



UPHEC Welcomes two new 'family' members



Samuel James Dehlin
November 28, 2006
6:00 p.m.
5 lbs 6 oz
17 1/4 inches long



Nolan James Dixon
(with big sister Lilly)
November 1, 2006
8 lbs 6 oz

Happy
New Year!

Congratulations to the proud Moms & Dads!

Award Winners/Appointments

Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) announced its 2006 inductees. Congratulations to Katriina Hopper, Corinne Peimer, Lauren Meisel and Tim Ehle, all Year 4 students. AOA, a national medical honor society, is the only national medical honor society. Its mission, developed over the past one hundred years, has been to recognize and enhance professionalism, academic excellence, service, and leadership within the medical profession. Membership in AOA is limited and was awarded to only five third year and 14 fourth year students out of MSU-CHM's class of 106 students.

The Gold Humanism Honor Society (GHHS), the Gold Foundation's newest initiative, honors senior medical students, residents, role-model physician teachers and other exemplars recognized for "demonstrated excellence in clinical

care, leadership, compassion and dedication to service." The select group of students who receive this award are nominated by their peers. Winners of the Gold Humanism Award this year are Karl Meisel, Meg Lekander and Corinne Peimer, all Year 4 students.

Sarah Roberts, Year 3, was appointed to the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) commission on continuing Professional Development as a sole student representative to the 2007 committee. She is only one of 12 students appointed to AAFP commission each year, and has recently completed her 2006 national position as an AAFP Family Medicine Interest Group Regional Coordinator.

Congratulations for all your hard work!

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News from the Medical School . . .

International Electives

Several of our fourth year medical students will be participating in international electives. Meg Lekander will be traveling to Ecuador from February 5 through March 2, 2007, for a Reproductive/Women's Health elective. Meg will be observing how reproductive health-care functions in a socially conservative country where there is limited discussion and openness regarding sexual health issues.

Karl & Lauren Meisel will also be traveling to Ecuador during the month of January 2007. They will be participating in the Community Medicine program. They will gain experience in international medicine, surgery, obstetrics and pediatrics, history and physical exams of families in Spanish, health education, general information sessions, and community oriented primary care. ■

Corinne Peimer will be embarking on two international electives back-to-back. From January 2 - 31, 2007, Corinne will be doing a Hospice elective in Switzerland. Corinne will participate in all aspects of the hospice team's work while gaining confidence in assessing and monitoring the course of terminal illness, identifying the major areas of concern for a patient with a terminal illness, identifying family stressors from terminal illness, and learning about the process of grief and loss.

In February Corinne will journey to the Himalayas for an Advanced Internal Medicine elective. Corinne will gain international health exposure; learn, develop and apply practical skills in a nontraditional setting; develop sensitivity to different health care delivery systems by working alongside local health care providers; introduce team members to cultures and lifestyles in remote rural areas; and develop awareness by analyzing social, economic and health needs.

UPHEC wishes safe travels to all.

Visiting Students

We welcome Carrie Hecht from Wayne State University, School of Medicine who will be doing an infectious disease elective and Danielle Rayome from MSU-CHM who will be doing a cardiology elective. Both will be on campus from February 5 - March 2, 2007.

We would also like to welcome back Lisa Knauf from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, who is returning this March for an infectious disease elective.

Surrell appointed to UPHEC Board of Directors

James A. Surrell, MD, FACS, FASCRS, has recently been appointed to the UPHEC Board of Directors representing MGHS. Dr. Surrell is with the Marquette General Digestive Health Clinic at MGHS and is Board Certified in colon and rectal surgery. He is a graduate of Michigan State University College of Human Medicine. Welcome, Dr. Surrell!



James A. Surrell, MD, FACS,
FASCRS

UPHEC Open House

On December 15, 2006, UPHEC celebrated the holidays with an open house for staff, colleagues, family and friends. Food and fellowship was shared by all.

Newsworthy

David Luoma, MD, was recognized as a founding member of the International Society of Travel Medicine (ISTM). Dr. Luoma has been a member since the organization's inception. ISTM was founded at the International Conference of Travel Medicine in Atlanta in 1991. Only half of the founding members have remained active in the organization.

Sarah Roberts, Year 3, gave a poster presentation at the AAFP Scientific Assembly in Washington, DC, in October 2006. Her research interests include the "Predictors and Prevalence of Depression in a Rural Cohort: Addressing a Primary Care Challenge."

