Department of Pediatrics Newsletter
June 2015

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I. IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, July 1: Patient Safety Conference. 12-1PM in Wright Auditorium at Seattle Children’s Hospital. “In Search of Failure: Embracing and Learning from Errors in Healthcare” presented by Dr. Kristina Toncray, Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, UW; Physician Director, Patient Safety Event Review; Division of Hospital Medicine, Seattle Children’s. Light lunch will be served at 11:45AM.

Thursday, July 2: Grand Rounds. 8-9AM in Wright Auditorium at Seattle Children’s Hospital. “Firearm Violence in the US: Lessons from Clinicians” presented by Dr. Fred Rivara, Professor and Vice Chair of Academic Affairs, Pediatrics, UW; Children’s Hospital Guild Association Endowed Chair in Pediatric Health Outcomes Research, Seattle Children’s. Questions? Contact kathie.kohorn@seattlechildrens.org.

Friday, July 3: Department of Pediatrics Administrative Offices Closed in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

Tuesday, July 21: Annual Department Faculty & Family Picnic. 6-8PM at Gas Works Park. More information to follow at a later date. Questions? Contact Diane Wade at uwpedsfa@seattlechildrens.org.

Friday, July 24 – Saturday, July 25: 11th Annual Pediatric Bioethics Conference Bell Harbor International Conference Center (2211 Alaskan Way, Seattle 98121). This year’s theme is “The Delicate Triangle: Responsibilities and Challenges in the Provider-Patient-Parent Relationship”. Join a distinguished group of bioethicists for challenging and illuminating presentations and discussions exploring the complex questions this topic raises. We hope you can join us for what promises to be a rewarding and educational experience. Link to more information and registration.

Friday, September 25 – Saturday, September 26: 4th International Conference on Immunotherapy in Pediatric Oncology (CIPO2015). At the Westin Hotel Seattle. Join us for the 4th International Conference on Immunotherapy in Pediatric Oncology entitled, Examining the Emerging Therapeutic Potential of Immunotherapy in Pediatric Oncology, hosted by Seattle Children's Research Institute and designed to bring together worldwide leaders to discuss the latest immunotherapy research in the field of pediatric oncology. Featuring plenary speakers, Dr. Michael Jensen, Professor of Pediatrics, UW; Director, Ben Towne Center for Childhood Cancer Research; Dr. Philip Greenberg, Professor of Medicine and Immunology, UW; Head of Immunology, FHCRC. Link to more information and registration.

PLEASE NOTE: The Pediatric Faculty Meeting scheduled for October 19, 2015 HAS BEEN CHANGED TO October 7, 2015 due to calendar conflicts. The meeting is scheduled from 5:15-7:30 PM (5:15-5:45 PM social gathering; 5:45-7:30 PM program) in Wright Auditorium at Seattle Children’s Hospital.

Please see our Department Calendar for a complete list of upcoming events and more information.

II. FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

July 8: RGE internal deadline for the NIH Asthma and Allergic Diseases Cooperative Research Centers (U19)

July 9: OR internal deadline for the Kinship Foundation Searle Scholars Program 2016
July 9: OR internal deadline for the NIH RFA-MD-15-013 NIMHD Transdisciplinary Collaborative Centers for Health Disparities Research Focused on Precision Medicine (U54)

July 28: Deadline for the Howard Hughes Medical Institute's Faculty Scholars Program

August 5: Deadline for the Doris Duke Foundation 2015 Fund to Retain Clinical Scientists

August 28: Deadline for the American Diabetes Association Outstanding Educator in Diabetes Award

September 11: Deadline for the Thrasher Research Fund’s Early Career Awards Grants

September 28: Autumn deadline for the Royalty Research Fund

November 12: Deadline for the Burroughs Wellcome Fund Career Wards for Medical Scientists (CAMS)

November 15: Deadline for the Burroughs Wellcome Fund Investigators in the Pathogenesis of Infectious Disease

Please visit Seattle Children’s Research Funding Watch List or UW Office of Research for more information on funding opportunities.

III. WELCOME TO NEW FACULTY/CHANGES TO CURRENT FACULTY

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IV. FACULTY NEWS

Dr. Matt Serna (R3) and our Bethel, AK residents and volunteer faculty received a 2015 CATCH Implementation (Cycle 2) grant.

Dr. Doug Opel has been appointed to the AAP Committee on Bioethics for a 6 year term.

Dr. Doug Opel has been awarded a career development award from the Greenwall Faculty Scholars Program in Bioethics for the project “When Parents Refuse or Delay Childhood Vaccines: Implications for Shared Decision-Making”. This program supports junior faculty research with 50% salary support for 3 years to help resolve pressing ethical issues in clinical care, biomedical research and public policy.

Dr. Todd Cooper has been appointed holder of the Evans Family Endowed Chair in Pediatric Cancer.

Dr. Lakshmi Rajagopal has been appointed as a member of the NIH’s Bacterial Pathogenesis Study Section, Center for Scientific Review, for the term beginning July 01, 2015 and ending June 30, 2021.

Dr. Janet Englund was awarded the 2015 Distinguished Physician Award by the Pediatric Infectious Disease Society. This award is presented annually to a pediatrician who has an extensive and distinguished career in pediatric infectious diseases marked by significant accomplishments and contributions in infectious diseases, including those as a clinician, educator and/or investigator.

Dr. Sunny Juul has been appointed holder of the Alan Hodson Endowed Chair in Pediatrics.

Dr. Sunny Juul has been named chairperson of the NIH study section, “Brain Disorders and Clinical Neuroscience Integrated Review Group. Developmental Brain Disorders Study Section (DBD)”.

Dr. Michael Portman has been appointed as a member of the NIH’s Clinical and Integrative Cardiovascular Sciences Study Section, Center for Scientific Review, for the term beginning July 01, 2015 and ending June 30, 2019.

Dr. Frederick Rivara was chosen as the 2015 University of Washington Minority Faculty Mentoring Award winner. This award recognizes the achievements of senior faculty who have been instrumental in the mentoring of under-represented faculty.
Dr. Frederick Rivara launched the Seattle Pediatric Concussion Research Collaborative website in March. Made possible by a $5 million gift from the Satterberg Foundation, the collaborative is one of the nation’s largest pediatric concussion research programs. It unites experts in different areas to conduct clinical studies that improve our understanding of youth concussion and find better ways to prevent, diagnose and treat it. Link.

V. FACULTY PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS


Dr. Dan Zhao: Aggressive therapy reduces disease activity without skeletal damage progression in chronic nonbacterial osteomyelitis. Zhao Y, Chauvin NA, Jaramillo D, Burnham JM. J Rheumatol. 2015 May 15. PII: jrheum.141138.


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