

The SPread Sheet

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It's Your Newsletter!

Welcome to the first issue of *The SPread Sheet*; we'd like you to consider it to be *your* newsletter.

We invite you to submit any articles, thoughts, trivia, anecdotes, pictures, or jokes you'd like to contribute for the next issue by **May 31**.

Also, we welcome listings for any events in which you may be participating which would be of interest to the general public, and other SP's in particular. Please include time, date, location, cost (if any), along with a brief description.

We do, however, reserve the right to edit any and all submissions for length and content. Submissions that are not included in one issue may be included in the next.

Look for the second issue of *The SPread Sheet* in June!

Tim Webster

SP Coordinator, Recruitment & Promotion

Upcoming Sessions*

**Please keep in mind that as we are approaching the end of the academic year, most of these roles have already been filled.*

CPA's: April 1, 6, 15, 20, May 6, 11

Info Sharing: March 18, April 1, 12, 19, 22, 26, 9AM-12 PM
4 males, 4 females, all Level I

OSCE: April 9, full day
24 SP's required, Level II

Sharing Bad News: April 22, 29, May 6, 13, 9AM-12PM
3 males, 1 female, Level I

Mini OSCE: April 30, full day
12 SP's required, Level II

CAPE: May 7, full day
10 SP's required, Level III

Physiotherapy Exams: March 17, 18, 23, 24, 28, 29
full day
16 SP's required, Level II

For more info, call 480-1307, extension 2.

Thanks!

Standardized Patients are an integral component of medical education at the University of Manitoba. They play a significant, critical role in the teaching and assessment of medical students, international medical graduates, candidates for licensure, and physicians.

We highly value their contribution. In my role coordinating the Communication Skills program, I continually hear from students how much they appreciate and value the opportunity to learn from Standardized Patient sessions, and how they want as many of these opportunities as we can provide.

I also continually receive comments from our preceptors (the teachers of Clinical Interviewing sessions) about how incredible the Standardized Patients are in both their portrayal of the roles, and in giving feedback.

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all of the Standardized Patients for all they contribute to medicine.

Ingrid Toews

Communication Skills Curriculum Facilitator

Spotlight on . . .



Brenda Yi Feng, Office Assistant

Brenda Yi Feng has worked part-time for the Standardized Patient Program since August last year, and we're very grateful to have her! She is responsible for a number of administrative duties - each and every Letter of Offer goes through her - but she is emphatic that one of her most important tasks is to ensure that every SP gets paid on time once he or she is in the system.

"As a support staff working for a program that involves a lot of people, I am happy when I see things are well-organized and every one is happy when coming to work," she said.

As a self-described "university junky," Brenda has worked as an Administrative Assistant and Teaching Assistant for 5 years at universities both here in Canada and in Europe. Brenda earned her Bachelor of Engineering degree in 1994 from Jilin University in Chang Chun, North China and immigrated to Canada in October 2002 - just in time for winter!

In her spare time, Brenda likes to read, listen to classical music, knit, sew, and do aerobics. Her favourite colours are green and blue, and she has a soft spot for songs by the Carpenters. Her favourite meal is almost anything prepared by her husband, who is not only a fantastic cook, but also a researcher here at the University.

Brenda is also the Executive Director of the Winnipeg Chinese Cultural and Community Centre where she develops programs and services for community members and organizes events such as the Chinese New Year Celebration.