CHS/CT Promotion Tips

Practical Points for Getting Started and Preparation of Packet (Adapted from the SMPH Pathways to Promotion Workshop

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- 1) Read your track's promotion guidelines document and become familiar with the requirements
 - a) **CHS:** Choose an area of excellence (clinical, teaching, research) and an area of significant accomplishment
 - b) **CT:** Area of excellence is always "clinical." Area of significant accomplishment is not required
 - c) Review your track's promotion guidelines regularly with your mentoring committee (CHS)

2) Make use of annual reviews and mentoring committee

- a) Set goals with your mentoring committee (CHS)
- b) Set goals during your annual reviews with department/division leadership (CHS and CT)
- c) Bring track guidelines with you
- d) Request feedback on progress toward promotion and suggestions about future directions
- e) Create an individual development plan
- f) Ask for the mentoring you need

3) Implement a system to document ALL activities

- a) Document everything you do in electronic or paper files (get assistance from your administrative staff)
- b) Keep every piece of paper/e-mail with positive feedback
- c) If you haven't been keeping track, go back and do it now
- d) Block time on your calendar for a calendar review and documentation of activities
- e) Figure out what should be added to your CV
- f) Update your CV (monthly is ideal, but every 6 months minimum)
- g) Use SMPH CV template on Office of Faculty Affairs and Development website
- h) If you don't have time to update now, stick a reminder in a file to add later

4) Prioritize

- a) Careful selection: activities, committees
- b) Self-promotion
- c) Make sure your colleagues know of your work
- d) Present at departmental, local, and regional forums

5) Personal Statement

- a) Suggest writing a draft annually
- b) Show it to your mentoring committee/division head/department chair
- c) Do not simply reiterate what is in your CV: Highlight the impact of your area of excellence and significant accomplishment
- d) Never too late to pull it together