

Preceptor Pipeline

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First Annual Dartmouth Primary Care and Education Conference

The First Annual Primary Care and Education conference, held Sept. 12-13, was a success, with over 80 participants representing multiple specialties and roles (e.g., MD, NP) in clinical practice. The conference included a highly rated poster session featuring research conducted by DMS students, residents, and community-based preceptors. Participants rated the conference and individual sessions highly, with 97% stating that they increased their knowledge and 97% stating that they will make a change in their practice as a result of this conference. Based on these results, we are already planning our next conference with our same partners, Dartmouth COOP, the Geriatric Education Center, and the Center for Continuing Education.

Save the Dates September 16-17, 2009

Mark your calendar for the Second Annual Dartmouth Primary Care and Education Conference at the Lake Morey Inn located in Fairlee, VT. Sessions will include roundtable discussions with each course on DMS's new 7x7 curriculum structure, team communication to

improve practice, panel on implementing the medical home, and up-to-date information on a number of clinical topics. As with last year, sessions will be largely interactive, with plenty of time for discussion and application of new skills. We also invite you to present your work in the poster session, which also highlights the work of your colleagues, residents and students. Please contact Diane.D.Chamberlain@dartmouth.edu for questions about the conference, to provide suggestions for session topics you would like to see or for poster session guidelines.

Preceptor Profile

Sarah Johansen, MD



Sarah Johansen, who was a DMS student herself in the late 80's, has been very involved as a preceptor and small group leader for DMS first and second year students for over 15 years. Recently, she was elected Chair of the Community Preceptor Education Board (CPEB). As a staff ER physician at DHMC, she also spends considerable time with interns and residents. Following are excerpts from an email interview with Sarah:

What's the thing you enjoy most about precepting?

I love the student's steep learning curve and watching the students gain understanding, become proficient, transformed. I was precepted at Bradford Pediatrics, Ottauquechee Health Center, Hitchcock Clinic amongst others. I remember preceptors who challenged me, provided opportunities in research and bedside learning, but mostly valued who I was. Those faculty have since become my colleagues and some are no longer with us, but the memories and mentoring are treasured.

How did you end up in Emergency Medicine?

I hail from Northern California, came east to study at Cornell University and never made it back to the west. In New York, as hospice director of volunteers and education, I trained and supervised over 100 volunteers while volunteering in crisis organizations such as suicide prevention. This involvement led me to medicine, and ultimately to Emergency Medicine. I enjoy working with people in crisis, in transition, coping with loss. One of the beauties of the emergency department is you see all comers, all ages newborn to over 100 years of age, all illness, regardless of ability to pay.

What you like to do in your free time?

I enjoy anything with my family, weightlifting with my son, skiing with my daughters, playing hockey with my husband. We have all performed with Northern Stage, our regional professional theatre, for many years, and I spent last year living in NYC with my son, who at age 14 was performing on Broadway in "The Farnsworth Invention". The flexibility of shift work made it possible to commute back to do my ER shifts. As recent chairman of the CPEB, I enjoy working with people whose similar interest is in improving the quality of the education experience at Dartmouth, and supporting preceptors, who are indispensable. And I love to cook.

How would you describe your time at DMS as a student?

I knew that medical school wasn't 4 years out of my life, but was going to set the pace for my life to come. I needed to create a balanced place for myself. It was a challenging time. I was the first female DMS student to start Medical school with a newborn. I split my fourth year to have my second child and do research...rare then, now commonplace. Now 23 years after my arrival I can say I have had balance in my life and am truly blessed. There has never been a shortage of leadership opportunities for someone interested in simply stepping up. I have lived in vacationland and traveled to expand my medical and personal sphere. Through it all I have been a member of the DMS Faculty, always having students in my life. They have been role models for my children, they join us for holidays, we become very close, especially through the On doctoring program. I hope I have been an effective mentor to some.

New Feedback Module

We are happy to present a new, interactive module on giving feedback to students on our website at:
<http://dms.dartmouth.edu/ocer/precepting/tools/>

This new module, which takes only 10 minutes to complete, provides concise information and examples of feedback. We encourage you to try out the module alone or with your student and give us your own feedback on the module!

Community Preceptor Education Board

We are currently seeking nominations for two new board members. Please call 603-653-3451 if interested. Information: <http://dms.dartmouth.edu/ocer/precepting/cpeb/>

New Structure for Clerkship Blocks begins July, 2009

Beginning July 1, 2009, the DMS Year III schedule will shift from six, eight-week rotation blocks to seven, seven-week blocks ("7x7"). The modified schedule will allow students to take a clinical elective during the third year, and will enable clerkships to accommodate an increased number of students in a given year. More details on how each Year III clerkship plans to handle the change will come directly from the clerkship offices (this change does not impact the four-week clerkships).

Ideas for Summer Student Projects??

This summer (2009), the Department of Community and Family Medicine is delighted to have grant funding to support stipends for students who participate in Family Medicine preceptorships or work with mentors on primary care research projects. The preceptorship involves a commitment to work with a student in clinic and mentor a research, quality improvement, or community education or outreach project designed jointly by you, your practice, and the student. If interested feel free to email Cathleen.Morrow@dartmouth.edu with questions and ideas.

Example projects from last summer include the following:

* Tom Frandsen improved his clinical skills working with Griffin Manning, ARNP, in New London NH. His quality improvement project involved doing a chart review of

care provided to patients with three different chronic diseases. He then compared the care these patients received to national averages in order to identify areas for improvement.

* Tom Hoke worked with Steve Genereaux at Little Rivers Health Care in Wells River VT. In addition to time in the clinic, hospital, and nursing home, Tom created a system to help Little Rivers providers meet their goal of increasing the percentage of well-child checks that include documented oral exams.

Tell us about your research and improvement projects!

OCER is interested in understanding what research or improvement projects DMS preceptors are engaged in or have been engaged in conducting. We will share this information in our next Preceptor Pipeline and will use this information to inform students and other faculty at DMS about the research being conducted by our preceptors. Please call or email Diane.Chamberlain@dartmouth.edu to share your involvement and expertise! 603-653-3451

Pediatric Grand Rounds are now available on-line! Go to www.dhvideo.org and click on CME Conferences to watch the archived lectures. You can also listen to the podcast version (for your iPod) by going to www.dhvideo.org, clicking on Podcasts and scrolling to Medical Professionals Podcasts. Thanks to Valerie Rooney, DMS preceptor and CPEB member, for advocating for this to happen!

The 19th Dartmouth Pediatric Conference

Stratton Mountain Resort, VT
March 3-6, 2009. Registration:
<http://www.regonline.com/dartmouthpedi2009>

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