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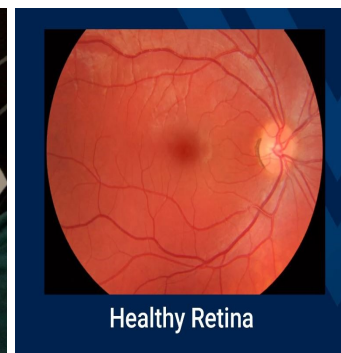
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Increasing Screening Rate for Diabetic Retinopathy

The members of Quality Improvement Team B have been exploring new strategies to increase the screening rate for diabetic retinopathy. They are in the process of creating an informative video about the screening procedure, attempting to demystify the screening process and encouraging patients to be screened. Residents, staff, and faculty participated in the making of this video. The goal is to send this out via MyChart message to patients who are overdue for this screening. It will also be shown silently in waiting rooms.



Healthy Retina

Emerging Scholars Grants Awarded

The third annual WVU DFM Emerging Scholars grants have been awarded. Three projects will receive up to \$5,000. The purpose of these awards is to provide seed money to faculty and residents developing new research and QI projects. The three proposals chosen for funding by a panel of reviewers were:

- **Point-of-Care A1c Testing** (PIs: Goodhart & Johnson)
- **Medical Acupuncture for the Treatment of Withdrawal Symptoms in Individuals with Opioid Use Disorder** (PIs: Unger, Tinajero, D. Farmer)
- **Improving Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening by Point of Care Ultrasound** (PIs: Brookshire, Monteleone, Peckens, Rickards, Watson)

Congratulations! We look forward to seeing your projects come to fruition.

Department of Family Medicine Research Core

A new faculty core was created in order to support and promote research in the Department of Family Medicine. Meet the members!



Dr. Amie Ashcraft
Director of Research



Dr. Treah Haggerty
Research Core Member



Dr. Courtney Pilkerton
Assistant Director
of Research



Dr. Barbara Cubic
Research Core Member



Dr. Ruben Tinajero
Research Core Member



Caitlin Montgomery
Research Assistant



Jun Xiang
Statistician

Publications

Dr. Carl Shrader's Sundale COVID-19 Research Team announced their paper on the antibody response of Sundale residents to COVID-19 has been accepted for publication in the *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*. The authors on this paper include MS4 and soon-to-be-DFM-residents **Joshua Moore** and **Tyler Groves**, **Courtney Pilkerton**, **Amie Ashcraft**, and **Carl Shrader**.

Dr. Charles Ponte had a textbook chapter titled, "Drug-Induced Diabetes", published in the Textbook of Diabetes, 6th ed.

Dr. Laurie Theeke, et al, "An observational study protocol to explore loneliness and systemic inflammation in an older adult population with chronic venous leg ulcers." Published in *BMC Geriatrics*.

Drs. Robert Allison, Shauna Assadzandi, and Megan Adelman, "Frailty: Evaluation and Management." Published in *American Family Physician*.

Dr. Treah Haggerty, et al, "Assessing the Impact of a Restrictive Opioid Prescribing Law in West Virginia." Published in *Substance Abuse Treatment, Prevention, and Policy*.

Dr. Benjamin Silverberg, "A Structured Approach to Skin and Soft Tissue Infections (SSTIs) in an Ambulatory Setting." Published in *Clinics and Practice*.

Dr. Treah Haggerty, et al, "Feasibility and Acceptability of Guided Imagery to Sequentially Address Multiple Health Behaviors during Pregnancy." Published in *Journal of Midwifery & Women's Health*.

Dr. Treah Haggerty, et al, "Longitudinal Assessment of a Dental and Medical Student Service Program in Appalachia: Successes and Lessons Learned." Published in *Journal of Public Health Dentistry*.

Achievements and Recognition



Dr. Shauna Assadzandi received a scholarship for her membership in the American Geriatrics Society since she will be a new fellow.



Dr. Treah Haggerty was nominated to apply for membership in the Women's Leadership Initiative and was accepted.

IRB Updates

- There are now new templates available for electronic consent forms using REDCap.
- The KC system will be replaced with another protocol management system. The options are currently being explored.
- Some projects will no longer need to be renewed annually with the IRB (e.g., exempt, NHR/Flex).
- *See Dr. Ashcraft if you have questions.*

New Research Assistant



Caitlin Montgomery, MPH, recently joined DFM as a full-time research assistant after spending the last three years as a Research Specialist and Study Coordinator in the Department of Epidemiology. She is working with Drs. Ashcraft and Pilkerton as they strive to increase the quantity and quality of research in the department until she begins medical school at WVU in July 2021.

DFM in the News



Dr. Shaylee Peckens was interviewed for *Physician's Weekly* newsletter about the DFM COPD specialty clinic in a piece entitled "A Closer Look at a Team-Based Approach to Improve COPD Symptoms" on February 17, 2021



Dr. Amie Ashcraft was interviewed by the *Dominion Post* for a front-page feature on human trafficking in WV on February 28, 2021.

New Faculty



Joe Capito
Assistant Professor



Hannah Stillings
Assistant Professor

Presentations

Dr. Laurie Theeke presentations "How Social Isolation and Loneliness Impact Health: A Model Based on the Literature," "Explicit Evidence of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Nursing Syllabi: A Descriptive Analysis", 46th Biennial Convention (Nov. 2021)

Drs. Kendra Unger and **Jason Oreskovich** hosted a national AAMA webinar titled, "Acupuncture for the Knee: All the Information you Knee'd to be Able to Knee'dle it Right"

Drs. Shauna Assadzandi, Jonathan Williamson, Emily Crocetti, Courtney S. Pilkerton, Amie M. Ashcraft, Carl D. Shrader poster presentation "No Difference in Mortality with Palliative Opioids Compared to Intubation in Long-Term Care Facility Residents with Severe COVID-19 Symptoms", American Geriatrics Society

Drs. Joshua Moore, Tyler Groves, Courtney Pilkerton, Amie M. Ashcraft, Carl D. Shrader submission on "Geriatric Antibody Response to COVID-19" was chosen for an oral presentation at the annual meeting of the American Geriatrics Society as well as the WVU School of Medicine Research and QI Day.

Submit Your Work

NAPCRG 49th Annual Meeting

This year the event will be fully virtual. Proposals on any topic relating to primary care are due May 31, 2021. The meeting will take place from November 19-23 2021

DFM Research Day

Call for abstracts! Email submissions to Dr. Amie Ashcraft by Friday May, 14. The Virtual Research Day will be held on Tuesday June 29, 2021 from 8am-12pm.

Upcoming Conferences

May 2021

3-7: STFM Annual Spring Conference Virtual

4-7: National Rural Health Association Conference Virtual

7: WVU School of Medicine Research Day and Quality Improvement Virtual

13-15: American Geriatrics Society Annual Meeting Virtual

25: Society of Hospital Medicine – West Virginia Chapter - Research, Innovation and Clinical Vignette Poster Competition Virtual

June 2021

24-25: Practice-Based Research Network Conference Virtual

29: Clark K. Sleeth Family Medicine Research Day Virtual

July 2021

29-31: American Academy of Family Physicians National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Students Virtual