MESSAGE FROM THE VICE DEAN

Dear Medical Students,

On behalf of the College of Medicine and Department of Medical Education I would like to convey my best wishes for a joyous holiday season and a very happy new year!

As we begin our new calendar year we need to start planning for new academic initiatives. The meeting with a group of M2 students as well as a separate meeting with M3 students has provided us with valuable feedback for our curriculum and possible avenues for enhancing our curriculum. We are truly appreciative of the thoughtful feedback and insight provided by both groups of students. Our goal is to provide all students with the best possible medical and professional education and with that in the forefront, we are planning to keep engaged with the students through monthly focus groups to develop a greater understanding of the potential issues facing the students and their possible solutions. We have added additional students to the curriculum committees and plan to address all of the concerns to the best of our ability.

Our faculty and I are always available for any queries or questions you may have, so feel free to reach out to us at any time.

Look forward to seeing you all after the break. Happy Holidays!

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE STUDENT REPS

Foundational Sciences Curriculum Committee
M1 Danielle Saevig and Vinaya Gogineni
M2 Lucien McBeth

Clinical Curriculum Committee
M1 Vinaya Gogineni
M2 Margaret Reilly
M3 Samuel Ivan
M4 Evan Rotar

Executive Curriculum Committee
M1 Daniel Lubarsky and Danielle Saevig
M2 Nick Cairl and Alex Wisniewski
M3 Darren Gordon
M4 Sophie Cannon

Curriculum Evaluation Committee
M3 Megan Crippen and Richard Voigt

If you are an M3 or M4 and are interested in representing your class on the Foundational Sciences Curriculum Committee or an M1, M2, or M4 and are interested in representing your class on the Curriculum Evaluation Committee, please contact Melissa Hansen at 419-383-4458 or by e-mail at melissa.hansen@utoledo.edu.

NBME PRACTICE EXAMS FOR M2’S

Working with Dr. Andy Beavis and the faculty in Organ Systems, the Department of Medical Education will provide a practice NBME exam for the M2 class that will be customized to focus on content that you have learned to date. Although we are in the process of planning, the tentative date is Tuesday March 13, 2018. In January, we will provide an update on the date for the second practice exam that will follow Organ Systems in April.

Jeremy Laukka, Ph.D.

GREAT JOB!

ProMedica Toledo Hospital participates in a Hand Hygiene auditing program sponsored by OHA in which a “secret shopper” completes random monthly hand hygiene audits on the various clinical areas throughout the campus.

During the month of November medical students and residents were 100% compliant with hand hygiene!

Keep up the great work!
Stefanie Bias is an Administrative Assistant in the Department of Medical Education, College of Medicine and Life Sciences. In this position, Stefanie provides administrative assistance for Dr. Jeremy Laukka, Assistant Dean for Foundational Sciences, as well as other department faculty.

Stefanie has worked for the University of Toledo for six years. Prior to her position in the DME, she served as a secretary for the department of Neurosciences and was a Cardiology Fellowship Coordinator. Her experience as a coordinator has given her the understanding of what’s involved with residency and fellowship from interviews to graduation.

Please feel free to contact Stefanie for any of your Foundational Science needs and queries at 419-383-6454, or by e-mail at stefanie.bias@utoledo.edu.

FINANCIAL AID NEWS

The end of fall semester is rapidly approaching, and before we head into 2018, there are a few financial aid items I would like to mention.

1. The College of Medicine Continuing Student Scholarship Application is now open. You can access the application here. The deadline to submit your application is March 15, 2018.

2. If you have not already done so, please complete your 2018-2019 FAFSA: https://fafsa.ed.gov/. The 18/19 FAFSA is required for the continuing student scholarship application.

3. As always, financial aid disbursements occur on the official start date of the semester, unless you are enrolled in non-aid eligible hours to start the term, such as FLEX. For spring semester, the disbursement dates are as follows:
   - M1: January 3
   - M2: January 3
   - M3: February 5
   - M4: January 2

As a reminder, the Financial Aid Office will be closed from Monday, December 25 to Monday, January 1, and will reopen on Tuesday, January 2.

