Getting to Know

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What is your family setup? 3 kids (1 boy, 2 girls) 2 dogs (1 Lab and 1 Chihuahua) 1 cat
If you could go on vacation anywhere, where would you go? Egypt
What did you last read? Deader by the Lake, by Doug Cummings (an old friend of mine)
What is the most dangerous thing you've ever done? Jumped off a cliff!
Which song do you have playing on repeat right now? What a wonderful World
Inclement Weather

The SOM Inclement Weather Policy can be located at http://www.med.umkc.edu/m/docenthb/weatherPolicy.php.

When the Volker campus is not in session (breaks or weekends), SOM personnel will assess the weather and road conditions to make a decision about student participation. A notice will be placed on the SOM website by 6 am only if students are excused from their clinical and academic responsibilities for the day.

USMLE Changes

As medicine and medical education have changed over the years, so have USMLE examinations evolved since they were first administered in 1992. This is a brief summary of planned changes for the next few years.

November 2013

**USMLE STEP 2 Clinical Knowledge (CK)**

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<td>In 2014 and 2015, examinees will see an increased focus on quality improvement</td>
<td>Step 2 CK will continue to focus on patient care and diagnosis. The format will</td>
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<td>principles; safety science, epidemiology, biostatistics, and population health;</td>
<td>continue to be a computer-administered examination, using multiple-choice</td>
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<td>professionalism; and interpersonal and communications skills. These may be</td>
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<td>tested using item formats currently under development. If new item types are</td>
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<td>introduced into the examination, sample materials will be available on the</td>
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<td>USMLE website for examinees to review well in advance.</td>
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**USMLE STEP 2 Clinical Skills (CS)**

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<td>Further enhancements to the assessment of communications skills are being</td>
<td>Step 2 CS will continue to focus on examinees’ ability to gather information from</td>
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<td>piloted. If the pilots are successful, these enhancements to Step 2 CS will</td>
<td>patients, perform physical examinations, and communicate their findings to</td>
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<td>be introduced into the exam no earlier than 2015, and will be announced well in</td>
<td>patients and colleagues. The examination will continue to use standardized</td>
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<td>patients to simulate patient encounters.</td>
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**USMLE STEP 1**

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<td>In 2014 and 2015, examinees will see an increased focus on quality improvement</td>
<td>Step 1 will continue to focus on traditional content areas in the basic sciences</td>
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<td>principles and safety science.</td>
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Questions?

Please check the USMLE website [www.usmle.org](http://www.usmle.org) for the latest updates and most complete information.

You may contact us at [http://www.usmle.org/contact/](http://www.usmle.org/contact/).
Fitbit Checkout – Please Return

Any student who checked out a Fitbit this semester is asked to please return the Fitbit to the Wellness Office by **Friday, December 20th, 2013**. Fitbits are checked out one semester at a time. Fitbits will be available for checkout again on January 23rd, 2014. If the Fitbit is not returned by December 20th a hold will be placed on your account until it is returned or replaced.

If you have questions or cannot locate your Fitbit, please contact Niloofar Shahmohammadi
shahmohammadin@umkc.edu

**STUDENT ORGANIZATION MEETINGS AND OTHER EVENTS**

**Year 5 PBA Information Session**

In February, year 5 students will complete the Year 5 Performance-Based Assessment (PBA) exam. This will help assess your readiness for the USMLE Step 2 CS exam you will take next year and give you feedback on areas that may need to be addressed prior to taking the exam.

To help you prepare for the exam, Dr. Miranda Huffman, the exam director, and Courtney McCain, standardized patient coordinator, will offer an informational session on **Monday, January 6th at 5:30 p.m. in Theater A**.

Please feel free to bring dinner or a snack.

We will review the exam format, how you will be graded, and strategies to prepare for the exam. You will be given the opportunity to ask questions. The event will be recorded for those students whose schedule do not allow them to attend.

Hope to see you there!
Event

Wellness Points Program

Wellness Points Program App

On September 23rd, 2013, the brand new Wellness Points Program App went live. The app allows students to earn points for various “wellness behaviors.” At the end of the school year, the docent team who earns the most wellness points wins a Yogurtini party.

To access the app visit www.med.umkc.edu/wellness/app
Begin logging your points and help your team win TODAY!

Please direct any issues, questions, or suggestions to Nilooefar Shahmohammadi at shahmohammadin@umkc.edu

Wellness Points Program Leader Board

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SCHOLARSHIPS

Cole County Medical Society Scholarship

Eligibility: 3-6 year students that graduated from high school in Cole, Moniteau or Osage county.

Looking from a student that has demonstrated exceptional intellectual and humanistic qualities in interactions with patients, peers and teachers.

Selection will be based on financial need, scholastic achievement and community involvement.

Amount: $3,000

Deadline: Applications due before January 2, 2014

Please contact Robin Hill for further details at hillrob@umkc.edu

Doctor William Jones McElhinney Medical School Scholarship

Requirements: Must be a student at a Missouri medical school and have graduated from high school in either Saint Charles County or Lincoln County.

