1. Dr. Suzanne Brandenburg thanked the housestaff for being positive ambassadors of our program at the evening social events with the applicants. The applicants are appreciative of those that have opened their homes and offered up their couches and futons. Recruitment is going very well.

2. ACP Updates
   - Congratulations to the State ACP Meeting abstract competition winners! For Oral Presentations it is Kristen Regalia, “Of Mice and Women” and Ben Scheier “A Testicular Mass in a Young Male: Cancer Until Proven Otherwise”. Andy Sweatt “The Break That (Almost) Broke the Bad Habit and Alison Landrey “Shared Decision Making in PSA Testing: are the Poster winners.
   - The State ACP Meeting will take place February 2-4, 2012, at The Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs.
   - Congratulations to our Doctor’s Dilemma Team: Jonathan Schwartz, Kate McCaffrey, Bobby Isfort and Steve New. The ACP Doctor’s Dilemma Competition, UC-Denver versus St. Joe’s, will be held Thursday, February 16, 2012 @ 6:30 PM @ Wynkoop so that more of you can attend.

3. Chief Medical Resident selection will be in early February.

4. Reminders:
   - **USMLE** - R2’s must submit USMLE Step 3 scores to Alli Hockin by December 31, 2011
   - **Scholarly Activity** - Deadline for scholarly activity requirement extended to March 1, 2012. This is a requirement for R2’s and R3’s, and optional for interns.
   - **CEX** - 4 mini-CEX’s due May 1, 2012: 2 from continuity clinic, 1 from OBMT and 1 from inpatient rotation. PSL and UCH MICU ...
   - **ABIM Certification Exam** - **Registration** for the ABIM Certifying Exam is from December 1, 2011 through February 1, 2012. Exam Dates are: August 6, 7, 13, 15, 16 or 22, 2012 and the cost is $1,365. Late registration runs February 2 - March 1. There is a non-refundable late fee of $400. This expense can be used on your taxes. Dr. Brandenburg’s advise is that you already pay enough to take this exam, do not register late. Also study for the boards. Very few fail, but you are committing a lot of funds for this exam, make sure you are prepared.
   - **Colorado Medical License** - R3’s staying in Colorado should apply early in 2012 for your Colorado Medical License.
   - **DEA License** - Until you know your job situation, do not apply for your DEA license. Some institutions, such as the University of Colorado, you will receive a waiver fee for your DEA license.
5. Fellowships – Dr. Josh Klopper discussed the new fellowship timelines. The advantage of this switch is that housestaff have more time to decide on career choice. The disadvantage for this year is that there may be a large bolus of applicants. Residents interested in fellowship should check with the Division Fellowship Directors for guidance on interview plans. It is anticipated that Fellowship Programs will be interviewing August-October.

Dr. Brandenburg indicated that the block schedule will change to accommodate this timeline change and ensure that all residents have opportunity to interview. She also recommended that housestaff should anticipate getting all their materials needed to her by the middle of June so that letters of recommendation can be prepared and sent to ERAS to be uploaded on 7/15/12.

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6. University of Colorado Primary Care Research Fellowship is considering applications now. This is an interdisciplinary fellowship – General Internal Medicine, Pediatrics and Family Medicine.
• Research mentorship on primary care related health outcomes, comparative effectiveness, health services, epidemiologic research

• Obtain an MPH

• 2 year NRSA funded program, 2 fellows per year

If interested, contact: Ingrid Binswanger, ingrid.binswanger@ucdenver.edu

Website: http://www.ucdenver.edu/academics/colleges/medicalschool/programs/outcomes/education/Pages/Fellowship.aspx

7. Jeopardy Update - With the change to the Denver Health ICU to include two upper-level residents overnight, jeopardy usage for capped services will now only be possible one night a week (Saturday night at UCH)!

Jeopardy usage this month:

Jack Cunningham
Liz Harry
Joe LutgringX2
Eric Martin
Roger Turcotte
Heather Kirkland
Davey WilliamsX2
Jon Sprague
Joe Sweigart
John Sleesman

Thank you to those who served!

8. Shout Outs - Thanks to Clay Foster for covering for a sick colleague on ACE this month!

9. Dr. Karen Chacko inquired as to how many of you use handheld devices +/- the calendar function. The clinic directors are considering sending Outlook calendar invites with a day-ahead reminder feature, for certain rotations where the clinic schedule is off the usual track (like float). The majority of the housestaff in attendance to keep use their handheld devise and the calendar function.
10. UCH Updates
- On-call cardiology resident now being paged at the same time as the cath lab attending for cardiac alerts in the ED. This will improve educational value of STEMI patients.
- New ward twilighter working well
- Night shift on UCH floors scaled back from 7PM-7AM to 8:30PM-7AM

Admissions

ICU:
- Cobb: 45
- Goodson: "I think I had 39. It felt like so many more..."
- Griffith: 46
- Regalia:
- Interns: Clemons, Cline, Hoffman, Terras, Loar, Voros, Woodruff

CCU: (data from 2 days missing)
- Burke: 44
- Czernik: 49
- Dunn: 54
- Nordstrom: 41
- Interns: Brimhall, Kidder, Merritt, Nitsch

