RECRUITMENTS, RETIREMENTS, & ROLE CHANGES

We are immensely grateful for the contributions outgoing Members provided to the Department and the Program over the past years. Please join us in welcoming the following incoming Members to their new positions and roles.

Dr. BJ Hancock will be stepping down from her leadership roles within Pediatric Surgery. Recruitment is ongoing for both the Section Head and Director roles.

Dr. Gabriel Muruve has announced his retirement after 56 years in clinical practice. He was a founder of Pediatrics at Manitoba Clinic and is very proud to have seen the evolution of our community pediatric care move on to the new clinic space. Thank you Dr. Muruve for your decades of dedicated service to the health of Manitoba’s children.

A number of new full time Faculty Members joined our Department over the winter.

Dr. Neil Desai has been recruited within the Section of Pediatric Emergency, and will start on July 1, 2018.

Dr. Samantha Marin will represent our Department at the Dean’s Executive Council for the next two years.

Dr. Chris Hohl has accepted a place in the HSC Medical Staff Executive Committee to represent the Children’s Hospital and Department.

Lincoln Spencer Hayward arrived safely on March 8, 2018 to be welcomed by his proud parents Dr. Jenette Hayward and her husband Rolly. Dr Hayward will be on parental leave from the Feeding and Complex Care Services until the fall of 2018.
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Dr. Annika Klopp started with Ambulatory Care after being away on maternity leave. She will be attending on Pine Service, and on the St Boniface Normal Newborn Service, in Children’s Clinic and St. Boniface ACF.

Dr. Reeni Soni has joined our team of Associate Medical Directors for the Child Health Program, starting January 1, 2018, working alongside Dr. Birk, Dr. Lane and Dr. Sawyer to assist Dr. Klassen, Medical Director, Child Health Program.

In February we said farewell to Cybel de Juan, Communications & Finance Assistant for the Department of Pediatrics. After 5 years of working in Pediatrics, Cybel has moved on to a different role in the Dean’s Office.

Thank you, Cybel, for all of your contributions, hard work, and efforts over the years. We miss you!

AWARDS & GRANTS

Dr. Mubeen Rafay received the Brain Canada Paediatric Stroke Imaging Research Platform Support Grant for “Harnessing an International Focus (CPSIRP: HIF)” – Multi-center Imaging of Pediatric Stroke.

This international pediatric stroke international project will establish a multicenter neuroimaging platform to empower Canadian, American and international scientists to succeed in clinical-translational discoveries in pediatric stroke.

Pls: Gabrielle deVeber, Nomazulu Dlamini (Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto)
Co-Pls: Mubeen F. Rafay (Winnipeg), Bruce Bjornson (Vancouver), Adam Kirton (Calgary), Michael Rivkin (Boston), Timothy Bernard (Colorado)
Subaward to Co/Site Investigator Dr. Mubeen F. Rafay, Children’s Hospital Winnipeg - Total Grant Money (5 year term): CAD $ 1.55 Million. Allocated Funds for Winnipeg site CAD$ 71,250

Dr. Margo Lane received the Helping Hands Health Award from the Mood Disorders Association Manitoba at their annual In the Mood Gala dinner on February 24 for her commitment to caring for adolescents with mental illness.

Dr. Meghan Azad received a CIHR Project Grant ($742,050) to support research with the CHILD study to determine how breastfeeding can help prevent food allergy.
2016/17 Manitoba Medical Student Association Teaching Awards

Med I / Med II Pre-Clerkship Nominees

Med I – Class of 2020

**Award for Inspiration**
1. Dr. Ebithal Ali
2. Dr. Aaron Chiu
3. Dr. Aviva Goldberg
4. Dr. Reeni Soni

**Award for Best Teaching in Small Group Setting**
1. Dr. Aaron Chiu
2. Dr. Aviva Goldberg
3. Dr. Sandra Marles
4. Dr. Mike Moffatt
5. Dr. Elizabeth Sellers
6. Dr. Reeni Soni
7. Dr. Jo Stephanie Swartz
8. Dr. Brandy Wicklow

**Award of Innovation**
1. Dr. Aaron Chiu
2. Dr. Geoff Cuvelier
3. Dr. Aviva Goldberg
4. Dr. Reeni Soni

**Award for Mentorship**
1. Dr. Aaron Chiu
2. Dr. Jeff Hyman
3. Dr. Sylvia Kovnats
4. Dr. Sally Longstaffe
5. Dr. Elizabeth Sellers
6. Dr. Reeni Soni
7. Dr. Brandy Wicklow

