

YAHP Dinner Meeting
March 21, 2011
Griffin Hospital

MEETING MINUTES

In attendance:

Yale University

Tracy Crosby
Stephen Huot, MD, PhD
Silvio Inzucchi, MD

Bridgeport Hospital

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Danbury Hospital

Dino Messina, MD, PhD
Michael Schiffman, MD
Winston Shih, MD
Pat Tietjen, MD

Greenwich Hospital

Charles Seelig, MD

Griffin Hospital

Margie Bliga
Kenneth Dobuler, MD
Seema D'Souza, MD
Joseph Gnanaraj, MD
Ganga Kabbli, MD
Lionel Lim, MD, MPH
Todd Liu, JD
Haq Nawaz, MD, MPH
Neetu Nebhwani, MD
Kenneth Schwartz, MD
Naveed Sheikh, MD
Dorothea Wild, MD, MPH

Hospital of St. Raphael

Robert Nardino, MD

Norwalk Hospital

Andrea Peterson, MD

St. Mary's Hospital

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Waterbury Hospital

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Dr. Kenneth Dobuler, Chair of Medicine at Griffin Hospital, began the meeting at 7:00pm by welcoming everyone, and briefly introducing the Griffin faculty present.

Dr. Silvio Inzucchi, YAHP Director, then took the floor and discussed the next Annual Retreat. A list of topics of past retreats was available, and he asked for the group to think about areas that hadn't been covered yet. Suggestions ran the gamut from evaluating and assessing residents to the new ACGME requirements that go into effect July 1. The conversation turned lively as many of the Affiliates are concerned about how their smaller programs will handle the changes. Dr. Steve Huot, Associate Chair of Academic Affairs at Yale, suggested a meeting for the group some time in April or May, to share what the different programs are doing and planning to do. Look for an email from Tracy regarding this meeting.

Dr. Inzucchi gathered a lot of ideas and some names for the keynote speaker, and he will be sending an email asking folks to participate in the organizing committee.

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Dr. Inzucchi then introduced Dr. Huot, who was on the agenda to speak about electronic 'sign-outs'. He explained how Yale-New Haven Hospital has a standardized the electronic sign-out across the system and across departments – not just for Internal Medicine. The SIGN-OUT mnemonic is used (he provided a handout) and the interns received laminated cards during orientation. For interns, residents must be present during the first three blocks of the year. The electronic sign-out started as a simple *MS Word* document but is now incorporated into *Sunrise Clinical Manager*, the EMR used at Yale. Everyone completes the same template and can identify fields to add to the sign-out. He offered to create an example using the current patients he has on service (with identifying info blacked out) to distribute to the group. The key to the success is that everyone uses it, regardless of department or clinical level (housestaff, clinical hospitalist, etc.).

Dr. Haq Nawaz, Program Director of the Combined Internal Medicine/Preventive Medicine Residency Program at Griffin, began the presentation at 8pm, entitled, "Curricular Initiatives at Griffin Hospital".

The two residency programs at Griffin (3-yr internal medicine and 4-yr preventive/internal medicine combined) received four different grants: HRSA Internal Medicine Training Grant, HRSA Preventive Medicine Training Grant, HRSA Equipment Grant, and an American Cancer Society Grant.

The *Internal Medicine Grant* focuses on patient-centered care, which includes communication skills, cultural competency, and addiction medicine and pain management. There have been many workshops and didactic sessions incorporated into the curriculum, with video tapings of residents conducting patient interviews being used for critiquing purposes. The patient-centered medical home model is also being incorporated by transforming two current practices (Hill Health Center and the Faculty Practice Plan) into medical homes. Dr. Nawaz explained how various outside experts are coming in to teach the residents using different methodologies.

Dr. Nawaz briefly explained about the *Preventive Medicine Grant* they received, which promotes healthy diet, physical exercise, smoking cessation and stress reduction. A pre- and post-survey is being conducted, to see how residents are looking at their own lifestyle choices.

Part of the *Preventive Medicine Grant* provides funding for teaching global health/tropical medicine. Griffin is able to provide residents with the opportunity to participate in a 6-week rotation in Uganda as part of the Makerere University/Yale University program developed by Dr. Majid Sadigh.

The *Equipment Grant* has allowed Griffin to explore video-link and video conferencing with Yale, and it has also enabled Tele-Medicine. They are looking into an audience response system and have obtained a "patient simulator" or "SimMan®" to run modules for several types of medical interventions.

Griffin views all of these initiatives as more opportunities for collaboration across the affiliation – a chance to share what they have learned.

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The floor was opened for questions, and Dr. Inzucchi asked how the program is able to work all of this “new” curriculum into the day, as it looks involve a fair amount didactic sessions. Dr. Nawaz admitted they had to get very creative, adding evening conferences and sometimes having conferences twice a day. Since the quality of the conferences was so good, there is little pushback from the residents about attending, especially as the core faculty is required to be present as well.

Dr. Dobuler brought the meeting to close at 8:40pm.