As I reflect on my first six months as the new Chair of the Department of Medicine, it is my hope that I can lead the Department to greater excellence in patient care, teaching, and research. That is not to say that we are not already doing an excellent job, however, we can always aspire to do better. Our goals include the delivery of great care to all patients, but especially to those patients that suffer from complex and unusual disorders. We are here to teach and train medical students, residents and fellows to become the doctors of the future; the doctors that will take care of us and our families.

Lastly, we are here to do research. Perhaps someone in our institution will discover a cure or a treatment that will save the lives of many of our patients. In all these endeavors, we should strive for excellence.

The Department of Medicine is a large group – so large and bureaucratic that these simple goals are occasionally forgotten. For that reason, I am starting the Department of Medicine Newsletter to periodically remind us that we are all working together as students, residents, fellows, faculty, researchers, nurses, and administrators to achieve these goals.

To make this Newsletter a reality we are asking for your input and help to develop it. I am asking that you please send information about awards, achievements, grants, publications, and interesting news about people in your area. I would also like to publish stories about interactions with patients that reflect some of the other reasons we are here and some of the reasons that make our roles so unique. I hope you will all help by contributing. Feel free to offer suggestions as we develop this new tool for the Department of Medicine. If you have any information or ideas to contribute for the Newsletter please contact my new Administrative Associate, Beth Lindblom. Beth can be reached at 626-6349 or e-mail her at blindblom@deptofmed.arizona.edu. I look forward to hearing from you and I thank all of you in advance for your help in this process.
Welcome New Faculty Members

We wanted to welcome all of our new employees. The following have started with us since July 2006: Thomas D. Brown, MD, MBA—Professor of Medicine-Chief Operating Officer of the Arizona Cancer Center. Hemanth K. Gavini, MD, MPH—Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine-Inpatient Medicine. Susan E. Hoover, MD, PhD—Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine-Infectious Disease. Robert B. Livingston, MD—Professor of Medicine-Hematology/Oncology. Daniel O. Persky, MD—Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine-Hematology/Oncology. Minolfa Prieto, MD, PhD—Research Assistant Professor of Medicine-Endocrinology, Diabetes & Hypertension. Craig S. Stump, MD, PhD—Associate Professor of Medicine-Co-Chief of the Endocrinology, Diabetes & Hypertension. Sudhakar Sattur, MD—Clinical Assistant Professor, Inpatient Medicine. Miranda Adelman, MD—Research Assistant Professor, Arizona Arthritis Center. WELCOME ABOARD!!!!

Medicine Education Office

Match Day on March 15th has now come and gone with the outcome of 30 new Internal Medicine interns from across the country.

Our recruiting season included screening 1,880 applications, securing lots of faculty members to interview, inviting 433 potential candidates and actually interviewing 273 applicants creating a new record number for us. A special hearty “thank you” to all those who helped make our Match 2007 a huge success!

Please stop by and take a look at the bulletin board outside the office for a glimpse of our new incoming interns!

-Thanks, Jean Breitlow

New Awards and Grants

• Dr. Rod Adams “Retrospective Evaluation of Voriconazole for Treatment of Disseminated Coccidioidomycosis”

Want to Submit Info for the Monthly Newsletter

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