

**Committee on Medical Education**  
**Report to Members**  
**Clinical Research Block – Year 2**  
**2006-2007 Academic Year**  
**Class of 2010**

Michael Lauer, M.D., director of the Clinical Research Block presented his report to the Curriculum Steering Council on December 15, 2006. Overall, the course was well received by students with 69% rating the course as good or excellent. 96% of students rated their Clinical Research preceptor as good or excellent. The Clinical Research Journal Club was likewise rated as good or excellent by 82% of students. Students gave high ratings to their clinical research experience, Epidemiology Seminar series, and Journal Clubs. Students gave low ratings to the small group presentations in Biostatistics and the Biostatistics Seminars.

In response to feedback by students and faculty Dr. Lauer made the following recommendations:

1. The Research Project component of the course will remain unchanged.
2. The Journal Club will remain unchanged.
3. Epidemiology course requires no major changes.
4. The Biostatistics course will require major reworking and a change in leadership. Consideration will be given to eliminating the small group student presentations and greater emphasis will be placed on biostatistics theory rather than solely on application.

The Curriculum Steering Council thanked Dr. Lauer for his efforts in organizing the Clinical Research Block and complimented him for the overall success of this course. The exception, as noted, relates to the Biostatistics component of the Clinical Research Block curriculum. Unfortunately, illness hindered the effectiveness of the course's new leader. As discussed, Dr. Lauer will work with the chairman of the Department of Quantitative Health Sciences to identify a new course director for the coming year. The Curriculum Steering Council accepted Dr. Lauer's recommendations as noted above and thanked him for his efforts.

Respectfully submitted,



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