New Medical Director at Gabriel Park

John Saultz, MD, Chairman is pleased to announce that Dr. Brett White will become Medical Director and Associate Residency Director for the Gabriel Park Clinic effective October 1, 2009.

John reports: “The task of the search committee was a difficult one as we interviewed two exceptionally qualified candidates, either of whom could have done this job well.

In the end, Brett was selected based on his previous clinic leadership experience and on our desire to continue to grow and expand our Sports Medicine Fellowship under the leadership of Dr Charles Webb.

I would like to thank the search committee members, Scott Fields, Karen Aiello, Roger Garvin, Chip Taylor, and Laurie Charron, as well as, everyone who interviewed the candidates and helped with the process. I would also like to thank both Brett and Charles for participating in the process and for their ongoing commitment to Gabriel Park and to our department.

Please join me in congratulating both of them and in welcoming Brett to his new role.

Finally, I wish to express my gratitude to Chip Taylor for all his efforts and leadership in serving as the interim medical director. I anticipate a smooth transition in the new roles for Brett and Chip.”

OHSU Family Medicine Praised by Dean Richardson

At his annual State of the School address on September 15, 2009, Dean Mark Richardson praised the Department of Family Medicine for its achievements.

He spoke especially highly of our work on the Patient-Centered Medical Home and in establishing models of clinical excellence.

During his talk, Dean Richardson praised the work of specific individuals in the Department: John Saultz, Jen DeVoe, Patty Carney, Pat Eiff, and Lisa Dodson, noting that Lisa Dodson was chosen as Oregon Family Physician of the Year for 2009.
Ann O’Connell’s Farewell Party at Kennedy School

On Friday, September 11th, the Department hosted a farewell party for Ann O’Connell at McMenamin’s Kennedy School. Approximately 60 people attended the party to share their gratitude and support for Ann. The guests included many from the department, the clinics, and Board members of the Richmond Clinic.

A number of Ann’s past colleagues were in attendance as well, including a surprise visit from Suzanne Sullivan who traveled from Denver, Colorado. Suzanne previously held the position that Ann is now venturing into and has become a close mentor to Ann.

John Saultz, Scott Fields, Ben Cox, Megan McGhean, Nick Gideonse and Mary Lundy (Board Chair) all publicly recognized Ann for her accomplishments and dedication throughout the 13 years of commitment to Family Medicine. Many more expressed their stories with Ann throughout the evening.

Ann is a true advocate for patients and has begun a new chapter in her career as OHSU Director of Ambulatory Services. So while she has left the Department, she has really just moved on to continue her dedication in ensuring that all patients get the best experience possible at OHSU. We all look forward to Ann’s future accomplishments and wish her the best of success!
Ann O’connell’s Party (continued)
Tom Hoggard Reports on South Pacific Adventure

The following is Doctor Tom Hoggard’s report of his recent experience with the US Navy:

I have just returned from a mission with the US Navy in the South Pacific caring for and working with local medical people. On that trip we ran into a group of about 10 senior year medical students from the UK, and they were able to join in on some of our projects (clinics). They had a great time and learned a lot about medicine in the developing world.

Would it be possible to arrange such an experience for OHSU students? What an experience this would be!


Upcoming Events

- Family Medicine Faculty Retreat
  P.S.U. University Place at 1:00 p.m.
  October 30, 2009
- The Also Course
  OHSU Old Library, Marquam Hill Campus
  November 2 – 3, 2009
- Family Medicine Holiday Party
  Washington Square Embassy Suites Hotel
  December 6, 2009 – 3:30 pm – 8:00 pm

2010 Events

- 41st Annual Family Medicine & Primary Care Review
  Governor Hotel, Portland, Oregon
  February 22 – 26, 2010
- Taylor Society Dinner
  Chart House Restaurant, Portland
  May 2, 2010   6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
- Merle Pennington, MD Lectures in Family Medicine
  Kirk Auditorium, 3rd Floor, CHH
  August 27, 2010   8:30 am – 5:00 pm
The Family Medicine Interest Group (FMIG) had a major presence at the OHSU Interest Group Fair held on Wednesday, September 9th, at noon. This is the annual event when the first years are introduced to the programs of all the medical school's interest groups.

