I would like to welcome everyone back after the holiday season, and I hope that we are all recharged and reinvigorated for the winter term.

We are picking up where we left off with the undergraduate medical education curriculum renewal process. The new development is that now only the Med III and Med IV new curricula are planned to be rolled out in the 2013-14 academic year, with Med I and Med II following in 2014-15. We had a very productive CHS workshop at the end of November in reviewing all aspects of the curriculum, and starting the process of planning for the way forward. Even with the transformation of the Med I and Med II teaching programs being delayed, a number of areas were identified at the workshop where efficiencies could be achieved for the coming year, duplication reduced, and enhanced teaching experiences offered to students.

The reviews from students are now in for our UGME teaching in the Fall term, and they are uniformly excellent. There were some suggestions made for improvements and these will be addressed for next year. Thanks to Allen Kraut and Gladys Stewart for leading the teaching in Block I and for starting us on another successful year of undergraduate teaching. Thanks also to Carla Ens for leading the UGME curriculum renewal process for the Department since November.

The graduate program continues to be extremely active, with the largest new admissions class in recent memory. To help out with program management, I welcome Ms. April Hatland who was recruited as a half-time Administrative Assistant to help out Evelyn Forget and Theresa Kennedy.

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Department Head, cont'd

There have been a number of meetings that have taken place over the past few months to review and renew graduate teaching in epidemiology and good progress is being made. We hope to have some specific plans ready for presentation in the next few months.

In the pages that follow, you will read about developments and achievements in a wide variety of programs: community engagement, the biomedical youth program, the Manitoba Centre for Health Policy, the Centre for Global Public Health, and the Western Regional Training Centre, among others. There are also several new research grants indicated. This underscores the breadth and diversity of the department.

Welcome to our four new part-time faculty members to Community Health Sciences (see page 3 for more information):

- Dr. James Bolton, Assistant Professor
- Dr. Kathleen Decker, Assistant Professor
- Dr. Ana Hanlon-Dearman, Associate Professor
- Dr. Xibiao Ye, Assistant Professor

Congratulations to Leigh McClarty, Pat Martens, Deborah McPhail, Shahin Shooshtari, and Salah Mahmud on their awards and appointments, which are indicated on page 3. Faculty members of Community Health Sciences now hold seven research chairs, which is a remarkable achievement of which we can all be proud (page 3)

Stephen Moses, MD, MPH
Head of Department

Appointments

The Department of Community Health Sciences welcomes four new part-time (nil-salaried) faculty members:

- **Dr. James Bolton** whose primary appointment is in the Dept. of Psychiatry. His research program focuses on the epidemiology of mental disorders, including suicide and its effect on families. Dr. Bolton currently collaborates with the Manitoba Centre for Health Policy on a number of projects.

- **Dr. Kathleen Decker** brings cancer screening expertise to CHS where she already teaches with the Department. Her primary appointment is with CancerCare Manitoba, where she is an epidemiologist, and Evaluation Lead, Screening Programs.

- **Dr. Ana Hanlon-Dearman** holds a Manitoba FASD Research Scientist Award that is administered through CHS and has collaborative projects with the Manitoba Centre for Health Policy. Her primary appointment is in Pediatrics and Child Health.

- **Dr. Xibiao Ye** has collaborative projects with Dr. Mike Moffatt, Dr. Colleen Metge, and with the Manitoba Centre for Health Policy. His primary appointment is with the WRHA where he is lead epidemiologist and researcher in the WRHA Evaluation Unit.
Awards

Congratulations to Ms. Leigh McClarty, recipient of the David G. Fish Memorial Scholarship.

Dr. Patricia Martens was the recipient of the 2012 Una Ridley Health Sciences Lecture award. University of Lethbridge, Lethbridge, Alberta (November 21, 2012).

Dr. Deborah McPhail was awarded a University Research Grants Program (UGRP) with two colleagues from Memorial University, Pamela Ward and Jill Allison, “Reproducing Stigma? Obesity and Women’s Experiences of Reproductive Health care.” The award period is from December 31, 2012-December 31, 2013.

Salah Mahmud was awarded a Canada Research Chair, Tier 2, in October 2012. These five-year, renewable research chairs are very prestigious and highly competitive and Dr. Mahmud will be using the award to develop his program in pharmaco-epidemiological and vaccine research.

Dr. Shahin Shooshtari was awarded tenure at the University of Manitoba.

