FM Research Services Grants Generate New Hires

Several successful grant applications have led to the hiring of two senior research assistants and one research associate. As other grants are awarded, other positions are anticipated.

“We had a good number of grant applications that were submitted in the summer/early fall, and I’m happy to say that we’ve been very successful so far,” said Connie Yu, Director of Family Medicine Research Services. “For those who we are still waiting to hear from, the preliminary scores have come back to PIs and they are promising. The chances that they, too, will be funded are very good.”

Rose Pergament, Marissa Miller and Rose Gunn started Nov. 12 to assist researchers working on grants and contracts.

Primary Care Facility Development Initiative (PCFDI): The $458,971 Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) contract was awarded to Pat Eiff, MD, and Patty Carney, PhD. Pergament, Senior Research Assistant, is the project coordinator. The initiative is also supported by the American Board of Family Medicine (ABFM), the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM), the American Board of Pediatrics (ABP) and The Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation.

The initiative provides faculty in each of the primary care disciplines of internal medicine, pediatrics and family medicine an opportunity to engage in a collaborative hands-on learning experience to gain skills to better prepare residents to practice in a rapidly evolving health care system for a new model of care. Evaluation of the pilot will include assessment of the impact on faculty from teams of primary care residency programs who have been exposed to specific curricular content and learning approaches.

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Register for the Laurel Case Lecture

The Laurel Case Visiting Professor Lecture will be held at noon, Wednesday, Jan. 9, in the Old Library Auditorium. Dr. Frank Verloin deGruy, III, MD, MSFM, will speak on “Behavioral Health in the PCMH: Why and How.”

Register here

DeGruy is the Woodward-Chisholm Professor and Chair of the Department of Family Medicine at the University of Colorado. He is currently on the editorial boards of Families, Systems and Health, the Annals of Family Medicine and the Primary Care Companion to the Journal of Clinical Psychiatry. A member of the Institute of Medicine, he is past president of the Collaborative Family Healthcare Association (CFHA), chair of the Board of Directors of the Family Physicians’ Inquiries Network (FPIN), and president of the North American Primary Care Research Network (NAPCRG).

His areas of research include mental disorders in the primary care setting; primary care medical home transformations; unexplained physical symptoms; and multilevel, multimodal evaluation of practice change interventions.

Fall Intensive
Interns aspirate papayas during RHEDI

The residency Class of 2016 survived its first intensive, which included a close encounter with a papaya.

The intensive, comprised of didactic lectures, recertifications, quality improvement and some clinical skills and procedures, ran Oct. 22-Nov. 1.

“It’s a great time for the classes to have the chance to work together in an intimate, personal setting,” said Verian Wedeking, Residency Administrative Director. “It’s an opportunity for them to bond.”

One of the highlights was the Reproductive Health Education In Family Medicine (RHEDI) lecture and procedure/skills training on Nov. 1, said Genevieve Hammond, Administrative Coordinator for Inpatient and Maternity Care Services. Following the didactic lecture, interns used papayas as simulation tools for aspiration of the uterus, a technique often used in miscarriage care or abortion. It was the first time that Amanda Risser, MD, who conducted the lecture and training, had used a papaya.

“When you’re teaching technique, it can be really hard to find a good model that’s engaging,” she said. “In the past we’ve used plastic pelvises. But they’re hard to use – they don’t simulate tissue. And they’re just not fun. There’s something that’s fun about sucking the seeds out the papaya. People were laughing and having a good time. It’s a fun experience to aspirate a papaya.”

Kristin Gilbert, MD, appreciated the representative experience.

“I had never done any termination or miscarriage care before,” she said. “So it was a great opportunity to become familiar with the instruments.”

The simulation also involves real-life problem-solving. What do you do if the syringe gets clogged? How do you manipulate the uterus/papaya when the uterus is retroverted or anteverted?

“Having the ability to envision this in a three-dimensional way is helpful,” Risser said. “The interns did really well. They were really enthusiastic and seemed to really enjoy the workshop. I’m hoping this gives people a level of comfort and confidence so that next year when they go to Planned Parenthood they feel prepared. It seems like a fun, yearly tradition for our R1s.”

Lindsay Braun, MD, intern at Richmond, agreed. She had aspirated a papaya before, during medical school here at OHSU.

“I was glad for the chance to get more comfortable with those instruments so that when I’m with a real patient in clinic, I’m more confident,” she said.
Employee Giving Campaign Results

The 2012 Employee Giving Campaign, which ended Nov. 30, raised $22,634 for the Family Medicine Discretionary Fund. This represents an increase of $8,492, or 60%, over 2011.

