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An electronic newsletter for clinical faculty of The Commonwealth Medical College

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A Message from our President and Dean ...

William F. Iobst, MD, Named Vice President for Academic and Clinical Affairs and Vice Dean

It is my pleasure to announce that William F. Iobst, MD, has accepted the position of Vice President for Academic and Clinical Affairs, and Vice Dean, at TCMC. In this capacity, he will report directly to me and will be responsible for oversight of the academic functions of the College, including: curriculum, faculty affairs and development, student affairs, and research at all of our educational sites. His appointment will be effective November 18, 2013.

Dr. Iobst is a national leader in competency-based education and assessment of trainee performance. He comes to TCMC after five years as Vice President for Academic Affairs at the American Board of Internal Medicine. In this capacity, Dr. Iobst has developed outreach activities with residency and fellowship training programs as well as faculty development programs and oversees the credentialing of ABIM diplomats. He also works with ABIM's research team to develop new and better assessment methodologies for competency evaluation. He led the development of Internal Medicine Milestones as part of the ACGME Next Accreditation System.

Dr. Iobst knows northeast Pennsylvania well. He is a graduate of Bucknell University and the Jefferson Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University. He served his residency in Internal Medicine at the Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre. After completing a fellowship in Rheumatology at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Dr. Iobst was on the medical staff at the Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center in Wilkes-Barre for eight years, where he served as Director of the Department of Medicine. He then moved to the Lehigh Valley Hospital where he served as Vice Chairman for Education in the Department of Medicine, Program Director for the Internal Medicine and Transitional residency programs, and Designated Institutional Official and Medical Director of Graduate Medical Education.

Dr. Iobst has received numerous awards, including the Clinical Teacher of the Year award in Internal Medicine at Lehigh Valley several times. He is the author of 35 peer-reviewed publications, book chapters, and invited reviews. Dr. Iobst has lectured extensively on a national level on issues related to medical education, particularly competency-based education, and has played active roles in collaborative efforts involving the AAMC, ACGME, and AMA in developing paradigms for competency-based education.

I am confident that Dr. Iobst will be an excellent fit for the culture and mission of TCMC. I am grateful to the search committee that selected Dr. Iobst from a very strong field of candidates. I sincerely thank Dr. Robert Wright who chaired the search committee and served as interim Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

TCMC Datebook

2014 Regional Faculty Development Meetings

North Campus

All Meetings 6:00 PM @ TCMC
January 30 & May 1

South Campus

All Meetings 6:00 PM @ The Woodlands
January 14 & April 22

West Campus

All Meetings 6:00 PM @ DiSalvo's Restaurant
January 22 & April 23

- NEW! -

Clinical & Medical Education Research Grand Rounds @ TCMC

The History & Early Development of Total Parenteral Nutrition with Stanley J. Dudrick, MD

Thursday, October 24th @ 12:15 PM
TCMC MSB Auditorium

CME Credit Offered

*For more info email cme@tcmedc.org
Going forward, events will be held the
2nd Thursday of each month in Room 2001*

TCMC Keystone Symposium Substance Abuse:

Recognition & Resources

Saturday, November 16th
8:00 AM - 1:15 PM

TCMC MSB Auditorium

*Interdisciplinary CME Credit Offered
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Commencement 2014

Saturday, May 10th @ 11:00 AM
F.M. Kirby Center for the Performing Arts
Wilkes-Barre, PA

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News on the Academy of Clinical Educators



Harmar D. Brereton, MD, has been elected President, and Eric W. Blomain, MD, has been elected Vice President and will serve as President-Elect, with the expectation of automatically succeeding the President. As stated in the ACE Bylaws, and unanimously agreed upon at the initial Masters Meeting on July 31, 2013, the President and Vice President of ACE were elected from the ranks of the Master Teachers, by the Master Teachers, for a two-year term of service. "The ACE is a wonderful structure for recognizing the tremendous contributions of our voluntary faculty and for enriching their experience of teaching. I am thrilled with how the leadership of the ACE, the Masters, are finding new ways to help the college regarding curriculum, the student experience, and faculty development," said Steven J. Scheinman, president and dean of TCMC.

According to Dr. Brereton, "When we teach everyone benefits, student, patient and teacher! Being surrounded by young men and women who are highly motivated, very bright and trying diligently to become good doctors is a great place to be!" Dr. Blomain added, "It is my great privilege to be part of this fantastic and noble enterprise to create and sustain an entity to educate young men and women to become excellent physicians. I am humbled and honored to be involved with all of you in the creation of ACE as a tool to facilitate student education and faculty development at TCMC."

Updates from the Regional Deans

Dr. Gerald Tracy, Associate Dean for North Regional Campus:

It is time to extend a sincere welcome to our fifth class of MBS and MD students. They represent another quality gathering of outstanding future professionals. The school is abuzz with activity this month. We are preparing for the upcoming Middle States and LCME accreditation visits. Our applicant pool is even larger than last year with over 4,000 in the MD program so far. Community Weeks for our first and second year MD students will occur this month. This is made possible by all of you, who as volunteer faculty, form the backbone of the clinical offerings. The third and fourth year programs are well underway. It is almost overwhelming to see the great progress that has occurred so far. It is no accident: the success has resulted from your stellar efforts along with a truly dedicated staff working with these talented students. The proverbial school motto, "Together we will change the future," is fast becoming a reality.

