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CURRENT POSITION: University of Massachusetts Medical Center
Associate Professor
Department of Family Medicine & Community Health
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October, 1994 to Present
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Associate Professor of Family Medicine and Community Health; 2008 to present
Assistant Professor of Family Medicine and Community Health; 1997 to 2008
Instructor, Family Medicine and Community Health; 1994-1997

- Course Director of 2nd year medical student course in “Epidemiology and Biostatistics: Critical Reading of the Literature”.
- Teach MPH courses in "Practical Data Management and Statistical Computation" and “Research Methods in Public Health”.
- Teach methodology-specific workshops for the UMMS Center for Health Policy and Research, the Center for Adoption Research, the Preventive Medicine Residency program and the Dental Residency program within the Dept. of Family Medicine and Community Health (e.g., scientific writing, MedLine literature searching, designing research studies, evaluating research articles, survey design and survey instrument development, etc.)
- Coordinate Preventive Medicine/Public Health Elective for 4th year medical students.
- Program Director of the 4th year medical student Senior Scholars program.
- Reviewer for the UMMS Office of Medical Education’s IMEG program (Innovations in Medical Education Grants)
- Reviewer for six peer-reviewed clinical and research journals (e.g., Journal of the American Board of Family Medicine; Journal of the National Medical Assoc.; BMC Health Services Research)
- Member of the UMMS Institutional Review Board (IRB)
- Responsible for identifying funding sources for departmental faculty research projects and assisting with grant application development.
- Responsible for developing computer training materials and providing individualized and small group instruction to residents and medical students.
- Provide methodologic and statistical consultation and direct statistical analyses for a variety of investigator-initiated departmental research projects including:
 - factors related to adolescent tobacco use and nicotine addiction;
 - medical outcomes among older workers with work-related injuries;
 - medical student attitudes towards underserved populations;
 - chronic pain concerns of providers and patients;
 - recruitment and retention of rural physicians;
 - facilitators and barriers to communication between generalists and specialists caring for children with chronic medical conditions;
 - identification of childhood trauma in adult primary care patients;
 - changes in caring for HIV/AIDS patients among community-based primary care providers; and
 - multiple other research projects within the department and university.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS MEDICAL CENTER, Department of Medicine/Division of Cardiovascular Medicine, Worcester, Massachusetts, 1994-1997:

Biostatistician: Worcester Heart Attack Study. Responsible for designing and directing data management/statistical analysis activities for this coronary heart disease surveillance project examining time trends in the occurrence and survival rates of patients with coronary heart disease. Provided research support to the Division of Cardiovascular Medicine faculty in the design and development of: questionnaires and other data collection forms, database systems, data analysis plans, and written summaries of analyses for scientific journals and/or presentations. Supervise data entry personnel.

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS MEDICAL CENTER, Department of Medicine/Division of General Medicine, Worcester, Massachusetts, 1994:

Health Services Researcher: Program in Healthcare Innovation. Coordinate clinical research performed by medical center providers as part of the Healthcare Innovation Grants program which allows investigators to pursue clinical questions concerning outcomes or quality of care. Assist with periodic review and selection of projects submitted to the mini-grants program. Provide support to investigators on all phases of their studies including: evaluation of study designs, design of data collection forms and questionnaires, design and maintenance of research databases, data analysis at appropriate statistical level, and provision of tabular and written summaries of analyses for manuscript preparation and/or scientific meetings.

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS MEDICAL CENTER, Department of Pediatrics, Worcester, Massachusetts, 1990-1994:

Program Coordinator: Faculty Development in General Pediatrics (Bureau of Health Care Professionals, National Institutes of Health). Coordinated and implemented all program components including: faculty and community preceptor recruitment, implementation of workshops, and facilitation of both academic and administrative input into curriculum development and on-going coordination. Responsible for data collection and evaluation of various curriculum subgroups and objectives.

Curriculum Development and Evaluation Coordinator: Primary Care Residency Training in General Pediatrics Program (Bureau of Health Care Professionals, National Institutes of Health). Coordinated curriculum development across various program components. Developed and implemented the educational and program evaluation. Organized and administered the office-based primary care education program. Designed, implemented, and maintained a computerized patient tracking system for resident patient panels.

