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I. IMPORTANT DATES

April 30, 2011: Seattle Children’s/UW Pediatrics Faculty-Alumni reception at PAS Annual Meeting in Denver. 6:30-8:30PM, Hyatt Regency Downtown, Centennial Room B&C, Denver, Colorado. No RSVP necessary. See the attached list for faculty members presenting at this year’s PAS meeting.

June 9, 2011: Department Faculty Meeting. 5:15-7:30PM in Wright Auditorium. A social gathering with appetizers from 5:15-5:45PM will be followed by the regular meeting from 5:45-7:30PM. More details forthcoming.

Questions? Contact diane.wade@seattlechildrens.org

July 22-23, 2011: Seventh Annual Pediatric Bioethics Conference. A two-day session at Bell Harbor International Conference Center in Seattle. Through presentations, panel discussions, and breakout sessions, leaders in the field of pediatric bioethics will discuss issues around the theme “Who's Responsible for the Children? Exploring the Boundaries of Clinical Ethics and Public Policy”. Register online (http://www.regonline.com/Register/Checkin.aspx?EventID=931417) or contact kathie.kohorn@seattlechildrens.org with questions.

July 26: Annual Department of Pediatrics Faculty & Family Picnic. 6:00-8:00PM at Gas Works Park. More information to follow at a later date. Questions? Contact diane.wade@seattlechildrens.org

September 19-23, 2011: SAVE THE DATES for this year’s Intern Retreat. The retreat has been an integral part of intern education for the past 35 years. The interns spend this week participating in workshops to promote communication skills and professionalism. Your support during this week of education and bonding is greatly appreciated by all of the interns and faculty. Coverage will be needed for Medicine Teams, Emergency Room, Medically Complex Children, Newborn Nursery (UW) and Neonatal Intensive Care (UW). Contact pam.burke@seattlechildrens.org

II. WELCOME TO NEW FACULTY

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III. FACULTY NEWS & AWARDS

Christine Gleason, MD, was awarded the 2011 UW Medicine Award for Excellence in Mentoring of Women and Minorities.

Linda Quan, MD, was named a 2011 Health Champion by the Washington State Public Health Association for her work in the field of injury prevention, particularly related to drowning.

Dr. Laura Jansen will receive the Morris-Coole Epilepsia Award on behalf of the International League Against Epilepsy and the journal in which she published, Epilepsia. She will receive a cash prize and has been invited to present her work at the 29th International Epilepsy Conference in Rome this August.

Drs. Heather Mefford, Ryan McAdams, Julie Brown, Angela Campbell, Jason Debley, Daniel Doherty, and Carrie Heike were elected as new members to The Society for Pediatric Research. Also elected for 2011 are former residents and fellows, Drs. Aaron Carroll, Alison Galbraith, and Theresa Laguna.

Dr. Soheil Meshinchi, MD, PhD, received a $4,551,631 NCI grant under the Biomarker, Imaging and Quality of life Studies Funding Program (BIQSFP) initiative. This grant “Risk Based Therapy Allocation in Childhood AML” is to study biomarkers in AML in the upcoming phase III COG AML trial that is to accrue 1200 patients and is to start accruing this month.

Srinath Sanda, MD, received a $708,250.00 grant from the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International (JDRF) to study immune modulation of monocyte function in type 1 diabetes.

Dr. Sanda was also selected as the first recipient of the Mark Pescovitz Early Career Patient-oriented Diabetes Research Award. Named for the late Dr. Mark Pescovitz, this award signifies the importance of supporting young clinician scientists dedicated to finding a cure for Type 1 Diabetes.

IV. FACULTY PRESENTING AT PAS ANNUAL MEETING

Please see the attached list of Department of Pediatrics faculty presenting at the Annual Pediatric Academic Society Meeting in Denver, April 30 – May 3, 2011.

V. FACULTY PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

This publication from Dr. Douglas Diekema was cited as the top downloaded article of 2010 in the American Journal of Bioethics: Ashley Revisited: A Response to the Critics. Diekema DS, and Fost N. The American Journal of Bioethics, 10:1, 30 - 44, First published on: 12 January 2010 (iFirst).


David Suskind, MD, will be presenting at the 7th APCNN in Thailand. He will give three talks “Nutritional therapy in pediatric IBD”, “Nutritional deficiencies in the normal growing child”, and “Nutritional deficiencies in pediatric obesity”.


Dr. Murray will present “Drug induced liver injury in children” at the Taiwan Society of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology, and Nutrition in August.


Drs. Reid Farris and Tom Brogan:

2. Influenza Coinfection and Outcomes in Children With Complicated Pneumonia. Williams DJ, Hall M, Brogan TV, Farris RW, Myers AL, Newland JG, Shah SS. Archives of Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine.

Drs. Tom Brogan, Carol Wallace, Kristen Hayward, Sarah Ringold, Reid Farris and former fellow Tell Bennett: Very high serum ferritin levels are associated with increased mortality and critical care in pediatric patients. Bennett TD, Hayward KN, Farris RW, Ringold S, Wallace CA, Brogan TV. Pediatr Crit Care Med. 2011 Jan 21. [Epub ahead of print]

Please let us know of your latest publications, awards, and honors by emailing Brooke Freed: brooke.freed@seattlechildrens.org

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