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Wednesday Weekly Wonders

Dear Students,

As we continue to re-open our clinical, educational, research and commerce operations we recognize that we are doing so at a time when we, as a community and nation, are reeling from the tragic reminders of the injustices embedded within our criminal justice and health care systems. I hope that you are finding the support and solidarity that is so important during times of grief and adversity. Know that we are thinking of you all and that we are here for you.

Included in today's Weekly Wonders please find LCOM highlights, general information, class specific information and some FAQs.

General Information

- **Clinical**

- Our clinical faculty and staff welcomed over 80 advanced integration students into the clinical environment on Monday!
- Less frequent UVM Medical Center Summary of the Day communication which we consider a good sign! As of last UVM MC summary on Wednesday, May 27th:
 - UVM MC: No COVID Positive. 3 PUIs.
 - No changes to welcoming policy while the Governor's Emergency Order is in place.
 - Outpatient Clinics: Last Week, 71% of Pre-COVID visit volumes (64% the week prior).

- **Education**

- Advanced Integration students returned to the clinical environment at UVM Medical Center!

- **Research**

- Phase 2 (June 1 – June 15, 2020) Lab Reopening with additional nonessential research personnel including faculty, staff, and medical student, graduate and postdoctoral research trainees.

Class of 2021

- Welcome back to the clinical environment! Please provide ongoing feedback to [Emma Faustner](#) and [Dr. Shaden Eldakar-Hein](#) about how things are going.
- A reminder to only utilize one pair of scrubs daily only if in the operating room. Scrubs are not to leave the locker room for any reason and taking more than one is inappropriate and will lead to shortage for the team.
- Reminder to practice social distancing during work rounds and to bring your laptops to allow working in open spaces.
- The End of Clerkship Clinical Skills Exam (EOC CSE) is an important assessment of your clinical skills at the completion of your clerkship level and a graduation requirement. In addition, it has been designed to help you prepare for and augment your studying for Step 2-CS exam. The Step 2-CS exam cancellation does NOT negate this important clerkship assessment and graduation

requirement. Program directors will appreciate knowing that you have successfully completed this type of assessment.

- Information about specialty specific guidelines, including the newly added [Internal Medicine](#) guidelines, can be found on the [AAMC Specialty Response to COVID-19](#) webpage.

Class of 2022

- OMSE and clinical colleagues continue to work diligently to prepare the clinical environment to resume co2022 clinical activities on July 13th. Please note that with the current schedule you are expected to begin face-to-face activities on July 6, 2020 and will need to comply with state quarantine guidelines.
- Students assigned to CT for the entire clerkship level will be physically located in CT for their clinical activities. Students assigned to CT for specific rotations will remain in VT for these rotations. Students assigned to West Palm Beach (WPB) for rotation #1 will remain in VT, other WPB rotations will depend on quarantine and WPB's ability to take students which is currently being evaluated.
- [Wednesday Weekly Wonders Supplemental Document - Class of 2022 FAQs for additional questions from the co2022 Town Hall](#)

Class of 2023

- 2 weeks until summer – really 2 *weeks*? Amazing!
- Students are in the 3rd (not final) block of Med Neuro called the Clinical Neuroscience block!
- PCR has ended for the year.
- Students hosted an online forum to discuss recent events related to racism in our country. Over 50 people attended and resulted in new ideas about communication and community during this time.

All students

- **Quarantine update** – Current state guidelines expect those coming to Vermont from out-of-state quarantine for 14 days. This is a hot-topic and additional information will be forthcoming from the State Health Commissioner soon.
- Additional COVID-19 information is located on the [Medical Student COVID-19 Information](#) web site.
- **Access to LCOM** – As a reminder, doors to the LCOM building are locked and can only be accessed with your CatCard. Students should have their UVM (CatCard) ID on them when in the building.
- **Volunteer opportunities** are listed on the [LCOMCares Service Corps](#) web site including a link to UVM Student Volunteer Opportunities which is a Google document that lists volunteer opportunities and associated student leaders.
- [LCOM](#) and [UVM Health Network](#) **Wellness resources** are linked here for your convenience.
- [Current Activity In Vermont](#) - **Vermont Department of Health information** is linked here and updated frequently.

Please continue to take care of yourselves and stay connected to family and friends. We miss you and remain grateful to you for your patience and understanding during this stressful and challenging time. Wishing you a wonderful week!

With gratitude,

Christa Zehle and our amazing OMSE team!

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