



Opening Lines



I am pleased to introduce the first issue of our new quarterly newsletter, “Generally Speaking.” The goal of this newsletter is to help bring our large and geographically distributed faculty members and staff a little closer by publicizing activities across the Division. We aim to share

news of important accomplishments, fun storylines, and upcoming events. The newsletter is part of a new series of initiatives within the Division focused on increasing opportunities for professional development and career satisfaction. More activities will be announced in the coming months.

Speaking of the Division, we have also decided to rename ourselves as the Division of General Inter-

nal Medicine, which is more aligned with peer institutions and the national Society of General Internal Medicine. I look forward to working with all of you to continue to build our strength and visibility as a Division at MGH and HMS and identify collaborative opportunities to improve our four-part mission of promoting patient care, community health, education, and research.

-Josh Metlay, Chief, DGIM

SGIM 2014 New England Regional Meeting

On Friday March 7, the SGIM New England Regional Meeting was held at the Joseph B. Martin Conference Center at HMS. Our own Leigh Simmons, MD, who is on staff at the John D. Stoeckle Center for Primary Care Innovation, the Health Decision Sciences Center and Internal Medicine Associates, currently serves as SGIM New England Regional President



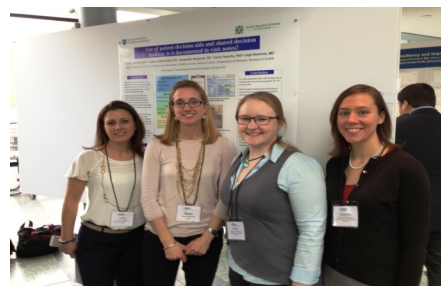
Dr. Simmons

and did a terrific job putting on the event.

Over 400 attendees were present at the meeting. The DGIM was well represented with multiple division members presenting research. Dr. Sandhya Rao won an award for her oral presentation titled “Active Referral Management – A Specialist/PCP Collaboration to address Access, Value and Experience.” Congratulations to Dr. Rao and all the other DGIM members who presented at the conference.



Kent & Nicole Lewandrowski presenting their findings on point of care lab testing at the Ambulatory Practice of the Future



Shared Decision Making Team members with their poster. From left, Lauren Leavitt, Dr. Karen Sepucha, Ashley Smith-Boutin and Jacqueline Burgoyne.

On The Horizon	
Apr. 23-26	SGIM National Conference, San Diego, CA
Apr. 24	DGIM SGIM Dinner, Seasons 52, San Diego, CA 7pm
May 2	DGIM Med Rounds: Daniela Kroshinsky, MD, Dermatology
May 7	Farewell Party for Valerie Stone, Thier Conference Room 5pm
May 9	DGIM Frontline Case Conference: Alex Green, MD
June 5	DGIM Med Rounds: Tara Lagu, MD
Sept. 5	DGIM New Physician Orientation, Thier Conference Room 8-12pm

Creating Certainty for the Future of Geriatric Medicine

The MGH Senior Health Practice was founded with a collaborative approach to senior care, which places the patient at the center of an interdisciplinary team. On October 9, 2013, MGH hosted a celebration to honor the establishment of the MGH Endowed Chair in Geriatric Medicine, and the appointment of Kenneth Lloyd Minaker, MD, as the inaugural incumbent.

The event, held at the Four Seasons Hotel, was attended by more than 140 colleagues, family members and friends of Dr. Minaker.

Peter Slavin, MD, opened the program and thanked Dr. Jack Rowe, Valerie Rowe, Harry and Rita Patten, and the Patten Family Foundation, for their lead matching grants totaling \$1 million. All spoke of the accomplishments and leadership of a truly distinguished physician. Dr. Slavin's remarks were followed by remarks from Dr. Katrina Armstrong, Dr. Brit Nicholson, Harry Patten, Dr. Jack Rowe, and Dr. Minaker.

This chair represents the first endowed chair in primary care medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital, and upon Dr. Minaker's retirement the chair will be renamed the Kenneth Lloyd Minaker, MD, Chair in Geriatric Medicine. This chair will provide a permanent source of financial support for the MGH Senior Health Practice, thereby helping future generations of physicians keep pace with the growing needs of the country's aging population, while also honoring Dr. Minaker's numerous achievements in and contributions to geriatric medicine.



