Clinical Excellence Community
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Announcements

2015 FAME Grant Program
The Department of Medicine is accepting applications for the FAME (Fostering the Academic Mission in the Emory DOM) grant program, which is designed to provide support for clinical faculty to dedicate up to 20% of their professional time to scholarly activity, including research, education, quality improvement (QI) projects and mentoring. Up to two FAME grants will be awarded competitively for a 12-month period beginning September 1, 2015. Read more...

EMCF Intramural Grants in Service, Education and Advocacy (SEA Grants Program)
The Emory Medical Care Foundation (EMCF) funded SEA grant program provides small intramural service grants to Emory faculty who are significantly involved in clinical care and education on the Grady campus. The grants would be intended to help faculty, especially those on the MEST and Clinical Tracks, become more involved in service, teaching and advocacy to the benefit of the Atlanta community and the patients traditionally receiving service at Grady. Read more...

March 15: Hunger Walk/Run
Join the Department of Medicine’s Hunger Walk/Run team as we support efforts to eliminate hunger and poverty in the Atlanta community. DOM is conducting a friendly competition to see which division can record the highest participation based on overall percentage. Join the DOM Team today! More info...

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Congratulatory Corner!

Jon Sevransky (Pulmonary, Allergy, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine)
Elected Chair of the Internal Medicine section of the Society of Critical Care Medicine

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

Phase II trial in adults of concurrent or sequential 2009 pandemic H1N1 and 2009-2010 seasonal trivalent influenza vaccinations

Successful Delivery of RRT in Ebola Virus Disease

Management of de novo malignancies after liver transplantation.
Clinical Documentation Tip

ABDOMINAL PAIN

In my chart reviews this is quite often listed as a diagnosis, however, abdominal pain is only a symptom, even when the location is specified. Simply putting abdominal pain fails to truly capture our patients’ severity of illness and justify the intensity of service. We often have differential diagnoses as to what the etiology may be and it is critical we document our suspicions in an effort to fully support the course of clinical management we are choosing. Some common etiologies for admitted abdominal pain patients are:
- Ileus
- diverticulitis
- pancreatitis
- cirrhosis
- bowel obstruction
- cholecystitis
- Peptic ulcer disease
- Gastritis
- Gastroenteritis
- Crohns disease or Ulcerative colitis acute exacerbation

So if you admit the vague abdominal pain patient and are simply uncertain as to the etiology, consider documenting “abdominal pain possibly/probably due to ______or ______.”

Happy writing it right!
CoLette Morgan, MD, FHM
Division of Hospital Medicine

Submit a documentation question

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Events & Educational Opportunities

March 17: Engaging Learners
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. Learn about education opportunities in the School of Medicine and their relation to mentoring as well as skills to engage learners at all levels.
SOM 178P. 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM | Link to view remotely | Questions? | Read more...

March 26: FAME Grant Writing Class
Dr. Kathy Griendling, PhD, will be offering a grant writing course on March 26th from 11-1 pm in the Woodruff Memorial Research Building, room 317. Those applying for a FAME grant are strongly encouraged to participate. Add to your calendar.

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
Join us for this day-long quality forum and networking opportunity for Emory University researchers to learn about ongoing quality, effectiveness and value-based research activities within the Woodruff Health Sciences Center. The event will take place May 29th in the HSRB Auditorium and is sponsored by the Department of Medicine. Register | Read more...

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Highlighted Clinician!

Nathan Spell (Primary Care)

Dr. Nathan “Nate” Spell is from South Carolina, attended Davidson College and then Harvard Medical School. He completed a primary care internal medicine residency at Brigham and Women’s Hospital in 1994. The next 4 years he served in the US Air Force Medical Corps and then came to Emory. Initially a clinician-educator, he started the resident clinic at 1525 and became the Associate Program Director for EUH. Since residency he has had an interest in quality improvement in medicine. In 2006 he became the Chief Quality Officer for EUH, where he works across departments and professional silos to improve care. He continues as an educator, founding the Emory Healthcare Quality Academy and developing curriculum in quality for all learners, from medical students to faculty and staff, and still precepts resident clinic. In 2014, Nate added the role of Vice Chair for Quality and Clinical Excellence in the DOM. His wife, Rachelle, is a biology faculty member at Emory, and his children Jackson (22) and Rosalind (19) are in college. Nate is a steady, if not speedy, runner and enjoys cooking.

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