

WORD ON THE STRIET

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE

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THE FIRST WORD

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CHAIRMAN

Although the arrival of summer sees life become much quieter around Charlottesville, things are still as active as ever in the DoM and the hospital overall. Our new interns, who matched with us in the spring, are now busy with orientation and

will arrive on the wards for their first day of work on June 24th. Please contact Diane Farineau if you have any questions about the orientation schedule or new intern schedules.

On June 4th the University had its annual Service Award banquet. Several DoM employees were recognized for 10 or



more years of service to UVA, and I would like to take this opportunity to draw attention to their commitment.

Awardees received a service pin, certificate and a UVA-themed gift.

Catherine P. Hoton—10 years
David G. Thomas—10 years
Catherine E. Boyd—20 years
Dawn R. Johnson—25 years

Susan I. Ramos—30 years
Brandy N. Amos—10 years
Debra Fisher—10 years
Richard C. Lang—10 years
Xiang H. Peng—10 years
Cynthia F. Booker—25 years
Nancy L. Howell—25 years
Kirstin S. Fendig—10 years
Janice E. Thomas—15 years
Sandra L. Marshall—20 years
Janet F. Tillage—20 years
Glenn M. Glover—10 years
Pamela M. Schaefer—10 years
Edward N. Martin—15 years
Diane B. Ramm—15 years
Lillian A. Robertson—40 years
Lance S. Buckley—10 years
Floyd K. Johnson—20 years
Katherine E. Grooms—15 years
Emily G. Searcy—30 years
Sheryl G. Stoner—15 years

May 30th marked the 2nd annual DoM Research Day, followed by Departmental Excellence Awards. The turnout at Research Day was excellent, with nearly 100 abstracts submitted. There were excellent oral presentations by representatives of our 10 divisions, and poster presentations that represented all aspects of Medicine. At the conclusion of Research Day, many faculty and staff received awards in recognition of their efforts across our five missions. Full lists of the award winners can be found on pages 3, 4, and 5.

REMINDER – WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE YEAR-END A SUCCESS

Incoming Encounter Forms

The billing office asks that reconciled and completed Encounter Forms/Consult Cards be sent via messenger mail or be hand delivered to the billing office daily for the month of June. The data entry staff are and can continue to be current with charge entry if all clinic sites comply with this request. To guarantee all charges are keyed by end of month/year for June, charges must be received no later than mid-day on Friday, June 27th. Charges received after that time will be keyed in the order they are received as time permits.

Incomplete Encounter Forms

All Incomplete Encounter Forms/Consult Cards returned to you need to be worked promptly when received and returned to the Billing Office as soon as completed. Any Incomplete Encounter forms not corrected and returned to the billing office by mid-day June 27th will not be credited (charges/RVU's) in this Fiscal Year.

Thank you in advance for helping us make Year End a success for everyone!!!! If you have any questions or concerns, please call Terry Scott at 243-9818

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JUNE 24 KAMBIZ KALANTARINIA—
NEPHROLOGY
JULY 1 CHRISTOPHER THOMAS -
HEMATOLOGY/ONCOLOGY
JULY 8 DOUGLAS KEITH—
NEPHROLOGY

[Click to view the full schedule](#)

BESS WILDMAN

COMPUTER PURCHASING AND INVENTORY – AUDIT RESPONSIBILITIES

Recent discussion with internal audit have brought to light two issue which I'd like to share with you. The first issue focuses on the purchasing of computers and equipment and the ability of the department or audit to make the connection between a purchase request and a physical asset. If your computer equipment is purchased through the department's normal processes then an invoice is produced which has the serial number of the computer or printer, the account number on which it was purchased, the purchasing division, and the date. This provides most of the relevant information for complying with a request from audit or even for reconciling our own accounts. If however a faculty member goes outside of this process and purchases equipment and then asks for reimbursement then no accounting trail is created. At this point there's no way to tie serial number to specific purchase request. This creates a big problem for the department when we're trying to clean up accounts or when we're trying to respond to requests from audit, dean's office, sponsors, etc... Please ensure that all equipment purchases go through the department's standard processes and that no reimbursements for computers are asked for or processed.

