The holiday season is upon us and we are looking forward to sharing another prosperous season with all of you! We were happy to present our 2012 – 2013 GME Annual Report at our November 26th GMEC Meeting. You can find the most recent report, along with previous year’s reports at http://gme.med.wayne.edu/pdf/gme_report_2013_final.pdf.

Pay close attention to the ACGME e-communication letters that you receive. The Phase 1 program presentations are important for the Program Directors, faculty and Program Coordinators. Our office has been very proactive in reaching out to all programs and specifically to inform them of the new requirements and updates.

There have been revisions approved at the previous ACGME Board of Directors meeting for specialty specific requirements in Anesthesiology, Dermatology, Family Medicine & Transitional Year. Make sure you review and revise your curriculums accordingly. A new subspecialty was added to Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation: Brain Injury Medicine.

For your convenience, we have included links to the ACGME Webinar Series. The first webinar is Clinical Learning Environment Review (CLER) Program Updates and can be found by clicking here. The second is the Coordinator Webinar Series and can be found for Urology, Internal Medicine, and Orthopaedic Surgery. We encourage all Program Coordinators to review these webinars, whether you are in a Phase 1 OR Phase 2 program.

The 2014 ACGME Annual Educational Conference is February 27 – March 2, 2014 at the Gaylord National in National Harbor, Maryland. Registration is now open and we hope to see you there! Details for the conference can be viewed here.

Leadership Skills for Chief Residents: The Leadership Skills Training Program for Chief Residents is a workshop which introduces a model of leadership to develop the following skills:

1. Enhance each participants self-awareness.
2. Develop knowledge and appreciation of group and interpersonal behavior.
3. Learn additional personal skills critical to success and satisfaction as both a clinician and leader including the ability to manage conflict, give and receive feedback; manage stress and work with non-physician administrators.

The ACGME will host a total of 10 Leadership Skills Training Program for Chief Residents in 2014 in the following cities: Chicago, IL, Redondo Beach, CA, Jacksonville, FL, Philadelphia, PA & Denver, CO. Click here for more detailed information including agendas.
Admin Updates

As follow up to the agenda items discussed at the November 26th GMEC meeting, the following information is for your review:

Committee List for OHMC – Please review the tab entitled WSU ENT Urology Ortho PMR. These are the suggested committees, but also review the other tabs for committees you may feel to be more appropriate.

Resident Quality Council Event – This is tentatively scheduled for the 10th of January – your Resident Quality Council representative should have all of the details.

Policy subcommittee of the GMEC – We are looking for representatives to work with the GME office to revise, develop and establish GME policies. Members can be Program Directors, Faculty, Residents and/or administrative staff – please contact Martha Jordan at mjorda@med.wayne.edu if you are interested in being part of this committee.

Stipends and Benefits for 2014-2015 – The GMEC approved a 1.5% increase in stipends for PGY 1-4 and a 2% increase for PGY 5 residents. This will bring our stipends up to the national average as reported by the AAMC for the Midwest.

VA Survey – The results were presented at the meeting. The Veterans Administration Learners’ Perceptions Survey: Facilities Report was released. The Detroit VA received high ratings in comparison to other regions. When looking longitudinally, the Detroit VA continues to increase their ratings in their learning environment, availability of staff & services, and properly handling the medical error process. The Detroit VA compared to other institutions nationally received top ratings in size and complexity. Please review if you were not at the meeting and have residents rotating at the VA.

AIAMC Updates

WSU ‘s four programs at Crittenton Hospital Medical Center (Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Otolaryngology & Transitional Year) are actively engaged in the National Initiative IV. For now, residents are leading 5 Quality Improvement projects for improving patient care quality and patient safety.

The National Initiative IV focuses on the ACGME’s first of the six CLER focus areas; Patient Safety. Future meetings will address the remaining five focus areas. The 2014 Annual Meeting and 25th Anniversary Celebration is now open for registration, found at www.aiamc.org. All are encouraged to register before January 15th to receive the early bird rate. The Annual Meeting will take place from March 27th – 29th, 2014 at the Rancho Bernardo Inn in San Diego, California. The NI IV Conference will immediately follow the Annual Meeting and end on March 30th, 2014 at the Ranch Bernardo Inn.

