Recruitments, Retirements & Role Changes

We wish a fond farewell to Dr. Terry Klassen, Department Head, effective August 1, 2019. He will continue on in his role as CEO of CHRIM and GFT in our Department. Thank you, Dr. Klassen, for your dedication and leadership over the past five years.

We are excited to announce that effective August 28, 2019, Dr. Kristy Wittmeier took on the inaugural appointment of the Dr. John M. Bowman Chair in Pediatrics and Child Health.
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**Dr. Val Brule** will take over as Medical Consultant for Quality, effective October 1, 2019. Dr. Kyle Millar has accepted the offer to work alongside her as Assistant Medical Consultant, Quality. We sincerely thank **Dr. Aaron Chiu** for all his hard work and dedication as the Quality Lead over the years.

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We are pleased to announce Dr. Samantha Marin as the Associate Program Director for UGME, effective July 1, 2019. We would like to thank Dr. Jeff Hyman for his leadership and dedication to past and current medical students over the years. He will continue to fulfill the role of UGME Consolidation Coordinator.

We welcome back Dr. Aziz Mhanni to the Section of Genetics & Metabolism and also welcome Dr. Tyler Peikes to the Section. They started their positions August 1st and July 1st respectively.

We are welcoming Dr. Stevi Golden-Plotnik and Dr. Rami Ableman to the positions of Pediatric Emergency Medicine Specialists in the Children's Hospital Emergency Department, effective July 1, 2019.

Dr. Debbie Lindsay shared that she will fully retire from clinical practice by the end of 2019. Dr. Sue Webb, Pediatric Emergency, has expressed the intention to retire by December 31, 2019. We wish them a very happy retirement. Dr. Allan Becker, Allergy and Clinical Immunology, will retire from his GFT position by the end of 2019. He will continue on in a part-time capacity as clinician scientist.

Dr. Jennifer Griffin has been appointed as Section Head for the Section of Gastroenterology, which commenced on September 1, 2019. We sincerely thank Dr. Wael El-Matary for his nine years of leadership and dedication to the section.

We would also like to announce that Dr. Jennifer Griffin has taken on the role of Chair of the Clinical Appointments Committee for the Shared Health, Child Health Program as of August 1, 2019.

We would like to welcome Dr. Adena Madison as new co-section head for Community Pediatrics alongside Dr. Janet Grabowski. Dr. Madison will be replacing Dr. Grant MacDougall. We would like to thank Dr. MacDougall for his dedication to Community Pediatrics over the years.

We would like to welcome Dr. Geert ‘t Jong as the new section head for Hospital Medicine, replacing Dr. Patricia Birk in this position. Dr. ‘t Jong will also fulfill the positions of Associate Head, Department of Pediatrics and Associate Medical Director, Shared Health Child Health Program.

Congratulations to Dr. Robyn McClelland and Dr. Jonathan Ripstein on being selected as our new Chief Residents for Pediatrics PGME. They will assume their roles on October 25, 2019. We would like to express our appreciation and gratitude to our outgoing chiefs, Dr. Martha Balicki and Dr. Jacqueline Richelle.

Dr. Marta Carneiro de Moura, Gastroenterology, resigned from her position as of September 1, 2019.
Dr. Celia Rodd, Endocrinology, will step back from her full-time GFT position by November 14, 2019. We are grateful to her commitment to clinical care and education, and are looking forward to continuing to work with her in a part-time capacity in both of these areas. Her position will be filled by Dr. Harpreet Gill, start date November 15, 2019.
Back by Popular Demand...

DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS & CHILD HEALTH

Holiday Party

Thursday, December 12, 2019
3:00 - 5:30 PM
Annie Bond Room

More details to follow...
Resident Holiday Party

Please join us for the annual holiday party, hosted by the Department of Pediatrics and Child Health residents. All are welcome to attend.

WHERE:
Park Theatre (698 Osborne Street)

WHEN:
Saturday, December 7, 2019 | Doors open at 6:30 PM

TICKETS:
Tickets will be available for purchase soon:
$50 for staff physicians | $40 for other attendees
Memo: Tuberculosis services Child Health Program

- Provincial Child Health TB referral update

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All inpatient tuberculosis consults can be requested through the physician on-call for the Pediatric Infectious Diseases (ID) service as per the existing consult process. Michelle Delorme will continue to provide nursing support as the pediatric tuberculosis Nurse Clinician, for both inpatient and outpatient areas.

For all outpatient tuberculosis referrals/communications please maintain the current process.