From left, Harry and Rita Patten; Valerie Rowe and Jack Rowe, MD; Minaker and his wife, Colleen; Katrina Armstrong, MD, chief of the Department of Medicine; and Peter Slavin

Valerie Stone Named Chief of Medicine at Mount Auburn

Valerie Stone, MD, MPH, Director of the Primary Care Internal Medicine Residency Program, will be leaving MGH to become Chair of the Department of Medicine at Mount Auburn Hospital. Her departure will be bittersweet, for as sad as we are to see her leave her post in the DGIM, we couldn't be more happy she has been afforded such a great opportunity and we look forward to her continued success at Mount Auburn.

Dr. Stone has held multiple leadership positions since arriving at MGH in 2001. Dr. Stone has served as an Associate Chief in our division since her arrival

and she assumed her current post as Director of the Primary Care Internal Medicine Residency Program in 2003. Additionally, Dr. Stone served as the Director of the Women's HIV/AIDS program here at MGH from 2003-2008.

Dr. Stone's time at MGH has been nothing short of exemplary, highlighted by a plethora of superlative achievements. Notable amongst these achievements was Dr. Stone's promotion to full Professor at Harvard Medical School in 2011. With that promotion, Dr. Stone became the first African-American women faculty member at MGH to

achieve the rank of Professor at HMS.

In addition to becoming Chief of the Department of Medicine at Mount Auburn Hospital, Dr. Stone has also been named the Charles S. Davidson Professor of Medicine at HMS.

A farewell reception in honor of Dr. Stone's achievements will be held on May 7th from 5-6:30 in the Thier Conference Room.

A search committee, chaired by Mark Eisenberg, MD, has been established to fill Dr. Stone's position.

DGIM Celebrates with “Holly-Day” Party

Back in December, the DGIM held our annual “Holly-Day” party to the enjoyment of all involved. The party brought many members of the division together for pleasant afternoon highlighted by an expansive assortment of holiday goodies, an ugly sweater contest and, of course, the Yankee Swap.

With a number of worthy contenders vying for the prize of “Ugly Sweater”, the decision was made to



Ugly Sweater Winners: Sharon Floramo, Left, and Kerry McBride, Right.

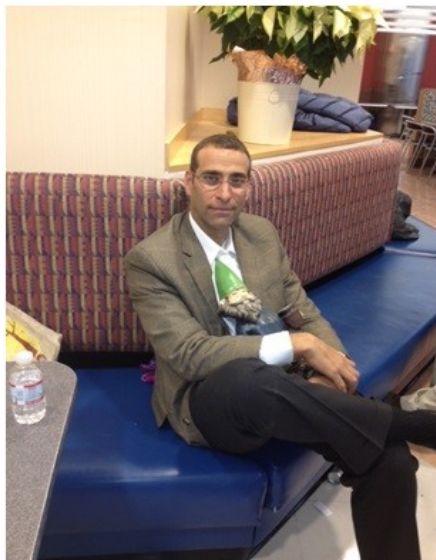
crown two winners. Kerry McBride was awarded the “Most Bedazzled Sweater” prize, and Sharon Floramo received the award for “Best

Overall Sweater”.

The Yankee Swap was great fun for everyone at the party. The most highly sought after gift was the aptly dubbed “Travelocity” gnome, which did indeed travel around the room.

The gnome was originally owned by Dr. Eric Weil, who begrudgingly relinquished it to Rosemary Kielnecker when she chose to swap. The gnome changed hands a few more times before serendipitously ending up with Dr. Weil when a swap towards the end of the game afforded him a second chance to acquire his prized possession.

Thanks to everyone came and helped make it a great party.



Dr. Weil poses with the “Travelocity” gnome

Ellison 12 Medicine Care Unit Holds Retreat

In November, the new medicine care unit on Ellison 12 held a full day retreat to create a care unit vision and foster greater understanding between the various patient care roles. Collectively organized by Nurse Director, Melissa Joseph, and physician leads, Bijay Acharya and Cindy Yu, this event included representation from the Hospital Medicine Unit, Ellison 12 Nursing, Case Management,



Ellison 12 Retreat

Chaplaincy, Dietary, Operations Associates, Social Work, Occupational Therapy, and more.

The morning focused on vision setting with small, multidisciplinary group activities. The afternoon centered around a patient

tracer exercise, which educated everyone on the interplay of all roles around inpatient care. The group looks forward to making such activities an annual event.

