

Psych-e News

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Upcoming Events

DPBN Chairman's Grand Rounds November/December 2014

11/19 - Provost Winters'

Strategic Plan Town Hall - Margherio
1:00-2:00 pm

11/26 - Holiday
NO GRAND ROUNDS

12/3 - NO GRAND ROUNDS

12/10 - Shuja Haque, MD
"TBA"

12/17 - NO GRAND ROUNDS

12/24 - NO GRAND ROUNDS

12/31 - NO GRAND ROUNDS

I. Greetings from the Chair

A few announcements this month; There will be an important Town Hall meeting on Wednesday, November 19th from 1pm – 2pm in the Margherio Conference Room. I strongly urge all to attend at Provost Winters delivers her Strategic Plan. I'm very excited to announce that Dr. Joel Young, renowned psychiatrist in our area and proud WSUSOM graduate, has recently made a major gift to DPBN to support research and invest in future psychiatrists, e.g, as scholarship for 4th year medical students. In a recent phone conference of Tenet's Behavioral Health Council, which is a Tenet System wide council with representation from all of Tenet's hospital systems, leadership at Tenet home office made a public acknowledgement of the Detroit Receiving Hospital (DRH) Crisis Center stating that it should be considered the model for all Tenet System Hospitals when it comes to best practices and better care. This is the result of the dedication of several key people, particularly, **Carol Moore, Ed Mischel, Al Pizzuti, Drs. Ajluni, Amirsadri, Haddad, Navuluri, Rauf, Stettner, Vadlamudi, Warnick and Washington.** Their hard work and dedication have resulted in a nationally recognized program that we can all be very proud of.

II. News from the Faculty

- **Drs. Vaibhav Diwadkar, David Ledgerwood, Shane Perrine and Mark Greenwald,** recently participated in a successful grant application to promote diversity in science - NIH Building Infrastructure Leading to Diversity (BUILD).
- **Cynthia Arfken, PhD,** received an important grant from the Flinn Foundation to strengthen the link between inpatient psychiatric hospitalization and outpatient clinic visits. This was motivated by Al Pizzuti's clinical observation that discharged patients were not making it to their outpatient visits and that a nurse could facilitate the link. According to national data, about 80% of discharged patients do not show for their scheduled clinic visit; locally, at least 70% do not show. This grant is to implement and evaluate one treatment guideline. This team includes Drs. Arfken, Amirsadri, Mr. Pizzuti and Gateway Community Health.

III. Research Activities

- **Mike Lisieski, MD/PhD,** a student in TNP working in Dr. Shane Perrine's office was awarded \$1,000 from the Graduate School for submitting his F30 application to NIH in August.
- **Eric Woodcock,** a TNP graduate student working in Dr. Mark Greenwald's lab, has been notified that in the space of just two days, he has TWO manuscripts being accepted for publications. His original empirical manuscript, Functional Mu Opioid Receptor Polymorphism (OPRM1 A118G) Associated with Heroin Use Outcomes in Caucasian Males: A Pilot Study" has been accepted at The American Journal on Addictions (official journal of the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry). This

collaborative study investigated the role of a functional single nucleotide polymorphism in the gene that encodes the mu-opioid receptor (OPRM1) on clinically relevant heroin use characteristics, and its potential impact on treatment for these individuals. The second manuscript, “Predictors of buprenorphine initial outpatient maintenance and dose taper response among non-treatment-seeking heroin dependent volunteers” has been accepted at Drug and Alcohol Dependence – one of the leading international journals on addiction research. This study investigated predictors of response (primarily heroin abstinence) to the medication buprenorphine during phases of initial maintenance and during dose tapering (detox), and what this might mean for clinical care.

IV. Office of Education and Training

- **Cori Chase, M.D.**, Chief Resident in Quality and Patient Safety at the VA recently had an abstract accepted for presentation at the American Psychiatric Association on the VA Ambulatory Detox Experience. She is being mentored and supervised by Drs. Bella Schanzer and Nicole Stromberg.