Congratulations to Family Medicine at Scappoose. Employees at Scappoose increased their donations by 192% over 2011. They earned a home-made dessert buffet.

The site breakdown, which includes a match of $5,000 by John Saultz, MD, Department Chair, is as follows:

- Emma Jones Hall: $8,681, a 67% increase. (Raised $5,190 in 2011)
- Gabriel Park: $3,380, a 115% increase. (Raised $1,570 in 2011)
- Richmond: $5,210, a 38% increase. (Raised $3,786 in 2011)
- Scappoose: $2,205, a 192% increase. (Raised $755 in 2011)
- South Waterfront: $3,158, an 11% increase. (Raised $2,841 in 2011)

Clinics receive half of the money raised by employees to be used at clinic administration’s discretion. Access Assured subscriptions, prescriptions, gift cards, transportation vouchers and more were provided to needy patients in the past, thanks to these clinic funds.

The remaining $11,482 will go to the staff development fund. Non-faculty staff members will be able to apply for the funds to attend classes, training and other professional development programs.

Raffle winners are as follows:

- Knitted item: Sumathi Devarajan, Family Medicine at Richmond.
- 6-Pack of Homebrew: Katherine Stone, Family Medicine at South Waterfront.
- 30-Minute Massage: Diane Hutson, Family Medicine at Scappoose.
- Basket of Jam: Daisuke Yamashita, Family Medicine at South Waterfront.
- Airplane Flight: Melissa De Lyser, Emma Jones Hall.
- Fused Glass Piece: Jessie Flynn, Family Medicine at South Waterfront.

Thanks to all who donated to the campaign, and a special thanks to those who also donated prizes.

Preceptors Needed for FM Clerkship

Be part of the future of family medicine. The Education Section is looking for Family Medicine physicians to serve as preceptors for our third-years. This is a valuable and worthwhile opportunity to contribute to education and the specialty of family medicine.

The benefits of being a preceptor include receiving an appointment as an OHSU volunteer faculty physician, open access to the OHSU library and many of the discounts available to OHSU physicians/staff.

Students are expected to interact with patients, practicing history and physical exam skills, as well as patient presentations – and to learn what the scope of family medicine entails. Clerkship students need to be at OHSU on Thursdays for coursework, but student schedules allow for evening/weekend clinic time with their preceptors. Preceptors can share a student with other physicians in the same practice.

Preceptors are asked to provide mid-term and final evaluations through our online E*Value system which includes some written feedback.

For more information, contact Marti Mendenhall at 503-494-5715.

MORE GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Tree sale proceeds donated

The Nutting proceeds from Christmas tree sales to the Ronald McDonald House in the name of their daughter, Adelynn. Danielle Nutting, Office Specialist, Family Medicine at Richmond; and Brad Nutting were able to stay at Ronald McDonald House while Adelynn was in NICU after suffering a stroke at birth. Farm hours are 9 a.m.–4 p.m. weekends, Call 504-748-2819 for information.

Sock it to Me 2012

Family Medicine Administration is once again sponsoring “Sock it to Me.” Donate clean (used or new) socks, mittens, knit caps, sweaters, flannel shirts, coats, scarves and blankets for families in need. Colorful containers have been placed in various locations on and off campus. A list of locations can be found here. Donations will go to Family Medicine at Richmond and Scappoose, and to CityTeam Ministries in NE Portland. The collection runs Nov. 26–Dec. 18.

WORK WITH US!

Family Medicine has the following vacancies:

- Residency Administrative Assistant
- Clinician teacher at Gabriel Park
- Clinician teacher at South Waterfront
- Clinician teacher at Richmond
- NP or PA-C at Richmond
- Research Associate

Contact Laurie Charron for information.

BIRTHS

August Vincent Louderback was born at 7:22 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31. He weighed in at 4 pounds, 12 ounces. Proud parents are Mason Louderback and Jennifer Fresh, PAS Specialist, South Waterfront.
The Family Medicine Interest Group hosted a specialty talk about Family Medicine on Oct. 24 in Richard T. Jones Hall for Basic Medical Sciences. Co-FMIG leaders Ben Holland (fourth from left) and Joseph Volpi (right) invited academic and community physicians to take part in the panel presentation. The hour-long presentation was attended by more than 40 medical students interested in learning more about the scope of family medicine. Panelists included (from left) Bob Holland, MD, formerly of John Day, who now practices in Boise, ID; Rae Seltzer, MD; and Tom Hoggard, MD, physician volunteer with international health organizations. Not pictured: Brett White, MD; and Leah Green, MSIV, family medicine residency applicant.