Announcements

Congratulations to Natalie Riediger and Thomas on the birth of their new son Matthew on November 5, 2012 at 7:11 a.m. Matthew weighed 10 pounds, 3 ounces.

Congratulations to our PhD Student, Rae Spiwak and Dr. Sarvesh Logsetty (Faculty of Medicine, Surgery) on the birth of daughter, Lila Rose Logsetty born on 29 November 2012 at 8:36 p.m., weighing 9 pounds, 5 ounces.

Public Service

Community Engagement

Here is a look back and summary of some of the Fall/Winter community engagement initiatives.

Summer Weekend Inner-City Supervised Hoops (SWISH)

Planning has started for Summer Weekend Inner-City Supervised Hoops (SWISH) 2013.

SWISH is a drop-in basketball venue for inner city youth held at the Bannatyne campus. The goal is to provide recreational sport for inner city youth who would not otherwise have access to this type of activity. SWISH is a partnership between Faculties of Kinesiology & Recreation Management, Pharmacy, Dentistry, and Medicine, and several community organisations. As a wind-up to a successful and fun summer, staff from CHS and Faculty of Kinesiology & Recreation Management took participants to the season opener of UM Bison Men’s and Women’s games on November 9th. Students had an amazing time watching Bison athletes they came to know over the summer. Another game outing is being planned for February 2013!

Mini-U Bannatyne

Planning is underway for Mini-U camps at Bannatyne for August 2013. Watch for upcoming announcements!

WISH Clinic

The WISH Clinic at Mount Carmel Clinic wrapped up another busy fall with its annual Holiday Celebration on December 16th. Over 300 community members attended the event at Turtle Island Neighbourhood Centre for activities, food, and gifts for the children.

Basketballs for Inner City Kids

Basketballs for Inner City Kids – a volunteer-run program providing basketballs for graduating Grade 6 students in several inner city schools – held its first basketball game fundraiser in December. President Barnard provided the ceremonial jump ball to kick-off this great night of fun in the Joe Doupe Centre where Bannatyne staff and students made up two energetic and agile teams! SWISH
staff, including four Bison players, provided refereeing and scorekeeping duties. Approximately $2500 was raised for the program. Thank you to all who came out to support this event!

Biomedical Youth Program

The Biomedical Youth Program (BYP) proudly took part in the Manitoba Health Research Council’s 30th anniversary celebrations at the Forks this past November. The event involved the participation of thirteen other science and health-related organisations from across the province. The BYP hosted an interactive booth featuring hands-on science activities in physiology, physics, and chemistry. Volunteer coordinators from the Program also impressed the crowd with a "science magic show" featuring an air cannon demonstration, exploding gummy bears, and foamy "elephant’s toothpaste," while raising awareness of the Program’s endeavours to promote science amongst youth.

Within a couple of weeks, the BYP hosted one of its tastiest events of the year, namely its annual bake sale fundraiser. The fundraiser involved the participation of its Science Buddies participants in Grades 4 – 8 from various inner-city schools and organisations. Funds raised will benefit our young scientists as they pursue hands-on experiments and original science fair mentorship projects. A big “thank you” goes out to everyone who supported this fundraising initiative!

Over the course of the past months the BYP has engaged more than thirty teachers in its professional development workshops as part of the International Institutes of Learning and Leading for Kindergarten to Grade 12 Science Education. These workshops take place at the Inner-City Science Centre (ICSC), which is comprised of three state-of-the-art laboratories in Biotechnology, Physics and Imaging, and Chemistry. These labs housed within Niji Mahkwa School form the “hub” of the BYP’s outreach activities. To date, participating educators enjoyed working with DNA, gels, and bacterial cultures, and, of course, bringing their skills into the classroom to enhance science for their students.

With the close of a fruitful year, the BYP looks forward to continue working with its educators and student participants in promoting science education into 2013!

Volunteer Orientation Session

CHS held a Volunteer Orientation session in November to provide volunteer opportunities that are available within Winnipeg School Division One. Hugh John Macdonald provided a brief presentation on the math skills development needs of their Grades 7 – 9 students and how UM volunteers could support this need. Volunteers registered at the session and will begin meeting with HJM students in early 2013. If you would like to register for this opportunity or others, please contact Karen at umcook55@cc.umanitoba.ca.

