I joined the Department of Family Medicine as Vice Chair for Research nearly six years ago, after teaching and conducting research for 14 years in the College of Public Health’s Division of Health Services Management and Policy. As Vice Chair, I have built a team of health services and implementation science researchers who have in-depth knowledge of health care delivery, as well as national-level expertise on quality improvement and practice change innovations in healthcare. Our currently funded projects focus on patient portals, patient engagement, data integration and analysis, infant and maternal mortality, and patient safety and quality improvement, and management practices in healthcare. We expect continual growth of our team throughout 2018 as we create the Center for the Advancement of Team Science, Analytics and Systems Thinking in Health Services and Implementation Science Research (CATALYST) within the College of Medicine. The vision of Catalyst is to develop the infrastructure necessary to ensure extramural funding, improve the quality of scholarship, develop faculty in the areas of health services and implementation science research, and increase the educational capacity of the institution while serving to extend the research, education, and clinical enterprises of the College of Medicine.

PATIENT SATISFACTION
The Department of Family Medicine continues to record great patient satisfaction scores at all of our locations. Faculty are able to view where their patient satisfaction levels are currently, where they rank within the department, and what their target levels are by following this link here. Physicians are also able to see comments from patients, as well as find information and tactics for improving their data points!
RESIDENCY RECRUITMENT

The Department of Family Medicine Residency Program had another great recruitment season! With over 60 applicants interviewed from all over the country, it was one of the strongest years yet for the residency. Applicants were brought in on Tuesday’s and Thursday’s from November to January and kicked off their time here with dinner at Z Cucina, joined by some of the current residents. The following day they spend the morning meeting our faculty and residents through presentations and formal interview rounds. The day ended with lunch, a Grand Rounds speaker presentation, and a tour of the family medicine locations—including CarePoint East and University East.

Follow a great interview season, we are looking forward to the Second Look Party hosted by Dr. Miser in early February. The National Resident Matching Program takes place on March 16th and we are anxiously awaiting the results!

RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Barbara Barash graduated from The Ohio State University before attending the American University of Integrative Sciences for medical school. As a current first year, Dr. Barash has been busy with an intern year resident schedule. She has also always been one of the first to volunteer for various tasks, and spent many hours giving tours and welcoming our applicants during recruitment season. Dr. Barash states that she came to Ohio State because of the strong sense of family and support, as well as the many opportunities to experience both community and academic hospital settings. Outside of residency, Dr. Barash enjoys Latin and Ballroom dancing, reading autobiographies and mysteries, cooking, and keeping up with her five languages she speaks!
NCIDM Grant Update

Allison Macerollo, MD, Assistant Professor OSUCOM Director of Medical Education in the Department of Family Medicine, will serve as the primary investigator and Internal Champion of the grant sponsored project to expand disability education in the LSI curriculum—National Curriculum Initiative in Developmental Medicine’s Medical School Partners sponsored by Special Olympics and the American Academy of Developmental Disability. The diverse team on the grant is made up of these participants: A. Todd Lash, MA; Susan Havercamp, PhD, Associated Professor of Psychiatry and Psychology; Karen Ratliff-Schaub, MD, MBOE, Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrician and Director of Clinical Services at the OSU Nisonger Center; Christopher Hanks, MD, pediatric and internal medicine specialist, Medical Director of the Center for Autism Services and Transition (CAST); Jessica Prokup, RN, BSN; Jill Brane, BA; Ann Robinson, BS, Program Coordinator of the Ohio Disability and Health Program. Medical student education has often been cited as the solution to the problem of the continuing healthcare disparities seen in this population and this grant adds six curricular activities to enhance and expand our current disability training opportunities.

NEW TEXTBOOK CHAPTER

Dr. Jordan Hilgefort, a second-year resident and one of our assistant chief residents, recently co-wrote a book chapter with Bryant Walrod, MD. This chapter is set to be published in a sports medicine textbook in the coming months. In this chapter, they discuss the diagnosis and management of toe fractures.

