



# Fellows' Update

October, 2007

Your theory is crazy, but it's not crazy enough to be true.

-Niels Bohr

## Fellowship News

**Vacation coverage** is needed in the MICU for 2 weeks during the 4<sup>th</sup> block from 11/12-1/1. There is no PCCM CCU fellow during that block. If you are a research fellow and would like to cover the MICU for one or two weeks (and shorten another rotation) please let me know. The MICU fellows are Mathai and Files. You can contact them directly to arrange which weeks to cover.

### PCCM Conference news:

**MICU/SICU case conferences** at JHH have begun. These are held the first Monday of each month, 12-1:00 pm in the Finney Room (Harvey 8). One JHH MICU and one SICU fellow each present a case for informal discussion. Lunch is provided. All other Mondays, critical care journal club is held at the same place and time. Our fellows need not present, but are welcome to have lunch and learn.

To the apparent surprise of many, our own **Journal Club and RIP** series has also begun on Wednesday mornings at the AAC. Turnout has been weak. This has long been an engaging and interactive conference, but that requires participation by faculty and fellows. It's an opportunity to hear what your peers are doing and learn critical appraisal of the literature and research methods. Clinical fellows can generally not attend, but all research fellows should participate even when not presenting.

**Sleep conference** is held Mondays from 12-2:00 at the AAC conference room. A didactic conference is followed by case presentations, and lunch is provided. Fellows have said that this is a very useful conference to learn the basics of sleep and polysomnography. Without it, you may see your first PSG on the board exam. The Physiology Fellow used to attend, but continuity clinic conflicts. It is now part of the ambulatory care block rotation in the second research year...plan on going.

I would like a rough head-count of interest in a one-day **bronchoscopy course** just for you. DFK is considering organizing a mini-version of a course he gave at BI for several years. This would probably be held on a Saturday during the winter, consisting of lectures in the am and workshops in the afternoon. Please email me if you think you would attend this, so we have an idea of your interest level.

## Announcements

- **PCCM Division Picnic** is Saturday, October 6th at Oregon Ridge from 12-5:00. Attendance is mandatory. The JHH MICU nurses' picnic will be at the park at the same time. Expect some volleyball, log-tossing or other competition.
- **JHOC PCCM Clinic Nurse!** Sheilan Matthais has moved from the AAC to the downtown campus to serve as nurse for the Fellows' Clinics at the JHOC. Wish her welcome; I know you have been longing for this moment.
- **NRSA submission** deadline is December 8<sup>th</sup>.
- **LRP** deadline is December 1.
- **MICU/SICU case conference** is October 1 (the first Monday of every month) at 12-1 pm in the Finney room. Lunch is served
- **Complex Airway conference** is October 2 at 6pm in the Carol Johns Conference Room. Rex will be discussing BP fistula management. Dinner is provided.
- **Birthdays:** Meredith McCormack October 25th; Eric Schmidt October 30<sup>th</sup>.
- **Notify Courtney** at least 6 weeks in advance of any clinics you will miss due to vacation or travel.
- After you give pulmonary grand rounds, **send Peter Terry** 2 multiple choice trivia questions and answers based on your presentation. These will be used for the Survivor competition at the end of the year.

- The lung section of the medical school second-year **Pathophysiology** course will be November 29-December 7<sup>th</sup>. Fellows are welcome to attend the lectures for a painless review. Contact me if you are interested in helping with a small group session.
- **Denver Health Medical Center** is recruiting for an entry-level faculty member with a 75% research commitment (clinical or basic), and (of course) some grant support.
- **Penn** is expanding by 10 PCCM positions over 2 years. See flyer on my job board.

## Courses of interest

- **Research in Medical Education Symposium.** Date: October 5<sup>th</sup>. Time: 8:30-4:00 (approx.). Location: Mt. Washington Conference Center. Cost: Free, but registration required. For more info see [www.HopkinsCME.edu/CourseDetail.aspx?course\\_code=80016745](http://www.HopkinsCME.edu/CourseDetail.aspx?course_code=80016745)
- **Introduction to Grant Writing.** Date October 19<sup>th</sup>. Time 9:00-12:00. Location: BCIM-02A. Cost: Free, but register via [training@jhmi.edu](mailto:training@jhmi.edu) or 5-7559
- **Endnote.** This is a citation manager available free via Welch. Date: October 12<sup>th</sup>. Time: 1:00-3:00. Location: BCIM-99A. Cost: Free, register as above.
- **Finding Funding.** Date: October 12<sup>th</sup>. Time: 1:00-3:00. Location: BCIM-01A. Cost: Free, register as above.
- **Course on Research Ethics.** Date: October 24. Time: 8:00-4:15 Cost: Free. Register at [www.hopkinscme.edu](http://www.hopkinscme.edu). This (or equivalent) is required at some point in fellowship.

## Divisional Fellows' conferences

| Oct | Conference | Speaker                        |
|-----|------------|--------------------------------|
| 3   | JC/RIP     | Dasenbrook/Jun                 |
| 4   | GR         | Kim/Damico                     |
|     | Core       | Feller-Kopman/Pleural disease  |
| 5   | LR         | JHAAC                          |
| 10  | JC/RIP     | Sosnay/Pipelng                 |
| 11  | GR         | Fischer/Chen                   |
|     | Core       | Lechtzin/Neuromuscular disease |
| 12  | LR         | JHAAC                          |
| 17  | JC/RIP     | Murphy/Britos                  |
| 18  | GR         | Berry/Fessler                  |
|     | Core       | Boyle/Bronchiectasis           |
| 19  | LR         | Carol Johns Conf. Room         |
| 24  | JC/RIP     | Pyrgos/Black                   |
| 25  | GR         | Ivan Robbins (Expert series)   |
|     | Core       | Hansel/Asthma diagnosis        |
| 26  | LR         | Carol Johns Conf. Room         |
| 31  | JC/RIP     | Yang/Rusher                    |

*These are only the plenary conferences which all Fellows are expected to attend. Speakers are copied from the schedules circulated at the beginning of the year and are less accurate with each passing day*

GR – PCCM grand rounds; JC – Journal Club; WIP- Work in Progress; Core- Core curriculum; LR- Lung Research.

## In Competencies

**Feedback** is difficult to give and to receive, but is essential for learning. Most of us are bad at it and/or just avoid it. Useful feedback is specific, addresses observed behaviors, non-judgmental...like coaching rather than grading. It is different from, and not replaced by, the end-of-rotation evaluation. To encourage feedback, please meet with your attending near the beginning and middle of each rotation. At the beginning, discuss what you want to learn. At the middle, ask what you are doing well or less well, and tell the attending what *they* are doing well or less well. I hope this will eventually become an expectation of teaching, like writing progress notes is an expectation of clinical care. Until then, you may need to be proactive, against your best defensive instincts.

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## Guess the Faculty

Answer to last week's puzzler: Ensign 1<sup>st</sup> Class Bobby Wise, US Junior Public Health Service.