Other Events

CHS attended and supported several community events and activities over the past few months, including Siloam Mission Gala, Lighting up the Avenue (Selkirk Avenue/ North End) and school holiday celebrations.
Community Engagement, cont'd

Siloam Mission Gala, Lighting up the Avenue, (l-r) Minister Rondeau, Juan Monterossa, Scott Hodgson, Angela Cung Esther Kim, William Liang, Karen Cook, Shivoan Balakumar

Biomedical Youth Program Annual Bake Sale Fundraiser
## Department Colloquia

**Oct 5:** Patricia Martens (CHS). Mind the Gap... Over Time! Cautions in Measuring Changes in Health Equity.

**Oct 11:** Dan McAullay (Aboriginal Health Council of Western Australia). Western Australian Aboriginal Health Research Network.

**Oct 12:** Allen Kraut (CHS). Leaving Hospital Against Medical Advice in Manitoba: Who Does It and What Happens to Them.

**Oct 23:** Anne Fanning (University of Alberta). Tuberculosis (TB) Elimination by 2050: Local and Global Challenges.

**Oct 26:** Kathleen Decker (CancerCare Manitoba). Measuring Effectiveness in Cancer Screening: A Cluster Randomized Trial of Cervical Screening Invitation Letters.

**Nov 2:** Michelle Driedger (CHS). H1N1 Vaccine Risk Communication: Lessons Learned (so far).

**Nov 9:** Robert Tate (CHS). The Manitoba Follow-Up Study: What's Old, What's New.

**Nov 23:** Arthur Schafer (Director, Centre for Professional and Applied Ethics). Bio-Medical Conflicts of Interest and How They Deliver “Pseudo-Evidence-Based” Medicine.

**Nov 30:** Shereen Denetto (Special Projects Coordinator) & Paula Migliardi (Research and Evaluation Coordinator). Community Based Research with a Newcomer Community in Winnipeg Regarding the Practice of Female Genital Cutting (FGC) and Perspectives on Change.

**Dec 3:** Edge of Science and Medicine Seminar Series. Patricia Martens & Alan Katz (CHS). The Manitoba Centre for Health Policy: A local resource envied throughout the health services research community.

**Dec 7:** Roberta Stout (Researcher, Aboriginal Women's Health, Prairie Women's Health Centre for Excellence in Winnipeg). Injury and Injury Prevention: Women in Work Related to Mining.


**Jan 11:** Tracey Galloway (Anthropology). Human Biology and Health in Circumpolar Populations.

**Jan 16:** Slim Haddad (University of Montreal). Measuring Health Inequity and the Impact of Policies on Health Inequity: Examples from Burkina Faso.

Our research scientists and the publication team have released seven deliverables in 2012, many of which have generated conversations in the public’s eye with a significant amount of media coverage. The latest of this year’s reports are listed below. As always, all of our deliverables are available at no cost on our website: http://www.umanitoba.ca/medicine/units/mchp

How Are Manitoba’s Children?
Manitoba children have been making some gains in health and social outcomes, but children from lower income areas generally experience poorer outcomes than children from high income areas, says a new report from the Manitoba Centre for Health Policy.

The study, How are Manitoba’s Children Doing, published in October was led by Dr. Marni Brownell. It looked at almost all children in the province 19 and under from 2000 to 2010 and measured children’s well-being in four areas: physical and emotional health; safety and security; education; and social engagement and responsibility.

Report highlights
• Improvements include a 10% decrease in teen pregnancy rates; a 29% decrease in grade repetition and a 7% increase in high school graduation.
• Children from low income areas were more likely to improve over time than children from high income areas.
• The rate of child deaths was over 3 times higher in the lowest income areas compared to the highest.
• Children from low income areas also had higher rates of hospitalisation and involvement with child welfare services.

Implications: This report confirms previous research findings that children from lower socioeconomic areas carry the largest burden of illness, use more health care and social services, and have poorer educational outcomes compared to children with higher socioeconomic backgrounds. For many indicators, this inequality has remained consistent over time.

Perinatal Services and Outcomes in Manitoba
A new report from the Manitoba Centre for Health Policy says maternal and newborn health in the province is comparable with national averages in some areas but there are a number of areas that could improve.

The study, Perinatal Services and Outcomes in Manitoba, was conducted by researchers at the Manitoba Centre for Health Policy and led by Dr. Maureen Heaman. It used anonymized health records and other data on all births spanning from 2001 to 2009. The report found the number of children born steadily increased from 13,690 in 2001 to 15,183 in 2009.

