FACT SHEET on UCAM [for Academic year 2006-2007]

What?: UCAM is a unique, 12 week continuous, longitudinal experience for Year 3 or 4 University Of Minnesota medical students. The 12 weeks will be spent mainly in a Family Medicine clinic in an urban setting usually serving a diverse population that includes lower income patients from diverse backgrounds. UCAM students participate fully in the activities of the 8 weeks required Primary Care Clerkship (1 day per week in small group activities) and complete the course OSCE and shelf exam at the end of the first 8 weeks. They will receive a grade for the PCC separate from the FMCH elective grade. For the final 4 weeks of the course, various activities will occur one day per week outside clinic. Each student will do an 8 week EBM project for PCC. Also students will continue that project on the same topic for their 4 weeks of ECAM.

When?: UCAM is offered twice per year, the first offering is in May, the second offering in November. There is a capacity of five students per time (total 10 per year). The ideal time to take UCAM is starting November of Year 3 (after a few required inpatient clerkships in early year 3) or as the first rotation in Year 4, starting end-May / early-June. However it is possible for year 3 students to take it as their very first rotation or for year 4 students to take it as one of their last rotations in November of Year 4.

How?: To secure a place in UCAM, you must:

First, register for the Primary Care Clerkship as one of your top 3 required course options; periods S1 and S2 (5/29/06 – 7/21/06) OR periods F4 and F5 (11/13/06 – 1/12/07).

Second, register for FMCH 7511 for the 4 week period directly after the PCC, that is either S3 (7/24/06 – 8/18/06) or SP1 (1/15/07 – 2/09/07).

These two 12 week blocks have been deliberately timed to minimize disruption to your schedule and maximize your opportunity to take 6 week courses immediately before and after UCAM.

Who?: Dr Chris Reif (medical director of CUHC clinic), reifx002@umn.edu and Dr David Power (course director of PCC), power007@umn.edu are co-course directors. The UCAM coordinator is Judy Hillstrom, hills007@umn.edu. Please feel free to contact any of us with questions. You will have a primary clinic preceptor who you will interface most with during the course. If you have a request for a specific clinic, please communicate this to Judy at least 3 months before the course starts. There are Spanish-speaking clinics available only for students who are fully fluent in Spanish.