RECRUITMENTS, RETIREMENTS, & RESIGNATIONS

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.

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

Dr. Katie Pundyk started as a GFT Member in Endocrinology on July 1, 2017. Dr. Val Brule started as a GFT Member in PICU on August 1, 2017. Dr. Annika Klopp joined the Section of Ambulatory Care as a GFT Member starting July 27, 2017. She recently started her maternity leave and hopes to return in March, 2018.

Dr. Guillaume Poliquin and Dr. Rachel Dwilow will be changing their roles in the Section of Pediatric Infectious Disease.

Dr. Poliquin has been hired as Medical Director at NML labs. He will remain involved as an attending Infectious Disease Specialist in the Children’s Hospital, provide services for the NMU and accepted a Nil appointment to our Department and the Department of Medical Microbiology.

Dr. Dwilow will start as a GFT Member in the Section of Infectious Diseases shortly and become our provincial clinician lead on Integrated Tuberculosis Programming, providing service on locations throughout the province.
In the section of Child Development, Dr. Florencia Ricci will start as a GFT member, effective October 1, 2017.

In Pediatric Emergency, Dr. Greg Reimer is leaving to pursue adult emergency medicine and Dr. Joanne Hamilton has joined the ED staff as a GFT member. Please note that Dr. Gerald Brennan continues to work full time in the ED, which differs from our announcement in the previous newsletter.

Dr. Kyle Millar started a 1 year fellowship in Pediatric Complex Care at the University of Manitoba and will also be working as an inpatient general pediatrician in the Section of Hospital Medicine.

In Neurology, two GFT Members have been recruited, with Dr. Aoife O’Carroll started on August 28, 2017 and Dr. Helen Xu starting on October 1, 2017.

Dr. Lauren Kelly will be taking on the position of Assistant Professor at the Department of Pediatrics and Clinical Trialist within the Clinical Trials Platform at the Centre for Healthcare Innovation, effective September 15, 2017.

Dr. Tareq Alabdoulsalam handed the role of Pediatric Respiratory Subspecialty Training Director to Dr. Shaikh Mohammed Iqbal, effective September 1, 2017.

Dr. Geert ‘t Jong took over the Chair role of the Child Health Pharmacotherapeutics Committee from Dr. Mubeen Rafay starting September 1, 2017.

Andrew Dick, Physician Assistant, started on September 5, 2017 in inpatient services, replacing Tanya Doran.

Dr. Robyn McClelland has recently transferred into our Pediatrics PGME Program from Family Medicine.

Dr. Alastair Fung has taken an educational LOA to do a Master’s degree at Harvard.

Dr. Frances Yeung, a second-year resident, is transferring to the Western University training program.

Dr. Sapna Oberoi will be joining the hematology oncology section to complete a fellowship over the next year, start date November 1, 2017.

Dr. Lindsay Cunnington and Dr. Jennifer Griffin will be returning from mat leave over the next month. Dr. Stefanie Narvey, Dr. Ghita Wiebe and Dr. Marta Carneiro de Moura will be going on mat leave shortly, while Dr. Annika Klopp started hers at the beginning of August.

Farewell to Rishma Chooniedass, Clinical Research Coordinator, Canadian Healthy Infant Longitudinal Development (CHILD) study. After 14 years of working within CHRIM, Rishma will be moving to Kelowna.

Thank you, Rishma, for all of your contributions, hard work, and efforts over the years.
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Shared Health Services Manitoba (SHSM)

At the end of June, the province announced the formation of a new provincial health organization called Shared Health Services Manitoba (SHSM), which will provide coordinated planning, standard setting and governance for the province’s health care system. The new organization will formally come into effect on April 1, 2018 and will be led by Dr. Brock Wright. Clinical leaders from various specialties will bring together specialty colleagues from the five RHAs and CancerCare Manitoba in the fall of 2017 to form provincial clinical specialty teams. These teams will:

• Develop provincial models of care for each specialty that improve access to quality care, more fully utilize every providers’ scope of practice, and which are sustainable
• Identify standards relevant to each specialty that should be consistent across the province
• Support RHAs in their efforts to recruit and retain the appropriate health care providers necessary to support the identified models of care

AWARDS & GRANTS & MEDIA RELEASES

Dr. Mubeen Rafay received a travel grant from the International Child Neurology Association (ICNA) and the Child Neurology Society (CNS) to do a pediatric neurology symposium/EEG workshop in two Pakistani cities – Lahore and Karachi – in November 2017.

