

Interim Chair's Commentary



Dear Colleagues,

I can think of no greater privilege than to be able to work with a group of pediatricians who are outstanding clinicians and exceptional educators and whose scholarship is of national and international importance. Not only does that talent deserve to be recognized, its impact on the lives and health outcomes of our patients needs to be told and celebrated. Chicago Pediatrics Monthly, our new departmental newsletter, will tell those stories, like the work Daniel Johnson is doing to bring specialty care to underserved areas of Chicago and, thanks to a new grant from the CDC, leading the effort to find and treat the many people with undiagnosed hepatitis C living in our poorest neighborhoods.

The newsletter will also be an avenue to discuss the progress we're making in meeting one of our department's key goals, the expansion of our research program. Juliane Bubeck Wardenburg, an internationally renowned expert on *Staphylococcus aureus* and our new chief of the Section of Critical Care Medicine, talks about her hopes for critical care research as well as her vision for the PICU.

Like any department, ours faces its share of challenges. I believe that we also have the collective strength, wisdom, and tenacity to weather them. We all know, for example, that our clinical operations can be run more effectively. Therefore, I'm excited to report that Dean Polonsky has convened a Women and Children Strategy committee consisting of faculty members and departmental and hospital leaders, to design and implement a plan for improving and expanding the University of Chicago Medicine children's healthcare enterprise both at Comer Children's Hospital and in Chicagoland. Each faculty member will have an opportunity to provide input on the services they'd like to see before we submit our proposal to the Board of Trustees in February. I will keep you posted on progress and developments in the newsletter.

As Chicago Pediatrics Monthly matures over the coming months, I anticipate that it will provide a regular snapshot of the successes of our colleagues, updates on our clinical endeavors, insights into our education and research programs, a forum to debate the challenges and opportunities that face our department and academic pediatrics more broadly, and an opportunity to discuss the most effective means to care for the ill child. I look forward to your comments and feedback on this first edition and apologize in advance for any news item that we have missed. I hope that you will become involved in creating this portrait of our department and the truly outstanding job you do each day to care for the most needy of our children.

Sincerely
John

CHICAGO PEDIATRICS MONTHLY

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UChicago Pediatrics in the news

Each month, faculty and their work are featured in dozens of local, national and international news stories. Here's a round up of recent mentions.

Read more:
<http://bit.ly/1Lkpzks>

Older Teens Now Treated in Comer ED

UComer Children's Hospital's Emergency Department will now treat 16- and 17-year-old patients, who were previously treated in the Mitchell ED. "This is part of a long-planned change to bring our pediatric care in line with emerging national standards," stated Jason Keeler, executive vice president and chief operating officer, and Stephen Weber, MD, vice president of clinical effectiveness and chief medical officer, in a memo to faculty and staff.

Read more:
<http://bit.ly/1MqzCEX>

To Be So Honored

A round up of awards, grants, publications, and briefs from across the UChicago Medicine Pediatrics community.

Read more:
<http://bit.ly/1GHacAx>

State Approves Hospital Expansion

The third and fourth floors of the Center for Care and Discovery will soon be developed now that the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board has granted its approval.

Read more:
<http://bit.ly/1MqzKDS>



Expanding PICU services and enhancing critical care quality and outcomes are top priorities for new section chief Juliane Bubeck Wardenburg.

High Touch Meets High Tech in the PICU

"I love the pediatric ICU because, in some ways, it's the epicenter of the hospital," says Juliane Bubeck Wardenburg, who was appointed section chief of pediatric critical care in July. "We interact with every subspecialty, which also gives us the unique opportunity to coordinate the care of very complex patients and support families and medical teams within and outside of our hospital." Redesigning the PICU to be highly service-oriented is one of Wardenburg's top goals, along with launching several initiatives that have the potential to dramatically improve outcomes for the sickest of kids.

Read more: <http://bit.ly/1rww7og>

Community PCPs Echo Specialty Care to Tackle HCV



Daniel Johnson has every confidence that primary care physicians in the lowest income neighborhoods of Chicago can offer state-of-the-art care to combat the hepatitis C epidemic that afflicts an estimated 70,000 Chicagoans. Starting this fall, he'll lead a groundbreaking citywide alliance backed by as much as \$6.2 million from the CDC over four years to test, treat and cure thousands of Chicagoans living with this infection.

Read more: <http://bit.ly/1or11LF>

5K Run/Walk Benefits Comer Patients

The Comer Children's Hospital RBC Race for the Kids is October 5. The 5K run/walk on October 5 begins at 9 a.m. and benefits our youngest patients.

Advance registration is \$30 (\$15 for students) and \$45 on race day. www.kintera.org/faf/home/default.asp?ievent=1100702



I'd Say ...

Juliane Bubeck Wardenburg
Section Chief, Pediatric Critical Care

The best advice I could give a young physician is...

Strive to do the very best you can for each patient you're caring for at the moment, but always think about how the care for that child could be changed through advances in medicine.

Read more:
<http://bit.ly/1hEb16E>

New Appointments, Re-appointments & Promotions

Andres Arias, Associate Chief of Finance and Administration

Eric Beyer, Vice-Chair for Academic Affairs

Melanie Brown, Associate professor of pediatrics

Barrett Fromme, Flow director

Carianne Johnson, Interim Chief of Finance and Administration

Hilary Jericho, Assistant professor of pediatric gastroenterology

Michael Kohrman, Professor of pediatric neurology

Charles Marcuccilli, Interim chief of pediatric neurology section

Alisa McQueen, Director, Residency and Fellowship Program

Michael Schreiber, Chief of Neonatology and chairman of the Pediatrics Committee on Appointments and Promotions.

Read more:
<http://bit.ly/1Qs9Bs7>

October Grand Rounds Schedule Oct. 2

Kwang-Sun Lee presents the Diana Woo Memorial Lecture

Oct. 9 Stephen Small

Oct. 16 Emergency Medicine; speaker TBA

Oct. 23 Atul Gawande (Stanford)

Oct. 23 Neurology; speaker TBA