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I. IMPORTANT DATES


**May 24: Science in Medicine Lecture.** 12-1PM in T-733 Health Science Building at UW. “Prion infections: From molecular biology towards therapy and prophylaxis” presented by Hermann Schatzl, MD, Wyoming Excellence Chair; Professor, Veterinary Sciences and Molecular Biology. No registration required. This lecture is open to all faculty, staff and students. Questions? Contact Viola Brown, somevent@uw.edu.

**June 12: Department of Pediatrics Faculty Meeting.** 5:15–8PM in Wright Auditorium at SCH. A social gathering with appetizers from 5:15-5:45 will be followed by the regular meeting from 5:45-8PM. Questions? Contact Diane.Wade@seattlechildrens.org

**June 15: Resident Graduation and End-of-Year Banquet.** Graduation will be 8-10AM in Wright Auditorium at SCH. The banquet will be at 6:00PM at the 415 Westlake Building in the South Lake Union neighborhood. Please remember to RSVP by June 5 to Scott.Olson@seattlechildrens.org.

**June 29: Special retirement event for Dr. Jean Sanders.** The Clinical Research Division at the Hutchinson Center and the UW Department of Pediatrics are planning a special retirement event for Dr. Jean Sanders to recognize her pioneering contributions to pediatric oncology and HSC transplantation. Please reserve the date and plan to join us at the Hutchinson Center campus on South Lake Union to celebrate Jean's career and her retirement. The event will include an afternoon seminar starting at 1pm. An invited panel of speakers will present followed at 5pm by a special reception with refreshments and food. More information forthcoming. Questions? Contact aoconnor@fhcrc.org.

**July 27-28: Pediatric Bioethics Conference.** “The thin ethical line: When professional boundaries and personal interests collide” at Bell Harbor International Conference Center. Registration information online.

**July 31: Annual Department of Pediatrics Faculty & Family Picnic.** 6-8PM at Gas Works Park. More information to follow at a later date. Questions? Contact Diane Wade, dmw@uw.edu.

> Please see our 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

Dr. Bonnie Ramsey’s research in cystic fibrosis was recognized by the NHLBI as one of the ten outstanding clinical research accomplishments in the United States this year.

Dr. Michael Bamshad was appointed as the second holder of the Allan and Phyllis Treuer Endowed Chair in Genetics and Development.

Dr. Joseph Flynn has been appointed as the second holder of the Robert Hickman Endowed Chair of Pediatric Nephrology.

Dr. Mark Del Beccaro was promoted to VP of Medical Affairs at Seattle Children’s.

Dr. Ruth McDonald was promoted to Pediatrician-in-Chief and Vice Chair of Academic Affairs.

Dr. Sandy Melzer was promoted to Senior Vice President/Chief Strategy Officer at Seattle Children’s.

Dr. Kyle Yasuda received reappointment to Washington State's Title XIX (Medicaid) Advisory Committee and its Executive Committee.

Congratulations to our newly elected UWSOM Faculty Senate representatives, who were elected for a term as a Pediatrics Senator beginning September 16, 2012, and ending September 15, 2014:

- Dr. Maureen Kelley
- Dr. Julie Brown
- Dr. Joyce Yi-Frazier
- Dr. Kristie Bjornson
- Dr. Adrian Piliponsky

IV. FACULTY PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A team led by Dr. Michael Cunningham discovered a pair of defective genes that cause auriculocondylar syndrome (ACS), a rare congenital malformation syndrome that may make it impossible for the child to breathe or eat properly without reparative surgery. The genes, known as PLCB4 and GNAI3, were pinpointed in a genetic pathway affecting children with ACS. Findings suggest these genes may also play a role in more common disorders of the jaw and ears. Others Seattle Children’s Research Institute contributors include: Dr. Michael Bamshad, Dr. Anne Hing and Dr. Brendan Stamper. The press release can be found here.


Dr. Carolina Di Blasi was an award recipient for Endocrine Trainee Day at ENDO 2012. Her abstract “Is intermediate thelarche a new entity following a different clinical course than premature thelarche and central precocious puberty?” was then further selected by the Endocrine Society for consideration of the Clinical Research Fellowship and Mentor Award Supported by Pfizer, Inc. in conjunction with ENDO 2012. With this selection, they up her previous travel award to $2000 and require her to compete in an oral competition, which determines the ultimate winner of the award. Good luck to Dr. Di Blasi and her mentor Angela Badaru, MD!

Dr. Emily Myers (Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics Fellow) and Dr. Curt Bennett co-authored three chapters in the newest edition (2012) of the book The Behavioral Sciences and Health Care: “Selected Theories of Development”; “The Fetus, Newborn and Infant”; “Toddlerhood and the Preschool Years”.


Dr. Tamara Simon:


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