Dr. Elske Hildes-Ripstein was chosen by the International Medical Graduate trainees as recipient of the “Specialist Teacher of the Year Award” for the Academic Year 2016-17.

Dr. Celia Rodd received an Operating Grant: Analyses of Existing Cohorts & Databases – IHDCYH from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) worth $75,000.

Dr. Kelly Russell received a New Investigator Operating Grant from Research Manitoba worth $114,748 for her project “The short and long-term mental health consequences of youth concussion”.

Updates from Dr. Meghan Azad

Dr. Azad had taken part in quite a few media interviews and invited presentations over the summer. Follow the links below to learn more about Dr. Azad’s work and the research topic at hand.

Media Interviews

Artificial Sweeteners Are Linked to Weight Gain—Not Weight Loss – TIME
Low-Calorie Sweeteners May Contribute to Weight Gain – Consumer Reports
Why caution may be warranted when consuming artificial sweeteners – CBC News
Sugar substitutes associated with weight gain and health problems, study says – Globe & Mail
Artificial Sweeteners Don’t Help People Lose Weight, Review Finds – NPR (National Public Radio)
Study links artificial sweeteners and weight gain – CTV News
HOW SWEET IT ISN’T: Can a mom’s intake of artificial sweeteners while pregnant make her child obese? – Science News

Invited Talks

• Breastfeeding, human milk bioactives, and developmental origins of chronic disease in the CHILD cohort
• Can breastfeeding protect babies from asthma? New results and current research from the CHILD Study
  Manitoba Baby Friendly Committee. Winnipeg, MB
“Come be part of our world!”

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RBC Convention Centre Winnipeg
In support of The Children’s Hospital Foundation of Manitoba

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Opening Festivities at 5:00 pm
Formal Program at 6:30 pm
Dance at 8:30 pm

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204-787-4060 or NLATOURELLE@HSC.MB.CA
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Short video: “Interactions with Health-Related Industries”
The Max Rady College of Medicine has an important policy in effect governing our interactions with health-related industries. Annual reporting is required and part of the performance feedback cycle.
Watch the three minute video to learn more
Click to read the full policy.
Ask your questions by emailing them to: industrypolicy@umanitoba.ca.

Mandatory Training for All Faculty Members and Staff Members in UofM
The Government of Manitoba enacted the Accessibility for Manitobans Act (AMA) in Dec. 2013, requiring compliance across all Manitoban businesses, organizations, and institutions in the coming years. The legislation aims to improve five areas: Customer Service, Accessible Employment, Information and Communication, Transportation, and the Built Environment. The University of Manitoba’s Accessibility Plan was released this past December and outlines our institution’s current initiatives, and future plans to make our campuses as inclusive as possible for our entire community.

The University of Manitoba is offering Accessible Customer Service Training to comply with the Customer Service Standard by November 1, 2017.

• An online course with three short modules are available on UMLearn. Training modules take approximately 35 minutes and can be completed at one’s own pace. Please follow UMLearn Accessible Customer Service Training course.

• If you wish to take part in a group session, the Department of Pediatrics will be broadcasting the training modules after Grand Rounds on September 21, 2017, at 9AM. To prove completion of training, attendees must mark their attendance with their names and UMNet ID.

All faculty and staff members are requested to take the training by November 1, 2017; completion of the training will be tracked and monitored in compliance with the provincial legislation.