Med II – Class of 2019

**Award for Inspiration**
1. Dr. Sergio Fanella
2. Dr. Reeni Soni

**Award for Innovation**
1. Dr. Jeff Hyman
2. Dr. Reeni Soni

**Award for Best Teaching in Small Group Setting**
1. Dr. Fabiana Postolow
2. Dr. Reeni Soni
3. Dr. Brandy Wicklow

**Award for Mentorship**
1. Dr. Aaron Chiu
2. Dr. Aviva Goldberg

Med III Pre-Clerkship Nominees

**Award for Resident Professionalism**
1. Dr. Jennifer Wiebe

**Award for Attending Professionalism**
1. Dr. Aviva Goldberg

**Award for Resident Patient Advocate**
1. Dr. Michelle Durst
2. Dr. Shayna McNeill
3. Dr. Clare Whitehead

**Award for Resident Clinical Teaching**
1. Dr. John Page

**Award for Resident Mentorship**
1. Dr. Marni Hanna

**Award for Attending Clinical Teaching**
1. Dr. Aviva Goldberg
2. Dr. Geoff Cuvelier
3. Dr. Jeff Hyman
4. Dr. James Johnston

**Award for Attending Mentorship**
1. Dr. Marni Hanna

Thank you to everyone who attended the Department of Pediatrics Annual Retreat and/or Faculty Dinner. It was a wonderful afternoon and evening at the Metropolitan Entertainment Centre (MET) with two incredible presenters.

Dr. Amy Acker gave an inspiring talk about Competence Based Medical Education (CBME) and the implementation process at Queen’s University. Her presentation was followed by a workshop for faculty members to strategize implementation of CBME in our own environment.

We are in the process of evaluating the content and overall experience from the 2018 Retreat with a short survey. If you attended the Retreat and did not receive the survey invite, please contact Erin Hill (ehill@exchange.hsc.mb.ca). All responses are anonymous and the survey takes less than 5 minutes to complete.

Dr. Janet Serwint closed out the afternoon with a fantastic presentation on physician wellness and burnout in the workplace. Her talk was followed by the Faculty Appreciation Dinner, where Pediatric Residents expressed gratitude to Faculty Members for their leadership over the past year.

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Thanks to all who attended!
Dr. Abha Gupta, Adolescent and Young Adults Visiting Professor

Dr. Abha Gupta received her MD at the University of Toronto. She completed her pediatrics residency at Yale New Haven Children’s Hospital (New Haven, CT) and Children’s Hospital of Eastern Ontario (Ottawa) before moving back to Toronto to complete her fellowship in paediatric hematology/oncology at The Hospital for Sick Children. To complement her training, Dr. Gupta completed a one-year fellowship in Adolescent and Young Adult Oncology with a focus on sarcoma. She is currently cross appointed as a staff oncologist at both The Hospital for Sick Children and Princess Margaret Cancer Centre.

She is the Medical Director of the Adolescent and Young Adult Oncology Program at Princess Margaret Cancer Centre. Here, she is working with a team of people to create the infrastructure to ensure consistent and high quality delivery of information and services to young people with cancer.

At SickKids, along with pediatric urologist, Dr. Armando Lorenzo, she is Co-Medical Director of the Fertility Preservation Program. The goal of this program is to ensure consistent and high quality delivery of information regarding fertility preservation to children and adolescents with cancer.

Dr. Gupta’s primary clinical and research interests include sarcoma, adolescent oncology, and primary liver tumours in children.

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*Grand Rounds presentation is open to all – registration required to attend all day event
Manitoba Pediatric Society

The Manitoba Pediatric Society brings together pediatricians with interests ranging from general to subspecialty pediatrics with a focus on improving the health and lives of children in Manitoba.

The annual membership fee is $300 (due in January of each year). The fee includes four separate Royal College accredited evenings of education and nourishment as well as providing a separate opportunity to celebrate the successes of outgoing Pediatric residents in June of each year (Resident Appreciation Dinner on June 18, 2018).

