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dean's message



"The hidden curriculum is a set of influences that function at the level of organizational structure and culture, affecting the nature of learning, professional interactions, and clinical practice. Faculties of Medicine must therefore ensure that the hidden curriculum is regularly identified and addressed by students, educators, and faculty throughout all stages of learning."

These are the recommendations in *The Future of Medical Education in Canada (FMEC): A Collective Vision for MD Education* report released in January 2010.

In the Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada groundbreaking report, the hidden curriculum is described as encompassing "what students learn outside the formal curriculum".

Many elements of the hidden curriculum have been identified as having a counterproductive effect on learning. Implementing the aforementioned recommendations involves engaging both learners and teachers in identifying and acknowledging the hidden curriculum, the report states.

It's important as a Faculty of Medicine that we set the tone of professionalism for students, residents, faculty members and the public. In 2008, Dr. Samia Barakat was appointed Associate Dean, Professionalism and under her leadership, the faculty has consulted with a cross-section of health professionals and students to develop professionalism and mistreatment policies to create a respectful learning and teaching environment that is patient centred.

In a recent national survey of Canadian medical school graduates, 32 % reported witnessing discrimination of another learner, patient or other health care professional during medical school. The top sources of the mistreatment witnessed (multiple responses allowed) were identified by graduates as follows: 50 % nurses, 42 % residents and 77 % clinical faculty in hospitals/offices/clinics.

When asked if they personally were mistreated during medical school, 23.6 % responded in the affirmative. The frequency of different types of mistreatment

varied. The frequency of public belittlement or humiliation? Some 48 % stated that public belittlement or humiliation occurred occasionally (2-4 times) while 7.4 % indicated they were denied opportunities occasionally (2-4 times) for training or rewards because of gender. 9.5% said they were occasionally (2-4 times) subjected to offensive sexist remarks/names directed at themselves personally.

When asked to identify the sources of the mistreatment experienced during medical school (multiple responses allowed), 72 % identified clinical faculty (in hospital), 39% pointed to nurses, and 31% identified residents/interns as the sources of the mistreatment.

Stereotyping, subtle racism, humiliation, inappropriate behaviours between teachers and learners cannot be tolerated.

Students from across Canada feeling mistreated during medical school speaks volumes about how we in the health professions need to change. Expectations of students are, rightfully, that they will receive constructive criticism throughout their education and training. They also expect to be treated fairly and appropriately in all milieus. We, as faculty members, have to improve on how we deliver evaluations of performance and how we institute a culture of respect and professionalism.

We live and work in an increasingly multi-cultural climate where physicians, staff members and students come from diverse backgrounds and ethnicities. As a profession, we must become increasingly more sensitive to cultural issues and more learned on the mores and traditions of diverse populations.

Brian Postl [MD/76]
Dean of Medicine

editor's message



Welcome to our spring/summer issue of MB Medicine whose theme is partnerships. The Faculty of Medicine at the University of Manitoba is partnering with the community, other health science profession learners and faculties, the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority, research foundations; government, alumni and donors to help us achieve our goals of Discovery, Scholarship, and Community service.

We hope you will enjoy reading about the ways in which your medical school is engaging with its partners to provide the highest quality of medical education, research and patient care.

You can also discover what inspires and drives some of your fellow alumni. This edition's alumni profiles feature two Winnipeg-based graduates who are both pioneers and leaders in their respective fields: Harvey Max Chochinov [MD/83] in palliative care and Catherine Cook [MD/87] in Aboriginal health. They are shining examples of people who have followed their passion to the greater good of society.

Another pioneer and leader is Allan Ronald [MD/61] who was awarded an Honorary Doctorate degree at this year's Medicine Convocation and recently inducted into the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame for his accomplishments as a world renowned expert in infectious disease and HIV/AIDS research.

Our University of Manitoba Faculty of Medicine alumni are accomplishing great things all around the world in diverse areas of research, education, clinical service, and administration. We'd love to hear what you are up to for our "Check Up on Alumni" section so please send us any updates (and photos).

Many of our alumni will return "home" to Winnipeg for their milestone Homecoming reunion this fall. This year, we will welcome alumni back to nine class reunions during Homecoming—with another three reunions taking place throughout the year. We invite all alumni to join us for the Dean's Homecoming breakfast and campus tours taking place Saturday, September 17, 2011. This year's tour highlights will be the Clinical Learning & Simulation Facility and the newly renovated and expanded Neil John Maclean Health Sciences Library.

If you are celebrating a milestone reunion in 2011 or 2012, want more information about your class's events, or help planning your reunion, please contact Darcy Routledge, Alumni Affairs & Events Officer, at routled@cc.umanitoba.ca or call 204-955-5650.

We also connect with alumni throughout the year at alumni receptions. This past year, we held very successful receptions in Brandon and Toronto. Contact us if you are interested in assisting to organize an alumni event in your area.

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UGME ACCREDITATION VISIT SUMMARY

BY **IRA RIPSTEIN [MD/80], ASSOCIATE DEAN, UNDERGRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION**



The University of Manitoba Faculty of Medicine, underwent accreditation of its Undergraduate Medical Education (UGME) program April 3–6, 2011. UGME accreditation is performed jointly by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) of American Association of Medical Colleges and the Committee on

Accreditation of Canadian Medical Schools (CACMS) of the Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada. Our previous accreditation visit was held in 2004.

The entire faculty got on board to prepare for this survey visit. Information was collated on 131 standards in five areas: institutional setting, faculty, educational standards, medical students and educational resources.

Committees were convened and many meetings and hard work occurred over a two-year period to prepare for accreditation. In the end, we sent the surveyors a banker's box full of information as our Institutional Self-Study report. We also reviewed and developed 40 sets of policies and procedures as part of our ongoing quality improvement and program enhancement in advance of the survey visit.

There is significant rigor in the accreditation process in that we are required to provide not only excellence in education and resources; but also to be able to provide proof that we have

done so and that any changes we have implemented have had a positive effect.

The entire visit was guided by the tireless co-ordination of our project manager, Karen Howell. The surveyors were very impressed with many areas of improvement since 2004 (for example the OPAL curriculum management system, the Clinical Learning and Simulation Facility, the Centre for Aboriginal Health Education, our focus on professionalism and the high degree of engagement of our medical students).

We have thus far only received an interim report and will not receive a final decision until the first week of November. Areas of weakness that were cited were all areas in which we had already been working to solve the problems.

I particularly want to thank members of our team: Dr. Helmut Unruh as Faculty Lead of Accreditation, our committee chairs (Keith McConnell, Beth Beaupre, Dr. Murray Enns, Dr. Chris Christodoulou, Dr. Kristel van Ineveld, Dr. Brock Wright, Dr. Dan Roberts) and a particular thanks to Dr. Bruce Martin, Associate Dean, Students for setting the groundwork for success of this accreditation visit.

And finally a thank you to the literally hundreds of faculty members and students who dressed up and dotted all the i's and crossed all the t's in order to make our medical school shine during this visit.

CPD ACCREDITATION UPDATE

BY **JOSÉ FRANÇOIS, MD, ASSOCIATE DEAN, CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**



On June 6 & 7, 2011, the Canadian Association for Continuing Medical Education (CACME) completed an accreditation visit at the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Manitoba. Canadian university offices of Continuing Medical Education are accredited on a five-year cycle by the Committee on

Accreditation on Continuing Medical Education (CACME). CACME is a national committee supported through a partnership of six Canadian medical organizations: the Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada, the Canadian Medical Association, the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, the College of

Family Physicians of Canada, the Federation of Medical Regulatory Authorities of Canada, and the Collège des médecins du Québec.

A two-person accreditation team reviewed the Division of Continuing Professional Development (CPD)'s function, structure, operations and performance and in order to assess how well the division meets each of the 19 CACME standards. The preliminary results of the survey are very positive. The accreditation team findings will be submitted to CACME at their fall meeting.

The Division of CPD would like to thank all those who participated in the site survey and we look forward to working with you to continuously improve CPD in our Faculty.



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ANDRÉ PICARD, THE GLOBE & MAIL'S PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTER, GIVES STIMULATING KEYNOTE ADDRESS ON "FORMING YOUR MESSAGE: HOW TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ON MEDICAL AND HEALTH NEWS."

FACULTY MEMBERS FETED AT RECOGNITION DINNER

BY ILANA SIMON

The Faculty of Medicine recently held its inaugural Teacher Recognition Dinner to acknowledge the contributions of faculty members. The Faculty of Medicine has more than 1600 faculty members who are committed to teaching medical and graduate students and residents.

"We value each of you for your dedication to our students and thank you for your important work here," said Dr. Brian Postl, Dean of Medicine, noting many faculty members also play leadership roles as associate and assistant deans, department heads, program directors, course coordinators, faculty supervisors, B.Sc.(Med.) supervisors, research directors, preceptors and more.

"Each and every one of our faculty members plays a key role in inspiring our students and impacts their career paths, life goals and academic success." André Picard, the *Globe & Mail's* Public Health reporter, gave the keynote address in which he spoke about the changing face of newspapers, his sources for story ideas, the move toward shorter stories in newspapers/on the web, and how academics and researchers should convey their messages to the media.

With the focus on web news, Picard said physicians and researchers must be able to quickly summarize their complex research. "There is an appetite for medical/health news," he said.



PHOTO: DAN GWOZDZ

FACULTY MEMBERS ENJOY AMBIENCE OF TEACHER RECOGNITION DINNER PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT: DR. AVIVA GOLDBERG, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, PEDIATRICS & CHILD HEALTH; DR. JOE KAUFERT, PROFESSOR, COMMUNITY HEALTH SCIENCES; AND DR. MERRIL PAULS, DIRECTOR, ETHICS/HUMANITIES; ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, FACULTY OF MEDICINE.

