Thank you to College of Medicine, College of Pharmacy, and all our volunteers for helping run the Vaccine Clinic!
Dear Volunteer and Ranked Clinical Faculty.

It is a pleasure to be back at CNU COM as the Chair of Clinical Medicine. As such I wish you a hopefully positive start to our exciting new year with some very good news.

Our faculty and staff and students are very excited about the upcoming LCME visit at the end of March and are fully engaged in preparing for this final step to full accreditation for the COM. The impact of Covid19 in our community is being addressed by the ongoing vaccination clinics held every weekday at the school with our College of Pharmacy and medical student volunteers. We have vaccinated over 9000 persons living in our area as well as our M3 and M4 students. As more vaccine supply comes in we will expand our efforts currently at 700+ vaccinations a day. Having an extensively vaccinated school environment will really help us in the efforts to increase hands-on medical student education at your receptor-supported training sites.

We are truly appreciative of all the preceptors that not only continued to see patients during the pandemic but also adapted their teaching to continue supervising our students. We understand and are very appreciative of the difficulties you all have faced not only in-patient care but also ensuring staff, medical student, and personal safety.

This pandemic has really challenged the health care sector making it even more imperative that we graduate increasing numbers of well-trained physicians to provide care in our region. We are grateful for all your efforts and hope you can help us spread the word to your colleagues about the satisfaction teaching brings to you - we are always in need of preceptors, especially those passionate about training the science and art of our profession by role modeling.

Let us all hope that our pandemic starts to decline in intensity, and we can slowly return to our albeit changed normalcy.

As a believer in systems improvement, I will also really appreciate those of you that may take the time to contact me with your concerns, ideas, and problem solutions.

Truly I have the highest regards for all of you,

Hanns Haesslein MD MPH
Greetings folks,

While we ring in the new year, it can certainly seem like our hopes for a fresh, optimistic start have aged like milk. As a favorite sitcom used to open every Friday night: it’s a rare condition, this day and age, to read any good news on the newspaper page. It wears on the human condition to be constantly inundated by sour, dour news, but it is my hope that you will find some shelter from the storm within these pages. The students of CNUCOM are consistently some of the kindest, most determined people you will ever find. While they themselves may be battered and bruised, they seem to always find the time to help out both the local community and the community at large. It is easily one of my greatest privileges to count myself among them.

I hope they make you proud.

In friendship,
Vincent Ma
SBC President
California Northstate University recently partnered with Shifa Community Clinic to provide clinical experience to our first and second year medical students. Shifa Clinic is a student-run clinic that operates on weekends and provides free primary care services to the underserved community in Sacramento. The clinic is staffed each weekend by undergraduate and medical students along with 1-2 preceptors. We would like to invite you to serve as a CNU preceptor at Shifa Clinic.

The clinic is open from 9 am to 3pm on Saturdays and Sundays. However, preceptors are expected to be there only about 4 hours (10am-2pm). Undergraduate students check in the patient and obtain vitals. Medical students obtain history and perform a physical exam before presenting the patient to the preceptor. The patients are provided care based on preceptor recommendations. The medical student then completes the progress note in the EMR which is addended and co-signed by the preceptor. Since Shifa Clinic is a student-run clinic, it provide a wonderful experience for students to develop their clinical and leadership skills.

California Northstate University will provide malpractice insurance to all CNU faculty (academic and volunteer/community clinical faculty) who precept at Shifa Clinic. There is no minimum time commitment for preceptors. Even if you can volunteer a few times a year, it will be a tremendous help.

If you are interesting is signing up to serve as a preceptor, please contact Jericho Hallare, CNU Shifa Preceptor Co-Director at Jericho.Hallare6552@cnsu.edu or Dr. Zahid Iqbal at Zahid.Iqbal@cnsu.edu. You may also get more information about the clinic at shifaclinic.org.
EVERYONE WANTS TO LIVE ON TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN BUT ALL THE HAPPINESS AND GROWTH OCCURS WHILE YOU'RE CLIMBING IT.

