Dear BSD faculty, residents, fellows, students, and staff,

Welcome to Fall, a wonderful season in Chicago. In addition to welcoming new students and residents to our institution, this year, we welcome our new Dean, Mark Anderson, MD, PhD, who began on October 1 as the new Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs for the University of Chicago Medical Center and Dean of the Division of Biological Sciences and the Pritzker School of Medicine. We look forward to the Dean’s meetings with both our UME and GME communities later this month. On behalf of our entire team, I wish to thank Dr. Kenneth Polonsky for his many years of dedicated service to our organization.

This coming year, as we look forward to launching innovations, from a new medical school curriculum, a new Master’s program, and advancing wellbeing and simulation, it is equally exciting to hear from notable alumni who remember our mission and culture. We are pleased to welcome Dr. Allison August, Vice President for Clinical Development and Infectious Diseases at Moderna, Dr. Clarence Braddock, Vice Dean of Education at UCLA, and Dr. Amy Gottlieb, Chair for the AAMC’s Group on Women in Medicine and Science, who will be part of various CME-accredited events open to all. Look forward to continued learning this Fall.

Best Wishes,

Vineet Arora, MD, MAPP
Herbert T. Abelson Professor of Medicine
Dean for Medical Education
The University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine
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October is Health Literacy Month, and UChicago Medicine is offering four Zoom sessions between Oct. 11-19 to learn about evidence-based strategies and resources to improve patient experience, safety, and quality of care. Register here.
Undergraduate Medical Education

The Pritzker School of Medicine is pleased to welcome our new class of M1s. A few facts about the impressive incoming class:

- **89** total students (80 MD, 9 MStP)
- **35%** underrepresented in medicine
- **20** students from Illinois and **12** UChicago undergraduates
- **3** international students
- **50** undergraduate institutions represented
- **71%** took at least one year off before starting medical school

**Pritzker EVOLVES Keynote Lecture**

The [Pritzker EVOLVES curriculum renewal process](#) continues in the creation phase, with working groups meeting regularly to build out the various components of the curriculum.

On Thursday, November 3, all working groups will gather for a Curriculum Renewal Retreat at the Gordon Center for Integrative Science. The day will feature a Medical Education Keynote open to all from Dr. Clarence Braddock III, a Pritzker alumnus (MD'81) and Vice Dean for Education at UCLA's David Geffen School of Medicine, who will be visiting us in person.
Bowman Society Lecture: "Narrative Medicine and Identity"

The Bowman Society Lecture Series Presents:
"Narrative Medicine and Identity"
Shirlene Obuobi, MD
Cardiology Fellow
University of Chicago Medicine
Thursday, October 20, 2022
5:00 pm Central Time
IN-PERSON
Biological Sciences Learning Center (BSLC)
924 East 57th St.
Room 115
Chicago, IL 60637

To learn more about the Bowman Society, visit pritzker.uchicago.edu

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Graduate Medical Education

Well-Being Month Announced
GME Well-Being Month will be held January 30 – February 24, 2023. The annual programming of well-being focused activities includes a noontime plenary series available to all residents, medical students, faculty, and staff. In addition to the noontime presentations, evening activities aimed at providing the UChicago community the opportunity to come together to share knowledge (trivia night), nourish themselves (cooking demonstration), and relax (movie night) will be offered.

The 2023 programming is the inaugural year that Well-Being Month has been modified from its original format of Resilience Week in response to resident and fellow feedback. Resilience Week was created in 2016 by Anita Blanchard, MD, and Michael Simon, MD and continues to evolve to meet the needs of our GME community.

Dr. McQueen Receives ACGME Parker J. Palmer Courage to Teach Award
Congratulations to Dr. Alisa McQueen, our pediatrics residency program director, who was selected by the ACGME as one of the outstanding program directors in the nation to receive the 2023 Parker J. Palmer Courage to Teach Award. The Parker J. Palmer Courage to Teach Award honors program directors who find innovative ways to teach residents and to provide quality health care while remaining connected to the initial impulse to care for others in this environment.