The *Globe & Mail* runs five health-related stories a day on the health pages in the Lifestyle section, providing practical consumer advice and information on myriad of medical and health topics.

"However, reporters do not have time to read the 8000 medical articles published daily. I read 30 to 40 abstracts a week," he reported, adding researchers must be able to succinctly highlight their findings. "Academics/researchers must be sincere and brief when speaking with reporters, and remember to explain your research in plain language."

Next year's Teacher Recognition dinner will take place April 3, 2012.

NJM HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY TURNS NEW PAGE

BY ILANA SIMON



After nearly a year of construction, the Neil John Maclean Health Sciences Library unveiled its newly renovated modern, practical and inviting “health information space” in January 2011.

From new lounge chairs to café style seating to small seminar rooms, Bannatyne campus students now have an array of options of where to study, read, conduct research, and gather for small group learning.

Students can take advantage of the carrels and nearly 70 additional bright study spaces now available. The new library—now boasting 223 study spaces—is much larger and better designed.

Approximately 9,000 square feet of space was added on to the upper floor with construction of a new wing. The Aboriginal Health Collection and the Faculty of Medicine Archives have also been transformed. The NJM Health Sciences Library’s completely redesigned 300 level also offers comfortable new furniture and ample study space, 12 high-tech seminar rooms, a large boardroom, and wheelchair-accessible public washrooms.

The seminar rooms are equipped with 46-inch touch screen monitors and can be booked through the Circulation Desk in the NJM Library. Students can also sign out A/V packages to connect their laptops to the screens, wireless keyboards and mice, and white board markers and erasers for use on the floor to ceiling whiteboard walls in the small seminar rooms.

The main floor of the library is brighter and more accommodating, with upgraded workstations and computer labs, new offices for staff, and a redesigned work area for Circulation and Document Delivery.

The \$2.7 million library expansion was made possible thanks to \$1.37-million funding from the federal government’s Knowledge Infrastructure Program and a successful fundraising campaign by the University of Manitoba.



OPAL WINS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD



The Faculty of Medicine is pleased to announce OPAL — Online Portal For Advanced Learning — is the 2011 recipient of the Project of the Year Award from the Project Management Institute of Manitoba.

Special thanks to Online Business Systems and everyone who had a part in developing and implementing OPAL. It has taken learning, teaching, evaluation and communication to a new level in the Faculty of Medicine.

OPAL is a state-of-the-art multi-user, integrated electronic Curriculum Management System that provides Medical Students and Faculty with a centralized information management and administration tool for knowledge transfer and enhances communication, collaboration and information sharing.

MANITOBA TO COVER MED SCHOOL COSTS OF FUTURE DOCS



MANITOBA HEALTH MINISTER THERESA OSWALD, PREMIER GREG SELINGER AND DEAN BRIAN POSTL AT ANNOUNCEMENT IN BRODIE CENTRE.

Manitoba medical students who agree to work in areas most in need of doctors will have their medical school costs fully covered by the province under a new program announced in December 2010 by Premier Greg Selinger.

"With this new program we are strengthening incentives for medical school graduates willing to work where they are needed most so that all Manitoba families can benefit from our significant investments in health care," said Selinger.

Under the new grant program, Manitoba medical students will be eligible for grants of \$12,000 in each of their four years of medical school. Each grant requires a commitment to return six months of service to under-serviced populations upon graduation. In their fourth year, students will have the option of taking a \$25,000 grant by committing to an additional one-year return of service. In total, students will have access to a maximum of \$61,000 over four years in exchange for a two-and-a-half-year commitment to under-serviced communities.

"Graduates who accept these grants will be providing care to many families that don't have a family doctor today," said Health Minister Theresa Oswald. "By targeting areas most in need of doctors, we are taking a significant step toward ensuring all Manitobans have access to a family doctor by 2015, regardless of where they live."

The program is open to all medical school students, whether they are pursuing family medicine degrees or areas of specialty. Students will also still be eligible for the Manitoba tuition-tax rebate and the federal textbook rebate. When combined with the tuition - and textbook-tax rebates, students will be able to cover other costs associated with medical school studies including school-related travel and living expenses.

"We are proud to serve as Manitoba's medical school," said Dr. Brian Postl, Dean, Faculty of Medicine, University of Manitoba. "This strong commitment from the provincial government will ensure all areas of the province benefit going forward."

The new grant program replaces and strengthens existing provincial medical student grants that were only available in years three and four of studies. It will be available to medical students beginning in the fall of 2011.

The most in-need under-serviced populations will be determined annually based on information from regional health authorities, Manitoba Health and the Faculty of Medicine. After completing their residency, students will be able to review the communities designated as under-serviced that year and apply to return service where they choose.

UNIQUE CLINIC OPENS DOORS IN WINNIPEG'S DOWNTOWN

A 'one-of-a-kind' clinic designed primarily to serve the primary care needs of Northern residents was officially opened in January 2011 by Manitoba Health Minister Theresa Oswald.

When in Winnipeg, patients from a number of northern and remote communities will receive treatment at the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority's Northern Connection Medical Centre.

The clinic, supported by Health Sciences Centre – Winnipeg and also affiliated with the University of Manitoba, is part of an innovative program designed to increase the number of primary care physicians in Manitoba's northern and remote communities.

The centre will be home base for first-year residents enrolled in the Faculty of Medicine's Northern and Remote Stream Family Medicine program while they are completing their required rotations in the city. Second-year residents will complete four months of training in Winnipeg, with the remainder of their residency training in northern and remote locations.

"This is another way in which the Winnipeg Health Region is here for aboriginal patients," said **Dr. Catherine Cook (MD/87, M.SC./03)**, WRHA Vice President of Population & Aboriginal Health and Associate Dean, First Nations, Métis & Inuit Health, Faculty of Medicine. "We continue to provide aboriginal language interpreters, discharge planners, and traditional ceremonies throughout the health region and with this specialized centre, we expand accessible services for our aboriginal patients coming from other communities."

The Northern Connection Medical Centre will provide primary care to third- and fourth-year medical students currently without a family physician and will also provide interim primary care to military families of soldiers based at 17 Wing until Access St. James opens.

"Many people have been involved in the development of this clinic. We are all pleased with the outcome – a clinic that will provide a unique learning experience to medical residents and accessible service to our aboriginal patients visiting from northern communities," said **Jamie Boyd (MD/72)**, Medical Director Family Medicine/Primary Care Program WRHA and head of the University of Manitoba's Department of Family Medicine.



MANITOBA HEALTH MINISTER, THERESA OSWALD AND WHITE BUFFALO CREE ELDER, DOUGLAS ROSS UNVEIL ARTWORK AT NORTHERN CONNECTION MEDICAL CENTRE



PHOTO: HELEN FALLDING

THEODORE FONTAINE READ FROM HIS MEMOIR *BROKEN CIRCLE* AT CAHE MENTOR LAUNCH

CAHE LAUNCHES NEW MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

BY HELEN FALLDING

Kids in Indian residential schools felt lost and alone.

So do some University of Manitoba Aboriginal students as they pursue their dreams of becoming health professionals.

The Faculty of Medicine's Centre for Aboriginal Health Education is recruiting mentors in health professions and the Aboriginal community to walk with students as they embark on their career paths.

Mentors might go for coffee with students, pick berries, conduct mock interviews or introduce students to colleagues in the professional community.

Elder-in-Residence Margaret Lavallee named the mentorship program *Kaaweechimoseaywat*, Ojibway for "walking with one another." Mentors should expect to learn from the students as they pass on their own wisdom.

"It's not about mentors being above our students. We're taking this journey together," said Linda Diffey, program co-ordinator at the Centre for Aboriginal Health Education. Her mother, a residential school survivor, graduated from the St. Boniface school of nursing in 1953.

The new mentorship program was launched in April 2011 with a reading by Theodore Fontaine from his new book *Broken Circle*, about the impact of Manitoba residential schools on his life.

Barry Lavallee (MD/88), acting director, acting director of the Centre for Aboriginal Health Education, said there has been "an organized silence" about what happened to First Nations people.

One of his biggest challenges as a physician is getting the health system to understand what residential school and other assimilation policies did to Aboriginal people. "We invite you... not to take over for us, but as partners," he said to the non-Aboriginal professionals in the audience.

The Centre for Aboriginal Health Education is looking for health professionals with established careers – both faculty members and practitioners – as well as members of the Aboriginal community. You don't need to be Aboriginal to be a mentor.

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LIFE & DEATH MEDICAL ART SHOW

BY ILANA SIMON



MELINA ZYLBERMAN WON THE ART SHOW'S TOP AWARD FOR THIS HAUNTING PAINTING ENTITLED "DEFORMITY, CONFORMITY"

PHOTO: ILANA SIMON

University of Manitoba health sciences students explored the theme "Life & Death" at the 9th annual Medical Art Show held in April 2011. This year, the show was opened to students from other health care disciplines and, for the first time, staff and faculty were invited to participate.

The Medical Art Show featured 30 expressions of "Life & Death" through paintings, photographs, poetry, essays, song and sculpture.

Participants include faculty, staff, graduate students and students from medicine, occupational therapy, physical therapy, dentistry and pharmacy. Submissions were inspired by the abstract "Life & Death" theme, which was interpreted both literally, and, occasionally, ironically.

"We are taught the science of medicine, treating patients as specimens of disease to be sorted into neat categories and managed by algorithm," said Tyler Peikes, creative director for this year's Art Show and a Med II student. "But that's not enough for patient care. We have to look at medicine as an art and treat patients as human beings."

Med I student Melina Zylberman, winner of the art show's top prize, said she was inspired to reflect on insecurities and fitting in through her art. "Basically, this face is supposed to show the way this boy sees himself when he looks in the mirror. He sees that he doesn't look like the male models on magazines, and so all the little imperfections (which hopefully later we realize they are what make us unique) are exaggerated," she explained, adding the magazine cut outs surrounding the face illustrate common messages and insecurities about conforming to society's expectations.