Report Highlights
• The health of mothers and babies was followed using over 45 measurements compared by geographic region, socioeconomic and demographic factors, medical conditions, and health behaviours.
• Women who live in poverty are more likely to have less healthy pregnancies and deliveries. Their babies are more likely to have serious health problems such as premature births and to die within the first year of life.
• Despite its growth, midwifery care is not reaching enough women in target groups such as poor, teenage, socially isolated, and other at-risk mothers.

Implications: Based on the detailed demographic and geographic results from this report, it provides essential information to policy-makers to improve the outcomes of at-risk mothers and newborns.

A Systematic Investigation of Manitoba’s Provincial Laboratory Data
MCHP pioneered the use of administrative data in Canada. The research centre now maintains anonymised records for the Cadham Provincial
Laboratory tests in their data repository which will provide new opportunities in population-based health research when linked with other data at MCHP. No other research centre has linkable data at this level.

Dr. Lisa Lix led the new study from MCHP, *A Systematic Investigation of Manitoba’s Provincial Laboratory Data*. Records for the entire population of Manitoba were looked at from 1992 to 2010 and information was compared by age, sex, income, and where people lived. The report found that in 2008/09 for example, about 12 per cent of Manitobans had at least one test in the Cadham Provincial Laboratory.

Report Highlights:
- Researchers now have a new dataset with more than 12 million anonymised provincial lab records to study population and public health in regards to human diseases and infectious outbreaks.
- The Cadham Provincial Laboratory (CPL) data is linkable to data in MCHP’s Repository.
- Data from the CPL was compared by age, income, where people lived, and other demographics between 1992-2010.
- People with lower income levels were tested more often than those with higher income levels.

Other Studies

**PATHS (Pathways to Health and Social Equity for Children)**
The PATHS Equity for Children program of research is well underway. It is comprised of 15 sub-projects designed to evaluate the impact of multiple interventions on the health and well-being of children. The main objectives are to evaluate which interventions are associated with improved child health and well-being and reduced inequities, and whether integrating child health programs and policies impact this inequity. Since approvals were received in January 2012 work has begun on the six first-year sub-projects:

1. The Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative
2. The Physician Integrated Network (PIN)
3. In-School Teen Clinics
4. The Healthy Baby Program
5. The Families First Home Visiting Program, and
6. Social Housing

Approvals have been received for the three sub-projects that are to begin in year 2:

1. Healthy Buddies
2. Roots of Empathy
3. Full-Day Kindergarten

At the end of November 2012 the PATHS Advisory Board met for the third time; this group is comprised of deputy ministers, RHA, community representatives, as well as experts

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**International Year of Statistics**

The International Year of Statistics launch video is now available for you to view, use and distribute.

Created by SAS, the video does an excellent job portraying the many and varied ways that statistics impacts our lives.

Titled *Improving Human Welfare in 2013 International Year of Statistics*, the video is accessible via the SAS YouTube channel at: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nTBZuQR7dRc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nTBZuQR7dRc).

We encourage you to view the video, post it to your website, e-mail the link to your members/employees, share it with your organisation’s stakeholders, promote it to the public, media and other external audiences in your area or country, and show it at your meetings and other events.

The members of the Statistics 2013 Steering Committee send a special thank you to SAS leadership and staff for their support for the International Year of Statistics and especially for developing and producing the Statistics 2013 launch video.
in child health. In addition, several PATHS researchers are preparing abstracts with preliminary sub-project results for upcoming conferences, including the Canadian Public Health Association (Ottawa, June 2013) and the Canadian Association for Health Services and Policy Research (Vancouver, May 2013). A manuscript outlining the unique methodological approach used for PATHS is being prepared for submission to a peer-reviewed journal and is intended to serve as a reference for all subsequent PATHS-related papers.

The Canadian Network for Observational Drug Effectiveness Studies (CNODES)

The CNODES program of research has been progressing well since work began on it in the spring of 2011. The Manitoba site is comprised of 13 research scientists and data analysts, as they work together with six other sites across Canada to do pan-Canadian analyses of the safety and effectiveness of various pharmaceuticals through using administrative claims data. Currently, there are five active sub-projects at various stages:

1. High-Dose Statins and the Risk of Acute Kidney Injury – the manuscript is being revised for resubmission
2. Proton Pimp Inhibitors and Pneumonia – the manuscript has been submitted to a journal
3. Antipsychotic Agents and Risk of Hyperglycaemic Emergencies - the manuscript is being prepared for submission to a journal
4. The Effect of High Potency Statins on the Risk of Incident Diabetes in Patients with Occlusive Vascular Disease – approvals
MCHP 1st Annual Knowledge Translation Workshop

Mark Smith at MCHP 1st Annual KT Workshop

Tempting Desserts

Drs’ Jamie Boyd, Arnold Naimark, and Pat Martens

were just received and analyses are underway; and

5. Isotretinoin Use Among Women of Reproductive Age and the Risk of Pregnancy and Adverse Pregnancy Outcomes Including Spontaneous Abortion and Major Congenital Malformation – the protocol is being developed.

