

Chair's Column

For several decades, most health reform efforts including the Affordable Care Act have viewed an increased focus on primary care as essential for improving the delivery system and outcomes of care. It seems now that this increased focus is leading to higher demand for family physicians. Over the past several years we have noticed that our residents have an increasing number of job opportunities both in Boston and throughout the country and hiring new faculty has become more difficult. This is all good for family medicine and the communities we serve.

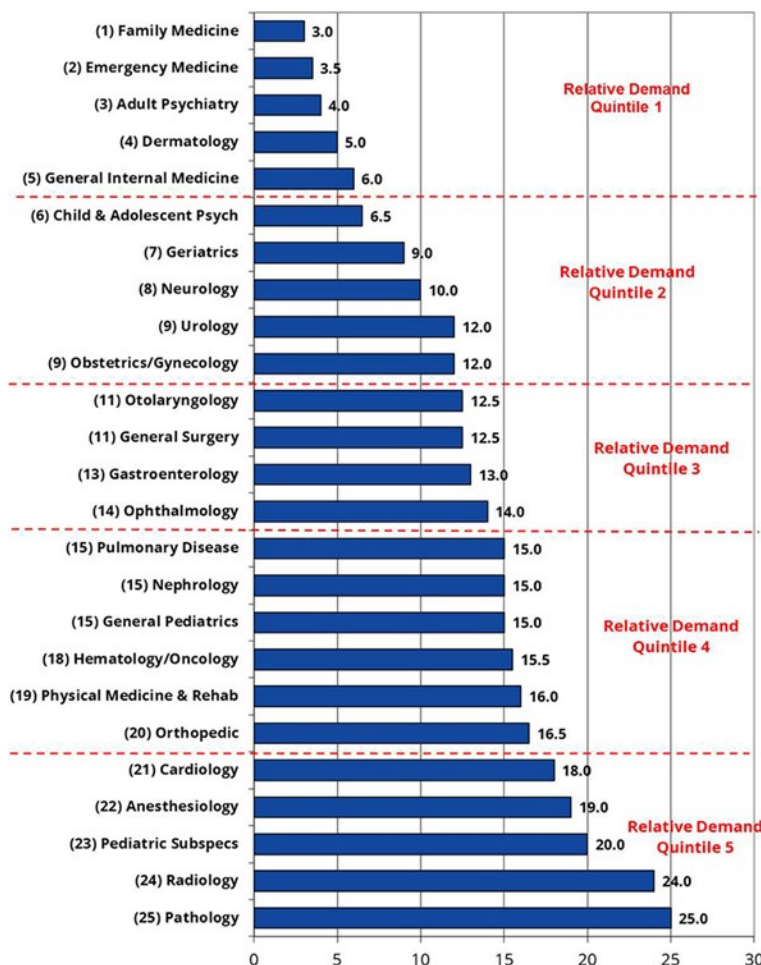
Now we have some evidence. This month in "Health Affairs Today", data were published about the work of the Center for Health Workforce Studies (CHWS) reporting the results of their analysis about the "demand" for various medical specialties. They used a specialty "demand index" that they have been measuring for over 25 years ([click here](#) for a summary of their methodology).

In 2015, family medicine ranked as the specialty most in demand for the services of its residency graduates among the 25 ranked specialties. The ranking of specialties is shown in the table on the right.

This was a long time coming. After ranking in the upper teens for many years, family medicine's relative rank began to improve in 2008, leading to its top rating in 2015 as shown in Table 1 ([click here](#)).

This information comes a few months after a report from the National Association of Community Health Centers that nearly 70 percent of community health centers across the United States indicate that they are currently recruiting for at least one family physician ([click here](#)). With the formation of the Boston ACO among BMC and the Boston HealthNet CHC's partners, public policies such as those promoting value-based reimbursement and enhanced reimbursement for primary care services as discussed by the Pew Trust ([click here](#)) will need to continue if we are to assure an adequate supply of well-prepared family physicians as the cornerstone of a more effective and efficient delivery system.

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Highlights & Achievements



Click [here](#) to check out the Boston Medical Center “**Patient Experience Forum Improvements Video**” that features **Katherine Gergen Barnett**.



Carol Mostow LICSW, Assistant Professor of Family Medicine, recently returned from Yale University where she was faculty at the American Academy on Communication in Healthcare national course that was held in June.



The Department of Family Medicine is pleased to announce the promotion of **Amola Shertukde** to **Medical Director** of the Boston University Charles River Medical Practice.



Congratulations to **Jen Pfau**, our **new Maternal and Child Health Director**! Jen has served for the past year as our Assistant Director and will be taking over for Dr. Rick Long. We also want to say a heartfelt thank you Dr. Long for his years of service!



Congratulations to **Rob Saper** who has been named to the BMC Patient Experience Leadership Team!