The message Zylberman wanted to convey about "Life & Death" is the tug-of-war between our insecurities and moments of confidence/clarity (in the painting, these two views are represented by the two eyes on the right side).

"Hopefully, over time, the latter begins to outweigh the former, not because our insecurities necessarily go away, but because by becoming more aware of them and understanding them, they can become a part of our strengths," she said.

The Medical Art Show gives students a chance to examine the artistic side of their profession, inspired by the range of feelings health care professionals, patients and their families experience when touched by illness and, sometimes, death.

Compassion is an important facet of quality health care and this year's theme allowed students to explore both the physical and emotional aspects of life and death in medical practice.

"When I was awarded top prize, it was surreal because I never in a million years thought it would happen," Zylberman says. "The talent displayed at the Art Show was astounding; all the pieces evoked so much emotion, and it was amazing to see how they all achieved to do so in different ways, yet how all of them still connected to the same theme."

CONVOCATION 2011 GRADUATES: SHOW EMPATHY, RESPECT, HOPE



BY **ILANA SIMON**

The University of Manitoba held the Class of 2011 Medicine convocation ceremony for 94 MD graduates May 12, 2011 at Bannatyne Campus.

"It's been 50 years since I sat as a graduate of the **Class of '61**," said **Dr. Allan Ronald**, who received an Honorary Doctorate of Science degree. "In retrospect, this university prepared me well with intelligence, vigour, confidence and competence."

Allan Ronald OC, FRSC, B.Sc. (Med), MD is a pioneer of the University of Manitoba's world-renowned infectious disease research program in Africa, and is recognized for his tireless work in HIV/AIDS research. In 2002, he retired from a 35-year career at the University of Manitoba but continued to foster the HIV/AIDS Care and Prevention Program in Uganda. He is now Professor Emeritus in the Department of Medical Microbiology and was recently inducted into the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame.

Born in Portage la Prairie, Dr. Ronald trained in Manitoba, Maryland, Washington and Pakistan before returning to the University of Manitoba's Faculty of Medicine in 1968 to head its infectious disease unit. In 1978 he established one of the first clinical investigation units studying a new disease that would eventually be known as HIV/AIDS in Africa.

Dr. Ronald shared with new graduates that practicing as a physician is 'an immense and fulfilling profession', but also comes with expectations: "Your patients have a right to expect of you competence and caring... you continuously need to assess your knowledge and skills. They depend on you to remain healthy."

"Intervene effectively and timely when illness falls. Continue to renew your knowledge base. Be the best (physician) you can."

Dr. Ronald advised graduates that to reach their potential as healthcare providers "You have to care... create contact with respect, hope. You will be judged on a daily basis. Ask yourself: Are you competent? Do you care?"

University of Manitoba Chancellor Harvey Sexter quoted Nelson Mandela in his words of wisdom to the Class of 2011: "Mandela said: 'There is no passion to be found playing small, in settling for a life that is less than the one you are capable of living.' At the University of Manitoba – you have moved on a path toward becoming all you can be."

Class of 2011 Valedictorian Haley De Vries lauded her classmates for working incredibly hard and said, "We benefitted from the crucial support surrounding us. We formed a bond through shared suffering and joys and supported each other. The best part of medical school was you - the Class of 2011."



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**EXCERPTS FROM CONVOCATION ADDRESS
BY DR. BRIAN POSTL, DEAN OF MEDICINE:**

You are all physicians as of today. You are entering a world of remarkable privilege, but it's a privilege that must be earned and re-earned in every day of your work. Please remember that it is not an entitlement.

You're also entering a world that is one of continuous change...You'll be subject to increasing public scrutiny and accountability. The social media that you're very much a part of will be used to grade you. You'll be able to find yourself on social media sites that talk about how good you are - or are not.

We live in a world of increasing knowledge, a world of increasing technical capacities both in clinical and in other realms, and a world where science that was once seen as the evidence is now seen as one piece of evidence.

We live in a world where you'll be expected to function much more in multi-disciplinary teams where the capacity to decide things on your own will be much more limited.

There will be a huge shift to generalism while you are training. The experimentation around intense sub-specialization appears to be waning in most jurisdictions of the world.

Teaching hospitals will decrease their footprints and be replaced by networks that have much more collective and community-based experience attached to them. And finally the expectations around patient safety will become more and more profound.

Embrace the changes. They are an important part of making medicine and clinical care better and I think your embracing of the change will allow them to move forward much more effectively.

Where will you find support during these times of change? Your education has given you, I think, all of the tools you'll need to manage that.

Find support in your patients: they'll teach you about medicine, they'll teach you about yourself, they'll teach you about life. Turn to your colleagues, they have always been the most effective way to find equilibrium in a difficult circumstance.

Jonas Salk, in his own take of an anonymous quote, said that good parents give their children roots and wings. Roots to know where home is and wings to fly away and exercise what's been taught. You have both.

Thank you.



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1. University of Manitoba Faculty of Medicine Class of 2011. | 2. Senior Stick Jessica Cudmore transfers stick to incoming Senior Stick Mark Lipson. | 3. Dean Brian Postl & Honorary Doctorate Recipient Dr. Allan Ronald. | 4. Chancellor Harvey Sectar, Dr. Allan Ronald and University of Manitoba President David Barnard at Medical Convocation.

MINI MED SCHOOL DEMISTIFIES DISEASES

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to attend Medical School? More than 150 Winnipeggers took up the call to find out at the fourth annual Mini Medical School held in early spring 2011.

Faculty of Medicine professors and researchers offered the general public an in-depth look into current medical and health issues such as depression, dementia, laparoscopic surgery and public health.

"Mini Medical School provides the general public with information on the normal human body, disease, disease process and clinical challenges allowing them to become more educated health-care consumers," said Dr. José François, Associate Dean, Continuing Professional Development, Faculty of Medicine, University of Medicine. "It also provides people, including potential future students, an opportunity to appreciate the full scope of activities in which the Faculty of Medicine is engaged."

This year's lecture series theme – **Changing Channels: The Real Medical Show** – included six engaging lectures.

"Medically themed TV shows are, and have always been, popular. But, while the practice of medicine is not always as glamorous as what people may see on TV, it certainly is as interesting," said Dr. François.

Feedback surveys included comments such as "I found the information very interesting and I liked the atmosphere"; "I loved this program and it was intellectually stimulating" and "A regular layman would learn so much and understand very easily due to how topics were presented."

Other positive comments focused on the passionate and knowledgeable presenters, the interactive sessions, and diversity of topics.

In addition to the lectures, "students" enrolled in Mini Medical School received a "diploma" — just like medical students — after the series wrapped up. However, unlike medical school, there were no exams — just informative lectures to help people better understand their body and their health.

Next year's Mini Medical School is slated weekly starting March 14 – April 18, 2012. For more information, visit <http://umanitoba.ca/medicine/minimed>



PHOTO: WINNIPEG SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

INTERNATIONAL HIV PREVENTION EXCHANGE ENDS ON HIGH NOTE WITH SPECIAL MUSICAL EVENT

Music and science intertwined as the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra presented John Corigliano's Symphony No. 1 – a piece inspired by the composer's personal response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic during the 1980s.

This captivating performance took place January 29, 2011, opening night of the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra's New Music Festival. It was in collaboration with the University of Manitoba's International HIV Prevention Exchange Symposium held January 28-29, 2011.

"Although HIV infects 30 million people globally, the impact often seems very distant," said **Keith Fowke (PhD/95)**, professor, Medical Microbiology and co-chair, with **Marissa Becker (MD/99)** and **James Blanchard (MD/86)** of the International HIV Prevention Exchange.

"This event is a rare time when the message of HIV prevention can truly reach all of us, through a format that is reflective, hopeful, and can be appreciated by researchers, musicians and the general public alike."

The International HIV Prevention Exchange brought together more than 120 local and international experts for a two-day scientific symposium to discuss HIV prevention and care.

Scientific presentations ranged from working with highly vulnerable populations, to understanding the immune response to HIV infection and creating an HIV vaccine.

"The goal was to have an exchange of best practices from around the world and to establish new collaborations so we can learn from each other how best to limit the HIV pandemic devastating so many of our communities," said Dr. Fowke.

In addition to the scientific presentations, round table discussions centred on the common theme of community engagement through the arts — more specifically, using art as a means of communicating HIV prevention messages.

Recognized as a leader in international HIV research and prevention, the University of Manitoba has collaborations and partnership programs in Kenya, India, Columbia, Pakistan, China and Nigeria.

The University of Manitoba is also working with partners locally to address the growing HIV/AIDS epidemic in Canada that is disproportionately affecting highly vulnerable populations, including Aboriginal peoples.

CONNECTING WITH COMMUNITY

BY LISA THOMSON STIFORA



The Faculty of Medicine, located in Winnipeg's inner city, has a responsibility to not only open doors to post-secondary education for its community members; but to also open the eyes of its health profession students through service learning opportunities in the surrounding community.

"We have many Faculty of Medicine students, staff and faculty members involved in various programs in the community," said **Sharon Macdonald (MD/72)**, Head, Department of Community Health Sciences, who is leading a University of Manitoba initiative to promote stronger connections with our inner-city neighbours. "But true engagement with the community means doing what the community wants to do and understanding its life and its strengths – not what we think they want to do."

There is a growing recognition in the University of Manitoba's Faculty of Medicine that innovation in social accountability — particularly longitudinal service learning opportunities — is an integral part of the undergraduate medical curriculum. "Health education students require enhanced relationship skills, not only with the patient but with the community too," said Dr. Bruce Martin, Associate Dean, Students. "Skills are needed to specifically serve all populations, especially those at high risk for disease due to poverty, cultural barriers and physical inaccessibility."

