

Division of General Internal Medicine State of the Division Wishwa N. Kapoor, MD, MPH September 15, 2011



Objectives

- Updates on Clinical, Teaching and Research Programs
- Focus of presentation this year:
 - Past, present, planning for the future
 - Sustainable careers in increasing difficult health care environment—views, prediction and advice
- Faculty—recognition and recruitment

Finances

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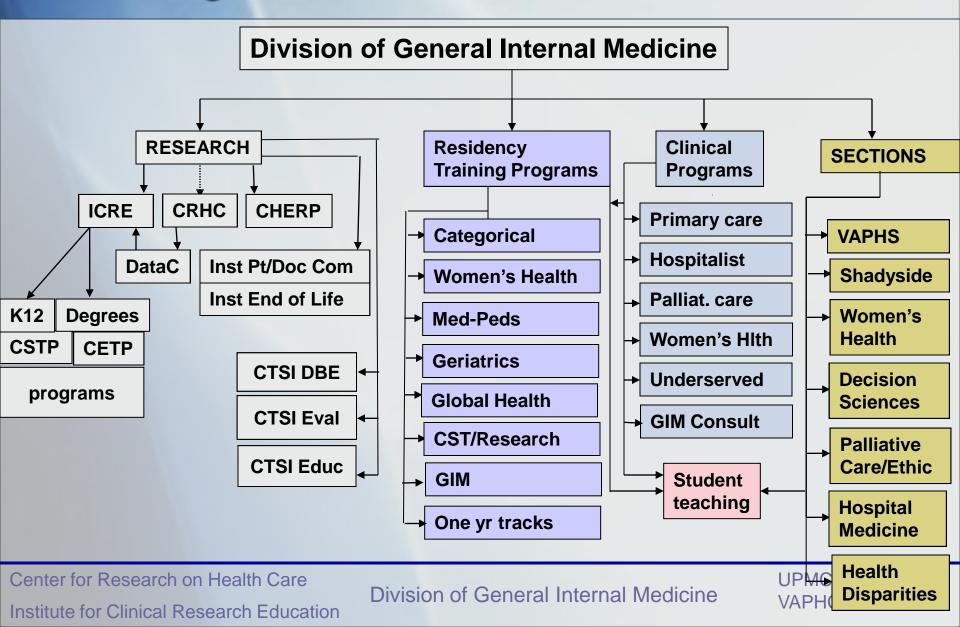
General Internal Medicine

- A large organization
 - 4 sites for clinical and teaching activities: Montefiore, VA, Shadyside; a new Med-Peds site at Turtle Creek (2008)
 - Large inpatient and outpatient clinical operations
 - Major teaching roles
 - Medical students
 - Residency
 - Fellowship
 - Clinical research education, training and career development
 - Vibrant research programs: CRHC, collaboration with RAND, CHERP, Palliative Care; large fellowships
 - Major roles in Clinical and Translational Science education, design, biostatistics, evaluation

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Organizational Structure 2011



Division Leadership

- Wishwa N. Kapoor, MD
- Melissa McNeil, MD
- Chester B. Good, MD
- Michael Elnicki, MD
- Robert Arnold, MD
- Shanta Zimmer, MD
- Kevin Kraemer, MD
- Thuy Bui, MD
- Gary Fischer, MD
- Michael Fine, MD
- Doris Rubio, PhD
- Joanne Riley, RN, MPM
- Deborah Simak, RN, MNed
- Lynn Rago
- Patrick Reitz

Chief, Division of General Internal Medicine **Director, Center for Research on Health Care Director, Institute for Clinical Research Education** Associate Division Chief, General Internal Medicine Director, Section of Women's Health Director, Section of GIM, VAPHS Director, Section of GIM, UPMC Shadyside **Director, Section of Palliative Care and Medical Ethics Director, Internal Medicine Residency Training Director, GIM Fellowship** Medical Director, Program for Health Care to Underserved Medical Director, GIM Practice–Oakland, Vice Chair, Quality **Director, VA Center for Health Equity Research and Promotion Director, CRHC Data Center Co-Director, Institute for Clinical Research Education Senior Division Administrator Assistant Director, Quality Administrator, CRHC Administrator, ICRE**

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Highlights

- Clinical
 - Inpatient: record inpatient census
 - Outpatient: Access, Quality, Chronic Disease Management
- Teaching
 - Residency: outstanding match
 - Education Innovation Project—transforming training
 - ICRE—renewal of NIH funding for 5 years; new programs
- Research
 - Record funding; excellent K to R transitions
 - Comparative Effectiveness Research: AHRQ T32, K12 funded and implemented
- Finances—excellent

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GIM over that past 15+ years

- Inpatient Clinical Operations
 - Was largely private practice GIM model—Presby/MUH had large private practice groups; GIM admitted patients in rotation
 - Beginning of hospitalist program—2002; 4 physicians
 - Census increases at Presby/MUH and house staff work hour rules rapid expansion of hospitalist program since 2005
 - Teaching and non-teaching services developed—2005
 - Teaching GIM faculty reorganized to hospitalist model
 - The entire hospitalist programs transformed into a blended model everyone is involved in teaching but in different ways
 - Magee rotation eliminated (2010); Geriatrics at MUH replaced (2010)
 - UPCI service at Shadyside: hospitalist for the house staff oncology service—2011
 - GIM Consult service—expansion since 2005

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GIM over that past 15+ years

- Current Hospitalist Services
 - Teaching: 6 house staff teams on teaching service 12 months; equivalent of 7 hospitalist FTEs—all supported by billing
 - 25.8 FTE hospitalist (A service) consisting of 32 physicians covering MUH, Presbyterian, TCU, GIM consults
 - 2 CRNP and 5 RN patient care liaisons
 - Consult Service 2-3 FTEs
 - 4 nocturnists
 - 3 junior hospitalist teams

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We love our hospitalists















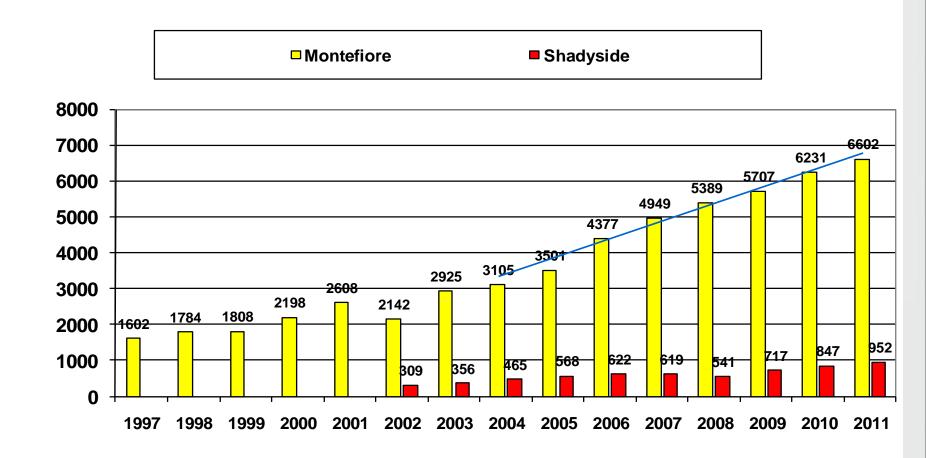








Inpatient admissions



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- Future
 - Clinical—needs are likely to remain extensive
 - Teaching—becoming integral part of the teaching programs for students and residents
 - Research
 - Currently GIM has hospitalist relevant research
 - Hospitalists with research careers as the field matures
- Challenges
 - UPMC is a large system with extensive clinical needs—hospitalist services needed at all UPMC sites
 - Building research programs by full time hospitalist faculty
 - Large turnover
 - Building sustainable careers—how to help faculty conceive and develop sustainable careers

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GIM over that past 15+ years

- Outpatient Clinical Operations
 - Expectations for clinical productivity—1994
 - Organization of medical records—1995
 - A new space—MUH 9S, EMR—1999
 - Control of operations—1999
 - Shadyside Shea Medical Center—1998
 - QI programs and medical home—starting 2000 and leading to NCQA Certification in 2009
 - Payment using RVUs—2004
 - Turtle Creek—2008 for med-peds training
 - Current: multiple QI projects; medical home recertification, integration/expansion of residents clinics; chronic disease management
 - Expansion of clinic space 2011

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Ambulatory care visits*

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Faculty UPMC Montefiore	29,302	29,866	30,915	30,079	30,339
Residents UPMC Montefiore	4,219	3,835	3,677	3,879	4,105
PACT (HIV)	3,700	1,069	1,128	260	283
Homeless Clinics	2,902	3,055	2,126	3,145	3,034
Faculty UPMC Shadyside	7,107	6,322	6,308	5,412	4,729
Residents UPMC Shadyside	2,845	3,323	2,973	3,220	3,480
Magee Women's Hospital		218	324	461	515
Turtle Creek PC (Med-Peds)			574	594	1,025
Hillman Pain Clinic (palliative)		529	1,044	1,164	1,249
CV Clinic (palliative)		82	123	127	127
Liver Ca Center (palliative)			32	0	0
Total	50,075	47,688	49,649	48,341	48,886

