A Place of Preparation: New Generation of Physicians Learn in North

Medical education continues to expand in Traverse City with the addition of students from Michigan State University College of Human Medicine this year.

Since the mid-90s, Munson Medical Center has hosted students from Michigan State University’s College of Osteopathic Medicine and has sponsored the Family Practice Residency Program. J. William Rawlin, DO, has assumed responsibility for the Family Practice Residency Program from Joseph Cook, DO, and Daniel Webster, MD. He also directs the College of Osteopathic Medicine training this year after Dr. Cook stepped down this spring.

This month’s MedNews features an overview of education happening on the Munson Medical Center Campus.

Five third-year Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine students are the most recent to join the 30-year program to educate physicians in northern Michigan. Kelli Broekema, Erin Darlington, Amanda Freschauf, Eric Rueff, and Nathan Sailor all started MSU COM’s Clinical Clerkship curriculum for a doctor of osteopathic medicine (DO) degree earlier this summer. The 84-week program is designed to educate and equip osteopathic physicians with skills necessary to enable them to enter primary care practice or pursue further graduate training related to a medical specialty.

In the Clinical Clerkship program, there is a planned emphasis on preparing students for practice in ambulatory settings. MSU COM’s curricular emphasis reflects the college’s responsiveness to the shifts in demand seen MSU COM, page 2

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in practice environment from hospital to outpatient care, by providing increased continuity in training and offering students experience working with allied health professionals in a team approach.

U.S. News and World Report ranks MSU COM seventh in the nation for primary care among all medical schools, and is ranked first in the nation for primary care among osteopathic medical schools.

The five members of the Class of 2011 will spend their first six months (July - December) doing rural ambulatory Primary Care in Cheboygan or the Grayling area, said J. William Rawlin, DO, Director of Medical Education. They will do ambulatory rotations in family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, and one choice and one specialty rotation. In January, they will return to Munson Medical Center to do seven months of core hospital-based rotations. The remainder of their program involves selecting electives and pursuing rotations in locations where they can explore residency programs.

There are also four fourth-year MSU COM students currently rotating at Munson: Ben Dirkx, Matt Tyler, Jake Wardwell and Carl Zayac. These four students have been based at Munson since July 2009 and are due to complete their program and graduate in May 2010.

Munson Medical Center currently serves as the base hospital for 10 MSU COM students – five in the third year and five in the fourth year. The hospital also hosts visiting students from other medical schools including MSU COM and MSU CHM students whose clinical campus is elsewhere and who request to complete elective rotations at Munson. There are approximately 50 of these students each year.

At a Glance: MSU COM’s Class of 2011

Members of Michigan State University’s College of Osteopathic Medicine latest class in northern Michigan include:

**Kelli Broekema**
Augusta, Mich.
Broekema is a graduate of Westmont College in Santa Barbara, Calif., with a communications studies degree. “After working overseas in South Africa, I decided to study medicine to have concrete skills to make a difference in a community,” she said. Broekema enjoys running, water sports, and skiing. She is interested in pediatrics and family medicine.

**Amanda Freschauf**
Woodland, Calif.
Freschauf is a graduate of Willamette University in Salem, Ore., with a degree in biochemistry and Spanish. Part of her motivation for medical school comes from an Americorps experience. “I worked for a year focusing on increasing health care access for Latin American residents,” she said.

**Eric Rueff**
Milford, Mich.
Rueff graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in human biology and is interested in pursuing family practice medicine. “One of my inspirations for going into medicine in the first place was my own family doctor,” he said. “Like everyone else, I got into medicine for a variety of reasons, but I am excited about learning the trade here at Munson.” He’s looking forward to winter and the ski hills and Vasa trails around Traverse City.

**Nathan Sailor**
Jackson, Mich.
Sailor is a graduate of Spring Arbor University with a degree in biology and health science. Sailor said he enjoys working with people and looks forward to developing long-term relationships with patients. “I chose MSU COM in order to learn medicine and musculoskeletal manipulations.” He and his wife are expecting their first child in October. He enjoys hunting, fishing, and looks forward to practicing and learning rural medicine and living in the woods.
Community Assistant Dean Daniel Webster, MD, leads the campus with administration centered out of the Munson Family Practice Center.

“CHM students landed on both feet at the MSU/CHM TC campus and are doing very well integrating themselves into our northern Michigan health care system,” Dr. Webster said. “They are very eager to learn and also share their knowledge with us as teachers. It truly has been a pleasure interacting with these young professionals.”

Those enrolled for the community campus include:

**Tony Bozzio**
Tahoe City, Calif.,
Bozzio holds a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from the University of Utah. He spent two years with the University of Utah Internal Medicine Department researching nicotine addiction.

**Brett Etchebarne**
Medesto, Calif.
He has a PhD in Animal Science from MSU and recently worked as National Institutes of Health Immunology Postdoctoral Fellow at Stanford University.

**Collene Lane**
Grand Rapids
She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish from Loyola University. She spent seven years working at a pediatric AIDS hospice in Honduras, traveling with medical mission teams.

**Dan Learned**
Passo Robles, Calif.
He holds a Bachelor of Arts in anthropology and Bachelor of Science in biological sciences from the University of California Irvine. He has worked with American Medical Response and US Airways.