The second issue has to do with tracking the physical location of all assets. The department has a regulatory responsibility from the state to track all computers. The department keeps an inventory database for all computers. If audit, the dean's office, external sponsor, etc... is looking for an asset they come first to the department and ask to examine our inventory records. It is imperative that we keep these records up to date and as accurate as possible. If computer purchases are processed by the department's IT group then inventory information is first entered into this database in our lab during the computer build process and then updated upon delivery of the machine. If purchases are processed outside of our group then there is no record in our inventory and no way for the department or a division to respond to a regulatory request for the location of that device. Please ensure that all computers whether used on grounds or UVa owned machines at home are first entered into our inventory database. Also if you are moving computers between rooms, or buildings please send a note to dom-helpdesk@virginia.edu with the serial number of the machine and the new location and we'll update the database.

Regulatory compliance is a shared responsibility. The department is glad to take the lead in providing centralized databases and responses to regulatory inquiries, but it's up to each member of the department to ensure we work within our processes and assist in keeping our records accurate.

SSN – IDENTITY PROTECTION PROJECT

The University has undertaken a multi-year project to remove social security numbers from business processes and computing systems wherever possible. As part of this project each department must file a report with the University by July 2008 which identifies all records and systems which use SSNs and develop a remediation plan. By July 2009 this plan must be approved and implemented.

This is a very broad project covering all physical and electronic documents. Each division administrator is currently working to identify where SSNs may be used in each division. Likewise the department's administration is reviewing all departmental processes and systems.

As part of this initiative the department's IT group will be installing University site licensed scanning software, Identity Finder, on all servers and all computers (PC & Mac) in an effort to identify electronic use of SSNs. This also includes all laptops. This initiative will start the first week of June and run throughout the summer. We are currently in the process of hiring two temps to assist our full time IT staff. Starting the first week of June we will be going from building to building installing Identity Finder, updating our inventory, and running a first scan for possible SSNs. At this time we will also be ensuring that your anti-virus software is current, and that your machine is receiving published software patches.

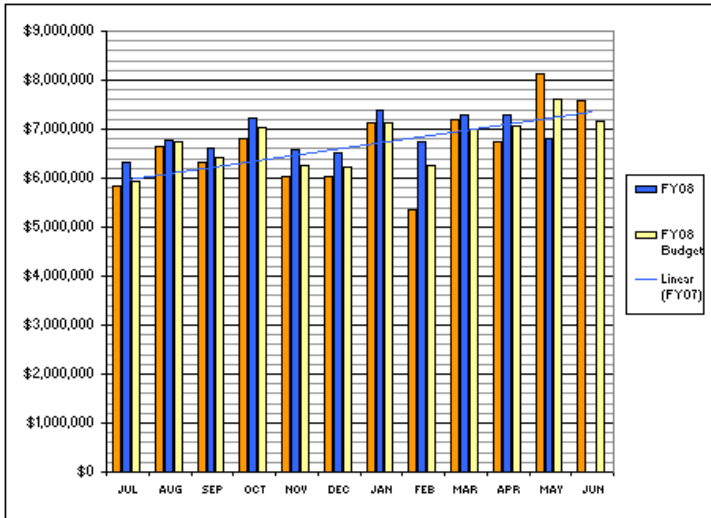
What can you do?

- 1) Please make your workstation available to the IT staff as they enter your area. If you're working on a deadline and really can't be interrupted please let the IT lead know and we'll schedule another time with you.
- 2) Insure that all of your data is on one of the department's servers, if it's on the server then the scan of your workstation will be very quick. If you have lots of data on your local hard drive then the scan can take a considerable amount of time. If you need help moving your data to one of our servers prior to the installation of Identity Finder please send us an e-mail at dom-helpdesk@virginia.edu and we'll schedule an appointment to assist you in the migration of your data.

For more information regarding UVa's SSN initiative please visit the following web site: <http://www.virginia.edu/ssninitiative/> and review the overview power point presentation: http://www.virginia.edu/ssninitiative/SSN_Initiative_Overview.pdf.

MONTHLY COMPARISON

	FY07	FY08	%Δ	FY08 Budget	Variance to Budget	%Δ
JUL	\$5,851,458	\$6,335,053	8%	\$5,949,448	\$385,605	6.5%
AUG	6,648,970	6,775,354	2%	6,734,458	\$40,896	0.6%
SEP	6,330,335	6,597,783	4%	6,412,767	\$185,016	2.9%
OCT	6,813,594	7,223,652	6%	7,020,101	\$203,550	2.9%
NOV	6,025,876	6,564,865	9%	6,243,373	321,492	5%
DEC	6,046,370	6,527,054	8%	6,219,174	307,880	5%
JAN	7,128,806	7,391,410	4%	7,128,409	263,001	4%
FEB	5,366,035	6,750,729	26%	6,265,316	485,413	8%
MAR	7,195,881	7,300,423	1%	7,010,367	290,056	4%
APR	6,731,562	7,287,400	8%	7,080,157	207,243	3%
MAY	8,119,214	6,792,162	-16%	7,619,024	-826,862	-11%
JUN	7,580,835			7,147,892		