* does not include VA

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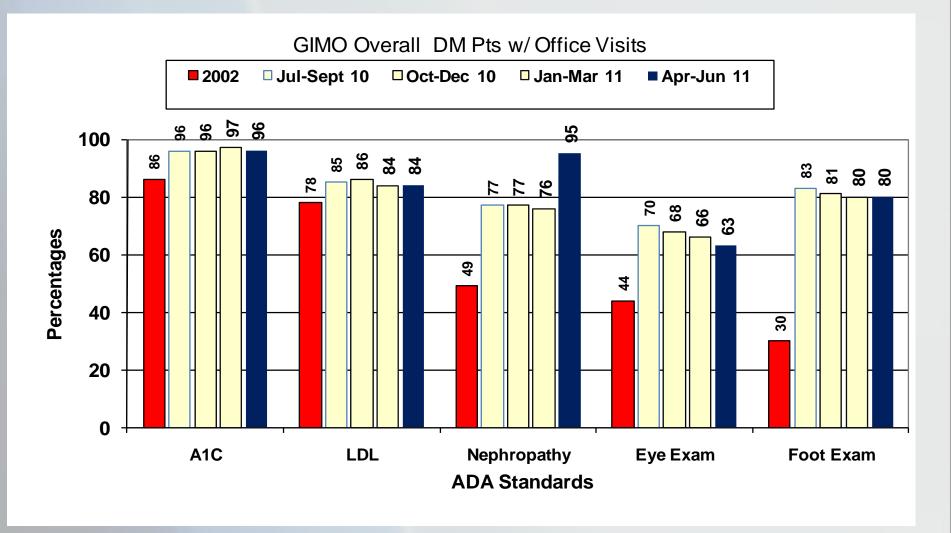
Access

- We meet access audits of less than 72 hours appointment 100% of the time!
- Telephone access: nearly every call to the office is answered quickly
- Surveys show very high satisfaction with access and providers
- Office wait time are very short

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GIM Compliance with Diabetes Standards



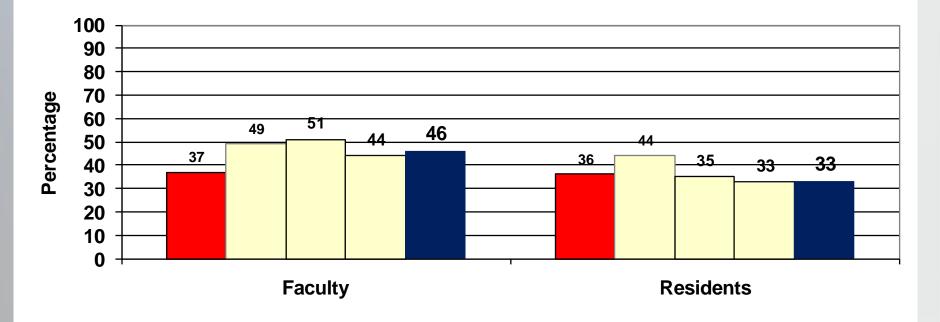
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Compliance with Diabetes Standards: % A1C < 7

Comparison of Faculty and Resident Patient A1c<7





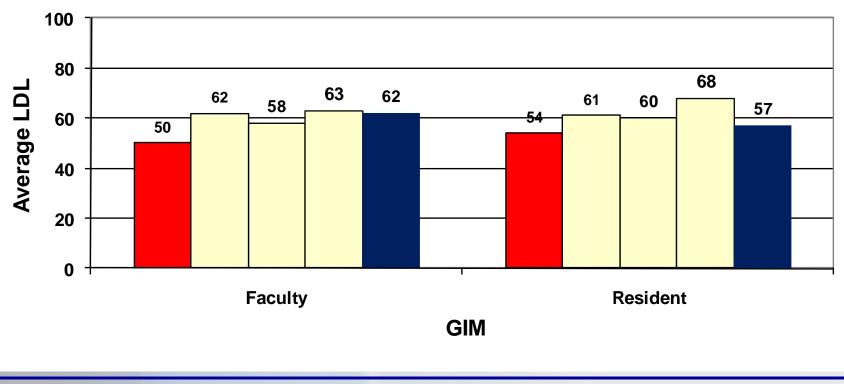
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Diabetic Patients with LDL < 100

Comparison of Faculty & Resident <100





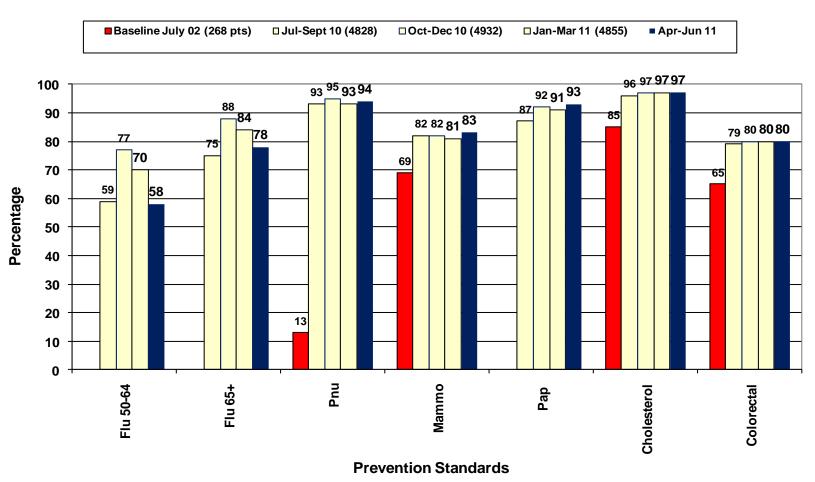
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Compliance with Preventive Health Guidelines

Percentage of Applicable Patients for Whom Service Complete(Documented)

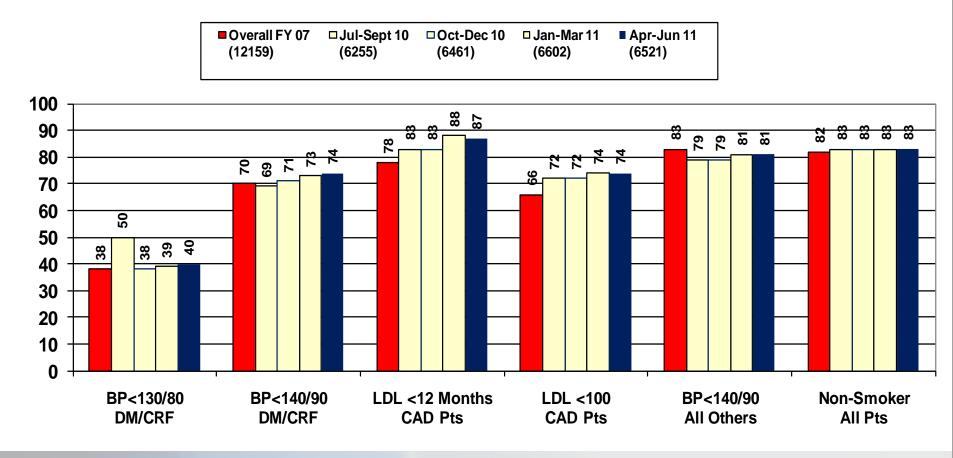


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Secondary Prevention

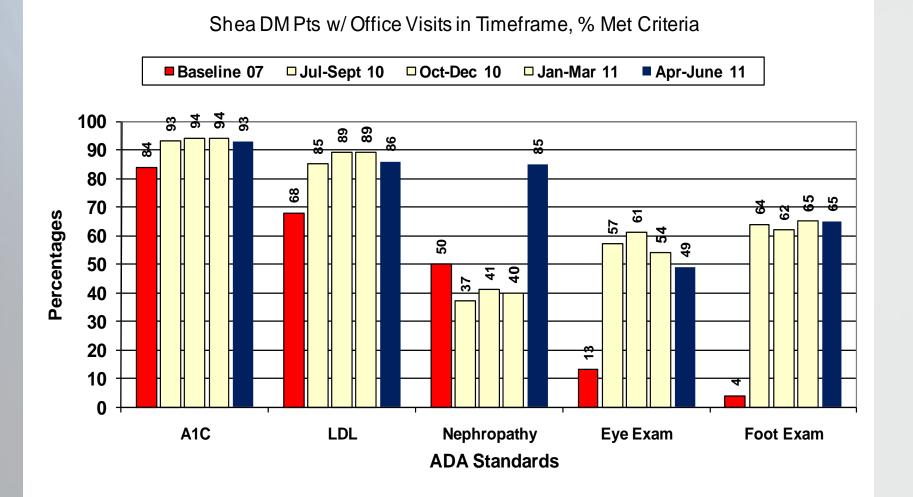
GIMO Overall (Unique Pts w/Office Visits in Timeframe)



