

Palliative Care Program &  
Division of Medical Humanities and Bioethics



## NEWSLETTER



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### NOON CONFERENCE SERIES

**Wednesday, June 7- INTERDISCIPLINARY CLINICAL ETHICS CONFERENCE- “Don’t touch me, you #@\*#!”**

**Antidiscrimination Policies and Patient Biases: A Discussion** presented by Adrienne Morgan, PhD, Assistant Dean for Medical Education Diversity and Inclusion and Margie Shaw, PhD, JD, Assistant Professor Medical Humanities & Bioethics. Noon – 1 p.m. K-307 (Rm. 3-6408), URM. C.

**Wednesday, June 14 – SPIRITUAL REFLECTION ROUNDS. Chaplain Case Reports: An Evidence Informed Approach Case** presented by Chaplains Marianne Gocker and Erik Westa - Noon – 1 p.m. K-207 (Rm. 2-6408), URM. C. You are welcome to bring your lunch.

**MEDICAL HUMANITIES NOON CONFERENCE. \*\*\*\* No Conference\*\*\*\***

**Wednesday, June 21 – SCHWARTZ CENTER CONFERENCE. Impending Doom: Planning for Airway Compromise in a Man Who Just Can’t Give Up** Presented by Dr. Denney-Koelsch, MD and Ann Syrett, NP. Noon – 1 p.m. Whipple Auditorium (Rm. 2-6424). Lunch will be provided.

**Wednesday, June 28 – PALLIATIVE CARE GRAND ROUNDS. Fellows Project Presentations** presented by Elizabeth Newman, MD and Puneeta Khurana, MD. Noon – 1 p.m. K-207 (Rm. 2-6408), URM. C. Lunch will be provided.

### Summer’s Here!

The following conferences will NOT be held during the summer months ( July & August):

- Schwartz Center
- Palliative Care Grand Rounds

These conferences will resume in September.

### URMC ACTIVITIES

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**FAMILY ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION- \*\*\*\*\*No Conference\*\*\*\*\***

**Geriatric Medicine Grand Rounds** (This activity has been approved for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit) 8 – 9:00 a.m. Monroe Community Hospital, Auditorium A, Main Floor. Registration is not necessary. For questions, contact Judy Hazelden at 760-6352.

**June 7- Hypertension Management in Older Adults** presented by Dmitriy Migdalovich, MD

**June 14 – Prognostication in Dementia** presented by Nicole Kosier, MD

**June 21- Comorbidity and Cancer Care in the Older Adult** by Jason Zittel, MD

**June 28- \*\*\*\*\*No Grand Rounds\*\*\*\*\***

**June 13- Integrative Health & Wellness Series sponsored by Wilmot Cancer Institute. Yoga & Mindfulness: How to Avoid Cancer Care Stress & Burnout** presented by Joanne Wu, MD, E-RT, CHHC, CET. 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Gilda's Club, 255 Alexander Street, Rochester, NY. To register call 423 – 9700 or email [info@gildasclubrochester.org](mailto:info@gildasclubrochester.org)

**The Reel Mind Film Festival- A series of documentaries focusing on recovery from mental illness.** For more information contact Larry Guttmacher, M.D. (585) 241-1770 or [Laurence\\_Guttmacher@urmc.rochester.edu](mailto:Laurence_Guttmacher@urmc.rochester.edu)

**June 6-** 7 PM, at the Cinema Theater, corner of Goodman and Clinton, will feature Almost Sunrise, the moving story of two Iraq veterans, Tom Voss and Anthony Anderson, both tormented by depression for years after they returned home and felt pushed to the edge of suicide. . A panel discussion featuring members of the Veterans Outreach Center follows the film.

**June 20-** 6 PM at the Jewish Community Center with a show of art from the Creative Wellness Gallery a panel discussion following the film.

## **SAVE the DATE**

**Sept 29 – Finger Lakes Geriatric Education Center. 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference Spanning the Continuum of Care: Innovations in Geriatric Health Practice.** Mark your calendars. As speakers, education credits and the schedule are confirmed, they will be posted on the website: <https://www.urmc.rochester.edu/medicine/geriatrics/flgec/annual-conference.aspx>

## **MEMBERS' CORNER**

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*The Members' Corner is designed to share information with our readers on grants, publications, awards, interesting articles/websites, etc. Please send your news to [Gina\\_Caquias@urmc.rochester.edu](mailto:Gina_Caquias@urmc.rochester.edu)*

### **Judy Brustein, NP**

#### **Excellent Patient Advocate**

Judy Brustein, NP in collaboration with the Nurse Practitioner Association on April 25, 2017 went to Albany, NY to lobby for an important bill "The DNR Bill S.1869 Hannon & A.7277 Gottfried". This bill is very important to the Nurse Practitioner's in NYS and their patients. When the NP discusses the patient goals of care and decisions about any medical limitations of treatment, these are documented on a Medical Orders for Life Sustaining Treatments (MOLST). Currently the NP is not authorized to sign the MOLST even though they are having the discussion with the patient. If this Bill is passed it would empower the NP's who are completing the MOLST to legally be able to sign the documentation as a completed order. This ensures the patients' wishes are respected and implemented without delay. "Go Judy-Thank you, for advocating for our patients and the NP Profession at large."

Comment from Laura Hogan: Thanks Darlene

Congratulations to **Darlene Harmor, NP** for being nominated for the 2017 Nurse Practitioner Excellence Award!!!! The Palliative Care Division would like to congratulate you on your nomination and thank you for your dedication to nursing excellence.