The Faculty of Medicine has a strong tradition of humanity in health care delivery; providing service to people who need services living in Winnipeg's inner city, Manitoba's and Canada's north, and in Kenya and India addressing HIV/AIDS, one of the most complex diseases of our time.

The Faculty and its learners are already engaged with the community in a number of ways. The Winnipeg Inner-City Science Centre, located at Niji Makwah School, exposes Aboriginal and new immigrant youth from Winnipeg's core to biomedical sciences

from an early age, encouraging them to pursue careers in the health sciences. Developed by Dr. Francis Amara, Director of the Faculty's Biomedical Youth Program, the Inner-City Science Centre will be the site this summer of the Biomedical Youth Camp — a free weeklong camp for youth in the neighbourhood.

Health profession students, Health profession students from several faculties, established the Winnipeg Interprofessional Student-run Health (WISH) Clinic, which provides non-judgemental, holistic health care to the Point Douglas community — one of the most at-risk communities in Winnipeg.

As well, medical students participate with other learners in programs at Jacob Penner Park for area children and in Giving Back, a youth-centred program developed by a University of Manitoba medical student.

Beyond the city limits, the Faculty is also actively fostering social medicine programs. The J. A. Hildes Northern Medical Unit recently celebrated its 40th anniversary of providing medical education, research and health care delivery to remote communities in Canada's north. The Centre for Global Public Health is engaged in important work in India in the fight against HIV/AIDS transmission. Faculty of Medicine researchers have also partnered with the University of Nairobi to research and better understand HIV/AIDS in Africa.

The Faculty, led by Dean Brian Postl, a paediatrician who continues to practice up north through the NMU, is now poised to establish important new benchmarks to further advance social accountability in medicine. "We'll teach students about the key challenges faced by persons living with disability, vulnerable populations and those living in remote areas. They will also learn about the resilience of people and how they live their lives and will work together with them. They will learn how physicians can make a difference," said Dr. Postl.

The Faculty's success in meeting the goals of social accountability will involve greater community engagement, research and knowledge exchange. "We need to listen to people's stories before we can understand their challenges. We must act in the best interest of our community members and our patients," explained Dr. Macdonald. "Social accountability needs to be effectively integrated into the existing program. But learning with the community and our patients about their barriers to seeking care will help us learn how to work with them and solve the bigger problems."

FACULTY OF MEDICINE ALUMNI RECEPTIONS: RENEW FRIENDSHIPS, RECONNECT WITH MED SCHOOL

Dean Brian Postl recently hosted University of Manitoba Faculty of Medicine alumni receptions in Brandon and Toronto. Alumni had an opportunity to discover what's new at their medical school, engage with the Dean and Associate Deans, and reconnect with their alma mater. Toronto alumni committee members **Aubie Angel [MD/59]**, **Calvin Gutkin [MD/69]**, **Michael Rachlis [MD/75]** and **Alvin Zipursky [MD/53]** served as co-hosts of the evening ensuring it was successful and memorable for all — including alumni representing the past 60 years.



PHOTO: ILANA SIMON

ALUMNI SPANNED THE DECADES AT THE TORONTO RECEPTION HELD AT THE ROYAL YORK HOTEL. PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT: ALVIN ZIPURSKY [MD/53], MRS. SUZETTE MELOFF, KEITH MELOFF [MD/66], CALVIN GUTLAN [MD/69], MARY GUTKIN.



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ALUMNI RECONNECTED WITH ONE ANOTHER — AND THE UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA — AT TORONTO RECEPTION. PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT: BRUCE SHUCKETT [MD/77], LISA BERGER [MD/77], KARYN KLAPECKI [MD/77], RICHARD STALL [MD/78], ROLAND WONG [MD/82].



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PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT AT FEBRUARY 2011 BRANDON ALUMNI RECEPTION: SUREH DHALLA [MD/83], BRIAN TURABIAN [MD/72], BRIAN BOOKATZ MD, PHILLIP DE MUELENAERE MD, GUILLERMO ROCHA MD, JOANNE MAIER [MD/84], BARBARA ANNE MACKALSKI [MD/88], JOSÉ FRANÇOIS MD, BARBARA KELLEHER, DEAN BRIAN POSTL [MD/76]



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DEAN BRIAN POSTL [MD/76] PICTURED WITH WAYNE WOOD [MD/77] AT TORONTO EVENT.



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UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA TORONTO ALUMNI ENJOYED REMINISCING ABOUT WINNIPEG AT MAY 2011 RECEPTION. PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT: GLORY WORTZMAN, GEORGE WORTZMAN [MD/50], ESTHER ROSE ANGEL, AUBIE ANGEL [MD/59]



PHOTO: BLAIR NICHOLLS

BRANDON AREA ALUMNI ENJOYED A RECEPTION AT REMINGTON'S IN BRANDON. PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT: ALLAN RANSON [MD/76], JEAN DEONG [MD/79], ROBIN CARTER [MD/75], JOANNE MAIER [MD/84], DEAN BRIAN POSTL [MD/76], JOSÉ FRANÇOIS MD (ASSOCIATE DEAN, CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT)



MESSAGE FROM DEVELOPMENT

BY DANIELLE DUNBAR, ACTING DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

I think we are all glad to see the return of warmer weather and sunny days. Along with them came our spring convocation. It is such a proud occasion for everyone involved with the Faculty of Medicine to witness the moment that a new class of Manitoba's medical students become doctors. Throughout their undergraduate medical education, these students have benefitted from a vast array of programs, research chairs and scholarships that have been established with the support of generous donors within the Faculty of Medicine.

The Clinical Learning and Simulation Facility, opened in 2008, is revolutionizing the way our medical students learn clinical skills. The facility has allowed trainees to practice a variety of procedures — from a basic physical examination to treating a gunshot wound — in a controlled environment that has been shown to improve the learning experience for both the student and the teacher. Because concern for real patients' safety is removed, the teacher can focus purely on the student. This ensures that our students are as prepared as can be to treat real patients in a hospital setting.

We have plans to expand this facility with the addition of a Skills Lab that will serve more areas throughout the Faculty of Medicine. The Clinical Learning and Simulation Facility also recently introduced a medical emergencies course, which trains students to manage a variety of emergency situations as part of a team.

Another exciting program that will place our students on the cutting edge is the Faculty's Regenerative Medicine Program. Under the leadership of Director Dr. Geoff Hicks, the program has moved into a new state-of-the-art facility on the sixth floor of the Basic Medical Sciences Building. Regenerative medicine is an exciting new field of medicine that is expected to transform medical practice through the regeneration of muscles, heart tissues and nerve tissues. It may have lead to treatments for some of our world's most devastating diseases, and we are proud to have this excellent program in operation at our university.

Our alumni, friends and faculty play a key role in our faculty's success through their generous contributions to the Faculty of Medicine's endeavours over the years. On behalf of the faculty, I thank you for your support and engagement with the University of Manitoba. Watch for more exciting advancements on the horizon.

External Relations on Bannatyne Campus is always happy to hear from our alumni and friends. If you would like to hear what is new on our campus, discuss ways to give back to your faculty, or have questions please feel welcome to call us toll free at 1-800-330-8066 or email Ext_Rel_Bannatyne@umanitoba.ca.

PS: Remember to mark your calendars for Homecoming weekend, starting September 16, 2011!

GSK, PROVINCE, U OF M ESTABLISH ENDOWED RESEARCH CHAIR IN IMMUNOBIOLOGY OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE



PHOTO: DAN GWOZDZ

GlaxoSmithKline's Pathfinders Fund is providing \$1.5 million, the Province of Manitoba is investing \$500,000, and the University of Manitoba Faculty of Medicine is funding \$1 million toward establishment of a \$3 Million Endowed Research Chair in Immunobiology of Infectious Disease at the Faculty of Medicine. Pictured left to right at June 2011 announcement: University of Manitoba President and Vice-Chancellor Dr. David Barnard; GlaxoSmithKline President and CEO Paul Lucas; Manitoba Premier Greg Selinger; Manitoba Minister of Innovation, Energy & Mines Dave Chomiak; and Associate Dean, Research, Faculty of Medicine Dr. Peter Nickerson.

BANNATYNE CAMPUS LAUNCHES PUBLIC ACCESS DEFIBRILLATOR PROGRAM

BY ILANA SIMON

The University of Manitoba Bannatyne Campus's new public access defibrillation program was launched May 17, 2011 a model for other large organizations.

At the Bannatyne Campus, 20 visible and publicly accessible Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) have been installed, never more than one minute away from possible urgent need. Bannatyne campus AED locations include all public entrances, entry levels to major buildings, areas of high traffic flow and alternate floors of multi-storey buildings.

"It's important for us as a university community to offer public access AEDs on the campus where health professionals are educated and trained, and provide a safe learning and work environment for all faculty, staff, students and visitors," said Dr. Bruce Martin, Associate Dean, Students, Faculty of Medicine, who worked collaboratively on program implementation with the University of Manitoba's Physical Plant, Environmental Health & Safety Office, Joe Doupe Centre as well as external partners Emergency Medical Services - Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service (WFPS) and the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Manitoba.

More than 900 cardiac arrests occur in Winnipeg annually. It can take Emergency Medical Services up to five minutes to arrive on site. A shock needs to be delivered as soon as possible for a person in cardiac arrest.

The use of AEDs is one component in the "chain of survival" during a cardiac arrest and dramatically increases chance of survival, noted Dr. Martin. The goal of Public Access Defibrillation is for the average person to be able to provide a life-saving shock within three minutes.