CLINIC AWARDS

Gabriel Park:
November Employee of the Month: Kristi Walker, PAS.
Richmond:
October Employee of the Month: KC Tarog, MA.
Scappoose:
October Employee of the Month: Jessica Macaluso, LPN
October Patient-centered Choice Award: Blair Armstrong, MA
South Waterfront:
November Employee of the Month: Katherine “Katie” Stone, PAS Specialist.

NEW EMPLOYEES

Jenna Cross is a new Certified Pharmacy Technician at Family Medicine at Richmond. She is Richmond’s fourth full-time pharmacy technician. She is looking forward to taking some of the load to help things run smoothly. She attended Shasta Community College in Redding, CA, which is also her hometown, and Chico State University in Chico, CA. She has worked as a clerk/typist at an independent pharmacy and as a technician at Rite Aid in Tigard. She is married to Christopher Cross (not the singer). She enjoys reading, hiking, playing poker and spending time with family and her cat.

Brett Dove is a new PAS Specialist at Family Medicine at South Waterfront. He will be performing reception duties, scheduling appointments, providing customer service and maintaining insurance information. He is currently attending classes at Portland Community College and spent two years in the dual-enrollment program at University of Oregon and Lane Community College. He was previously employed in patient transportation, lift team and concierge services. Dove is a Portland native. He comes from a large Filipino family. He enjoys playing basketball, spending time with family, skiing, cooking, eating, traveling, fishing, spending time at his cabin, riding his 4-wheeler and other outdoor activities.

Rose Gunn is a new Research Associate in the Research Section. She will be working with Debbie Cohen, PhD, to develop data-collection tools and to collect and manage data collection on studies that examine practice improvements in the primary care setting. She has a master’s in anthropology from San Francisco State University and a bachelor’s in anthropology from the University of Oregon. Gunn was most recently working on implementing interventions, collecting and managing data and evaluating efficacy for education research projects for Oregon Research Institute, a non-profit social science research organization. She enjoys cooking, running a website, hiking, traveling and spending time with her husband and 7-month-old son.

Tim Herrick, MD, is a new locum tenens physician whose primary clinic will be Family Medicine at South Waterfront. His subspecialty is tropical medicine. He earned his MD at Northwestern University Medical School. He did his residency at Grand Medical Center in Columbus, Ohio. His fellowship was in Academic Family Medicine at Ohio State University. After spending the last 20 years in Africa, treating very ill patients with minimal resources, Herrick is looking forward to being part of the team at OHSU, helping all kinds of patients deal with the variety of their health issues, in their family and community context. Herrick enjoys biking, hiking and jogging and is an avid foodie and sports fan, especially when he, his wife and two sons are involved and loves exploring faith issues. He also enjoys reading and writing, and listening to and performing music.
Marissa Fuqua Miller is a new Senior Research Assistant in the Research Section. She will be working primarily with Patti Carney, PhD. She has a bachelor's degree in anthropology from Eastern Oregon University. For the last 10 years, she has been working in program coordination including non-profit work focused on international relief and development. Miller is a Portland native. She enjoys spending time with her husband and daughter, travel, photography and mystery books.

Mary Morris is a new Certified Medical Assistant/Licensed Medical Technician at Family Medicine at Richmond. She is working in the back office, x-ray and phlebotomy. She is currently attending Warner Pacific working towards a bachelor's in healthcare administration. Upon completion, she hopes to attend OHSU's physician assistant program. Morris is a Portland native. Her hobbies include genealogy, camping, hanging out with her husband and two sons.

Jeffrey Ohren is a new Team Coordinator at Family Medicine at Richmond. He will be scrubbing charts, managing the inbox, patient calls, follow-up and outreach. He has a bachelor's degree in Health Science from Portland State University School of Community Health. His prior employment includes working as an EMT at Antelope Ambulance, Schaffer Ambulance, and Children's Hospital Los Angeles Emergency Transport Team; a Bed Control Coordinator at Children's Hospital Orange County; and as a Hospital Aide at OHSU 12A DNCC. Ohren's home town is Palmdale, CA. He now lives in Southeast Portland and enjoys music, cartoons, taking walks with his wife, Kat, and two dogs, board games, reading, pub quizzes and dancing poorly.

