FOCUS ON THE DIVISION: ADULT PSYCHIATRY

The Division of Adult Psychiatry provides outpatient services directed by Philip Pan, MD and inpatient services directed by Stephen Robinson, MD. Faculty members include Vinod Alluri, MD, Dale Beck, PhD, Haojiang Huang, MD, Ron Kanwisher, MA, Brad Koechle, RPh, and Karen Lee, MA. Faculty in the division are collaborating on numerous approved or pending research projects. Stephen Robinson, MD also serves as Clerkship Director for Undergraduate Medical Education. Four division faculty - Karen Lee, MA, Ron Kanwisher, MA, Philip Pan, MD, and Stephen Robinson, MD - are members of the Psychiatry / Medical Education Research Collaboration Committee, which is an 11 member committee focused on educational research collaborations, co-chaired by Debra Klamen, MD and Stephen Soltsy, MD. Interdisciplinary projects stemming from discussion at the committee meetings are expected to continue.

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY GRAND ROUNDS

The Department of Psychiatry Grand Rounds kicked off on September 3rd with a joint presentation by Philip Pan, MD and Ron Kanwisher, MA. Titled “How to Present at Grand Rounds,” they provided useful tips about how to successfully present. Nearly 40 faculty, resident, and guests present at Grand Rounds each year. Each grand round is videoconferenced to approximately twelve locations throughout the State of Illinois. For those who are interested in a topic but unable to attend, the powerpoints can be downloaded from Telehealth at http://www.siumed.edu/telehealth/download/psychGR/ for one week following the presentation. Thanks to all presenters and attendees! Questions? Contact Debbie Lucas, Office Support Specialist, at 545-7662.

IRB APPROVED PROJECTS IN PSYCHIATRY

Since January 2010, 14 research projects with Psychiatry personnel serving as P.I.s or co-P.I.s have been approved by SCHRIS. P.I.’s on these projects include: Jeffrey Bennett, MD; George Costin, MD (PGY-IV); Kristina Dzara, PhD; Susan Fonfa, PhD; Gaurav Jain, MD (PGY-III); Chad Noggle, PhD; and Philip Pan, MD. These recent projects in addition to the 7 approved in 2009 and the 10 approved in 2008. The projects investigate varied and interesting topics. Project titles include: “Survey of Dual-Train physicians in Primary Care and Psychiatry,” “Residual Neuropsychological Deficits in Adults Post-Chemothterapeutic Treatment,” “Resident and Medical Student Viewpoints Toward their Participation in a Telepsychiatry Rotation,” “A Pilot Study of the Health-care Needs of Adults with Developmental Disabilities in the State of Illinois,” and “Attending, Resident, and Medical Student Attitudes Toward DNR Orders.” P.I.’s, keep up the good work!

RECENT FACULTY AND RESIDENT PUBLICATIONS


Welcome New Residents and Fellows!

Kamna Handa, MD (Psychiatry)
Graduate: Government Medical College Patiala - 07/05
Info: Completed Psychiatry Residency in India; Worked as Research Extern; 2 Publications.

Shreekshar Kulkarni, MD (Psychiatry)
Graduate: Karnataka Institute of Medical Sciences - 2006
Info: Worked as Research Assistant; 4 Publications and 2 Presentations.

Aman Mahajan, MD (Psychiatry)
Graduate: Government Medical College Jammu - 06/01
Info: Completed Psychiatry Residency in U.K.; Member Royal College of Psychiatrists; 2 Publications and 3 Presentations.

Johnathan Yost, MD (Psychiatry)
Graduate: SIU School of Medicine - 05/2008
Info: Completed PGY-2 in Pathology at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics; 2 Publications and 2 Posters.

Sudantiraj S. Prabhuram, MD (Medicine-Psychiatry)
Graduate: Stanley Medical College – 06/05
Info: Worked as Research Observer and Research Assistant; 3 Oral Presentations and 1 Poster Presentation.

Aghaegbulam Harachi Uga, MD (Medicine-Psychiatry)
Graduate: University of Maiduguri – 09/98
Info: Completed Psychiatry Residency and Neuropsychiatry Fellowship in Nigeria; Worked in clinical research; 1 Publication.

Nasir Ahmad, MD (Child Psychiatry Fellow)
Graduate: Allama Iqbal Medical College - 2001
Info: Worked as Research Fellow at Children’s Hospital of Pennsylvania; 3 Oral Presentations and 3 Poster Presentations.

Garima Singh, MD (Child Psychiatry Fellow)
Graduate: Assam Medical College – 2007
Info: Participated in Research Project at St. Francis Hospital; 1 Oral Presentation and 1 Poster Presentation.

Welcome to Our New Employees!

Ellen Brotzman-DeSart, MSW
Health Education Coordinator, Psycho-Oncology

Shelda Iverson-Borders, PhD
Instructor (Fellow) of Clinical Psychiatry, Psycho-Oncology

Reynita Young, LPN
LPN II, Division of Child Psychiatry

Sid-By-Side Program in the Division of Psycho-Oncology

The Side-by Side Program is a resource to help individuals work through the very difficult issues that accompany a cancer diagnosis, treatment and survivorship. This program works side-by-side with patients, families, caregivers, and health care providers to address all aspects of cancer - the physical, emotional, cognitive, and spiritual factors that may influence process and long-term survival. Side-By-Side also promotes cancer prevention through wellness programs such as smoking cessation, exercise, yoga, stress reduction, and more. A variety of support groups are also available to those touched by cancer. It is free and open to everyone affected by cancer, including their families and caregivers. Contact Ellen Brotzman-DeSart, MSW, at 545-7244 for more information.

Resident Accolades

Gaurav Jain, MD (PGY-III) placed 3rd out of 10 selected clinical vignettes at the Association of Medicine and Psychiatry National Conference in Chicago, Illinois. His vignette “Porphyria in 34-year old Female,” was presented verbally, followed by 2 minutes of questions by faculty judging the competition. Congratulations on your achievement and keep up the good work!

Jennifer Hardwick, MD (PGY-III) has been voted “President of the House Staff” for St. Johns and Memorial Hospitals. Her one-year term started in September. Dr. Hardwick previously served on House Staff Board of Directors. Dr. Hardwick indicated she is “…thrilled to have this opportunity to serve my fellow residents.” Good work Dr. Hardwick!

SIDE-BY-SIDE PROGRAM

The mission of the SIU School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry, is to engage in excellence in psychiatric education and research while providing high quality, effective, state-of-the-art clinical care.

Department Chair: Stephen M. Soltys, MD

Honors

Chad Noggle, PhD, has been appointed as a regular member to SCRIHS (Springfield Committee for Research Involving Human Subjects) effective September 1, 2010. Thank you for your service!

Transitions....

Good bye to Hong Cao, MD (PGY-I) who will continue her residency training at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota.

Newsletter Submissions

Newsletter Editor: Kristina Dzara, PhD
Newsletter Associate Editor: Anna Wiggins, MS

Let us know about your scholarly achievements! Please submit research or accolades to be included in Psychiatry Research Today to Kristina Dzara, PhD at kdzara@siumed.edu.

We are also seeking guest contributors to write short (100-200 word) articles about their current research projects.