Reminder! Community Movie Night – August 29th
Join members from all three Communities for a family friendly movie night on Saturday, August 29th at the Clairmont Campus Recreation Field (1946 Starvine Way, Decatur, GA 30033). Faculty members and their families are invited to come out at 7:30pm for pre-show entertainment and networking followed by a viewing of How to Train Your Dragon at sunset. RSVP by end of today!
Rain Date: September 12th

What can the Clinical Excellence Community do for you?
We are very interested in knowing what you would like to see from the Clinical Excellence Community. We would be grateful if you can complete a very brief (2-3 minute) survey to provide us your feedback. Thank you for your participation!

Town hall meeting with CEO of EUH/EUOSH/EWWH
All staff and faculty to join Bryce Gartland, CEO, EUH/EUOSH/EWWH, for a Town Hall to discuss our future, share your feedback and ask questions. More info...

5th Annual Winship Win the Fight 5K
Registration is now open for the Winship 5K which will take place on Saturday, October 3. John Schuerholz, legendary president of the Atlanta Braves, will serve as grand marshal. Read more and register today.

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Quality Improvement Corner:
Highlighting QI Projects Across the Department

Faculty Development Course in Quality Improvement
Emory SOM will offer an interprofessional course to develop faculty who can teach and engage our learners in Quality Improvement (QI). This course is designed to make the most of faculty time commitment by spacing out the in-person activities over a year and by accomplishing multiple objectives through a project-based curriculum. The course series consists of 2 workshops, followed by a project presentation to demonstrate QI skills.

Registration is required for this course and participants are expected to attend each of the above sessions. In the event that you will need to cancel clinics to attend these workshops, please make note of the dates and notify practice administrators immediately of any clinics that need to be cancelled. Click here to register.

- Friday, Nov. 20, 8 am – 12 pm: Workshop 1 (Cox hall ballroom)
- Friday, Feb. 26, 8 am – 12 pm: Workshop 2 (DUC ballroom)
- Friday, May 6, 8 am – 12 pm: Project Presentations (DUC ballroom)
Participating faculty members will identify a project and are encouraged to sign up for the course and bring along up to 2 team members - a trainee (fellow or resident), a nurse, or other partner. Workshop 1 will introduce basic techniques for quality improvement. After workshop 1, participants will start a project in their areas. Workshop 2 will focus on skills for improving the reliability of health care delivery processes and on change management. Participating faculty will continue their projects. On May 6, participants will give a brief presentation of the completed project. We expect that many, if not all, of these projects will involve trainees and will be suitable for presentation as a poster at the annual Emory Science of GME day. Other benefits for our faculty participants are CME credits for the workshops and completed projects, the potential for the project to count toward Maintenance of Certification in their specialty board, and for some GME training programs this project may meet the needs of QI education for involved residents and fellows. This course will also be open to faculty members in the nursing school and will be co-taught by QI experts from the SOM and SON faculty.

If you have questions, contact Dr. Nate Spell (nspell@emory.edu).

**Events & Educational Opportunities**

**September 16: Perspectives from the EVP**
Seizing the opportunities, addressing the challenges, and accelerating WHSC’s success.

SOM 120. 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM | [Link to view remotely](#) | [Questions?](#) | [Read more...](#)

**October 1: Clinical Skills Workshop**
Register now for the 2015 Clinical Skills Workshop! This half day workshop is aimed at improving clinical examination skills of faculty and the teaching of those clinical skills to trainees. Workshops will include EKG, eye exam, neurologic exam, an ultrasound course plus more!

SOM Basement 9:00 AM – 12:15 PM | [Read more...](#) | [Register here](#)

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**Highlighted Clinician!**

**Cindy Powell, MD, MPH (Pulmonary, Allergy, Critical Care & Sleep Medicine)**

Cindy Powell was born and raised in rural Georgia, where her father was the town barber and her mother worked in a factory making children’s clothes. She couldn’t decide whether to be an artist or a doctor, but she ultimately went to medical school at Emory and then did her medicine residency there as well. She developed an interest in critical care and pulmonary medicine during her residency and followed it with a pulmonary/critical care fellowship. She enjoyed working with colleagues from other disciplines, was an advocate if interdisciplinary education, and became a faculty member in the School of Medicine as well as the School of Nursing. She taught undergraduate and graduate nursing students for three years after her training while she obtained a Master of Public Health in Epidemiology at the School of Public Health.

Cindy then decided to enter the private world by joining Marietta Pulmonary, now called Wellstar Pulmonary. There she had a thriving outpatient practice as well as a busy inpatient practice for 9 years. Her group also ran Windy Hill LTAC, enabling her to learn about the rehabilitation of critically ill patients. These years were incredibly valuable to her career as she was able to admit critically ill patients from the ER, care for them as inpatients, rehabilitate them afterwards, and then follow them as
outpatients, thus learning about how to care for individuals and their families through all these phases of illness. In 2008, Cindy moved to Piedmont Hospital to focus on becoming a full time intensivist. She gained extensive experience caring for critically ill patients in the medical, surgical, cardiac, and neurosurgical ICUs between the Wellstar and Piedmont health systems. While at Piedmont, she developed interests in ultrasound technology and in advanced methods of cardiopulmonary support, including mechanical support devices and extracorporeal membrane oxygenation. She cared for the ECMO patients and the ECMO program at Piedmont, which ran its first patient on an ECMO circuit in 2008. In 2014, Dr. Powell decided to return to academic medicine and the opportunity to assist Emory with the implementation of its ECMO program and of its eICU program. Her areas of focus academically are interdisciplinary education, ultrasound utilization and education, telemedicine, and extracorporeal membrane oxygenation and advanced methods of cardiopulmonary support.

In addition to medicine, Dr. Powell has had a lifelong passion for art. She has always greatly admired the work of Dr. John Stone, who was the Director of Admissions at Emory when she was in medical school. He used the language of poetry to address and to give voice to the human side of medicine. Dr. Powell is a sculptor, and it is her desire to follow in Stone’s footsteps and use the visual arts in much the same way that he used language: to acknowledge and address that which is human in us all. View a photograph of her half-lifesized sculpture, The Strength to Be Vulnerable, here.

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What would YOU like to see in this newsletter? What can the Clinical Excellence Community do for you? Submit your feedback!

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