Family Health Center Awarded
Shared Savings through MD Collaborative
The Family Health Center and Patient Centered Medical Home Model of Healthcare was awarded shared savings dollars through the Maryland Collaborative, Multi-Payer Program, contingent on preventive health care, chronic health conditions, ED visits, re-admissions, hospital days and developing a model of advanced patient centered care that is accessible, continuous, comprehensive, coordinated and high quality.

Our team of 45 providers including residents, family medicine and pediatrics faculty, NP/PAs, care coordination team and PharmD contributed to successful outcomes including: Reduction in ED visits; Reduction in inpatient days and success in 20 clinical outcomes including immunizations, CHF and CAD screening, smoking cessation counseling, asthma, and others.

Dr. Melly Goodell Appointed to MedStar
Franklin Square Medical Center Board of Directors

Congratulations to Dr. Melly Goodell, Chair, Department of Family Medicine, to her appointment to the Board of Directors at MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center.

Dr. Goodell became Vice-Chair of the Department in July 2009, and Chair of the Department of Family Medicine in September 2010. Dr. Goodell is also the Director of Healthcare for the Homeless, Baltimore County.

Dr. Goodell will help increase the Board’s attention to ambulatory and primary care and graduate medical education.

Congratuations to Family Medicine Fellows
Three Third Year Residents Accept Fellowships

Dr. Kelly Ryan has matched to the University of Maryland Sports Medicine fellowship, where she will work with the Terps of University of Maryland, the Retrievers of UMBC, and even the Ravens. This is a dream come true for our hometown chief resident.

Dr. Yama Alam has matched to the MedStar Washington Hospital Center Geriatrics fellowship. She will learn about the special needs of the elderly population including hospice and nursing home care. She has always had a unique touch with our older patients and this will continue her training.

Dr. Sarah Ramirez has accepted a fellowship in Obstetrics at Lawrence General Hospital in Massachusetts. This fellowship is widely regarded amongst family doctors who practice obstetrics as one on the most challenging in the country. She will be learning high risk obstetrics including c-sections and other surgeries.

The Department of Family Medicine is proud of their accomplishments in addition to the continued support of faculty, residents and staff.

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Family Medicine Presents at FMEC
Faculty and residents from the Department of Family Medicine at MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center attended the FMEC (Family Medicine Education Consortium) Conference in November 2013 in Philadelphia, PA.

Presentations included:
Sallie Rixey, MD, MEd: Dermatology for Beginning Students or What Your Family Expects You to Know and More; Michael D. Dwyer, MD & Claudia Harding, LCSW-C BCD: Improving Family Medicine Residents’ Core Competency Skills and Decreasing Hospital Readmission Rates, An Innovative Curriculum; Netra Thakur, MD & Lauren Gordon, MD: HPV Testing in a Residency Practice

Poster Presentations included:
Sarah Ramirez, MD & Matthew Burke, MD: How Does the Centering Pregnancy Model of Care at a CHC improve Outcomes in Latin, Uninsured, Non-English Speaking Women of Baltimore City and Howard County.

And Dr. Matthew Loftus, 3rd year resident, was an award winner for his submission “This We Believe” competition. Modeled on the successful “This I Believe” project as heard on NPR, “This We Believe” offers physicians, physicians training, and Medical Students engaged in Family Medicine organizations the opportunity to express their core beliefs in this competition.

Dr. Loftus also led a breakfast discussion workshop on “Restoring At-Risk Communities Through Relocation: Live, Work, & Worship In The Same Place.”

Family Medicine Collaborates with the American Medical Association and Johns Hopkins University
Physician Championships Lead “Communities to Improve Health Outcomes: Blood Pressure Initiative”

Physician Champions (L to R), Dr. Matthew Burke, Faculty, Department of FM; Dr. Michael Niehoff, Director of Musculoskeletal Programs and Dr. Merritt McLaughlin, Resident Chief and Program Champion, including Dr. Richard Bruno, PGY-1, Prev Med (not pictured), are leading efforts in collaboration with AMA-JHU to achieve standardized work flows to gather data, interpret performance, and create provider level reports that both providers and teams are comfortable using for quality improvement for blood pressure outcomes and proactively pursue hypertension control.

The collaboration provides useful information and tools to our patients at the Family Health Center to improve their health and reduce their risk of stroke and heart disease. The DASH Diet Southern Style Cookbook is provided by the US Department of Health and Human Services and in collaboration with The Department of Family Medicine, the American Medical Association and Johns Hopkins University “Improving Health Outcomes: Blood Pressure” Initiative:

Family Medicine Releases FY2013 Annual Report
Reflecting on academic year 2012-2013 in the Department of Family Medicine and recognizing our achievements. The FY13 Annual Report is a summary of our activities from July 1, 2012-June 30, 2013. Coming soon!