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Shea Compliance with Diabetes Standards

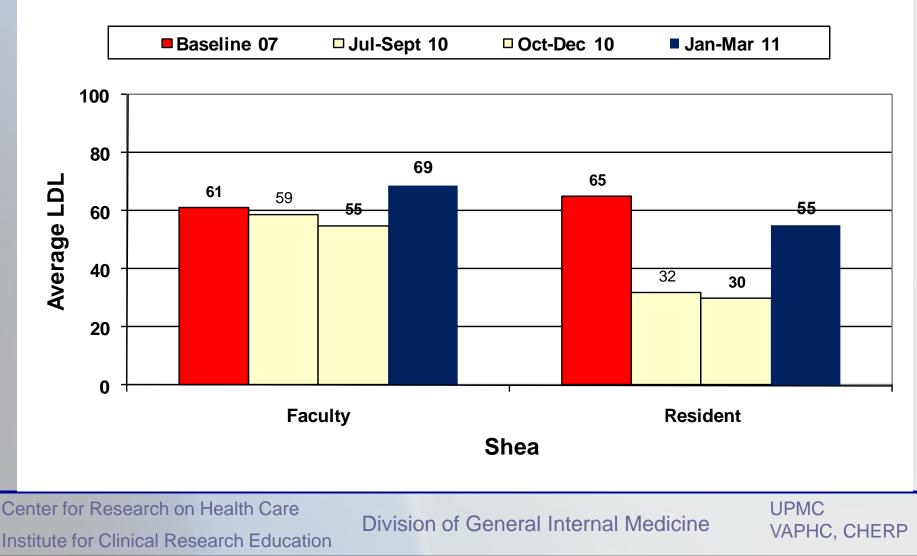


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Shea Diabetic Patients with LDL < 100

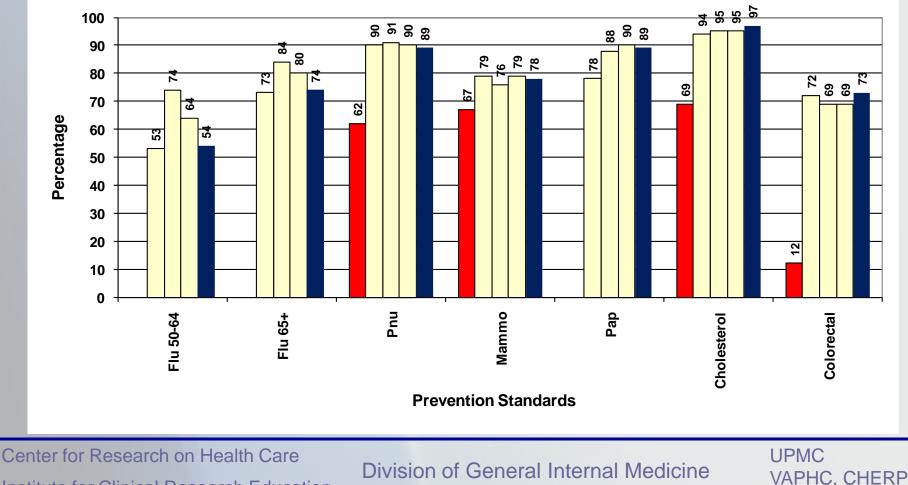
Comparison of Shea Faculty & Resident <100



Improved Compliance with Preventive Health Guidelines

Percentage of Applicable Patients for Whom Service Complete(Documented)

■Baseline 07 □ Jul-Sept 10 □ Oct-Dec 10 □ Jan-Mar 11 ■ Apr-June 11



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GIM QI Awards/Recognition

- Achieved national recognition from the NCQA for Diabetes Management in the Diabetes Physician Recognition Program.
- New Medication Adherence QI Initiative was accepted as a 2011 Best Practice by Highmark and designated as a "Best of the Best" (second year)
- Exceed national targets and rank 5th of 77 UPP practices in preventive health care, despite special populations in residency and refugee clinic

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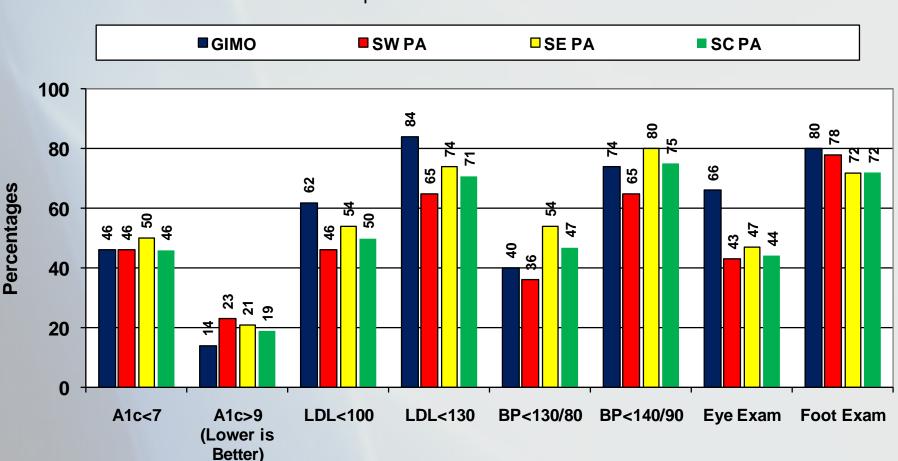
GIM QI Awards/Recognition

- The ACGME "enthusiastically supports" our continued participation in the Education Innovation Project (EIP) and "commended the program" for QI initiatives
- The residency continuity clinics completed a QI curriculum and improvement initiative in hypertension management, which improved % of Pts with BP below target of 140/90:
 - MUH cohort of 215 patients, 57% to 67%
 - Shea cohort of 75 patients, 63% to 77%
- Shea continuity clinic received grant from Shadyside Foundation to implement a Hypertension clinic for 2011

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ADA Diabetes Guidelines: GIM Compared with PA-Chronic Care Model Project (June 2011)



GIMO Compared with PA Data

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GIMO Compared with National HEDIS

CLINICAL PERFORMANCE INDICATOR		GIMO Apr-June 2011 Rate	HEDIS Commercial HMO 2009 Rate	HEDIS Commercial HMO 90 th Percentile
Breast cancer screening	***	84%	71%	80%
Cervical cancer screening	***	93%	77%	83%
Colorectal cancer screening	***	82%	61%	70%
LDL Screening with established CAD (yearly)		87%	88%	93%
LDL Cholesterol<100 w/diagnosis of CAD	***	74%	59%	71%
Diabetes: HgbA1c done past year	***	96%	89%	94%
Diabetes: Good control HbA1c<7	*	46%	42%	51%
Diabetes: Poor control HbA1c>9.0% (lower is better)	***	14%	28%	18%
Diabetes: Cholesterol (LDL-C) Screening		84%	85%	91%
Diabetes: Cholesterol (LDL-C) controlled (<100)	***	62%	47%	56%
Diabetes: Eye Exam	*	66%	57%	74%
Diabetes: Nephropathy Screen	***	95%	83%	90%
Diabetes: BP<140/90 most recent visit	*	74%	65%	76%
Hypertension: BP<140/90 most recent visit	***	81%	64%	73%
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***Equal or Better than HEDIS 90th Percentile

*Better than HEDIS 2009 rate

Ambulatory Care

- Future
 - New models of primary care
 - Physician manages chronic and complex diseases
 - Office organized to provide routine care
 - System using IT resources manages population quality measures and team (not MD) assures its delivery by working with pt and care givers
 - Space limitations for expansion of clinic—need to provide care at off hours
 - The country is rapidly adopting medical home model—how do we stay ahead of the curve
 - Quality is the future and it will be about:
 - Outcomes driven for each patient (huge number of metrics for pcp)
 - Providing care at low cost
 - Patient experiences

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Ambulatory Care

Challenges

- Residents need to learn patient centered care in a medical home model
- Predicted shortage of pcp's
- How to have sustainable careers in increasingly challenging health care environment
 - Excellence in quality, cost and delivering great patient experiences
 - Focus—develop a unique area of excellence
 - Working effectively within the system and organization

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VA General Medicine

- ~30 faculty involved in student, resident teaching
- New Ambulatory Care Building fall 2011
 - Consolidate clinics in Aspinwall and Highland Drive
- 23,350 patients followed in Primary Care by faculty and residents
 - 2629 patients followed by Medicine Residents

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PACT- Patient Aligned Care Teams (VAspeak for Medical Home)

- All VA patients in Primary Care enrolled in PACT
- Team building (regular "huddles" with team)—RN Case Manager, Care Coordinator
- QA activities part of team process
- Telemedicine incorporated in clinic time
- Increase non-appointment care
 - Same day access
- All residents will be active participants (all already part of teams), expected to do QA activities, team process

