



e-PRL IHPS NEWSLETTER!

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The Institute's Strategic Development Committee surveyed faculty members, asking them to write about what they regard as their greatest past contributions—to health policy, to health care, to the health of the public, or other contributions, during their tenure at IHPS, and what future contributions they would like to make. The faculty's responses together make up the story of what the PRL IHPS has accomplished as an institution over more than thirty years, as well as what core faculty hope to accomplish at PRL IHPS in the next ten years. Their stories tell in a compelling way the history of the Institute—and its future as well—and the vision and values of many of the people who are a part of the Institute. In each issue, the PRL-IHPS e-letter will profile a faculty member's story about his or her contributions, past and future tense. —**Claire Brindis, Dr. P.H., PRL IHPS.**

Introducing: Jack Resneck, Jr., M.D. Assistant Professor of Dermatology, Department of Medicine and Institute for Health Policy Studies; Residency Training Director and Faculty Practice Director, Department of Dermatology; Co-Director, Health Policy Curriculum for Medical Students.



Jack came to UCSF as a medical student in 1993 after growing up in Louisiana, a few years in Providence as an undergrad at Brown University, and a brief stint doing health policy work in Washington. Having decided that it was ok to have lived on the "three coasts" without any time yet spent in the Midwest, he stuck around the campus for the last 15 years, completing his internal medicine internship, dermatology residency, health policy fellowship, and joining the faculty in 2001.

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Within the department of dermatology, Jack serves as the director of the residency training program and director of the faculty practice clinics. He has been active in the undergraduate medical curriculum for many years, and has most recently co-directed the health policy intersession and the Area of Concentration in health policy.

Joint careers in dermatology and health policy are not exactly a well-worn path, but Jack has very much enjoyed his roles in both arenas. Given the small cohort of dermatologists doing policy research, he has been able to explore a number of areas, including the dermatology physician workforce, declining patient access to care, gender and generational shifts in practice patterns, the rapidly expanding use of non-physician clinicians, evolving patterns of professional liability insurance premiums, and challenges to recruiting and maintaining academicians. His work comparing access for patients with medical vs cosmetic concerns has been covered in the New York Times, the Boston Globe, on CNN, NPR, and in several other print and broadcast media venues.

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Jack is a poor example of "how to say no" to requests to join committees, and thus serves the School of Medicine on the Graduate Medical Education Committee, the Continuing Medical Education Governing Board, the Committee on Curriculum and Educational Policy, the Conflict of Interest Oversight Committee, and the Chancellor's Council.

In order to bridge his policy research and his desire to put policy into action, Jack has been heavily involved in health care policy arenas. He served as President of the California Society for Dermatology & Dermatologic Surgery, on the Board of the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD), and represents dermatology in the AMA House of Delegates. He chairs the Council on Government Affairs, Health Policy, and Practice of the AAD, and sits on the AMA's Council on Legislation. While his views might not always mesh with those traditionally held by organized medicine, Jack points out that many of these organiza-



tions have transformed in recent years as a new generation of physicians has come on board, and that even when he disagrees with a certain policy, a seat at the table is invaluable. In these roles, Jack has been most heavily involved in the development of quality and performance measures for physicians, policy on medical education and physician workforce, Medicare physician payment reform efforts, and advocating for universal medical insurance coverage.

Jack's wife, Ellen, is a family physician involved primarily in reproductive health issues (see, specialists and primary care physicians can get along!). He has two children: Zachary (2 years) and Amelia (8 months).

Finally, Jack is quoted in a front page article about medical vs. cosmetic dermatology, in the July 28, 2008 New York Times. Here's a link:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2008/07/28/us/28beauty.html?ref=health>

Please submit articles,
announcements, awards,
etc. to
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Awards, Publications, Announcements	From Jeff Belkora-
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Decision Services work at the UCSF Breast Care Center is among the first 100 innovations recognized by the the US Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality in their "Innovations Exchange." See <http://www.innovations.ahrq.gov/content.aspx?id=95>

Jeff extends a thank you to Michael Kamerick at UCSF's OAAIS department for connecting Decision Services with AHRQ when they came looking for innovations.

The University of California San Francisco (UCSF) Breast Care Center Decision Services unit offers a consultation planning, recording, and summarizing (CPRS) service. Trained premedical interns help patients brainstorm and write down a list of questions and concerns after the patients have viewed peer-reviewed educational videos and booklets. Then, the premedical interns accompany patients to the medical appointment to audio record and take notes of the session, and make sure all of the patient's questions are addressed by the attending physician. The program, which serves several hundred patients per year, results in significant improvements in patient-physician communication and in patient decision making confidence and ability.