**Anna Sleder**
Traverse City
She holds a Master of Science in human genetics from Tulane University and Bachelor of Arts in political science and health science from Kalamazoo College. Two days after arriving at Tulane in 2006, Hurricane Katrina hit. She joined the Red Cross, became certified in disaster assistance, and was deployed to Alabama and Mississippi where she assisted families.

**Christina Pyo**
San Jose, Calif.
She is a transfer student from State University of New York Upstate Medical University.

**New Physician Reception is Sept. 30 at Hagerty Center**
Munson Medical Center Medical Staff are invited to a New Physician Reception from 6 - 9:30 pm on Wednesday, Sept. 30, at Northwestern Michigan College’s Hagerty Center.

Prize drawings for restaurant gift certificates and wine tasting will be awarded during the night. Physicians must be present to win. For more details, contact Robin Wodek, Department Secretary for Medical Staff Services, at (231) 935-5892.

**Munson Nurses Chosed for Quality, Surgical Services Posts**
Two members of Munson Medical Center’s management team have been selected to fill key vacant positions at the hospital following a nationwide search.

Hospotl President and CEO Ed Ness said Marie Jannausch-Hooper, RN, Director of Utilization Management and Medical Social Work, was chosen to fill the Administrator of Patient Safety and Performance Improvement post left vacant by the retirement of Terry Haslinger earlier this year. In another move, Surgical Services Manager Maxine Hunter, RN, has been selected to replace Director Mary Murphy who retires early next year.

“It really speaks highly of the quality of our directors and managers at Munson that these two key leadership positions have been filled by members of our staff,” Ness said. “We performed a national search and when it was done, Marie and Maxine stood out above the rest of the candidates. We’re thankful they’ve agreed to fill these positions.”
New Residents Join Family Practice Residency Program

Members of the Munson Family Practice Residency Class of 2012 arrived at Munson in late June to begin their program.

Family Practice Residency Program Director J. William Rawlin, DO, assumed program leadership duties from Daniel Webster, MD, and Joseph Cook, DO, earlier this year. Four residents have joined the program this year.

“I’m excited about extending our long-standing tradition of high quality Family Practice Residency education,” Dr. Rawlin said.

New residents joining the program this year are:

Keith W. Eaton II, MD
Dr. Eaton was born in Columbus, Ohio and then moved to Southfield for high school. He attended Michigan State University’s Lyman Briggs College where he earned his Bachelor of Science in Biology. He stayed at MSU and earned his MD from the College of Human Medicine. Dr. Eaton enjoys running, swimming, and team sports. His free time is typically family time.

Micheleen S. Hashikawa, MD
Dr. Hashikawa was born in Anchorage, Alaska, but moved to Dryden, Mich. when she was a child. She attended the University of Michigan and earned a Bachelor of Science in Biology. She earned her medical degree from Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine in Chicago. Dr Hashikawa did a four-week family medicine clerkship at Munson in the fall of 2008. She is a tri-athlete who enjoys cycling, running, and swimming. Other hobbies are organic gardening and vegetarian cooking.

Heather A. Kennedy, DO
Dr. Kennedy is from Fresno, Calif., and attended the University of California Berkeley, then California State University, Fresno, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry. She continued at University of California, Riverside for graduate studies and earned her medical degree from the Western University of Health Sciences, College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific. She has a passion for mother/child issues and their place in primary care medicine.

Bryan J. Mulheron, DO
Dr. Mulheron is from the Upper Peninsula and attended the University of Wisconsin at Green Bay where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry/Human Biology. He continued on at University of Wisconsin, Madison, for graduate studies and went on to earn his medical degree from the Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine in Glendale. Dr. Mulheron enjoys most outdoor activities, team sports, physical challenges, and spending time with his family.

Resident Graduates Pursue Careers

Two members of the Munson Family Practice Residency Program Class of 2009 are beginning their careers in Michigan and Florida, while a third has chosen to pursue a one-year fellowship in obstetrics.

A graduation ceremony for the three new family practice physicians was held in June at Traverse City Golf and Country Club. Graduates include:

■ Tracy D. Brady, MD, who will be joining a practice in Adrian.
■ April E. Kurkowski, DO, who will be doing locum tenens work in White Cloud, and then moving to join a practice in Florida.
■ Joanna L. Nigrelli, DO, who will pursue a one-year obstetrics fellowship at Swedish Medical Center in Seattle, Wash. She plans to return to northern Michigan to provide obstetric and family care.

MSU COM Honors Joseph Cook, DO

Longtime Munson Family Practice Residency Director of Medical Education Joseph Cook, DO, recently was honored by the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine with the Michael Opipari, DO, Distinguished Service Award for his leadership in osteopathic medical education in the state.

Dr. Cook has served on the Bylaws and Educational Standards Committee of the Statewide Campus System (SCS) and has been a key member of the system’s family medicine Physician Advisory Committee. He also has served on education committees in the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians.

“Over the years, Dr. Cook has produced a cadre of family practice physicians, many of whom have remained in the northern part of the state,” the SCS Newsletter stated.

“He joins an illustrious group who are recognized, no only within the Statewide Campus System, but on the national stage for their efforts in osteopathic medical education.”