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Quality of Care, VA Primary Care Clinics: Examples

Diabetes Metrics

 Annual HBA1C 	99.9%				
HA1C < 9%	16%				
DM BP < 140/90	81%				
 Annual DM retinal exam 	93%				
DM LDL < 100	76%				
Women's Health Metrics					
 Mammogram (50-69 yrs) 	92%				
PAP (21-64 yrs)	97%				
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Colorectal Screening (5-74) 82%

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Unique Learning Experiences VA General Medicine

- Substance Abuse Clinic (SAAT)
 - Inpatient and outpatient
- Healthy Women's Clinic
 - Part of PACT
- Procedure Clinic
- IMPACT Clinic- Pre-operative Clinic at VA
 - Multidisciplinary Clinic
 - Focus on improving pre-op nutrition, optimizing medical co-morbidities pro-op, enhanced support peri-operatively

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- Medical Student Teaching
- Residency
 - Leadership
 - Residency Match
 - Curricular changes and impact of EIP
 - Tracking database
- Fellowships
- Research Education—ICRE

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Medical Student Course Leadership: Preclinical Years



First Year

- Intro to Being a Physician
 - Shanta Zimmer
- Intro to Interviewing
 - Reed Van Deusen
- Intro to Physical Exam
 - Missy McNeil
- Advanced Physical Exam
 - Scott Herrle
- Ethics, Law and Professionalism
 - Missy McNeil

Second Year

- Advanced Physical Exam
 - Scott Herrle
- Advanced Interviewing
 - Carla Spagnoletti



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Medical Student Course Leadership: Preclinical Years

Third Year

- Adult Inpatient Medicine
 - Tom Painter, Missy McNeil, Erika Hoffman, Anu Munshi
- Combined Ambulatory Med/Peds Clerkship
 - Mike Elnicki



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Medical Student Course Leadership: Clinical Years



Fourth Year

- Internal Medicine AI
 - Tom Painter
- Women's Health Elective
 - Missy McNeil
- Underserved Care
 - Twee Bui
- Substance Abuse
 - Adam Gordon
- Palliative Care
 - Rene Claxton
- Teaching to Teach
 - Missy McNeil

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Medical Students Committees

- Chair Curriculum Committee
 - Rosanne Granieri
- Chair and Vice Chair Student Promotions
 - Tom Painter and Missy McNeil
- Chair Student Honors Committee
 - Tom Painter
- Member-Third and Fourth Year Retention Committee
 - Tom Painter, Missy McNeil, Mike Elnicki
- Advisor Student Honor Council, Student Wellness Committee
 - Missy McNeil

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- Advisor-Humanism Honor Society
 - Missy McNeil, Raquel Buranosky, Twee Bui
- Advisor-Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society
 - Frank Kroboth, Missy McNeil

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Other Leadership



- Director, Standardized Patient Program
 - Hollis Day
- Areas of Concentration
 - Underserved Care: Twee Bui
 - Women's Health: Missy McNeil
- Director, Student Teaching Palliative Care
 - Rene Claxton





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Medical Student Teaching

Preclinical Years

Course Precepting/Facilitation

- Intro to Being a Physician
- Intro to Interviewing
- Advanced Physical Exam
- Advanced Interviewing
- Ethics, Law and Professionalism
- Medical Decision Making
- Reproductive Medicine
- Health, Illness and Behavior
- Preclinical Clerkship

Clinical Years

- AIMC/AI
 - 156 months Hospitalist Attending
 - 48 Months Student Teaching Attending
- CAMC
 - 60 Months Precepting

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Medical Students Mentoring





- Advisory Deans
 - Hollis Day
 - Adam Gordon
- Fast advisors
- Pre-residency advisors
- Scholarly Project advisors

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Leadership of Residency Training Programs

Director	Program	2000
Shanta Zimmer, MD	Program Director, IM Residency Training	
Melissa McNeil, M.D.	Track Director, Women's Health Track	
Alda Gonzaga, MD	Program Director, Medicine-Pediatrics Progra	am
Dario Torre, M.D., PhD	Categorical at UPMC Shadyside	
Gary Tabas, M.D.	Transitional Programs	
Asher Tulsky, M.D.	APD, Japan Internal Medicine Residency Prog	gram
Kathleen McTigue, MD, MPH	Track Director, Clinical Scientist Track	
Thuy Bui, MD	Track Director, Global Health	
Peggy Hasley, MD	APD Track Director, Generalist Pathway	
Franziska Jovin, MD	Hospitalist Pathway	
Peter Bulova, MD	Track Director, International Scholars Program	m
Rollin Wright, MD, MPH	Track Director, Geriatrics	
Robert Brooks, MD, PhD	APD, VAMC	
Wendy Romeo	Administrative Director	

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It Takes a Village: Core Faculty

- Achilleos, Andreas, MD
- Anish, Eric, MD
- Bigi, Lori, MD, MS
- Bui, Twee, MD
- Bulova, Peter, MD
- Buranosky, Raquel, MD, MPH
- Bump, Gregory, MD
- Butt, Adeel, MD
- Cooper, Amanda, MD
- Day, Hollis, MD
- Demoise, David, MD
- Gerber, Lawrence, MD

MUH Core Faculty Shadyside Sport Medicine **MUH, Ambulatory Clinic Director Global Health Track Director Recruitment, Procedures, Disabilities APD, Education Innovation Project Patient Safety ISP Track Director** Shadyside Women's Health **Direct Observation, Evaluation** Shadyside Core Faculty VAMC, Inpatient Medicine Service

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- Givelber, Rachel, MD
- Gonzaga, Alda, MD, MS
- Granieri, Rosanne, MD
- Jasti, Harish, MD, MS
- Herrle, Scott, MD, MS
- Hoffman, Erika, MD
- Jovin, Franziska, MD
- Kreit, John, MD
- McCausland, Julie, MD
- McTigue, Kathleen, MD, MPH
- Nordman, Bethany, MD, MPH
- Painter, Thomas, MD

Evidence Based Medicine Program Director, Med-Peds Residency Structured Educational Exp.; CETP Ambulatory Block, Intern VMAC, Core Faculty VAMC, Medical Director, Clinic **Hospital Medicine Curriculum** Subspecialty Education Coordinator, Chair **MUH**, Transitional PD **CSTP Track Director** MUH, Core Faculty **Inpatient Medicine**

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It Takes a Village: Core Faculty

- Preisner, Ruth, MD
- Spagnoletti, Carla, MD, MS
- Stern, Jamie, MD, MPH
- Suffoletto, JoAnne, MD
- Tabas, Gary, MD
- Van Deusen, Reed, MD, MS
- Wood, Gordon, MD
- Wright, Rollin, MD
- Zalenski, Dianne, MD

VAMC, Procedures Medical Interviewing Women's Health VAMC, Women's Health Shadyside Transitional PD Med Peds APD Director, Pain Curriculum Geriatrics Track Director Shadyside Women's Health

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Recruitment 2010-11

- 2300 applicants
- 562 invited, 464 interviewed
- 40 slots
- GIM faculty performed over 700 interviews!
- Best match ever by several metrics

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2011 Intern Class Characteristics

- 14 AOA
- Average step 1 237; Average Step II 248
- 13 representatives from Peer schools
- 11 from our top 100
- 22 from our top 150
- 4 PhDs
- 5 MS/MPH
- 9 UPitt Students
- 4 URMs
- 1 Rhodes Scholar

TRACKS

- 3 Global Health
- 4 Women's Health
- 2 Geriatrics
- 3 Clinical Scientist
- 1 Research Pathway
- 5 Generalist
- 6 International Scholars
 - American Univ. of Beirut
 - University of Zimbabwe Medical School
 - Gauhati Medical College & Hospital
 - Medizinische Universitat Wien
 - Gandhi Medical College
 - Peking Union Medical University

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Education Innovations Project (EIP) Update: Curricular Productivity

WORKSHOPS	35
PRESENTATIONS	22
POSTERS	21
MANUSCRIPTS	31

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EIP Progress—examples

- Continued growth of tracks (e.g., Clinical Scientist, Global Health, Generalist)
- Immerse in Patient-Centered Care—Medical Home
- Longitudinal QI curriculum: SBP in Primary Care
- Annual Patient Safety Survey changes:
 - Interdisciplinary M & M monthly and noon conferences
- Finalization of Sign-Out Curriculum with implementation this year
- Discharge summary curriculum for Interns
- 3- year progressive medical interviewing curriculum
 - Direct Observation, Standardized Patients
 - Motivation Interviewing added in PGY-3 year

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EIP Progress: Evaluation

- Eportfolio: Evaluation, Mentoring Tool
- Direct Observation Emphasis
 - CEX's and 360 Evals Created and Implemented
 - Feedback Form on Gen Med floors
- Continuity Clinic Evaluation Team
 - Ambulatory CEX Project increasing direct observation in physical exam and counseling
 - Continuity Clinic Survey (2011 vs. 2008), pre/ post Ambulatory Curriculum implementation
- Fatigue and Burnout Surveys
- Tracking