Evaluation Coordinator: Medical Student Third Year Clerkship (University of Massachusetts Medical School). Coordinated and implemented evaluation component of Pediatric and Maternal & Child Health third-year student clerkships including: development of data collection forms and questionnaires, supervision of data collection, and data analysis and subsequent integration into curriculum development and report generation.

Research Associate: Involved in all aspects (questionnaire design, data collection, statistical analysis and report generation) of several research projects in primary care pediatrics, including:

- Confidentiality in Health Care - A Survey of Knowledge, Perceptions, and Attitudes in High School Students
- Expectations, Goals, and Perceived Effectiveness of Child Health Supervision: A Study of Parents
- Time Management - A Survey of Pediatric Resident Preceptors
- Adolescent Sexuality - Knowledge, Attitudes and Resource Needs in Medical Education: A Survey of Community-Based Pediatricians
- Screening for Adolescent Alcohol Use in a Pediatric Office
- Is There a Difference in Satisfaction Between Patients Receiving Primary Pediatric Care from Residents Versus Attending Physicians?
- Emergency Room Utilization in a Large Pediatric Group Practice

UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER MEDICAL CENTER, Department of Pediatrics, Rochester, New York, 1988-1990:

Senior Health Project Coordinator: Rochester Enhancement and Analysis of Children's Health Project (New York State Department of Health - Primary Care Initiative Development Program). Coordinated and implemented all aspects of the project including: medical chart data abstractions, data entry, and integration of a computer-based Patient Care Information System into the Outpatient Pediatric Continuity Clinic; developed multiple clinical intervention studies; trained and supervised project staff; developed data collection materials/questionnaires, quarterly progress reports, and grant applications.

Co-Investigator: Quality Assurance in Pediatric Ambulatory Settings (Rochester General Hospital, Rochester, New York). Developed, coordinated and implemented various aspects of the research study including: study design; data collection; staff/interviewer training and supervision; and statistical analysis plan.

Senior Information Analyst: Determinants of Childhood Poison Ingestions (National Institute of Child Health and Human Development). Coordinated and implemented all aspects of the research protocol including: development of case/control study design; design of data collection instruments, study protocols and training manuals; hiring, training and supervision of project staff; and integration of community pediatricians into the project.

Research Associate: HEALTHLINE Consumer Survey (Aetna Insurance Company). Developed and implemented nationwide consumer survey. Designed mail questionnaire, as well as supervised coding, editing and analysis of data collection forms.

ROCHESTER AREA HOSPITALS CORPORATION, Rochester, New York: Planning Analyst/Epidemiologist, 1984-1987.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, Department of Behavioral Epidemiology, Boston, Massachusetts: Epidemiologist/Biostatistician, 1980-1984.

YALE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL SCHOOL, Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, New Haven, Connecticut: Research Associate, 1979-1980.

MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND/NATIONAL BRAILLE PRESS, INC.,
Brookline, Massachusetts: Supervisor of Volunteers, 1974-1978.

EDUCATION:

College: Northeastern University, Boston, Massachusetts, 1973-1977. B.S. in
Biology (Magna Cum Laud)
Honors: Phi Sigma (biologic honorary), member 1976-77
The Academy (liberal arts honorary), member 1976-1977
Graduate Work: Yale University Medical School, Department of Epidemiology and Public
Health, New Haven, Connecticut, 1978-1980, M.P.H.
Major Area: Chronic Disease Epidemiology
Minor Area: Biostatistics
Thesis: Social Support Systems, Crowding and Blood Pressure in the Prison
Environment

COMPUTER/STATISTICAL EXPERIENCE:

Previous work experience with statistical analyses involving many levels of sophistication -
from basic descriptive statistics to multivariate analyses.

Previous work experience with utilization of various software packages
(including both DOS and Windows applications):

- Statistical - SPSS, SAS, BMDP, and EpiInfo
- Database Management - dBase III Plus, dBase IV, ACCESS
- Spreadsheet - Lotus 1-2-3, Excel
- Word Processing - WordPerfect, Word
- Graphics - Harvard Graphics, DrawPerfect, PowerPoint, Publisher

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

Member: American Public Health Association, 1978 to present

Member: Society for Epidemiologic Research, 1979 to present

Member: AcademyHealth, 1994 to present

Member: Massachusetts Public Health Association, 2001 to present

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Recipient of the annual Sarah Stone Excellence in Teaching Award from the University of
Massachusetts Medical School's Women's Faculty Committee, May, 2008.