"An AED is a tool for everyday people to be able to use and save lives. The chance of survival of someone in cardiac arrest increases by 75% when there is access to defibrillation," said Andre Berard, Public Education Co-ordinator, EMS -WFPS, adding that WFPS responds to 74,000 emergency medical calls per year.

Once an AED is activated, step-by-step audio instructions are provided to the user to appropriately shock a person in cardiac arrest.

"Immediate access to defibrillation can mean the difference between life and death," said Jackie Zalnasky, Vice-President of Health Promotion, Heart & Stroke Foundation of Manitoba. "I want to commend the University of Manitoba for taking a leadership role and implementing a public access AED program."

The May launch was part of EMS Week 2011 during which the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service works with its partners to provide a variety of educational activities showcasing Emergency Medical Services.



DR. BRUCE MARTIN, ASSOCIATE DEAN, STUDENTS, LAUDS AEDS FOR PROVIDING SAFE LEARNING AND WORK ENVIRONMENT.



EMS DEMONSTRATES TO FACULTY AND STAFF HOW TO UTILIZE AED.

END-OF-LIFE CARE FOCUS OF LIFE'S WORK FOR HARVEY MAX CHOCHINOV [MD/83]

BY SHARON CHISVIN



Like many young adults entering university in the 1970s, Harvey Max Chochinov was not sure what field of study or career he should pursue. He was interested in both science and the humanities, but was unaware of how to merge them into a single career path. It didn't take him long to figure that out.

After two years devoted to eclectic undergraduate courses, Dr. Chochinov applied to and was accepted into the University of Manitoba's Faculty of Medicine class of 1983. By his third year of Medicine, he knew that he would become a psychiatrist.

"Psychiatry seemed to be the perfect balance between science and the humanities, and I felt it was a unique and comfortable fit," Dr. Chochinov said.

"I remember my first day of residency, coming to the department, and feeling an immediate sense of having finally arrived home."

Almost 30 years later Harvey Chochinov still calls that department home. Now, however, the Distinguished Professor of Psychiatry also travels the world, lecturing, training, teaching, and conducting and sharing research as an internationally acclaimed expert in the field of psychiatric palliative care.

Dr. Chochinov's groundbreaking research has defined core-competencies and standards of end-of-life care on a global level, and has earned him numerous awards, accolades and appointments. Currently, among other appointments, he serves as the Director of the Manitoba Palliative Care Research Unit at CancerCare Manitoba and is the University of Manitoba Canada Research Chair in Palliative Care, the only one of its kind. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences, a member of the Governing Council of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, and a recipient of the Queen's Golden Jubilee Anniversary Medal, the Order of Manitoba and a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Canadian Association of Psychosocial Oncology.

Dr. Chochinov also is the author of more than 200 publications that explore the emotional and psychological needs of dying patients, and is the founder and chair of the Canadian Virtual Hospice. This interactive, user-friendly resource on palliative and end-of-life care, created in 2003, is routinely accessed by thousands of caregivers, patients and their family members seeking to exchange information, ask questions and provide one another with mutual support.

Dr. Chochinov initially became interested in the psychiatric aspects of cancer and palliative care while completing his residency at the University of Manitoba.

"It seemed to me that so many clinical issues were not being adequately addressed and I could imagine opportunities to make a difference," he recalls.

This led Dr. Chochinov to a Fellowship in the Department of Psychiatry at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York City for one year. Returning to Winnipeg in 1988, he became interested in research, developing his first palliative care study under the mentorship and guidance of Dr. Keith Wilson.

"I was privileged to have many outstanding mentors at the University of Manitoba," Dr. Chochinov acknowledges. "Drs. George Sisler and Michael Eleff had a tremendous influence on me ... (and) Dr. Keith Wilson, a psychologist working in the department at the time, introduced me to the extraordinary world of research. His mentorship changed my professional life."

Following that first study, Dr. Chochinov immersed himself in psychiatric palliative care research, determined to better diagnose and understand the psychiatric and emotional needs of palliative care patients and, in so doing, improve their end-of-life care. Among numerous questions and concepts, this research focused on dignity, depression and the desire for death, and led Dr. Chochinov to develop an ABC guide to patient care.

"The questions are intriguing and almost always address issues that are so profoundly human and universal," he explains. "It's also exciting to see how the work might inform a more compassionate approach to the practice of medicine."

Dr. Chochinov is grateful that his research has been consistently and enthusiastically supported over the years by his alma mater and his workplace, the University of Manitoba. The institution has graciously partnered with CancerCare Manitoba, the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority, Riverview Health Centre, and many other provincial and federal agencies to promote, fund and bolster Dr. Chochinov's critical work.

"It is hard to imagine being anywhere in the world and having the academic freedom that I have been afforded by the University of Manitoba," Dr. Chochinov said.

It is equally hard to imagine how different end-of-life care might be if Harvey Chochinov had not discovered that psychiatry offered the perfect blend of science and the humanities.

CATHERINE COOK [MD/87, M.SC./03]: MENTOR AND ROLE MODEL

BY SHARON CHISVIN



Growing up in a Métis family on Matheson Island in the Lake Winnipeg Narrows, Catherine Cook did not dream about becoming a doctor. In fact, it was not until 11 years after finishing high school that she began her post-secondary studies in the Faculty of Science at the University of Manitoba. Two years after that, thanks in large part to the university's Access Program by raising awareness of medicine as a possible career choice, she entered medical school.

Graduating in 1987, Cook completed a residency in Family Medicine and began her career as a fly-in physician to remote northern nursing stations. She then worked in various urban health centres, among them Mount Carmel Clinic and the Aboriginal Health and Wellness Centre, and assumed a variety of influential roles within Health Canada, Manitoba Health, the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (WRHA), and the University of Manitoba. In 2003 Cook added to her credentials by graduating with a Masters of Science in Community Health Sciences from the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Manitoba.

Today Dr. Cook is Vice-President of Population and Aboriginal Health for the WRHA; Associate Dean, First Nations, Métis and Inuit Health in the Faculty of Medicine; and Acting Head, First Nations, Métis and Inuit Health in the Department of Community Health Sciences.

Cook's dedication to Aboriginal health issues was fostered early in her medical education. Her involvement with the Access program gave her the opportunity to connect with both physicians and administrators from the J.A. Hildes Northern Medical Unit, and to learn first-hand about northern communities' unique needs and health system. Her subsequent passion for public health practice and medical administration was a natural by-product of her work with First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities.

Cook's interest was further inspired by several faculty members within the Faculty of Medicine, among them Drs. Brian Postl, Michael Moffatt, Sharon Macdonald, Joe Dooley, Bob Sangster, Mike Elkin and Ken Van Ameyde.

"I was able to establish relationships with many individuals who provided clinical service, as well as those who were connected with the Department of Community Health Sciences, who were wonderful mentors and strong supporters of my academic, professional and career development," said Cook.

"They were welcoming and true mentors in the sense that I always felt confident that they saw me as a future physician who would become one of the group providing service in the north," she added. "The work ethic they exhibited, the integrity with which they worked, the absolute commitment to developing a health system that met the needs of the Aboriginal people was a huge influence on my future plans for working in the field of Aboriginal health."

Cook's own work in the field of Aboriginal health has not gone unnoticed. In May 2011, she was awarded the Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada's May Cohen Gender Equity and Diversity Award at the AFMC's annual medical education conference. This prestigious award honours individuals who, like the prize's namesake, recognize the value of diversity and work to improve gender equity in academic medicine in Canada.

Cook was specifically recognized for spearheading the creation of the Faculty of Medicine's Centre for Aboriginal Health Education, a resource center for Aboriginal students in the health professions, and the creation of the Department of Community Health Sciences' First Nations, Métis and Inuit Health section, dedicated to service delivery and research and education of Aboriginal health issues.

"I would hope that women — Métis, First Nations, Inuit and medical women — would see me as someone who may be able to provide some assistance and support in their career development," she said. "I would hope that I can be as supportive of my colleagues as others have been of me."

Characteristically self-effacing, Cook is quick to credit the supportive atmosphere in which she works for recent improvements in the area of Aboriginal health. These improvements include enhanced collaboration between the university, health region and the Aboriginal community; new research, education and service delivery initiatives; and a better understanding of priorities.

"It is an exciting time to be involved in health systems and working in this area of Aboriginal health," Cook said.

What she doesn't say, is that it is an exciting time largely because of her efforts.

MANITOBA MEDICAL COLLEGE FOUNDATION INC. (MMCF): A NEW CHAPTER



BY DR. DIANE BIEHL, MMCF PRESIDENT

The last eight months have seen some remarkable changes for MMCF. Since its inception in 1978, MMCF has functioned as a charitable foundation supporting the Faculty of Medicine. MMCF has always been an independent organization, but has benefitted from office space and support from the Faculty of Medicine.

We have met our administrative costs, including having an office assistant, through annual \$50 memberships from physicians. The Board of the MMCF has always been comprised of volunteers to also minimize costs. In the 1980s, we had over 700 physician members so that we were able to provide funding for specific endowments and also run the organization. Through the years, we have benefitted from many generous donors who set up specific endowment funds for students in the medical school and also graduate students. We currently have more than 60 specific endowments plus other funds which are used for projects throughout the Faculty of Medicine.

However, membership has declined over the years, and in 2010, we had only 156 physician members. This was not enough to fund our operation. Additionally, in the last decade, the development of External Relations on Bannatyne Campus has taken over the Faculty of Medicine's alumni and fund-raising activities. In order to avoid having to use some of our investment pool to manage the organization, the Board of the MMCF has decided after much thought and discussion to transfer our funds to The Winnipeg Foundation (TWF) to avail ourselves of its management and financial expertise.