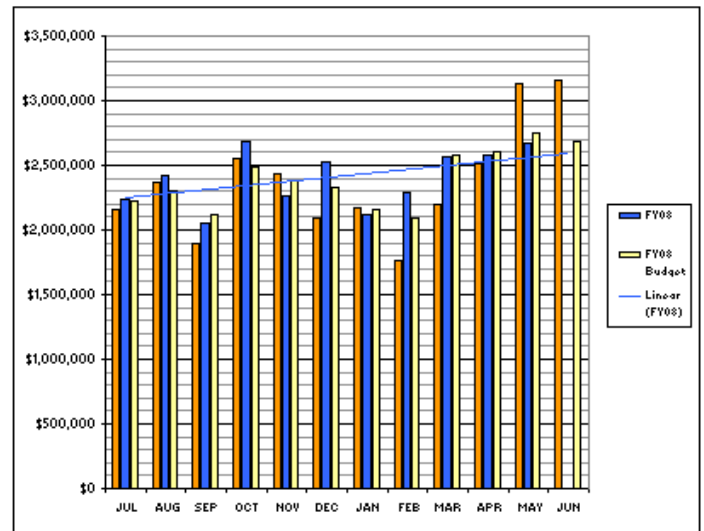


MAY CHARGES & COLLECTIONS

The department continues to do well financially. In May Charges (left) were 11% (-\$826,862) below monthly budget and Collections (below) were 3% (-\$77,606) below monthly budget.

MONTHLY COMPARISON

	FY07	FY08	%Δ	FY08 Budget	Variance to Budget	%Δ
JUL	\$2,161,252	\$2,231,277	3%	\$2,226,213	\$5,064	0.2%
AUG	2,371,030	2,425,358	2%	2,306,907	\$118,451	5.1%
SEP	1,890,078	2,052,072	9%	2,115,559	-\$63,487	-3.0%
OCT	2,557,286	2,682,744	5%	2,489,178	\$193,566	7.8%
NOV	2,439,649	2,262,626	-7%	2,379,863	-\$117,237	-5%
DEC	2,092,441	2,521,960	21%	2,335,238	\$186,722	8%
JAN	2,169,902	2,123,490	-2%	2,160,622	-\$37,132	-2%
FEB	1,759,901	2,285,966	30%	2,089,261	\$196,705	9%
MAR	2,194,306	2,567,150	17%	2,575,957	-\$8,807	0%
APR	2,513,031	2,577,652	3%	2,603,869	-\$26,217	-1%
MAY	3,131,764	2,670,980	-15%	2,748,586	-\$77,606	-3%
JUN	3,162,999			2,678,277		



FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

COLEEN MCNAMARA & MITCH ROSNER

2008 EXCELLENCE IN MENTORING AWARD

On behalf of Dr. Strieter and the Department of Medicine's Office of Faculty Development, it gives us great pleasure to announce that Dr. Barbara Mann is this year's outstanding mentor award winner. Dr. Mann was selected from an outstanding group of candidates. Some of the comments of her letters of support included these:

“Dr. Mann is a woman in medicine who has led not with the tradition of power, coercion or hurriedness, but with kindness, clear thinking, scientific creativity and a collaborative scientific spirit.”

–“I can honestly say that if it not for the influence of Dr. Mann, I do not feel that I would have been able to achieve my scientific goals.”

–“If I were asked to look back at my experiences at the University and choose the one professor who influenced me the most with regards to my career and goals, that teacher would be Dr. Mann.”

Congratulations on this wonderful achievement.

PROMOTION AND TENURE REMINDER

Any faculty going up for promotion or tenure during the 2008-2009 cycle should have their updated CV and list of referees to Cathy Keefe-Jankowski by Monday, June 23.

It is recommended that all candidates review the P&T slides on the Faculty Development website:

<https://www.healthsystem.virginia.edu/internet/internal/FacultyDev/P-T-guidelines.ppt>

These slides are designed to provide general guidelines for all stages of the P&T process, and to address common questions and concerns.