University of Massachusetts Medical School, 1992 to present

Course Director; teach of second year medical student course in "Epidemiology and
Biostatistics"; oversee coordination and administration of course and conduct didactic
teaching and small group facilitative workshops.

University of Massachusetts Medical School, 1995 to 2001, 2005 to 2008

UMass/Amherst MPH program (Worcester campus); teach graduate level course in "Practical
Data Management and Statistical Computation" and "Research Methods in Public Health".

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University of Massachusetts Medical School, 1997 to present
Coordinate medical school's fourth year elective in Preventive Medicine and Public Health;
provide teaching in research methods and data analysis.

University of Massachusetts Medical School, 1997 to present
Family Medicine and Community Health Summer Research Fellowship; provide seminar series
for first and second year students in research methods and data analysis.

University of Massachusetts Medical School, 1999 to present
Family Medicine and Community Health Preventive Medicine Residency; provide seminars on
study design, bias, survey instrument development, data management, strategies for
selecting a research project, scientific writing, and academic research.

University of Massachusetts Medical School, 2003 to present
Center for Health Policy and Research – Continuous Learning Workshop Series; conduct
numerous workshops on questionnaire design/survey instrument development, scale
development, research methods, literature searching, scientific writing and data analysis.

University of Massachusetts Medical School, 2005 to present
Macy Initiative in Health Communication – conduct workshops in scientific writing for eight
New England partner schools' Macy mentors/mentees.

University of Massachusetts Medical School, 2006 to present
Center for Adoption Research – conduct numerous workshops on questionnaire
design/survey instrument development, research methods, scientific writing and qualitative
data analysis.

University of Massachusetts Medical School, 1999 to 2005
Department of Psychiatry - Behavioral Sciences Research Core; provide seminars (to a
university-wide audience of researchers) on study design, bias, survey instrument
development, data management, strategies for selecting a research project, and academic
research.

University of Massachusetts Medical School, 2001 to 2003
Department of Family Medicine and Community Health – Faculty Development Fellowship;
provide half-day workshops on questionnaire design/survey instrument development and data
analysis.

University of Massachusetts Medical School, 1991 to 1994
Small group facilitator in Faculty Development Program (five day workshop for new trainees)
designed to train community-based practitioners who precept pediatric residents and medical
students.

Boston University School of Medicine, 1982 to 1984
Lecturer in Epidemiologic and Statistical Considerations in Research.

CONSULTING EXPERIENCE:

University of Massachusetts, Department of Family Medicine and Community Health
Research Projects, 1994 to present

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Statistical and methodology consultant for assessing: tobacco utilization among adolescents; mammography screening; utilization characteristics of the statewide Children's Medical Security Plan; utilization characteristics of Medicaid enrollees; evaluation of medical education curricula and international medical education activities; utilization characteristics of patients accessing free medical clinics; retention and recruitment of rural physicians; and workforce development/collaborative practice in community health centers.

Community-Based Primary Care Pediatric Practices, 1991 to present

Statistical and methodology consultant and/or data analyst for multiple community-based research projects assessing: health care utilization in a variety of clinical settings; residency attitudes/perceptions; communication between generalists and sub-specialists about children with chronic medical conditions; advocacy training; adolescent health; teen mothers; children with autism; trends in pyloric stenosis in infants; medical homes for children with chronic medical conditions; school health issues for children with special health care needs; etc.

University of Rochester Medical Center, 1990 to 1992

Department of Pediatrics - statistical consultant for three clinical trials designed to evaluate interventions aimed at improving the quality of medical care provided to a 7000+ high risk clinic population.

University of Rochester Medical Center, 1990 to 1992

Department of Pediatrics - statistical consultant for community-wide survey of practicing pediatricians and family medicine practitioners regarding quality assurance practices in ambulatory settings.