The Winnipeg Foundation has been in existence since 1921 and specializes in assisting other charitable foundations in investing their funds and ensuring the funds are used according to the foundations' wishes. It provides services for organizations throughout the province and has \$600 million in investments. TWF ensures that the terms of reference of all funds are followed precisely and regularly provides reports to donors and other interested parties. The Winnipeg Foundation, working with the University of Manitoba, will ensure that the MMCF funds which assist medical and graduate students with bursaries, scholarships, research stipends and travel funds will carry on into the future.

The Winnipeg Foundation has a close working relationship with the University of Manitoba. TWF regularly administers student awards and so is well aware of the University student grants and awards structure.

In order to ensure that all of our funds have specific and clear instructions for administration of awards and other projects, the Board of the Manitoba Medical College Foundation will continue to oversee these activities for some time in the future, likely two to three years. The MMCF website will move to The Winnipeg Foundation website at www.wpgfdn.org within the next few months and all our funds will be listed on the website.

The Board of the Manitoba Medical College Foundation believes we have a secure venue to ensure that all of our funds will continue to grow and provide assistance to students at the Faculty of Medicine for years to come.

INQUIRY INTO THE FACTORS THAT PERMITTED THE BLACK DEATH

BY PAUL SZELEMEJ, CLASS OF 2014

The Black Death was a horrific pandemic that occurred 1348-1350, claiming the lives of an estimated 100 million worldwide. The implications of this single event have indubitably had a profound influence on the entire course of world history. The outcomes arising from this catastrophe paved the way for numerous revolutionary upheavals, which shaped the subsequent 650 years of history – forming the world and modern society in which we currently reside.

The general consensus is that *Yersinia pestis* was responsible for the Black Death. Bubonic plague is by far the most common of the three types of presentations, characterized by large, painful lymph glands, known as buboes, spread across the body. They can become hemorrhagic and necrotic, with 67% mortality. Rarer forms of the plague are pneumonic and septicemic, characterized by a severe lung infection and systemic blood infection, respectively. With over 99% mortality, the black splotches of internal hemorrhage in septicemic plague likely gave rise to the etymology of the Black Death.

At the time of the Black Death, treatment was symptomatic, mortality rates high, and living conditions ideal for the rapid spread of disease. Overcrowding due to an unprecedented population, unsanitary and extremely poor living conditions, poor farming productivity, intermittent famines, wars, frequent contact with animals, poor personal hygiene, and nonexistent antibiotics all contributed to overall starvation/malnutrition, essentially ripening Europe for a pandemic. Sewage/garbage permeated towns, attracting hordes of rats and fleas – the ideal breeding ground for plague. Modern quarantining, mask-wearing, education, and an understanding of how disease was caused and spread severely lacked.

Scholars believe the Black Death had begun to trickle out of Central Asia in the late 1330s by the "Silk Road". The bacterium had close proximity to humans through the black rats' fleas, setting prerequisites for a human infection and pandemic. By stowing away on merchant ships and overland caravans, the fleas were able to travel hundreds of miles, surviving up to six weeks without a host.

Aside from immeasurable fear, pain, loss, and grief, the Black Death ushered in a new historical era. Wealth redistribution, supply, demand, and prices of many goods and services changed rapidly. With the shortage of human capital, economic opportunities opened for many. Landlords quickly lost control, government policies changed, Protestantism/loss of power by the Church began, urbanization occurred, literacy and education rose, and the fall of feudalism accelerated. Art, culture, and modern Western medicine also changed, leading into the Renaissance, with a rise in literacy, education, universities, and new ideas.

In conclusion, the Black Death has always fascinated humankind, and with good reason. It was a pandemic of unprecedented proportions. It is unlikely we will ever forget the cataclysmic Black Death and its world-changing demographic, economic, social, religious, scientific, and medical ramifications we still see to this day!



Michelle Alfa [B.Sc./75], Professor, Medical Microbiology, received the Doctors Manitoba Health Administration Award for contribution to policy and/or in administration of health care.

Distinguished Professor **Harvey Max Chochinov [MD/83]**, Community Health Sciences/Psychiatry/Family Medicine and Canada Research Chair in Palliative Care, was awarded the 2011 Award for Excellence in Scientific Research from the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (AAHPM). The AAHPM Excellence in Scientific Research in Palliative Care Award recognizes a physician who has contributed meaningful, exemplary research to the field of hospice and palliative medicine.

Catherine Cook [MD/87, M.Sc./03], Assistant Professor, Community Health Sciences and Associate Dean, First Nations, Métis & Inuit Health received the Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada (AFMC) 2011 May Cohen Gender Equity and Diversity Award in recognition of her outstanding achievement in improving the gender equity environment in academic medicine in Canada.



Marc Del Bigio [MD/82], Professor, Department of Pathology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Manitoba and Canada Research Chair in

Developmental Neuropathology was selected by a group of peers to receive the 2009 CSF-Physiology Award for his outstanding research efforts in CSF (Cerebrospinal Fluid) anatomy and physiology. He was also the first recipient of the "Educator & Mentor of the Year: Resident Award." The award was introduced by the Department of Pathology and Residents in the Anatomical Pathology Residency Program. It is given to a faculty member who demonstrates outstanding qualities in teaching and mentoring of residents throughout the year.



Naranjan S. Dhalla, Distinguished Professor and Director of Cardiovascular Development, Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences; Pawan K. Singal, Director

of the Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences at St. Boniface Hospital, and Professor of Physiology; and Grant Pierce [Ph.D./83], Professor of Physiology, Executive Director, St. Boniface Hospital Research Foundation, received the Medal of Honour from the University of Medical Sciences in Holguin, Cuba at the 2nd Cuba-Canada International Heart Symposium, held January 15-22, 2011.



Vijayan Elimban, Physiology, received the Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences Jack Litvak Exemplary Service Award for providing, over several years, an exemplary service in his line of work that is viewed as a service for the Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences.

Yasser Elsayed, Neonatal Fellow, is the winner of the Annual Fellows Research Competition this year. His project is entitled "Can a PDA be determined to be Hemodynamically significant using Serum BNP and a new PDA Score?"



Daya Gupta, Assistant Professor, Ophthalmology, received the Doctors Manitoba Physician of the Year award for significant contribution to the practice of medicine and/or to the community by a member of Doctors Manitoba.



Stephen Moses, Medical Microbiology, Professor, received the Doctors Manitoba Scholastic Award for scholarly activity in the health professions.



Alan Mutch, Professor, Anesthesia, is the 2011 recipient of the Canadian Anesthesiologists' Society (CAS) Research Recognition Award. The Research Recognition Award honours a senior investigator who

has sustained major research in Canada.



Yvonne Myal [Ph.D./89], Professor, Pathology was honoured at the YMCA-YWCA Women of Distinction Awards ceremony. Dr. Myal is the recipient of the Women of

Distinction Award in the Science category for her innovative research to enhance the understanding of breast cancer, with potential to improve early detection and treatment options for the devastating disease.



Chau Pham received the Doctors Manitoba Dr. Jack Armstrong Humanitarian Award for outstanding contributions by a member or former member of Doctors Manitoba in the

service of humanity either within Canada or abroad.



Grant N. Pierce [Ph.D./83], Professor, Physiology, and Executive Director, St. Boniface Hospital Research Foundation, has received the highest award from the Slovak Academy of Sciences at a recent meeting in Smolenice, Slovakia — the Jan Jessenius Gold Medal in Medical Sciences — in recognition of outstanding international achievement in the field of medical research.



On April 28, **Allan Ronald [MD/61]**, Professor Emeritus, Medical Microbiology, was one of six of Canada's most distinguished medical leaders inducted into the

world's only national Medical Hall of Fame. Established in 1994, The Canadian Medical Hall of Fame is dedicated to creating an enduring tribute to Canada's medical heroes who through discovery and innovation have contributed to better health in Canada and the world. Through their laureate and educational programs, the Hall of Fame encourages students to pursue careers in the health sciences and dream of becoming Canada's future medical heroes.



John Wade [MD/60], former Dean of Medicine, a long-time leader in Manitoba health care, a pioneer in the patient safety movement and the current Board Chair of the Winnipeg

Health Region, received the Judge J.M. George Memorial Award for 2010. The award is presented annually by the Regional Health Authorities of Manitoba to an individual who provides outstanding services in the health-care field in Manitoba, particularly those of a voluntary nature. He also received the Doctors Manitoba Distinguished Service Award in recognition of services rendered to patients and the community which have enhanced the image of the physician through devotion to the highest ideals of the medical profession and in the promotion of the art and science of medicine through teaching, writing and administration.



Gaynor Williams [MD/83], Associate Professor, Pathology, is the recipient of the 2011 CAP-ACP Distinguished Service Award. This is the highest award that the

CAP-ACP confers on one of its members, for exemplary service and for dedication to, as well as promotion of, the mission of the Canadian Association of Pathologists.

check up on alumni



C. Stuart Houston (MD/51) and his wife Mary will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary in Winnipeg on the 2011 Labour Day weekend.

Stuart's 12th book, *Tommy's Team: The People Behind The Douglas Years*, is a best-seller on the prairies.

Oscar Domke (MD/52) is retired.



Bill Carr (MD/60) completed internship & 1 year of internal medicine in Winnipeg, his GP locum in Killarney then pediatrics training in Winnipeg. He worked for 35 years as general and consulting pediatrician in Nanaimo BC. He has received Meritorius MD; BMCA – Silver Service Award; and an honorary membership at BC College of Physicians & Surgeons.



Arni Laxdal (MD/60) is currently retired in Cobble Hill BC. He completed his internship & surgery at UBC in Vancouver and was in general practice in BC & Saskatchewan from 1964 – 69; completed Ophthalmology at U of M in 1971; practiced ophthalmology in Winnipeg Clinic from 1971-97 and practiced General Ophthalmology in Victoria BC from 1997-2008.