We are pleased to welcome several new members who have joined this year and would like to encourage more participation from a wide variety of community and subspecialty members. The evenings provide an opportunity to engage with recent graduates, newly appointed faculty, known friends and colleagues and to advocate on behalf of the children of Manitoba.

We welcome you to the next MPS meeting on May 14, 2018!

Upcoming Meetings
- May 14, 2018
- June 18, 2018 (Resident Appreciation Dinner)

Membership Fees
- Annual membership fee is $300 (due in January)
- Individual dinner attendance can be purchased for $75 at each event

For more information, contact: manitobapediatricsociety@gmail.com

Current executive committee members are as follows:

Dr. Marni Hanna (President)
Dr. Adena Madison (Vice-President)
Dr. Ming-Ka Chan (Treasurer)
Dr. Aran Dangerfield (Co-Secretary)
Dr. Norman McLean (Co-Secretary)
Dr. Ruth Grimes (CPS Representative)
Dr. BJ Hancock (Member-At-Large)
Dr. Jenette Hayward (Member-At-Large)
On behalf of our 3rd year resident group, in collaboration with Dr. Nathan Nickel, we are thrilled to announce the launch of our Advocacy Project: **Safe SLEEP (Safe SLeep Education and Evaluation Program).**

The goal of our project is to reach families without a safe sleep place for their infant and provide them with a baby box full of first year of life necessities. Our project is a Randomized Controlled Study and consenting families will be allocated to receive the baby box and education platform (intervention) or directed to how to obtain a box with online resources (control).

We are also interested in hearing from families that already have a box. If a family does not want to participate in the research, they are still eligible for the project box and educational session. All boxes are manufactured by the Baby Box Company© and meet the national Cribs Cradles and Bassinets Regulations. The box is designed as a bassinet, fitted with a mattress and sheet, and can be used until the infant can roll over.

The residents will be providing a 20-30 minute education session with the families, teaching them about the contents of the box and practices to keep baby safe.

You can direct families to fill in a Study Invitation Form and follow the instructions below to connect them with the study team.

We appreciate your support in our project as we embark on this exciting journey. Please do not hesitate to contact any of the team members below.

**PGY-3 Paediatric Resident Cohort**
Michelle Durst, Oana Florescu, Alastair Fung, Kaitlin Hogue, Shannon Mohoric, John Page, Bhreagh Phipps, Rozeanna Skovrlj, Margo Stevenson, Jennifer Lee Wiebe and Kari Wosnitza

**Leaders/Mentors**
Dr. Lynne Warda, Dr. Tavis Bodnarchuk and Dr. Celia Rodd

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**Education for families**

Residents provide a 20-30 minute education session for the families, teaching them practices to keep baby safe:
- Safe sleep, safe use of the baby box
- Swaddling practices
- Breastfeeding
- Vitamin D use
- Smoking cessation
- Vaccines
- Fevers and thermometer use
- Early literacy
- Dental hygiene
- Get Your Benefits

**We need your help!**
The project is up and running and we are hoping to have your support to help identify eligible families for our Program. The following are the eligibility criteria:
- Prenatal clients 36+ weeks GA or infants 2 months and under
- Hospitalized infants may be eligible if they are less than 44 weeks post-conceptional age
- Residents of Winnipeg or returning to Winnipeg for their 2 month appointment
- Able to communicate in English

Contact Dr. Lynn Warda for recruitment:
204-451-0621  |  lwarda@wrha.mb.ca
PROTECTING THE FUTURE
How the Environment Impacts Child Health

CANADIAN MUSEUM FOR HUMAN RIGHTS
OCTOBER 2 – 4, 2018

About Child Health Research Days
The Children’s Hospital Research Institute of Manitoba is proud to be hosting the 14th Annual Child Health Research Days (CHRD). This year’s theme is Protecting the Future: How the Environment Impacts Child Health. CHRD is an exciting and unique event focused on innovative child health research happening in Manitoba, Canada, and around the world.

Attendees will have the opportunity to hear from internationally acclaimed speakers on a range of pertinent topics; network and collaborate with fellow researchers; participate in workshops and discussion sessions; and learn about exciting advancements in the future of child health from our trainees. This year, CHRD will once again be held at the globally renowned Canadian Museum for Human Rights, with a gala dinner at the historic Fort Garry Hotel. Guests will also have the opportunity to use their event passes to explore the museum at their leisure throughout the conference.

