HAPPENINGS

Department of Pediatrics Faculty Newsletter

Department Head Update

As we begin 2016, it is a good time to reflect on some of the accomplishments and challenges of this past year and look forward to what lies ahead.

This past year brought some very real changes to our Children's Hospital. In February, the Wilf Family Center opened with 3 state-of-the-art conference rooms and a fantastic 203-seat auditorium. It is amazing to think it was not long ago this was shelled space hoping for a donor. The Wilf family saw the opportunity and we are grateful for their support. Over the summer, the 7th floor was built out to create the new Birthplace. This brought 24 new post-partum rooms to replace the old post-partum space in the East Building. It also allowed renovations to begin in L&D and the NICU. Additionally, 13 new private NICU beds were added on the 11th floor to substantially increase the size of our unit. More building is coming in 2016, including a new chapel within the Wilf Center area to open in late March. We’re hoping to see an expanded teen room as well.

The accomplishments of our faculty in all areas of research, education and clinical care remain strong. We were rated among the top 50 Children’s Hospitals in the US in 5 specialties; the academic performance as measured in papers, grants, and other contributions to the scientific community continues to be robust; and our education programs attract learners from across the region and country, and world. This is an exciting place to be today and tomorrow.

Last year brought some real challenges too. The loss of Julie Ross was very personal to many of us and all of us lost a committed colleague and leader. Mike Verneris has very ably taken on the role of Vice Chair of Research and hit the ground running. We also suffered losses in our CV Surgery program but are well down the road to rebuilding a program that will be among the best in the nation. Dr. Tony Azakie has arrived this week. He is a talented, experienced surgeon and leader. There is work to do, but a very bright future.

As we look forward into 2016 it is good to think about our personal level of engagement here at the U and within our department. Please get involved. Grand Rounds happens weekly on Wednesday at 12:15 and is consistently outstanding. Make an effort to be there to reconnect with your colleagues, hear what they’re doing, and provide your thoughts on their work. We need to hear your voices at the faculty meetings and the medical school meetings now more than ever. This coming year we will make a very big decision on the future of UMP and M Health. Leadership is listening.

Finally, thank you for all you do. This really is a remarkable department that does amazing things impacting children in Minnesota and around the world. I’m very proud to be a part of it. Please take a minute to enjoy this M Health Year-In-Review video.

External Review

Thank you to all who participated in the Department External Review this fall. The report was received in November, and workgroups will be convened to begin work in promoting strengths and addressing areas of weakness/opportunity.

Strengths identified include strong research areas, many clinical areas of excellence, and strong educational programs. The visitors also identified potential opportunities for growth including doing a better job of reaching out across the medical school and university, formalizing recruitment of physician-scientists, and solidifying our planning with Fairview. A summary was discussed at the November faculty meeting. The presentation from the meeting was emailed to faculty on November 24th.

Welcome new faculty!

7/31/15- Catherine Larson-Nath, Gastroenterology
7/31/15- Annie-Laurye McRee, General Pediatrics & Adolescent Health
7/31/15- Laura Hagemeyer, Hospital Medicine
9/15/15- Jennifer McVean, Hospital Medicine
9/30/15- Melissa Engel, Neonatology
10/19/15- Johanna Scheurer, Neonatology
11/30/15- Erin Marcotte, Epidemiology
11/30/15- Jane Nofer, Clinical Behavioral Neuroscience
2/29/16- Anthony (Tony) Azakie, Pediatric Cardiovascular Surgery

Photos and biographies are available in the Faculty Google folder.

M Health Integration

UM Physicians and Fairview are working on the development of an Integrated Academic Health System. Creating this system will require transformational change in UMP and Fairview, but this kind of change may be what is necessary to meet the challenges of an ever-evolving health care environment.

Please take some time and educate yourself on the issues and the plans. The Integrated Academic Health System information, including related documents, updates, and a place to submit feedback/questions is at http://www.health.umn.edu/academic-health-system.
Faculty Development and Diversity

Dr. Toni Moran joins the Department leadership team as the Vice Chair for Faculty Development and Diversity. In this role Dr. Moran will oversee faculty development at all levels, work to develop a more diverse work force, and strengthen our mentoring of junior through senior faculty.

