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HEALTH DELIVERY INC



"Cultivate optimism by committing yourself to a cause, a plan or a value system. You'll feel that you are growing in a meaningful direction which will help you rise above day-to-day setbacks."

-Dr. Robert Conroy

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Health Delivery, Inc. is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Organizations, and receives partial funding through the Department of Health and Human Services.

During the Family Medicine clerkship, I had the unique opportunity to rotate at the David R. Gomez Community Health Center (commonly referred to as HDI- Health Delivery Inc.) Subsequently, during my Internal Medicine clerkship, I had the opportunity to greet the same patients (unfortunately not in the best of circumstances). Through my encounters and experiences, I learned a great deal about this corporation that serves Saginaw's needy population. I would like to share some of this with you...

Health Delivery Inc is the umbrella that encompasses a multitude of health care facilities. The story behind it actually began in 1969 with a \$75, 000 grant for migrant health care and a male Latino nurse by the name of David R. Gomez.

Today it is comprised of two dental centers and seven year-round medical and seasonal migrant clinics providing services to over 45,000 patients a year in Arenac, Bay, Gratiot, Huron, Ionia, Lapeer, Macomb, Montcalm, Midland, Saginaw, Sanilac, St. Clair, Tuscola, and Washtenaw Counties. (Wow indeed; I share your awe.) The young registered nurse (now of course, the man behind the scenes) has been joined by over 300 health care workers: physicians, technicians, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, custodial workers, dieticians, etc. to provides such services in the areas of family practice, pediatric, obstetrics and gynecology (including a certified midwife), internal medicine services; immunizations, pharmacy, preventative health care, family planning, infertility clinic, the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) nutrition program, maternal and infant support services, mental health counseling; emergency/acute care, HIV/AIDS counseling and testing, ultrasonography, lab, x-rays and mammograms. Dental services include preventative and emergency dental care; and dental x-rays at times that are convenient for the patients, and in

languages the patients can understand. If you think that is the extent of it, just hold on...Health Delivery, Inc also provides **mobile** dental and health services. These programs use buses to travel to schools to provide children (insured, uninsured, underinsured- bottom line- no red tape) with free dental services and dental hygiene education. They also have clinics in the two high schools in Saginaw.

After years of compassion, dedication and an immense need... Health Delivery Inc. celebrates its 38th year in action. Hope this inspires you as it inspires me.

-Chanisha Martin, MS-III

MSPE (Medical Student Performance Evaluation)

MSPE drafts are almost complete. We hope to have them distributed by the third week in October. Remember, these are drafts. After reviewing your MSPE draft, you need to do one of two things:

1. If you are satisfied with the letter as it is written, please email Dr. Schnuth and Bridget letting us know that you are ok with it. Bridget will then begin to prepare the letter to be uploaded to your ERAS file.
2. If you have questions or concerns about the content of your letter, please make an appointment with Dr. Schnuth or Bridget as soon as possible so that we can review the letter with you.

Please keep in mind that we are guided in preparing MSPE's by CHM policies/preparation guidelines that have been created in the Block III office. We must include only clerkships completed through the end of summer semester (August). All CPE comments that are in each clerkship summary, should also be included in the MSPE except for that you may edit for comments which are: very redundant, incomprehensible, grammatically incorrect or containing spelling errors, a single instance of an outlier comment which appears in only one clerkship, with the agreement of the clerkship director, any block III CP grades must be documented in the MSPE.

No letter will be released earlier than November 1st.

The Latest from CHM...

[CHM secures \\$57 million NIH contract; expands role in National Children's Study](#)

MSU College of Human Medicine has secured \$57 million in funding from the National Institutes of Health in the largest research project ever to study children's health and the causes of ailments such as autism, cerebral palsy and asthma. This allows the research to expand its role to four more Michigan counties: Genesee, Grand Traverse, Lenawee and Macomb. "This is the largest human health study ever undertaken," said principal investigator Dr. Nigel Paneth, MSU College of Human Medicine professor of epidemiology, and pediatrics and human development. The funding is in addition to \$18.5 million announced last fall for study work in Wayne County.

[MSU and Grand Valley State University sign early assurance agreement](#)

An Early Assurance Program for admission has been established to provide a link between premedical students at Grand Valley State University and MSU College of Human Medicine. The program will help both disadvantaged students and underserved areas of medicine, and will begin in 2010 when the Secchia Center opens in Grand Rapids.

[Two CHM faculty receive \\$1.38 million in HRSA grant awards](#)

Two MSU College of Human Medicine - Department of Family Medicine faculty members, Dr. William Wadland and Dr. Henry Barry, have been awarded federal grants from the Health Resource and Services Agency (HRSA) for a combined total of \$1.38 million over three years. Dr. Barry's grant will enable MSU to implement a curriculum that introduces third-year medical students in the college's family medicine

clerkship to the principles of safely prescribing medications. With his grant, Dr. Wadland will establish an administrative division of Geriatrics and Gerontology in the College of Human Medicine's Department of Family Medicine.

Compiled by Geri Kelley

ERAS Information...

ERAS 2009 Timeline for Allopathic Schools

Date	Activity
Mid-June 2008	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, 2008	MyERAS Web site opens to residency applicants to begin working on their applications.
September 1, 2008	Applicants may begin applying to ACGME accredited programs. ACGME accredited programs may begin contacting the ERAS Post Office to download application files.
November 1, 2008	MSPEs are released to ACGME accredited programs.
December 2008	Military match results are available.
January 2009	Urology match results are available.
March 2009	NRMP Match results are available.
May 31, 2009	ERAS Post Office will close to prepare for the 2009 season.

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.**

3. Do not request your transcripts until after October 1. Hopefully, all of your grades from Year III will be posted by then (check online first). I also need a photograph to scan into ERAS for you. If you would like for me to use your hospital ID photo, just let me know.

ERAS 2009 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.

If you have not yet provided an ERAS photo to be uploaded to your file, please do so immediately.

NRMP 2009 Timeline

November 30, 2008 – Applicant registration deadline without paying an additional late fee of \$50

January 15, 2009 – Rank Order List Entry begins

January 31, 2009 – Program Quota Change Deadline

February 25, 2009 – Late Registration deadline. Rank Order Lists closes at 9:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time

March 19, 2009 – Match Day

Absence from Clerkships...

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

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

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

Core Competency Schedule

10/01/08 **NO CORE COMP SESSION**

10/08/08 **NO CORE COMP SESSION**

09/17/08 Acid Base Disorders, Dr. Vallabhaneni – Bickel-Geyer room

09/24/08 **EXAM WEEK -NO CORE COMP SESSION**

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

No October birthdays

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October 2008

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Student Meeting	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Mentor Meeting/Di nner 6pm	23	24	25
26	27 Fall II	28	29	30	31 Halloween	