Announcements and Congratulations

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

We would like to give a warm welcome to Kara Barber and Hongtao Zhai, who are both Physician Assistants as well as Denise Goodberlet, a Nurse Practitioner. We would also like to welcome back Brian Riesenberger!

Susi Gutierrez has joined the Emergency Medicine Research team as a full time EDRA Program Coordinator. Susi has worked for the program for over two years as both an EDRA and PAL in the Emergency Room. We are very excited for her to take on this new role!

Dave Adler will be applying for the Mary Kay Foundation Grant for translational research into cervical cancer which will award $100,000 over 2 years.

Tim Wiegand will be presented with the ASAM Medical Scientific Program Planning Committee Award for his abstract “Addictions Training During Medical Toxicology Fellowship”. This award given to the author of the submitted abstract receiving the highest rating for its scientific merit. The award is made on the basis of new ideas or findings of importance to the field of addiction medicine, their methodology and clarity of presentation, as judged by the Committee.

The New York American College of Emergency Physicians is now accepting abstracts for oral and poster presentation at the 2013 New York ACEP Scientific Assembly, July 8-10, which will take place at the Sagamore Resort on Lake George in Bolton Landing, New York. The Research Forum, including both oral and poster presentations, will be held Monday, July 8 from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm, which will feature resident and faculty research. The deadline to submit your abstract is April 1, 2013 at midnight.

New Studies

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<th>Manish Shah</th>
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<th>What makes for “successful” transitions from the Emergency Department to home and community among older adults? A qualitative study</th>
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<td>What this protocol builds on the initial findings of the Geriatric Readmissions Project. Under the original protocol, both discharge and readmission interviews were conducted in the Strong Memorial Hospital Emergency Department (ED) with a total of 30 adults (age ≥ 65 years). Focused coding of transcripts was conducted by a multidisciplinary team to develop analytic categories. The constant comparative method of analysis was then applied to integrate categories and themes into an emerging grounded theoretical framework. The purpose of this study is to reach into home and community contexts to better understand how these processes unfold and how strategies develop over time. Through interviews and observations during discharge and home visits over the course of two months following discharge, we will work along with patient-participants and their caregivers/family members to document and understand the characteristics of local ecologies as well as individual and family strategies for accessing resources and supports that contribute to geriatric ED admissions, successful ED-to-home transitions, and potential readmissions for older adults.</td>
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