Additionally, Dr. Cathy Bendel has accepted the position of Associate Chair for Diversity for the Department of Pediatrics. A committee will be convened shortly to begin work on this important area. Please contact Cathy if you are interested in participating.

Promotion and Tenure

Dossier instructions are being sent to potential candidates so if you are planning to pursue promotion during calendar year 2016 (for promotion in 2017), make sure you or your division director email Jill Hodsdon at camp0519@umn.edu. The timeline for P&T activities during 2016 is located here.

Congratulations!

Abe Jacob, presented with the Champion Award at Minnesota Business magazine’s 2015 Leaders in Health Care Awards.

Center for Safe and Healthy Children, $2.5 million commitment from Otto Bremer Foundation to name the center.

Toni Moran, awarded the Marguerite and James Duggar Endowed Professorship in Pediatrics.

Michael Kyba, awarded the Carrie Ramey Children’s Cancer Research Fund Endowed Professorship in Pediatrics.

Our many Rising Stars and Top Doctors to be recognized in upcoming issues of Mpls St. Paul Magazine. Look for our Rising Stars in April 2016, and our Top Doctors in July 2016. Besides being shared by the department once released, these lists will also be published on msp-mag.com and on superdoctors.com.

Nominations Due for MN Monthly Best Doctors

Nominations are being accepted for Minnesota Monthly magazine’s 2016 Best Doctors, to be published in the October 2016 issue of Minnesota Monthly. Visit the secure voting site to cast your votes before April 22nd (at midnight) at: www.mnmo.com/bestdocs.

- Practice Name: University of Minnesota Masonic Children’s Hospital (UMPhysicians)
- Location: 2450 Riverside Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55454
- Phone: 612-365-6777
- Website: mhealth.org/childrens

Faculty Affairs: Women in Leadership

In January 2015, the Office of Faculty Affairs formed a Committee on Women in Leadership to identify recommendations for better recruitment and enabling of women faculty leaders. The committee report provided in late-October highlighted multiple gaps, and the Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs, Clifford Steer, is to begin work on the recommendations immediately as well as create a standing advisory committee. The report is available here.

Online CME for Faculty

Anyone with an “@umn.edu” email address can earn CME credit for viewing Pediatric Grand Rounds online! Here’s how it works:

1. Watch live Grand Rounds online (the live link is posted on our website and weekly e-flyers) OR watch the recording (the recording link is posted on our website and YouTube channel).
2. Take the quiz within one week of the talk
3. Click that week’s quiz link on our website and login with your @umn.edu account

If you answer all quiz questions correctly, you will receive 1 CME credit. If you do not, you can take the quiz again by hitting the “back” button. http://www.peds.umn.edu/education/grandrounds

Observerships for UMN Medical Students

There is now a simple process for our Year 1 and 2 Medical Students to observe clinical activities or research. Details are found on our department website observer/visiting trainee page here. As with all observer experiences, students will first reach out to faculty individually and it is at faculty discretion whether to accept requests. Remember that all learners, volunteers, visitors, etc. in clinical or research activities should be documented. Contact your assistant, the education office 612-624-8788 or HR office 612-625-4681 with questions.

New Fellowship Programs

The department has two new medical fellowship programs. If you know of candidates who may be interested, please direct them to the appropriate faculty:


With the addition of these two programs, we will have 16 medical fellowships across 14 of our divisions:

- Academic General Pediatrics (DOGPAH)
- Adolescent Medicine (DOGPAH)
- Blood and Marrow Transplantation (BMT)
- Cardiology
- Critical Care
- Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics (DOGPAH)
- Endocrinology
- Gastroenterology, Hepatology, and Nutrition
- Hematology and Oncology
- Infectious Diseases
- Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine
- Nephrology
- Pulmonary and Sleep Medicine
- Rheumatology
**WineFest No. 21**

WineFest No. 21 is May 6-7, 2016 at the Renaissance Minneapolis Hotel, The Depot. Faculty involvement is critical to the success of WineFest. You can help by attending the event, encouraging your friends to attend the event, helping to identify table sponsors or auction donors, donating to an auction, or volunteering. More information is online at www.thewinefest.org. Contact UMF or faculty liaisons Cathy Bendel or Troy Lund for more information.