It is also strongly suggested that all candidates attend the CME class “Polishing the Portfolio”:
<http://www.healthsystem.virginia.edu/internet/cme/flp.cfm>
 The next class is offered on July 28.

NIH PUBLIC ACCESS POLICY

The Office for Research (OFR) and the Health Sciences Library (HSL) have published Web sites to help investigators meet the new NIH requirements for public access to research results. Both sites can be accessed from the OFR training/compliance page (<http://www.healthsystem.virginia.edu/internet/research/training-compliance.cfm>), under "NIH policy on public access):

OFR (<http://www.healthsystem.virginia.edu/internet/research/publicaccess.cfm>). "Nuts-and-bolts" information on how to retain publication rights, submit publications to PubMed Central, and cite any resulting manuscripts in future NIH proposals.

HSL (http://www.healthsystem.virginia.edu/internet/library/wdc-lib/portal/researcher/public_access.cfm). Includes links to more detailed information on NIH public access regulations, NIH frequently asked questions, retaining publication rights, submitting to PubMed Central, and how to obtain legal advice on copyright issues.

INPATIENT CONSULT POLICY

The Billing Quality Council Approved the attached Inpatient Consult Policy at our meeting on February 25, 2008. This policy requires that all initial inpatient consults be dictated effective March 1, 2008.

All consultation requests require a written order and should be confirmed prior to the evaluation.

- Consult Request Form OR
- MIS OR
- Requesting MD's Documentation in note

This information was previously submitted to the Division Administrator's to be forwarded to the faculty, as well as placed in the Word on the Striet.

The DOM billing staff are currently working with a contracted vendor "Apollo" through HSF to review our consults for billing quality/compliance. During this process we have found that there are several physicians that are not complying with this policy. It is very important that you begin dictating all inpatient consults immediately.

** During the reviews we have also found that the date of service is not being documented properly in some cases. The resident is dictating the DOS as the date they saw the patient, but the date the physician actually sees the patient is not being documented in the record. There are times when the MD isn't electronically signing off on the same day as they see the

patient, which is inappropriate documentation for the DOS being billed. Please be sure to indicate the date you actually saw the patient when you sign off on your documentation. It is extremely important that you complete your ESA within 24-48hrs, as your service is un-billable until the electronic signature is done.

Thank you for your help,
George Hoke, MD
Physician Leader
Billing Quality Council

Terry Scott, CPC
Billing Operations Director
Billing Quality Council

2008 DoM DEPARTMENT AWARDS

The 2nd Annual DoM Research Day took place on May 30, and awards were given to faculty and staff in the areas of our five missions.

ADMINISTRATION:

Robert Young - Nephrology
Kristine Kwok - Nephrology
Katherine Grooms - Nephrology
Margaret Nees - General Medicine
Linda Swartz—Allergy and Clinical Immunology
Starr Palmore—Endocrinology and Metabolism
James Fredrick—Endocrinology and Metabolism
Roma Marling—Gastroenterology and Hepatology
Mark Elliott—Gastroenterology and Hepatology
Elaine Day—Infectious Diseases and International Health
April Ballard—Infectious Diseases and International Health
Jane Boissevain—Infectious Diseases and International Health
Elizabeth Olmsted—Administration
Russell Dinsmore—Administration
Judith Grigg—Cardiovascular Medicine
Martha Dudley—Cardiovascular Medicine
Joyce Fortune—Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine
Yolanda Curry—Billing
Sarah Jones—Billing
Alisha Wheeler —Billing
Donna Mays—Billing
Tiffany Chapman —Billing
Bev Bibb—Billing
Peggy Hoover —Billing
Cathy Bub—Billing
Stephanie Griffith —Billing
Tracie Briggs—Billing
Lucinda Veney —Billing
Adrienne Mills—Billing
Tammy Rutherford—Billing
Lori Taylor—Billing

ROBERT GIBSON & ALAN DALKIN

MEASURING & REWARDING EXCELLENCE IN PATIENT CARE

During the November 2006 Departmental Retreat, Division Chiefs approved our template for defining clinical excellence (CE). This document specified six different performance domains, each containing explicit metrics and threshold criteria for exemplary patient care. Using this model, we attempted to objectively evaluate each Division and all clinicians with faculty appointments in the Department of Medicine throughout FY08. Our analyses show that we have many outstanding clinicians who regularly engage in authentic self-reflection to continuously examine and improve their practice outcomes and patient satisfaction scores. We believe this year's awardees are richly deserving and we should all be proud of their unique contributions to our clinical enterprise. In addition to celebrating these successes on May 30, each recipient will receive a \$2000 cash award. The top performers for FY08 are:

- Division of Hematology and Oncology
- Dr. John DiMarco (CV)
- Dr. Angela Taylor (CV, also received a 2008 Buchanan award)
- Dr. Patrick Northup (GI)
- Dr. Paul Yeaton (GI)
- Dr. Matthew Goodman (Gen Med)
- Dr. Leslie Blackhall (Hospice/Palliative Care)
- Dr. Christiana Brenin (H/O, also received the 2008 SoM CE award)
- Dr. John Densmore (H/O)
- Dr. Costi Sifri (ID)
- Dr. Emaad Abdel-Rahman (Nephrology)
- Dr. Ajeet Vinayak (PCC)

CARECAST/CENTRICITY UPDATE

Our Medical Center leadership has decided to formally analyze all of its choices of electronic medical records (EMRs), including GE Centricity, to determine whether to continue to rely on GE or to select another EMR vendor. The evaluation will be led by Dr. Marshall Ruffin and include a total cost of ownership analysis. It will commence this month and conclude by October, 2008.

1. It is anticipated that this will be a thorough and thoughtful evaluation of currently available technology and industry knowledge rather than a single EMR application, with at least two key functional requirements:

2. A modern architecture that permits UVA to create a single fully integrated EMR for every patient, preferred by clinicians for use in all locations of care, that will best enable us to improve continuously patient care, medical education, and clinical and translational research.

A modern architecture capable of integration with administrative systems from it or other vendors to permit UVA to produce a single understandable and explicable patient account and bill for all of its technical and professional services for every single patient.

UPDATE ON TIMELY DISCHARGE

We extend sincere kudos to our inpatient medical directors, faculty and housestaff. For the first time in ~ 18 months, the Department-wide data on timely discharge has dramatically improved with a 43% increase in final order entry by 0900 hours. All inpatient units on the 3rd, 4th and 5th floors, and many faculty from most all Divisions contributed. Of note, the % improvement for the Department of Medicine was significantly higher by a factor of 2-3X compared to other Departments. Thanks to all. Hopefully, through collegial and collaborative effort, we can sustain this great performance.

EDUCATION

JERRY DONOWITZ & MICHAEL REIN

RESEARCH DAY AWARDS

The following faculty received awards for Excellence in Education at the Department of Medicine Research Day on May 30th.

The Michael Rein Teaching Award— Michael Rein—
Infectious Diseases and International Health

Brian Wispelway—Infectious Diseases and International Health

Ajeet Vinayak—Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine

Andrew Wolf—General Medicine

John Densmore—Hematology/Oncology

Michell Rosner—Nephrology

The prestigious Evergreen Award is presented annually in recognition of outstanding ACP efforts and activities at the local level. The Evergreen Program provides visibility and recognition to those chapters that have successfully implemented programs that increase membership, improve communication, increase member involvement, enhance diversity, foster careers in Internal Medicine, and improve management of the chapter. Mitchell H. Rosner, MD, FACP, Vice Chair for Clinical Affairs and faculty advisor for our ClubMED, initiated this program in 2006. The ClubMED group was interested in a medical volunteer experience, and Dr. Rosner developed a program whereby employees of the University of Virginia Health System as well as the general population could be screened by checking blood pressure, urinalysis, and microalbuminuria. Student volunteers from ClubMED were trained in the proper techniques of obtaining blood pressure, the group developed a screening history, and students learned how to interpret urinalyses. Flyers and advertisements (via signs and emails) were sent to the University as well as the community to notify people of the screening clinic. Screening clinics are held every 6 months in the Nephrology Clinic. Each patient is given his or her blood pressure reading and a form with recommendations for lifestyle changes. The students obtain urinalyses and provide patients with the results. In the case of abnormal results, they offer consultation with a Nephrologist on-site and also provide feedback to the patient's primary care doctor. Educational materials on chronic kidney disease are also provided.

The students learn a good deal about renal physiology and the nuts and bolts of running a screening program. Well done, Dr. Rosner!

UVA MEDICAL STUDENT AT INTERNAL MEDICINE 2008.

Jason Fransiak, a fourth-year student at UVA and President of our Mulholland Society, participated in a panel at Internal Medicine 2008, the national meeting of the American College of Physicians, in Washington, DC, in May. The well-attended panel discussion was entitled "50 Million Uninsured: What Can a Doctor Do?"

