

## INFORMATION ABOUT RESIDENT PHYSICIANS (& Other Medical Learners)

As you know, Dr. Dec has a strong commitment towards educating future family physicians. These are the young doctors that will be looking after you in the future when it comes time for Dr. Dec to scale down his time in the office and move towards retirement. As you know time passes quickly and that time will come before we know it. Dr. Dec has supervised all levels of students, from the "pre-med" Brock University MedPlus students to Family Medicine Residents. For a complete understanding of the difference between types of learners, please see the back of this sheet and also see where all of Dr. Dec's prior residents have ended up.

At present, *Dr. Amanda Butera* is working alongside Dr. Dec. She hails from Sudbury, and did her medical student training there at the Northern Ontario School of Medicine. Dr. Butera is at the Niagara Campus of the McMaster Family Medicine Residency Program and she started in July 2016 and will be working through to June 2018. Dr. Butera's schedule is variable, but on average she is in the office, 5-7 half days per week, and she may also see you if you happen to get admitted into the hospital. If you are scheduled with Dr. Butera, she will be able to deal with most of your concerns independently. On the odd occasion, if your problems are a little more complicated, she may need to consult with Dr. Dec so they can agree on the proper management & investigations. Be aware that all of Dr. Butera's encounters are reviewed by Dr. Dec at the end of the day, so Dr. Dec is aware of what is going on in your care regardless of who is providing it. In addition, we have monitoring system in place in Room #2 that allows Dr. Dec to observe his "Residents in Action!" or have them "tape" their encounters on video (with your permission) for later review.

It is our expectation that if you are asked to follow up specifically with **Dr. Butera**, you do so. This makes sense in that if investigations are ordered or treatment is recommended, it is helpful for her to review the results and see the effectiveness of her recommendations. If you feel that Dr. Dec needs to be specifically involved in the discussion, then please request that, so that all three of us can put our thoughts together to come up with the best management plan. In this way, you actually are getting "two doctors for the price of one!" I have learned many things from my residents over the years, because they are very much in tune with all the up-to-date information.

Thank you again for participating in educating these young men and women. I really appreciate your willingness to help them. Their debt and gratitude to you is significant.

As always, if you have any questions, please let us know.

Dr. Dec & Staff

### **Medical Learners: What Level Are They At & What's the Difference?**

Dr. Dec supervises different types of learners. Here is how to keep them straight:

#### **"PREMED STUDENTS"**

Basically an Observer. Interested in Medicine as a career, and trying to get a little exposure. Will just be following Dr. Dec around. No independence. Eg. – Brock University Medplus

#### **MEDICAL STUDENTS**

Early in their training. Need a fair amount of supervision & they have limited independence. Will sometimes be left alone to ask you questions about your medical problems, and will do simple physical exam techniques, usually with direct supervision. Will be asked by Dr. Dec, "What do you think is going on?" Will usually help Dr. Dec recommend treatment.  
CANNOT WRITE PRESCRIPTIONS!

#### **CLINICAL CLERKS**

Final Year Medical Students. Need some supervision but are fairly independent & fairly knowledgeable. Will be left alone to assess your medical problems, and will do physical exam techniques, usually independently but sometimes with direct supervision. Will usually formulate a treatment plan and ask Dr. Dec for guidance on some aspects of management.  
CANNOT WRITE PRESCRIPTIONS!

#### **RESIDENTS**

Have graduated from medical school & have an M.D. behind their name. However, they still require at least 2 years of working beside an experienced Family Doctor until they are able to practice independently. Minimal, if any supervision needed & are quite independent and capable. They will be able to deal with most of your concerns independently. On the odd occasion, if your problems are a little more complicated, they may need to consult with Dr. Dec so we can agree on the proper management & investigations.  
THEY ARE ABLE TO WRITE VALID PRESCRIPTIONS!

### **Where Are They Now?**

- Dr. Markus Faulhaber (2013-2015):  
Married with 2 children, Working in a Family Health Team & Public Health in Kingston area
- Dr. Kiran Dhillon (2010-2012):  
Married with 1 child, Working in Garden City Family Health Team in St. Catharines
- Dr. Karen Fang: (2009-2010):  
Moved back to British Columbia and works assisting cancer physicians there
- Dr. Matthew Greenway (2007-2009):  
Married with 3 children, working in Independent Family Practice in St. Catharines  
Assistant Clinical Professor at McMaster University
- Dr. Natalie Cousineau (Jan 2006-June 2007):  
Married in 2007 with 2 children, works as ER Physician in Barrie