The Brown Family Medicine Alumni Association hosted a Life After Residency Event on Wednesday, September 25, 2013 at the Brown Medical School. Amity Rubeor and Pete Sell talked to current residents about what to expect after finishing residency and how to maneuver the path.

Panelists Pat Maier, Andrea Arena, Jeff Syme, Al Puerini and Sara Delaporta answered questions about their experiences practicing after residency and mingled with guests after to answer any questions.

Clockwise from left: Guests enjoying the outdoor space at Brown Medical School, panelists talk about their experiences - panelists include - Pat Maier, Andrea Arena, Jeff Syme, Al Puerini and Sara Delaporta and Amity Rubeor addressing the crowd.
We bid farewell to our geriatrician, Dr. Kim Dodd. Kim became the department’s geriatrician in 2010. She completed an Internal Medicine residency and Geriatric Fellowship at Boston University, before becoming an attending physician at Boston Medical Center and East Boston Elder Service Plan. In her role at Memorial Hospital, she oversaw the geriatrics longitudinal and block rotation curriculum and precepted Family Medicine and Internal Medicine residents during their geriatrics rotation. We appreciate all her hard work and wish her well!

We also bid farewell to Dr. Marjorie Nasin, Director of Pediatric Education in Family Medicine. Dr. Nasin oversaw all Family Medicine Residency teaching regarding the care of children, and provided clinical and didactic teaching in the hospital and the outpatient settings. Dr. Nasin joined Memorial Hospital’s Department of Pediatrics in 2007 and has been the Director of Clinical Pediatrics since 2010. A graduate of the Alpert Medical School of Brown University, Dr. Nasin completed her pediatric residency at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, MD, and Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. We appreciate all that Marj has done for the department and the residency and wish her well!

The Department of Family Medicine will hold a conference, Strength in Numbers on Thursday, November 14, 2013. The goal is to share the experiences of Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island and the March of Dimes as partners in developing a group prenatal care program based on the CenteringPregnancy® model. We hope to encourage other providers statewide to incorporate this evidence-based model of care into their practices.

When: November 14th, 9am-12:30pm (lunch will be served at 12:00pm)
Where: Sayles Conference Rooms, Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island
RSVP: to Elizabeth Smith (elizabeth_smith@mhri.org) by November 7th
Welcome New Faculty

The Family Medicine Department welcomes two new faculty - who aren’t really new.

Ashley Lakin graduated from our residency program this spring and will be seeing patients at our Plainville site. She will also be coordinating simulation work for the residency. All this while juggling motherhood with her new son, Thad.

Anna Filip became our first Global Health Fellowship graduate this spring. She will be seeing patients at Thundermist in West Warwick and will also be the Assistant Residency Director.

Welcome!

CENTRAL FALLS HIGH SCHOOL PHYSICALS

On Tuesday, July 23, a group of faculty, residents, and medical students from Memorial Hospital and the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University set up for six hours in the hallways and locker rooms of Central Falls High School to offer over 50 students free pre-participation sports physicals.

This summer, Central Falls High School students who want to participate in a fall sport did not need to face the often times impossible barrier of finding a doctor and paying for a sports physical.

Marie Grist, head nurse for Central Falls School District explained, “A lot of our students don’t have insurance or don’t have a family doctor or the ability to pay at an urgent care center but want to play sports and they need physicals to participate.”

Dr. Jordan White helped organize this event with a team of other family physicians including Dr. Susanna Magee, Dr. Jessica Heney, Dr. Amity Rubeor, and Dr. Jeffrey Manning. They were joined by four residents, seven medical students, and Dr. Jeffrey Borkan, Chair of the Department of Family Medicine at Memorial Hospital.

This event was the beginning of a longer term plan to open up a school-based health clinic staffed by residents and doctors from Memorial Hospital and the Family Medicine Department at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University.

(Story from The Memorial Hospital of RI - The Page)
Peter Gates (*'78) Family photo. The dogs are not actually related.

Joe Mignogna (*'81) Joe’s wife, Jill and daughters Jillian and Morgan made Daddy learn to swim and start competing in local triathlons with them. Son Tristan is sticking to tennis and joining Flagler College's team this Fall as a freshman.

Carlin Stockson (*'87) Carlin is still in Ann Arbor, MI working full time as both medical director and staff physician at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital’s Urgent Care on the west side. She often sees patients of Ray Rion, MD and Janet Hubert, MD, both of whom have group practices in the area.

Her husband David is still working at the University of Michigan but they have been back to the New England area often recently to visit David’s family and their oldest, Sean, who is now working in Quincy. Their daughter, Kelsey is in San Francisco so she and David are using their frequent flyer points to spend time on both Pacific and Atlantic coasts. If anyone is traveling to the Ann Arbor area, stop by and say "hi"!

