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Message from the Dean...

Please join me in thanking the many faculty and staff who were tireless in helping to design the new Secchia Center in Grand Rapids. Please see the link below or the MSU webpage for images of the new building. We also thank the community of Grand Rapids for their generosity in helping us to make this happen. Our partnership with Spectrum Health and their contribution to this building are invaluable. Together with our partnerships with the Van Andel Research Institute and Saint Mary's Health Care, we move toward our goal of building a research intensive medical school in Grand Rapids. Our partnerships with Grand Valley State University and The Right Place, Inc. of Grand Rapids, opens new opportunities for our research and education programs. Our current plan is that MERC, the graduate medical education consortium of Grand Rapids, will share space with us in the new building.

I am quoted as saying that this building embodies our values and traditions as well as our aspirations. By this I mean that we devote intense effort toward the use of space and environment that fosters both education and community. We design these spaces to share with the greater community and community groups. A priority was to create a community of learners, and the architects—Michael Lauber, Shirine Boulous and Miltos Catomeris of the architectural firm Ellenzweig—did exactly that.

I realize that this milestone in the history of the College of Human Medicine causes some to be anxious about the future of our community-based system and our other sites, including East Lansing. Our vision of the College of Human Medicine is to bring the community-based medical school into the top tier of medical schools, giving voice to the community as the most compelling point of service, the most appropriate point of education and the most relevant point of research. The strength of this unprecedented opportunity presented by the partnerships established in Grand Rapids, along with the accolades of our LCME accreditation results, and our nationally recognized distributed medical education program, bring us closer to realizing this vision. We look forward to working with all of our partners to strengthen relationships and create opportunities in each community.

To All CHM Faculty, Staff, Students and Alumni,

Carol Slomski and I would like to announce a transition for Dr. Slomski. She is resigning from her position as Chair of the Department of Surgery and Associate Dean of Clinical Affairs and will be establishing her practice - Great Lakes Breast Care. She will continue on the faculty in a role limited to teaching. Contact information for Great Lakes Breast Care is 3960 Patient Care Drive, Suite 113B, Lansing, 517-882-7500. We are pleased that Dr. Slomski will continue as part-time faculty in teaching our students and residents, and we look forward to continuing our work together as colleagues in our new relationship as community and University partners.

I am pleased to inform you that Dr. Jim Harkema has agreed to accept the position of Interim Chair for the Department of Surgery. I am looking forward to working with Jim over the next several months while we continue with a strategic and focused search for a new Chair

<http://newsroom.msu.edu/site/indexer/3227/content.htm>

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Student Meeting...

The next student meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 28, 2007 at 2:00pm in room 410. If you have any particular items that you think need to be discussed, please email Bridget Hinds (bhinds@synergymedical.org) or Dr. Schnuth (Rae.Schnuth@chm.msu.edu).

Core Competency Information

November Core Competency schedule is as follows:
11/07/07 – Critical Analysis, Dr. Obando – rm. 410
11/14/07 – Critical Analysis, Dr. Obando – rm. 410
11/21/07 – **No Core Competency session**
11/28/07 – Fluids & Electrolytes, Dr. Rupke – rm. 410

USMLE Update...

The NBME is pleased to announce a significant enhancement for students to the process for reporting USMLE results. Beginning in mid-August 2007, students who registered for USMLE Step 1 or Step 2 CK/CS will be able to view, download, and print their score reports via the NBME Licensing Examination Services (NLES) website once results have become available. The opportunity for students to save their reports electronically should eliminate "snail mail" delivery issues and the need to request duplicate reports.

The students will receive an e-mail notification that their results are available and will be instructed to logon to NLES to obtain them. This will typically occur several hours prior to posting of results to the NBME Medical School Resource Site. During a transition period, we will continue to post results to the medical school website on or about 12:00 pm ET each Wednesday. Please note that when there is a larger than normal score release (e.g., when Step 2 CS results are first available from a specific testing period), the student e-mail notifications may be staggered throughout the day.

Scores will continue to be released on a weekly (Wednesday) schedule to both examinees and medical schools. More detailed information has been posted to the NBME website at <http://www.nbme.org/programs-services/medical-students/news-updates-details.html>.

Absence from Clerkships...