For any questions related to inpatient pediatric tuberculosis issues please contact Dr. Dwilow, TB Lead, at rdwilow@manitoba-physicians.ca

For any questions related to outpatient pediatric tuberculosis clinics please contact Laura Ebenspanger, Manager of Patient Care, at lebenspanger@hsc.mb.ca

Many thanks to the section of Pediatric Respirology for their contribution to pediatric tuberculosis care in Manitoba.
Resident Advocacy Project:
Influenza Immunizations

About Influenza

Influenza is a respiratory infection caused primarily by influenza A and B viruses. At HSC over 100 children were admitted to our hospital with this diagnose last year (majority with influenza A; 5 with B and 1 with A&B).
Transmission is through droplet; coughing and sneezing, direct or indirect contact with respiratory secretions. The incubation period is one to four days. Adults are infective one day before symptom onset to five days after symptoms start. Children may be infectious longer.

The Advocacy Project

Residents will champion an effort that should result in much higher rates of immunization this year, protecting children and families in our province.
Who definitely should get immunized?
- Cardiac or pulmonary disorders, CF, and asthma
- Diabetes and other metabolic diseases
- Cancer, immune compromised conditions
- Renal diseases
- Anemia or hemoglobinopathy
- Neurologic or neurodevelopmental conditions
- Morbid obesity
- Children receiving ASA treatment for long periods
- Those in chronic care facilities
- All people over the age of six months
- Indigenous descent
- Those in contact with any of the above!

Who Cannot have it?
- Children under the age of six months chronological age
- Guillan-Barre within six weeks of getting a vaccination
- Anaphylactic reaction to the influenza vaccine or any of its components EXCEPT EGG

Therefore..... almost all people including pregnant women CAN have it.

Strategy 1 - ER Patient Initiative immunizations: evening initiative

Vaccines to be administered by pediatric residents plus volunteer medical students.
- Patients will be offered information on influenza immunization after entering from the waiting room.
- Patients eligible for vaccine will be identified through collaboration between resident giving the vaccine and the patient's medical care team.
- Immunization will not be offered until patient seen by ER medical staff and deemed to be eligible.
- Once eligibility determined immunization offered and provided by resident either in patient room or on discharge in nearby conference area.
Strategy 2 - Inpatient Administration

Inpatients:
- Offered to all patients once stabilized and prior to discharge.
- Resources on team carts, review with team senior residents.
- Standard order sheet.
- Extra order of vaccines to ensure adequate supply.
- Administered by nursing staff, medical students or residents.

Parents and families:
- Will be able to offer immunization to family members.
- Must be physician administered - staff residents, medical students.
- Record information and obtain immunization from CK4 pharmacy.

Strategy 3 - Children's Outpatient Clinics

Outpatients being seen in clinic.
- Offer to all patients.
- Record consent.
- Order through Accuro/your system in clinic.
- Can be administered by nursing staff, attendings or residents.
- Include in your billings.

Outpatients not scheduled that day (siblings with a file Accuro/paper)
- Offer to all patients.

Strategy 4 - Resident Evening Clinic

To be run in Children's Clinic
- Clinic run by pediatric residents and medical student volunteers.
- Four clinic dates: November 5 & 7; December 10 & 12 (from 3-7 pm).

We all play a part and can do better:
This fall, we are Flu Fighters

For more information, please talk with any R3 residents or email Suzanne Robinson at srobinson11@manitoba-physicians.ca
Dr. Geert 't Jong and Dr. Maury Pinsk have been closely involved in the preparation of advocacy programming by the Canadian Pediatric Society, focused on the 2019 Elections. CPS is promoting members to advocate for National Pharmacare in Canada. Please consider visiting the following page to send a message let your voice be heard: https://www.cps.ca/en/advocacy-defense/pharmacare
Write to your local candidates for Member of Parliament and urge them to commit to ensuring that all children and youth have equitable access to safe, effective and affordable prescription medications.

Below an excerpt from the statement that came out recently from CPS, of which Dr. 't Jong and Dr. Pinsk are co-authors. The full statement can be found at: https://www.cps.ca/en/documents/position/improving-paediatric-medications

A joint statement with the Rosalind and Morris Goodman Family Pediatric Formulations Centre of the Centre Hospitalier Universitaire Ste-Justine. (See below for a list of all authors and endorsing organizations.)