Meet the New Dean
The GME community will have the opportunity to meet Dr. Mark Anderson on Tuesday, October 25 from 5-5:30 p.m. via Zoom. Please be on the lookout for additional details from the GME team.
Faculty Development & Continuing Medical Education

**Quality & Safety Keynote Lecture**
Dr. Allison August (MD’93), Vice President for Clinical Development and Infectious Diseases at Moderna, will deliver the Center for Healthcare Delivery Science and Innovation’s Quality & Safety Keynote Lecture on **Friday, October 21 at noon CT.**

The lecture, “Quality and Safety When the Stakes are Steep: Case Study of the Moderna mRNA Covid19 Vaccine,” will take place on Zoom. [More information and a link for the lecture is available here.](#)

**Gender Equity and Ethics Lecture Series**
The MacLean Center for Clinical Medical Ethics recently launched its 41st Annual Lecture Series, on the topic of Gender Equity and Ethics. The lecture series, organized by Drs. Mark Siegler, Peter Angelos, Vineet Arora, and Julie Oyler, will "bring together women, allies, and other scholars from throughout the U.S. to review how gender equity has transformed the face of medicine and uncover where work still needs to be done." Upcoming lectures include:

- **“Closing the Gender Pay Gap in Medicine: Identifying Drivers of Inequity and Creating New Paradigms”**
  - Dr. Amy Gottlieb (MD’99), UMass Chan Medical School - October 12
- **“Promoting Equity for Women in Medicine: A Matter of Ethics”**
  - Dr. Reshma Jagsi, University of Michigan - October 19
- **“Here’s Something You Already Know: Women in Medicine are Burned out...Now What?”**
  - Dr. Jessi Gold, Washington University in St. Louis School of Medicine - October 26

A full schedule of lectures [can be viewed here](#). All lectures take place on Wednesdays from 12 - 1:30 p.m. and are held in Billings Auditorium P-117 and on Zoom. [Registration for each lecture is encouraged.](#)

**Bucksbaum Institute Annual Symposium Keynote**
Dr. Kunle Odunsi, Director of the University of Chicago Medicine Comprehensive Cancer Center (UCCCC) and Dean for Oncology, Biological Sciences Division, will deliver the keynote address at the Bucksbaum Institute for Clinical Excellence Annual Symposium on **Friday, October 7 from 1-3:30 p.m.** in the David Rubenstein Forum. [More information is available here.](#)

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**Simulation**

**Celebrate the arrival of the UChicago Medicine Simulation Mobile Unit**
The UChicago Medicine Simulation Mobile Unit was purchased with funds from the Comer Development Board. It is a former ambulance that will be used for outreach and education to the community. Congratulations to Priti Jani, MD, MPH, Faculty Director for Simulation; Gillian Brennan, MD, Director of Neonatal Simulation; and Christine Carlos, Director of Neonatal Transport on this award. The celebration of the Mobile Unit is an outdoor event that will be held on **Thursday, October 27 at 1 p.m.** Keep an eye out for more details when they are available.
Simulation Center Open House
The Simulation Center celebrated HealthCare Simulation Week with an open house on September 15 to celebrate the global professionals who use simulation to improve the safety, effectiveness, and efficiency of healthcare delivery. Participants learned about the important ways simulation-based programming helps advance the delivery of safe healthcare and improve patient outcomes at UCM, ranging from delivering a simulated baby to team training skills to resuscitate a patient.

Sim Center at South Side Science Festival
The Simulation Center participated in the South Side Science Festival on Saturday, September 17 to showcase the science and skills of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) through skills practice on CPR mannequins and listening to heart and lung sounds on a realistic patient simulator. The event, along with Melissa Cappaert, Director of the Simulation Center, was featured in the Chicago Tribune.

New one-year MS in Biomedical Science program (BMS)
The Pritzker School of Medicine has partnered with the Office of Master’s Education to offer a new one-year MS in Biomedical Sciences program (BMS). The program’s mission, unlike a traditional post-baccalaureate program, is to create opportunities and catapult students and existing professionals towards a broad array of careers in biomedicine or other fields that rely on biomedical expertise, with concentration offerings in Science Communication, Biomedical Data Science, or Health Systems Science. Please encourage all interested applicants to register for the upcoming November 7th virtual info session! We look forward to recruiting and welcome a new class of scholars for this exciting program, applications are now accepted through March 15. Learn more about the new program here.