Department of Pediatrics Newsletter

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I. IMPORTANT DATES

February–May: UWPI Monthly Research Seminar Series. 3:00-4:00PM, select Mondays in the Health Sciences Building, UW campus. The University of Washington-based Principal Investigators (UWPI) announce a new seminar series that will feature research projects from each of their laboratories. The goal is to promote knowledge of their current research and aims to stimulate new ideas and collaborations within the group. The monthly seminars will feature two presentations, and light refreshments will be served. The first research presentations in this series:

- **Tuesday, February 27**: 3:00-4:00PM in RR134, Health Sciences Building, UW campus. “Genomics for Gene Discovery in Epilepsy” presented by Dr. Heather Mefford, and “Optical Spectroscopy for Monitoring Tissue Oxygen” presented by Dr. Ken Schenkman. Questions? Contact hlichtek@uw.edu

February 29: Promotion Preparation Meeting. 7:30-8:30AM, at SCH in A-5950/GME conference room, note ROOM CHANGE. The Department of Pediatrics Promotions Committee requires that faculty members who will be considered in the summer/fall of 2012 for promotion to Associate Professor or Professor attend one of these seminars. If you are being considered for promotion this year (to be effective July 1, 2013), you, your Division Head and your Division Head’s assistant MUST attend one of these meetings even if you attended one last year. You do not all need to attend on the same date. New changes this year will make the process easier and more streamlined including an online system to request letters of evaluation which will be discussed at these meetings. Please RSVP to dmw@uw.edu or 206.987.1713

March 6: UWSOM Faculty Development Workshop – The AMIGO3 model: A learner-oriented teaching methodology. 8:30AM-12:00PM in South Campus Center, room 316, UW campus. The heart of the AMIGO3 teaching design methodology is the concept of creating skilled life-long learners, regardless of the discipline being taught. AMIGO3 strives to make the learning process visible to each learner and enables learners to actively develop their metacognitive assessment and strategies. Presented by David Masuda, MD, MSc, Lecturer, Medical Education and Biomedical Informatics. For more information or to register visit the website. Questions? Contact rhogan@uw.edu

March of Dimes Opportunities:
- **March 15: Deadline for Nominations for the 2013 Basil O’Connor Starter Scholar Research Award.** This award is designed to support young scientists just embarking on their independent research careers and is limited, therefore, to those holding recent faculty appointments.
- **April 15: Deadline for Applications for the Prematurity Research Initiative (PRI) 2013.** The March of Dimes seeks applications requesting grant support for projects related to causes of prematurity.
- **April 30: Deadline for Year 2013 March of Dimes Research Program RFPs.** Scientists with faculty appointments are invited to submit applications for research grants directed at the prevention of birth defects. See attachments for full details. Questions? Contact ResearchGrantsSupport@marchofdimes.com
March 25: Annual Faculty-Resident Winter Party. 6:00-9:00PM at Sole Repair Shop in Capitol Hill. Please join us for an evening of celebration, including food, music, and fun. All residents (coverage provided), families, and faculty are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to pam.burke@seattlechildrens.org

March 27: eFECS Report Certification Deadline. Faculty who report effort at UW are responsible for reporting their effort online in the new eFECS system by the March 27 deadline. Questions? Review the faculty toolkit on the eFECS website; contact your division administrator or grant manager; or contact the department research and finance manager, dsaffer@uw.edu

March 30: Annual Duncan Seminar. 7:45AM-4:45PM in Wright Auditorium at SCH. The Duncan Seminar is an annual interdisciplinary conference focused on the care of persons with physical disabilities. The subject for this conference ‘Adulthood Here We Come: Smoothing the Healthcare Transition for Kids with Disabilities’ will focus on the political climate; issues around family and professional ‘letting go’; getting to self-management; point-counterpoint discussion regarding best practices in both the pediatric and adult care systems, and lessons learned. Visit the website to register. Questions? Contact lee.bossungsweeny@seattlechildrens.org

April 10: Meeting of Professors/Associate Professors – Discussion of 2nd term Assistant Professor Reappointments. 7:30-9:00AM in Wright Auditorium at SCH with videoconferencing to room 606, Building 1. Questions? Contact dmw@uw.edu or 206.987.1713

April 13: Fellow & Resident Research Day. 8:00AM-3:00PM in Soundgarden Conference Room, SCRI Building 1. Oral and poster presentations by fellows and residents, with a keynote presentation by Chris Feudtner, MD, PhD, MPH, Director of Research for the Pediatric Advance Care Team and the Integrated Care Service, and Co-Scientific Director of PolicyLab at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. For registration and questions contact Sharon.Whitson@seattlechildrens.org or 206.987.5870

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

II. WELCOME TO NEW FACULTY AND CHANGES TO CURRENT FACULTY

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III. FACULTY NEWS

Joseph Flynn, MD, Professor of Pediatrics, has been named Division Chief of Pediatric Nephrology. Dr. Flynn is President-Elect of the American Society of Pediatric Nephrology and an international authority in pediatric hypertension. He joined our faculty in 2007. He will assume his new position March 16, 2012.

The University of Washington School of Medicine has announced that William Walker, MD, has been appointed to the Robert A. Aldrich Endowed Professorship in Pediatrics. The late Dr. Aldrich was chair of our department and the first director of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. Congratulations to Dr. Walker for this honor.

Dr. Bonnie Ramsey’s study, CFTR Potentiator in Patients with Cystic Fibrosis and the G551D Mutation, resulted in FDA approval of a new cystic fibrosis drug, which is the first to treat an underlying cause of cystic fibrosis. Read more here.
Dr. Kyle Yasuda is a new AAP Board member and was featured in the recent edition of AAP News, “Following his heart: Dr. Yasuda’s commitment to his daughter has inspired AAP board member on a path of achievement.”

IV. FACULTY PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Dr. David Rawlings’ recent study: “Altered B Cell Homeostasis is Associated with Type 1 Diabetes and Carriers of the PTPN22 Allelic Variant,” was published in January 2012 in *The Journal of Immunology*. This research has identified new clues as to how a common genetic change in a gene called PTPN22 may pre-dispose children and adults to develop auto-immune conditions including type 1 diabetes, rheumatoid arthritis and systemic lupus. See attached press release for more information.


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