I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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WCAAP 2020 Advocacy Day: Beth Ebel, MD, MSc, MPH, FAAP, Co-Chair, WCAAP Legislative Committee

Once again, the Washington Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics’ (WCAAP) Advocacy Day was a great success! Nearly 100 Chapter members from 29 of Washington’s 49 legislative districts braved the snow to travel to Olympia for a day of action as advocates for children. Many were first-time attendees, and we had a dynamic group of resident pediatricians who strode into legislative offices like seasoned pros.

This year, WCAAP’s Advocacy Day was held early – the second day of the legislative session – and we are seeing the benefits of our presence at the capitol so early this year. We had the opportunity to frame child health issues right from the start of session and WCAAP members’ work with legislators continued after advocacy day — including meetings with legislators in their home districts on extending post-partum coverage and improving kids’ access to mental health care.
Our January advocacy day allowed WCAAP members to get acquainted with our priorities early, and many have returned to Olympia to testify. WCAAP members have already testified at 16 committee hearings and submitted written testimony at 6 more!

Attorney General Bob Ferguson kicked off the day by highlighting his commitment to policies which benefit families, including several that WCAAP has partnered on: tobacco 21, firearm safety, and caring for immigrant families. We learned about the Alliance for Gun Responsibility’s legislative agenda from CEO Renee Hopkins, and Dr. Crystal Shen spoke about the impact of vaping on Washington’s youth and the work group created by Rep. Gerry Pollet to address the growing problem. We closed the day with a panel of some of our biggest legislative champions for kids — Senator Frockt, and Representatives Dent, Harris and Senn — sharing their advice and strategies on being effective in Olympia.

We are so grateful to WCAAP staff and Legislative Committee members who worked tirelessly to make Advocacy Day a great experience for all, and we’re already looking forward to next year. **Put February 5, 2021 on your calendars now and register to join us next year!**

### II. IMPORTANT DATES

**Thursday, March 5: Grand Rounds.** 8-9AM in the Wright Auditorium. “Bringing Back More Than Just Souvenirs – Infections in the Returned Traveler” Pediatric Emergency Medicine Lecture, presented by Andrea Cruz, MD, MPH, Associate Professor, Pediatrics-Emergency Medicine, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas; Texas Children's Hospital.

**Wednesday, March 4: Patient Safety Noon Conference.** 11:45-1PM in Wright Auditorium at Seattle Children’s Hospital. “Accidental Tracheostomy Decannulation: What to Do and How to Prevent” presented by Dr. John Dahl, physician, Otolaryngology, Vascular Anomalies and Craniofacial, and assistant professor in the Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at the University of Washington; Dr. Kaalan Johnson, director for Aerodigestive Center, and assistant professor Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at the University of Washington; and **Dr. Joan Roberts**, physician, Pediatric Critical Care, chair of Code Blue/RRT/RISK Program, and associate professor of Pediatrics at University of Washington.
III. FACULTY NEWS

Dr. Anisa Ibrahim is a 2020 UW School of Medicine Distinguished Alumni Award Recipient, receiving the Alumni Early Achievement Award!

Dr. Whitney Harrington was appointed to the Arnold Lee Smith Endowed Professorship for Research Faculty Development! This appointment was effective 2/1/2020.

Dr. Jarrad Scarlett was appointed to the Pediatrics Endowed Professorship for Research Faculty Development! This appointment was effective 2/1/2020.

Dr. Abby Rosenberg’s program, the Palliative Care and Resilience (PCAR) Lab at SCRI received a program grant from the Arthur Vining Davis Foundations called “Building Resilience among Children with Serious Illness and their Families”

Dr. Dale Lee received the 2020 Samuel J Fomon Young Physician Award. This award is given to a physician within 10 years of completion of medical postdoctoral training, for outstanding work in the general area of pediatric nutrition, infant growth or body composition.

Ariana Gomez (A graduate student in Dr. Dan Doherty’s lab) was chosen for the Yale Ciencia Acaderny for Career Development for 2020.

Tuesday, March 17: Latinx Faculty Recognition Event
Nominations Due. The Latino Center for Health at the University of Washington is sponsoring its fourth annual Latinx Faculty Recognition Event on May 6, 2020. During this inspiring event they will acknowledge and honor the many scholarly contributions of Latinx faculty at the UW. Email nominations and questions to latcntr@uw.edu.

Friday, April 10: Seattle Children’s Fellow and Resident Research Day. 8-3PM in the Soundgarden Conference Room at Seattle Children’s Research Institute. Keynote Speaker will be Fernando Mendoza, MD, MPH, Associate Dean of Minority Advising and Programs, Professor of Pediatrics Stanford University School of Medicine. Oral Presentations and posters will highlight the wide range of exciting research being conducted by fellows and residents.
IV. FACULTY PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS


Dr. Mihai Puia-Dumistrescu: Disparities in the use of antenatal corticosteroids among women with hypertension in North Carolina. Puia-Dumistrescu M.


Dr. Evelyn Hsu:


Dr. Doug Opel: Caregiver and clinician perspectives on missed well-child visits. Wolf ER, O’Neil J, Pecsok J, Etz RS, Opel DJ, Wasserman R, Krist AH.

Dr. Esther Chung:


Dr. Cyril Engmann:


Dr. Doug Hawkins:

1. Thyroid cancer in the pediatric population. Paulson V, Rudzinski ER, and Hawkins DS. *Genes.* Sep 2019. [Link.](#)


Drs. Mersine Bryan, Annika Hofstetter, Tamara Simon, Chuan Zhou and Doug Opel: Vaccination status and adherence to quality measures for acute respiratory tract illnesses. *Hospital Pediatrics.* Feb 2020. [Link.](#)


IV. FACULTY PUBLICATIONS 
AND PRESENTATIONS 
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V. FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

**Monday, March 2:** Royalty Research Fund (RRF) grant program due by 5pm. Proposals must demonstrate a high probability of generating important new creative activities or scholarly understandings, new scholarly materials or resources, significant data or information, or essential instrumentation resources that are likely to significantly advance the reputation of the university, lead to external funding, or lead to developing a new technology. Proposals from all disciplines are welcome, with well-justified budgets up to $40,000.

**April 15, 2020:** Seattle Children's Research Institute Career Development Award

**April 26, 2020:** Clinical Research Scholars Program

**Accepted all year:** The King County Nurses Association Community-Based Health Projects Grant Program

**Accepted all year:** ASXL Rare Disease Research Endowment Foundation

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