Lauren Oujiri is a new Administrative Assistant in the Residency Section. She will be providing administrative support to the residency program directors, residency coordinator, faculty and residents. She has a master's degree in counseling and a bachelor's degree in liberal studies and psychology from the University of Northern Iowa. She was most recently employed as the director of production for a small web development company. She also worked as a counselor and acting director of the Student Counseling Center at a small liberal arts university in Minnesota. Oujiri is originally from Cedar Rapids, Iowa. She enjoys spending time with her partner, Gary, photography, travel and arts and crafts.

Rose Pergament is a new Senior Research Assistant in the Research Section. She will be working as the project coordinator for the Primary Care Faculty Development Initiative. She has a bachelor’s degree in Political Science from University of Oregon. She was most recently a research analyst for the UO Oregon Career Information System. Prior to that, she was a research assistant for Providence Health & Services. Pergament is originally from Eugene. She lives with her dog, Tucker, and enjoys film, football and food. She is the proud owner of an award-winning chicken pot pie recipe.

GRANTS

Fran Biagioli, MD, Associate Director of FM Medical Student Education, PCM Preceptorship Director, PCM Leadership Team, has been named the principle investigator for the National Institutes of Health-sponsored grant 2012-2016: Integrating Patient Centered Electronic Health Records (EHR) and Health Information Technology (HIT) Curriculum into Behavioral and Social Science (BSS) Medical Education.

COURSES COMPLETED

Desmond Divine, OCHIN Site Specialist at Family Medicine at Richmond, completed the Epic Ambulatory Fundamentals training course Oct. 24-26 in Verona, WI. The training was sponsored by Kaiser Permanente, which supports the research project “Dissemination of CVD risk factor treatment among diabetic patients in safety net clinics.”

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“Rose brings a lot of valuable skills to this initiative,” Eiff said. “It’s great to have her on board.”

R25 Behavioral and Social Sciences (R25BSS): The $597,843, four-year grant was awarded to Carney, PhD. Carney’s award focuses on the coordination and evaluation of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Integrating Patient Centered Electronic Health Records and Health Information Technology Curriculum in the Behavioral and Social Science Education grant (Fran Biagioli, MD, Principal Investigator). The NIH grant provides funding to 16 medical schools – including OHSU – to integrate behavioral and social sciences as core elements of undergraduate medical education.

“The objective of (the R25 grant) is to provide administrative and core evaluation expertise to understand the impact of the 16-medical school effort in disseminating best practices for social and behavioral science physician training,” Carney said.

Miller, Senior Research Assistant will be working with Carney, who will be investigating as the evaluation core to determine if the curriculum implemented in the pilot schools is effective.

“It’s a pleasure to be working with Marissa,” Carney said. “She is definitely an asset.”

Gunn, Research Associate, will be working with Deborah Cohen, PhD, Associate Professor, and Melinda Davis, PhD, Research Assistant Professor, on two studies that look at integrating behavioral health and primary care.

Advancing Care Together (ACT) is funded through the Colorado Health Foundation. The $661,145 four-year grant is in its second year. The goal is to integrate primary, behavioral health and substance abuse care. The OHSU team is conducting a mixed methods evaluation of the 11 funded practices participating in ACT.

“We are looking at the characteristics and processes that contribute to the implementation of integrated care, as well as outcomes of these models, such as the process and intermediate patient outcomes, expenditures and utilization,” Davis said.

Gunn will assist with all aspects of the ACT evaluation and may play a lead role in conducting patient interviews.

“We are thrilled to have Rose join our team,” Cohen said.

While there has been quite a bit of National Institutes of Health-funded research to establish the value of integrated care, there has been limited research on how to achieve integration in real-world settings, Cohen said.

“ACT is about achieving sustainable integration in practice and providing important information for future primary care and community mental health clinics on how to integrate care,” Davis said.

Integration Workforce Assessment is a contract awarded by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) through Westat, the University of Colorado Denver and Cohen. The goal of the contract is to identify the workforce competencies needed to deliver integrated behavioral health and primary care. The research team is identifying practices that are exemplars. These are established leaders in delivering integrated health care.

“We will conduct visits at each practice, observing care delivery and interviewing organization members,” Cohen said. “The aim is to identify the key professional and organizational competencies that are driving excellent integrated care in these settings.”

Gunn, Davis and another research associate (to be determined) will be working on this contract.

Evaluating Coordinated Care Organization is a four-year, $2,266,085 grant funded through the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) a part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and matching funds through a private donor. The award was granted to John McConnell, PhD, Associate Professor and Director of OHSU’s Center for Health Services Effectiveness, with Cohen as a co-investigator, leading the qualitative process analysis.