The feasibility of several new potential projects is also currently being assessed. As well, a paper focusing on an overview of the CNODES program of research was recently published in Open Medicine (Suissa et al. 2012) and a presentation to the University of Manitoba’s Pharmacy Grand Rounds is being planned for January 2013.

Evidence to Action: 1st Annual Knowledge Translation Workshop for the Manitoba Government

In addition to the three existing knowledge translation workshops for Manitoba Health, the WRHA and rural health authorities respectively, MCHP developed another event. This one was initiated to address the ongoing expansion of MCHP data such as education, justice, social housing, and so on coming from departments outside of Manitoba Health.

The first workshop took place on December 14 at the Radisson Hotel. The focus on this year’s event was on childhood well being and attracted about 75 planners and administrators across various departments from the Manitoba Government. Presentations from recent and upcoming MCHP reports related to children’s health and wellbeing were given, which provided opportunities to introduce and integrate data into provincial planning.

Annual Holiday Dessert Party

We would like to thank all those who came to our annual holiday dessert party in December. This yearly event is a fun way for us to informally recognise some of the MCHP’s achievements throughout 2012.
Section of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Health
J.A. Hildes Northern Medical Unit

Lingerie of the North: How to Make a Parka Sexy

Alternatively and probably more appropriately called "What Not to Wear... In the North"

By Amy Dytnerski RNBN, Diabetic Retinal Screening Nurse.

You can try to deny it all you want, but let’s face it: winter is upon us. It happens every year, and we know it will happen, but it always seems to come with some initial shock. Winnipeg is cold, this we know, but as you travel up North it tends to get a few (or several) degrees colder. I’m no Stacy London, but as we gear up for another great winter I wanted to give you my thoughts on some of the dos and don’ts of what to wear (and not wear) in the North.

Working in the North is rewarding, exciting, and it’s also an incredible adventure. Most of the time you don’t know what to expect when you get geographically vertical, so your best bet is to be a planner. If you’re going to survive winter up in the North the key is to dress for success. Success looks a little different in the North, where practical tends to trump style. It means wearing easily washable, warm clothing, and some type of rubber boot. Any moisture up North, even the tiniest amount, equals unfathomable amounts of sticky mud due to the high clay content in the soil. The key is to wear a) clothing that is easily washable b) clothing that are not attached to, and c) a generous combination of both a) and b). Foot wear that can withstand snow and mud and has good grip on ice is essential. While I don’t own a pair myself, I have heard rumours among those who frequent the North that BOGS brand boots are pretty nifty (yes, nifty is a technical nursing term). They are insulated rubber boots that I have been told are good up to minus -40°C, but don’t quote me on that. Bottom line, clothing and footwear that is easily washable and warm = pure genius.

The key to surviving the northern winter is to dress warm. Parkas are the lingerie of the North, and they are hot. Well.....they are mostly warm, but warm is the new sexy, right? Throw on some good quality warm gloves, a toque and a scarf and you’re set to be one hot mama or pappa. The key to looking saucy and sassy is to actually have as little skin exposed to the cold as possible. Long johns are also mandatory — embrace it. There is nothing that says “I am an established healthcare professional” quite like wearing an insulating layer of long underwear to work.

You never really know what situations you will encounter — I could tell you about the time the nursing station driver locked us out, and the keys to the van in, while on the way to the airport in the pouring freezing rain; but perhaps I’ll save that for another time. Dress yourself like an Arctic yeti man (or woman) and you’ll thank yourself for it.

I’ve covered the basics of what to wear to survive the Northern winter, in summation: warm, washable clothes, boots, long johns, and a parka are staples. Here are some things I suggest you do not wear up in the North:

- Anything white – mud and dust do not mix well with white.
• High heels – these are especially not conducive for walking through snow, ice, or mud.