CHRD provides a stimulating educational environment for both researchers and trainees, with opportunities for trainees to participate in poster sessions and the Dr. GoodBear’s Den oral competition.

This Year’s Theme
When it comes to shaping children’s health, we know that there are many factors at play. This year, our theme of “environment” allows us to explore the many different environmental impacts on health – whether they be physical, such as air pollution and water quality; or social, such as trauma and stress. Our line-up of speakers each offer unique and expert insights to bring the many different environmental determinants of health together for an inspiring and educational look at the overall picture of pediatric health.

Visit CHRDmb.ca to learn more
March 12-18 is Brain Awareness Week, and the Children’s Hospital Research Institute of Manitoba (CHRIM) has many researchers, projects, and partners focused on all different areas of brain health. Brain Awareness Week is an opportunity for us to highlight some of the important work being done in this area, starting with the BRIGHT Coaching study – a collaboration with CHRIM’s partners at CHILD-BRIGHT.

Children develop important skills during the preschool years, however some children have difficulties or delays in developing these skills. For families with children experiencing delays, an assessment by a developmental specialist can be an important part of their journey. This can take time and the process of assessment, diagnosis, and accessing care and services can be stressful for families.

The BRIGHT Coaching study is developing a coaching program to help families of young kids with suspected developmental delays during their preschool years. The coach intervention will offer a comprehensive set of tools to support and help empower families. These tools will include:

- **TALK**: A coach will help parents as they wait for assessment, by talking them through different challenges as they arise.
- **LEARN**: Online education tools will complement coaching sessions, covering topics on child development, service providers, family support, and community resources.
- **SHARE**: Parents will be able to connect with other parents and families in similar situations, and share questions, experiences, advice, and more.

The study will take place at four different sites and four different cities across Canada: Montreal, Vancouver, Halifax, and Winnipeg. The BRIGHT Coaching research team is led by Dr. Annette Majnemer (McGill University Health Centre Research Institute) in Montreal, and co-led by Dr. Maureen O’Donnell (Child Health BC) in Vancouver. The team is made up of clinicians, researchers and parents, with team members spread out across the country.

Dr. Kristy Wittmeier, Dr. Ana Hanlon-Dearman and Dr. Gina Rempel are researchers at CHRIM and they share the role of lead investigators for the Manitoba CHILD-BRIGHT Site.

“We are excited to be a part of this national network, and to make sure that the opportunity to be involved in this trial is open to parents in Manitoba” says Dr. Wittmeier. “We are pleased that parents have had, and continue to have an important role in developing the coaching intervention. Waiting for assessment and diagnosis can be a stressful time for families and we hope to learn more about what is most effective in helping support parents during this time.”

The BRIGHT Coaching team partners with an incredible group of 10 Canadian parent advisors, who provide essential insight, guidance, and feedback about how to make all aspects of the study relevant and helpful for parents. For example, last spring, an online parent survey was launched to gather feedback from 250 Canadian families, to help develop the best content for the program.

“The BRIGHT Coaching team at CHRIM has been an incredible asset to the study, partnering with parent advisors, researchers and stakeholders at the local and national level to develop a coaching program that has impact for Canadian parents.” says Dr. Annette Majnemer, BRIGHT Coaching Principal Investigator and CHILD-BRIGHT Nominated Principal Investigator and Scientific Director.

The study pilot is anticipated to launch this spring and the official study will be launched in the summer. You can learn more about CHILD-BRIGHT and the BRIGHT Coaching study [here](#).
Every Child Every Time: Our commitment to prevent & relieve pain

On September 18, 2017, the first Pain Initiative Audit took place on the wards and in the ER at Children’s Hospital and on NICU at Saint Boniface. By patient and caregiver interviews we aimed to review the pain experience of our patients and their perspective on our current pain management. Chart reviews were performed to identify current approaches of pain assessment, its documentation and actual treatment.

Of 152 eligible ward patients, 109 were randomly selected to participate; in the Children’s ER 23 patients were additionally approached. We received informed consent from 82 families for the interview; one family consented to the chart review only. The main reason for not participating in the audit was the absence of caregivers and/ or patients at bedside (n= 32, 61 %) even though the auditors approached the families three times throughout the day. Eight of the families who did not give consent were not interested in the study (17 %).