National Foundation for Ileitis and Colitis (Rochester Chapter), 1989 to 1991

Research methodology/statistical consultant for community-wide survey of 2000+ patients diagnosed with Inflammatory Bowel Disease.

Boston University School of Medicine, 1982 to 1984

Department of Child Psychiatry - statistical consultant for primary care training program of interns and residents.

GRANT ACTIVITIES:

University of Massachusetts Medical School / Center for Health Policy and Research, 1997 to present:

Dr. Robin Clark, Principal Investigator (MassHealth / Executive Office of Health and Human Service / Interagency Service Agreement funded).

University of Massachusetts Medical School, 2007 to present:

Establishing Departments of Family Medicine (Administrative and Academic Units; with a focus on curriculum development in quality assurance and patient safety).

Dr. Daniel Lasser, Principal Investigator (HRSA funded); \$856,370

University of Massachusetts Medical School, 2007 to present:

Predocotoral Training in Family Medicine.

Dr. Robert Baldor, Principal Investigator (HRSA funded); \$526,748.

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University of Massachusetts Medical School, 2006 to present:
The Risks and Benefits of Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Noncancer Pain in Primary Care.
Dr. Roger Luckmann, Principal Investigator (Commonwealth Medicine funded); \$49,981.

University of Massachusetts Medical School, 2006-2011:
National Network of Libraries of Medicine, New England Region
Dr. Elaine Martin, Principal Investigator (National Libraries of Medicine funded); \$6,000,000.

University of Massachusetts Medical School, 2006 to 2009:
Teaching Health Professionals about Medication Adherence: An Experimental Design to Test the Medication Management Protocol.
Dr. Darlene O'Connor and Judith Savageau, Co-Principal Investigators (UMMS Office of Medical Education / IMEG grant funded); \$7,500.

University of Massachusetts Medical School, 2006:
Has the Synar Amendment Contributed to the Reduction in Teen Tobacco Use.
Dr. Joseph DiFranza, Principal Investigator (Robert Wood Johnson Foundation funded); \$49,691.

University of Massachusetts Medical School, 2004-2006:
Establishing Departments of Family Medicine (Administrative and Academic Units; with a focus on developing research methodology mentoring and departmental infrastructure)
Dr. Daniel Lasser, Principal Investigator (HRSA funded); \$781,753.

University of Massachusetts Medical School, 2004 to 2006:
Predoctoral Training in Family Medicine.
Dr. Robert Baldor, Principal Investigator (HRSA funded); \$570,000.

University of Massachusetts Medical School, 2003-2006:
Macy Initiative in Health Communications.
Drs. Aaron Lazar and Michele Pugnaire, Co-Principal Investigators (Macy Foundation funded); \$531,000.

University of Massachusetts Medical School, 2001-2006:
The Transition to Nicotine Dependence.
Dr. Joseph DiFranza, Principal Investigator (NIDA funded); \$1,800,000.

University of Massachusetts Medical School, 2003-2005:
Treatment of Chronic Pain: Consumer and Provider Concerns.
Dr. Carole Upshur, Principal Investigator (AHRQ funded); \$100,000.

University of Massachusetts Medical School, 2001-2004:
Predoctoral Training in Family Medicine.
Dr. Robert Baldor, Principal Investigator (HRSA funded); \$530,000.

University of Massachusetts Medical School, 2000-2004:
Disability Evaluation Services.
Dr. Charles Sweet, Principal Investigator (MA Divisions of Medical Assistance [MassHealth] and Transitional Assistance funded).

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University of Massachusetts Medical School, 2001-2003:
Establishing Departments of Family Medicine (Administrative and Academic Units; with a focus on developing research methodology mentoring and departmental infrastructure)
Dr. Daniel Lasser, Principal Investigator (HRSA funded); \$567,040.

University of Massachusetts Medical School / Office of Community Programs, 1999-2003:
MassHealth Access Program Workforce Development Project.
Dr. Suzanne Cashman, Principal Investigator (MA Division of Medical Assistance/UMMS Interagency Service Agreement funded); \$3,144,404.

University of Massachusetts Medical School, 1996-2003:
Medical Student International/Intercultural Experiences.
Dr. Michael Godkin, Principal Investigator (funding provided by MassHealth and Rotary International).