IHI Open School & Quality Improvement

IHI Open School is a leading innovator in health and health care improvement worldwide to spark bold, inventive ways to improve the health of individuals and populations.

Our GME office and the Task Force for Quality Improvement and Safety have chosen to pair with IHI to enhance the QI educational experience. With the easily accessible online capabilities, the modules can be accessed at any time for the resident’s convenience in order to standardize the information they are receiving regarding their quality improvement projects. Learn more here.

*Trivia Question*  
Who invented the stethoscope? What year was it invented?
Resident Quality Council Update

At the last Resident Quality Council meeting on November 12, 2013, there were five major topics discussed. The first discussion was regarding the possibility of welcoming a guest speaker(s) to a meeting to discuss the intricacies of contract negotiations, 401k and investing and loan re-payments from the state or federal government. Another topic of discussion was the Resident Quality Survey which has been distributed. WSUPG Incident Reporting was another topic of discussion and it was determined that each individual program is to educate their residents on this matter.

The resident event that has been the buzz around here will be a bowling event at Garden Bowl in downtown Detroit and will take place on January 10th, 2014. The next Resident Quality Council meeting will be January 21st, 2014. Look forward to seeing you there!

Observed Simulated Handoff Experience

The GME office would like to thank each one of you involved with the Observed Simulated Handoff Experience (OSHE). We appreciate all of the hard work and flexibility in the coordination of these simulations. Every WSUGME program participated and the simulations took place on-site at the residency office or at the Kado Clinical Skills Center. We value the feedback you provided in the evaluations as well as the post-survey and are currently compiling the data for analysis. The Transitions of Care Task Force will review the data produced from the experience and will decide how to incorporate it into the OSCE sessions in 2014. Any further suggestions, please contact Lisa Dillon, PhD via email: ldillon@med.wayne.edu.

ACGME News Within WSU

Here’s what’s happening in our WSUGME programs in accordance with the ACGME requirements:

All residents are in the process of completing the Annual Resident Survey. This survey is of utmost importance and is to be completed by December 13, 2013. The faculty are also in the process of completing the Annual Faculty Survey, with a due date of December 20, 2013.

Phase 1 programs (Orthopaedic Surgery & Urology) are diligently in the process of milestone reporting, with a completion date of December 31st, 2013. As a continuation of what they reported at the November GMEC Meeting, they would be happy to share their experiences with this process with you. Please contact the Program Coordinators for more information.

Otolaryngology is completing their ACGME Faculty Survey. All other programs will be starting this process in January 2014.

IM Halloween Party
Wayne State University Urology Chief Resident Ishai Ross, M.D., together with Michael Cher, M.D., chair of the Department of Urology, won the best poster award in the prostate cancer session at the recent meeting of the North Central Section of the American Urological Association in Naples, Fla.

The work, a collaborative with the University of Michigan, Blue Cross Blue Shield and other urology practices across the state, sought to improve urologic care by investigating the ordering of imaging studies among patients with newly diagnosed prostate cancer.

“It has been a pleasure working on this project and I appreciated the opportunity to present at the meeting,” said Dr. Ross, a 2009 graduate of the WSU School of Medicine. “In the current cost-conscious health care environment, these types of collaborations are extremely important tools to help physicians deliver efficient, high quality care for our patients. The rate of radiographic staging for newly diagnosed prostate cancer patients is just one of the many aspects of patient care that the Michigan Urological Surgery Improvement Collaborative could have a positive effect on.”

The presentation, “Michigan Urological Surgery Improvement Collaborative: Patterns of Care in the Radiographic Staging of Men with Newly Diagnosed Prostate Cancer,” found that the rates of radiographic staging for newly diagnosed prostate cancer in the state of Michigan are “quite good and improving based upon audit and performance feedback provided at the Michigan Urological Surgery Improvement Collaborative meetings,” Dr. Ross said.