• A sequined unitard – mainly because no one should wear that. Ever. A unitard snowsuit is however a different story.

• A bikini - that goes for gals and guys. While I keep requesting NMU hot tubs for the nursing residences this request keeps getting denied for some reason.

Stay warm and have a great winter season – see you in the North! ☀️

News from our Med-Rehab Team

The NMU Medical Rehabilitation Team is stationed in Rankin Inlet and is comprised of two Physiotherapists, two Occupational Therapists, and one Speech & Language Pathologist.

With Zac in the position of OT locum, the Rankin Inlet team is pleased to be fully staffed at this time.

Lorna Doubt, OT was previously in the

Rankin Inlet, NU at Sunrise 9:30 am - temperature -44ºC with wind chill. NMU Rehab Team (l to r) Zac Harris -OT, Alysha Friedman -OT, Mike Wheeler -PT, Jeannine Wheeler –SLP, and Francine Mach –PT.
Rehab cont'd

Administrative Team Leader position. Although it was sad to see her go, the NMU is pleased to announce her retirement in October 2012 after providing incredible service for more than two years in the Kivalliq region.

Lorna has returned home to Ontario and is enjoying having this time to spend with family and friends. She was an active part of community life and is greatly missed by both professionals and clients. Since her departure, Mike Wheeler has temporarily taken over this position.

The role of the Rehabilitation Team is to prevent and minimise disability, while maximising independent living of an individual in his or her own community. Responsibilities include not only direct client care, but also education, client advocacy, and participation in community development activities.

The Rankin Inlet Team travels two - five times per year (per discipline) to each of the communities throughout the Kivalliq region; a total of 60 visits!

The communities we visit: Arviat, Baker Lake, Chesterfield Inlet, Coral Harbour, Repulse Bay, and Whale Cove.

Each community visit consists of two - five days in which services are provided in the health centre, schools, group homes, elder’s centre/hospice, and personal homes.

Some benefits of living in the North are having the opportunities to engage in many winter adventures, such as: going exploring on snowmobiles, ice fishing, dog sledding, visiting cabins, curling, playing hockey/skating, and of course surviving the walk to work in -50°C, etc.

Some people are even fortunate enough to see local wild life such as the arctic hare, caribou, arctic foxes, and of course, the “nanaqu” (polar bears).

Staff Announcements

We were sorry to say goodbye to our Receptionist of the past two years, Olga Cruces. Olga and her family moved back to their home country of Chile. Olga was a great addition to our team and we will miss her positive upbeat attitude. We wish her all the best in this next phase of her life. And, of course hope to visit her in sunny Chile.

We welcome as our new receptionist Angela (Angie) Wall. As well as Cathy Cao, financial assistant.

We also welcome Melissa Balness who comes to us from Health Canada. Melissa is our new physician co-ordinator for our hospital based program areas.

We also said good-bye to our finance co-ordinator, Eunice Roulette and wish her all the best in her new position.

The NMU was saddened to learn of the death of Dr. David McCullough (Otolaryngology) who passed away on the 9th of January 2013. Dr. McCullough was amongst the pioneers of the NMU; with us from the mid 1970’s to 2010. His death comes on the heels of another NMU pioneer, Dr. Cyril Woolf (also Otolaryngology) who passed away in October 2012. Dr. Woolf was with us from the inception of the Unit in 1970 until 1985.

Our condolences to the families of both Dr. McCullough & Dr. Woolf. Their pioneering work with the NMU is a legacy which will continue for years to come.
J.A. Hildes Northern Medical Unit
Discovered Day, 2 November 2012

Over 220 grade 11 and 12 students from 60 Manitoba High Schools investigated health care career options at the one day workshops.

The annual November event is held at the Bannatyne Campus and sponsored by TD Discovery Day in Health Sciences and organized by The Canadian Medical Hall of Fame.

Nearly half of the students travel from rural and First Nations communities. The NMU happily donates some of our unused Perimeter frequent flyer points to support travel for some students to attend.

Upcoming
Executive Committee Meetings

Location: A106 Chown

4 February 2013 - 10:00 am
9 April 2013 - 10:00 am
5 June 2013 - 10:00 am
3 October 2013 - 10:100 am
6 December 2013 - 10:00 am

Upcoming
Department Council Meetings

Location: A106 Chown

5 March 2013 - 10:00 am
8 May 2013 - 10:00 am
16 September 2013 - 10:00 am
5 November 2013 - 10:00 am
Full-time and part-time members of the Department of Community Health Sciences may apply for promotion on their own initiative or the Department Head can recommend he/she be considered for promotion. Notification of intent to apply for promotion should be made to the Department Head by April 1st. It is recommended that the candidate attend workshops hosted by the University of Manitoba and meet with the Department Head and the Chair of the Promotion and Tenure Committee.