Dr. Michael Ferraro, Associate Dean for South Regional Campus:

The South Campus students are moving through year three and four rotations with great enthusiasm. The third year students have made themselves at home in the region and the fourth year students report that they are having great experiences at their local and away rotations; they are also excited about their upcoming residency interviews. We are looking forward to welcoming the first and second year students to the region during the approaching Community Weeks. The first year students' Community Week will be highlighted by a social gathering, where students, staff and faculty will have the chance to get to know each other a bit better and to learn more about the South Campus. The second year students' Community Week includes an opportunity to spend time with a specialist along with their Continuity Mentor.

We are pleased to welcome five new preceptors to the South Campus from the Stanley Center in Bloomsburg, Columbia County. Five of our 40 students from the class of 2017 are assigned to these first time Continuity Mentors. Both students and mentors are looking forward to a rewarding experience.

Dr. Keith Shenberger, Associate Dean for West Regional Campus:

Over here in the West Campus, our students are now in our third iteration of the LIC and are doing well. Logging of patient encounters and procedures provides a challenge every year, but we are refining the process as we get more experience. We are anxiously awaiting the first Community Week coming up soon for our group of 21 students from the class of 2017. We have received some emails from our charter class students, now in their internships, and so far we are reassured that they all have felt well prepared for their clinical responsibilities. There have been some changes in our educational leadership team, for Robin Hampton, MD, and Seth Weber, MD, have both left for other opportunities, and our new Regional Educational Coordinator for Internal Medicine is Don Nardone, MD, one of our cardiologists. Otherwise, our team is intact and functioning very well in furthering the educational mission of TCMC.

Regional Affairs

Faculty Recruitment for LIC & Fourth Year for 2014-2015

It's almost that time of year again! Preceptor Recruitment Time! Beginning on November 1st, the Regional Education Specialists will be kicking off the Preceptor recruitment for the 2014-2015 academic year. This will be for both MD 3 Preceptors and MD 4 Course Directors. With the successful growth of our student population, our need for clinical faculty members is also growing.

MD3 Preceptors commit to having students rotate with them for one ½ day session a week for the entire third year as part of our Longitudinal Integrated Curriculum (LIC). MD 4 Course Directors commit to working with the students through Sub-Internships and/or Electives depending on discipline course offerings. The Education Specialists will be recruiting for all six main disciplines - Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, OBGYN, Pediatrics, Psychiatry and Surgery - for the MD 3 year. There are a variety of course offerings through the MD 4 year and we will be recruiting in all specialty areas.

If you currently serve as either an MD 3 Preceptor or MD 4 Course Director, you will receive the updated information form via email or fax to your office. If you are interested in becoming an MD 3 Preceptor or MD 4 Course Director, please contact the Regional Education Specialist in your area:

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For the past three years it has been the enthusiastic volunteer clinical faculty members who have made our MD 3 and MD 4 years so successful and beneficial to our students. We know we couldn't do it without you! Thank you for your time and commitment to TCMC and our students!

Stanley Dudrick, MD, Joins Faculty as Professor of Surgery ~ Will Present at First-Ever "Grand Rounds @ TCMC"



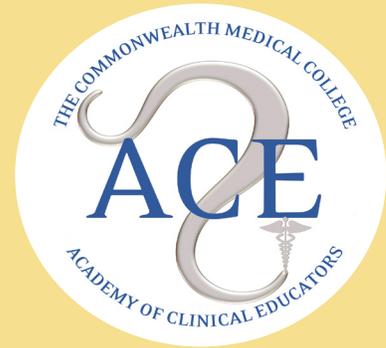
We are pleased to announce that Stanley J. Dudrick, MD, has joined TCMC as Professor of Surgery. He will be the featured speaker at the first-ever "Clinical and Medical Education Research Grand Rounds @ TCMC" on Thursday, October 24th at 12:15 PM in the MSB Auditorium.

Originally from Nanticoke, PA, Dr. Dudrick attended college at Franklin and Marshall and went on to study medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. He remained

there as a surgery resident, and then as a faculty member, and it was during his years at Penn that he did the seminal work that led to the development of the specialized central venous feeding technique known as intravenous hyperalimentation (IVH) or total parenteral nutrition (TPN). The development and subsequent successful clinical application of this highly effective therapeutic modality has been hailed as one of the four most significant accomplishments in the history of the development of modern surgery, along with aseptic technique, antibiotic therapy and anesthesia.

Dr. Dudrick went on to found the Department of Surgery at the University of Texas-Houston. Most recently, he has served as Chairman of Surgery at St. Mary's Hospital of Yale University System, where he remains Emeritus Chair. Over his career, he has been a prolific writer, a noted international speaker, and investigator, as well as holding numerous key roles in leadership and education. Currently, in addition to his new role at TCMC as Professor of Surgery, Dr. Dudrick serves as Medical Director for the Physician Assistant program at Misericordia University.