Just a reminder that if you are absent from your clerkship, you are responsible for notifying the following people:

**Clerkship Coordinator/Secretary
Preceptor
Assistant Dean's Office**

Failure to contact the appropriate people is unprofessional behavior and could be

"The first duty of society is to give each of its members the possibility of fulfilling his destiny. When it becomes incapable of performing this duty it must be transformed."

Alexis Carrel

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reflected in your final clerkship letter. There is an excused absence request form that will need to be filled out. You have all received an electronic copy of the form. You can also contact Bridget Hinds or the appropriate clerkship administrative assistant for the form.

If you need to request time off from a clerkship, you will also need to fill out an excused absence form. This form should be submitted to the appropriate clerkship director or preceptor. All time off must be made up.

Excused or unexcused absences of more than 5 days in an 8 week clerkship or 2.5 days in a 4 week clerkship could result in the failure of the clerkship.

ERAS Information...

ERAS 2008 Timeline for Allopathic Schools

| Date | Activity |
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| Mid-June 2007 | Schools will begin receiving Dean's Office Workstation kits (DWS) and applicants will have access to their manual online. Schools may begin generating and distributing tokens to applicants as soon as software is installed. |
| July 1, 2007 | MyERAS Web site opens to residency applicants to begin working on their applications. |
| August 2007 | Residency programs will begin receiving their Program Director's Workstation kits (PDWS). |
| September 1, 2007 | Schools, ECFMG, NBME and NBOME can transmit residency supporting documents. Residency programs can begin contacting the ERAS Post Office to download application files. |
| November 1, 2007 | MSPE's are released at 12:01 a.m. |
| December 2007 | Military match results are available. |
| January 2008 | Urology match results are available. |
| March 2008 | Scramble. NRMP Match results are available, beginning at 1pm. |
| May 31, 2008 | ERAS Post Office will close to prepare for the 2009 season. |
| July 1, 2008 | Residents begin their training. |

Senior students are beginning the process of applying for Residency programs. Just a few pointers to assist in making this a smooth and error free process.

1. Please understand that it is not necessary that you have everything in before completing and sending your ERAS application. If you are waiting to figure out who will be writing your letters of recommendation (LOR) that is not necessary. You can go in and enter LOR's and add the names of the letter writers later, so please don't let that hold you up.

2. If you are applying to very competitive programs you need to get your application done as soon as possible. Programs are able to begin viewing your applications on September 1st, so you should at least have your application and personal statement done by then. It may also be helpful to have one or two letters of recommendations in by then also. Be sure you find out the correct LOR requirements from each program that you are applying to. **It is your responsibility to follow up with letter writers, and confirm that LOR's reach my office in time to meet program deadlines.**

ERAS 2008 processing fees. These fees are:

1 – 10 Programs, \$60
11-20 Programs, \$8 each
21-30 Programs, \$15 each
31 or more Programs, \$25 each

We suggest that you make a copy of your ERAS application for your records. This information might be useful to you if you choose to apply to a fellowship program after residency.

NRMP 2008 Timeline

November 30, 2007 – Applicant registration deadline without paying an additional late fee of \$50

January 15, 2008 – Rank Order List Entry begins

January 31, 2008 – Program Quota Change Deadline

February 27, 2008 – Late Registration deadline

Rank Order Lists closes at 9:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time

March 20, 2008 – Match Day

Applying for Graduation

You must apply for graduation. Please remember to submit a completed application by the first week of the semester you expect to complete your degree requirements. If you will complete your degree requirements during Summer, apply for Summer by the first week of Spring semester.

Both Spring and Summer applicants will be included in the Spring Commencement Ceremonies. For students with MSUNetId and Password, fill out the on-line graduation application form. For students without MSUNetId and Password, print and complete the hard copy graduation application form and fax or mail it to the Office of the Registrar.

You can find the application form at:

<http://www.reg.msu.edu/StuForms/GradApp/GradApp.asp>

Save the Date...

Gerald S. Schatz, J.D., Assistant Professor Center for Ethics and Humanities in the Life Sciences College of Human Medicine & Adjunct Professor, College of Law Michigan State University will be in Saginaw speaking to the Year III medical students on International Law on Informed Consent in Research on Wednesday, November 21, 2007 at 2:00pm in room 410.



Please join us in wishing a happy and prosperous birthday to the following CHM Students:

November 2007

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