

The Oracle

Department of Community & Preventive Medicine

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Department News

This is to advise you that the Master of Public Health (MPH) Program of the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry is currently undergoing accreditation review by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH), the national accrediting body for programs of its type. This review encompasses mission, governance, organizational setting, resources, instructional program, research, service, faculty, students, evaluation and planning. The specific accreditation criteria can be found at: <http://cf51dev5.i4a.com/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3305>

A review team from CEPH will be making a site visit on September 25-26, 2006. If you would like to comment to CEPH about Rochester's MPH Program, third party comments will be accepted by CEPH until 30 days prior to the site visit. Comments can be sent to:

Council on Education for Public Health
800 Eye Street NW, Suite 202
Washington, DC 20001-3710

Epidemiology

- Diana Fernandez has been invited to participate in the NY State Cardiovascular Health Task Force. The Task Force will develop collaborative strategies to implement the NY State's Plan for Cardiovascular Health, which has a strong environmental component. The Task Force will specifically address cardiovascular risk factors and treatment of cardiovascular disease and events. Diana will be a member of the worksite workgroup.
- Diana Fernandez will present the following paper in the International Society for Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity Congress, July 13-16 in Boston, MA: Development of a Food Environment Intervention Strategy for "Images of a Healthy Worksite". It will be part of a Symposium about worksite interventions.

Public Health

- The National Science Foundation has presented the "Antarctica Service Medal of the United States of America" to Tim Dye, Nancy Chin, Ann Dozier, Adam Rains, and former employees Kate Danhauser and Pete Fleming. The medal is presented in recognition of valuable contributions to exploration and scientific achievement under the United States Antarctic Research Program. The team implemented the Culture and Health in Antarctica study from 2002-2005, funded by the NSF, and the first large-scale anthropological project conducted in Antarctica.
- Tim Dye has been awarded Chartered Geographer status by the Royal Geographical Society in London. Chartered Geographer (CGeog) is the professional status qualification for those who can demonstrate competence, experience and professionalism in the use of geographical knowledge or skills in the workplace, and who are committed to maintaining their professional standards through ongoing continuing professional development. C Geog is the only internationally recognized professional accreditation for geographers. The Royal Geographical Society is world leading learned society and professional body that has been advancing geographical science and supporting its practitioners since 1830. The RGS is the largest and most active of the scholarly geographical societies in the world.
- This past year, the Division of Public Health generated \$165,000 in revenues from the support provided to various internal and external research projects. Support to research projects includes, design consultation, data collection, analysis and data entry. Many thanks and much appreciation are due our faculty and staff for their hard work and dedication - Joseph Duckett, Barbara Suter, Rebecca Horn, Helaine McMenomy, Tess Padmore, Ann Dozier, Phounsavath Muneath, Allison Werner, LaToya Armstrong, Joyce Akwaa, Kaitlyn Nolan, Kenya McIntosh, Pamela Wang, Rebecca Levinn, Diana Ramos, Eugene O'Brien, Yamiery Calderon, Kimberly Colern, Cecil Hernandez, Courtney Jones, Vondella Samuel, Daniel Thomas, Swati Basu, and Renee Herbert.

Social & Behavioral Medicine

- In June, Scott McIntosh secured \$20,000 funding from the National Cancer Institute for his international team's 3rd "WATI" workshop to be held in Toronto October 13-15, 2006. The WATI (Web Assisted Tobacco Intervention) workshop brings together an international group of researchers and services providers with the goal of sharing and disseminating the emerging evidence of the efficacy of various internet-based interventions for behavior change (e.g., smoking cessation). Additional funding has also been secured from Health Canada by Scott and his colleagues at the University of Toronto's Centre for Addiction and Mental Health. In addition to presentations from smoking cessation interventionists, Matt Star from the National Center for Deaf Health Research will present at the workshop on specific issues related to web-based behavioral change interventions targeted to deaf and hard-of-hearing populations.

