HOUSESTAFF CORE CURRICULUM RETREAT

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JOHN CO, MD, MPH

John Patrick T. Co, MD, MPH Director of Graduate Medical Education of Partners HealthCare. He also is a practicing general pediatrician, medical educator, and health services researcher. He was Associate Program Director of the MGH Pediatric Residency Program for five years, and currently co-directs an intern rotation to teach practice based learning and quality improvement. Dr. Co’s research focuses on two areas: 1) Improving the quality of care for children and 2) Medical education. In working with the GME Office team, Dr. Co works to optimize residency and fellowship training throughout Partners. As Chair of the Association of Pediatric Program Director’s Research Task Force, Dr. Co works to improve the quality of research in pediatric graduate medical education.

Dr Co is an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at Harvard Medical School and Assistant Pediatrician at the Mass General Hospital for Children. Dr. Co was educated at Cornell University, Stanford Medical School, and Harvard School of Public Health. He completed his pediatric residency at Stanford University, fellowship in health services research at Harvard Medical School and Massachusetts General Hospital, and was a fellow in General Pediatrics Academic Development at Johns Hopkins and a Curtis Prout Academy Fellow at Harvard Medical School.
KEYNOTE ADDRESSSS

LAWRENCE EPSTEIN, MD

Lawrence Epstein, MD, is the Chief Medical Officer of Sleep HealthCenters, a Sleep Medicine specialty group. Dr. Epstein is a graduate of the George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences. He is board certified in Internal Medicine, Pulmonary Diseases, Critical Care Medicine and Sleep Medicine.

Dr. Epstein has a sleep medicine practice in Brighton, MA at Sleep HealthCenters Associated with Brigham and Women’s Hospital. Dr. Epstein is an Instructor in Medicine at Harvard Medical School and the Program Director for the Sleep Medicine fellowship training program at Brigham and Women’s Hospital. He is involved in conducting clinical research through his academic affiliation, particularly focused on methods for diagnosing and treating sleep disorders.

Dr. Epstein has also been involved with health policy and public policy through his involvement with national sleep organizations and public education initiatives. He was the President of the American Academy of Sleep Medicine from 2005-6 and is the co-author of the Harvard Medical School Guide to a Good Night's Sleep.
MARY ELLEN GOLDHAMER, MD, MPH

After graduating from Jefferson Medical College, Dr. Goldhamer completed a residency in Internal Medicine and a Clinician Educator Medical Education Fellowship at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, focusing on curriculum development and effective teaching strategies. She has taught core clinical and communication skills to medical students and residents for a decade. She developed primary care curricula for the University of Pennsylvania Internal Medicine residency program and the University Of Connecticut School Of Medicine, where she also served as the Clinical Remediator for the Schools of Medicine and Dentistry and was active in medical student and resident teaching and evaluation using Standardized Patients in the Clinical Skills Assessment Center. In 2005, Dr. Goldhamer came to MGH for the Harvard Faculty Development Fellowship Program in General Internal Medicine and completed a Masters in Public Health at the Harvard School of Public Health. Her research and thesis focused on a large-scale program evaluation of the HSPH Program in Clinical Effectiveness, the largest program to train physicians to conduct clinical research. She has worked with the Massachusetts General Physician Organization (MGPO) and the MGH Practice Improvement Division to develop and implement the MGPO Core Communication Skills Trainee Initiative, which utilizes case-based specialty-specific workshops to train physicians in evidence-based core communication skills. In 2010, Dr. Goldhamer joined Partners Graduate Medical Education as an Education Specialist, focusing on an initiative to improve competency-based trainee assessment and feedback across Partners training programs.

VICKI JACKSON, MD, MPH

Vicki, a general internist, is the Associate Director of the Palliative Care Service and the Fellowship Director of the Harvard Palliative Medicine Fellowships. She received her palliative care fellowship training at the Pain & Palliative Care Service at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and the Brigham and Women's Hospital. Her research and educational interests include improving physician's care of patients with life-threatening illness.