Congratulations to **Eric Roseen** (above, left) who received the **Early Career Researcher**, second place oral presentation award at the recent International Back and Neck Pain Forum.

Congratulations to **Rebecca Sussman** for her promotion to Director of Revenue Cycle for Ob/GYN, Family Medicine, and Pediatrics. Well deserved!

Click [here](#) to check out the article “ Boston docs call for more research, oversight on medicinal marijuana” on the “**Boston Herald**” website featuring **Katherine Gergen Barnett**.

Congratulations to **Tom Hines**, **Jen Lo**, **Barbara Lottero**, and the FM residency and **Roslindale teams** on receiving ACGME approval as a FM residency training site.

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EBNHC Family Medicine has officially expanded to a new site in Winthrop and is co-located with BMC PT and several BMC specialists, including FM Sports Medicine! Click [here](#) to read more.

Congratulation to Heather Miselis for being accepted into the Association of Family Medicine Residency Directors National Institute for Program Director Development (NIPDD) Fellowship!



Congratulations to **Alysa Veidis, MSN, RN, FNP-BC**, appointed to Governor Baker's Special Commission to Examine the Feasibility of Establishing a Pain Management Access Program! Click [here](#) to read more.

Congratulations to BUFM residency grad **Toyin Ajayi** (right) who was featured in the Boston Business Journal! Click [here](#) to read more.

DFM residents and faculty participated in the March for Peace in Boston with **BMC VP of Mission Thea James MD** and **CEO Kate Walsh**! Residents included **Marielle Baldwin, Bradley Buchheit, Anne Toledo, Elizabeth Doran, Erica Perry, and Julia Bartolomeo**. DFM faculty included **Dana Mars NP, Cheryl McSweeney MD, Suki Tepperberg MD, Steve Tringale MD** and **Carol Mostow LICSW**.

Congratulations to the grant writing team of **Drs. Heather Miselis (Principal Investigator), Brian Jack, Molly Cohen-Osher, Katherine Gergen-Barnett and Carol Mostow, LICSW** for recently being awarded a 5 year HRSA Primary Care Training and Enhancement grant for their project: *"Interprofessional Education and Expansion of the Primary Care Workforce: Developing a Collaborative Learning Model in Urban Underserved Patient Centered Medical Homes."* Click [here](#) to read more.



Katherine Gergen Barnett joined Team BMC for its first year participating in the Boston Triathlon! She is featured in the article *"Brookline Resident Runs for Addiction Treatment"* in the *"Brookline Patch"*. Click [here](#) to read the full story!



Highlights & Achievements

2016 Lynne Stevens Memorial Lecturer Elaine Alpert MD MPH



Caption: **2016 Lynne Stevens Memorial Lecturer Elaine Alpert MD MPH (3rd from left) flanked by some members of the Lynne Stevens Memorial Advisory Committee** (left to right: Judith Linden MD MPH , Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine; Jane Liebschutz MD MPH , Associate Section Chief of General Internal Medicine and Associate Professor of Medicine; Elaine Alpert MD MPH; Deborah Maine DPH Professor Emerita, Columbia School of Public Health and formerly Professor of International Health at BUSPH; Brian Jack MD MPH, Professor and Chair of Department of Family Medicine; Carol Mostow LICSW, Chair, Stevens Committee and Assistant Professor of Family Medicine. Additional Committee members not shown include: Karla Damus PhD, MSN; Joanne Timmons MPH; Karen Brouhard LICSW; Brian Penti MD MPH; Toyin Ajayi MD MPH; Maureen Mahoney LICSW.)

On May 24th, Elaine Alpert MD, MPH gave the 7th annual Lynne Stevens Memorial Lecture at BUSM, hosted by the Department of Family Medicine. This annual lecture is held in memory of Lynne Stevens MSW, a tireless advocate, clinician and researcher seeking to improve the healthcare response to women surviving gender-based violence. Dr. Alpert, an international expert on violence against women and family violence and trafficking, was here at the Boston University Medical Campus for 25 years as an internist, professor and Dean prior to taking a position at the University of British Columbia. Dr. Alpert sought to make sure that healthcare providers have the knowledge and skills to recognize when their patients may be in any kind of coercive or abusive relationship and an understanding of the resources we have at Boston Medical Center and in the community to help. Dr. Alpert's full presentations and handouts are available on the Department of Family Medicine website.

Additionally, the 2016 winner of the Lynne Stevens Memorial Award for Research or Practice Improvement was also announced on Tuesday. Sophia Dyer MD FACEP, Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine at BUSM and Medical Director for Boston EMS, Police and Fire Departments will be using her award to collaborate with experts in the field to pilot training for EMS commanders with the ultimate goal being for front line staff to recognize and respond appropriately to women they encounter who may be trafficked.