Recent Publications:

Yu JW, Adams S, Burns J, **Brindis CD**, Irwin CE Jr. Use of Mental Health Counseling as Adolescents Become Young Adults. *Journal Of Adolescent Health*. (accepted for publication)

Foster DG, **Biggs MA**, **Ralph L**, Arons A, **Brindis CD**, Family Planning and Life Planning: Reproductive Intentions among Family Planning Clients. *Women's Health Issues*. (Forthcoming)

Soleimanpour S, **Brindis CD**, **Geierstanger S** Kandawalla S, Kurlaender T, Incorporating Youth-Led Community Participatory Research into School Health Center Programs and Policies. *Public Health Reports*. (Forthcoming)

Foster D, Rostovtseva D, **Brindis CD**, **Biggs MA**, Hulett D, Darney P. Cost-Savings from the Provision of Specific Methods of Contraception. *American Journal of Public Health*. 2008; 98 (10). In Press.

Cabana MD, Chaffin DC, Jarlsberg LG, Thyne SM, Clark NM. Selective provision of asthma self-management tools to families. *Pediatrics*. 2008; 121:e900-905.

Dodge RAB, **Cabana MD**, O'Riordan MA, Heneghan A. What factors are important for pediatric resident smoking cessation counseling of parents? *Clin Peds*. 2008;47:237-43.

Calhoun AW, Guyatt GH, **Cabana MD**, Lu D, Turner D, Valentine S, Randolph AG. Addressing the unit of analysis in medical care studies. *Medical Care*. 2008;46:635-643.

Gardner A, **Geierstanger S**, **Brindis CD**, **McConnel C**, Newell B, Martin-Mollard M, **Funk J**. Clinic Consortia Policy and Advocacy Program. Evaluation Executive Summary, 2004-2006. A Program of The California Endowment. Prepared by University of California, San Francisco.

Gardner A, **Geierstanger S**, **McConnel C**, **Brindis CD**. *Issue Brief: Achieving Clinic Financial Stability: Follow the Money*. *Clinic Consortia Policy and Advocacy Program. Evaluation Executive Summary, 2004-2006*. A Program of The California Endowment. Prepared by University of California, San Francisco.

Gardner A, **Geierstanger S**, **McConnel C**, Newell B, **Brindis CD**. *Issue Brief: Media Advocacy Evaluation Findings*. *Clinic Consortia Policy and Advocacy Program. Evaluation Executive Summary, 2004-2006*. A Program of The California Endowment. Prepared by University of California, San Francisco.

Gardner A, **Geierstanger S**, **Brindis CD**. *Issue Brief: Policymaker Relationships: From Education to Partnerships*. *Clinic Consortia Policy and Advocacy Program. Evaluation Executive Summary, 2004-2006*. A Program of The California Endowment. Prepared by University of California, San Francisco.

Recent Publications, cont'd:

Kreger M, Brindis CD. *Framework for Systems Change: Working Toward Sustainability. Community Action to Fight Asthma. (CAFA). 2008. Issue Brief. An Initiative of The California Endowment.*

<http://www.calasthma.org>

Mulia N, **Schmidt L**, Bond J, Jacobs L, Korcha R. Stress, Social Support and problem drinking among women in poverty. *Addiction*. 103. 2008. 1283-1293.

Wachter, RM, Foster, N, **Dudley, RA.** Medicare's Decision to Stop Paying for Hospital Errors: The Devil is in the Details. *Joint Commission Journal on Quality and Safety*, 2008; 34(2):116-23.

Presentations:

Michael Cabana presented "Probiotic Applications for Pediatric Primary Care." at the 41st Annual "Advances and Controversies in Clinical Pediatrics" Conference in May, 2008.

Announcements:**Hal fest!****Friday, September 19, 2008**

Festschrift (Symposium): 1:00-5:00 - Laurel Heights Auditorium
 Reception and Dinner: 5:30-9:00 - Jewish Community Center of
 San Francisco (across the street)

Yes, we're getting ready for our celebration to acknowledge Hal Luft's many contributions to our institute, the university, and the field of health services research. We hope everybody will be able to join in.

The Festschrift will include Rashi Fein, Catherine McLaughlin, Drummond Rennie, Ruth Malone, Deborah Garnick, Adams Dudley, and more.

The reception and dinner will be a great opportunity to enjoy each other's company, scrumptious food, and fabulous entertainment.

(Invitations are coming soon, and rsvps will be via a special website.)

If you're already participating on one of the planning committees, thank you.*

If you're not, you'll have other opportunities to pitch in. As we get closer to our celebration day, we'll be asking for volunteers to help with welcoming/assisting guests, arranging flowers, posting signs, setting up, cleaning up, etc., etc., etc.