Floors:
- Residents: Wilson, Chascsa, Sachs, Olson, Foley
- Interns: Otten, Friedlander, Russell, Sterrett, Stephenson, Thompson

ACE:
- Hawk: Webb/A. Johnson/Foster -
- Eagle: Ari/Woning/Merritt - 65

HTT:
- Residents: Zheng, Moles

Hepatology:
- Interns: New, Fleeman

Floors
- 406 admissions with data from 1 day missing
- Compared to 361 in October, 389 in September, and 434 in August
- Elk, Bear, and Coyote each took care of 75 patients on average
- Compared to 64 in October, 76 in September, and 108 in August
### Floor Admissions

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Values = November (October)

- **Interesting Cases**
  - New diagnosis of MEN1 syndrome in patient with primary hyperparathyroidism, insulinoma, and history of pituitary adenoma
  - Carcinoid syndrome in patient with new-onset right-sided heart failure
  - Dengue Fever in 33 y/o F returning from Thailand
  - Cushing’s Syndrome 2/2 pituitary adenoma

11. **PSL Updates**
- The High Street hospitalist group is scheduled to take over all hospitalist admissions to P/SL beginning January 1st. A non-teaching service will be implemented at that time. This will allow more flexibility regarding the number and timing of admissions. A new resident signout program is being piloted at this time. Housestaff will have access to the signout from home.

- **Admissions**
  - Red Team - Warner/LaVergne/Lazar/Moss/Waxweiler: 52
  - Gold Team - Christensen/Wells/Suarez/Thompson/Huff: 45
  - Green Team - Liu/Lammers/Waxweiler/Monroe/Korieshi: 50
  - Blue Team - Kreso/Pearson/Williams/Johnson/Ortleb: 47

- **Interesting cases**
  - Flexaspira-induced hepatitis ~9 cases documented worldwide according to ID
  - New diagnosis of AML with presenting sign of E nodosum
  - Successful resuscitation and tPA administration in a 34 y/o woman with PEA arrest 2/2 massive PE

12. **VA Updates**
- VA Schedule Version 4.0, implemented 12.1. Interns on Float now cover the overnight shifts. Goal: improved intern continuity on the wards.
• Bat Cave is under construction: New paint, 4 phones. Shall henceforth be called “The Penthouse”

• Admissions
  Team Czwornog - 75 patients
  Team Bagley - 63 patients
  Team Kahr - 3,265 g of Furosemide administered
  Team Colbert - 18.5 Code Blues (some were even real)

13. VA OBMT
• Interns now helping out with night float at VA- one Saturday call per month- Thank you!
• OBMT residents now seeing peri-op patients Tue-Thur- Silver Bullet resident still covering Monday
• Thank you residents and interns for all of your hard work in November!
• Intern Journal December 14th at Dr. Brandenburg’s house!- look for the invite email
• ALLHAT and SHEP trials

14. DHMC Updates
• The MICU has switched over to a system where there are two R3s at night, and it seems to be going well so far...Benefits include no more Jeopardy to be called in for capped MICU services.
• We’ve continued to have great cases, and many people have submitted their case reports and will be eligible for the Rick Albert Prize.
- Nov. Floor Admits
  
  Longs : 69  
  Pikes : 91  
  Evans : 69  
  Aspen : 87  
  Juniper : 70  
  Spruce : 81  

  **9th Floor Residents**  
  Schneider, Stotts, King, Navarro  

  **9th Floor Interns**  
  Shillinglaw, Gersh, Engelmann, Heacock, Nitsch, Mann, Liu, Trigero  

  **8th Floor Residents**  
  Reither, Dirksen, Tomlinson, Duong  

  **8th Floor Interns**  
  Adams, Stump, Guese, Hughart, Graf, Sterrett, Salston, Hoffman  

- November MICU Admissions  
  
  Fraser/Coleman/Ruygrok: 64  
  Landrey/Mann/Russell: 61  
  Learned/Peters/Stump: 60  
  Annis/Garcia/Wells: 60  

- Interesting Cases  
  
  - A case of thyrotoxic periodic paralysis  
  - Pasteurella multocida bacteremia, AKA, when cats attack  
  - An unfortunate gentleman who decided to ingest Drano  
  - Brugada syndrome in a 21 yo male presenting with syncope
15. Birthdays

Ylinne Lynch  12/6
Bobby Isfort  12/7
Jonathan Schwartz 12/7
Misha Huang  12/8
Neil Mehta  12/8
Travis Moss  12/8
Max Smolkin  12/11
Sarah Earle  12/15
Preston Schneider 12/15
Amy Silverberg 12/17
Meredith Niess 12/18
James Russell  12/25
Kevin Harada  12/26
Ben Stump  12/27
Jared Davis  12/29

Jennie Lin  12/29
Dylan Pearson  12/30
John Sleesman  12/30

16. Announcements

Ben Scheier is engaged!
Wednesday, December 7

Kevin Hartman is giving Grand Rounds:
“Anabolic Performance Enhancing Substances”

Join us for
Sherry Berka’s Retirement Reception

December 9, 2011, 3:30-5PM
Trivisible, RC2, Room 2100