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We have very engaged residents

- Health Policy Advocacy Group
- Monthly Newsletter
- Service Projects
- Running Club

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Shadyside restructuring







- Teaching Hospitalist on All Services
- Geographic ICU
- Dave Demoise, Director at Shea
- Shadyside Track Directors
 - Categorical: Mike Elnicki
 - DO Internship: Bill Lamb
 - Transitional: Gary Tabas

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New Initiatives

- Back to the Bedside- "Old Doctors and Young Doctors at the Bedside Together"
 - Multifaceted approach including
 - Inpatient rounding—progress note feedback; oral presentations at the bedside
 - Subspecialty Educators—emphasize bedside presentations
 - Resident driven, not just faculty led
 - Chief residents watching walk rounds, assisting with presentations, encouraging bedside presentations
 - Cases for newsletter
 - AM report focus on physical findings
 - Branding with lapel pin

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2011 Initiatives, continued

- Academic Initiative
 - Director of Residency Research
 - Will spearhead mentorship, annual research fair, tracking of research activities
 - Increased involvement of Division mentors
 - Moving toward a requirement for scholarly presentation by graduation

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Medicine Residency Diversity Committee

- Chaired by Dr. Conrad Smith
- Multidisciplinary group that includes faculty from several divisions, health sciences leadership and medical school
- Resident and intern participation
- Focus on recruitment, career mentorship and retention

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Residency Training

Challenges

- With increasing restrictions on duty hours, service component will have to be even more managed by full time hospitalists
- Recruitment of the best students—it is always work in progress; peer schools
- Training leaders in medicine, especially academic medicine
- Diversity

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Fellowships

- Strong, vibrant fellowships—total of 18 fellows currently (MD's and PhD's)
- GIM—Investigator, educator, women's health:
 6 fellows
- AHRQ T32s: CER and HSR: 9 post-doctoral fellows
- Palliative Care: 3 fellows

Research and Education Training for fellows and students throughout the institution through ICRE

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GIM Fellowship Program

- Leadership:
 - Director: Kevin Kraemer
 - Leadership Steering Committee: Missy McNeil, Rosanne Granieri, Michael Elnicki, Bob Arnold, Gordon Wood, Wishwa Kapoor
- Tracks
 - Clinician-Educator; Clinician-Researcher; Women's Health
 - Palliative Care
 - Health Services Research T32; Comparative Effectiveness T32
- Funding: VA, HRSA, AHRQ, Shadyside Foundation
- June 2011 Graduates
 - Briar Duffy, MD, MS, Asst Professor of Medicine, University of Minnesota
 - Anu Munshi, MD, MS, Asst Professor of Medicine, University of Pittsburgh
- Current Fellows
 - <u>2nd years</u>: Jed Gonzalo, MD; Brian Heist, MD; John Ragsdale, MD; Sarah Tilstra, MD
 - <u>1st years</u>: Jen Corbelli, MD; Adam Sawatsky, MD

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GIM Fellows' National Presentations/Papers: 2010-11

National Workshops

- Duffy, Ragsdale, Gonzalo: "Making the Most of a Learning Environment: Applying Techniques from Cognitive Scientists and Traditional Educators to Medical Education," SGIM May 2011
- Duffy, Munshi "Controversies in Osteoporosis Screening and Treatment: an Evidenced Based Approach to Management," SGIM May 2011 Meeting
- Duffy "Virtual Patient Simulation," SimLearn National VA Conference Sept 2010
- Duffy "Writing a High-Quality Discharge Summary: An Experiential Curriculum," APDIM October 2010
- Munshi, Duffy "Urinary Incontinence We Don't Ask, They Don't Tell: How to fix the leak," SGIM May 2011
- Munshi "A Mirror or See-through Glass? Understanding and Orienting the International Medical Graduate," APDIM April 2011
- **Ragsdale** "The Many Faces a Generalist Encounters: Reading Facial Expressions as a Way of Improving Doctor-Patient Communication," SGIM May 2011

Papers/Abstract Presentations

- Duffy, Gonzalo Improving Communication Skills and Transitions of Care: Development of a Discharge Summary Curriculum for Internal Medicine Interns. Poster Presentation, SGIM May 2011
- Gonzalo, Duffy The Role Models of Bedside Teachers: A Qualitative Analysis. Oral presentation, SGIM May 2011
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RAND-University of Pittsburgh Scholars Program

- Director: Kevin Kraemer
- Purpose: train future independent investigators in health services, comparative effectiveness, and health policy research
- Funding: two T32 awards from Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)
- Current Scholars
- Helen Smith (Epidemiology)
- Frances Pillemer (Health Policy)
- Ellerie Weber (Health Economics)
- Ted Yuo (Vascular Surgery)
- Penelope Morrison (Anthropology)

- Veena Karir (Pharmacy)
- Amanda Dumas (Pediatrics)
- Tiffani Johnson (Ped. ER)
- Ana Radovic (Adolescent Med)

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RAND-Pitt Scholars Program Selected Presentations/Papers: 2010-11

- Chia L Disparities in Health Outcomes among Medicare Beneficiaries with Diabetes and Other Chronic Conditions. Oral/Poster Presentation. AcademyHealth June 2011
- Smith HA et al. Sexual abuse, sexual orientation and obesity in women. *Journal of Women's Health.* 2010;19(8):1525-1532.
- Smith HA et al. A comparative study of complementary and alternative medicine use among heterosexually and lesbian identified women: Data from the ESTHER Project (Pittsburgh, PA, 2003-2006). Journal of Alternative and Complementary Medicine. 2010. Nov;16(11), 1161-70.
- Smith HA et al. A comparison of polycystic ovary syndrome and related factors between lesbian and heterosexual women. Women's Health Issues. (In Press).
- Pillemer FM When Hippocrates leaves Boston: a study of ethical preferences and decision making on altered standards of care in Massachusetts. Poster presentation at AcademyHealth
- Weber E Measuring welfare from ambulatory surgery centers: a spatial analysis of demand for healthcare facilities. Oral paper presented at the bi-annual Am Soc for Health Economics.
- Yuo TH Variability in carotid artery stent (CAS) utilization is linked to volume of index vascular surgery (VS), interventional cardiology (IC), or interventional radiology (IR) procedures in California (CA). Oral presentation at the Society for Vascular Surgery Annual Meeting, June 2011.
- Yuo TH Applying the payoff time framework to carotid occlusive disease management. Oral presentation at the NRSA/Academy Health Meeting, June 2011

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Hospice and Palliative Medicine Fellowship Program

- Leadership: Gordon Wood (Director)
- Tracks: One year ACGME-accredited fellowship with the option to stay a second year to complete a masters in medical education or research
- Funding: GME, UPMC Palliative and Supportive Institute
- Program Size: Approved to expand to 4 slots for 2012-2013 and all four are already filled.
- June 2011 Graduates
 - Rohtesh Mehta, MD, Fellow in Hematology and Oncology, University of Pittsburgh
- Current Fellows
 - 2nd years: Michael Barnett, MD
 - 1st years: Patrick White, MD and Carolyn Lefkowits, MD

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HPM Fellows' National Presentations/Papers: 2010-11

Presentations at National Meetings

- Barnett M. "Pain Theater: How to Talk to Patients When Their Pills Are 'Stolen'...Again," Co-presenter, Concurrent Session, American Academy of Hospice & Palliative Medicine Annual Assembly, Vancouver, February 2011.
- Barnett M. "Sudden Advanced Illness: An Emerging Concept Among Palliative Care and Surgical Critical Care Physicians," Poster Presentation, American Academy of Hospice & Palliative Medicine Annual Assembly, Vancouver, February 2011.

Publications

- Mehta RS, Arnold R. Evaluation of Spinal Cord Compression J Palliat Med. 2011 Mar;14(3):361-2
- Mehta R, Arnold R. Management of Spinal Cord Compression. J Palliat Med. 2011 Mar;14(3):362-3.
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- Yeow ME, Mehta RS, White DB, Szmuilowicz E. Using noninvasive ventilation at the end of life. J Palliat Med. 2010 Sep;13(9):1149-50
- Mehta RS, Ennis P, Whitten J. Ureterosigmoidostomy Associated Signet Ring Colon Cancer Presenting as Hip Pain. J Gastrointest Cancer. 2010 Jul 13
- Mehta R, and Arnold R. Chapter I–18 Withholding and Withdrawing Life-Sustaining Therapies. Palliative Care: Core Skills and Clinical Competencies, 2nd Edition.
- Barnett M. "From Dark Night to Gentle Surrender: On the Ethics and Spirituality of Hospice Care," Book Review, JAMA, June 2011.

