I. Highlights

Our division has continued to be productive in clinical care, teaching and research. As of Sept 2008 Dr. Berkson has been on sabbatical in Ottawa learning methods of Knowledge Translation. Dr. Baron has extended the McGill Early Arthritis Registry to include patients from Maisonneuve Rosemont. The Canadian Scleroderma Research Group, Directed by Dr. Baron, has recruited over 800 patients and continues to be productive. In addition to the New Emerging Team Grant and the Strategic Training grants received in 2007 and the operating grant received by Dr Hudson, we have received additional operating grants in partnership with Dr M. Gornitsky to study oral health in scleroderma and with Dr Brett Thombs to study aspects of the psychosocial health of patients.

II. Evaluation of Past Academic Year

1) Teaching Activities

Dr. Baron: 1 month on a general medical ward as attending staff. Lectures to phase 2 students

Dr. Hudson: 1) Epidemiology and Evidence-based medicine tutor in Basis of Medicine (medical students, year 2); clinical tutor in POM and IIM; lectures to medical students and residents.

Dr. Berkson: On July 1 2007, she completed a 5-year project in resident education funded by a Clinician Teacher Award from the Arthritis Society of Canada.

2) Research

Our research has been productive as measured by the publications listed under “7) Other”:

3) Clinical Activities

The division continues to be very active. The clinical inpatient consultation service has an average of 3-4 consults per day which is likely the highest within the McGill system.

4) Academic Staff: No change

5) Consulting Activities: None
6) Honours, Awards and Prizes

Hudson, MP: CIHR New Investigator award, FRSQ chercheur-clinicien boursier award (declined), CAN Network Scholarship (declined). Dr Hudson is also a spokesperson for The Arthritis Society and has made several presentations to the lay public and participated in a documentary recorded by TV Ontario on their behalf.

7) Other

Publications and Articles Submitted:


-Thombs BD, Hudson M. Problems using aggregate scores of the Medical Outcomes Study 36-item Short Form Health Survey in knee and hip osteoarthritis: possible solutions. Osteoarthritis Cartilage. 2008 May 2.


III. Objectives and Priorities

The division would like to maintain its high standards in all aspects of academic medicine. This means maintaining our staff and seeking new rheumatologists as the burden of clinical service has become increasingly higher over the years.

Respectfully submitted,

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