University of Massachusetts Medical School, 2000-2002:
Social Inequalities in Occupational Health.
Dr. Allard Dembe, Principal Investigator (NIOSH funded); \$233,114.

University of Massachusetts Medical School, 1999-2002:
Work Injuries and Illnesses in Older Workers: Causes, Consequences and Prevention.
Dr. Glenn Pransky, Principal Investigator (NIOSH funded); \$746,373.

University of Massachusetts Medical School, 1998-2001:
Predoctoral Training in Family Medicine.
Dr. Robert Baldor, Principal Investigator (HRSA funded); \$460,000.

University of Massachusetts Medical School, 1997-2001:
A Prospective Study on the Onset of Nicotine Dependence.
Dr. Joseph DiFranza, Principal Investigator (NCI funded); \$966,406.

University of Massachusetts Medical School, 1995-2001:
Evaluation and Rehabilitation of Medical Management Programs for Musculoskeletal Disorders.
Drs. Jay Himmelstein and Glenn Pransky, Principal Investigators (NIOSH funded); \$449,985.

University of Massachusetts Medical School, 1999-2000:
Strategies Employed by Youth to Obtain Tobacco and Instruments for Measuring Tobacco Availability.
Dr. Joseph DiFranza, Principal Investigator (Robert Wood Johnson Foundation funded); \$78,250.

University of Massachusetts Medical School, 1997-2000:
Evaluation of the Enforcement of Prohibitions on the Sale of Tobacco to Minors.
Dr. Joseph DiFranza, Principal Investigator (MA Tobacco Control Program funded); \$95,400.

University of Massachusetts Medical School, 1998:
A Comparison of the Accessibility and Marketing of Cigars, Cigarettes, Smokeless Tobacco and Roll-your-own Tobacco to Underage Youths in Massachusetts.
Dr. Joseph DiFranza, Principal Investigator (MA Tobacco Control Program funded); \$25,498.

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University of Massachusetts Medical School, 1994-1998:
Re-mammography Among Female Enrollees in an IPA Model HMO.
Drs. Sharon Melville and Roger Luckmann, Co-Principal Investigators (American Cancer Society funded).

University of Massachusetts Medical School, 1993-1998:
Empowering Physicians to Improve Breast Cancer Screening.
Drs. Mary Costanza and Roger Luckmann, Co-Principal Investigators (NCI funded);
\$882,474.

University of Massachusetts Medical School, 1994-1997:
Worcester Heart Attack Study.
Dr. Robert Goldberg, Principal Investigator (NHLBI funded); \$1,620,000.

University of Massachusetts Medical School, 1990-1994:
Faculty Development in General Pediatrics; Pediatric Primary Care Residency Training Program.
Dr. Thomas G. DeWitt, Principal Investigator (HRSA/BHPf funded).

University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry, 1988-1990:
Rochester Enhancement and Analysis of Children's Health.
Drs. Peter G. Szilagyi and Lance E. Rodewald, Co-Principal Investigators (New York State Department of Health funded).

University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry, 1988-1990:
Quality Assurance in Pediatric Ambulatory Settings.
Drs. C. Davenport Cook and David M. Siegel, Co-Principal Investigators (Rochester General Hospital, Rochester, New York funded).

University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry, 1988:
Determinants of Childhood Poison Ingestions.
Dr. Lois A. Maiman, Principal Investigator (NICHD funded).

University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry, 1988:
HEALTHLINE Consumer Survey.
Dr. Lois A. Maiman, Principal Investigator (Aetna Insurance Company funded).

Boston University, 1980-1984:
Recovery After Open Heart Surgery.
Dr. C. David Jenkins, Principal Investigator (NHLBI funded).

Yale University School of Medicine, 1979-80:
Epidemiology of Blood Pressure in a Prison Population.
Drs. Adrian Ostfeld and Stanislav Kasl, Co-Principal Investigators (NHLBI funded).