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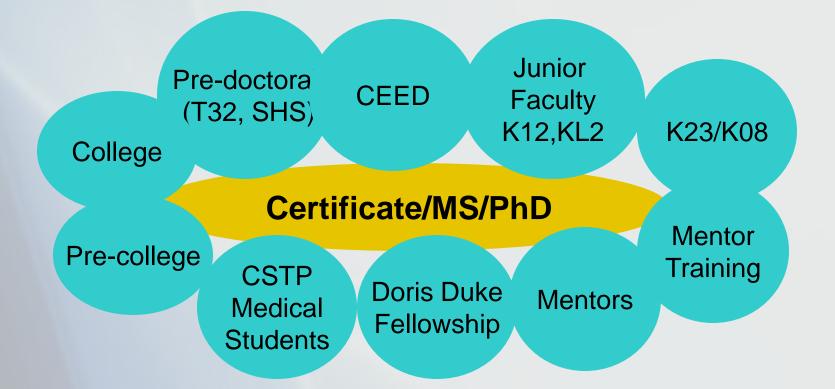
- Overall goals of the ICRE are:
 - Extending the pipeline of clinical investigators
 - Expanding the spectrum of training opportunities in clinical and translational research training—from exposure to mastery
- A resource for the Schools of the Health Sciences—a major core for the CTSI
- Celebrated 10 years

Funded by NIH and School of Medicine

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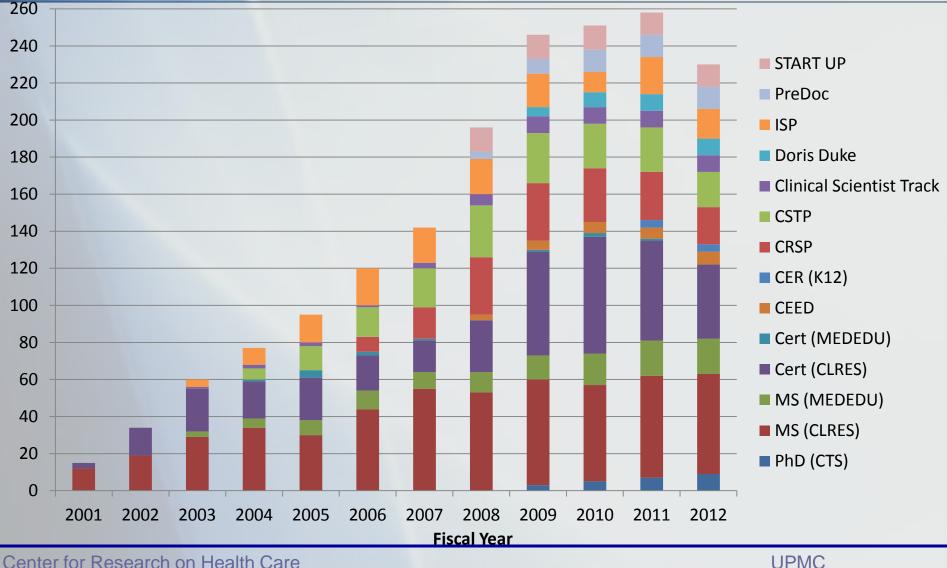
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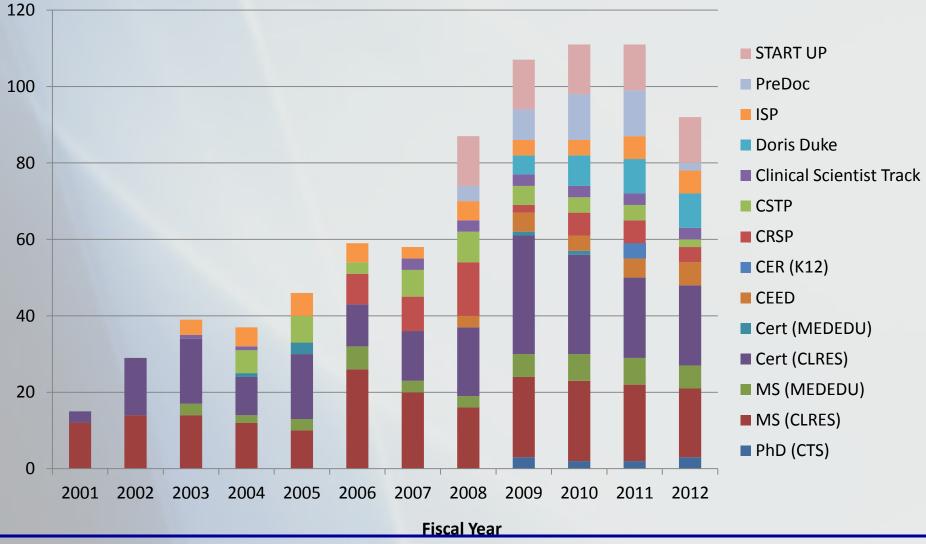
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Director, Academic Programs ICRE



 Charity Moore, PhD, Associate Professor of Medicine, Biostatistics and Clinical and Translational Science, Director, CEED

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ICRE New Programs CTSI renewal (FY 12-FY17)

- Currently ICRE has
 - Degree programs in Clinical Research (certificates, MS, PhD)
 - Programs for entire pipeline of investigators (high school students, graduate students, med students, residents, fellows, junior faculty)
- Plans for next year and renewal
 - New curricula (Comparative Effectiveness Research; Community Based Participatory Research, T1 Translation)
 - Expand programs for minority students; enroll MSTP students; provide career development support for starting faculty (to write K awards)
 - Junior mentoring program for early investigators
 - All training use competency based education
 - Innovations in teaching—implement 1-2 new teaching innovation each year

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Research Program

- Research Infrastructure
 - Center for Research on Health Care (CRHC)
 - Center for Health Equity Research and Promotion (CHERP)
 - CRHC Data Center
 - Sections
 - Institute for Clinical Research Education
 - RAND University of Pittsburgh Health Institute

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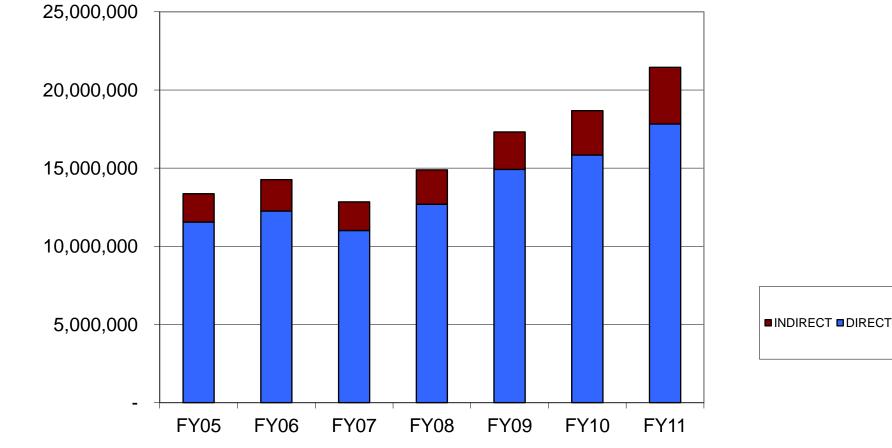
Research Highlights

- 17 Career Development Awards (K24, K23, K12, K08, RWJ, VA)
- 64 grant proposal submitted (mostly NIH)
- Total expenditures for FY 2011: \$22 million
- Many contributions to science being made—also a great deal of interest from the public: multiple media reports
- CRHC Data Center—has assumed a major role in supporting research at the institution
- Remain well funded despite reduced NIH budgets
- Diversified sources of research funding

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RESEARCH EXPENDITURES GENERAL INTERNAL MEDICINE



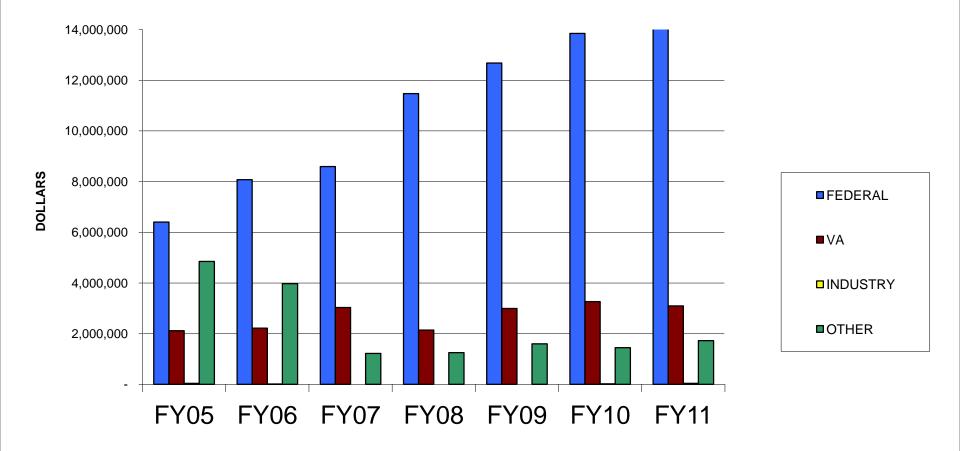
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UPMC VAPHC, CHERP

