Dear Colleagues:

Last week started out for me at the Denver County Court House where several hundred of us (including at least three other members of our faculty) waited to hear if we would be called to serve on a jury. Six times the Jury Commissioner called out numbers and, this time, my number was not called. Someone once said they weren’t sure whether having your number called was winning, or whether not being called was winning. I saw at least two of the other faculty go off to a courtroom while I was waiting. Whether they wound up getting on a jury or not, I will probably not know. I was out of there by 11:00am though and had the rest of the afternoon to catch up on a lot of stuff that I was behind on given all the travel of the previous weeks and the preparations for the state of the School the week before.

On a daily basis, we hear questions about University Physicians, Inc. (UPI): What is the Member Practice Agreement? Why do basic-science faculty have to sign it? What income is assignable to UPI? What are the rules if a faculty member is “part-time”? Can a faculty member receive “extra pay for teaching”? Steven Lowenstein, MD, Professor and Associate Dean, SOM Faculty Affairs, Lilly Marks, Sr. Associate Dean, SOM Administration and Finance, and Steve Zweck-Bronner, Sr. Associate University Council, have prepared a new document that addresses these questions. The document, Assignment of medical-legal, clinical and consulting income to UPI: Case studies, is available at http://www.uchsc.edu/som/faculty/UPIDocument2009.pdf. The document includes brief discussions of the Member Practice Agreement, Amendment 41 and the one-sixth rule (which is not available to SOM faculty members). The document includes eight case studies that address the most frequently asked questions about assignment of consulting income and other professional income to UPI. We add a hundred or more faculty each year to our school, so this is a really timely document. I hope all faculty will take the time to look at it and keep it handy.

Over 600 (80%) of the providers at UCH have responded to the provider satisfaction survey. Many thanks for this (and if you are one of the remaining 20%, the survey will be open until midnight tonight). The link is: https://survey.moreheadmsp.net/mrlWeb/mrlWeb.dll?I.Project=phuncol9

Over the years, I have found that there is no morbidity in a short news letter. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday --- and for those on call, I hope it is quiet.

Have a good week.

With warm regards,
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