Grand Rounds @ The Commonwealth Medical College
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with Stanley J. Dudrick, MD
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Master Class... with Drs. Brereton & Blomain

Dear Volunteer Faculty:

Welcome to ACE, the Academy of Clinical Educators! By volunteering to teach at TCMC, a service which is essential and greatly appreciated by the full-time faculty and students, we are now being recognized by the establishment of ACE.

A special thank you to Dr. Jerry Tracy for the establishment of this Academy and to Dr. Charlie Bannon, who was kind enough to help coordinate the election of officers. Eric Blomain and I are privileged to represent you in this regard and look forward to establishing a program through the Academy that will help you in your teaching responsibilities and make them all the more effective and enjoyable. All the volunteer clinical faculty for the medical school are members of ACE and can, through additional training, experience and service, progress to higher levels within the Academy to "Fellow" and ultimately "Master" teacher.

From time to time, we will feature members of the Academy in this column, "Master Class," who will comment on their own experience and pleasure in teaching. The response that I have heard from all the faculty has been extremely positive. We would like this to be uniformly so and to continually improve the experience so that we can meet the great challenge in educating the next generation of our physician community.

Thank you again for all that you do on behalf of TCMC and we look forward to the implementation of our strategic plan in the near future.

Sincerely,



Harmar D. Brereton, M.D.



Eric Blomain, M.D.

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Keystone Symposium

Fall 2013

Substance Abuse: Recognition & Resources

Saturday, November 16th
8:00 AM - 1:15 PM
TCMC MSB Auditorium

TCMC is presenting its second Keystone Symposium to address substance abuse issues. TCMC is committed to developing and hosting two programs each year to address significant public health concerns.

The need for a program on substance abuse is based on several national and regional sources, including the Northeastern PA Community Health Needs Assessment of 2012. The assessment confirms that addiction is a major problem in our region. Other sources indicate that drug abuse is a major economic cost to our nation, is a large contributor to social problems, and in the end, affects every community and family in some way.

We are proud to present this continuing series of Keystone Programs at TCMC intended for all health care professionals and students in Northeastern and North Central PA!

Keynote Address

H. Westley Clark, MD,

Director of the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment under the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration,
U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services

Tools for Identifying Substance Abuse: Screening & Brief Intervention (SBI)

Chronic Pain Management with Opioids & Opioid Abuse

Panel Discussion - Resources in Our Community/Community Initiatives

Breakfast and refreshments at break will be provided. Local substance abuse related organizations will have displays in the TCMC lobby. CME credits and other professional continuing education credits will be available.

For more info email cme@tcmedc.org

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Student Happenings

Admissions Update -

MD Class of 2017

The Class of 2017 represents an impressive statistical makeup. According to Dr. Linda Berardi-Demo, Associate Dean for Admissions and Student Affairs, "TCMC interviewed 689 students and enrolled 101 from a pool of 5,002 applicants in the most competitive interviewing process to date, which is an 8.9% increase over the previous year." Of the 101 new students, 45 are women and 56 are men. 73 students are Pennsylvania residents and 24 of those are Northeast Pennsylvania residents. In addition, 17 students are under-represented minorities, and there are 13 TCMC MBS alumni in the class.

This is a very accomplished class who have participated in a variety of activities. "In addition to all of the interesting and impressive accomplishments, these first-year medical students boast an average overall GPA of 3.5, and the average MCAT score was 29," added Berardi-Demo. Welcome TCMC Class of 2017!

MD Class of 2018

To date, we have received more than 4,700 applications for the Class of 2018, a 17% increase over this time last year.

MBS Program - Student Placement

The Master of Biomedical Sciences (MBS) degree program at TCMC is directed at students who seek to strengthen their credentials for application to medical school or a health professions school, or seek a foundation in biomedical sciences to enter a career in public health, scientific research, education or biomedical technology. Below are statistics on where our 2013 MBS graduates headed. Seven of the 10 students accepted to medical school are staying right here at TCMC.

2013 PLACEMENT # STUDENTS

MD Placement	10
TCMC	7
Carver COM	1
Penn State	1
Mercer	1
DO Placement	3
UMDNJ SOM	2
LECOM	1
Off-shore Medical	4
St. George's	1
American University	2
Ponce SOM	1
PhD Placement	1
NY Medical College	1
Adjunct Lab Instructors	2
University of Scranton	1
Keystone College	1
Applying next cycle	41
1 Year Placement 20/63	31.7%

PLACEMENT STATISTICS BY YEAR

- **Class of 2010 - 2 year statistics**
 - 11/13 students placed (85%)
 - 6/11 at TCMC (55%)
- **Class of 2011 - 2 year statistics**
 - 31/40 students placed (78%)
 - 16/31 at TCMC (52%)
- **Class of 2012 - 1 year statistics**
 - 29/40 students placed (73%)
 - 14/21 at TCMC (67%)
- **Class of 2013 - upon graduation**
 - 20/63 students placed (32%)