicians by phone. Orders for labs and medications are being processed faster.

While many physicians did not initially recognize the advantages, many have expressed the ease of use as well as increased efficiency. Many ancillary services have been impressed with the ability to quickly obtain and read notes. Electronic documentation allows clinicians to view notes immediately after they have been signed. The legible notes can include detailed lab results, vital signs and I&O data.

A major advantage of CPOE/ProDoc is the limited use of paper charts. Previously, physicians struggled to find the chart, or specific information contained in the chart. Now all treating physicians can view the same information at the same time, as well as update charts. Instead of updating charts in the chart room, physicians can update charts from their office. Some even utilize tablet computers to review details and simultaneously place orders at the bed side.

There are some challenges using electronic documentation. There is always a need for more workstations to allow for immediate documentation. Computers have been installed in all patient rooms as well as the hallways to address this issue. In addition, notes are only as good as the clinician makes them. Sometimes the notes are too detailed and important information may be hard to find.

Going forward, SIU will require all physicians to use CPOE/ProDoc.
Our Downstate Illinois Chapter was well represented on ACP’s Leadership Day in Washington DC on May 21 & 22 by Susan Hingle, L. Peter Bee, Tiffany Leung, Trinadha Pilla, Kristina Prus, Radha Vegunta, Chris Verdick, and Josiah Zubairu—we traveled to Washington DC on May 21st to meet with our senators and representatives, and advocate for internal medicine. Kristina (University of Illinois College of Medicine-Peoria, 4th year student) stated it well: “Leadership Day was the perfect way to not only learn about current policy and debates, but then to have the exciting and challenging task of advocating to our representatives in Congress. Participating in Leadership Day made me excited about policy, and motivated me to remain involved in advocacy.” Thank you Kristina, and to our Leadership Day team!

From left, Janet Jokela, Kris Verdick, Kristina Prus, Susan Hingle, Tiffany Leung, Josiah Zubairu

Matt Wynia, Illinois Health & Public Policy Chair, confers with Chris Verdick and Kristing Prus

From Left, Janet Jokela, Tiffany Leung, Kristina Prus, Dick Durbin, Radha Vegunta, L. Peter Bee, Chris Verdick, Josiah Zubairu, Trinadha Pilla