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Family Medicine Newsletter

Welcomes and farewells

Please welcome Dr. Soujanya Chavali as the new Education Director for Family Medicine Northern Remote PGY 1, Dr. Joanna Lynch as the Education Director for Family Medicine Northern Remote PGY 2, Dr. Alexei Berdnikov as our new Faculty Lead Ultrasound and Dr Matthew Bhullar, who is taking over for Dr. Steve Gray at River Access.

Dr Steven Gray has moved on from Access River East to be more focused on inpatient care and will be missed. We are thankful that he will remain in touch and available to help coordinate Access River East site learning in point of care ultrasound techniques.

Dr Amit Bharj has left Access River East and the residency program to work at Plessis medical center. We are happy that he will still be working in our community to help support the patients of River East- Transcona but will miss his clinical and tech support here as well as his thoughtful work with residents.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Dr. Mandy Buss won the Indigenous Achievement Award!

Parkland Family Medicine Scholarship

Dauphin has been home to a rural family medicine training program for almost 30 years. Dr. Jessica Sproule, one of the recent graduates of 2022, has made the Parkland program proud as a recipient of the *Family Medicine Resident Scholarship*. Only one resident doctor from each of the seventeen family medicine training programs is chosen and she is the recipient for the University of Manitoba. This award is given to residents who have shown outstanding leadership qualities. During her time in Dauphin she served as one of the chief residents with the important role of teaching including running simulation sessions for medical students and fellow residents.

When asked about this award and the training she received Dr. Sproule said, “The Parkland program prepares you to be a jack of all trades. On a daily basis you could deliver a baby, see patients in clinic, then do a shift in emergency. Residents come out of the program with so many skills. Most of us work rurally when we finish because we understand how important rural family medicine is. It’s being able to help your patient in so many ways. I am honoured to receive this award especially on behalf of the Rural Parkland program because I am the physician that I am today because of the wonderful training I have had.”

Dr. Sproule is back to her home province of British Columbia helping a variety of rural communities including Terrace, Whistler and Haida Gwaii.

Congratulations Dr. Sproule!

Master of Physician Assistant Studies Class of 2024

Inaugural for the Master of Physician Assistant Studies Class of 2024 will take place on September 2, 2022. The Ceremony will be held in the Brodie Atrium on Bannatyne Campus at 12:00PM. Light refreshments will follow in the John Buhler Atrium.

Join us to celebrate our incoming students!

Publications

Singer A, LaBine L, Katz A, Yogendran M, Lix LM. Primary medication non-adherence in a large primary care population. *Canadian Family Physician*. Jul 2022, 68 (7) 520-527.

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Rhynold E S, Quan S, Orr P H, LaBine L, **Singer A**, St John P D. *Protective effects of prior third dose mRNA vaccination in rural nursing home residents during SARS-CoV-2 outbreaks*. *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*. May 2022. DOI: 10.1111/jgs.17996

DFM 50th Anniversary – We are on Social Media Platforms

If you are a fan of Instagram, FB, Twitter, or if you have an account on LinkedIn, check out our latest updates on the [Department of Family Medicine | Linktree](#) to each social media page. Please share these links and consider contributing content on your site, history and innovations.

Your support and participation are essential to our planning and the celebrations as well as spreading the word through social media to alumni, the public. We need your help to distribute the great work that your site is doing to support your communities, the department and the university.

Prize for #Hashtags

We would like to take this opportunity to announce the winner of the Hashtags for our social media contest. We received the winning submission, #DFM50 from Michelle Jubenvill a few days after the DFM Newsletter was published. Thanks for the participation. We will contact you individually for prize collection.