For Dr. Alpert's presentation and handouts as well as more background about the Stevens programs, past lecturers, and awardees [click here](#).

For more information and resources regarding domestic violence and related concerns, contact the BMC Domestic Violence Program.

Highlights & Achievements



Congratulations to **Cheryl McSweeney** for being accepted as a **Center for Teaching & Learning Summer Faculty Fellow!** Click [here](#) to read the full story about this fellowship program.

Congratulations to **Cheryl McSweeney, Jordana Price & Mansa Semenya** for being offered admission to the 6th year of the **Academy for Faculty Advancement!**



The **AFA** has assembled a cohort that includes educators, clinicians, and investigators with projects ranging from developing a curriculum or applying for an NIH grant to assessing quality improvement practices. We are confident that the group will support you in achieving your professional goals.

Residency Publications



Congratulations to newly graduated resident **Kirsten Austad (left)** for having the article "**Fertility Awareness Methods Are Not Modern Contraceptives: Defining Contraception to Reflect Our Priorities**" published in **Global Health: Science and Practice!**

Click [here](#) to read more.

Newly graduated resident **Anne Toledo (right)** recently wrote a short essay called "**The end of residency means difficult goodbyes**" on the online blog **KevinMD.com** about completing residency and saying goodbye to patients.

Click [here](#) to read more.



Second year resident **Chelsea McGuire (left)** got her paper "**Facilitators and Barriers to the Intergration of Mind-Body Medicine into Primary Care**" published in the **Journal of Alternative and Complementary Medicine**.

Click [here](#) to read the full article.



Residency Highlights

BUFM Residency First Year Interns and Health Center Assignments

Click [here](#) to read their Bios!



Khai-El Johnson
Codman



Milan Satcher
Codman



Chandler Christophe
Codman



Madeline Haas
Codman



Mateo Eckstat
East Boston



Lizzeth Alarcon
Codman



James Carter
Roslindale



Whitney Stansbury
Roslindale



Adi Rattner
South Boston



Katrina Ciraldo
South Boston



Julia Randall
South Boston



Kate Standish
South Boston

Medical Student Education

New Beginnings in Medical Student Education!



**We wish you the best of luck Miriam Hoffman!
You will always have a place in the BU DFM family.**

Miriam has accepted a position as Associate Dean for Clinical Medical Education at the Seton Hall-Hackensack School of Medicine. It is a great honor to Miriam to be offered such a position and it is a step forward for Family Medicine to have a talented family physician positioned highly. Congratulations; you will be truly missed!

Congratulations to Molly Cohen-Osher MD for being named the new Clerkship Director of Medical Student Education in DFM!



It is with great pleasure that DFM announced that Molly Cohen-Osher MD is named as Director of Medical Student Education in the Department of Family Medicine at Boston University School of Medicine. Molly graduated from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and the MacNeal FM Residency Program in Berwyn, IL before completing the Tufts University/Cambridge Health Alliance Master Teacher Fellowship. Molly recently received a Masters in Medical Education degree from the University of Dundee, Scotland UK. Molly will assume oversight of all four years of medical student programs within the department. Congratulations!

Faculty Publications & Presentations



Congratulations to **Michelle Dalencour** for the acceptance of her article entitled ***"The Role of Faith-Based Organizations in the Depression Care of African Americans and Hispanics in Los Angeles"*** that will be published in the journal ***Psychiatric Services*** of the American Psychiatric Association.

Congratulations to **Brian Penti** for the acceptance of his paper ***"Novel Peer Review Method for Improving Controlled Substance Prescribing in Primary Care"*** that will be published in the ***Journal of Opioid Management***.

Congratulations to Jeff Markuns and colleagues on the publication of their paper entitled ***"A novel tool for assessing primary care quality at the point of care in Vietnam"*** in the journal ***Education for Primary Care***.



Brian also had two podium presentations accepted to the **22nd Annual NRSA Research Trainees Conference** (prior to the Academy Health meeting each year). This is a great honor for Dr. Penti and the department.

Congratulations to **Michelle Dalencour, Karla Damus and Brian Jack** for publication of their manuscript entitled ***"The future of preconception care in the United States: multigenerational impact on reproductive outcomes"*** that describes possible epigenetic mechanisms for disproportionate health disparities in premature and low birth weight births among Black women. Click [here](#) to read the full article.

Paula Gardiner & Rob Saper went to the ***International Congress on Integrative Medicine Health Conference***. Click [here](#) to see all of the presentations by **Paula Gardiner, Rob Saper, Chelsea Lemaster, Anna Lestoquoy, & Eric Roseen**.

Congratulations to **Leanne Yinusa-Nyahkoon** and co authors for acceptance of their abstract to the **CityMatCH 2016 conference: "The Health Perspectives of African American Adolescents and Young Men"**. Click [here](#) to read more.

