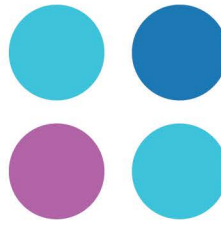


# OHPE Update:

A Newsletter for Residents, Students,  
& Clinician Educators



January 2021

## From the Office of Health Professional Education

We are excited to start 2021 on a note of gratitude, thankful for our team and the contributions from each member. We celebrated a few of our colleagues by sharing words of appreciation for each other last month.

Our priorities this year include supporting the Institute and the organization’s annual priorities by:

- Developing a system-wide simulation program to support organization-wide initiatives and maximize resources
- Standardizing processes for student and resident education to create efficiencies and consistency
- Developing and expanding SharedSpace4Learning to automate processes in education
- Building partnerships with select post-graduate schools to support innovations in education
- Creating new training programs to support future workforce to meet customer and patient needs
- Supporting employees and business needs during pandemic with focus on resiliency, safety, flexibility, stewardship, and remote work
- Promoting clinician community and systems (i.e., clinician education case series, faculty development)
- Attracting, developing and retaining a diverse and inclusive workforce
- Convening colleagues and partners to address systemic racism in our policies, processes and projects
- Strengthening partnerships with schools that share our values and approaches to attract diverse colleagues into health care roles
- Increasing diversity in our residency and fellowship training programs



## Upcoming events

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Tribute** organized by the [University of Minnesota Office for Equity and Diversity](#). This free event will be streamed on [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#) on Sunday, January 17 at 3 pm.

The next **Pod Squad event** has been scheduled for Friday, January 22, 2021 at 12:00 noon. Pod Squad is a podcast club, like a monthly book club but with podcasts organized by a joint effort of the MMCGME Operations Committee and the UMN Coordinator Advisory Work Group. [RSVP here](#) by Jan. 20.

### Join us for upcoming events from OHPE

**OHPE Unplugged:** A monthly faculty development series for clinician educators to connect, build community and share best practices in the areas of teaching and learning, scholarship, professionalism, leadership, well-being and diversity & inclusion.



To get an Outlook email invitation for events, please contact [monica.m.hoepfner@healthpartners.com](mailto:monica.m.hoepfner@healthpartners.com).

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## OHPE Announcements

### Update for student preceptors and clinical training sites: student vaccines at HealthPartners

Students who have clinical experiences currently in progress or scheduled during the months of January and February at any HealthPartners training site will soon be offered the COVID-19 vaccine. Email invitations with scheduling information will be sent directly to these students soon. We will re-evaluate our ability to offer the vaccine to students with rotations beginning March 1st or later. If you are aware of a student who meets this criteria and has not received an email invitation to schedule a vaccine appointment by Friday, January 22nd, please contact [cecily.d.spencer@healthpartners.com](mailto:cecily.d.spencer@healthpartners.com).

### PA students support note documentation for Hospitalists

Project SND HLP is a pilot program that leveraged Physician Assistant students to support note documentation for Hospitalists as the second COVID surge was stretching our hospital-based teams. HealthPartners reached out to our local PA programs for support, and together we created an innovative way to get idle PA students in the hospital and at the bedside while also supporting our hospitalists teams with note documentation. Our three local PA programs selected fourteen students to participate in this immersive, 6 day a week, 3 week-long Hospital Medicine Pandemic Surge experience. The feedback from the students has been really positive – their clinical rotation schedules have been significantly disrupted by COVID so getting back to the bedside has invigorated them! Additionally, they report increased proficiency in EMR use and problem-focused note documentation. Our hospitalist partners at Methodist and Regions have enjoyed the documentation support the students have provided; a little extra help goes a long way in regards to resiliency!

## People Updates

### Paula Geiger retires after 42 years at HealthPartners



Paula Geiger has served as the program coordinator for the Occupational Medicine Residency program since 1978, and is retiring after 42 years. She has been with the program since the beginning, and has supported the training of 100 residents through the program. Join us in celebrating her extraordinary journey and to thank her for contribution to the team, and to HealthPartners.

#### **Tell us about your journey at HealthPartners.**

I've been a residency coordinator for 42 years. I am fortunate that I've been with the program since the very beginning of the residency program. It's been exciting, fun and a wonderful journey, and now I look forward to retiring.

#### **What are some memorable experiences from your journey?**

Celebrating the program's 40th anniversary at the Minnesota Boat Club. We had a great turnout of former faculty, residents and friends of the program.

#### **What will you miss the most about work when you retire?**

I'll miss interacting with the clinic staff, residency director, assistant director, residents and everybody else I worked with at the Institute.

#### **What are your plans after retirement?**

The only plan we have right now is to spend more than a weekend at our cabin in Wisconsin.

#### **What is your proudest accomplishment?**

I've been with the program from the start and watched it grow, worked with great residency and assistant directors who deeply care about the residency program. I'm proud of all the graduates, I got to oversee the training of 100 residents!

#### **What is your favorite vacation spot?**

Maui, we were married there, and celebrated our 30th anniversary there.

#### **If you could have one superpower, what would it be?**

Bring healing to people. Wouldn't that be a great power to have?

#### **Advice for residents in the residency program?**

Have fun. I hear from residency directors and graduates that it really is a fun program. Enjoy your two years in the program, because it's going to go fast. Also, listen closely to your residency director and coordinator.

#### **Hopes for the future of the program?**

More funding. It would be wonderful if we had more funding for another resident. It was an accomplishment to get the endowment for funding of more residents a few years ago.

#### **Advice for next residency coordinator?**

Have patience with residents, take your time, and try not to feel overwhelmed. Try to do one thing at a time.

#### **How has COVID-19 impacted your last year at HealthPartners?**

COVID has changed how you work, it has been a lot of adjustment. I missed being in the office and getting to know the residents. I also missed out knowing the last group of residents in our program. Didn't change much of my plans for retirement, but definitely was a different kind of year.

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## Program Updates

Pediatric Emergency Medicine Fellowship match announcement

# CHILDREN'S MINNESOTA & HEALTHPARTNERS INSTITUTE PROUDLY ANNOUNCES THE INCOMING 2021 CLASS OF PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY MEDICINE FELLOWS



**Morgan Boes**

Med School: University of Illinois

Residency: University of Minnesota (Pediatrics)



**Brian Lefchek**

Med School: Drexel University College of Medicine

Residency: New York Presbyterian Weill Cornell Medical Center (Pediatrics)



**Taryn Raschein**

Med School: University of Minnesota Duluth

Residency: University of South Dakota (Pediatrics)



## Clinical Simulation team spends a day at Olivia Hospital and Clinic

The HealthPartners Clinical Simulation Team recently spent the day at Olivia Hospital and Clinic, providing education on high flow O2 administration, proning (situating) patients and administering Remdesivir. The Clinical Simulation team travels throughout the state, training teams on current best practices for COVID treatment and stabilization, and other clinical and safety approaches.

Read more about their journey to Olivia Hospital and Clinic on [myPartner](#).



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