For more information or resources, please visit The U of M Accessibility Hub (located under Training & Resources)

Academic Performance Feedback Cycle
Faculty Members of the Department have been informed of the Performance Feedback Cycle that will be held over the course of September through November. All GFT Members and Attending physicians in the WRHA will be offered a Performance Feedback meeting to further their development. New to this year’s cycle are, for some, the use of the ePF tool; a mandatory PHIA refresher; and reporting on Interactions with Health-Related Industries, as required by the University of Manitoba.

Mentorship for Faculty Members
Following the examples of Resident Mentorship and Mentorship of Researchers through CHRIM, the Department is in the finalizing stages of a Mentorship Program for new Faculty Members (Nil, GFT and UMFA) under leadership of Dr. Ming Ka Chan, Dr. Eleanor McDougal and other members of the Mentorship Committee. Mentorship relations are a core element of the program, but so are a number of comprehensive tools that introduce processes and contacts in each of the four academic pillars, as well as group sessions for junior Faculty. The tools will be made available on the UoM website in future months, and Section Heads will be introduced to the materials.
Email Accounts
Faculty Members usually have multiple email accounts; HSC; UofM; and often CHRIM; CancerCare; WRHA or others in addition to these. The expectation is that messages from every source are regularly reviewed. To facilitate this, it is smart to forward emails from several accounts to one account, or to request eHealth to set up the several accounts as multiple inboxes in the Outlook software. Some have reported that the mailboxes are too small in space. A request for a larger inbox and automated filing can offer a solution for this problem. Support is available from the Pediatric Administrative Office, if Faculty Members wish to further address this matter.

They’re Here!
During the May Month of Miracles campaign, Costco and its members worked hard to raise money through cashier asks, BBQ’s and various in-store events. Last year, the campaign raised over $200,000 for the Children’s Hospital! The results were not only amazing, but record breaking. Because of this feat, the Costco Corporate office presented the Children’s Hospital Foundation of Manitoba with another surprise donation.

Last month, because of this donation, the Children’s Hospital Transport Team received new power stretchers and flight suits for their team.

To read more about the impact our donors make, visit goodbear.ca or subscribe to our social media channels on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram!

Free Prescription Drugs for Children & Young People in Ontario - via CBC News
All Ontario children and adults younger than 25 will have their full prescription drug costs covered by a new provincial pharmacare program, regardless of family income or whether they already have private insurance. The province of Ontario announced the expanded drug coverage in their annual budget, a move it projects will cost $465 million per year.

Currently, the Ontario Drug Plan (ODP) covers prescription drug costs for approximately 900,000 families on social assistance and another three million seniors. If approved, the new program would roll out January 1, 2018 — and would cover 4,400 drugs for the province’s four million children and young adults.

The medications are the same already included in the ODP, which includes treatment for acute and chronic illness, as well as certain pediatric cancers. Provincial health department staff could not provide information about all the cancer treatments available under the plan. But, given that many private insurers have limited coverage for at-home oncology care, the move could theoretically save parents thousands of dollars per month, as taxpayers cover the cost. In-hospital cancer treatment and medication is already covered by OHIP.
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Ronald McDonald House Needs Your Help
During Red Shoe Crew Week, you can help support families needing to be close to their sick or injured child at Ronald McDonald House Charities Manitoba’s (RMHC-MB) two core programs, Ronald McDonald House and Ronald McDonald Family Room.

Red Shoe Crew Week is a week of events that co-occur throughout Manitoba from **September 16 to 23**. Join us in Winnipeg on September 23rd at Assiniboine Park's Lyric Theatre. Raise pledges for this fun, family-friendly 3 km walk featuring activities, games, refreshments, prizes and more! All proceeds benefit RMHC Manitoba and the families we serve. Visit the [website](#) for more information.

Manitoba Pediatric Society
The Manitoba Pediatric Society (MPS) meeting dates have been announced. All pediatricians/Child Health medical staff are invited to attend. A membership to MPS is $250 or $75 per meeting.
The dates are:
- October 17, 2017 (annual general meeting)
- November 15, 2017
- January 25, 2018
- March 6, 2018
- May 14, 2018
- June 18, 2018 (Resident Appreciation Grad Dinner)

Additionally, the MPS is looking for a new treasurer and secretary for a 2 year term. Interested parties do not need to send a resume, just email Dr. Marni Hanna at marni.hanna@shaw.ca for more information.