GRANT REVIEWER:

UMMS / Office of Medical Education / IMEG (Innovations in Medical Education Grants); 2006 to present
UMMS / Commonwealth Medicine Mini-Grants; 2006 - 2008

MENTORING ACTIVITIES:

MPH Students Mentored:

Jordan White, MD (2010-2011): Successful, Accessible Global Health in Interdisciplinary Medical Education

Angela Shepard, MD (2010-2011): Improving the Quality of Quality Improvement: Assessing the Quality Improvement Curriculum at UMass Medical School

Wahid Wassef, MD, MPH (2007-2010): The Development of a Quality of Life Measurement Tool for Chronic Pancreatitis

Mary Medeiros, MD, MPH (2008-2009): Impact of Body Mass Index (BMI) on Efficacy of Combination Therapy for Hepatitis C (HCV) in the Prison Population

Ailis Clyne, MD, MPH (2008-2009): Vehicle Safety Seat and Booster Seat Use Among 4 to 8 Year Old Patients at a Hospital-based Pediatric Primary Care Office

Mark Butterfield, MD, MPH (2006-2007): Dietary Change in Women Witnessing a Lifestyle Intervention for Their Partners with Cancer

Christopher Montiverdi, MPH (2006-2007): Emergency Vehicle Operations Courses: Are They Effective in Reducing the Rates of Ambulance Crashes?

Elizabeth Goodrow, RD, MPH (2006-2007): Dietary Egg Yolk Consumption and Serum Levels of C-Reactive Protein in Older Adults Taking Cholesterol-Lowering Medications

Sara Hohne, MPH (2005-2006): Comparison of HbA1c Tests and Prior Diagnosis of Diabetes in a VA/Boston Healthcare System

Stacy Weisberg, MD, MPH (2003-2004): Paramedic Intubations – Successful Airways Pre- and Post-Introduction of Medication-Enhanced Intubation

Anna Doubeni, MD, MPH (2003-2004): Primary Care Physicians Overweight and Obesity Management Survey

Patricia Belanger Kleinman, MPH (2002-2003): Radiographic Skeletal Survey Practices in Suspected Infant Abuse

Cindy Cadoret, MPH (2001-2002): Reliability and Validity of the Breast Cancer Upper Extremity Disorder Scale (BC-UEFS)

Nancy Walker, MD, MPH (2001-2002): The Diffusion of Celecoxib and Rofecoxib Into Clinical Practice

Deborah Blair, MPH (2001-2002): Nutritional Effects of Delivered Bicarbonate Dose in Maintenance Hemodialysis Patients

Nancy Hughes, MPH (2001-2002): Establishment of an Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance System for Inpatient Medical Hospitals in Rhode Island

Kathleen Smith, MPH (2000-2001): A Survey of the Needs of the Senior Citizens in Shrewsbury, MA

Nithi Selvaraj, MD, MPH (2000-2001): The Neuroprotective Effects of HMG CoA Reductase Inhibitors (Statins) on Stroke Size and Functional Recovery in Patients with Ischemic Stroke

Ingrid Lofgren, RD, MPH (1999-2000): The Relationship Between Weight Perception, Sports Involvement, Birth Control Usage & Pregnancy Outcome in Massachusetts Public High School Students

Ann MacMillan, MPH (1999-2000): Breast Cancer in Massachusetts – Can Variation in Rates be Explained by Differences in Prevalence of Risk Factors?

Celia Hartigan, RN, BSN, MPH (1998-1999): Analysis of Pedestrian Injury Data: 1985-1995 – Implications for Prevention Strategies

Mary Foley, RDH, MPH (1997-1998): A School-Based Dental Health Screening and Education Program Investigating Dental Caries in Children: The Impact of Bottled Water and Water Filtration Systems in a Fluoridated Community

Sarah Stevens, MD, MPH (1997-1998): Screening for Eating Disorders: A Survey of Primary Care Physicians

UMMS Fourth Year Senior Scholars Medical Students Mentored:

- Ashley Ferullo (2009-2010): National Survey on Medical School Oral Health Curriculum at US Medical Schools
- Olga Valdman (2007-2009): Implementation of Portable Medical Records into Rural and Mobile Communities of Haitian Sugarcane Workers Living/Working in the Dominican Republic: Assessing Efficacy and Impact on Population Healthcare
- Candice McElroy (2007-2008): Characteristics of Patients Utilizing Free Clinics in Worcester, MA Following Health Care Reform
- Ellen Green (2007-2008): Improving Breastfeeding Outcomes in Worcester, MA
- Jeffrey Phillips (2007-2008): The Role of Health Information Technology / Health Information Exchange in Improving Healthcare Quality and Outcomes
- Sangita Sundaramurthy (2007-2008): A Community Needs Assessment with Patients and Providers in a Small Village Community in Southeastern India
- Patricia Seymour (2006-2007): Obstacles to Follow-up After Abnormal Cervical Cytology at an Urban Health Center in Worcester, MA
- Andrew Geller (2006-2007): Bone Marrow Donation – Understanding Cultural Issues in the Southeast Asian Community
- Heather Smith (2006-2007): Characterizing Medical Student Involvement in Health Policy Activities: Who Are They and What Do They Need?
- Katherine Maloney (2006-2007): Protein Expression and Breast Cancer
- Matthew Logalbo (2005-2006): Developing an Essential Community Provider Assessment Tool
- Kenneth Barron (2004-2005): Immediate Urinary Retention After Minimally-Invasive Sling: Can We Predict It?
- Lauren McClure (2004-2005): Is the Paleolithic Age Diet an Optimal Diet for Modern Human Beings?
- Elizabeth Frutiger (2004-2005): Are We Training the Whole Patient? Advocacy in Medical Education
- Jaimee DeMone (2003-2004): The Effect of Epidural Anesthesia on Oncologic Outcomes After Surgery for Colon and Rectal Cancer
- Lora Schwartz (2002-2003): A Syndromic Surveillance System: Bioterrorism and outbreak preparedness
- Linda Gifford DeGeus and Rachel Mott (2000-2001): Free Clinics Usage of Medical Services in the Greater Worcester, MA Area

UMMS Fourth Year Preventive Medicine Students Mentored:

- Andrew Giese (2009): SAS Data Management and Quality Improvement Research
- Molly Moore (2006-2007): Patient Survey on Nutrition, Diet and Weight Loss
- Ramothea Webster (2005-2006): Aging Services Access Points / Physician Program Evaluation
- Martha McLaughlin (2004-2005): Characteristics of Frequent Attenders to a Community Health Center – A Review of the Literature
- Christine Griffin (2003-2004): Physician Survey on Adolescent Smoking Cessation Counseling
- Emily Jones (2003-2004): Physician Survey on Physical Activity Counseling
- Sarah Henderson (2003-2004): Physician Survey on Screening for Depression in Primary Care Among Practitioners in a Community Health Center
- Piper Lillard (2001-2002): Assessment and Management of Obesity/Overweight: UMMHC Activities and Beliefs
- Michael Gregor (1998-1999): Nutrition Counseling for the General Population – Patient and Provider Survey

Wendy Barr (1998-1999): Cholesterol Screening Among Patients with No Known Cardiovascular Disease – Provider and PCHIS Surveys

UMMS Second Year Summer Research Fellowship Medical Students Mentored:

Ashley Farrington (2009): The Akwaaba Free Clinic: Outreach and Patient Registry Development

Jason Schweitzer (2009): An Investigation of Medical Students' Sense of Role as Future Health Care Professionals

Amy Reale (2005): A Study of Recruitment and Retention of Rural Physicians in Massachusetts

Nathan Jones (2005): Development of a Brief Questionnaire to Identify Families in Need of Legal Advocacy

Jacob Drew (2004): Visiting Specialists Model of Rural Healthcare in Massachusetts

Lauren McClure (2001): A Study of Recruitment and Retention of Rural Physicians in Massachusetts

Joseph Bouchard (2000): Tobacco Marketing and Sales to Minors

UMMS Family Medicine and Pediatrics Residents, plus Family Medicine Faculty, Mentored:

Tracy Kedian, MD (FMCH Faculty, 2009-2011) – Improvement in Medical Students' Clinical Skills After Targeted Educational Interventions

Hugh Silk, MD (FMCH Faculty; 2007-2010) - "Reach Out and Brush": A Randomized Trial of the Effect on Pediatric Oral Hygiene by Training Community Based Pediatric Primary Care Providers to Teach Patients/Parents about Oral Health