Twenty-five patients participated from the four NICU wards (Orange Bison, Yellow Deer, Notre Dame, and St. Boniface), 17 from Children’s ER, eight from Pediatric Day Unit and Day Surgery, two from PICU and 31 from the other wards (CK3, CH4, CK5, CH5, PSCU). Acute illness was the most common reason for the hospital and ER visit (n = 31, 37.8 %) followed by prematurity (n = 19, 23.2 %), and injuries (n = 9, 11 %). During their entire hospital stay, 65 patients experienced pain (79 %); 44 of these patients (64 %) were longer than 24 hours hospitalized at the time of the audit. Of the 44 patients, 36 (82 %) rated their worst pain since admission with at least 6 on a numeric rating scale between 0 and 10 where 0 is no pain and 10 the worst pain imaginable; 23 patients (52 %) rated their worst pain with at least 8/10. Of the 21 patients staying in the hospital including the ER for 24 hours or less, eight rated the worst pain with a score of at least 7/10 (33 %). Procedural pain was the most frequently reported cause of the worst pain (n=45, 64 %), followed by acute illness (n = 19, 27 %) and injury (n = 5, 7 %); most frequently reported procedures causing the worst pain were needle pokes including iv starts, heel sticks, and venipunctures. During the last 24 hours prior to the audit, pain assessment was documented in only 48 patient charts; no pain assessment was found in 29 charts (36 %), 1 assessment in 17 charts (21 %); there were no significantly more pain assessments performed in patients who were just admitted to the hospital or ER compared to patients who were more than 24 hours on the wards.

Five families expressed concerns about the current pain management; these comments were serious and will be addressed. On the other side, we received 38 comments on what the patients/ caregiver liked about our current pain management. Fifteen families commented on the question what we can improve with mostly positive feedback.

The results of this audit are very similar to published data of pain management prior to implementing the “comfort promise” from hospital audits in Canada, the US, Europe and Australia.

Following our results, we are very excited to announce that we will launch our first working group on March 29. Twelve members includes nursing, DSM representatives, physicians and child life specialists from Children’s Hospital, SCCY and St. Boniface will work together to develop and implement prevention measures against needle pain.

A big thank you to all 25 volunteers from Nursing, Child Life, the Pediatric Residents Program, the CHRIM Research Unit and Physicians who took part in the audit and made it happen that we have now a baseline from where we can move forward. A huge thank you to Carl, Suzanne and Heidi for their great help with the data analysis.

Kerstin Gerhold
On behalf of the Steering Committee
Specialized Services for Children & Youth (SSCY)

DR. A. HANLON-DEARMAN & DR. G. REMPEL

Report from SSCY Centre
SSCY Centre continues to be filled with a lot of people with enthusiasm and drive. The families are picking up on this and are becoming more engaged, enjoying the space, the programs and both Family Networks for RCC/SSCY and the FASD. Forty enthusiastic parents participating in the RCC network working on projects and advocacy. The FASD Family Network is also very active having hosted an event in February entitled “Awesome Me – Living with FASD” at SSCY for youth living with FASD and their families. This was attended by 60 people who provided very positive feedback.

Social media is alive and well and increasingly utilized by the RCC team at SSCY and the families. The website is worth a look, as is our Twitter and Facebook page both of which families enjoy using. Also look at the Instagram Posts from the Children’s Rehabilitation Foundation @childrensrehab.

We continue to deliver therapy services to 52 First Nations Communities. We have submitted a proposal for teams to visit 18-19 more hub sites and are awaiting the results. This expansion will also include medical specialty clinics in some hub communities.

We enjoyed hosting the Manitoba Pediatric Society Dinner on March 6, 2018 and are looking forward to hosting the Department of Pediatrics and Child Health Section Head meeting on March 21, 2018.

We had a very successful a Board – Staff strategic planning session on March 12, 2018 from which we hope to integrate the Centre’s priorities with community needs over the next 5 years.

Rehabilitation Clinics
We have a number of medical staff on maternity leave. We are excited about the newest arrival: Congratulations to Dr. Jenette Hayward on the birth of her son, Lincoln. Dr. Hayward will be returning to her roles in Muscular Dystrophy Clinic, Feeding Clinic and Complex Care in the fall of 2018.