Academic Career Advancement is a goal for many Faculty members in the Faculty of Medicine. Achieving this goal requires an understanding of the Faculty of Medicine’s processes for advancement, including promotion.

In this workshop we will explore the meaning of academic career alignment and advancement from the perspective of an academic clinician or a basic scientist. We will review the Faculty of Medicine’s promotions process. All faculty members are welcome to attend.

This workshop will be offered on three dates in different locations to facilitate attendance.

**Topic:** “Academic Promotion and Career Advancement in the Faculty of Medicine”

**Presenter:** Heather Dean, MD, FRCPC, Assistant Dean (Academic Affairs); Chair of Promotions and Tenure Committee, Faculty of Medicine

Further information and registration is available by contacting:

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Awards for outstanding papers in Community Health Sciences were established several years ago to recognise excellence in medical students’ scholarly activity in the field of public health and health policy. A total of thirty-four papers were submitted from students in the Class of 2013. A group of ten Community Health Sciences faculty members were appointed to a committee to review and select the best papers. Four student papers were selected. The following award winners will be recognised at the Faculty of Medicine Convocation on 16 May 2013.

Janelle Schneider, “Funding Inequities, Vulnerable Children. An Analysis of Health Outcomes and Funding Legislation in First Nations Children”;

Jeffrey Tompkins, “Effects of Low-Post Lead Exposure: Implications for a 5mcg/dl Lead Toxicity Threshold”;

Bria Sharkey, “Programs for the Prevention and Cessation of Non-Traditional Tobacco use Among Aboriginal Youth in Canada”; and

Corey Veldman, “The Uneven Distribution of Tuberculosis in Canada: A First Nations Perspective”.

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Graduate Program

MPH Graduates:

Tracey Dowson “Stakeholder Qualitative Interviews of a Supportive Housing Project for the Chronically Homeless” and “A Food Security Profile in the Downtown Winnipeg Community Area”. Committee: Dr. J. Kettner, Community Health Sciences; Dr. L. Elliott, Community Health Sciences; Dr. B. Roussin, Community Health Sciences. Field Placement Supervisors: Dr. C. Metge, Director, Research and Evaluation, Winnipeg Regional Authority; Dr. C. Charette, Research Associate, Research and Evaluation, Winnipeg Regional Health Authority.

Tahir Rauf “Development of a Framework for Providing Services to Manitoba’s Newcomers based on Populations’ Mental Health and Psychosocial Needs”. Committee: Dr. J. Kettner, Community Health Sciences; Dr. R. Tate, Community Health Sciences; Dr. L. Elliott, Community Health Sciences; Dr. B. Roussin, Community Health Sciences. Field Placement Supervisors: Ms. Carolyn Strutt, Regional Program Director, Winnipeg Regional Health Authority Community Mental Health Program; Chez-Roy Birchwood, Clinical Specialist, Winnipeg Regional Health Authority Community Mental Health Program.

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Join the Canadian Paediatric Society and the American Academy of Pediatrics in cooperation with the Indian Health Service and the First Nations Inuit Health Branch, Health Canada for the 5th International Meeting on Indigenous Child Health. Child health providers and researchers dedicated to working with American Indian, Alaska Native, First Nations, Inuit, and Métis children and families are encouraged to attend. Participants will have the opportunity to share model programs and research and develop practical skills that can be utilised in community settings.

For updated conference information, visit www.cps.ca or www.aap.org/nach.

To submit abstracts visit www.surveymonkey.com/s/DBR9VP8

Deadline for workshop proposal submission: August 24, 2012

Deadline for abstract submission: September 21, 2012
New Research Grants


Brownell M, Chartier M. Identification of Factors and Supports that Contribute to the Educational Success of Students in Foster Care. Manitoba Health. 2012-2014; $200,000.


Lix L. Principal Applicant. CIHR. Completeness of physician billing claims databases in Canada. Amount: $251,559; Term: 07/2012 – 06/2015


The Western Regional Training Centre (WRTC) is a program designed to support financially MSc and PhD students training in the area of health services research. Much of the program content is policy oriented and fosters working networks between students and health care planners and decision-makers. More details about this program are provided at the following URL:


The call for WRTC student applications is now open for the 2013/14 academic year. All incoming MSc (thesis-based) and PhD students should be notified of this call – please encourage students to apply!