CONGRATULATIONS

Emily Vrontos has been promoted to Lead Pharmacist for Ambulatory Services supporting OSU Family Medicine clinics! While Emily will spend a majority of her time seeing patients at Rardin Family Practice, she will also be responsible for leadership and guidance of the entire pharmacy team in the department. This includes educating and training new hires, developing collaborative agreements, and serving as a key point of contact with the administration/payers for value based programs. Emily has been a trailblazer in the Department of Family Medicine since joining the team in 2011 building much of the program from scratch. She and her fabulous team have become so instrumental to the department in the area of diabetes management by guiding so many of those patients towards better health. Please congratulate Emily on this well-deserved promotion and thank her for her continued commitment to the OSU Department of Family Medicine and the patients we serve.
**ABCESS & DRAINAGE WORKSHOP**

Dr. Hiten Patel and Dr. Sam Jacobowitz hosted an Incision and Drainage of Abscesses and Suturing workshop for first and second year medical students within the Family Medicine Interest Group (FMIG) on January 17th. Abscesses were made from skin pads, super glue, and water balloons filled with toothpaste. They started the workshop off with a presentation followed quickly by guiding the students through actually performing the incision and drainage on the abscess simulators. From there, they continued with a quick presentation on suturing basics, steps, and tips before allowing the students to practice these new skills. Dr. Patel and Dr. Jacobowitz finished up the night by discussing Family Medicine, their individual interests, and why they chose this profession!

**FELLOWSHIP MATCH**

**FAMILY MEDICINE**

A big congratulations to three of our third-year residents who match into Sports Medicine Fellowships. Dr. Dan Fosselman and Dr. Brian Rue will both be at the University of Cincinnati and Dr. Aloya Earl will be at the University of Alabama. We wish them the best of luck over these next years!

**SPORTS MEDICINE**

We are excited to announce our matched candidates for the 2018-2019 Sports Medicine Fellowship Program

- **Jock Taylor, MD**
  
  BS: The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH  
  MD: Wright State University  
  Boonshoft School of Medicine, Dayton, OH  
  Residency: Trident/MUSC  
  Family Medicine, Charleston, SC

- **George Matic, MD, MPH**
  
  BS: The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH  
  MPH: The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH  
  MD: The Ohio State University College of Medicine, Columbus, OH  
  Residency: Wright State University, Dayton, OH
Dr. Bryant Walrod joined the department in January 2014 after completing his residency in Family Medicine at Mount Carmel Medical Center and his Sports Medicine Fellowship at The Medical College of Wisconsin. He currently practices at the Jameson Crane Sports Medicine Institute and is a team physician, a core faculty member for the Primary Care Sports Medicine Fellowship, and serves as the clerkship director for a 4th year medical student sports medicine rotation. He also serves on The Ohio State University College of Medicine Admission Committee.

Dr. Walrod came to The Ohio State as he is passionate about education future doctors, as well and educating and empowering patients to understand their unique disease process. He believes that medicine should be a collaborative approach and enjoys practicing what he preaches by leading an active lifestyle including running, combative sports, adventure races, and obstacle courses. Outside of work, he enjoys spending time with his wife, two children and their dog; as well as traveling and listening to live music—especially when the two are combined!

Dr. Yu-Ting (Tammy) Lozanski has been practicing at the OSU Worthington office since 2014 and currently serves as the lead research physician at this location. Prior to starting with the department, she was already a Buckeye at heart as she received her Bachelors in Biology with a history minor from The Ohio State University. She then received her medical degree from The Ohio State University and completed her residency at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Family Medicine. Her clinical interests include preventive medicine, medical education, and providing care to patients of all ages. She currently lives in Powell with her husband and son. When not working in the office, Dr. Lozanski enjoys cooking, gardening, traveling, and fashion.

**FACULTY SPOTLIGHT**

**BRYANT WALROD, MD**

**YU-TING LOZANSKI, MD**

**UPDATED WEBSITE!**

The Department of Family Medicine, in conjunction with The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, has spent the last months working on a new and updated website for the Department. As the medical center transitions to one central website, the department was among the first to transition to the new design and look. Please visit the new website [HERE](#) and keep checking back often to see updates!

**RESIDENCY UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Spring Retreat: March 6-7
- Match Day!: March 16
- Affiliation Conference: April 25
- Research Symposium: May 9
- Graduation: June 16