Dean, K. Craig Kent, MD has announced that Dr. Welker will not seek a sixth term as chair of the Department of Family Medicine. The College of Medicine will launch a search for a new chair, and Dr. Welker has kindly agreed to remain in the role until a new chair arrives to assist in the transition of leadership. She plans to remain active in the department, caring for patients and serving in a number of other leadership roles.

Dr. Welker earned her medical degree from Ohio State and, following her residency at Riverside Methodist Hospital, joined Ohio State’s faculty in 1982, rising through the ranks and eventually becoming interim chair in 1998 and the first female chair of the department a year later. Under Dr. Welker’s leadership, the Department of Family Medicine has nearly quadrupled in size, growing from just 22 faculty members in 1998 to more than 80 today.

Dr. Welker’s leadership and business acumen have resulted in numerous notable department accomplishments, including the establishment of Patient-Centered Medical Homes (PCMH) with the highest level of accreditation by the National Committee for Quality Assurance, recruiting diverse faculty who now serve the College of Medicine and Wexner Medical Center in numerous leadership roles and cultivating an exemplary research portfolio resulting in a spinoff of the Biomedical Informatics faculty to form the Center for the Advancement of Team Science, Analytics, and Systems Thinking in Health Services and Implementation Science Research (CATALYST).

Because Dr. Welker was an early adopter of the PCMH, Ohio State Family Medicine was one of the first organizations in central Ohio to transform into PCMH practices, and our PCMH residency office was one of the first in the nation. In 2016, Medicare selected all of the Ohio State Family Medicine offices to participate in CPC+, its advanced PCMH model. This brings Family Medicine more than $1 million in additional funds each year.

Dr. Welker served as the first female president of the Ohio Academy of Family Physicians, on the board of the American Academy of Family Physicians and as president of the American Academy of Family Physicians Foundation.

Dr. Welker truly embodies our mission to improve health in Ohio and across the world through innovation in research, education and patient care—with more than 25 years of volunteering at the Physicians Free Clinic and nearly 20 years at the Columbus Free Clinic. Please join me in thanking Dr. Welker for her outstanding leadership, phenomenal mentoring, exceptional patient care and dedicated service to our tripartite mission. She has impacted countless lives with her tremendous talent and compassionate care, and we are delighted that Dr. Welker will remain part of our Buckeye family.
We are excited to announce another successful match for our Primary Care Sports Medicine Fellowship. Margaret (Maggie) Do, DO, and Jesse Miller, MD, will be joining us for the 2019-2020 fellowship year starting in August 2019.

Maggie Doe, DO
- BS, Loyola University, Chicago, IL
- DO, Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Residency, St. Joseph Hospital – Bruner Family Medicine
- Residency, University of Colorado – Rose Family Medicine

Jesse Miller, MD
- BS, University of Minnesota, Duluth, MN
- MD, University of Minnesota Medical School
- Residency, Spokane Family Medicine

Dr. Kristen Rundell, Associate Professor of Clinical Family Medicine

Kristen Rundell, MD was selected as a Senior Leader program participant for the ADFM Winter Meeting in Houston, TX. The Senior Leader Program is a leadership development opportunity for leaders in Departments of Family Medicine. The program’s goals are designed to not only strengthen leadership skills, but also expose participants to innovations in patient care, teaching, and research. Dr. Rundell will attend the ADFM Winter Meeting in mid-February 2019. Congratulations, Dr. Rundell!

Dr. Faraz Ahmad, Clinical Assistant Professor of Family Medicine, was recently selected for STFM’s Emerging Leaders Class of 2020. The yearlong Emerging Leaders Fellowship provides essential leadership training and support to family medicine educators. Dr. Ahmad will be attending STFM’s Annual Spring Conference in Toronto as the kickoff for the fellowship begins. Congratulations, Dr. Ahmad!

Rhonda Wright has accepted the role of manager of OSU Family Medicine at Outpatient Lewis Center, where she was previously the Patient Access Coordinator Lead.