Organized by the FMIG Co-Chairs, Sharen Azar and Michelle Bar, both MS 2s, the FMIG had displays of the group's community outreach service programs: Tar Wars, Being There, Girls, Inc. and the Southwest Community Clinic. In addition, there was information on the Maternal and Labor elective, the Baby Beeper program, the Being There program, Integrative Medicine program, and the related Rural Health Interest Group.

As part of the FMIG display of its activities, Ryan Petering, M.D., Family Medicine Sports Medicine Fellow, assisted by second year FMIG students, conducted a suturing workshop for the first year students. This was an extremely popular hands-on activity which was busy for the entire hour of the fair.

The FMIG held its Fall Dinner for students and faculty on Tuesday evening, September 22, at 5:30 p.m. in MacHall cafeteria.

John Saulz, M.D. Chair of the Department of Family Medicine spoke on “Family Medicine in an Era of Health Care Changes.”
Cycle Oregon: September 13th – 19th

Joining Cycle Oregon this year were Ben Cox, MBA, Roger Garvin, MD, and Mark Bajorek, MD. Over 2100 Cycle Oregon riders climbed more than 28,000 feet over the course of the week.

Cycle Oregon, which is sponsored in part by The Oregonian, draws riders from 40 states and 10 countries. It snakes 437 miles starting in Medford, climbs over Siskiyou summit to Yreka, west to the tiny hamlet of Happy Camp, returns to Oregon at Lake Selmac with stops in Glendale and Grants Pass before finishing on Sept. 19 back in Medford.

The first day's ride, a 66-miler, started Sunday morning in Medford, went up and over the Siskiyou Summit and then back down -- frequently at breakneck speeds -- to the flatlands around Yreka, California.

Day 2 was a scenic 75-mile ride from Yreka west to Happy Camp, following the mighty Klamath the entire way, the biggest wild and scenic river in this part of Northern California. And unlike Day One, this was mostly a gentle downhill along the river heading downstream toward the coast.

Day 3 would be the toughest day of the week -- one mile of elevation gain over the Siskiyous covering 54 miles distance to Lake Selmac in the sparsely populated Illinois Valley.

The highlight of Day 4 was the segment along the Rogue River, one of Oregon’s wild and scenic rivers. It started along busy U.S. 199, descended to the Rogue River and rolled along until the river forked west toward the Pacific, then we made a steep climb east to Wolf Creek, where we merged on Interstate 5 again for a couple of miles on the freeway shoulder until exiting at Glendale, a logging town north of Grants Pass.

Day 5, a 77-mile tour of the rural back roads of Southern Oregon was a break from the bustle and traffic. The scenic route, rolling through Azalea, Quines Creek, Galesville Reservoir, up and over Goolaway Gap, down to Wimer, met up again with the Rogue River and then into the Grants Pass.
Cycle Oregon (continued)

Day 6 was an “option day,” meaning you can ride a 43-mile loop west of town and back or take a day off from the saddle, which was what many did. A day off also meant a later night than usual with lots of riders letting loose dancin', hootin' and hollerin' to Portland's Tres Shannon and his Karaoke from Hell band. They weren't exactly ready for American Idol, but the karaoke performances by several riders got the crowd going as they got up on stage and belted out Blondie's "Call me," the Ramone's." Thanks to the rockin' energy of Shannon's backup band, amateur night turned into the best entertainment of the week.

Day 7 was about 42 miles through picturesque Applegate Valley southeast of Grants Pass. They rolled among dairy farms, wineries, horse pastures in what is one of the premier bike routes in Southern Oregon. The rest stops were at a pair of wineries -- Bridgeview's smaller winery in Applegate and then Valleyview and Fiasco Wineries just down the road.

Over seven days, the riders covered 384 to 437 miles, depending on if they took the long route or not on certain days. The victory lap into sunny Medford was 2,100 happy riders streaming through the balloons with high fives at the finish line.
Hood to Coast 2009 - Team No Scrubs!

Team No Scrubs, a 12 member team of Family Medicine residents, grads and family, completed the 197 mile Hood to Coast Relay from Timberline Lodge to Seaside, Oregon, on August 28-29. There was comprised of two vans with drivers supporting the runners. Team #2 boasts 151 “kills” (other runners passed by No Scrubs runners) along the way.

The Hood to Coast Relay supports the American Cancer Society and is supported by a number of local organizations, including OHSU.

