



CONFERENCES & MEETINGS

Medicine Grand Rounds is on hiatus for the summer.

ANNOUNCEMENT

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FROM THE CHAIR'S OFFICE

Today, I'd like to follow up on my previous newsletter that discussed our roles as attending physicians in the inpatient setting. Monday morning Andrew Greganti, Lee Berkowitz and I met with the Division Chiefs to discuss how we can all become more effective attendings. Our goals for the coming academic year are to define expectations for all of us as attendings, develop the means by which we will meet these expectations, and put into place a self-evaluation process.

We are making a number of important changes in the way we care for patients in internal medicine and our housestaff training program. These include: 1) implementation of our new hospitalist program; 2) changing the times for Morning Report and Medical Grand Rounds to improve attendance; 3) establishment of clear guidelines on how we provide feedback to our housestaff and students (currently, fewer than 10% of our residents get feedback during the year); 4) and implementing changes that we believe will help you round more efficiently and effectively while meeting the challenges of the 80-hour workweek.

As a first step, we will set up one-hour sessions for all of our faculty who will be attending this year. Recognizing that everyone is busy, I have asked my office to coordinate a total of five sessions over the next month. Anyone who will be attending in the coming year will need to attend one of these sessions.

As it seems I say every week, change is difficult for everyone. In my view, little can be more important than paying attention to our teaching of housestaff and students so that we are able to best train our residents and so that our students can appreciate the excitement we all felt in our first medicine clerkships. I very much look forward to working with all of you in these endeavors. Andrew, Lee and I will look forward to any comments or suggestions you have and I promise you that we will consider these with respect and sincerity.

Last, but not least, with vacation schedules, the newsletter will be going out every other week in July. Then, we'll take August off before getting back on a weekly schedule in the fall. I hope you all have relaxing and safe travels and get at least a little time off this summer.

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