The following information provides some further information about WRTC, student eligibility and the application process.

WRTC is housed in the Department of Community Health Sciences, Faculty of Medicine. In addition to their regular graduate training requirements, WRTC students receive support in the form of: 1) stipends; 2) course training; 3) field placement experiences; and 4) select other activities.

Interested students are invited to visit the WRTC website (listed above), and look specifically at information provided under heading of “Student Guidelines”. This information will help students to define their eligibility for this program, and to understand the application process.

Please note that we are now accepting applications for WRTC students, with an application deadline of February 8, 2013. As part of the application process, students must complete the WRTC application form, along with their cv, academic grades and 2 letters of reference.

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New Publications


New Publications, cont'd


New Publications, cont'd

Martens PJ. The right kind of evidence--integrating, measuring, and making it count in health equity research. *Journal of Urban Health* 2012;doi: 10.1007/s11524-012-9738-y.


Nickel NC, Lubbock MH, Hudgens MG, Daniels JL. The extent that noncompliance with the ten steps to successful breastfeeding influences breastfeeding duration. *Journal of Human Lactation* 2012;DOI: 10.177/0890334412464695.


Tate RB, Aoki FY. Rural practice and the personal and educational characteristics of medical students: Survey of 1269 graduates of the University of Manitoba. Canadian Family Physician 2012;58:641-648.


Presentations, Invited Lectures, Consultations


• Leslie W, Finlayson G, Majumdar SJ, Morin S, Metge C, Lix LM. Direct healthcare costs for 5 years post fracture in Canada: A population-based assessment.


• Sajobi TT, Lix LM, Quaranto B, Finkelstein J,
**Presentations, Invited Lectures, Consultations cont'd**

Schwartz C. Effect of missing data on relative importance measures for response shift detection: An example from an orthopedic population.

**International Union Against Sexually Transmitted Infections, October 2012, Melbourne, Australia**


**Annual Meeting of the Saskatchewan Epidemiology Association, Saskatoon, SK, October 25 & 26, 2012.**


**Advancing Excellence in Gender, Sex and Health Research Conference, October 29-31, 2012, Montreal, Quebec.**

- Deering KN, Shaw SY, Ramanaik S, Raghavendra T, Doddamane M, Bhattacharjee P, Thompson LH, Moses S, Lorway R. Fertility intentions, power relations and unexplored routes of HIV risk through intimate and other non-paying partnerships of female sex workers in southern India.

**65th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, San Diego, CA, November 14-18, 2012.**

- Swift AU, Tate RB, Bayomi DJ. Primary and secondary control of very old men: The Manitoba Follow-up Study. Poster presentation.
- Tate RB, Swift AU, Bayomi DJ. Repeatability of themes from lay-definitions of successful aging: The Manitoba Follow-up Study. Poster presentation.

**41st Annual Scientific and Educational Meeting of the Canadian Association of Gerontology, Vancouver, BC, October 18-20, 2012.**

- Barclay-Goddard R, Tate RB. Response shift in health-related quality of life identified after stroke and in stroke-free older men: The Manitoba Follow-up Study. Oral presentation.
- Swift AU, Tate RB, Bayomi DJ. Perceived control and benefits to short term health and well-being in very old men: The Manitoba Follow-up Study. Poster presentation.
- Tate RB, Swift AU, Bayomi DJ. Themes from self-definitions of successful aging and long term prognosis of older Canadian men: The Manitoba Follow-up Study. Poster presentation.
- Zawaly K, Shooshtari S. Examining the Relationship between Chronic Pain and Health-Related Quality of Life Among Older Canadian Adults with Disability. Poster presentation.

**American Anthropological Association Annual Scientific Meeting, San Francisco, CA, November 17, 2012.**


Presentations, Invited Lectures, Consultations cont'd


Heaman M. Perinatal services and outcomes in Manitoba.


Martens PJ. MCHP – Who we are and what we do. Manitoba Legislature Breakfast for MLAs
and Deputy Ministers. Winnipeg, MB. October 9, 2012.


Orr P. Immune response to vaccines and infection in Canadian First Nations, Métis and Inuit. 10th Annual Immunization meeting in Vancouver, December 3, 2012.


