Welcome!

As we end the last academic year and begin anew, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on our successes and accomplishments in the Department of Pediatrics over the last year. The medical school class of 2013 has graduated, with 12 of our students going into pediatric residency, and 3 going on to residency in medicine and pediatrics. Thanks go to Drs. Sharon Stoolman and Gary Beck for their direction of the student rotations.

We graduated an outstanding group of residents in May. Ten went into general pediatric practice, with 6 staying in Nebraska. Two went on to fellowships, in Hematology/Oncology and in Neonatology. I want to extend appreciation and thanks to our faculty and to our chief residents, Drs. Melissa Acquazzino and Melissa Law, who did a great job as chiefs. I also want to extend special thanks to our volunteer faculty for their teaching of our students and residents, and have been an important part of our department over the last year.

Looking forward, the new MS3's are beginning their clerkships, and the MS4's are busily starting their sub-internships and other fourth year rotations. We have a good group of MS4's who have expressed interest in matching into pediatric residency positions.

Our new residents have started their first year of residency, and by all accounts, it looks like a very strong group. Drs. Jonah Attebery and Chelsea Majerus, have started as our new chief residents. In a new tradition, our chief residents have been appointed as Instructors on the faculty. Special thanks go to Dr. Pat Doherty for his leadership of the program through major changes in resident education, and to Cindy Colpitts and Twyla Moore for their support of the program.

Fellowships are stronger than ever, with new fellowships approved this year in Cardiology and in Pulmonology. A fellowship in Hematology/Oncology is also under review by the RRC. We will have 8 fellows this year, our most ever, including 2 new fellows in our new cardiology program.

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Upcoming Events:
- July 25 | 7:00 AM General Faculty Meeting
  UNMC Private Dining Room
- Sept 23-25 | Savannah, GA 2013 CityMatCH Conference
  "Nothing But the Best: Quality and Innovation in Urban MCH (Maternal Child Health)"
  Contact Denise Pecha at 402-552-9500.
- Journal Club
  July 17 | 12:00 PM CHMC Glow A
  J. Cantrell
- Patient Mgmt Conf. *
  July 2 | 8:00 AM
  O. Choudhery
- July 16 | 8:00 AM
  M. England
- July 23 | 8:00 AM
  M. Ryan
- July 30 | 8:00 AM
  K. McGregor

*Patient Mgmt Conf is teleconferenced from CHMC Glow Aud. to UNMC UT 7412
The Department has also done well in faculty recruiting. Eleven new faculty were recruited onto the faculty the last 12 months, and Dr. Arwa Nasir took over as Chief of our Division of General Pediatrics from Dr. Walburn. I want to thank Dr. Walburn for many years of service to the department both as residency program director and as division chief for General Pediatrics. He will be continuing on our faculty.

Of special note, recruitment has brought us Dr. Steven Kindel, who is a transplant cardiologist medically responsible for our new program in cardiac transplantation. Also, Dr. Suzanne Haney, who is known to many of you for her work at Project Harmony, has joined the full-time faculty in the area of Child Abuse. Dr. Haney will continue to work with Project Harmony, and we are excited about the opportunities this collaboration will bring to our community.

On the research side, external funding increased from $3.7M to $5.4M last year. Much of this gain comes from the successful recruitment of Dr. Stephen Obaro, who joined our faculty last July. Dr. Obaro's work is developing important new knowledge in pediatric infectious diseases in Nigeria, and presents interesting opportunities and challenges for our faculty. The CityMatch program has also been very successful in continuing funding and developing new projects in the area of urban maternal child health.

Looking forward, the department continues to grow in education, scholarship and clinical service. The recently completed pediatric strategic plan provides us guidance as we go forward. With your time, talent and energy, I'd invite you to help our academic and clinical programs improve and advance over the upcoming year.

**Hobart E. Wiltse, M.D., Ph.D. Excellence in Medical Education Award**

During Dr. Hobart Wiltse's tenure at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, he became known as one of the outstanding educators on campus, influencing many students to pursue pediatrics as a career. His Socratic approach to medical education, combined with a zest for analyzing clinical problems by re-introducing relevant basic science concepts, impacted not only medical students but also house officers. This approach to medical education has been modeled by many educators on this campus - many of whom learned this style from Dr. Wiltse.

Kari Simonsen, M.D.

To honor his legacy on this campus, the Hobart E. Wiltse, M.D., Ph.D. Excellence in Medical Education Award was created to acknowledge a faculty member who embodies the example Dr. Wiltse set in his career. This year's recipient is Kari Simonsen, M.D., who received the award on May 17th. Nominees submit a narrative detailing their efforts in education, patient care, and research. This excerpt from Dr. Simonsen's application embodies the spirit of this award:
"Dr. Wiltse was an important mentor for me as a medical student at UNMC, and was one of the faculty members who solidified my decision to become a pediatrician as well as fueled my desire to remain in academic medicine. He was the first mentor who required me to present and defend a researched topic to an interdisciplinary scientific research committee; testing my knowledge to its limits, and indeed, pushing the limits of what is known and where the frontiers of research remain. This sparked my curiosity to pursue an academic career, embracing that frontier and encouraging others to reach for it as well."