ANDY ROONEY
**COME VOLUNTEER AND WORK ALONGSIDE MEDICAL STUDENTS AT CLINICA TEPATI!**

Students at California Northstate are working with UC Davis at a student-run clinic and they can use your help! Clinica Tepati is always looking for new providers passionate about helping the underserved Latino community in the Sacramento region. Not only will you be helping our patients, but you will also be guiding Medical students through their learning experience of diagnostic differentials and treatment plans. Come be a part of our Clinica family!

**Overview and Expectations:**
We are always looking for new physicians! The role is extremely crucial to the operation of the clinic’s flow and credibility to treat our patients. As a preceptor, you will be responsible for reviewing the Medical students’ work with the patients, as well as guiding them through their learning experience of diagnostic differentials and treatment plans. You will have the opportunity to be presented with cases by our Medical students similar to how physicians present cases to attending physicians! Keep in mind that there will be more than one preceptor on a given day so you won’t be overwhelmed by the number of cases. You will NOT be responsible for triaging patient cases since that responsibility falls under the combined role of the Medical Director, Co-Director, and our Clinic Manager. NOTE: You are not expected to speak Spanish. Translators are readily accessible from our undergraduate pool of volunteers. As well, California Northstate volunteers will be covered by the school’s malpractice insurance.

**Physician Roles:**
Preceptors are an incredibly important aspect of clinic, and without you, none of this would be possible. However, if you feel you would be better suited for a different role, there are more ways to get involved! We regularly hold specialty clinics with physicians who would prefer to see patients pertaining to their specialty. As well, we hand out referrals to patients for physicians willing to see patients at their own clinic at a free or discounted rate. Lastly, Clinica Tepati always appreciates phone consults with specialists to review cases pertaining to their specialty and make suggestions on care.

**Scheduling and Logistics:**
Scheduling is flexible and based on your availability. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we are currently seeing patients virtually via Zoom on Saturdays from 7:00am until 4:00pm. There are also opportunities to collaborate with students during the weekdays if you are interested in learning about that option. Each Saturday we see approximately 25 patients and with everyone working together, we are usually done between 3:00 and 4:00pm. You are not obligated to stay on the Zoom session for the whole day; we can accommodate your schedule.

To get involved, please email our Preceptor Co-Director, Shadi Salimi, at Shadi.Salimi6484@cnsu.edu
Congratulations to Ethan Luong, CNU MS4

On behalf of Kaiser:
"He received a “Simply The Best” award from one of our valued members who recognized him for creating caring moments by providing personalized and excellent experience during his Intervention Radiology rotation back in Oct 2020. The member wrote “Thank you for being so caring. You made me feel so comfortable during the procedure of taking the catheter out for my plasmapheresis. You’re going to be great at what you do once you master it. You’re doing an amazing job. Please stay safe and healthy. God bless.” That is awesome! Thank you so much to Ethan."

Congratulations to MS3 Eric Jones who has just been instated as the President of the national PM&R Medical Student Council for the Association of Academic Physiatrists.

The COM Diversity and Inclusion Committee is pleased to announce the four winners of our first California Northstate University College of Medicine (CNUCOM) Diversity in Medicine Scholarship. This award is offered to students currently enrolled in CNUCOM who have demonstrated exceptional leadership in promoting growth in diversity on our campus, service to underrepresented communities, and dedication to scholarship.

They are: Zoe Robinow, Emily Siegler, Tanya Talwar, and Rogelio Molina.

Congratulations to all!
CNU Surgery Clerkship Mixer 2021

“Thank you so much to all of our panelists! And thank you to everyone who participated! The event was such a great success, and we hope you enjoyed meeting these amazing surgeons in the community. Stay tuned for our upcoming M4 Surgery Mixer with the newly matched CNU surgeons from Class of 2021!”

- CNUCOM Surgery Student Interest Group
Thank you for reading our newsletter and your continuous support to our students at CNU College of Medicine.