Amount: $5,000

Deadline: February 2, 2014

Please contact Robin Hill at hillrob@umkc.edu for further details.
## Scholarship: Boone County Medical Scholarship

**Eligibility:**
- Must be from and have graduated high school in Boone, Howard or Cooper county
- Must have completed his/her first semester of your clerkship year
- Demonstrates exceptional intellectual and humanistic qualities in interactions with patients, peers and teachers

Financial need is **NOT** a selection criterion for this scholarship.

**Amount:** $2,000

**Deadline:** February 15th

## Scholarship: Welsford and Mildred Clark Medical Memorial Scholarship Fund

**Eligibility Requirements:**
- Professional year 3 students (year 5 if BA/MD)
- Resident of Connecticut for 5 years or graduated from high school there
- Able to demonstrate financial need
- Transcripts and Step 1 score reflect academic excellence

**Amount:** Up to $20,000

**Deadline:** April 30th

See Robin Hill for details if above criteria is met.

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### OPPORTUNITIES

#### Opportunity: Sojourner Health Clinic

Whether it is your first time volunteering or your hundredth, Sojourner Health Clinic is more than just a learning service project; it is an opportunity for you to get involved! All UMKC Medical Students from Years 1 through 6 can participate at SHC. Generally, Year 1 and 2 students work the triage station by taking vital signs as patients come in. Year 3-6 students are able to see patients and work at the dispensary. Every week is a chance to learn something new while your efforts make a positive difference.

If you are a UMKC Medical Student and are interesting in volunteering, please email us at umkcfreeclinic@umkc.edu to become a part of the weekly mailing list.

#### Opportunity: A Call for Submissions: The Living Hand* – Humanities Section for Residents and Medical Students -- Journal of General Internal Medicine - Web Edition

The Journal of General Internal Medicine (JGIM) has launched a new website with “The Living Hand” humanities section for **residents and medical students** to submit poetry, personal narrative prose, or original artwork for publication on the web. In “The Living Hand” humanities section, we are publishing articles written by medical students or residents every two weeks, thus providing opportunities for fresh voices to share their stories.

**Submission Guidelines**

All submissions must be devoid of patient identifiers per HIPAA standards (see below), or must have written permission from the patient involved in the writing. Please send submissions and correspondence to the editors at
humanities.webjigim@gmail.com.

In your email, indicate the following:
Type of work you are submitting (poetry or prose)
Title of the work
Word count
Brief bio (<100 words) of the author, including position (medical student or resident) and institution

Up to four submissions per author. Please do not submit any new articles until you have heard back from the editors on previously submitted pieces. This may take up to two months.

Articles should be less than 2000 words, submitted in Microsoft Word or Open Office document.

Poems should be less than 50 lines, submitted in Microsoft Word or Open Office document.

Naming convention: For the article, "Generic" by Dr. Jones, save as follows: Generic_Jones.doc

Review process
All submissions will be reviewed by the section editor. The editor will review contributions for originality, style, and content. The editor will respond in a timely fashion with either an acceptance, conditional acceptance, request for revision and resubmission, or rejection.
Opportunity

Humanities Institute

February 14-16, 2014
Sterling VA (Washington, DC)
Application Deadline: Dec. 20

The Humanities Institute is designed for students who appreciate the power of using creative expression to bear witness to their patients and their own experiences in medicine. Participants will be encouraged to learn how to analyze and share stories of illness with the goal of improving their skills of diagnosis, facilitating healing, education of patients and physicians. The AMSA Humanities Institute is an intensive experience with both didactic and experiential learning components. It combines student-led and field expert-led sessions. This year, participants may also have the opportunity to contribute to a post-institute publication. AMSA institutes are open to premedical, medical, resident, and allied health members.

Sessions Include:
- Narrative Medicine
- Writing for Advocacy
- Medical Journalism
- Art, Perception, & Diagnosis
- The Physician-Poet
- Writing for Wellness
- How Language Shapes the Illness Experience
- One-on-One writing feedback
- Healers’ Voices: Open Mic Night
- Well Student Workshops: yoga, nutrition, managing stress

Program Fees: $0
Program fees for selected applicants are being covered by the Arnold P. Gold Foundation and Brown University Dept. of EMT/Clinical Arts and Humanities Program.
Registration includes breakfast and lunch each day as well as 3 nights of hotel accommodations.

Visit the AMSA website for more information and to apply (www.AMSA.org)

Institute Coordinator:
Dasha Nesterova (wsl.institute@amsa.org)
William Carlos Williams Poetry Competition

32nd William Carlos Williams
Poetry Competition

The William Carlos Williams Poetry Competition, sponsored by the Department of Family and Community Medicine at Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED) College of Medicine, is open to medical students attending schools of medicine or osteopathy in the U.S. and Canada.

Each year hundreds of entries are submitted to the competition and go through a rigorous screening by English faculty at NEOMED’s partner universities. The final judging is done by Richard Berlin, M.D., psychiatrist and poet from the University of Massachusetts Medical School.

The first-, second- and third-place winners will be invited to read their poetry at an awards ceremony at NEOMED. In addition, the editors of the Journal of Medical Humanities review the winning poems and consider them for possible publication in that journal.