* celebration committees

Program	Reception/Dinner	Entertainment	Design/Media	Welcome	M/T Award
Dohan	Anderson-Rothman	Fetto	Libatique J	Belkora	Bero
Schmidt	Dean	Florence	Libatique L	Chee	Brindis
Yelin	Hong	Kite R	Schreiber	Kao	Coffman
Chee	Hughes	Larson	Thew	Wade	Guydish
	Kite T	Lipton			
	Larson	Morris			
	Libatique L	Nicole			
	Russo	Tajima			

Announcements
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Congratulations to the 2008 PRL-IHPS Fellows!

Laura Jeanne Eaton, MD, MPH
Research Physician
Palo Alto Medical Foundation Research Institute

Donna Helene Odierna, DrPH, MS
Department of Clinical Pharmacy, UCSF

Megumi J. Okumura, MD
Adjunct Assistant Professor
Department of Pediatrics, General Pediatrics, UCSF

Elizabeth Pohlman, MA, C Phil
Doctoral Candidate
UC Berkeley-UCSF Joint Program in Medical Anthropology, UCSF

Rosemary Polanco, PhD
Job Search Continues

Mary E. Reed, DrPH
Staff Scientist
Kaiser Permanente Northern California
Division of Research, Oakland, CA

Kim F. Rhoads, MD, MS, MPH
E3 Unit Based Medical Director
Surgery and Subspecialties
Director Pelvic Floor Clinic
Department of Surgery
Stanford University

Milestones

Congratulations are in order for those celebrating milestones at UCSF:

Eunice Chee - 30 years
Ernestine Florence - 30 years
Helen Gonzales – 35 years
Annie Larson -10 years
Helen Tran - 15 years

Comings and Goings

Beginning July 1, we have 5 employees transferring into PRL-IHPS. They are:

Michelle McKean (from Pediatrics)
Angelina Nicole (from Pediatrics)
Patricia Winder (from Pediatrics)
Shelley Volz (from Surgery)
Anne Morris (from Medicine effective 8/1/08)

Also on board this summer are three interns:

Brian Bacchi (from Harvard, -Guydish group)
Nupur Garg (from Yale Medical School-Jim Kahn)
Ayesha Appa (with Nancy Berglas via OB/GYN)

We hired three new academic employees to work with Stan Glantz at the Tobacco Research Center at the Library:

Tiana Epps-Johnson
Caitlin Stanton
Alex Kirstein

2 employees are transferring out of PRL-IHPS:

Galen Joseph (Dept. of Anthropology, History and Social Medicine)
Annemarie Charlesworth (Dept. of OB/GYN)



Antonia Biggs' And Carlos Cortes' children: Marissa and Gabriel Cortes, on their first day of school in Santiago, Chile

(Announcements: Cont'd from p. 4)

From **Adam's Dudley**:

The Czech government has been considering major reform of its health care system, which has been almost entirely publicly financed and run. Leaders in both the governing party and opposition parties are concerned, however, about avoiding some of the negative aspects of the much more privatized US system. To learn more about the strengths and weaknesses of the US system, Czech officials have been working with PRL-IHPS faculty.

In April, **Adams Dudley** went to Prague to discuss his work on the impact of incentives for providers and consumer-directed health plans on quality and cost of care. In July, leaders from four major Czech political parties returned the visit to learn more about how the US formulates its health policy. They met with Adams, **Wade Aubry**, and **Helene Lipton**. Helene described the myriad ways in which drugs are covered in the US and Wade discussed policies for approving new medical technologies. The participating Czech officials were:

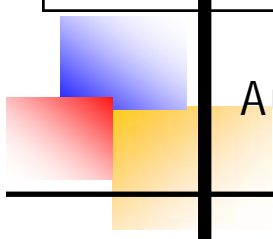
Mr. Michael HRBATA, Member of the Civic Democratic Party and its district chairman in Vyskov. He is also a member of the Defense Committee in Parliament.

Ms. Katerina JACQUES, Chair of the parliamentary caucus of the Green Party.

Ms. Michaela SOJDROVA, Deputy Chair (and former Chair) of the Christian Democratic Party.

Mr. Miroslav SVOBODA, Deputy Chair of the Czech Social Democratic Party (CSSD), the main opposition party. He also serves as Deputy Chair of the Defense Committee in Parliament.

*It will be interesting to see how the Czech health system changes in the next few years.



August 2008

- ♣ Health Policy Seminars Mondays 12-1:30 PM
- ◆ IHPS Grand Rounds Monthly at Noon-Room 263

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