Manitoba Health Billing Claim Submission Deadlines
Starting January 1, 2018, providers are required to submit claims within six months of the date of service. Specific questions or concerns with respect to claim submissions can be directed to the Claims Unit at 204 786 7355. Mira Aird at MD Practice Solutions is also available for advice and guidance.

PHIA Training: Biennial Renewal a Mandatory Requirement
All members of the WRHA are expected to retrain and submit their PHIA Pledge form on a biennial basis. Please complete your training [here](#). Members can submit their forms to our Pediatrics Administrative Office (sdayrit@exchange.hsc.mb.ca), who will keep track of the renewals over the next four months, and send reminders.

Pediatric Holiday Party
The Pediatric Holiday Party will be on December 2nd at the Park Theatre in South Osborne. The invitation is extended to staff, PA's, Allied Health members, nursing staff, and their family members. The cost will be $35 if you are coming for dinner and the social. If unable to attend the dinner portion, you may join the social component for $10/ticket.
More information to come.
Every Child, Every Time WRHA Pain Initiative

The Every Child, Every Time WRHA Pain Initiative Team would like to notify you of an audit assessing current pain management in pediatric patients across the WRHA Child Health Program.

The audit intends to
1. assess the current patient-/caregiver-reported perspectives of pain experience, assessment, management, and prevention.
2. identify the current approaches of pain assessment, documentation, treatment, and prevention by reviewing the charts of the patients enrolled in the face-to-face interviews.
3. review the current resources and needs for pain assessment, management, and prevention by surveying healthcare providers at Children’s Hospital, St. Boniface, Specialized Services for Children and Youth (SSCY), and St. Amant.

Results of the audit will be used to define targets, needs and resources to improve pain prevention and management across the Child Health Program. In the long term, we aim to meet our commitment to prevent and relieve pain in Every Child, Every Time.

All patients between 0 and 17 years of age admitted to Children’s emergency room, and the wards of Children’s Hospital and St. Boniface, on the day of the audit will be eligible. We aim to enroll about 145 patients in the audit. Structured patient/caregiver interviews will be performed face-to-face. Ward and bedside charts of the patients enrolled in the audit will be reviewed. The audit will be performed by members of the Steering Committee of the Pain Initiative, by the PGY4 pediatric residents, members of the Child Life Team, nurse educators, nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, managers of patient care, clinical resource nurses, nurse clinicians, and members of the Children’s Hospital Research Unit.

We are also interested in your experiences regarding presently used drug and non-drug approaches to manage procedural, acute and chronic pain and pain in palliative situations in your work setting. Therefore, all health professionals working with children and adolescents at Children’s Hospital, St. Boniface, Specialized Service for Children and Youth (SSCY), and St. Amant including registered nurses, nurse clinicians, nurse practitioners, lab and radiology technologists, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, child life specialists, and physicians including pediatricians and subspecialists such as pediatric orthopedic and pediatric general surgeons, neurosurgeons, ophthalmologists, dermatologists, radiologists, and anesthesiologists will be invited to participate in a 15-minute electronic survey.

We have applied for REB approval for this audit; we will inform you of a certain date of the audit as soon as we receive the final approval. Reminder emails about the audit and invitation emails to the staff survey will be sent out closer to the audit date.

To support our efforts, we encourage you to kindly support the interviewers during the audit on the wards and in the units. We will greatly appreciate your time for participating in the staff survey.

Dr. Kerstin Gerhold for the Child Health Pain Initiative Every Child, Every Time

For more information about the initiative, please contact Unyime Oguta at uoguta@chrim.ca
Specialized Services for Children & Youth (SSCY) Update

We have been in our building at SSCY Centre for a little over a year and continue to receive very positive feedback about improvement in collaboration and service delivery for patients. We are currently evaluating the effects of the collocation of the partners, including user-experience, care maps and the Measures of Processes of Care tool.