Sarah Roberts, co-authored with Dr. Matt Douglas, a well-known Michigan Monarch Ecologist, discussing the Monarch butterfly's migration patterns in Michigan. The research titled "The 2006 Michigan Monarch Migration," will be published in the American Journal of Lepidoptera in February 2006.

Sharon Stoll, MD, will be presenting a workshop on health care utilization to Northern Michigan University students enrolled in the HP 200 Physical Well-Being course this month.

Martin Luther King Day

Martin Luther King Day is a student holiday. Please make sure you notify your preceptor that you will be off that day.

News from the Grants & Research Unit

Munising Community Health Study (MCHS)

The Munising Community Health Study Advisory Board held their first meeting of the year on January 9, 2007 at the Falling Rock Cafe in Munising. Attendees participated in planning the next steps in preparation for the 2007 Community Health Study. A presentation based on the 2006 Community Health Study data was presented by Jeff Dwyer, PhD. The group also discussed Medical Care Access Coalition involvement in providing access to care for uninsured and underinsured residents of Alger County.

Third year medical students are compiling and finalizing their questions for research input in the second year of this project.

Dementia Screening Project

Dr. Danny Yarger's dementia screening project has been approved by the MGHS Institutional Review Board and will begin patient screening at FamilyCare Doctors at the end of January. This collaborative effort between Dr. Yarger, FamilyCare Doctors, Northern Michigan University students, Sharon Stoll, MD, and MGHS's Memory Clinic is designed to provide primary care physicians with an early detection tool for signs of dementia.

Gastroesophageal Reflux (GER) in Infants Study

Subject recruitment has been completed and data collection is 50% complete as we enter the fifth quarter of the Gastroesophageal Reflux in Infants Study being conducted by Drs. VanHowe and Storms. The project and data collection are moving along with much success.

UPHEC Research Meetings

Dr. Robert Van Howe presented "The Basics of Research" and Dr. Michelle Storms presented "Research in the Residency Setting" at recent UPHEC Research meetings. Upcoming topics include, "Getting Your Research Published," by Jeff Dwyer, PhD on February 19, 2007, and "The Institutional Review Board Process and Human Subjects Research" by Dan Arnold, MD, on March 20, 2007. Everyone is welcome to join these informative meetings! Bring your lunch and join us.

PharmD News

Renee Koski, PharmD, published an article entitled, "Practical Review of Oral Antihyperglycemic Agents for Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus," in the November/December 2006 issue of the *Diabetes Educator*.

Dr. Koski also published an article entitled, "Pharmacists' Perceptions of Controlled Substance Abuse in the Rural Upper Peninsula of Michigan," in the November/December 2006 issue of the *Journal of the American Pharmacists Association*.

We would like to welcome Mona Agens from Ludington, Michigan, Dr. Koski's most recent PharmD student. Mona will be with us from January through April 2007.

News from the Residency ...

Family Care Doctors Holiday Breakfast

Residency faculty hosted their annual holiday breakfast on December 11, 2006, for its staff. The Residency faculty show their appreciation to the residents, staff doctors, nurses and clerical staff of FamilyCare Doctors, by cooking them a holiday breakfast and facilitating entertainment. This year Christmas music was provided by Dr. Larry Skendzel, Dr. Kevin Piggott, Dr. Karen Eldevick, and Sue Johnson.



EMR upgrade at MGHS

Bill Short, MD, Kristin Elliott, MD, and Chris Dehlin, fourth year MSU-CHM student, have been assisting with the verification phase of the new EMR upgrade at MGHS by providing feedback from User Acceptance Testing (UAT). The EMR upgrade will be available for general release to the MGHS physician population once testing and training has been completed.

People, Places and Success

Jeanne Baumann, RN, MSN, is in her 20th year administering and coordinating physical fitness testing for DNR employees who will be involved in woodland fire fighting. MGHS has provided this fitness testing to the DNR for many years in cooperation with Family-Care Doctors and then Occupational Medicine. While on her Occupational Medicine rotation, third-year resident, Lamia Eltouny, M.D., participated in the latest testing. She also completed the test herself, adding experiential learning to the last day of her Occupational Medicine rotation.