More multidisciplinary teams are forming in our setting to foster the complex care model. Our medical staff is expanding and parents are very grateful for the ability to see multiple providers from different disciplines in one day. We look forward to the addition of Dr. Lori Ann Archer, an orthopedic surgeon, who has an interest in children with disabilities to join our team in the Summer of 2018.

All the Rehabilitation Clinics remain very and active. Clinics include: Muscular Dystrophy, Spina Bifida, Spine Clinics, Spasticity Clinic, Assistive Technology Clinic, Amputee Clinic, Orthopedic Clinics, Feeding Clinic and Complex Care Clinic. The latter two are especially missing Dr. Hayward as they are experiencing a surge in referrals.

Child Development Clinics
The Child Development Clinics include the Preschool Autism Team, the Child Protection Centre/Child Development Clinic partnership, the Neonatal Follow-up Program, as well as general development Clinics. We have done significant development with our Preschool Autism Team. We will be welcoming a new social worker to replace Ms. Francesca Hoegmood while she is on her upcoming maternity leave. We currently have outreach developmental clinics in Brandon, the Pas, Dauphin, and Morden/Winkler. We continue to see significant numbers of new referrals as well as follow-ups.

Dr. Florencia Ricci will be defending her PhD in Pediatrics in May 2018 at the University of Alberta – we are delighted to have her join our program.

We will be pleased to welcome back from maternity leaves Dr. Stephanie Narvey in June and Dr. Ghita Wiebe in May.

For more information about SSCY, please visit sscy.ca
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The Manitoba FASD Centre and Diagnostic Network
The Manitoba FASD Centre, including their Preschool, School Age, Adolescent, and Youth Justice Clinics continue to be busy, seeing children from throughout the province with the support of our Diagnostic Coordinators. As part of the FASD Diagnostic Network a 2 day clinic was offered in Winnipeg for children and their families from Berens River. The RHA Coordinator and Winnipeg’s network coordinator jointly assisted Dr. Sally Longstaffe and the allied health staff from the FASD Centre. Despite the snow storm all families attended several appointments from Monday to Thursday and 8 children received the multidisciplinary assessment here at SSCY and travel was reduced to one trip for these families rather than multiple flights to Winnipeg.

Dr. Hanlon-Dearman continues to be involved in national research on FASD, both in collaboration with MCHP as well as supported through CanFASD Research Network.

We have also submitted a funding proposal for multidisciplinary teams to visit additional hub sites for developmental assessment.

Fun facts about SSCY Centre
• Some of you may not know that we have a concierge at SSCY Centre to help families navigate, park and deliver equipment
• SSCY Centre has a self-serve wheelchair washing facility which we are anticipating more use as spring approaches
• Parents are enjoying the free parking and SSCY facilities and are often waiting there for their Children’s Hospital appointments
• Programs run in the SSCY Building throughout the week for parents and families of kids through the LIFE program. The LIFE program also extends into the community for local programming

RCC Research Department
The Research Coordinator helped the dieticians create a survey to send to other Neonatal Follow-Up programs across Canada to find out how other programs are organized and what criteria they use to determine which premature infants are referred to the program. The dietitians hope to use the information from this survey to revise their criteria to ensure that the most nutritionally at risk premature infants are included in the program.

An abstract for the “Exploratory Quantitative Evaluation of Lower Limb Orthosis Provision in Ambulatory Patients Treated at the Rehabilitation Centre for Children” project was submitted to be presented at the Orthotics Prosthetics Canada Annual Conference in August.

The SPOR Child Bright Project 3.2 initiative (Drs. Kristy Wittmeier, Ana Hanlon Dearman and Gina Rempel) is ramping up to start enrolling children wait listed for developmental services to assess efficacy of an internet based coaching model.

A computerized game-based platform to assess therapy provision in resource-poor settings is being evaluated by PhD candidate Anuprita Kantikar at SSCY Centre.

Join us the second Tuesday of each month at 8:15 for Breakfast at SSCY session. We record these as webinars and they are available on both the SSCY and RCC websites.

For more information about SSCY, please visit sscy.ca
Seeing Their Donation Come To Life

On January 9, 2018, the Pediatric Epilepsy Monitoring Unit (EMU) at the Children’s Hospital-HSC Winnipeg. In May 2017, Michael and Lilibeth Schlater announced a $2 million donation to help set up the unit.

