

WINDSOR PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry
Windsor Program



Message from the Associate Dean

Communication is an essential element in medical practice and medical education. Through our newsletter, we hope to inform students, faculty and the community on the development of medical education at the University of Windsor, on activities involving the staff and faculty of the Windsor Program and on upcoming events. I hope you find the newsletter informative and I encourage you to give us your opinion on the newsletter or any of the activities of our program. *Dr. Tom Scott, Associate Dean and Director of Medical Studies.*

Meet our Staff



From Left to Right: Linda Wright, Paula Pavan, Bev Nicholls, Jeanne Hickey, Michael Farquhar, Ann Sovan and Kelly Ducharme

Medical Education Building Update

The University of Windsor is constructing the three-storey Medical Education Building on the south side of the Toldo Health Education Centre. The facility will house the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry medical education program at the University of Windsor and will provide the opportunity for students to study medicine supported by the latest in electronic technology. Construction, due to be complete by September, when the first students enter the program, can be followed on our webcam: www.uwindsor.ca/medicaleducationbuilding

Construction is on schedule, with completion of the roof due by the end of January. Work on the interior of the building will commence in February.



Message from the Assistant Dean

For the past four years our clinical clerks have been working in community hospitals as part of their medical education. The medical faculty who have been teaching the students have developed such an attractive education program that more students apply to do their clinical year in Windsor than we can accept! Through the newsletter I will provide updates on the SWOMEN/Windsor program, on the students, staff and faculty. *Dr. Raphael Cheung, Assistant Dean, SWOMEN/Windsor*



As we prepare for September 2008 and the entry of the first-year class to the Windsor Program, we have been expanding our staff.

Several staff members including Dr. Tom Scott, Associate Dean and Director of Medical Education, Ann Sovan, Program Manager, who is in charge of the Program staff, Paula Pavan, Administrative Assistant to the Associate Dean and Linda Wright, Secretary, are located in the Anthony P. Toldo Health Education Centre.

Jay Orchard, SWOMEN Manager, is located in London while Jeanne Hickey, SWOMEN Windsor Program Coordinator works from the Toldo location in Windsor.

The Education Coordinators, Kelly Ducharme and Bev Nicholls work at Windsor Regional Hospital, Michael Farquhar works at Hôtel-Dieu Grace Hospital. Further additions to the staff will occur in April 2008.

More Doctors for Windsor

The final component of medical education before medical practice is residency. As our program builds we hope to place more resident physicians in the Windsor community. This process is facilitated by the development and management of residency training programs by the Academic Directors of our program, Dr. Mark Awuku, Dr. Leonardo Cortese, Dr. Greg Hasen, Dr. Antonio Meriano, Dr. Lenna Morgan, Dr. Andrew Petrakos, Dr. Ed Roberts, Dr. Osman Tarabain and Dr. Dale Ziter.

As part of our expansion, Dr. Tamison Doey has recently been appointed as Academic Director for Adult Psychiatry Postgraduate Education. Dr. Doey is the Head of Child Psychiatry in Windsor. Dr. Doey is currently on staff at the Maryvale Adolescent and Family Services, Regional Children's Center, Chatham Kent Integrated Children's Services and Leamington Hospital Child and Adolescent Clinic. The Academic Directors are key medical faculty in our plan to bring more physicians to Windsor for postgraduate training. It would be ideal for the Windsor Program to have its own stream of postgraduate trainees who are committed to do most of their training in Windsor. Such is already the case with Family Medicine under the able leadership of Dr. Dale Ziter.



Dr. Tamison Doey

Recent graduates from the Windsor Family Medicine Residency Program are Dr. Jennifer Boismier and Dr. Helena Hamdan who have both set up medical practice in Windsor.

Students' Corner



David Dudok

As the New Year moves on, the medical students here in Windsor move closer to half way through clerkship. It has definitely been an exciting time as we gain more experience and hopefully some competency.

Every student I have talked to has enjoyed their respective rotations here in Windsor. It was easy to tell when we had our Windsor Discovery Day for second year students. All of my classmates had positive comments and I think that many second years are considering full-time for next year.

We are also looking ahead to the class of 2012. In late March and April there will be two interview weekends in London. The new Windsor cohort will be somewhere within the hundreds of interviewees and it will be our job to inform them about the program and city. As such, we are planning information sessions and having some Windsor clerks at the interview weekends to impress and inform.

Student input is also being received on curriculum and student service matters. While various committees in Windsor and London deal with these issues, student representation has allowed changes to be made that will best serve the new Windsor class.

Outreach

The Windsor program intends to be a community-based medical education program, graduating physicians who will provide medical care in our community. Students from the region will be encouraged and supported in their application to do their medical training in our region, and to return following completion of their studies to practice medicine here.

As part of our connection to the community we have delivered talks to various organizations. Dr. Scott and Ms. Pavan recently spoke to a group of grade 12 students at Belle River High school, outlining the pathway to becoming a doctor.

One of our third year students, David Dudok, recently spoke to a group of CAW retirees on the subject of medical education in Windsor. David is an outstanding example of the achievements by students from our region. Having grown up in Windsor, David decided to do his undergraduate medical education at the local medical school, the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry at The University of Western Ontario. When the opportunity presented itself, David jumped at the chance to do all of his clinical training here in Windsor. David is a wonderful ambassador for our medical education program and an excellent role model for future Windsor medical students.

Mini Medical School Lecture Series a Huge Success!



Dr. Lenna Morgan, Paediatrics

Dr. Lenna Morgan was one of five lecturers for the first *Mini Medical School* lecture series offered by the Windsor Program every Thursday night in November. Dr. Morgan lectured on the topic of Cystic Fibrosis.

The event was attended by 150 "students" from all ages and walks of life. The series included lectures by Dr. Len Cortese on "The Beautiful Mind" a consideration of schizophrenia illustrated by film clips, Dr. Joshua Polsky on gynaecological surgery, Dr. Osman Tarabain on colorectal cancer screening and Dr. Raphael Cheung on Vitamin D. The next Mini Medical School will be held in May.

Spring 2008 Faculty Development Mini Fellowship Fund – Up to \$5000

Guidelines for application can be found online:

<http://www.schulich.uwo.ca/education/erru/facdev/MiniFellowship.pdf>

Application Deadline: Friday, March 28, 2008

Please contact us if you would like assistance in developing your proposal for application.