Please remember that I am here as a resource for you. Whether you have a question about financial aid, debt management, loan repayment strategies, or any other financial related topic, I am here to help, so please do not hesitate to reach out. Feel free to call, email, or stop by my office in the Student Service Center.

I wish all of you a safe and enjoyable holiday season!
OCCUPATIONAL EXPOSURE FLOW CHART

The flow chart on the following page is for the exposure process, please note that this includes needle sticks, body fluid and contaminated sharps. For any exposure individuals should report to the Emergency Department.

Below is the CDC link regarding Occupational Safety and Health, there is valuable information in this link to help answer many questions regarding prevention of needle sticks as well as the management and treatment guidelines.

https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/bbp/emergnedl.html

Exposures elsewhere should follow specific organization protocol and report the incident to our employee health at ext. 5598 to ensure follow-up. Following the report, they will complete follow-up with the student.

STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Students have access to mental health and counseling services at Kobacker Center on the Health Science Campus. Additional counseling services are available at the University Counseling Center on Main Campus as well. To make an appointment, please call 419.383.3815

Health Science Campus
Behavioral Health Services
Amy Riese, M.D.
Sandra McCluskey, LPCC-S
Kobacker Center
1400 East Medical Loop
419.383.3815

Main Campus
University Counselling Center
Rocket Hall, room 1810
419.530.2426

STUDENT WELLNESS SERVICES

Students have access to wellness services at the Ruppert Health Center on the Health Science Campus. Services include medical visits, travel consults, immunizations and program physicals. To make an appointment, please call 419.383.5000.

Health Science Campus
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419.383.5000
OCCUPATIONAL EXPOSURE FLOW CHART

Contaminated Needlestick, Contaminated Sharps, Blood and Body Fluid Exposure

Exposed individual reports to immediate supervisor.

Exposed individual goes to the Emergency Department

ED gives exposure packet with unique number identifier to exposed individual

Exposed individual will fill out injury/illness report immediately and completely along exposure information form

ED facilitates baseline specimen collection on exposed individual (HIV, Hepatitis B and C) and sends to Pathology

Pathology completes testing of source patient and exposed employee. Pathology reports test results back to ED Lead Nurse x 1663

ED Lead Nurse contacts ED Attending with results if positive. ED Lead Nurse will contact exposed employee with their results

Treatment course prescribed by ED Attending Physician for exposed individual based on source patient results, assessment and circumstances.

ED will administer prophylactic meds as needed per protocol. ED nurse will facilitate additional labs to be drawn

ED nurse sends one copy of injury/illness report to Safety & Health, MS 1078; case entered into OHIM by Safety & Health

ED Manager will hand deliver individual’s completed exposure packet to Employee Health

Occupational Health Nurse at Employee Health contacts exposed individual for any necessary follow-up

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Change in Minimum Passing Score for Step 1

Announcement posted to USMLE website December 1, 2017

The recommended Step 1 minimum passing score will change from 192 to 194. This change will affect examinees who take a Step 1 examination that begins on or after January 1, 2018.

As stated in the USMLE Bulletin of Information and as explained in a previous posting to the USMLE website, the minimum passing score for each USMLE Step examination is reviewed periodically and may be adjusted at any time.

At its November 2017 meeting, the USMLE Management Committee conducted a review of the Step 1 examination minimum passing score. During the meeting, the Committee considered information from multiple sources, including:

- Recommendations from independent groups of physicians who participated in content-based standard-setting activities in 2017;
- Results of surveys of various groups (e.g., state licensing representatives, medical school faculty, examinees) concerning the appropriateness of current passing requirements for the Step 1 examination;
- Data on trends in examinee performance;
- Data on precision of pass/fail classifications.

As a result of its review, the USMLE Management Committee decided to raise the recommended Step 1 minimum passing score from 192 to 194.

As noted above, this change will apply to Step 1 examinees who take a Step 1 examination that begins on or after January 1, 2018.

If you would like to be a part of the editorial board for UT INSIDE Medical Education, please contact Melissa Hansen at melissa.hansen@utoledo.edu, or by phone at 419-383-4458.