Grant Will Support Training Initiatives

In July 2019, the PA program was awarded a 1.2-million-dollar Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) grant to grow student and preceptor recruitment in rural and other medically underserved communities, and offer more training for students and preceptors in behavioral health and substance use disorders. These initiatives will help our preceptors by:

- Providing training in areas of behavioral medicine and substance use disorder/addiction, including medication-assisted treatment (MAT).
- Increasing clinical rotation sites in underserved communities and offering more rotations in Addiction Medicine, Behavioral Health, Community Health Centers, Tribal Medicine, and Veteran Affairs, giving students more experiences in these communities and specialties.
- Encouraging students to accept rotations in high need areas by offering financial assistance to help defray housing costs.

If you have rotation availability in targeted areas, please reach out! We would love to connect!

New Workshop: Motivational Interviewing for SUD/OUD

Wisconsinites need help. In 2017, 916 Wisconsinites died from opioid overdoses, more than the number killed in motor vehicle accidents. In 2016, the rate of opioid-related overdose deaths in Wisconsin was 15.8 per 100,000 persons, higher than the national average of 13.3 deaths per 100,000. From 2000-2016 prescription-opioid deaths increased 600%.

One effective technique to help patients change these behaviors is motivational interviewing (MI). Evidence shows that providers with MI skills can break through resistance and ambivalence and help patients find their own motivation to change.

Funded in part by the HRSA grant, UW-Madison PA faculty Amy Parins will present: Motivational Interviewing for Substance Use Disorders. Her first presentation is April 1 at the Wisconsin Academy of Physician Assistants Spring CME Conference. Register now. More workshops will be offered, stay tuned for info. For more info on Parins, see p. 2.
**BOOT CAMP FUN!**
After each eight-week rotation, UW-Madison PA students return to campus for testing, coursework, and skills labs. In preparation for their next rotations, Boot Camps provide hands-on practice in sterile technique, suturing, surgical instrument review, casting, and splinting, as well as opportunities to practice reading ECGs and helping patients manage health conditions including pregnancy, hypertension, diabetes, and asthma.

**Clinical Year Corner**

**Using MI to Help Patients**
Certified in motivational interviewing and SBIRT, PA faculty Amy Parins has a special interest in behavioral health and wellness. She is passionate about training clinicians to prevent, accurately diagnose, and treat SUD/OUD.

Amy Parins  
PA-C, MPAS

Completing his medical training at Des Moines University-College of Osteopathic Medicine in Iowa, Dr. Klean completed his residency at Midwestern University in Chicago and a fellowship in orthopedic surgery-sports medicine at the Detroit Medical Center in Michigan.

**What inspired you to go into medicine?**
My father suffered a debilitating CVA at the age of 42. While an extremely difficult time in my life, it uncovered a strong desire to help others in need. Then in high school, I shadowed an orthopedic surgeon; I was hooked. It was amazing to see the significant difference an orthopedic procedure could have on a person’s quality of life.

**Preceptor Profile:**
**Meet Dr. Kevin Klean!**

Dr. Klean is an orthopedic surgeon at Mercy Hospital, Janesville, WI

**What do you most enjoy when working with students?**
I truly enjoy seeing students grow. Observing students make the connection between knowledge learned in books and the diagnoses and treatment seen in everyday clinical practice is very rewarding.

**What advice would you give other preceptors taking students in a busy practice?**
It is helpful to sit down with the student before a rotation to identify their learning expectations and goals. This helps guide the rotation for both the preceptor and the student.

Thank you to Dr. Klean and ALL our preceptors who help our students grow!

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