“Thrilled and excited are two of the words Lilibeth and I would use to describe this moment,” states Michael Schlater, Chief Executive Officer, Domino’s Pizza of Canada Ltd. “After thirty-five years with Domino’s Pizza Canada, it gives us great pride to be able to pay back our success in the city where everything started. Knowing we had a special part in helping Manitoban children and their families remain here for care is heartwarming.”

The Pediatric EMU currently encompasses two in-patient beds, a central monitoring unit at the nurse’s station, a telemetry room where EEG recordings are reviewed, and two portable EEG machines that may be used in the operating room or Intensive Care Unit (for more urgent cases). A significant upgrade in the Children’s Hospital electronic servers and workstations was also necessary to support the program.

Since the launch of the Pediatric Epilepsy Surgery Program in the past few months, 12 children have already been treated in Manitoba. Previous to this program, having to travel out-of-province for care posed significant challenges on pediatric epilepsy patients and their families. With the arrival of the EMU in Winnipeg, it is anticipated that upwards of 100 patients or more will be seen this year, meaning that the EMU will not only reduce costs, but will also significantly shorten wait times for Manitoban children with epilepsy.

Click here to see the new Michael & Lilibeth Schlater and Family Epilepsy Monitoring Unit.

32 Years Of Incredible Support

On February 21, 2018, Maurice (Moe) Sabourin, President, Winnipeg Police Association (WPA), was pleased to announce proceeds from the 2017 WPA Charity Ball totalling $40,000 was donated to the Children’s Hospital Foundation of Manitoba.

Joining Sabourin for the cheque presentation today was WPA Vice-President, George Van Mackelbergh; representing the Children’s Hospital Foundation of Manitoba, Gary Rozak, Acting President & CEO; and 2018 Champion Child, Abigail Stewart.

“This is the third year in a row the WPA Charity Ball has raised $40,000 for the Children’s Hospital Foundation of Manitoba, bringing our donation total to date to over $600,000 for children’s health,” said Sabourin. “Our members are proud to support the important work of the Children’s Hospital Foundation.”

“When you think of the members of the Winnipeg Police Association, one word always comes to mind – dedication”, said Rozak. “Dedication to their jobs, to the community, to the people they serve. But their dedication goes beyond that in the way they support the community, raising money for many worthy causes – especially the sick and injured children here at the Children’s Hospital. Thank you from the families, the staff, and most importantly the children you continue to serve and protect.”

The 94th Annual WPA Charity Ball takes place Saturday, April 28, 2018 at Canad Inn Polo Park. The WPA Charity Ball is the longest running annual charity function of its kind in North America. The Children’s Hospital Foundation of Manitoba has been one of the WPA’s charities of choice for 32 years. To purchase tickets call the WPA at (204) 957-1579.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

2018 Innovators Program
The following projects have been approved to move forward in this year’s submission:

Dr. Guiseppe Retrosi – Pediatric Surgery  
*Improving Surgical Education using HoloLens, mixed reality device*

Dr. Jennifer Griffin – Pediatrics Gastroenterology and  
Dr. Anna Shawyer, Pediatric Surgery  
*Manitoba Intestinal Rehabilitation Program (MIRP)*

Dr. Shyamala Dakshinamurti, Neonatology  
*Looking for the Key to Treat Blue Babies*

Dr. Patrick Frosk, Genetics & Metabolism,  
*Genetic Autopsy in Fetuses with Lethal Congenital Anomalies*

Finance Update
The Department of Pediatrics Administrative Office, on behalf of the Finance Committee, reported on the fiscal year 2017. UofM operating funding is at $2.1 million and the overhead revenue was predicted at $2.7 million for the 2017 year. We predicted a deficit of $158,000 in our budget, but landed on a surplus of $35,000. This was caused by increased revenue from overhead (tariff increases) and the postponing of the launch of the Dean’s Fund.

Over the course of 2017, the Finance Committee focussed on guiding the overhead changes in our Department, followed by the election of new Committee Members. Currently, the Finance Committee is looking at advice around secretarial support staff; and a blanket approach in support for GFT’s computers, office, etc.

GFT Members can bring any questions or concerns around the governance and spending of the overhead funds to their elected Members of the Finance Committee; Dr. Murray Kesselman (Chair), Dr. Ming-Ka Chan, Dr. Shyamala Dakshinamurti, Dr. Maury Pinsk and Dr. Jim Strong.

