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Duke Heart Center Grand Rounds – Mitral Regurgitation

This week we had the first in the Heart Center Grand Rounds aimed at providing our interdisciplinary approach to cardiovascular disease. An all star cast from the cardiology, anesthesia, and CT surgery group helped provide a fantastic overview of the challenges in treating and caring for patients with mitral regurgitation. The presentation started with imaging of the mitral valve – where Zainab Samad clearly presented the strengths and limitations of imaging the mitral valve and showed that the visual interpretation in our echocardiography lab had the least variability for severity. Donald Glower followed with a wonderful description of the surgical management of primary MR and functional MR. Mihai Podgoreanu provide a description of the changing severity of MR depending on the anesthesia and loading conditions, and how to interpret this in the OR. Finally, Andrew Wang provided the data and studies (many of which Don Glower and Andrew have led) on percutaneous mitral clip and its role in treating MR. The overall presentation was timely and well received by a packed audience. We will have more multi-disciplinary grand rounds in to highlight the teams that are discovering and helping care for our patients.
Thanksgiving Week for Duke Heart:

The Cardiology ward service has over the last few months has been able to increase our clinical staff to include several advanced practice providers. Thanksgiving was the first holiday this expanded group helped cover, and they are pictured here enjoying a holiday potpourri.

Turkey Bowl 2016: The longstanding Turkey Bowl between the Duke Marines and the VA Jets was played on Thanksgiving Day. The referees Harvey Cohen and David Butterly called a good and competitive game. Don Hegland from the Division along with some junior help were in charge of yard markers and down and distance. The game highlighted festive patriotic outfits as seen below and included lots of trick plays by residents on both sides. Clearly the recruitment of residents into medicine has focused on better athletes than in years past – making for much better games. This year the Duke team pulled away in the second half to win by multiple scores, but both sides were seen partaking in thanksgiving cheer at the end of the game.

Duke Health Scholars – Round 2: The Dean has announced round 2 of funding Assistant or Associate Professors Clinician Scientist. The amount is between 450-700K dollars and to be used by the applicant to further their research. The Division and the Department of Medicine are identifying potential applicants to help get materials together for the deadline on February 1, 2017.

ALICE program: As noted last week - the School of Medicine - Office of Faculty Development is seeking applications for the ALICE program - a 10-month career development program for mid-career women.
faculty that is essentially a local version of ELAM (see https://medicine.duke.edu/medicinenews/som-acception-applications-alice-program). Several members of the Dept participated in the pilot run and had very positive experiences (see: https://medicine.duke.edu/medicinenews/5-medicine-selected-new-alice-leadership-development-program)

There is a $2,250 for program expenses including the cost of the personality and 360 instruments, speaker fees, facility costs, and program evaluation. I strongly believe that this is a very worthwhile investment in faculty leadership development and will discuss with any interest faculty member to help cover costs and encourage participation.