Mary Jo Welker, 37 years
Maryanna Klatt, 16 years
William Buoni, 22 years
Joan Simon, 6 years
Mark Rastetter, 1 year
Laurie Greco, 2 years
Pam Beavers, 9 years
Timothy Huerta, 6 years
Veronique Bartman, 7 years
Dr. Aaron Clark, Associate Professor of Clinical Family Medicine and Associate Chair, recently accepted a nomination from the American Osteopathic Association to serve on an AHRQ expert panel being conducted by the RAND Institute. The purpose of this panel is to convene a diverse set of expert stakeholders to assess the current state of federally-funded primary care research (PCR), and to identify research gaps, areas of overlap, and strategies to improve the coordination of the Federal PCR enterprise. Congratulations, Dr. Clark!

FACULTY APPOINTED TO ADVANCED RANK

Dr. Anoosheh Behrooz was appointed to Clinical Associate Professor of Family Medicine, effective January 1, 2019. Dr. Behrooz joined the department in 2010 as a Clinical Assistant Professor. She received her MD from Mashhad University of Medical Sciences in Mashhad, Iran, where she also received her Master of Public Health. She completed a residency in infectious diseases and tropical medicine with Mashhad University of Medical Sciences before completing her residency in Family Medicine from the University of Florida – Jacksonville. Dr. Behrooz has consistently exceeded departmental targets for productivity, patient satisfaction, and quality measures, contributing greatly to the department’s Level 3 certification as a PCMH through the National Committee for Quality Assurance and furthering patient-centered care in the CPC+ program. Dr. Behrooz has also been actively involved in medical student mentoring and education, having been recognized by the College of Medicine’s Vice Dean for Education for her outstanding student evaluations over a 2-year period. Congratulations, Dr. Behrooz!

Dr. Rebecca Grant was appointed to Clinical Associate Professor of Family Medicine, effective January 1, 2019. Dr. Grant joined the department in 2011 as a Clinical Assistant Professor, after having received her undergraduate degree, MD, and residency training in the Urban Track Family Medicine residency program here at Ohio State. Dr. Grant’s clinical expertise focuses on caring for underserved adolescents, having held the role of Medical Lead for the Teen Clinic at Nationwide Children’s Hospital and created an adolescent care curriculum within the Department of Family Medicine’s residency program. As a faculty member, Dr. Grant educates residents through precepting in the office and the Urban Track Residency Program, in addition to precepting longitudinal medical students. Dr. Grant’s passion and expertise in care and teaching have contributed greatly to the department. Congratulations, Dr. Grant!
REVIEW STUDENT EVALUATIONS AT ANY TIME

Allison Macerollo, MD – Assistant Professor of Clinical Family Medicine; Director of Medical Student Education

I have been traveling to our family medicine clinics to review our evaluation methods of students and the different skills we assess, in addition to providing each faculty member with information about how their grades compare to not only their peers in the office, but also the department and in PWP. I plan on providing this information on an annual basis going forward, but did you know that you can review your evaluations from students at any time? A step-by-step walk-through is located here.

COLLABORATIVE EFFORT LEADS TO NEW PATIENT ENGAGEMENT TOOL AT OHIO STATE

Tyler Griesenbrock, Scientific Editor - CATALYST

MyExperience, a new system that allows patients to provide feedback to their caregivers, is now live at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center. The application was a joint effort that brought together the expertise, resources and viewpoints of organizations across the university, including the BRAVO Faculty and Staff Recognition Program; the Center for the Advancement of Team Science, Analytics, and Systems Thinking in Health Services and Implementation Science Research (CATALYST); the Department of Family Medicine; the Department of Biomedical Informatics; and many others.