Chris Wheelock, MD (FMCH Resident; 2007-2008) – Improving the Health of Diabetic Patients Through Resident-Initiated Group Visits

Philip Fournier, MD (FMCH Faculty; 2005-2008) - Patients with HIV/AIDS: Evolving Care and Referral Practices of Family Physicians – An Eleven-Year Follow-up Study

Edlira Duro, MD (FMCH Resident; 2006-2007) – Incidence of Cancer Screening Among Immigrant Albanian Women: Implications for Practice and Education

Jeff Baxter, MD (FMCH Faculty; 2005-2006) - Implementation of a Standardized Protocol for Treating Alcohol Withdrawal to Improve Clinical Outcomes in Correctional Settings

Karen Hooper, PhD (FMCH Post-Doc Fellow, 2005): Physically Ill Clients' Optimism and Hope as Predictors of the Therapeutic Alliance

Nicholas Apostoleris, PhD (FMCH Faculty; 2004-2005) - Integrating Psychological Services into Primary Care in an Underserved Community: Examining the Referral Process for On-Site Mental Health Services in a Family Medicine Residency

Julie Damon, MD and Lauren Farber, MD (Pediatrics Residents; 2000-2001) – Residents' Perceptions of Their Residency Experience

Chris Purington, MD (FMCH Faculty; 1998-1999) – College Health Survey

Kim Houde, MD (FMCH Faculty; 1998-1999) – Nipmuc Adult Health Survey

COMMITTEES:

- UMMS/Dept of Family Medicine and Community Health; Department Curriculum Committee; 1995 to present
- UMMS Biomedical Computing Committee; 1997 to present
- UMMS Senior Scholars Committee; 2001 to present (Associate Program Director, 2003-2007; Program Co-Director, 2007-2008; Program Director, 2008-present)
- UMMS Fourth Year Working Group (a subgroup of the Clinical Years Curriculum Committee); 2005 to present

- UMMS Institutional Review Board; 2005 to present

JOURNAL REVIEWER:

- Journal of the National Medical Association; 2005 to present
- Journal of the American Board of Family Medicine; 2007 to present
- Journal of Psychosomatic Research; 2008 to present
- Disability and Rehabilitation; 2009 to present
- The American Journal of Managed Care; 2009 to present
- BMC Health Services Research; 2009 to present
- Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved; 2010 to present

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

(Recent/Current only)

- Massachusetts Association for the Blind / Vision Community Services – Board of Trustees member
- Massachusetts State Science Fair – Judge for both annual High School and Middle School state science fairs
- St. Paul's Outreach Program – weekly volunteer assisting the food pantry which serves 650-700 families/month
- Worcester Community Action Council: VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) Program – weekly volunteer assisting low income families with federal and state tax preparation
- Massachusetts Commission for the Blind – statewide Rehabilitation Council (Governor-appointed) advisory board member; Recipient of the 2008 Mildred Hilliard Volunteer of the Year Award; presented November, 2008
- Massachusetts Department of Education - Braille Literacy Advisory Council member (Commissioner of Education-appointed)
- Massachusetts Association for Parents of the Visually Impaired – Past President and board member
- Bay State Council of the Blind - state and local chapter member; quarterly newsletter editor
- The Memorial Foundation for the Blind – former board member
- University of Massachusetts Children's Medical Center/Family Advisory Board – former board member
- Worcester County Parent Support Group for Families with Children who are Blind/Visually Impaired – founding member and support group leader

PUBLICATIONS:

DiFranza JR, Wellman, RJ, Savageau JA. Does Progression Through the Stages of Physical Addiction Indicate Increasing Overall Addiction to Tobacco? Nicotine and Tobacco Research, under review .

DiFranza JR, Savageau JA, Wellman RJ. A Customized Instrument for Smoking Cessation Research: A Comparison of the Autonomy over Tobacco Scale and the Fagerstrom Test for Nicotine Dependence. Nicotine and Tobacco Research, under review .

DiFranza JR, Sweet M, Savageau JA, Ursprung S. The Development and Assessment of Tobacco Dependence in Users of Smokeless Tobacco. Nicotine and Tobacco Research, under review .

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