



Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine newsletter! I'm proud to serve as Chair for this great department. We are providing comprehensive team-based primary care medical services with great patient feedback, interdisciplinary health professions education, and research in community-based settings across the metropolitan Atlanta area. With so much good work going on, we need a newsletter to share achievements, updates, and useful information. I'm very proud of our positive trajectory!

Welcome to New Faculty and Staff

Our Department is growing! We've welcomed the following new faculty in the past year: Dr. Rick Goodman, Dr. James Jo, Dr. Michael Ly, Dr. Matt McKenna, Dr. Jennifer Mascaro, and Dr. Miranda Moore. We've also recently welcomed Tammi Teeters-McDade as Family Medicine Residency Program Coordinator and Kathryn Wehrmeyer as Clinical Research Coordinator (Katie recently got the news that she scored in the 93rd percentile on her MCATs – congratulations, Katie!). Mary Davis is joining us as Program Coordinator for the Preventive Medicine Residency and is currently training with Brittany Summerlin, who will be leaving us in August to start a clinical internship in dietetics, the first step to her career in nutrition.

Departmental Research News

An article by Dr. Jennifer Mascaro is getting national press attention. "[Child Gender Influences Paternal Behavior, Language, and Brain Function](#)," published in *Behavioral Neuroscience* has garnered coverage from The New York Times, The Washington Post, [NPR](#), and other news outlets. Dr. Mascaro has also been awarded a University Research Committee grant for her project, *A longitudinal investigation of Family and meditation for healthcare trainee well-being and empathy*, which began in May 2017 and will run through June 2018.

Publications:

Moore MA, Coffman M, Jetty A, Klink K, Petterson S, Bazemore A. Family Physicians Report Considerable Interest in, but Limited Use of, Telehealth Services. *J Am Board Fam Med.* 2017 May-Jun;30(3):320-330.

Advocacy Alert!

Georgia General Assembly: 2017 – 2018 HB 301- Income Tax Credit

This bill is still hung up in the Georgia Senate. If passed, preceptors will start receiving a tax **CREDIT** for teaching up to ten medical students per tax year as opposed to the tax deduction that has been awarded in past years. More great news... advance practiced registered nurses and physician assistants who teach medical students now qualify for the tax credit as well! The new tax credit schedule is as follows:

For uncompensated Physicians:

1-3 students/rotations: \$500 per student/rotation

4-10 students/rotations: \$1000 per student/rotation

For uncompensated APRN and Physician Assistants:

1-3 students/rotations: \$375 per student/rotation

4-10 students/rotations: \$750 per student/rotation

AHEC (Area Health Education Center) states that each preceptor must have 480 hours to qualify for the tax credit (the Adult Primary Care Clerkship requires more). AHEC defines teaching hours by the length of the rotation.

6 week rotation = 240 hours per student

4 week rotation = 160 hours per student

3 week rotation = 120 hours per student

1 week rotation = 80 hours per student

More information is available [here](#) and [here](#). **Please contact the members of the Senate Finance Committee and ask them to move this bill forward in the next legislative session.** The names and contact information for the Senate Finance Committee can be found [here](#).

Top Docs

The Department of Family and Preventive Medicine is well represented in *Atlanta Magazine's* "[Top Docs](#)" 2017. Congratulations to Top Docs Dr. Susana Alfonso, and preceptors Dr. Ralph Peeler, Dr. Philip Rogers, and Dr. Michael Seyfried!

Family Medicine News

Emory's Family Medicine Residency Program had a fantastic Match Day! All 10 slots were filled, with a record number (4) of Emory School of Medicine students choosing Family Medicine as a career. Dr. Beck credits the program's success to the department's commitment to excellence in residency training, as well as some recent changes in the recruitment process, including mock interviews, increased exposure to Emory medical students, FM faculty and residents giving lectures at EUSOM, heightened presence at the National AAFP Resident and Medical Student Conference, adding perks to resident benefits, partnering with the Department of Orthopedics to offer a Sports Medicine Fellowship, and highlighting unique electives in Global Health, Medical Journalism, Primary Care HIV, and Transgender Health. You'll meet the new residents in our next newsletter!

In April, the Family Medicine Interest Group hosted a Lunch Time Talk at the School of Medicine on *Fellowships after your Family Medicine Residency*. We provided fellowship information on Women's Health, Primary Care Sports Medicine, and the Preventive Medicine Residency Program. We had about 25-30 students in attendance. Drs. Matt McKenna, Amadeus Mason, Ashley McCann, and Kathrine Nanos all sat on the panel.

Also in April, the Adult Primary Care Clerkship hosted the 2nd Annual Spring Bash at Slingshot Entertainment. We had 100 guests that included our preceptors and their families for a day of thanks and celebration. Dr. Rimler, Dr. Herndon, and Porsha Clayton host this event every year to thank the wonderful doctors who teach third year medical students on the Adult Primary Care Clerkship.

Congratulations to all the Family Medicine Residency graduates – and extra congratulations for your stellar pass rate on the ABFM Boards!

Preventive Medicine News

Preventive Medicine celebrated the graduation of Dr. Javier Valle on June 30th. Dr. Valle has been accepted into the VA's Quality Scholars Fellowship and as an Officer in the Naval Reserves. He will also join the Emory faculty as an Assistant Professor of Preventive Medicine. During his residency, Dr. Valle worked with the CDC's Emergency Operations Center for Zika response and presented at the annual American College of Preventive Medicine Conference on assessment of patients presenting with Zika symptoms.



Dr. Javier Valle and family

PA Program News

The Physician's Assistant (PA) Program recently hosted visitors from the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) and the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants. The HCPC group has been charged with developing regulations for the PA profession in the UK, where the PA profession is fairly new. They came to Emory to learn more about PA training as well as the integration of PAs into the clinical setting.

25 Years at Emory – Congratulations, Kaye!

Kaye Johnson, Assistant Director of Admissions for the PA Program, recently celebrated her 25th year of employment at Emory University. Congratulations, Kaye!



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