Christopher Shuhart (*'90) Chris is Director for an osteoporosis center at Swedish Medical Center in Seattle, WA since 2010. He will soon begin enrolling research patients for their first clinical trial participation. In March of 2013, he received "Clinician of the Year" award from International Society for Clinical Densitometry (ISCD), the worldwide bone density professional organization.

Sue Bonadonna (*'92) Is working at FHC in the Bronx, the main teaching site for Montefiore’s Family Med Residency and FQHC (federally qualified health center). She says she loves her job. She is also the proud mom to Erik (born right after residency)- now a junior at Cornell, Devon- just graduated high school, heading out next week to hike the Appalachian Trail, and Luke, entering sophomore year of high school. Her husband Reed is director of ethics and leadership at US Merchant Marine Academy.

Lisa Carter (*'02) Lisa is the Education Director at Family Health Center of Worcester, a federally-qualified community health center in Worcester. She provides primary care to a small panel of patients, precepts, and coordinate the teaching activities of their multidisciplinary training programs. Lisa says, “It is a very fun and interesting practice site, with low-income patients from all over the world. In the nine years that I have been at FHCW, I have never, ever had a boring day at work”.

In her spare time she chairs the Board of HeadsUp, Inc, a nonprofit agency in downtown Providence that hosts a range of human services activities,
including a soup kitchen, distribution of clothes and toiletries, case management services for people with certain chronic illnesses, programming for at-risk youth, and arts programming for the homeless.

Lisa Weir ('02) Lisa is the Clerkship Director for Family Medicine at New York Medical College. She also works part time at Day Street Community Health Center doing full spectrum family medicine as well as treatment of Hep C and opioid addiction. Below is a family picture from a Caribbean Cruise they took to celebrate their 10th wedding anniversary. Sara is 5 and Jenna is 1.5 now.

Carole Smith ('04) Carole is living in Duxbury, MA with her husband Tom. They have three beautiful children, Patrick (4), Matthew (2) and Bridget (1). Carole is working in a private practice on the South Shore and is chief of the family medicine department at her local hospital in Weymouth, South Shore Hospital. She says, “Things are very busy but good! “ She also says, “I think of all my preceptors at Brown all the time and my classmates. I’m dreaming and hoping to have a residency for family medicine at South Shore Hospital in the future. Hope all is well with everyone!”

Cristy Pacheco ('07) Christy reports, “Our son Daniel was born January 11 at Memorial Hospital of RI. He was a pipsqueak at 4 lbs 11oz, but is chunking out now :) Maddie is 5 and a half and couldn’t be more excited to be a big sister! John has taken a job as residency director for the Brown Dermatology program at RI Hospital. I am currently not working and not quite sure what I want to do, so I am relishing being a mom again!”

Jenn Freese ('09) Jenn delivered twins on June 15th. Max and Maya are both doing well!

Jordan White & Jeff Manning('09) Liza Catherine Manning was born on May 30, 2013 on Wood 2 here at Memorial Hospital. Liza joins proud sister Hannah and equally proud Dad, Jeff Manning.

Christine Nevins-Herbert ('12) Christine reports that she is back in the area working at Home and Hospice Care of Rhode Island.

Elise Bender, Jessica Early & Alicia Sanchez ('12) Met up in Boston for a mini reunion with future Brown family medicine class of 2037 alumni: Teddy Dildine and Olivia Echenique.

James and Lauren Hedde ('14) Etzy Jo Hedde was born on 7-28-13 at 7:59 pm. Weighing 6 lbs. 5 3/4 oz. Adorable! Jim helped deliver her!
Alumni in the News

Dr. Hoda Eltomi ('10) was recently featured in the Huffington Post’s Top Ten List of Muslims Who Save Lives. The following is the article that ran in the August 3, 2013 edition.

Hoda, 31, is a physician whose medical practice is affiliated with Harvard, the faculty of which she will soon be joining. She shares the following life-saving experience:

"On a cold winter night, when I was a resident, a young beautiful pregnant lady was rushed into our triage area by EMS. Within minutes, she started to appear very sick. It became evident quickly that she is losing her baby and needed surgery, blood and blood products urgently.

She had developed DIC -- a condition that requires blood products in order to prevent massive bleeding and death. I will never forget the urgent feeling of literally hundreds of thoughts rushing through my head simultaneously and the tens of phone calls I made in the hour that followed, in order to get the blood to our small community hospital.

I ran up and down the hospital, and finally got the products from a distant blood bank in about an hour, meanwhile she got sicker and sicker. I quickly hung them on the pole and started squeezing them so they would get into her body fast enough.

I was silently praying to God for her recovery, as blood was oozing from every pore of her body. I kept remembering the verse from the Quran that says 'And whoever saves one life- it is as if he had saved mankind entirely.'

Then the surgery was over. Her death felt so close, but she survived. In an immense and unique moment of mixed emotions (anxiety, relief, sorrow), it seemed like each member of our team - despite our different backgrounds- had recognized a humbling yet overwhelming appreciation of human life."

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