Presentations

- Pesis-Katz I., Veazie P., Beckman H., Lindenmuth N., and Curtin K., Pay for Performance – The Impact on Patient Quality of Care in a Community Setting. Oral presentation at the Academy Health 2006 Annual Research Meeting, Seattle, Washington, June 25-27, 2006.
- Testa-Wojteczko, M. The Style Model of Health Insurance Pricing: Physician Practice Style as a Primary Determinant of Health Insurance Pricing. NRSA Trainees Research Conference, Seattle, Washington, June 24, 2006.
- Stahlhut R, van Wijngaarden E, Dye T, Swan S. Phthalates, abdominal fat, and insulin resistance in U.S. adult males. 2006 Gordon Research Conference on Environmental Endocrine Disruptors. Il Ciocci, Barga, Italy, June 4-9, 2006.
- Mundt DJ, van Wijngaarden E, Mundt KA. An assessment of confounding in epidemiological studies of lung cancer among roofers. Health Effects of Occupational Exposure to Emissions from Asphalt/Bitumen Symposium. Dresden, Germany, June 7-8, 2006.
- Van Wijngaarden E, Dosemeci M. Brain cancer mortality and potential occupational exposure to lead: Findings from the National Longitudinal Mortality Study, 1979-1989. Second North American Congress of Epidemiology, Seattle, WA, June 21-24, 2006.

Publications

- Harman JS, Veazie PJ, Lyness JM (2006) Primary care physician office visits for depression by older Americans. *Journal of General Internal Medicine* (Forthcoming).
- Veazie PJ. (2006) An individual-based framework for the study of medical error. *International Journal for Quality in Health Care* (Forthcoming in Volume 18 issue 4, August).
- Veazie PJ, Cai S. (2006) A proposed connection between medication adherence, patient sense of uniqueness, and the personalization of information. *Medical Hypotheses* (Forthcoming).

Education

- Leslie Hazel-Fernandez has accepted a position teaching a clinical psychology graduate course in Culture and Diversity. Effective July 1, she will begin a position as assistant professor, part time, in the Department of Clinical and Social Sciences in Psychology.
- Tom Richardson and Tim Ryan would like to share their sincere thanks to all of those in CPM that provided support and donations for their recent 100-mile cycling fundraiser in Lake Tahoe. Together they raised over \$11,000 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Collectively, the Western New York Team in Training raised over \$86,000. The single day ride of 3,000 cyclists from all over the US raised \$8.2M for this cause. Thank you again for all of your support during the past several months!

Grant News

Proposals

Investigator	Sponsor	Title
Robert Block (PI)	Johnson & Johnson	The Cardiovascular Implications of Resolvins.
Ann Dozier (PI)	NIH	Community Partnership for Breastfeeding Promotion and Support: Creating System Change.
Susan Fisher (PI)	National Kidney Foundation of Upstate New York	Chronic Kidney Disease and the Risk of Death.
Deborah Ossip-Klein (PI)	Massachusetts General Hospital/NCI	Addressing Parental Smoking by Changing Pediatric Office Systems.

Awards

Investigator	Sponsor	Title
Thomas Pearson (PI)	AAMC/CDC	Rochester Regional Public Health – Medicine Educational Ctr.
Thomas Pearson (PI)	CDC	Supplement to U48DP000031 (Prevention Center)

Miner Library News

Subscription Reviews

Every summer, Miner Library reviews its subscriptions to journals, databases, and other online services. We check the use of each title and decide whether to renew the library's subscription for the next year, or whether to replace it with other titles that people have requested. We make the final decisions for renewing, canceling, or ordering new titles by September.

If you have suggestions for new titles that you would like the library to order, please send me the title of the publication and the reasons you think Miner Library should provide it. I will need this information by the end of August.

Thanks for your help.

Questions? Call or email Christine DeGolyer (273-4408)

*****The next Newsletter will be done on a quarterly basis and will go out in October. I will email requests when I get back from maternity leave mid-September. Thanks - Carla*****