"I find this work deeply grounding and immensely rewarding. I am privileged each day to witness the strength of the human spirit as patients and families grapple with serious illness."

FRANK KORN, RN
HELEN RIESS, MD

Dr. Helen Riess is Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School and Director of Education for Psychotherapy Supervision for faculty and residents at the Massachusetts General Hospital. She received her undergraduate degree at Wesleyan University and her M.D. from Boston University School of Medicine. She trained in Psychiatry at the Massachusetts General Hospital where she was Psychotherapy Chief Resident and completed a post-graduate fellowship in Eating Disorders Research. She was awarded a Dupont–Warren Research Fellowship which funded her designing and testing an innovative group treatment approach for the prevalent eating disorder, Bulimia Nervosa. The treatment method integrates education, cognitive behavioral strategies, interpersonal and relational aspects of eating disorders. This method is used at MGH, across the country, and internationally and is presented in her book, Integrative Group Treatment for Bulimia Nervosa, Columbia University Press, 2002. The book is a user-friendly treatment and information manual that can be used both by professional group leaders as well as by individuals who seek to change their eating behaviors. Her book is available at Amazon.com.

Dr. Riess has been a faculty teacher and supervisor in the MGH Psychiatry Residency Training Program since 1987. She directed Group Psychotherapy in the Eating Disorders Unit at MGH for ten years, leading and teaching long term group psychotherapy as well as designing the time-limited 12 session group method described above. She taught this method to psychiatry residents, psychologists and social workers. Dr. Riess teaches psychotherapy and psychotherapy supervision to psychiatry residents and fellows at MGH. In 1997 she launched an ongoing Continuing Education Program in conjunction with the Harvard Medical School Department of Continuing Education on Effective and Ethical Psychotherapy Supervision. Dr. Riess has published numerous journal articles and presents her Eating Disorders work regularly at the American Group Psychotherapy Association’s International meetings and at the Northeast Society for Group Psychotherapy Annual Meetings.

In 2003 Dr. Riess joined the Psychotherapy Research Group at MGH where she is researching and developing a course on enhancing empathy in the patient-doctor relationship with the use of psychophysiology, neurobiology and didactics for medical students, residents and faculty. In 2006 she was awarded a Rabkin Fellowship in Medical Education for Harvard Faculty who are developing innovative courses at all levels of medical education.

Dr. Riess also has a part-time psychotherapy and psychopharmacology private practice in Boston and Wayland, Massachusetts.

JO SHAPIRO, MD, FACS

Dr. Shapiro serves as Chief, Division of Otolaryngology in the Department of Surgery at Brigham and Women's Hospital. She is an associate professor of Otology and Laryngology at Harvard Medical School. In October 2008, she became the director of the new Center for Professionalism and Peer Support at BWH. She has had multiple educational leadership roles including: Senior Associate Director of Graduate Medical Education for Partners HealthCare, Founding Scholar of the Academy at Harvard Medical School, Director of the Otolaryngology Clerkship for HMS, and President-Elect of the Society of University Otolaryngologists as well as Chair of their Committee on Faculty Development. She is on the faculty of the Harvard Leadership
Development for Physicians and Scientists. She was one of the first woman division chiefs at Brigham and Woman's Hospital, and she is on the Senior Advisory Board for the Office of Women's Careers at BWH. She has an active surgical practice treating adults with oropharyngeal dysphagia as well as general pediatric otolaryngology.

Dr. Shapiro received her B.A. from Cornell University and her M.D. from George Washington University Medical School. Her general surgery training was at University of California, San Diego and then UCLA. She did her otolaryngology training at Harvard followed by a year of a National Institute of Health Training Grant Fellowship in swallowing physiology. She has been a faculty member in the Department of Surgery at BWH since 1987. She is married to an internist, and they have three children.