Dr. Kevin Piggott will be leaving the Marquette Family Residency for a two-year General Preventive Medicine and Public Health Residency at the University of Michigan School of Public Health. Dr. Piggott intends to return once he is finished with this additional training. We will miss you, Dr. Piggott!

Kris McCollum is a master's level social work intern from MSU's School of Social Work, who has been working with Heidi Schneiderhan, LMSW, Director of Behavioral Science. Kris is a native of Marquette and is doing her first year field placement at the residency. Kris began her internship in August of 2006 and she will be working with the residents until April 2007. Kris has an undergraduate degree in social work from Northern Michigan University and has experience working in the Juvenile Court System.

News from the Residency ...

Recruitment season is nearing an end. We will have completed 23 interviews for both allopathic and osteopathic positions. The osteopathic match rank list deadline is January 26th with the results of the match available on February 12th. The allopathic match rank list deadline is February 21st but the results will not be available until March 12th.

Holiday fruit baskets were sent to several units and offices at Marquette General Hospital from FamilyCare Doctors, the Residency, Lakewood Medical Associates & Negaunee Medical Associates. All permanent providers and residents contributed to the cost of the baskets as a gesture of thanks for the support they receive throughout the year.

There will be a post-holiday party for all residents, FamilyCare Doctors staff, UPHEC employees and medical students at the UPFront & Co. on Saturday, February 3rd. There is no fee for the party and details will be forthcoming.

Drs. Michelle Storms and Robert Van Howe attended the American Public Health Association conference in Boston in early November and participated in a variety of presentations on world health, maternal/child health, nutrition and school lunches, oil consumption, environmental issues, etc. Dr. Paul Farmer, founder of Partners In Health, and Dr. Helene Gayle, founder of CARE, were the keynote speakers.

From the Residency Scrapbook



Dr. Shearer teaches both medical students and residents how to assess for eye injuries during the November 2006 procedure conference.



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Update on NAHEC Activities

By Carolyn Weissbach, JD, MPH, Director

AHEC Geriatric Education Scholars (AGES) Program

Fund development, promotion and implementation activities in preparation for a large Summer 2007 internship initiative which will include 30 high school juniors and seniors from the UP's 15 counties has begun. Geriatric health care interns will attend a three-day orientation in late June at Northern Michigan University's Seaborg Center and then be placed for seven weeks from late June through mid-August at long-term care sites in their home communities learning about geriatric health care. Interns receive a stipend and participate in the program for free. Applications will be available from NAHEC on March 15 and due by April 10. Program partners include UPHEC, NAHEC, NMU, Michigan Works!, Michigan State Extension and the Great Lakes Center for Youth Development. Funding has been received to date from NAHEC, Dickinson County Community Foundation, St. Ignace Community Foundation and Michigan State Extension with other proposals still pending. Weissbach presented informational sessions about AGES at recent meetings of the Upper Peninsula Health Care Network (Ironwood) and Michigan State Extension UP County Directors (Escanaba).

Carry-Forward Funding Awards from Michigan State AHEC have been disseminated by NAHEC this Fall to UPHEC, Marquette Family Medicine Residency, Sparrow Residency, Baldwin Family Practice FQHC, Alcona FQHC, Thunder Bay FQHC, Michigan HOSA/HOTT, Sault Ste. Marie Tribal Health Center, Ferris State PharmD and Ferris State Allied Health program in support of training of Northern Michigan health professionals.

Weissbach attended the American Public Health Association's 2006 annual convention in Boston, MA in early October and participated in sessions on geriatric health, training of health professionals and Veteran's health issues.

NAHEC worked with UPHEC to promote the organizations' presence and training health professionals in the UP via a recent press release that has been published in several local media outlets including Marquette Monthly and Daily Mining Gazette. Community response to this message has been very positive.

Weissbach and Patti Copley, presented an informational session on medical student placements to health professionals and administrators from the Sault Ste. Marie Tribal Health Centers in Newberry on November 13, 2006. Plans are to promote the MSU-CHM Rural Health Elective to eligible, interested third and fourth year students with placements at tribal sites for Summer 2007 and future dates.

NAHEC continues to promote and implement its Teaching Early for Access to Careers in Health (TEACH) program at UP schools in collaboration with area chapters of the Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA). Recent training was held at the Baraga/L'Anse HOSA Chapter and programs are planned for Spring 2007 at sites such as L'Anse, Houghton/Hancock and Negaunee.