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Community Pediatricians - Dr. J. Grabowski / Dr. G. MacDougall
The Pediatric group at Manitoba Clinic would like to announce the retirement of Dr. Gabriel Muruve after 56 years in clinical practice. He was a Chief Resident at Children’s Hospital in 1961. He is the founder of Pediatrics at Manitoba Clinic and is very proud to have seen the evolution of our community pediatric care move on to the new clinic space. We thank Dr. Muruve for his decades of dedicated service to the health of Manitoba’s children.

St. Boniface - Dr. W. Kassem
We are adjusting in our new space and everything is going well.

Quality/Doctors Manitoba – Dr. A. Chiu
Thank you to everyone who attended our Grand Rounds presentation on communications. We’re still working on ensuring that all written and verbal communications in handoff are going well.

Michelle Tuck (Pediatric & Neonatology Quality Officer), Valerie Brule (Pediatric Intensivist), Anna Shawyer (General Pediatric Surgeon) have joined our team. We are working to improve the Operating Room system – making sure it works effectively and trying to limit the number of incidents happening there. Dr. Val Brule is working on her thesis on Pediatric Early Warning System, she’ll be doing a Grand Rounds on this in the future.

At Doctors Manitoba, the 2 per cent tertiary supplement increase is going through effective April 1, 2018. This will be the last from master agreement, negotiations for 2019 are ongoing.
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Child Health Pain Initiative – Dr. K. Gerhold

We are making progress on the Every Child Every Time website. The audit report is featured above in the newsletter. We have established our first working group to create guidelines and resources for minimizing needle pain and we will meet at the end of March.

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CaRMs Matches

We matched with 10 candidates in Pediatrics this year. 9 candidates were Canadian Medical Graduates (CMG) and 1 is an International Medical Graduate (IMG) who is a 2nd year Peds resident from Aberdeen, Scotland.

Competence By Design

We sent a letter to the Department about meeting with different Sections between April 20 and June 30 to further discuss the Entrustable Professional Activities (EPAs) that may be observed during the resident clinical training experiences within your sections. We can do this during one of your section meetings, if this works best for you, or alternatively at another time. It is crucial that as many section members as possible attend this meeting as well as any administrators responsible for patient bookings and educational planning. Our PGME office will be contacting you to organize these meetings. Please do not hesitate to email us at any time if you have any question

The CBD launch date is July 2019, however that is not a fixed date as decisions still need to be made regarding overlap training in PGY4. A meeting will be held with the Postgrad deans in June to make a decision regarding our CBD start date.
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Examiners needed
Thank you to those who are giving their time to resident education!
We have some open spots for OSCE Examiners and STACER proctors. Any faculty members who are interested in participating should contact PGME_PedsEducation@exchange.hsc.mb.ca for more information.

IMG/PRASAP - Dr. A. Ali
We have one candidate for the Practice Ready Assessment - Specialty Practice. They are going through the screening process and if they are successful, the start date will be July 1, 2018.

Subspeciality Programs - Dr. S. Fanella
In the CaRMS match, we found out that we have 21 applicants across various programs. The interview period started on March 20 and will continue until May 7, 2018. As a committee, we will likely be asking for a few faculty members to be external reviewers.

Faculty Development - Dr. M. Chan/Dr. E. MacDougall
- The Mentorship program is on hold for now until administrative support is restructured.
- Next Faculty Development session is April 12 530-730pm on Indigenous health education with guests Drs. Marcia Anderson and Lisa Monkman.
- Visiting leadership speaker Dr. Jamiu Busari will be joining us over week May 22-25. More details to follow.

Transfusion Practices Committee – Dr. J. Stoffman
From transfusion practice, we are now actively developing the Massive Transfusion Protocol for Pediatrics. There is a working group with representation from PICU, Peds ER, Peds Surgery, and Peds Anesthesia and the Quality Team that is adapting the HSC policy and developing a pediatric order set. We anticipate moving to simulations in the affected care units in the spring, with a view to going live soon afterwards.

Accuro Advisory Committee – Dr. G. ‘t Jong
All meetings have been cancelled. Despite all of the issues being reported, the Advisory Committee is not being very functional or responsive, something we will follow up with Kim Merris.
Respirology, however, had their go-live and an environment scan of genetics has begun.