From the Chairman's Desk

As we enter the new academic year, I wanted to thank the faculty and staff for their many accomplishments last academic year. Now in our sixth year since affiliation with Children's Hospital & Medical Center, our pediatric enterprise has continued to grow and mature. Last year was a busy year, setting the stage for a busy and productive academic year to come.

We made significant progress in Education last year. Dr. Paul Larsen has completed his first year as Vice-Chair for Education, with many important changes in our educational programs. In particular, we developed an exciting new Honors Pediatrics activity for our 4th year students, which successfully kicked off its first sessions last week. Our residency program had a very successful match, and continued to evolve in response to changing national requirements under the able direction of Dr. Pat Doherty. In March, the RRC commended the program for demonstrated substantial compliance with residency program requirements. We thanked Dr. Sharon Stoolman for her many years as director of the 3rd year clerkship. She passed the baton to Dr. Adam Reinhardt, who is off to a great start with some new innovations in our clerkship. Our students continue to perform above the national average, and 19 of our graduating students went into residencies in Pediatrics or Medicine/Pediatrics. We began two new fellowship programs last academic year, in cardiology and pulmonology, each off to a good start. Finally, our GME programs remain strong, with Grand Rounds ably led by Dr. Jim Harper. We also put on two postgraduate courses last year.

We grew in the research arena as well. Dr. Stephen Obaro continues to develop his international infectious diseases studies, and Dr. Bill Rizzo received an important new grant. With the leadership of Dr. Rizzo and our departmental Research Committee, and with Melanie Schrack and her staff, we have seen continuing growth in our Pediatric Research Office. We are also well underway in developing plans for a new Pediatric Research Institute.

Our clinical programs have continued to grow. A record 4 clinical areas
at CHMC have been recognized by US News & World Report. We have added significant new faculty in key areas, increasing the size of our faculty in the Department of Pediatrics. Recently, we welcomed Dr. Bill McDonnell to lead our Emergency Medicine Division. Drs. Yetman, Cramer and Kindel added significant strength in cardiology in adult congenital heart diseases and transplant cardiology. Dr. Haney joined us in Child Abuse, Dr. White in Emergency Medicine, Dr. Zimmer in General Pediatrics, Drs. Infantino and Shelby in GI, Drs. Lettieri and Ford in Hematology/Oncology, Drs. Neemann and Green in Infectious Diseases, and Dr. Lim in Rheumatology. In August Drs. Adabala (Nephrology), Rao (Neurology) and Starling (PICU) will be joining the department.

Dr. Obaro and Dr. Rizzo were each honored in receiving campus-wide research awards. Ten faculty members were promoted last year, including Drs. Coulter, Doherty, Nasir, Reinhardt, and Stoolman from Assistant to Associate Professor, and Dr. Sammut from Associate to full Professor. Drs. Boon, Carnazzo and MacDonald were promoted from Adjunct Assistant to Adjunct Associate Professor/ Clinician; and Dr. Kettelhut from Adjunct Associate to Adjunct Full Professor/Clinician. Dr. Obaro received tenure this year.

Overall, we had a very good academic year. Thanks again to all of you who made this happen. With your help and hard work, I look forward to ever greater accomplishment in the years to come.

Welcome New Faculty

Cardiology

- Jon Cramer, M.D.; Assistant Professor
  Dr. Cramer is a pediatric and adult congenital cardiologist. He received his medical degree from UNMC School of Medicine. He completed his Internal Medicine-Pediatrics residency at the University of Louisville in Louisville, KY. He completed fellowships in Pediatric Cardiology and Adult Congenital Heart Disease at the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee.

- Anji Yetman, M.D.; Professor
  Dr. Yetman is Director of Vascular Medicine, Cardiology. She received her medical degree from McMaster Medical School in Hamilton, Canada. Dr. Yetman completed her Pediatrics residency at Victoria Hospital & Children's Hospital of Western Ontario, London Ontario, Canada. She completed her Pediatric Cardiology fellowship at The Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto.

Critical Care

- Rebecca Starling, M.D.; Assistant Professor
  Dr. Starling is a pediatric intensivist in Critical Care. She received her medical degree from Michigan State University College of Human Medicine in East Lansing, Mich. She completed her Pediatrics residency at the University of Minnesota Medical School in Minneapolis. She completed her fellowship in Pediatric
Critical Care at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

**Emergency Medicine**

- William McDonnell, M.D., J.D.; Associate Professor
  Dr. McDonnell is the clinical service chief of Emergency Medicine and medical director of Children's Emergency Department. He received his medical degree from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, where he also completed his Pediatrics residency at Arkansas Children's Hospital. He completed his Pediatric Emergency Medicine fellowship at the University of Colorado Medical Center. He also received a law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law.