UVA FACULTY ADVANCE TO FELLOWSHIP IN THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS

Khalil A. Amir, MD, FACP and Seki A. Balogun, MD, FACP, of our Division of General Medicine and Geriatrics recently advanced to Fellowship in the American College of Physicians. Congratulations!

JOEL LINDEN & SUE MOENTER

2008 NIH DIRECTOR'S NEW INNOVATOR AWARD PROGRAM (DP2)

The NIH Director's New Innovator Award (http://grants.nih.gov/grants/new_investigators/innovator_award/) was created in 2007 to support a small number of new investigators of exceptional creativity who propose bold and highly innovative new research approaches that have the potential to produce a major impact on broad, important problems in biomedical and behavioral research. The research proposed need not be in a conventional biomedical or behavioral discipline but must be relevant to the mission of NIH. The New Innovator Awards complement ongoing efforts by NIH and its institutes and centers to fund new investigators through R01 grants, which continue to be the major sources of NIH support for new investigators. Thirty New Innovator Awards were made in 2007.

http://grants.nih.gov/grants/new_investigators/innovator_award/

RESEARCH DAY 2008

Research Day 2008 was a great success with nearly 100 posters presented from all areas of the Department. We thank all the speakers for providing us with interesting talks on their collaborative research efforts. A number of Departmental faculty and staff were honored for their excellent contributions to the five missions.

The following faculty were honored for their contributions to DoM research:

The Shyr-Te Ju Award— Yan Ge – CIIR
Margaret Plews-Ogan—General Medicine, Geriatrics,
and Palliative Care
Girija Ramakrishnan—Infectious Diseases and International Health

We've already begun planning for Research Day 2009, and are putting your feedback to use. We hope to move the venue closer to make it easier for those on service to participate, and will limit the event to the afternoon with more time for posters, as this is where most of the discussion occurs. We welcome your further feedback on what you would like to see featured at your Research Day.

NIH: NEW GRANTS, MODIFIED REVIEW PROCEDURES

The NIH has announced plans to modify their review procedures and to emphasize new types of grants. The following is extracted from various NIH Web postings:

NIH DIRECTOR ANNOUNCES ENHANCEMENTS TO PEER REVIEW

NIH Will Commit \$1 Billion over Next Five Years to Investigator Initiated High Risk, High Impact Transformative Research National Institutes of Health (NIH) Director Elias A. Zerhouni, M.D., announced today at the 96th Meeting of the Advisory Committee to the Director (ACD) critical changes to enhance and improve the NIH peer review system. This marks the end of a year-long effort to determine ways to further enrich the process. An important component of the new plan is an increased commitment to investigator initiated high-risk, high-impact research to prevent a slowdown of transformative research, despite difficult budgetary times. "The scientific community became truly engaged in this comprehensive effort to figure out how to make peer review work better for both the reviewers and the applicants," Zerhouni said. "The results of this collective effort are concrete solutions that will maximize flexibility, remove any unnecessary burden, stimulate new innovation, and promote transformative research." There was a remarkable response to the director's call-to-action by both the internal and external NIH communities. The initiatives presented to the ACD by Lawrence Tabak, D.D.S., Ph.D., Director of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR) and co-chair of the two peer review working groups, reflect NIH's response to thousands of comments, opinions, and criticisms received throughout the year. Taken together, these proposals bring to fruition the original charge, "to fund the best science, by the best scientists, with the least administrative burden." Collaborative teams of participants worked to tackle challenges of the system and discover solutions. A comprehensive framework was created and implementation will be carried out over the next 18 months. The Implementation Plan Report consists of four main priorities and highlights include:

- Priority 1 - Engage the Best Reviewers: Increase flexibility of service, formally acknowledge reviewer efforts, further compensate time and effort, and enhance and standardize training

- Priority 2 - Improve Quality and Transparency of Reviews: Shorten and redesign applications to highlight impact and to allow alignment of the application, review and summary statement with five explicit review criteria, and modify the rating system

- Priority 3 - Ensure Balanced and Fair Reviews Across Scientific Fields and Career Stages

- Support a minimum number of early stage investigators

and investigators new to NIH, and emphasize retrospective accomplishments of experienced investigators

- Encourage and expand the Transformative Research Pathway

- Create a new investigator-initiated Transformative R01 Award program funded within the NIH Roadmap with an intended commitment of a minimum of \$250 million over five years

- Continue the commitment of -- and possibly expand the use of — the Pioneer, EUREKA, and New Innovator Awards. NIH will invest at least \$750 million in these three programs over the next 5 years.

