2018 Internal Grant Program (IGP)

Farhan Lalani and Stephanie Conner propose to develop a longitudinal, multi-tiered Point of Care Ultrasound (POCUS) curriculum for all DHM faculty entitled, "The comprehensive DHMPT: A tiered training program to achieve appropriate use and safe integration of POCUS into the practice of Hospital Medicine."The goal of this grant is to develop a curriculum to offer basic training in POCUS for all DHM faculty, additional hands-on training for some and full credentialing for those who are interested. Aims of the grant include development of online modules, focused manual training, and clarification of the POCUS credentialing pathway and clinical documentation at UCSF. The IGP review committee felt that this project was novel, timely, draws on Farhan and Stephanie's unique skill set (also mentored by Trevor Jensen in our division), and is likely to lead to both a measurable clinical benefit to DHM and to enhance their career development. The review committee was especially enthusiastic about integrating POCUS into the practice of Hospital Medicine, since our trainees are already learning and using this technology.

Priyanka Agrawal proposes to develop videoconferencing infrastructure and remote video encounters for UCSF inpatients hospitalized with cancer at Parnassus with their UCSF oncologists and medical teams in a proposal entitled, "The R.O.V.E. (Remote Oncology Video Visit Encounter) Program." The aims of this proposal are to pilot the use of telehealth to improve communication between oncology patients admitted to the UCSF hospital medicine service, hospital medicine teams and primary oncologists. The review committee was enthusiastic because this project tackles a real problem in the care of our oncology patients resulting from having separate campuses and is likely relevant to the future of hospital medicine by harnessing technology to reintegrate outpatient providers into the ongoing management of hospitalized patients.

Thank you,

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