Announcements

Save the Date: 2015 Hunger Walk/Run
The DOM will be sponsoring a team at this year’s Hunger Walk/Run which is set for Sunday, March 15th. Stayed tuned for details!

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Congratulatory Corner!

Do you have someone you’d like to recognize for their clinical achievements? Let us know!

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Recent Publications from Clinical Excellence Community Members

*Community members are bolded

Evaluation of an online program to teach microbiology to internal medicine residents.

Clinical care of two patients with Ebola virus disease in the United States.

Significant Clinical Impact of a Rapid Molecular Diagnostic Test (Genotype MTBDRplus Assay) to Detect Multidrug-Resistant Tuberculosis.

Reorganizing a hospital ward as an accountable care unit.

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Clinical Documentation Tip
**Teaching Physician Statement (Outpatient and Inpatient)**
A service provided by a teaching physician may bill if it was:
- Personally furnished by the teaching physician
- Furnished jointly by a teaching physician and resident
- Furnished by the resident with the teaching physician present during the key portion of the service or procedure
- The teaching physician must document they performed the service or were physically present during the key or critical portion of the services when performed by the resident.

Examples of Acceptable Documentation
- “I saw and evaluated the patient. I agree with the findings and the plan of care as documented in the resident’s note.”
- “I saw the patient with the resident and agree with the resident’s findings and plan.”

**Admissions, Consults, New Patient visits (Outpatient and Inpatient)**
Physicians, please remember to review the documentation of your APPs, fellows and residents to ensure that elements of the history, exam and/or decision making are present. Often times, a high level H&P, Consult or New patient visit will be down-coded because the note does not contain a Family History or Social History or there are only 8 ROS when there should be 10. You can address these missing items in your addendum.

**APP Billing**
Billing guidelines for APPs: Commercial insurances do not recognize APPs as billing providers; therefore, we must submit the bill under the physician’s name. The new signature requirements state that the Physician does not have to sign-off on all of the APP’s notes. However, we encourage the APP to document the Attending’s name in their note so that we will know who to submit the bill under.
- Direct Billing: New Medicare patients and Established Medicare patients with new problems
- “Incident-to” Billing: Medicare Established patients

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Submit a documentation question

**Events & Educational Opportunities**

**February 10: Building a Teaching Portfolio**
The Faculty Development Lecture Series, presented throughout the year by senior faculty within the School of Medicine, covers practical topics aimed at assisting faculty in their career development. The teaching portfolio is an important part of the promotion packet. Learn about the critical pieces and how to put together a compelling packet.
SOM 178P. 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM | [Link to view remotely](#) | [Questions?](#) | [Read more...](#)

**February 12: Clinical Excellence Community Potluck Dinner**
Join members of the Clinical Excellence Community for a potluck dinner to be hosted at Dr. Lesley Miller’s home. More details to follow!

**March 16: Clinical Research Bootcamp 201**
Register now for the Clinical Research Bootcamp 201. This workshop will provide participants with an in-depth overview of the major components involved in clinical research. [More info](#) | [Registration](#)

**April 17: Faculty Education, Enrichment and Development Conference**
Save the date for the 2015 FEED Conference set for Friday, April 17th. More info on FEED...

**May 29: Advancing Healthcare Quality Research at Emory**
This 2nd annual event will take place on Friday, May 29 from 8:00 – 4:30. Dr. David Meltzer, Professor of Medicine at University of Chicago, will give the keynote talk. More information forthcoming.

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**Highlighted Clinician!**

**Jon Sevransky (Pulmonary, Allergy and Critical Care Medicine)**
Dr. Jon Sevransky was born in New York, and came to Emory after a decade at Johns Hopkins to join the division of pulmonary allergy and sleep and critical care and the Emory Center for Critical Care. While at Hopkins, he was a founding inductee to the Miller-Coulson Academy of Clinical Excellence. He works clinically in the intensive care units, serves as the director of the EUH MICU, and the assistant director of the Emory Center for Critical Care for Medicine and for EUH.

Jon’s clinical, educational and research center on the treatment of patients with life threatening illness. He is a clinical investigator with a primary interest in the treatment of patients with sepsis and complications of sepsis such as acute respiratory distress syndrome and septic shock. An additional focus of investigation is the identification of patient and hospital related factors that may modify treatment effects of novel agents in clinical trials. Current research projects include studies looking at early markers of sepsis in patients presenting to the emergency room, and a large cohort trial examining the role of ICU organization and structure on in patient mortality. He additionally serves as an associate editor for the journal “Critical Care Medicine.”

In his off hours, Dr. Sevransky competes in mid and long distance triathlons, and travels, mostly north, to watch his son’s ice hockey team play.

Suggest a Highlighted Clinician

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