- Reduce the burden of multiple rounds of resubmission for the same application, especially for highly meritorious applications

- Priority 4 - Develop a Permanent Process for Continuous Review of Peer Review

"As we contemplated possible changes, we were guided by several fundamental principles. First, while improving the system, do no harm. That is, ensure that any changes to the peer review system bring significant value and outweigh costs," said Zerhouni. "Second, continue to maximize the freedom of scientists to pursue high-risk, high-impact research. Moreover, we want to cultivate a sense that we continuously re-evaluate the peer review system to ensure that it is the best that it can be." For more information about enhancing peer review at NIH and to learn about the implementation plan, please visit <http://enhancing-peer-review.nih.gov> The ACD advises the NIH Director on policy matters important to the NIH mission of conducting and supporting biomedical and behavioral research, research training, and translating research results for the public. Additional information is available at <http://www.nih.gov/about/director/acd/index.htm> The Office of the Director, the central office at NIH, is responsible for setting policy for NIH, which includes 27 Institutes and Centers. This involves planning, managing, and coordinating the programs and activities of all NIH components. The Office of the Director also includes program offices which are responsible for stimulating specific areas of research throughout NIH.

The application deadline for the EUREKA program is Oct. 24. To view the full funding opportunity announcement, see grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-GM-08-002.html.

DIVISION

NEWS, PUBLICATIONS, AND GRANTS

ALLERGY AND CLINICAL IMMUNOLOGY

PUBLICATIONS

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CARDIOVASCULAR MEDICINE

NEWS

- John Dent was elected to represent Virginia on the ACC Board of Governors, a 3 year term to begin March, 2009.

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GENERAL MEDICINE, GERIATRICS, AND PALLIATIVE CARE

NEWS

- Many clinics are still struggling to accomplish meeting standards of Medication Reconciliations. However, University Medical Associates has accomplished meeting all standards of medication reconciliation. Congratulations on being leaders in this area having good patient safety performance!
- Drs. Margaret Plews-Ogan, Justine Owens and Natalie May have been awarded a 1 million dollar grant from the Templeton Foundation to study Wisdom in Medicine. The grant investigates the development of wisdom out of adversity and will involve narrative interviews of both physicians and patients. Collaborators on the grant include Dr. Danny Becker, Dr. Jim Childress and investigators from the University of North Carolina and University of Toronto.
- Dr. Margaret Plews-Ogan was awarded the Sharon Hostler Women in Medicine Leadership Award for 2008.
- Drs. John Schorling, Natalie May and Margaret Plews-Ogan will be leading a workshop in Appreciative Inquiry at the Immersion Conference at the Regenstrief Institute of Indiana University in April 2008.
- Dr. Mohan Nadkarni gave an Abulatory Education Workshop, Advance Coding Workshop and a Poster Presentation at this years Annual SGIM Conference.

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HEMATOLOGY/ONCOLOGY

NEWS

- John Densmore MD, PhD is speaking on April 22, 2008 at the First Annual Virginia Blood Center Conference. The program is titled "Sharing Progress. Celebrating Hope."
- Dr. Michael Douvas's acute myeloid leukemia research program was selected as the recipient of all proceeds from the Shoot-Out for Cancer fundraising event held at UVA on April 20. The fundraiser was sponsored by UVA Student-Athlete Mentors and featured fun and games with UVA student athletes for the young and young-at-heart.
- Michael Williams, MD co-chaired the 5th Annual Mantle Cell Lymphoma Workshop, supported by the Lymphoma Research Foundation, in Dallas, March 2008.

GRANTS

- John Densmore, MD, PhD is co-PI with Dr Clive Zent at the Mayo Rochester on a multicenter trial of dose-modified rituximab plus alemtuzumab immunotherapy for chronic lymphocytic leukemia. This investigator-initiated protocol, which will be conducted within the Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group, arose from collaborative work in the UVA Hematologic Malignancy Program with Dr Ron Taylor (Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics Dept.).

INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND INTERNATIONAL HEALTH

NEWS

- Dr. Dean Kedes organized an outstanding career day for all of the medical school graduate students and fellows.
- Dr. Barbara Mann has received the Department of Medicine's Outstanding Mentor Award.
- Dr. Bill Petri was a Visiting Professor at the Virginia Bioinformatics Institute this month.
- Congratulations to Dr. Costi Sifri and his wife, Dr. Deborah Henderson, on the birth of their 3rd child. Josephine Elizabeth Sifri was born 4/11/08, at 11:39 a.m. She is 20 ½" long and weighs 8 lbs, 3 oz.
- Dr. Jeffrey Tessier gave Medical Grand Rounds at the National Naval Medical Center on "Koch's Other Bacillus: Anthrax in the Post-Antibiotic Era".

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GRANTS

- Dr. Laurie Archbald's K23 grant on *C. difficile* has been funded. Dr. Richard Guerrant is Dr. Archbald's mentor.
- Dr. Rebecca Dillingham, and her mentor Dr. Richard Guerrant, have received an outstanding score (148 with the provisional pay line of 155) of her K08 grant entitled "Enteroaggregative *E. coli* infection in HIV-infected Patients in Haiti." The primary objective of Becca's K08 is to evaluate the effect of EAEC infection on clinical outcomes of patients treated with antiretrovirals and to correlate those outcomes with clinical characteristics, host genotype, and pathogen genotype.

- Dr. Rebecca Dillingham and Professor Garrick Louis (from the Engineering School) are PI's on a grant in the amount of \$50,000 from the University of Virginia Thomas Jefferson Foundation to develop an interdisciplinary program between the School of Medicine, the School of Engineering and Applied Science, the School of Architecture, and the School of Nursing to address the health problems caused by poor access to water and sanitation in the Limpopo Province of South Africa.
- Dr. Molly Hughes is a finalist for the Commonwealth Health Research Board Grants Program (she will present her work to the Board next month).

NEPHROLOGY AND THE CENTER FOR IMMUNITY, INFLAMMATION, AND REGENERATIVE MEDICINE NEWS

- Yan Ge, Ph.D. A graduate Student in Dr. Shu Man Fu's laboratory of the Center for Immunity, Inflammation and Regenerative Medicine recently won 1st place in the National Young Investigator's Forum held in Dallas, Texas on April 2, 2008.
- Yan Ge also presented an oral presentation at the 95th AAI Annual meeting in San Diego
- Mark Okusa was a Plenary Speaker - State of the Art Lecture. March 15, 2008. Twelfth Annual American Society of Transplant Winter Symposium, Palm Springs, CA
- Amandeep Bajwa, Ph.D. A postdoctoral fellow In Dr. Mark Okusa's laboratory will receive a National Kidney Foundation Research Fellowship award.
- Dr. Deshmukh Co-chaired a session on "New Therapeutic Strategies for Autoimmune Diseases" in the American Association of Immunologist meeting held in San Diego.

PUBLICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

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Hot Topics

HSF Billing Quality and Coding Bulletin Supplement

May 2008

HSF NP/PA Billing Update

- VA Medicaid (DMAS) and VA Premier now recognize all HSF NPs as billable providers (DMAS memo attached)
- VA Medicaid has a new list of NP covered and non-covered CPT codes (attached)
 - Contact nac6b@virginia.edu to request additions to this list
- Optima Health continues to recognize all HSF NPs and PAs as billable providers
- CIGNA now recognizes all HSF NPs and PAs as billable providers
- Virginia Health Network (VHN) **does not** issue provider numbers to NPs or PAs
 - Services rendered by HSF NPs/PAs are submitted under the collaborating physician's name and number
- HSF NP/PA matrices have been updated to reflect the above changes
 - Each matrix summarizes HSF NP/PA utilization and carrier billing guidelines



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Counting 3+ Chronic Conditions in History of Present Illness

Recent communication from CMS states the status of three (3+) chronic or inactive conditions will reach a comprehensive level for the history of present illness (HPI) for the 1995 and 1997 Documentation Guidelines for Evaluation and Management Services.

The status should include descriptive elements pertaining to the chronic or inactive condition. A simple statement of “improving” does not warrant counting the condition towards the HPI. The documentation should supply enough information so that any other clinician understands the health picture of the patient.

The key question is whether the chronic condition will be addressed by the physician during this evaluation; e.g., a review of medications, teaching or counseling, review of ongoing treatment, change of treatment, tests needed or planned.

Remember in order to reach the comprehensive level for history you must have at least four elements of the present illness (HPI) or the status of three (3+) chronic or inactive conditions, a complete Review of Systems (ROS), and Past, Family and Social History (PFSH).

Reference:

Cathleen Scally, CMS representative
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