“The goal of this grant is to examine accountable care organizations in Oregon and Colorado,” Cohen said. “In Oregon, these organizations are called Coordinate Care Organizations (CCOs). The focus of this study is on the economics of CCOs in Oregon, using the All-Payer All-Claims Database. However, one aim of this study is to use qualitative methods (interviews and observation) to identify the characteristics that make these partnerships successful.”

Cohen is working with Anna Marie Chang, MD, Assistant Professor, OHSU Department of Emergency Medicine K12 Scholar, on this project. Cohen is in the process of hiring a research associate to assist with interviews and observation visits.
About 140 primary-care physicians in either Family Medicine or Internal Medicine are needed to pair with first- or second-year medical students for preceptorships. About 250 specialist physicians in all specialties are also needed.

Both preceptorships are part of the Principles of Clinical Medicine course which includes topics pertinent to clinical medicine such as history and physical exam skills, patient interaction and presentation skills.

Preceptees are expected to be able to interact with patients to practice history and physical exam skills and presentations. Preceptors are committed to at least one student for one academic term, but additional students can be assigned on request.

Primary Care preceptorships are a year long for both first-year and second-year students. There are winter and spring breaks, and vacation coverage is available.

Specialist preceptorships term dates are:

Winter: Y1 Nov. 28 to Feb. 13 (no class Dec. 19, 26); Y2 Nov. 13 to Feb. 5 (no class Dec. 18, 25, or Jan. 1).

Spring: Y1 Feb. 27 to May 22 (no class March 27); Y2 Feb. 19 to April 30 (no class March 26).

Students are expected to average one four-hour shift per week. The day can be flexed for preceptors’ schedules. Preceptors are required to provide written feedback to the preceptees at midterm and at the end of the term. OHSU faculty will receive 40 hours of teaching credit per student per term taught from the School of Medicine (120 hours/year). For non-OHSU faculty, OHSU volunteer faculty appointments may be available which will allow access to the library and employee discounts.

New preceptors, sign up online. For more information, contact Sara Nanez at nanezk@ohsu.edu.

NEEDED: PRIMARY CARE, SPECIALIST PRECEPTORS

JADECOM VISITOR

Shiori Nishio, a JADECOM exchange student from Gifu University School of Medicine in Gifu, Japan, will be at OHSU Dec. 3-18. She has completed a one-year core clinical clerkship including internal medicine, surgery, pediatrics, OB/GYN, primary care and psychiatry. Her hometown is Ena, east of Gifu. Ena has a small hospital, where Nishio hopes to work as a pediatrician. Her father works at city hall, her mother at an agricultural association and her brother is a high-school student. Nishio enjoys traveling and is looking forward to sightseeing in the Pacific Northwest.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jen DeVoe, MD, DPhil, is serving as a Surveillance System Consultant to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention. She will also serve as an External Advisory Board Member on the Case Western Reserve University Clinical and Translational Science Collaborative beginning in January 2013. She will continue to serve as an Internal Advisory Board member for OCTRI (Oregon Clinical and Translational Research Institute), a position she’s held since 2011.

Chip Taylor, MD, MPH, was appointed to the American Academy of Family Physicians Patient Safety and Maternity Care Advisory Board which oversees the Advanced Life Support in Obstetrics (ALSO), Basic Life Support in Obstetrics (BLSO) and GLOBAL ALSO programs.

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**Jen DeVoe, MD, DPhil**  

**Sonja Likumahuwa, MID, MPH**  

**Kate Pillar, MA, MPH**  

**Jim Winkle, MPH**  
Winkle, J. Introduction to SBIRT. Presentation at the Awardees Conference, National Health Service Corps Webinar, November 2012.

**EVENTS**

**Holiday Party, Dec. 9**  
If you haven't already done so, please RSVP for The Family Medicine Holiday Party. An email with all the details was sent to employees in November.

The party will be held from 3:30-9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 9000 SW Washington Square Road, Tigard. A light supper will be served, with the annual gift exchange starting at 5:30 p.m. If interested in participating in the adult gift exchange, please bring one wrapped gift ($10 value) per family.

**Grand Rounds, Dec. 19**  
Cat Livingston, MD, MPH, will present “Evidence-based Coverage Policy. (eg "Medicaid Won't Pay for What and Why)!! at the FM Grand Rounds Video Conference. It will be held from 7:30-8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19, in RM 28 of Emma Jones Hall. Check the Family Medicine Personnel web page for more information.