Fund for Innovative Teaching (FIT) Grant
The Center for Faculty Development and Excellence has extended the deadline for FIT Grants to Friday, May 29th. Funds will be available for small grants supportive of innovative undergraduate and/or graduate, and postgraduate teaching at Emory. Grants will range from $500-$3000. FIT Grants are open to all full time faculty (both tenure and non-tenure track) and are available for both individual faculty members and faculty working as teams. Learn More.

Excellent agenda planned for Friday’s 2nd annual Advancing Healthcare Quality Research symposium
We look forward to seeing you at Friday’s "Quality Day" event in the Health Sciences Research Building auditorium. The full schedule, list of posters and program have been posted on our website. Don’t forget to join the conversation about this event using hashtag #QualityDay2015.

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Congratulatory Corner!

Congratulations to the nominees for the DOM faculty awards for clinical excellence, service and quality!

Outstanding Clinical Service:
William Blake, Stephen Pastan, James Spivey and Sahebi Saiyed

Nanette K. Wenger Distinguished Service Award:
Vasilis Babaliaros, James Bailey, Henry Blumberg, Qiang Cai, Maura George, Julie Hollberg, Tavi Ioachimescu, Tahsin Masud, Lynn Schlanger, Larry Sperling, and Bryon Williams Jr.

Outstanding Quality Achievement Award:
Jason Cobb, Aliza Lipson, David Murphy, Modele Ogunniyi, Susan Ray, and Anne Tomolo

The winners will be announced at Celebratory Grand Rounds on June 23 (add to your calendar).

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Quality Improvement Corner:
Highlighting QI Projects Across the Department

The DOM Quality Council is developing standard protocols for patient referrals from primary care to specialists and return, including the communication of a clear question and definition of the management of the patient between the primary care and specialty practices. As more Primary Care Medical Homes develop in the Emory system, this work can help to define the "Medical Neighborhood" relationships.

Additionally, we encourage all faculty, staff, and residents who receive email surveys on the culture of patient safety to participate in the surveys. You may receive more than one, as each survey is specific to a work location.
Clinical Documentation Tip

Don’t Overlook the Secondary Diagnoses!

What are secondary diagnoses? Those conditions which are documented by a physician and:

- Are clinically evaluated or
- Are diagnostically tested or
- Are therapeutically treated (even if you're only continuing their home medications) or
- Cause an increase in LOS or nursing resources required

You must DOCUMENT these for them to count. These also impact the severity of illness.

Examples of secondary diagnoses that are commonly missed (that we continue to treat and that make patients slightly more complex than those WITHOUT these diagnoses):

- Glaucoma
- Psychiatric illness (depression, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder)
- Dementia
- Parkinson's disease
- History of organ transplant

Happy writing it right!

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Events & Educational Opportunities

June 25: CT/MEST Promotion Guideline Feedback Session
Come provide input on how to revise the promotion guidelines for the Clinical and Medical Educator and Service tracks. Kathy Griendling, PhD, Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs, will be in attendance to hear your concerns about the current guidelines and provide an update on the ongoing revision process.
June 25, 7:30-8:30 AM | SOM 178P | RSVP by June 19th

October 1: Clinical Skills Workshop
Save the date for this half day workshop aimed at improving clinical examination skills of faculty and the teaching of those clinical skills to trainees. More details coming soon!

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Highlighted Clinician!

Gautam Kumar (Cardiology)

Dr. Gautam Kumar grew up on the other side of the world, in sunny Singapore. After graduating from medical school there, he completed his internship and spent 2.5 years in the Army there (GO Green!). Interested in Cardiovascular disease, specifically valvular heart disease, from the start, Gautam finished his military service and completed his Internal Medicine training in Singapore. He then proceeded to the United Kingdom where he obtained the prestigious Membership in the Royal College of Physicians. Having spent too much time in warm weather, he then headed to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN for Internal Medicine residency and Cardiovascular disease fellowship. Longing for warmer weather after this time in the tundra, he then moved to Emory for Interventional Cardiology fellowship and then remained in Atlanta and joined the faculty of Emory’s Division of Cardiology upon completing his training. Gautam is now in his 4th year on faculty. He brings a unique blend of non-invasive cardiology and interventional cardiology in his approach to structural heart disease.
and takes great pleasure in training residents and fellows. He also has interests in biomedical engineering, device development and clinical trials.

Outside of work, Gautam spends time with his family. His wife Lekshmi is on faculty with Emergency Medicine at Emory and is heavily involved in prehospital and disaster medicine. Their two daughters, Anika (5) and Anya (3) keep them busy in between careers. When not running between classes or being on call, he loves running, the occasional computer game and cooking.

Suggest a Highlighted Clinician

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