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As doctors work through puzzling cases in sessions called “morbidity and mortality” conferences, the whiteboard at the front of the room gets filled with notations. This photo of Jonathan Ross, director of DHMC's medicine “M&Ms,” is by Jon Gilbert Fox. The associated story starts on page 32.