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Centre for Health Education Scholarship (CHES) Research Rounds

Mark Your Calendars! The Centre for Health Education Scholarship (CHES) is inviting you to Research Rounds with

Dr. Ian Scott



Date: Wednesday, November 16, 2011
Time: 12:00pm to 1:30pm (Lunch will be served at DHCC)
Venue: Diamond Health Care Centre 2267
With Videoconference to IRC 305, CWH 2D22, MSB 210,
RJH 125, NHSC 9-374, and UHNBC 5009 (Port #1)

**Please be aware that this session will be recorded and made available online to CHES members on a password-protected site.*

Topic:
Trends and Issues in Medical Student Career Choice

Abstract:

How medical students choose their careers is embedded within the larger context of how humans make choice. Choice theories often assume a rational actor but there are often internal and external limitations to rational choice. These theories may give insight into how medical students make high stakes career decisions soon after the midpoint of their undergraduate medical training and current theories of choice will be explored in the context of medical student career choice. These student decisions have substantial influence on the mix of health care providers in the current system as student choice puts significant pressure on both the mix of postgraduate training positions and the number of certificants from each speciality in medicine.

To explore the concept of choice, the findings from a number of our career choice studies will be explored:

- To determine how closely the career preference of students entering medical school aligns with the current physician mix in Canada
- To determine predictors of choosing a career in the higher ranked disciplines
- To examine switching patterns

Dr. Ian Scott obtained his medical degree in 1991, his CCFP in 1993, his FRCPC in Community Medicine in 1997 and a Masters in Health Research Methodology in 2008 from McMaster University. Prior to joining UBC he worked as a community HIV primary care physician. He joined UBC in 1999 as the Director of Undergraduate Family Practice Programs, a position he continues to hold today. At the national level, he serves as the Chair of the College of Family Physicians of Canada Undergraduate Education Office. He is currently in a number of leadership roles addressing curriculum renewal at UBC. His research has focused on medical education, particularly medical student career choice as well as lay health perceptions of marginalized women. He has published over 20 articles in peer reviewed journals in these areas.

Please join us.

Dr. Joanna Bates
Director, Centre for Health Education Scholarship

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