**Gastroenterology**

- Shaija Shelby, M.D.; Assistant Professor
  Dr. Shelby has joined the department as a gastroenterologist. Dr. Shelby received her medical degree from Medical College Thrissur in Kerala, India. She completed her Pediatrics residency at the UNMC College of Medicine as well as her fellowship in Pediatric Gastroenterology.

**Hematology/Oncology**

- James Ford, D.O.; Assistant Professor
  Dr. Ford is a specialist in Hematology/Oncology. He received his medical degree from Des Moines University in Iowa. He completed his Pediatrics residency at Children's Hospital Medical Center of Akron, Ohio and his Pediatric Hematology/Oncology/Bone Marrow Transplant fellowship at Children's Hospital of Colorado.

**Infectious Disease**

- Andrea Green Hines, M.D.; Assistant Professor
  Dr. Green Hines is a specialist in Infectious Disease. She received her medical degree from UNMC School of Medicine. She completed her Internal Medicine-Pediatrics residency and her Adult and Pediatric Infectious Disease fellowship at UNMC College of Medicine.

- Kari Neemann, M.D.; Assistant Professor
  Dr. Neemann is a specialist in Infectious Disease. She received her medical degree from UNMC College of Medicine. She completed her Internal Medicine-Pediatrics residency at Creighton University School of Medicine, where she also completed her Internal Medicine-Infectious Disease fellowship. She then completed a Pediatrics-Infectious Disease fellowship at UNMC College of Medicine.

**Internal Medicine/Pediatrics**

- Daniel Jeffrey, M.D.; Assistant Professor
  Dr. Jeffrey trained in internal medicine/pediatrics at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. Dr. Jeffrey received his medical degree from the University of Nebraska College of Medicine.
• Sarah Smith, M.D.; Assistant Professor
  Dr. Smith completed her training in internal medicine/pediatrics at Tulane University School of Medicine, New Orleans, Louisiana. She received her medical degree from the University of Nebraska College of Medicine.

Nephrology

• Murty Adabala, M.D.; Assistant Professor
  Dr. Adabala is a pediatric nephrologist. He received his medical degrees (MBBS, DCH) from Rangaraya Medical College, Andhra Pradesh, India. He completed his Pediatrics residency and his Pediatric Nephrology fellowship at Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit.

Neurology

• Vamshi Rao, M.D.; Assistant Professor
  Dr. Rao has joined the Pediatric Neurology Division. He received his medical degree from B.J. Medical College and Sassoon Hospitals in Pune, India. He completed his Pediatrics residency at John H. Stroger Jr. Hospital of Cook County in Chicago. He completed fellowships in Pediatric Neurology and Neuromuscular Medicine at Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago and Northwestern University in Chicago.

Pediatric Writing Group Renamed

In an effort to better represent what the Pediatric Writing Group does, a new name has been chosen:

  Review of Pediatric Scholarship (RoPeS)

This group meets once a month on the third Monday at noon in University Tower Room 7412.

The purpose of the group is to offer peer-review of any and all forms of scholarship for faculty, fellows, residents, and staff. It is an informal group that has demonstrated great success in helping people in the department refine abstract submissions, poster presentations, manuscripts, and grants.

Anyone is welcome to attend the sessions. The only requirement is that you come prepared to offer constructive feedback on scholarship being reviewed during that session. You are always welcome to submit something for review as well.

Please feel free to contact Dr. Gary Beck if you have questions at gbeck@unmc.edu.

Pediatric Research Grants
Grant applications are due **September 1st**. Specific criteria may be found on the Pediatrics website.

Two categories of grant applications will be considered: Pediatric Research Grants and Pediatric Mini-Grants.

- Pediatric Research Grants will be funded for a maximum of $50,000. Applicants must have a faculty level appointment. A clinical division can be awarded no more than one Pediatric Research Grant per year.
- Pediatric Mini-Grants will be funded for a maximum of $5,000. The Mini-Grant is designed for small research studies, exploratory projects, case studies, etc. Applicants may be faculty, residents, fellows or medical students. Applicants in-training are encouraged to apply and must list a faculty mentor who will supervise the project and attest to the applicant's commitment and availability.

Grant awards will be for a period of one year with the option to carry over funds for a second unfunded year, if requested. Unspent funds will revert back to the Pediatric Research Fund after completion of the research period.