TOTAL DOLLARS

FUNDING BY SPONSOR TYPE AND DOLLARS EXPENDED-GENERAL INTERNAL MEDICINE



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Funding for FY 2012

	Direct	Indirect	Total
NIH/other	\$15,591,497	\$4,368,360	\$19,959,857
Under Review/Pending	\$8,780,462	\$3,564,986	\$12,345,448
VA	\$3,687,004		\$3,687,004
Total			\$35,992,309

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Research Areas

- Health Services Research
- Epidemiology/Clinical Epidemiology/Intervention Studies
- Decision Sciences/Comparative Effectiveness
- Women's Health
- Disparities
- Methods/Analyses

Palliative and Supportive Service

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Health Services Research/Clinical Epidemiology

- Kevin Kraemer, MD, MSc—Screening and Interventions for Alcohol and Drugs
- Matthew S. Freiberg, MD, MSc—HIV infection, CVD, alcohol consumption
- Kathleen M McTigue, MD—Obesity, CVD Prevention, IT for Counseling
- Walid Gellad, MD, MPH—Prescription Drug Policy; Adherence
- Natalia E Morone, MD, MS—Pain, Aging and Mind-Body Interventions
- Ateev Mehrotra, MD—Innovations in Health Care Delivery; Physician Cost Profiles
- Hilary A. Tindle, MD, MPH—Smoking Cessation, Attitudes and Health
- Brian A. Primack, MD, EdM, MS—Mass Media and Health; Tobacco
- Molly Conroy, MD, MPH—Physical Activity and Life Style Change



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Interventions research

 Bruce Rollman, MD, MPH— Treatment of Mental Health Disorders in Primary Care



 Mary Ann Sevick, ScD, RN— Interventions in Complex Medical Patients, Improving Self-management



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Decision Sciences/CER

- Amber E. Barnato, MD, MPH, MS— End-of-life intensive treatment utilization; practice variation; patient-doctor communication.
- Bruce Y. Lee, MD, MBA—Infectious diseases modeling
- Kenneth Smith, MD—Decision and cost effectiveness analysis
- Smita Nayak, MD—CER/cost-effectiveness of screening for osteoporosis
- Nicole Fowler, PhD—CER on screening for cognitive impairment in primary care
- Esa Davis, MD, MPH—CER on screening for gestational diabetes





- Michael Fine, MD, MSc—Quality and efficiency of care, disparities
- Galen Switzer, PhD—Quality-of-life issues in living organ and tissue donation
- Larissa Myaskovsky, PhD—Understanding and reducing healthcare disparities
- Sonya Borrero, MD, MS—racial disparities in contraceptive use patterns and unintended pregnancy
- Leslie Hausman, PhD—Discrimination and health outcomes
- Susan Zickmund, PhD—Qualitative Methods, communication



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- Doris Rubio, PhD—Service use in alcohol and substance abuse disorders Doug Landsittel, PhD—Comparative Effectiveness Research Methods
- James Bost, PhD—Health Services Research Methods, Survey Design
- Joyce Chang, PhD—Survival Modeling, Causal Effect Modeling
- Charity G. Moore, PhD—Clinical Trials Methodology, Adaptive Designs
- Kaleab Abebe, PhD—Mediation and Moderation in Clinical Trials, Simulation, Multi-site Clinical Trials
- John Kloke, PhD—methods in meta-analysis

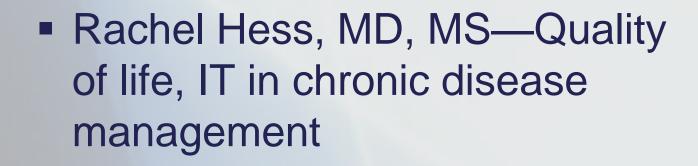


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Women's Health

 Eleanor Bimla Schwarz, MD, MS—Reproductive Health; Lactation and Maternal Health







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Supportive Services/Communication

- Robert Arnold, MD—Doctor-patient Communication, Palliative Care, Medical Ethics
- David Barnard, PhD, JD—Humanities in Medicine, Palliative Care, Global Health
- Yael Schenker, MD—Cross Cultural Communication, Surrogate Decision Making
- Bruce Ling, MD—Patient-doctor Communication



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Palliative Care New Programs



- The UPMC Supportive Services Program began January 2011 to support UPMC for Life patients who are at risk for readmissions or decreased quality of life. The team follows the patient throughout the hospital stay and helps them transition to home.
- The UPMC Palliative and Supportive Institute was developed to spread palliative care programs thru the Health System. Section Faculty serve as educators and resources.

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New Roles



 Rene Claxton, MD – Dr. Claxton has assumed the role of Subspecialty Education Coordinator. Responsibilities include educational oversight of medical student and resident education in palliative care.



 Linda King, MD – Dr. King has assumed the role of Associate Chief, Section of Palliative Care and Medical Ethics. She will direct many of the Section's day-to-day clinical and administrative activities.

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Research: Future/Challenges

- Highly competitive funding environment—how do we keep everyone funded
- Sustainable Careers
 - Protected time, mentoring, collaboration
 - Innovation and creativity
 - Working within organization and systems
- Strategic decisions about expansion and areas of research
 - Prevention Implementation Research
 - Chronic Disease Translational Research

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Section of Chronic Disease Translational Research

- Section Chief: Matthew Freiberg, MD, MPH
- Section Goals:
 - <u>Determine</u> new risk factors and underlying mechanisms of chronic disease
 - <u>Translate</u> these findings into promising intervention studies (*clinical epidemiology*)
 - <u>Synergize</u> efforts of clinical epidemiology across DGIM and the SOM, GSPH, and VAPHS
 - Educate, mentor, and develop future clinical epidemiologists in collaboration with faculty from the schools of the health sciences and the VAPHS

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Faculty FY 2011

124 Faculty

- 55 Clinician/Clinician Educator Faculty
- 25 Full Time Hospital Medicine (A Service)
- 44 Investigator Faculty
- **Demographics**
 - 25 age >50
 - 62 woman; 38 minority (9 under represented)

Ranks

- 41 Professors, Associate Professors
- 24 Tenure Stream
- 8 Tenured

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Faculty	UPMC Montefiore	VAPHS	UPMC Shadyside	Total
MD	49	7	7	63
MD/MPH*	31	9	0	40
MD/PhD	0	1	1	2
PhD*	14	5	0	19
Total	94	22	8	124

*Includes all types of Master's Degrees (MPP, MS, MBA and MHSc **Includes PhD and ScD)

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Faculty Promotions

Professor

- Bruce Rollman, MD, MPH (tenured)
- Doris Rubio, PhD

Associate Professor

- Eleanor Bimla Schwartz, MD, MS
- Mathew Freiberg MD, MPH
- Susan Zickmund, PhD
- Shanta Zimmer, MD

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Faculty Promotions

Clinical Associate Professor

- Lawrence Gerber, MD
- Franziska Jovin, MD
- Tamara Sacks, MD

Clinical Assistant Professor

- Kristian Feterik, MD
- Melissa Wotring-Norman, MD

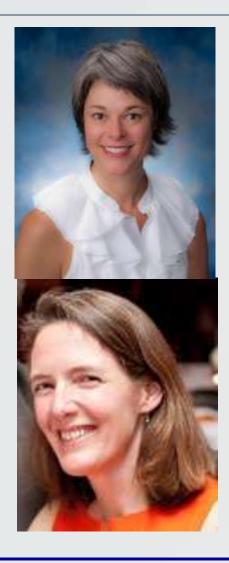
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Tenure

Amber Barnato, MD, MPH, MS.
 Associate Professor with tenure

Kathleen McTigue, MD, MPH, MS, Associate professor with tenure



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Faculty Leaving

Hospitalist

- Erin Dowling, MD
- Andriy Fetsak, MD
- Ted Huang, MD
- Clinician Educators
 - Amanda Cooper, MD
 - Caridad Hernandez, MD
 - Julia Lim, MD, MPH
 - Elizabeth Weinstein, MD, MS

- Research
 - Sunday Clark, ScD, MPH
 - V. Terri (Collin) Dilmore, PhD
 - Coreen Farris, PhD
 - Bobby Jones, PhD

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Faculty Recruitment

- Full time hospital medicine—A service
- Clinician/Educator
- Investigators
- Fellows

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Full-Time Hospital Medicine – Nocturnist

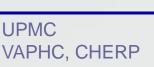
Fadeke Akanbi, MD

- BS Oregon State University at Corvallis (1989)
- MD Drexel University College of Medicine (2002)
- Residency UPMC (2006)
- Cardiology Fellowship University of Cincinnati (2011)