Entry Guidelines
The entry deadline for the competition is Dec. 31, 2013. Learn more about complete guidelines and rules for submissions.

Winning Poems
The top three poets will be awarded $300, $200 and $100 respectively. In addition, the three winners will be invited to visit NEOMED on April 4, 2014, to read their poems. All travel expenses will be paid by the Department of Family and Community Medicine. Winning poems will be announced by March 31, 2014.
ANNOUNCEMENT
The American Osler Society

William B. Bean Student Research Award
Supporting Research by Medical Students in Medical History and Medical Humanities

- Candidates must be current students at accredited medical schools in the U.S. or Canada.
- The research award is $1,500.
- Successful applicants may be invited to present their research findings at a subsequent meeting of the American Osler Society (expenses paid, see below).
- The deadline for submission of applications is March 1, 2014.

William B. Bean, M.D. was the first president of the American Osler Society and, like Dr. Osler, was an outstanding physician, educator, humanitarian, and historian.

About Sir William Osler
At the time of his death, Sir William Osler (1849-1919) was the most famous physician in the English-speaking world. The American Osler Society was founded in 1970 to memorialize and perpetuate the just and charitable life, intellectual resourcefulness, and ethical example of Osler.

The Bean Award Committee will consider the following criteria in evaluating proposals:
1. The project should represent scholarship in medical history and/or the medical humanities.
2. The goal should be stated clearly.
3. The goal should be realistic.
4. The applicant should demonstrate familiarity with the relevant literature, in part through appropriate citations.
5. Originality and a scholarly approach.

A letter of support from a faculty sponsor outlining the applicant’s qualifications to conduct this research, as well as the sponsor’s interest in the project and willingness to provide guidance and ensure completion of the project within the proposed time period, must accompany the application form, which can be obtained at the American Osler Society’s website: www.americanosler.org. Contingent on submission of a paper acceptable to the Bean Award Committee, the American Osler Society may make available additional funding to pay for travel to (not to exceed $750) and expenses (including hotel, meals, etc.) at the annual meeting.

Please send application materials via email to Renee Ziemer, AOS Administrator at acanreee@gmail.com. Completed applications must be received by March 1, 2014. Notice of awards will be made by April 15, 2014.
International Clinical Research Program

The Doris Duke Charitable Foundation International Clinical Research Fellowship Program at Yale offers students from all medical schools in the U.S. the opportunity to pursue a career in clinical research by completing a one year combined didactic and mentored clinical research training program for students. Yale University School of Medicine, a national leader in clinical and basic science research, ranks fifth nationwide amongst U.S. medical schools in total NIH funding, and ranks third in the percentage of graduates who select careers in research. With a world-renowned faculty, NIH-funded Clinical Research Centers, and expanding programs in clinical and translational research (NIH CTSA award), Yale offers extraordinary opportunities for DDCF Medical Student Fellows.

Program Benefits:
- Conduct at least 9 months of research at a preapproved international site
- Students will have a mentor who is a faculty member at Yale Medical School

Financial Support
- Annual stipend of $30,000
- Supplementary research allowance
- Travel allowance
- Health insurance

Eligibility
Students matriculated in the M.D. program at any U.S. Medical School or accredited U.S. osteopathic school who are in good academic standing are eligible to apply.

Request for a Program Brochure and Additional Information
Complete and mail this card, call us at 203.785.6633, or email at donna.cornazzo@yale.edu for additional information and questions you may have regarding the program.

☐ Please contact me regarding the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation International Clinical Research Fellowship Program for Medical Students at Yale University School of Medicine.

Name:
Street Address:
City, State, Zip Code:
Phone:
Email:
Medical School:
Year in School:

You may apply to this program by submitting an online application, available at http://www.ddcf.org/Programs/Medical-Research/Goals-and-Strategies/Build-the-Clinical-Research-Career-Ladder/International-Clinical-Research-Fellowship/

You will also need to submit additional materials. Additional information for the international program is available at http://medicine.yale.edu/education/osr/student/funding/oneyear/ddcf.aspx

The application deadline is January 14, 2020.
Policy for In the Know Announcement Submissions

Beginning 11/11/2013:

1) All submissions must be in JPG format (if the announcement is a flyer). PDF and Word documents must be converted to JPG before being emailed to shahmohammadin@umkc.edu

2) If the announcement is a text only announcement, please include it in the body of your email. Please use black font only and include a title for your announcement such as “Emergency Medicine Interest Group”.

3) If an announcement includes incorrect information (such as an incorrect date or time), and that week’s In the Know has already been sent out, a revision for your specific announcement will not be sent out to the school. The only time a correction email will be sent out is if the error is on the part of Student Affairs (mistyped or forgot to include an announcement).

Submissions which do not meet the new requirements will be returned to sender requesting the appropriate edits. The announcement may then be resubmitted to shahmohammadin@umkc.edu for inclusion in the In the Know.

To submit information for the next Student Affairs Weekly Announcement, send an email to Niloofar Shahmohammadi at shahmohammadin@umkc.edu.