William Rozecki (MD/60) is currently retired after a 21 year appointment as Medical Director with Air Canada – Reyund (West) and does part-time medical support & counseling at Alcohol & Drug Rehab. He spends 5-6 months every winter in New Zealand.



John B. (Ian) Sutherland (MD/60) is working in nuclear medicine and is VP Medicine for HSC in Winnipeg. He has also served as President of MMA.



Gary Swanson (MD/60) is retiring soon from rural radiology in Cold Lake, Bonnyville, AB. He worked for 40 years for Radiology Group RAC in Calgary AB.

Armand Boisjoli (MD/70) is a child psychiatrist & member of consultation liaison/tourette team at Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO). He has taken a cruise to Alaska in 2006, a Mediterranean tour & bus tour of Western France in the summer 2009. He is remarried and has three children.



Edward A. Buhr (MD/70, Pharm/65) has been in general practice from 1971-76 in Morris, MB, from 1976-80 in Wishek, North Dakota and from 1980-98 in Marion, Indiana.

Ross Rigley (MD/70) is working part-time with family practice in Calgary, Alberta.



Brian Russell (MD/70) is going to UK for 7 weeks to help his daughter Gillian (Industrial Designer) start her PhD at V.A. Museum & RCA. He babysits new grandson Finn.



Martin Fogel (MD/85) practices family medicine at St. Amant Centre, civil aviation medicine, immigration medicine, occupational medicine for Air Canada and multiple affiliations in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Jeannine Fortin (MD/85) currently lives in Freedom, WI. Daughter Emily is a graduate of Lawrence University and is now in grad school at the University of Illinois.



Monica (Green) Hennessy (MD/85) is working full time in anesthesiology/critical care medicine in the Austin Medical Center – Mayo Health System. She has been married for 13 years to Del and loves to travel world-wide. She is a 5-year breast cancer survivor.

Donna Henrikson (MD/85) has full-time family practice in Toronto, Ontario. She takes annual forays into the back country of Guatemala for humanitarian work and into the Canadian back country to recharge. She has three adult children.



Valerie Hindle (MD/85) worked as Regional Medical Officer at the Canadian Embassies in Paris, Nairobi, Manila and

Port of Spain on 3 to 4 year postings with Immigration Canada. She is currently working with Health Canada Occupational & Travel Medicine. She has a background in sports medicine. She is married to Gary Hawkes, foreign service officer and has one grandchild.



Kim Minish (MD/85) is working as member of the Medical Board of Great West Life/Canada Life; is past president of Canadian Life Insurance Medical Officers Association; and has a private practice in Disability Consulting. She is married to U of M alumnus John Waterer (PhD/94) and spends time with family in summer & winter at their cabin a Lake of the Woods, fishing, hiking and mushroom collecting.

Martin Rifkin (MD/85) After completing residency in urology at U of M, undertook fellowship in Urologic Oncology at University of Florida. He currently practices in Gainesville, Florida specializing in urologic oncology and robotic & laparoscopic urology. He is married with 2 children.



Trent Faraday (MD/90) is working as family physician in Vancouver, BC and is medical advisor for Work Save British Columbia.

Shelley Hawk (MD/90) works as family physician in Cochrane AB and has been involved in teaching for the past 10 years. She is a clinical associate for the Faculty of Medicine at University of Calgary and is Chairperson for the Faculty of Medicine's Family Medicine Update, held for 4 days each November. She has two children, ages 6 & 9.



Lisa McTavish (MD/90) practices as a family physician at Clarian Arnett Health Systems in Lafayette, Indiana. She has two daughters.



Sandhya (Kapoor) Pruthi (MD/90) is a consultant with the Mayo Clinic and an expert in benign and malignant breast disease.

She has served as Director of Breast Diagnostic Clinic at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN, and has a research interest in breast cancer prevention. She is married to Rajiv Pruthi (Hematologist, Mayo Clinic) and has 2 sons.

Charlene Smelsky (MD/90) works for the Workers' Compensation Board and teaches family medicine residents. She has 3 kids and is a member of 2 Spanish dance companies doing classical Spanish & Flamenco.

John Hansen (MD/95) had hip replacement surgery (right) in 2005.



Brinda Balachandra (MD/00) practices in Edmonton, Alberta. Brinda has two children.

Martina Lacerte (MD/00) practices in Oakbank, MB. She has two children.

WE EXTEND OUR CONDOLENCES TO ALL FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF OUR UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA FACULTY OF MEDICINE ALUMNI AND COLLEAGUES WHO HAVE RECENTLY PASSED AWAY.



WILLIAM D. BOWMAN [MD/49]

William David Bowman was born in Winnipeg to Dr. Maxwell Bowman and Marjorie Bowman on May 24, 1925. He was one of identical twins. His twin passed away on May 22, 2005. Bill died after a long illness on March 2, 2011. Bill

is survived by his beloved wife of 61 years (Peggy/Margaret), six children, 16 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren, all much loved.

Bill and his twin brother, Jack, graduated M.D. from the University of Manitoba in 1949. Bill always took great pride in the eminence that Jack achieved in the field of Rh disease treatment and prevention. Bill took pride also in the fact that three of his children and four of his grandchildren followed him in the study of medicine and became successful physicians.

Bill's love of children led to his decision to devote himself to the study and practice of pediatrics. After pediatric residency and as fellow in pathology at the Children's Hospital, he was granted a Nuffield travelling fellowship in 1952 and spent the following two years in the United Kingdom in Newcastle upon Tyne in the pediatric department of Sir James Spence.

Bill and Peggy returned to Winnipeg in 1954 and Bill joined Dr. Harry Medovy in pediatric practice. Bill passed his Royal College exams and was certified as a specialist in pediatrics. In 1964 he received his fellowship in the Canadian Royal College of Physicians. In 1955 Bill established the department of pediatrics at the Manitoba Clinic where he practiced pediatrics until his retirement in 1998. At the time of his retirement he left a thriving department of 13 pediatricians.

Bill was a member of the active medical staff of the Children's Hospital and the Grace General Hospital. Bill was active in pediatric teaching at the University of Manitoba. He retired from the university in 1990 with the rank of Professor. He loved teaching and enjoyed contact with medical students.

In 1995 he was the recipient of the Dr. Leighton N. Young Distinguished Pediatrician Award, Department of Pediatrics. Bill was active in the community including serving on the boards of directors of the Manitoba Medical Services Foundation (from 1971 till his death) and Manitoba Blue Cross.

GLEN A. LILLINGTON [MD/51]

Dr. Glen A. Lillington, whose passion for teaching, writing and speaking about medicine influenced countless medical students and practitioners, died peacefully at his Menlo Park, California home May 7, 2011. He was 84.

Born in Winnipeg and proud of his Icelandic heritage, Glen was an internationally recognized expert in respiratory disease and

Emeritus Clinical Professor of Medicine at the University of California (Davis) and Stanford University. He also served recently as ombudsmen at the Palo Alto Medical Clinic, where he began his long medical career in 1960.

Glen knew he wanted to become a doctor at six, when he broke his leg while ice skating and admired the skill of the physician who set the bone. An extremely bright student, he started pre-med study at the University of Manitoba aged 16. In university, he won many scholarships and prizes and participated in a huge range of activities, from sports (hockey, football and soccer), to glee club, yearbook editorships and especially, singing.

Glen authored an influential textbook on chest diseases that has been translated into several languages, and wrote nearly 200 journal articles during his long career.

He won many awards and honours during his distinguished career including the California Medal from the California Lung Association (1995). He is survived by three children and one grandson.



JOHN A. MACDONELL [MD/43]

John (Jack) A. MacDonell, CM, MD, FRCPC, Professor Emeritus, Department of Medicine, University of Manitoba born in Edmonton on July 18, 1918, died in Toronto on April 29, 2011. He was the cherished and beloved husband and best friend of Asa of 68 years, and is

survived by a daughter and grandchild.

Jack graduated from the University of Manitoba Medical School in 1943, and immediately volunteered for the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps. Between 1943 and 1946, he served in Canada, England and Northwestern Europe. After the War, Jack completed post-graduate studies in Winnipeg and in London, England, with a focus on chest disease.

In 1960, he received a scholarship from the National Council of Jewish Women to return to Europe to visit hospitals and centres for the elderly in England, Holland, Belgium, and Scandinavia. These experiences led Jack to advocate a multi-disciplinary approach to care for the elderly that recognized their dignity and continuing capabilities.

He chaired a Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons subcommittee that led to geriatrics becoming a specialty in Canada. For these contributions in Canada, and around the world, Jack was awarded the Order of Canada in 1976. In Winnipeg, Jack helped to build many of the health service models that are common today including three Day Hospitals for the elderly, readmission programs, community home care services, the Advanced Certificate Program in Gerontology and a section of Geriatric Medicine at the University of Manitoba, and the first Geriatric Clinical Teaching Unit in Canada.

Nationally and internationally, he was involved in many geriatric medicine organizations. Jack received the Distinguished Member Award from the Canadian Association on Gerontology, the Outreach Award from the University of Manitoba, and the Queen's Anniversary Medals.

On retirement in 1984, his colleagues established a scholarship in his name at the University of Manitoba, and in 1988, the University of Manitoba recognized him with the rank of Professor Emeritus. Donations to the Doctors Asa and Jack MacDonell Bursary at the University of Manitoba.