“This is a collaborative effort,” said Timothy Huerta, PhD, MS, a member of the CATALYST leadership as well as a professor of both family medicine and biomedical informatics. “Team science results in team products that are impactful.” Dr. Huerta developed the idea for MyExperience in collaboration with Susan Moffat-Bruce, MD, PhD, MBA, the executive director of University Hospital at Ohio State Wexner Medical Center and a professor of surgery and biomedical informatics as well as a practicing cardiothoracic surgeon. The proposal was presented to the Crisafi-Monte Endowment Fund, which is housed in the Department of Family Medicine. More information can be found here.
STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Kevin Douglas has been with the department since 2015, serving as the Medical Student Education Coordinator. He graduated from Ohio State in 2010 with a B.A. in Communication and his master’s degree in Public Policy received and Management from Ohio State in 2018. Kevin lives in Pickaway County with his wife Mackinzie and three year-old daughter Caroline. They are expecting their second child, a boy, in May. He is a diehard Buckeye football fan and never misses watching a NASCAR race.

RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Chelsea Fu is a 3rd year University Track resident within the Department. Dr. Fu received her both her undergraduate and MD from the University of Illinois – Urbana. Her hobbies include sports (especially watching and playing football, basketball, and soccer), watching movies, playing trivia, and spending time with friends. She enjoys the amazing and inspiring people here at OSU, as well as the great training environment, the curriculum, and the opportunities offered.

CNP SPOTLIGHT

Karen Yuhas, APRN-CNP, ANP, FNP earned her BSN from The Ohio State University and her MSN in Family Practice from Otterbein University. Prior to joining the department, Karen was a CNP for OSU 4Ross in heart transplant, LVAD/RVAD, ECMO, and cardio-thoracic surgery, in addition to being a COPC hospitalist, a CNP within a private family practice, and a CNP within the ER and UC at Mary Ratan Hospital. Originally from Worthington, OH, Karen enjoys walking/hiking, remodeling old homes, attending music festivals, participating in artistic endeavors (especially photography, painting, and tile work), and traveling. Karen practices at OSU Family Medicine at Worthington.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

David Wang, Jan 1st
Erica Esposito, Jan 6th
Angela Tucker, Jan 6th
Naketa Thomas, Jan 8th
Laurie Greco, Jan 11th
Hira Tanvir, Jan 12th
Kendra McCamey, Jan 12th
Shannon Parker, Jan 13th
Larry Nolan II, Jan 13th
Dusty Price, Jan 14th
Sandra Appiah, Jan 14th
Jessica Snoke, Jan 14th
Lauren Balagna, Jan 15th
Robin Ferguson, Jan 20th
Joo-Young Kustomo, Jan 20th
Robin Berner, Jan 20th
Jamie Robinson, Jan 22nd
Barbara Barash, Jan 23rd
Jillian Shipley, Jan 23rd
Whitney Christian, Jan 24th
Idiatou Bah, Jan 24th
Allison Macerollo, Jan 27th
Bryant Walrod, Jan 28th
Courtney Duncan, Jan 30th
Joan Simon, Jan 31st
WHOLE30-STYLE DIETS: THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE HEALTHY

Lori Chong, RD

Restrictive, whole-foods like Whole 30 are popular choices for those looking to reset their food choices, especially as New Year’s resolutions. It’s important, though, to recognize that highly restrictive diets can have more risks than benefits – and health compromises do exist. Learn more here.

SHOULD YOU TRY DRY JANUARY?

Ashley Jones, CNP

Dry January is a movement that encourages people to stop drinking alcohol for the month of January. The idea is that pledging to remain alcohol-free for 31 days can help you “reset” your relationship with alcohol. Read more about the movement here.

SYSTEMS APPRAOCH TO WELL BEING

Health care professional from administrative personnel to CEOs are experiencing burnout at an unprecedented rate. As the problem is so widespread, its solutions must also be multidisciplinary, inclusive, and broad. The Department of Family Medicine’s Dr. Maryanna Klatt is one of the authors of the newest NAM Perspectives commentary, which proposes a combination of design and systems thinking as a possible approach to developing these comprehensive solutions. The full article can be read here.