SSCY continues to have several very active medical programs within the building including Child Development, the FASD Centre, Newborn Follow Up and all the clinics of the Rehabilitation Centre for Children. There is a diverse medical staff actively interacting with all the other co-located programs.

Active multidisciplinary collaborations are also growing at SSCY with therapists, medical staff and community/process issues being addressed. There are several CIHR grants being submitted, one SPOR grant operational at present and a PhD candidate pursuing her thesis work at RCC. Research on therapy strategies, tele-rehabilitation, assistive devices and orthotics are all underway. RCC is also one of six Canadian rehabilitation facilities participating in the Pediatric Rehabilitation Reporting System housed at the Canadian Institute of Health Information (CIHI). Longitudinal data collection focused on children with CP and autism is underway addressing service benchmarking, wait lists and outcomes.

• Muscular Dystrophy Clinic has a national project underway and is restructuring the clinic to integrate the international MD Care Guidelines.
• FASD clinic continues to be active in research and presentations, as well as, developing outreach clinics
• CDC is launching a new information series in the fall of 2017 and is working to streamline assessment processes for families of children with autism
• Newborn Follow Up Program is working to integrate discharge information into the electronic record
• Feeding Clinic continues to be a very active clinic and continues to engage in teaching, international guideline development and ongoing research into swallowing dysfunction in children.

Goals for the development of other clinics engaging in multidisciplinary collaborative care that may complement the current RCC Clinics and foster the mission of the RCC are actively being discussed.

Ongoing interdisciplinary collaborations between the Complex Care Program, Feeding Service, Home Care, Children’s disability Services and the Integrated Children’s Service team are emerging to address the workings of the Manitoba Home Nutrition Program in a changing landscape of service delivery and client complexity.

The Complex Care Service developed a fellowship training program in Complex Care which was recently approved by the College Post Graduate Education Committee and we welcomed the first fellow to our program September 1, 2017. We are very pleased to have Kyle Millar, our last year's Chief Resident, join our program as the first fellow.

Last, the Health Canada, Jordan’s Principle: Child First Initiative continues to gain traction at RCC. There has been extensive community engagement, as well as the development and delivery of education sessions at SSCY Centre and in different communities for the Jordan’s Principle teams. Ten First Nations Communities are already actively engaged with more being added.

Dr. Gina Rempel, MD, FRCPC
Chief Medical Officer at RCC located at SSCY Centre
Physician Assistant Program

Physician Assistants (PAs) are associate clinicians who undergo two-years of graduate education in the medical model and then practice within a formalized relationship with physicians. The PA practice of medicine obtaining medical histories, performing physical exams, ordering and interpreting diagnostic studies, providing therapeutic procedures, prescribing medications, and educating and counselling patients.

Although educated and qualified as medical generalists, PAs receive additional education and experience on the job and may work in a wide variety of practice settings. PAs are Associate Regulated Members of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Manitoba; they require an approved Practice Description and Contract of Supervision before being allowed to practice. The Contract of Supervision identifies the Primary and any alternative physician who are allowed to supervise the PA. The PA's Scope-of-Practice mirrors that their physicians with permission to perform restricted acts, provide prescriptions or write medical orders established by regulations and provincial law.

The University of Manitoba began the first Canadian Master of Physician Assistant Studies in 2008 and graduated its first 10 practitioners in 2010. By 2016, there were 81 graduates, several of whom had been hired to work at Children’s Hospital on ward or subspecialty services. In 2016, the class size increased to 15 students per year.

Currently MPAS students have an academic course in paediatrics in year one and a four-week rotation in year two. They receive additional paediatric education in clinical skills rotation and often in their family medicine rotation. The paediatric rotation currently consists of a two day introduction with observed history and physical and ER shifts, followed by 3 weeks on a ward service and a two day conclusion in Children’s Clinic. They work through CLIPP cases and attend grand rounds and medical student academic half day.