Laura Ferreira Provenzano, MD

- MD University of Buenos Aires School of Medicine (2003)
- Residency Caritas St. Elizabeth's Medical Center, Boston (2009)
- Fellow UPMC (2011)

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Full-Time Hospital Medicine – Nocturnist

Faris Khan, MD

- MBBS Khyber Teaching Hospital, Peshawar, Pakistan (2004)
- Residency UPMC (2011)



Anil Purohit, MD

- BS University of South Carolina Honors College (2002)
- MD Medical University of South Carolina (2007)
- Residency UPMC (2011)

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Full-Time Hospital Medicine

Bayo Olaoye, MD

- MBChB Obafemi Alowola University, Nigeria (1998)
- Residency Irish Surgical Residency Program of the Royal College of Surgeons, Dublin (2003-2005)
- Residency Reading Hospital and Medical Center (2008-2011)

Janelle Williams, MD

- BS Xavier University of Louisiana (2001)
- MD Univ of Texas Medical School at Houston (2005)
- Residency–Univ of Texas Medical School, Houston (2009)
- Hospitalist Rockville Maryland (2010-11)

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Recruitment: Palliative Care

Dean Frate, MD—

- MD Case Western Reserve University (2004)
- Residency Summa Health System (2007)
- Fellowship in Hospice & Palliative Medicine, Summa Health System in Akron (2009)
- Faculty, Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine and Pharmacy (2008-2011)

Erica Stovsky, MD

- BS Kent State University (2003)
- MD Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine and Pharmacy (2007)
- Residency Summa Health System in Akron (2010)
- Fellowship, Palliative Care Summa Health System in Akron (2011)

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Recruitment: Clinical Educator

Anuradha Munshi, MD, MS—Shadyside

- MD Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine (2003)
- Residency Mount Carmel Hospital in Columbus, Ohio (2006)
- Fellowship, Women's Health UPMC (2011)

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Recruitment: Clinicians

Jennifer Lyden, MD

- BA College of the Holy Cross (2002)
- MD Georgetown University School of Medicine (2008)
- Residency UPMC (2011)

Julie Skapik, MD, MPH

- BA New College of Florida (2001)
- MPH Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health (2007)
- MD Johns Hopkins School of Medicine (2008)
- Residency UPMC (2011)

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Research

Lauren Broyles, PhD, RN

- BSN Johns Hopkins University (1998)
- MA in Bioethics University of Pittsburgh (2004)
- PhD University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing (2008)
- Post Doc Fellowship VAMC
- Core Faculty CHERP

Seo Young Park, PhD

- BSc Seoul National University (2004)
- PhD in Statistics University of North Carolina (2010)
- Core Faculty CHRC Data Center

Dana Tudorascu, PhD

- BS University of Craiova, Romania (1999)
- MS Duquesne University (2003)
- PhD in Statistics
 – University of Pittsburgh (2009)
- Core Faculty CHRC Data Center

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Divisional Budgets

- Principles
 - productivity is measured for all faculty
 - each activity has associated source of support
 - identifiable roles are supported
 - research support is externally funded except for initial developmental periods; bridge funding
 - VA budgets are handled by the VA and not included in our revenues or expenses
- 2010 Revenues: \$33,491,364
- 2011 Revenues: \$35,653,220

Surpluses in UPP and University side

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Award Recognition Update 2010-2011



Michael Fine, MD, MSc

 Received the 2011 John M. Eisenberger Award for Career Achievement in Research from SGIM recognizes a senior member whose innovative research has changed the way we care for patients, educate or do research



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Professional Recognition



Robert M Arnold, MD

American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (AAHPM). The Project on Death in America (PDIA) Palliative Medicine National Leadership Award recognizes a physician leader who advances the field of palliative care nationally by educating the next generation of palliative care leaders and mentoring junior leaders

William I. Cohen Award for Excellence in Clinical Skills Instruction from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.

Top Doctor by Pittsburgh Magazine in 2010.

National and International major presentations

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Professional Recognition



 Julie Childers, MD, MS, received the AAHPM Young Investigator Award for Junior Faculty



 Gary Fischer, MD, received a Frank E. Rath Award for Outstanding Leadership in Information Technology and Innovation from the Physician Services Division of UPMC

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Gregory Bump, MD

- Outstanding Teaching Attending Award from the Interns, UPMC, 2011
- Outstanding Teaching Attending Award from the Residents, UPMC, 2010



Raquel Buranosky, MD, MPH

 Donald S. Fraley Award for Medical Student Mentoring, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, 2010

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Amanda Cooper, MD

 Clerkship Preceptor of the Year Award, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, 2010

Hollis Day, MD

 Sheldon Adler Award for Innovation in Medical Education, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, 2010



David Demoise, MD

 Excellence in Teaching Award from the UPMC Shadyside Housestaff, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, 2011

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Harish Jasti, MD, MS

 Clinical Preceptor of the Year Award, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, 2010

Melissa McNeil, MD, MPH

 Golden Apple Teaching Award Nominee, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, 2011

Anuradha Munshi, MD

Received the David E. Rogers Junior Faculty Education Award from SGIM

Carla Spagnoletti, MD, MS

- Distinguished Alumnus Award, Institute for Clinical Research Education, University of Pittsburgh, 2011
- David E. Rogers Junior Faculty Education Award, Society of General Internal Medicine, 2010

Gary Tabas, MD

- Provost's Innovation in Education Award, University of Pittsburgh, 2010
- Grants from: Cooper Fund, Shadyside Hospital Foundation, In Time Scholarship Fund

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Michael Elnicki, MD

 Outstanding Teaching Attending Award from the Medicine Residents at UPMC Shadyside,



Rosanne Granieri, MD

 Outstanding Teaching Attending Award from the Interns, UPMC, 2010



Peggy Hasley, MD, MHSc

- Outstanding Teaching Attending Award from the Residents, UPMC, 2011
- Clerkship Preceptor of the Year Award, UPMC, 2010

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Joyce Chang, PhD

 Excellence in Teaching Award, Institute for Clinical Research Education, University of Pittsburgh, 2011

Margaret (Molly) Conroy, MD, MPH

 Women's Health Presentation Award for the highest rated peer reviewed Abstract Presented at the 34th Annual Meeting of SGIM, May 2011.

Esa M Davis, MD MPH

 Juniors Scholars Award from the Dept of Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh.

Walid Gellad, MD, MPH

 Honored by the Journal Pharmacoepidemiology and Drug Safety as one of the best peer reviewers

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Bruce Rollman, MD, MPH

 Academy of Psychosomatic Medicine (APM) Research Award, November 2010
 Honors an individual studying psychopathology in the medically ill and is intended to recognize a currently active researcher in the field.



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Rachel Hess, MD, MS

 New Investigator Award from the North American Menopause Society (NAMS), 2010



Hilary Tindle, MD

 Best Abstract in Biobehavioral Medicine and Second Best Abstract in Clinical and Translational Science at the 23rd Annual Scientific Retreat, UPCI 2011

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Academy of Master Educators

- Robert Arnold, MD
- Thuy Bui, MD
- Peter Bulova, MD
- Raquel Buranosky, MD
- Hollis Day, MD
- Michael Elnicki, MD

- Frank Kroboth, MD
- Missy McNeil, MD
- Thomas Painter, MD
- Gary Tabas, MD
- Asher Tulsky, MD
- Roseanne Granieri, MD

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Palliative Care Program Awarded a Circle of Life Citation of Honor

- For excellence in end-of-life care, the UPMC Supportive and Palliative Care Program received the 2011 Circle of Life Citation of Honor from the American Hospital Association.
- The citation is in recognition of the program's breadth of work, its commitment to spreading palliative care across the entire health system, and its progress in changing the culture of the health care organization.
- As a winner of the citation of honor, the program received a commemorative plaque and was profiled in the Circle of Life booklet.



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VAPHC, CHERP



- A great organization with extensive programs in all its missions: patient care, teaching and research
- The success and strength of the Division is solely due to the faculty—they make it happen every day!
- Supports the Department of Medicine's residency and medical student education programs; supports the Schools of Health Sciences in research education
- Is contributing to science and innovations in health care research, innovations in residency teaching and in patient care that could serve as models for other centers
- Receive significant resources from UPMC and the School of Medicine—one of the major reasons for success

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Challenges for the Future

- Sustainability—large division with diverse activities makes it difficult to maintain singular vision
 - Primary care nationally is not thriving
 - National budget deficits will have impact on reimbursement and how we function
 - Medicare and other insurers are moving aggressively toward quality and efficiency—those he cannot deliver will have difficulty in the newer and leaner environment
 - Research funding is decreasing—how to survive and possible thrive will be major issues for the Division
 - Division is at a very stable and good critical mass—expansions under the current economic climate will be difficult

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- Joanne Riley

- Steve Shapiro
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- Val Trott

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