

# Graduate Medical Education



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## A Message from the Asst. Dean.....

### Upcoming Events

- **April 19**—  
*Research Day*
- **May 15**—  
*Institutional Site Visit*
- **June 15**—  
*Resident Forum (noon—SPB Rm F/G)*
- **June 29**—*MSU GMEC (noon - SPB Rm F/G)*

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### The More Things Change.....

You may have heard the expression, “The more things change, the more they stay the same.” Over the next two years, all of our training programs will be undergoing significant changes in how we measure successful residency and fellowship education. The changes have been designated by Dr. Thomas Nasca, the Chief Executive Officer of the ACGME, as “The Next Accreditation System”. The new system is designed to help the accrediting body assess how well programs train their residents by tracking resident progress using “milestones”—a sort of Denver Developmental Test for graduate training. Under the new system, programs will file periodic reports with the ACGME. These milestones, along with other parameters, and your responses to the Resident Survey, will be used in place of the more frequent visits by ACGME field staff. Successful programs will be allowed to have extended accredita-

tion cycles of up to 10 years. You can ask your program directors if they like the idea of less frequent site visits—most would welcome such a change!

At the same time, we are all dedicated to providing you with the best possible residency and fellowship training that we can. It’s reasonable to use appropriately chosen markers to measure how well we do our job. Because of this, your responses to the Resident Annual Survey will become increasingly important as we transition to the new system.

For residents in our Internal Medicine and Pediatrics programs, the Next Accreditation System is scheduled to be implemented in July, 2013. All other programs will transition to the new system in July, 2014. Before the transition, programs will need to work to identify how they will track resident progress in order to provide the ACGME the information they need to continue their accreditation

process.

The Next Accreditation System will help the ACGME promote innovation among training programs, and hopefully allow them to devote additional resources to improve programs that are less successful in providing quality education.

Certainly, you will see new tools developed so that you can transparently see the same data that is tracked by the ACGME. What will not change, however, is the dedication that we all give to making sure that all of our graduates care for patients in a manner that reflects positively on their training programs and faculty.



**Randy Pearson, M.D.**

## Meet Dr. Al-Janadi—Hematology/Oncology Fellowship Director

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Anas Al-Janadi, MD has been with MSU's Hematology/Oncology Program about 6 years. His medical journey started with his MD from Damascus University Medical School, then proceeded with a residency in N.Y, a fellowship at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, and working with the Dept. of Veterans Affairs in Las Vegas. When an opportunity to come to MSU was presented, Dr. Al-Janadi was happy to leave the "wild west", and return to the land of Mid-West values – a much better place to raise a family. This also fulfilled his desire to be involved in an academic setting - with research and clinical trials, as well as teaching and mentoring.

Dr. Al-Janadi finds interacting with fellows to be very rewarding, and that the learning goes

both ways. He encourages the fellows to have a passion for their work - for that's the only way to survive in a field where you often lose patients, and need to help people on their journey of death.

In his leisure mode, Dr. Al-Janadi is an avid reader – mostly about politics (domestic and international). He's also **very** serious about soccer (since his childhood in Syria), and plays twice a week. Be forewarned: he has a golden foot, and is a high scorer!

As Program Director, Dr. Al-Janadi hopes to help the Division double; the Program increase to three fellows per year (with appropriate resources); and MSU to become a main clinical trials destination to serve patients and their care providers.

As far as advice to the fellows, this physician suggests listening more than talking; keeping a positive, helpful attitude (rather than being a complainer); and being respectful – assuming colleagues and coworkers are knowledgeable and know what they are doing.



*Anas Al-Janadi, MD*

## Resident Forum Update.....

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At the beginning of the meeting, Dr. Pearson reported progress on recent issues:

- Housekeeping—They have been contacted regarding linen and clean bathrooms in call areas. Numbers are posted in the call rooms. Please call if something is needed.
- Computers—Most issues will be addressed with the introduction of EMR in December. In the meantime, a list of computers has been requested to ensure needs are met for efficient patient care.
- “Up-To-Date” - This program is available on all network computers in Sparrow.
- Vegetarian Meals for night residents—Many have religious, moral, or other convictions requiring vegetarian meals. Please be considerate of your colleagues' needs, and leave vegetarian meals for those who need them

## Mid-Michigan Regional Research Day .....

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Mid-Michigan Regional Research Day will be held Thursday, April 19, 2012 at the University Club, located at 3435 Forest Rd., East Lansing, MI 48910.

Graduate Medical Education, Inc. (GMEI) collaborates with McLaren-Greater Lansing, Sparrow Health Systems, and MSU's Colleges of Human and Osteopathic Medicine to sponsor this educational event. The day provides an opportunity for fellows, residents, interns, and medical students to present research projects. For many, this is their first research experience. During the process, researchers learn how to submit an abstract, how to prepare a poster, and, in some cases, how to prepare an oral presentation to a single judge or a large audience. Faculty and

experienced researchers are available to act as judges, and to provide inspiration, conversation, and advice to the presenters.

This year, 106 research projects have been accepted, so it will be a busy day. Cash prizes are awarded to:

- Best Research Case Study
- Best Poster by a Resident
- Best Poster by a Fellow
- Best Oral Presentation by a Resident
- Best Oral Presentation by a Fellow
- Best Submission by a Medical Student

### Agenda

7:30—9:00

Check-In & Set-Up

8:00—9:00

Oral Presentations

10:00—10:15

Break (for Oral Presentations)

10:00—11:00

Poster Presentations and Judging

10:15—11:45

Oral Presentations

11:45—1:00

Lunch and Awards

## Hematology/Oncology Fellowship Program.....

The “home office” for the MSU Hematology/Oncology Fellowship Program is MSU Breslin Cancer Center, which is located at McLaren-Greater Lansing (formerly known as Ingham Regional Medical Center). This is a three-year program, accepting two fellows each year.

Scholarly research and productivity are highly emphasized in this program. Patient care is provided through in-patient and out-patient consults and service – involving a wide variety of

hematological and oncological disorders. Along with this, the fellows mentor residents and medical students. They also participate in the Mid-Michigan Regional Research Day, and National Society meetings, such as ASH (American Society of Hematology), and ASCO (American Society of Clinical Oncologists).

Upon completion of their program, many graduates go

into community practices. A recent grad is faculty at the University of Nebraska, and another is a panel member of NCCN (National Comprehensive Cancer Network) Guidelines – a prestigious position.

Physicians in this Fellowship take boards in both Hematology and Oncology. The program is proud to report a 100% pass rate, and also that they had no citations from their last ACGME accreditation review.

## Confidential Communication

Know that you have access to someone in power, in case you have questions or concerns about your program and don't feel comfortable raising them with your program director or faculty. Dr. Pearson (or his assistant, Maureen McGrail) is always available to you. Their contact information is:

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### Graduate Medical Education Mission

"The mission of MSU's College of Human Medicine in Graduate Medical Education is to provide Institutional Sponsorship to high quality programs of GME, in those primary and specialty care disciplines relevant to the College's mission. Such GME programs will be accomplished in concert with the teaching hospitals and health systems affiliated with the College."

"The Graduate Medical Education Committee will oversee the conduct and management of all residency and fellowship programs for which MSU/CHM is the sponsoring institution."