The paediatric rotation has consistently been ranked extremely high by the PA students, a testament to the organization and leadership of the clinical teaching units by the past and present directors of UGME paediatrics, PGME paediatrics, hospitalists, and other attendings. Students often specifically commend paediatric residents for their dedication to teaching as well.

Dr. Shayne Taback
HEALING FROM TRAUMA
A PUBLIC FORUM

Canadian Museum for Human Rights

Tuesday, October 3
Free to attend – no registration required

Join a panel of child health experts and parents sharing valuable information and firsthand experiences on healing from trauma at the Child Health Research Days public forum. This event will be held at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, is free to attend, and is open to everyone.

You’ll have the opportunity to participate in an open and accepting discussion focused on the healing process, get inside information from medical experts, ask questions, and hear from parents about their experiences with trauma and how they came through the healing process.

This public forum is part of the larger Child Health Research Days conference, presented by the Children’s Hospital Research Institute of Manitoba. For more information, visit chrdmb.ca.

PANEL SPEAKERS
Also featuring parents Dawn Issac & Kathryn McBurney

Dr. Nancy Kassam-Adams
Associate Director for Behavioral Research, Center for Injury Research and Prevention, Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia; Research Associate Professor of Clinical Psychology, Division of Emergency Medicine, Department of Pediatrics, University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine.

Dr. Anne Kazak
Co-Director of the Center for Healthcare Delivery Science, Nemours Children’s Health System, A. I. du Pont Hospital for Children; Co-Director of the Center for Pediatric Traumatic Stress; Editor-in-Chief of the American Psychologist.

Dr. Caroline Piotrowski
Director, Violence & Injury Prevention Research Group; Scientist, Children’s Hospital Research Institute of Manitoba; Associate Professor, Community Health Sciences, Max Rady College of Medicine, University of Manitoba.

ABOUT THE EVENT

6:30PM
DOORS OPEN
MTS Foyer

7:00PM
PUBLIC EVENT
Panel Discussion: Healing from Trauma
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Community Pediatricians - Dr. J. Grabowski / Dr. G. MacDougall

At the beginning of September, Dr. Audrey Javellana started at Sterling Lyon Pediatrics and Dr. Rachael Gardner started with the Manitoba Clinic. The move-in date for Pediatrics at the Manitoba Clinic will be around the 25th of November. UGME has asked the Community Pediatricians to expand their teaching role for Medical students, which will be accommodated.

St. Boniface - Dr. W. Kassem

Dr. Annika Klopp will be joining St. Boniface in March 2018, once she is back from maternity leave. The St. Boniface administration is very committed to finding a space for ACF Pediatrics while they look to expand their Emergency Department to accommodate the expected increase in patients due to the WRHA sustainability planning.

UMG/Finance Committee – Dr. M. Narvey

Three people were elected to join the Finance Committee – We warmly welcome Dr. Shyamala Dakshinamurti, Dr. Maury Pinsk, and Dr. Jim Strong to the Committee. In the new year, the Finance Committee expects to have elected a new Chair.

The Finance Committee made recommendations regarding the new overhead model, that are close to finalized for approval. The intent is to roll out per January 1, 2018 and an announcement to all GFT Members will follow shortly.

Quality/Doctors Manitoba – Dr. A. Chiu

At the end of their three year plan, Quality hopes to join the Solutions for Patient Safety Network. They are moving towards that step and right now, they are focusing on communications, as well as data systems. Funding is being requested to install Acute Kidney Injury Prevention System and the Antibiotics Stewardship Program. In addition to the Senior Nursing Council, Quality will be launching a Quality Council for physicians who are interested in taking part.

Doctor’s Manitoba is conducting a search for a Chief Executive Officer and is hoping to have a new CEO by January. Physicians who are incorporated are encouraged to reach out to their Members of Parliament to let them know the impact of the changes proposed by the government and the needs of small business owners.

