

# Interim Chair's Commentary

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Dear Colleagues,

As we look forward to recruiting the next resident class, I want to thank you in advance for the important work you do in interviewing this new group of trainees. Educating future pediatricians is one of faculty's three core missions, and I'm delighted to congratulate three of our members who have been honored for excellence in teaching medical students, residents, and fellows. Lisa McQueen, who is ably heading our new education team, and Lolita Alkureishi have been elected to the Academy of Distinguished Medical Educators at the University of Chicago for promoting research, innovation, and scholarship in medical education. And, effective January 1, Barrett Fromme has been appointed Director of Faculty Development for the Pritzker School of Medicine, a position that reflects her career-long commitment to developing clinical educators among faculty and a recognition that pediatrics is a critical component of Pritzker's education mission.

To enhance our educational endeavors, the department will be awarding three grants later this year to faculty with ideas for developing unique tools and novel approaches to teaching medical students, residents, and fellows. A Request For Proposals (RFP) will be issued by November 3rd. Faculty will be able to apply for a Pediatrics Education Award grant no later than November 24th for projects to begin in January.

Recently, the department witnessed a changing of the guard in neonatology leadership. We marked the retirement of Kwang-sun Lee, after a distinguished career directing the section for more than 30 years, with his delivery of the Diana Woo Memorial Lecture. We also unveiled a department-commissioned portrait of Dr. Lee, which will hang in the neonatology conference room.

Michael Schreiber has assumed the mantle of neonatology section chief. Under his leadership, I anticipate an expansion of the breadth and depth of NICU clinical care, a growth in neonatal research directed by a yet-to-be recruited senior scientist who will hold the Stephen Chair in neonatology, and innovative approaches to teaching residents and fellows in neonatal care.

Like many of you, each year I greatly anticipate getting to know and teach the newest cohort of residents and fellows. We should be proud of the job we all do in passing on our skills and knowledge to the next generation of pediatricians.

Sincerely

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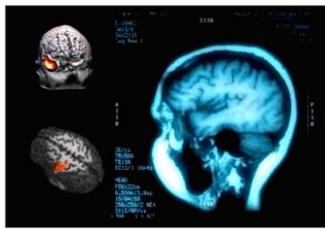
## UChicago Pediatrics in the news

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/1PgbScq>

## New Neuro Focus for the NICU



With all due respect to his subspecialist colleagues, Michael Schreiber maintains that a newborn's brain is the most important organ to protect. "Cognitive functioning is truly the most crucial long-term outcome to premature babies who survive, regardless of any other underlying disease," says Schreiber, who was appointed section chief of neonatology in September. "Almost every disease that NICU babies have, whether it's severe bronchopulmonary dysplasia, necrotizing enterocolitis, or a complex heart disorder, has a negative impact on brain development.

Read more:

<http://bit.ly/1LknDZ8>

## 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/1Gdblos>



A portrait of Dr. Kwang-sun Lee was unveiled at the Diana Woo Memorial Lecture, which Lee presented, on October 2. The portrait will hang in the NICU conference room, which now bears Lee's name.

## Kwang-sun Lee: Beloved Physician, Teacher, Colleague, and Friend

When Kwang-sun Lee arrived at the University of Chicago in 1980, the NICU had 36 beds. In September, when Lee retired as chief of neonatology after more than 30 years, he left behind a NICU with 71 beds and a neonatology section renowned for its clinical and educational excellence. Immensely respected by all who worked with and for him, Lee fostered the professional development of his faculty and engendered a devoted following among those who trained under him, many of whom have become esteemed faculty at other institutions.

Read more: <http://bit.ly/1GH9gwd>

## Retrofitting the Medical Training Mold

Lisa McQueen has to look no further than her own medical education to find inspiration for the innovation she intends to be a hallmark of UCM's pediatrics residency program. McQueen, the newly appointed director of graduate medical education for pediatrics, was one of the first graduates of Mount Sinai Medical School's Humanities in Medicine program, which actively recruited liberal arts majors, like McQueen's BA in women's studies.

Read more: <http://bit.ly/1k4KBgm>



Lisa McQueen

## 5K Run/Walk Benefits Comer Patients



Nearly 2,000 people participated in the 12th annual University of Chicago Medicine Comer Children's Hospital RBC Race for the Kids on Oct. 5. The 5K run/walk raised over \$330,000 to support pediatric research at Comer. The pediatrics residents' team (left) won the CBRE and U.S. Equities Most Spirited Award.

Read more: <http://bit.ly/1Qs4sAa>

I'd Say ...

**Michael Schreiber**

Section Chief, Neonatology

*The one thing most people don't know about me... that I'm an avid 49ers fan.*

*Who is one person who had a significant influence on you?*

*Kwang-sun Lee, who has been my mentor since I came here in 1988. He taught me that there is much more to caring for patients than just the mechanics, and that everyone — and I mean everyone — deserves to be treated with respect.*

Read more from

**Schreiber**

<http://bit.ly/1LNx4RG>

## New Appointments, Re-appointments & Promotions

**Michael Schreiber**, chair of the Pediatric Committee on Appointments and Promotions

**Eric Beyer**, Vice Chair for Academic Affairs

**Barrett Fromme**, Director of Faculty Development for the Pritzker School of Medicine

**Julia Rosebush**, Assistant Professor, SOM, Section of Infectious Diseases

**Deirdre De Ranieri**, Assistant Professor, SOM, Section of Rheumatology

## November Grand Rounds Schedule

**Nov. 6** Melissa Gilliam: "Diversity and inclusion at the University of Chicago Medicine and Biological Sciences Division"

**Nov. 13** Pulmonary Medicine

**Nov. 20** Medical Education Day — Grand Rounds

**Nov. 27** Thanksgiving holiday — No conference