Congratulations Palliative Care Division

We are pleased to announce that the Palliative Care Unit is now its own Division. We extend our congratulations to Vicki Jackson, MD, who has been named Chief of the Palliative Care Division, and all of the physicians and staff members. We look forward to working collaboratively with them in the future.



Vicki Jackson, Chief Palliative Care Division

Hospital Medicine Unit Opens New Office

On November 20, the Hospital Medicine Unit (HMU) celebrated the opening of its new office in the Bulfinch basement, formerly the Warren Library. Dr. Brit Nicholson (SVP, Medicine), Dr. Katrina Armstrong (Chair, Medicine), Dr. David Brown (Chair, ED), Liz Geagan (Executive Director, Medicine), Dr. Josh Metlay (Chief, DGIM), and many of the unit’s nearly 60 physicians attended the informal gathering. The unit is very honored to have use of this historically significant space, which will be used as HMU physician work space.

DGIM Hosts Winickoff Scholars Conference

The DGIM recently held a “Winickoff Scholars” conference in the Simches auditorium. The event was held April 4th, and featured talks from Anne Thorndike, MD, and Steven Gardner, MD. Events such as these provide us a great opportunity to familiarize ourselves with the work of our colleagues.



From left, Dr. Metlay, Dr. Thorndike, Dr. Winickoff and Dr. Gardner

Upcoming Healthcare Quality and Equity Action Forum

The Healthcare Quality and Equity Action Forum: Pursuing High-Value Healthcare takes place on **June 19 - 20, 2014**, in Boston, MA, at the Boston Seaport Hotel. The Healthcare Quality and Equity Action Forum is convened by The Disparities Solutions Center at Massachusetts General Hospital.

The passage of health care reform and current efforts in payment reform herald a significant transformation of the United States health care system. Across the country, health care organizations are preparing to expand access to health care that provides the best quality in a cost-effective way. Delivering high-value health care is the ultimate goal.

Improving quality and achieving equity are more important now than ever before, as disparities are in fact the epitome of low value—care that varies in quality, and is usually more costly. As we pursue high-value health care, it is critical to assure that our healthcare system is capable of delivering high quality care to all, while eliminating disparities and assuring equity.

The Healthcare Quality and Equity Action Forum will provide the background, key drivers, and essential strategies to improve quality and achieve equity in a time of rapid healthcare system change.

Leaders from multiple disciplines and health care organizations who work in the areas of quality and safety; disparities, diversity and equity; health policy; and health care design and delivery, as well as anyone interested in these fields, will find the Forum to be a unique and highly valuable experience.

Come hear from:

Joseph Betancourt, MD, MPH, Director, Disparities Solutions Center (**Keynote Speaker**)

Carolyn Clancy, MD, Former Director of AHRQ, Assistant Deputy under Secretary for Health for Quality, Safety and Value, Veterans Health Administration (**Keynote Speaker**)

Peter Slavin, MD, President, Massachusetts General Hospital

Deborah Enos, MSPH, CEO & President, Neighborhood Health Plan

John Halamka, MD, MS, Chief Information Officer, Harvard, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center

Charlie Homer, MD, MPH, CEO & President of National Initiative for Children's Healthcare Quality

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Alumni from the Disparities Leadership Program

For more information about the Forum, visit our conference website:

<http://wwibostoneventsandtours.cvent.com/Forum>

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DGIM Prepares for SGIM National Meeting

This year's annual SGIM National Meeting will be held from April 23-26 in San Diego, CA. The DGIM will be well represented with a number of division members presenting.

The following DGIM Members will be presenting at this year's SGIM National meeting: Travis Baggett, Seth Berkowitz, Daniel Blumenthal, Karen Carlson, Phyllis Carr, Jocelyn Carter, Marya Cohen, Stephanie Eisenstat, Sandra Feibelman, Blair Fosburgh, Ishani Ganguli, Deborah Kwolek, Tiffany Lu, Kerri Palamara, Sridharan Raghavan, Sandhya Rao, Alaka Ray, Nancy Rigotti, Leigh

Simmons, Valerie Stone, Sarah Wake-man, and Jessica Zeidman.

In addition to those presenting, many more DGIM members will be attending the annual meeting. We are looking forward to dinner on April 24 at 7 PM at Seasons 52 (789 West Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA). We hope all DGIM members attending the meeting will be able to attend dinner as well.

If you would like a more detailed list of DGIM presenters or additional information on our planned dinner, please Email Audrey Tedeman at ATedeman@Partners.org