Pain Initiative – Dr. K. Gerhold

The pain initiative will be having an internal review on September 18th to assess the current pain prevention management across the Child Health Program. This review will contain two major parts:

1. An audit across all wards, the ER, and St. B NICU. The audit will include face-to-face interviews with patients to get to know their experience with pain and how they feel about how staff handled their pain. That data will be compared with the charts of the patients to see what was actually done in regards to pain management.
2. A survey of all healthcare providers across the program.

We hope to see everyone’s support and participation with the survey.

UGME - Dr. M. Pinsk

The UGME office has undergone some changes since the spring, with Dawna Ventura’s departure after almost 15 years in the role of Program Assistant. We are happy to welcome Ms. Shedmor Sevillo who started in the office August 9, and has been a great addition to the office team of Jill Fletcher and Mandi Siddiqui. Many thanks to Dawna for assisting in a smooth transition.
With respect to the educational programming, we have been priming the medical students to focus on specific areas that have been more difficult for the undergraduate learners, and we are happy to see a decrease in the failure rates of the NMBE exam, with the last two cohorts (Period 6) having no failures and (period 7) having 1 failure reported – our cumulative failure rate has come down from 30% down to 14%, and is more in keeping with the rotational averages of other rotations. We have continued to implement some curricular updates to the pediatric academic half day which will roll out in Period 1. Accreditation has been quiet over the summer, but will be ramping up again in the fall for the mock site visit in spring.

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**PGME - Dr. K. Gripp/ Dr. L. Doyle**

- We just completed our inaugural and successful Physical Exam seven-week bootcamp with the PGY2s teaching the PGY1s with the help of faculty mentors. This was followed by a dedicated Physical Exam practice OSCE for the PGY2 residents. Thank you to everyone who helped!
- We are looking for an individual to help with organizing our twice-yearly practice OSCEs. Please let us know if you are interested.
- Also, we need faculty mentors for Morning Report for our senior residents (Tuesday mornings from 8:00-8:45). This was listed as a highlight in last year’s accreditation review and we wish to continue this senior-focused teaching time.

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Physician Assistant - Dr. S. Taback

The new year has started and the first person is on the wards from the new second year class. This is the class that has fifteen people instead of twelve people. Starting in January, we will have multiple learners on difference services at the same time. Thanks to the residents and the other education directors, we’re being reported as the highest quality educational environment.

Faculty Development - Dr. M. Chan/Dr. E. MacDougall

• Peds Med Ed interest group will start with guest facilitator Dr. Wade Watson on Teaching and Assessing Professionalism in 2017. **Date: September 14 from 5:30-7:30pm.** Dr. Wade Watson will also deliver the Dr. Estelle Simons Lecture at Grand Rounds in the morning.
• Formal mentor-mentee meetings have begun for new recruits to the department (2015-2017 recruits) and we are finalizing an orientation/onboarding package for new recruits.
• Matching of R1 residents to faculty mentors is starting. The forms for faculty mentors will be sent out soon via email. Please consider adding yourself as a mentor for residents.
• Manitoba Pediatric Society’s AGM will be **October 16th at 6:30pm** at Sydney’s Restaurant. All Medical Staff are welcome to attend.

Transfusion Practices Committee – Dr. J. Stoffman

The Transfusion Practices Committee is working on getting pediatrics into the massive transfusion protocol. Currently, the adult version is being revised and pediatrics should be incorporated into that. Please remember if you are having any issues with Canada Blood Services or BloodBank, please let the Committee know so they can help.

Accuro Advisory Committee – Dr. A. Goldberg

There’s been a lot of positivity since the last update in June. However, any issues that arise should be reported so the Committee can take the proper steps to improve the system.

PRCC/Research – Dr. G. ‘t Jong

For PRCC, two Committee members have left and have been replaced with very dedicated nursing staff. A lot of applications are coming in and the WRHA has been pushing hard to make the turnover of applications much quicker than they previously were.

We’re very excited with the money that has been approved by CIHR for the SPOR Innovative Pediatric Clinical Trials. We are the national operating site and we will be leading four drug studies in six pediatric EDs.