**Foundations of Healthcare Communications**

Foundations of Healthcare Communication is an 8-hour training course taught by the M Health Center for Communication Excellence and endorsed by UMP senior leadership that focuses on improving physician communication with patients, other physicians, and care team members. Feedback on the training is excellent and correlates with improved patient satisfaction scores. Our FY16 UMP Risk Management Incentive Plan expects that 75% of full-time CSU faculty to have completed or enrolled in this course by 6/30/16.

Upcoming dates are: 3/15, 3/23, 3/31, 4/12, 4/20, 4/23, 4/28. Additional dates are scheduled through December 2016; visit the registration page to see available dates. Sessions are held 8:30-4:30 at the Campus Club or Northrop.

To enroll, visit: http://z.umn.edu/fhcregister. For more information, visit: http://z.umn.edu/umnhccse. For questions, email: umnhce@umn.edu or call: 612-626-9296. Additional advanced topic courses are available for those who have completed the full day course.

**Registration Open for Topics and Advances in Pediatrics**

Topics & Advances in Pediatrics will be held June 2 & 3, 2016 in the Wilf Family Center. As a member of our faculty, your registration for the conference is free, but you MUST register to attend. Please access further information about the conference and registration at: http://www.cme.umn.edu/peds

Select a regular registration category (e.g., UMN/M Health Physician), then enter the discount code 46PEDS. That will set your registration fee to zero and you can complete the process. If you have questions or concerns about registration, please contact the Office of CPD at 612-626-7600 and they will assist you.

**Medical School Commencement and Regalia Ordering**

Join the Medical School graduating class of 2016 at this year’s Commencement Ceremony to be held on Friday, May 6, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at Northrop Auditorium. There is a special section designated for faculty and other members of administration; this gives the graduates a chance to acknowledge you at this very important ceremony. Information about commencement and renting regalia is available at: http://www.meded.umn.edu/year34/commencement. Regalia rental is funded by the department. Work with your division assistant to use a purchasing card for the order, and then your assistant can contact Sara Duxbury at sdxbury@umn.edu to obtain the department account to fund the rental.

**Department of Pediatrics Reception at PAS**

The Department of Pediatrics hosts its Annual Reception at PAS on Sunday, May 1st from 7:30-9:30pm in the Hilton Baltimore Hotel in the Holiday Ballroom 3. More details will be communicated shortly.

**Recruitment Banquet**

The 2016 banquet is Friday, June 3, 2016 at the Metropolitan Ballroom.

To see photos from the 2015 banquet held 6/5/15, click here. For information about the graduates and award winners, click here.

**For Your Calendar**

- 2016 Faculty Meetings: 4:30-5:45p on 3/16, 5/19, 7/13, 9/16, and 11/16 in Wilf Auditorium and Harrison Room.
- Otto Bremer Trust Center for Safe and Healthy Children Hands Are For Helping: No Hit Zone Kick Off Training: March 14, 2016
- Somali Cultural Health Day at UMMCH: April 4, 2016
- PRESS: April 15, 2016
- P&T Information Session: April 18, 2016
- Department of Peds Annual Reception at PAS: May 3, 2016
- Medical School Commencement: May 6, 2016
- WineFest No. 21: May 6-7, 2016
- Topics & Advances in Pediatrics: June 2-3, 2016
- Department of Pediatrics Annual Recognition Banquet: June 3, 2016
- 3rd Annual Pediatric Memorial Service: June 10, 2016
- National Pediatric Hypnosis Training Institute: October 6-8, 2016

*Please Note: It is important to recognize our faculty accomplishments and share the many activities of which faculty are involved, but it is not practical or timely to do so in this newsletter. Send items to be shared to umnpeds@umn.edu to be included in the department’s weekly faculty email.