Department Head Update

2015 has begun in high gear. This past week we held the grand opening of the Wilf Family Center. The Wilf Family Center includes a 203 seat auditorium along with 3 Conference Rooms. One of these is dedicated to telemedicine; all of the spaces include state of the art A-V such as the huge video wall in the auditorium. Seeing the space completed is very exciting and the quality of the space exceeds the expectations many of us had for it. It will be a very needed and welcomed addition to our educational mission and add substantially to our patients and family experience here at UMMCH. As you tour the space please also take in the painting “Creation” donated by our colleague Dr. Robert Fisch. This gift celebrates the 100th anniversary of the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Minnesota.

Renovations and building are also continuing on the 11th floor (East Building) NICU expansion and the 7th floor (South Building) post-partum ward. This will not only increase capacity but dramatically improve our care space.

Resident interviewing season is over and the rank list is being compiled. This year we had over 1,000 applications to the residency and interviewed almost 200 applicants. Across the U.S. residency programs are seeing more applications as medical students increase the number of places each applies to. Thank you to Drs. Emily Borman-Shoap, Mike Pitt, Tom George, Patty Hobday and all of the staff for the work they do to make the applicants day informative and attractive. Interviewing in Minnesota in December and January is tough, but the quality of the program readily overwhelms the weather.

Finally, spring meeting season is coming. The Pediatric Academic Societies meeting will be April 25 – 28 in San Diego. ASPHO (heme/onc) and others will be meeting as well. The department reception at PAS will be on Sunday April 26 from 6:30 to 8:30pm. Please plan early, cancel clinics, and get your housing as these often fill fast. See you then. - Joe

100th Anniversary

The University of Minnesota Masonic Children’s Hospital is celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Department of Pediatrics by highlighting significant achievements of faculty and researchers throughout the celebratory year. Our history and achievements will be celebrated in many forums including Children’s Health newsletter and e-newsletter articles, Medical School Bulletin article, April Issue; UMMCH Website; Social Media including a “Medical Firsts series”; Special events marketing.

Events Include:
• June 8: Champions for Children Celebrity Golf Classic, Windsong Golf Club
• June 24: Donor Recognition Garden Party
• September: Gopher Tailgating Party with Patients and Families
• October: Department of Pediatrics Legacy Dinner, McNamara
• November: FashionFest, McNamara Alumni Center

Department of Pediatrics Legacy Dinner (October):
The 100th anniversary celebrations will culminate with a special Department of Pediatrics Legacy Dinner inviting current faculty, faculty emeriti and alumni to celebrate the distinguished legacy of the department and its numerous contributions to children’s health research, education and patient care at the University of Minnesota.

Education

**Pediatric Research, Education and Scholarship Symposium (PRESS):** PRESS is scheduled Friday, April 17th, 2015 2:00-6:00pm in the Wilf Family Center. This annual event celebrates and showcases the depth and breadth of research and scholarly activities performed by Department trainees and sponsored by faculty members. All trainees are invited to submit abstracts of scholarly for a formal oral presentation, speed talk, or poster session. Abstracts are due to Ginny Oie by 3/16/15. Details of PRESS and submission information are available here.

**Foundations of Healthcare Communication:** Join us for a one-day, interactive session focused on relationship-centered communications. This engaging, participatory workshop from the new Center for Communication Excellence at University of Minnesota Health will provide you with new approaches to improving the patient experience and help you remember the joy of practicing medicine.

**Upcoming dates**

- **Thursday, Feb. 26;**
- **Monday, March 2;**
- **Tuesday, March 10;**
- **Wednesday, March 18;**
- **Thursday, March 26;**
- **Monday, April 6;**
- **Tuesday, April 14;**
- **Wednesday, April 22;**
- **Thursday, April 30;**
- **Monday, May 4;**
- **Tuesday, May 12;**
- **Wednesday, May 20;**
- **Thursday, May 28;**
- **Monday, June 1;**
- **Tuesday, June 9;**
- **Saturday, June 13;**
- **Wednesday, June 17;**
- **Thursday, June 25**

To enroll, please email umnhcce@umn.edu with your preferred date.

**Medical Student Research Opportunities:** You can post through this website hosted by the Medical School to recruit UMN medical students to work on your project(s). Select “Post a Research Opportunity” from the top of this page, complete the required information, and then select “Add” at the bottom of the page to list your opportunity.

Additionally, eligible 3rd and 4th year Medical Students can take an elective to work with a pediatric faculty member on a pre-determined research project in an area of mutual interest. This course is PED 7560: Research/Special Problems in Pediatrics.

**Faculty Google Folder**

As part of efforts to increase faculty-wide communication, a Faculty Google Folder has been created. The folder is only accessible through the link, so please bookmark it or save it in your Google Drive! The folder is managed by Robin and contains copies of communications such as Division Updates (from the Division Director meetings), new faculty introductions, faculty newsletters, and current logos/templates. Contact UMNpeds@umn.edu with suggestions of additional faculty communications and resources to add to this shared folder.

**IT Services for Researchers**

Check this webpage out! This site from IT@UMN provides a wealth of information specific to the research community in how to access and use the robust and innovative UMN IT infrastructure and resources. Includes info on creating websites and evaluating usability, blogging, conducting remote meetings, data computation, networking, low- and no-cost data storage, and much more.

OnCore

Effective February 2nd, all new research studies in Pediatrics that enroll human subjects must be registered in OnCore.

Also, OnCore is replacing TASCS for new clinical trials utilizing Fairview and/or UMP services for research. OnCore is your platform to register your study, complete the Qualifying Clinical Trial determination, develop your IRB-required Billing Grid, obtain your research pricing, and log your subject visits to ensure billing compliance. OnCore provides additional useful functionality for managing your clinical research projects. For more information, training, and user guides please visit the OnCore User Site.

A plan to transition all current active trials from TASCS to OnCore is being developed. We expect to transition all active studies by the end of 2015. Contact Amanda Galster to request access to the system, and with any questions.

Technology Commercialization

The Office for Technology Commercialization (OTC) is a resource and partner for faculty and researchers developing technologies with commercial potential. OTC’s FY13 annual report demonstrated upward trends in nearly all aspects of technology commercialization.

Faculty and researchers in our department have been active participants in sustaining these trends:

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Chad Keiper, PhD, Technology Strategy Manager- Biotechnology is available to answer questions and meet with faculty members to discuss any new ideas or intellectual property questions that might arise. He can be contacted at 612-626-8495 or kiep0003@umn.edu.

Faculty Recognition Event

Thank you to all who were able to attend. Award winners from this evening are posted here. If you would like a copy of the booklet created that highlighted faculty scholarship and achievements, please contact Ginny Oie.

Save-the-Date:

**Department of Pediatrics Annual Reception at PAS:** Join us Sunday April 26, 2015 6:30-8:30pm at PAS Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA.

**Topics and Advances in Pediatrics:** This 2-day Department-sponsored CME event is scheduled for June 4th and June 5th, 2015. The conference will take place in the Wilf Family Center. Details located here.

**Department of Pediatrics Annual Recognition Banquet and Trainee Graduation:** The annual banquet is scheduled for the evening of Friday, June 5th, 2015 at the Metropolitan Ballroom and Clubroom in Golden Valley. Details located here.