Congratulations to the 2016 APHA PCC Gabby/Gabe Abstract Acceptances!

Click [here](#) to see the presentations that were selected.



Congratulations to **Rebecca Lara & Jeff Markuns** for getting their article ***"Effective Feedback in the Education of Health Professionals"*** in the April issue of ***Support Line***.

Click [here](#) to read the full article.

Katherine Gergen Barnett spoke at the grand rounds webinar for the Academic Consortium for Integrative Medicine and Health, promoting the group visits model. Click [here](#) to read ***"Integrative Health Group Visits As Core Delivery Strategies"*** on "Integrative Practitioner.com".

You can also check out her article ***"Boston docs call for more research, oversight on medical marijuana"*** in the Boston Herald.

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Upcoming Events

September 5– Labor Day

September 11– DFM Social Gathering, Barnstable, MA

September 13– State of the Department Grand Rounds

September 14– Resident Fall Retreat

September 20-24– AAFP Annual Family Medicine Experience (formerly Assembly) Orlando, FL

September 27– Retreat

October 7– CHC Flash Rounds for Residents

October 17-22-National Healthcare Quality Week

October 24-28– In-Training Exam

October 28-30– FMEC Northeast Regional Meeting Pittsburgh

October 31– Residency Interviews Begin

Faculty Appointments



Nathan Cardoos, MD
Instructor



Lindsay Corse, MD
Instructor



Mansa Semanya, MD
Instructor



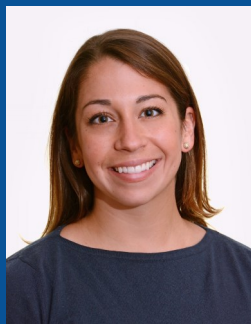
Deanna Corey, MD
Assistant Professor



Sarah Hale, MD
Instructor



Marissa Hamrick, MD
Instructor



Kelsey Jordan, NP
Instructor



Larkin Holt, MD
Instructor



Jenny Trieu, MD
Instructor



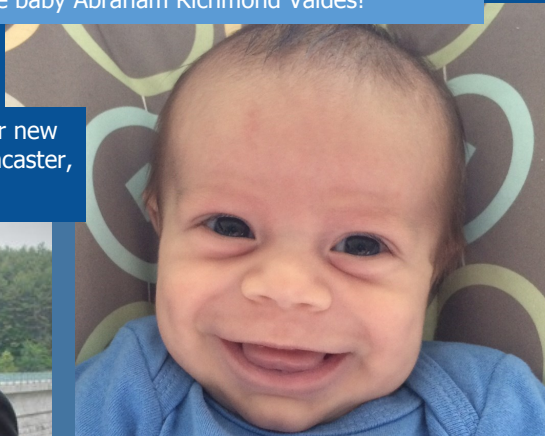
Meredith Amos, MD
Instructor

New Beginnings in the DFM Family

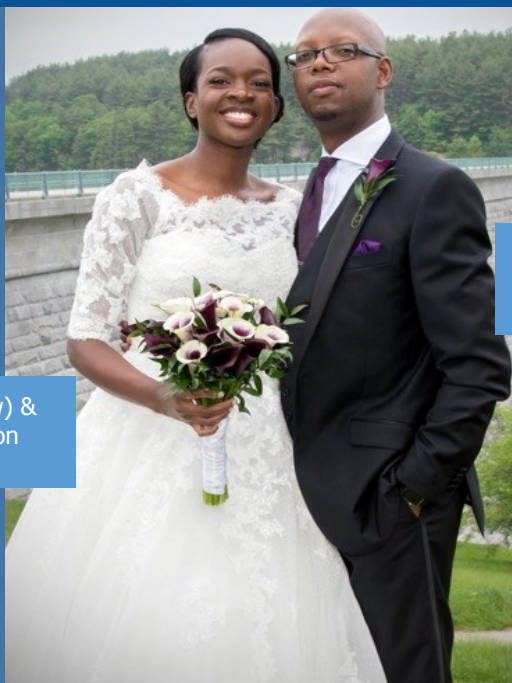
Congratulations to Mary Iaculli & Sam Cohen on their new baby girl, Eila Cohen, born on April 3, 2016 weighing 7 lbs 12 oz!



Congratulations to Aileen Richmond & Abraham Valdes & welcome baby Abraham Richmond Valdes!



Congratulations to Michelle Dalencour and her new husband, married in Michelle's hometown Lancaster, MA on May 29th!



Congratulations to Jenny Trieu and family (below) for the birth of their baby boy Luke Schwartz born weighing 6lbs 5oz!



Congratulations to Erica Mintzer & her family (below) & please welcome Saul Louis Mintzer-Goldberg born on May 16th!



Give a warm welcome Kaiori Ayotunde Omutan Wusu (below). She was born April 27, 2016 to Maria and Timilehin Wusu!