No Scrubs was comprised of: Jessica Cozzens, John Everson, Teresa Everson, Liz Grant, Kevin King, Tiffany Jenks, Caroline Orsini, Mellisa Pensa, Sonia Sosa, Heather Whetstone, Sonya White, and Thayer White
Hood to Coast - team No Scrubs! (continued)
Resident and Student Graduate Updates

Our OHSU grads continue to be outstanding physicians and teachers! Raja Abusharr, Class of 2000, went to Lancaster, PA for his residency and is now in community practice and teaching for Baylor's Department of Family Medicine. He just won the Pfizer Teacher Development Award.

ACGME New Coordinator’s Conference

Heather Sturgill visited the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medicine Education headquarters in August for the ACGME Conference for New Coordinators. This was a wonderful opportunity to meet some of the key contacts at the ACGME, as well as a chance to get to know some of the other new residency coordinators in Family Medicine and OB/GYN programs across the nation. The program focused on principal expectations of the ACGME, including the annual survey and tips to complete the Program Information Form required for each site visit. This was an excellent opportunity for Heather to gain a greater understanding of graduate medicinal education.

Dr. Dorin Daniels is Author of Autobiography

Retired community faculty member Dorin S. Daniels, MD of Ontario, Oregon is the author of a recently published book *Doctor D: An Eastern Oregon Family Physician*. The book recounts his unique life story from biomedical research at A-bomb tests to more than 36 years as a family physician. Dr. Daniels has generously donated a copy of his book to the OHSU Family Medicine library.

ORPRN Receives Medical Decision Making Grant

The Oregon Rural Practice-Based Research Network (ORPRN) has received a grant from the *Foundation for Informed Medical Decision Making*. The grant will fund demonstration sites throughout the state to explore the best ways to use innovative audio-visual decision aids to improve the ability of patients to make complex medical decisions in partnership with their physicians. These demonstration sites are part of a national effort by the Foundation to make patients full participants in their own health care decisions.
**In the News**

**Brett White** is the author of an article titled *Dietary Fatty Acids*, published in the August 15 issue of *American Family Physician*.


![Brett White, MD](image)


![Amy Kobus, PhD](image)


![Jen DeVoe, MD, DPhil](image)


![Alan Melnick, MD, MPH](image)

**Ann Sinclair** will be a plenary discussant and a Balint group leader at the 16th International Balint Congress in Romania.

![Ann Sinclair, MS, LCSW](image)

**Ben Cox** has received certification as Workplace Trainer from Dave Ramsey's *Financial Peace University*.

![Ben Cox, MBA](image)
Fellows Joining Family Medicine

Dr. Alyssa Luddy was born and raised in Connecticut. After she graduated from Villanova University with a BS in Biology she spent time working in both clinical and laboratory research. Dr. Luddy then worked as a case manager in a homeless shelter in Connecticut. Moving west, she spent a year in Los Angeles as a Jesuit Volunteer working in the Los Angeles Free Clinic. She moved back to New York to enter graduate, and then medical school, at New York Medical College.

Her clinical interests are hospice and palliative care, care for the underserved, and women’s health.

Dr. Elizabeth McCormick was born and raised in Connecticut. She studied Neuroscience and Anthropology at Mount Holyoke College. After working at a local Hospice in England, she returned to the Northeast for medical school at University of Connecticut. Her residency at Beth Israel in Urban Family Medicine, NY provided the opportunity to work with and learn from a diverse group of patients, as well as the chance to visit the museums, explore new types of food and attend readings and concerts.

Her clinical interests are care for the underserved, palliative care, women’s health and maternity care.

While in Oregon, Dr. McCormick intends to find out what this camping and hiking thing is all about!

Both Alyssa and Elizabeth started on September 9, 2009 as fellows in Palliative Care at OHSU Family Medicine at Richmond. Eric Walsh, MD is Director of Palliative Care Fellowship.

Upcoming New Faculty

- **Elizabeth Fleskes, FNP**, South Waterfront Clinic, reporting 10/09
- **Gayla Beyer, FNP**, South Waterfront Clinic, reporting 10/09
- **Allison Fox, FNP**, Richmond Clinic, reporting 10/09
- **Alex Verdieck, MD**, South Waterfront Clinic, reporting 11/09

Thinking Ahead to Next Month’s Newsletter

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