CHARLES PETER WILLIAM WARREN M.A., M.B., B. CHIR. (CANTAB) F.R.C.P., F.R.C.P.C

The Manitoba medical community sustained an unexpected and untimely loss with the sudden death of Dr. Charles Peter William (Peter) Warren on May 3,

2011. Dr. Warren acquired his medical education in Britain at Cambridge and Guy's Hospital, where he received numerous awards for excellence. He came to Winnipeg in 1971 as a specialist in lung disease. He worked at both St. Boniface Hospital and the Health Sciences Centre, did clinical research, medical teaching and was a student of the history of medicine. An expert in allergic lung disease, he published numerous papers on the subject and did early work in the risks of grain dust exposure. His peer recognition was symbolized in the form of appointments as Vice President and President of the Canadian Thoracic Society. He won many awards for teaching excellence culminating in being elected Honorary Senior Stick for two years by medical students. He was a Professor of Medicine and Associate Dean for Undergraduate Medical Education, running the student teaching program at the Medical Faculty of the University of Manitoba, and as such supervised a substantial change in the medical curriculum. He was a world-class medical historian, with two degrees in history and numerous papers. This interest extended beyond his retirement as a physician in 2006 and he was President of the Canadian Society for the History of Medicine at his death.

He was predeceased by his parents, Elizabeth Margaret Park and Dr. Wilfrid Warren. He was the beloved husband of Faye, dear father of Patrick (Brandy) and Richard, loving and proud Pompa of Mackenzie, Devyn, and Aidan, much admired son-in-law of Myrtle Spencer, and adored brother of Ann Roberts (Vaughan) and their children.

The family invites friends and colleagues to a reception in Peter's honour on Tuesday, August 2, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at The Fort Garry Hotel. Tributes will begin at 5:00 p.m.

To respect Dr. Warren's commitment to medical education, gifts in his memory directed to the Neil John McLean Library would be appreciated.



ROBERT HENRY THORLAKSON [MD/49] OC, CD, FRCS, FRCSC, FACS, KSRJ, KLJ

Robert passed away at home on February 23, 2011. He is survived by his wife Deborah, sister Tannis Richardson (George), twin brother Ken (Lorna), nephew Hartley

Richardson (Heather), Dr. Derek Thorlakson (Katherine), Dr. Ian Thorlakson (Kristi) and Trish Loewen (Michael) of Winnipeg, David Richardson (Pam), of Vancouver, Karen Somers of Victoria and several great-nieces and nephews.

Robert was born November 27, 1923 and raised in Winnipeg and attended both primary and secondary school here. He obtained his medical degree from the University of Manitoba in 1949 and then went to England to do postgraduate work in surgery. Upon his return to Canada in 1956 he began his practice at the Winnipeg Clinic where he continued to work until his death.

Robert was a distinguished colorectal surgeon and associate professor of surgery. He was a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, the Royal Society of Medicine (London), the Royal College of Surgeons of Canada, Past-President of American College of Surgeons, American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons and Founding Fellow and Past President of the Cdn. Society of Colon Rectal Surgeons.

Aside from his professional achievements, Robert was an active community leader and served on the executive of many arts and cultural organizations. He was the first recipient of the Golden Dragon Award, Past Provincial Commissioner and Past President of St. John Ambulance and Past Vice-President of the Winnipeg Art Gallery. Robert was a Second World War Veteran, graduate of King's Navel College, and retired Surgeon Commander in the Naval Reserves.

Robert received a number of national honours including the Canadian Forces Decoration, Centennial, Silver, and Golden Jubilee Medals. He was a Knight of Justice of the Order of St. John and an Officer of the Order of Canada.

Robert was a true Renaissance Man' and had an eclectic knowledge base. He loved art and music and was an avid reader. He was a prolific writer, published over 80 surgical articles and travelled extensively in his younger years presenting papers.

David Edward Aikenhead MD/46 | September 10, 2010 at St. Marys, ON
John Anthony MD/57 | November 5, 2010 at Santa Barbara, California
Morris Erenberg MD/51 | December 21, 2010 at Winnipeg, MB
William Reid Fumerton MD/69 | December 6, 2010 at Dauphin MB
William Lewis Gray MD/74 | November 3, 2010 at Spokane, Washington
Thorberg Johannesson MD/45 | April 19, 2011 at Winnipeg, MB
Linda Carol Loewen MD/84 | September 19, 2010 at Parksville, BC
Francis Harry Graham Mills MD/46 | October 14, 2010 at Victoria, BC

Abram Petkau MD/60 | January 18, 2011 at Pinawa, MB
Godon Wilbert Ritchie MD/48 | at Victoria BC
Neeranjan Singh MD/57 | at Toronto, ON
Richard Bernard Stillwater MD/57 | March 17, 2011 at Winnipeg, MB
Gordon Edward Trueman MD/39 | January 9, 2011 at Vancouver BC
Zygmunt Trylinski MD/52 | May 29, 2010 at Calgary AB
Gerry Joseph Wilson MD/67 | March 20, 2011 at Winnipeg, MB
S. Bruce Young MD/52 | June 18, 2010 at Richmond BC

WELCOME BACK!

Reconnect with fellow classmates, old friends and your alma mater at a Medicine class reunion. Many Faculty of Medicine milestone class reunions will take place over the University of Manitoba Homecoming Weekend September 16-18, 2011.

All Faculty of Medicine alumni – including those not celebrating reunions – are invited to join us for the Faculty of Medicine Dean's Homecoming Breakfast and Tours at Brodie Centre Atrium, 727 McDermot Ave on September 17, 2011. The Breakfast begins at 9:00 a.m. (registration opens at 8:30 a.m.) with tours at 10:15 a.m. The Clinical Learning & Simulations Facility, located on the lower level of the Brodie Centre, will be a highlight of the tour.

For more information about the 2011 Medicine reunions, Homecoming Breakfast, or becoming involved in organizing your own class reunion for next year, please contact Darcy Routledge, Alumni Affairs & Events Officer at (204) 977-5650 or routledd@cc.umanitoba.ca.

CLASS OF 1951 | 60th REUNION

September 16 & 17, 2011 | Winnipeg

September 16 | Reunion Luncheon on Bannatyne Campus

September 17 | Faculty of Medicine Dean's Homecoming Breakfast, Brodie Centre Atrium at 9:00 a.m. & Tour at 10:15 a.m.

CLASS OF 1956 | 55th REUNION

June 21-23, 2011 | Winnipeg

June 21 | Welcome Reception at Inn at the Forks
June 22 | Tour of Canadian Mint / Lunch at home of Wightman's / Dinner at the Inn at the Forks
June 23 | Farewell Breakfast at the Inn at the Forks

CLASS LEADERS: Dr. Paul Galbraith, Dr. Paul Henteleff, Dr. Ian Reid, Dr. Pat Wightman, Dr. Clive Wightman

CLASS OF 1961 | 50th REUNION

September 15-18, 2011 | Winnipeg

September 15 | Welcome Reception at the Manitoba Club

September 16 | City Tours / Dinner at Bergmann's on Lombard

September 17 | Faculty of Medicine Dean's Homecoming Breakfast/Scientific Sessions / Dinner at Dubrovnik's

September 18 | Farewell Breakfast at the Fort Garry Hotel

CLASS LEADERS: Dr. Gary Beazley, Dr. Harvey Bergner, Dr. John Foerster, Dr. Allan Ronald, Dr. Don Reimer, Dr. Helen Toews

CLASS OF 1971 | 40th REUNION

September 16-18, 2011 | Winnipeg

September 16 | Welcome Reception at the home of Dr. Robert Kippen

September 17 | Dean's Homecoming Breakfast, Brodie Centre Atrium/ Scientific Sessions / Dinner at The Gates on Roblin

September 18 | Brunch at the Fort Garry Hotel
CLASS LEADERS: Dr. Robert Kippen, Dr. Bill Myers

CLASS OF 1975 | 35th + 1 REUNION

September 16-18, 2011 | Winnipeg

September 16 | Welcome Reception at the home of Dr. Gerald Minuk

September 17 | Dean's Homecoming Breakfast, Brodie Centre Atrium/ Scientific Sessions / Dinner at the Inn at the Forks

September 18 | Brunch at the Winnipeg Art Gallery
CLASS LEADERS: Dr. Cliff Levi, Dr. Gerald Minuk, Dr. Paul Shuckett, Dr. Morley Shatsky

CLASS OF 1981 | 35th REUNION

September 16 & 17, 2011 | Winnipeg

September 16 | Welcome Reception at the home of Dr. Doug Hobson

September 17 | Dean's Homecoming Breakfast/ Scientific Sessions / Dinner at the Fort Garry Hotel

CLASS LEADERS: Dr. Sharon Barker, Dr. Doug Hobson, Dr. Mark Bernier, Dr. Darcy Johanson, Dr. Carl Collister, Dr. Cindy Pachal, Dr. Susan Fair, Dr. Mary Jane Jamieson, Dr. Randy Goossen

CLASS OF 1986 | 25th REUNION

September 16-18, 2011 | Winnipeg

September 16 | Dinner at Deluca's

September 17 | Dean's Homecoming Breakfast/ Scientific Sessions / Dinner at the Fairmont Hotel

September 18 | Family BBQ at Birds Hill Park
CLASS LEADERS: Dr. Lisa Gould, Dr. Matthew Lazar, Dr. Tony St. Vincent, Dr. David Strang, Dr. Campbell Stacey

CLASS OF 1991 | 20th REUNION

October 14-16, 2011 | Winnipeg

October 14 | Welcome Reception

October 15 | Tour of Bannatyne Campus / Scientific Session / Dinner at Dubrovnik's

October 16 | Brunch at Terrace 55

CLASS LEADERS: Dr. Rashmi Nigam, Dr. Tahir Ijaz

CLASS OF 2001 | 10th REUNION

September 16-18, 2011 | Winnipeg

September 16 | Welcome Reception at the home of Dr. Tannis Wiebe

September 17 | Dean's Homecoming Breakfast, Brodie Centre Atrium/ Scientific Sessions / Dinner at the Fort Garry Hotel

September 18 | Family BBQ at home of Dr. Dave Kinsley

CLASS LEADERS: Dr. Leanne Docking, Dr. Laura Chan

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