I. Highlights

Our division has continued to be productive in clinical care, teaching and research. As of September 2008 Dr. Berkson has returned from sabbatical in Ottawa learning methods of Knowledge Translation. The Canadian Scleroderma Research Group, Directed by Dr. Baron, has recruited over 1000 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. Dr Hudson was appointed as a tenure-track Assistant Professor (GFT-U) in the Department of Medicine, McGill University on May 1, 2009.

II. Evaluation of Past Academic Year

1) Teaching Activities

Dr. Baron, Dr. Berkson: 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.

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, including the JGH Minimed program, and participated in a documentary recorded by TV Ontario.

7) Other

Publications and Articles in press:


7. Dobkin PL, De Civita M, Bernatsky S, Filipski M, Sita A, **Baron M**. Preliminary validity of the barriers to treatment questionnaire in fibromyalgia: combining quantitative and focus group data Psychological Reports 2009;in press.


11. **Hudson M**, Thombs BD, Steele R, Panopalis P, Newton E, Canadian Scleroderma Research Group, **Baron M**. Health-Related Quality of Life in Systemic Sclerosis: A


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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