**Awards**

The following received awards at the Pediatric Residency Banquet on May 17, 2013:

- **Jonah Attebery, M.D.**; 2013 George Miyazaki Research Award
- **Chelsea Bloom Anderson, M.D.**; 2013 Children's Hospital Resident Service Excellence Award
- **Chelsea Bloom Anderson, M.D.**; 2013 House Officer Clerkship Teaching Award
- **Doug Boon, M.D.**; 2013 Volunteer Faculty Clerkship Teaching Award
- **Stephen Dolter, M.D.**; 2013 Outstanding Faculty Teaching Award
- **Kirstin Grahn, M.D.**; 2013 Gilbert C. Schreiner MD Outstanding Community Faculty Teaching Award
- **Howard Hsu, M.D.**; 2013 Outstanding Faculty Teaching Award
- **Andy Maxwell, M.D.**; 2013 Volunteer Faculty Clerkship Teaching Award
- **Joseph (Jay) Snow, M.D.** - 2013 Faculty Clerkship Teaching Award
- **Nicholas Torbert, D.O.**; 2013 Deborah Munson Barger Award

**2013 Graduating Residents and Fellows**

On May 17th, the banquet for graduating residents and fellows was held. They will be moving all over the world.

- **Melissa Acquazzino** will be moving to Milwaukee, Wisconsin to begin her fellowship in Pediatric Hematology/Oncology at the Medical College of Wisconsin.
- **Jonah Attebery** will be one of the pediatric chief residents and will hold a UNMC faculty appointment in the Department of Pediatrics.
- **Melissa Genualdi (Graham)** will be moving to Seattle, Washington to join Seattle Children's Hospital as a pediatric hospitalist and clinical instructor.
- **J.D. Law** will be moving to Grand Island, Nebraska to join the Grand Island Clinic.
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- **Chelsea Majerus** will be one of the pediatric chief residents and will hold a UNMC faculty appointment in the Department of Pediatrics.
- **Andrew Maloney** will be moving to St. Cloud, Minnesota to join
the pediatricians at the CentraCare Clinic.

- **Amanda Montalbano** will be moving to Kansas City, Missouri to join the Children’s Mercy Urgent Care East and Assistant Professor at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.
- **LuAnn Ochsner** will be moving to Butte, Montana to practice general pediatrics with a multi-specialty group at the Rocky Mountain Clinic.
- **Brandi Reeve-Iverson** will be staying in Omaha to practice general pediatrics with Alegent Creighton Clinic at the LaVista location.
- **Frances F. Smith** will be staying in Omaha to practice general pediatrics with the Children’s Physicians-Val Verde Clinic.
- **Jeremy Toffle** will be staying in Omaha to practice general pediatrics with the Children’s Physicians-Bellevue Clinic Group.
- **Nicholas Torbert** will be moving to Minneapolis, Minnesota to begin his fellowship in Neonatology at the University of Minnesota.
- **Kia Trout** will be moving to Fargo, North Dakota to practice Primary Care.
- **Katie Vollmuth** will be staying in Omaha to practice general pediatrics with the Alegent Creighton Clinic at the Gretna location.

**Fellows**

- **Benjamin Infantino** will be joining the Pediatric Gastroenterology Division, University of Nebraska Medical Center and Children's Hospital and Medical Center

**Welcome New Faculty & Staff**

We have been actively recruiting new faculty. We want you to be aware of all of the new faces you may see.

**Administration**

- Pat McDonald, Administrative Associate to Dr. Sparks

**Cardiology**

- Steven Kindel, Assistant Professor

**Child Abuse**

- Suzanne Haney, Assistant Professor

**Critical Care**

- Prashant Joshi, Associate Professor (May 1 started)

**Education**

- Victoria Nakibuuka-Muli, Education Program Coordinator

**Emergency Medicine**

- Isaac Kennedy, Assistant Professor (Sept 1 start)

**Gastroenterology**

- Benjamin Infantino, Assistant Professor
General Pediatrics

- Jonah Attebery, Instructor
- Chelsea Majerus, Instructor
- Andrea Zimmer, Assistant Professor (Plattsmouth Clinic)

Hematology/Oncology

- Christina Lettieri, Assistant Professor (August 1 start)

Infectious Diseases

- Rasaq Olaosebikan, Instructor

Pediatric Research Office

- Rachel Cooper, PRO Clinical Study Coordinator

Rheumatology

- Emilina Lim, Assistant Professor (September 1 start)

Promotions

The following faculty were promoted this year:
Assistant to Associate Professor

- Jeff Delaney, Pediatric Cardiology
- Kari Simonsen, Pediatric Infectious Diseases

Associate Professor to Professor

- Ann Haskins Olney, Genetics