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Abstract

In Canada, policies governing medication approval and reimbursement are based largely on adult standards, and the evaluation of new medicines employs adult return-on-investment benchmarks. Research funding for adult diseases is often prioritized over that for childhood illnesses. Canada lags other countries in implementing regulatory and research-related reforms that take the unique characteristics of children and youth into account. To ensure that children and youth have timely access to safe, effective medications, including child-friendly formulations, the federal government must pursue paediatric-focused reforms that consider their unique health needs throughout the drug life cycle. Regulatory reform must be guided by principles of fairness and equity, always recognizing that children deserve the same standards of drug safety, efficacy, availability, and access as adults. Paediatric experts must drive evidence-informed change within Health Canada, and across reimbursement agencies, through the establishment of a permanent, appropriately funded Expert Paediatric Advisory Board. Reforms must ensure the proactive collection and review of paediatric evidence and enable the application of paediatric-sensitive standards and benchmarks across all regulatory and reimbursement decision-making. Finally, the government must fully support evidence-informed paediatric prescribing and establish a stable, national infrastructure for paediatric drug research and clinical trials.

Keywords: Health Canada; Medications; Paediatric formulations; Paediatrics; Regulation; Research
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DIRECTOR REPORTS

Department Finance Committee - Dr. Maury Pinsk

The Finance Committee is currently reviewing the proposed agreement for ongoing costs of the Accuro Project and will be engaging with Dr. Postl who oversees the project, to discuss our perspectives on the long-term planning around clinical IT system.

PGME - Dr. Jayson Stoffman & Dr. Megan Cooney

We have made changes to several of our academic activities, including the renewal of the Academic Subcommittee of the Residency Program Committee. The Journal Club format will no longer focus on study type, which is now covered so well in the ASK curriculum. The Content Expert and Mentor roles will merge, and the presenting residents will be guided to pick landmark or important papers for general Pediatricians within the content area to review in the Journal Club. We are also looking at ways to standardize teaching in electives.

Please remember that the residents have protected time for academic activities, and must be excused from their clinical responsibilities to attend: Monday at noon (for all residents), Tuesday at 0800 (for CTU seniors), Wednesday from 1215 - 1530 (Academic Half Day for all residents), and Thursday at 0800 (Grand Rounds).

The STACER examination continues to be an important evaluation tool, and we have worked with Gillian, the Nurse Coordinator, to optimize patient selection and coordination. We are also trying to build a stable group of 2-person STACER examiners for consistency in the assessments, and clarifying the expectations of residents for their STACERS. The accepted standard is that the patients should have no more than three active chronic issues, and for the time management, residents should focus on the primary concern and state that they would review the other problems at a subsequent visit.

The rollout of Entrada continues with some bumps, and we are working with the development group and PGME to address these. We appreciate your efforts in completing the evaluations with as much detail as you can provide; it is a great help when they are reviewed by the Competence Committee or at their semi-annual review with the Program Director.
SSCY - Dr. Gina Rempel & Dr. Ana Hanlon-Dearman

In addition to our thriving car industry at SSCY Centre (follow @childrensrehab on Instagram for pictures), Rehabilitation Centre for Children's equipment is entering the movie business in a CBC series called Endings (https://sinkingship.ca/index.php?id=141). The series features four children in foster care, one of whom has a rare disorder and needed some RCC equipment for the show. Wait for it in 2020.

Accrediation for RCC in April 2020 has been a significant focus for all the clinics under the Child Development Clinic and Rehabilitation Clinic umbrellas.

In addition to Dr. Kristy Wittmeier's Dr. John M. Bowman Chair in Pediatrics and Child Health, she is now also the Director of Research at SSCY. Kristy will be working alongside our centre’s research coordinator, Shayna Pierce. Their office number is 204-258-6717. We are delighted to welcome them both!

Manitoba FASD Centre welcomes our new psychologist, Dr. Kristene Cheung. Both the Manitoba FASD Centre and Child Development Clinic continue regular and active provincial outreach clinics including Jordan's Principle Clinics.

RCC has been chosen by Indigenous Service Canada for a pilot program for homecare services in a model similar to the outreach therapies provided through the Centre in communities throughout Manitoba.

Child Development Clinic (preschool autism, general developmental clinics, neonatal follow up) completed several outreach clinics to Brandon and The Pas. Outreach clinics for FASD and Jordan's Principle will be offered in Portage la Prairie, Brandon, Morden, Thompson and Pinaymootang this fall. The preschool autism program is actively being developed and has a staff member from St. Amant Centre with this program on a permanent basis. A new initiative to focus on children with Rett syndrome is being spearheaded by Dr. Ana Hanlon-Dearman and Dr. Mubeen Rafay together with Stephanie Motuz, SLP. Successful overnight camps for youth with FASD were held at Camp Brereton in July.

The Rehabilitation Clinics are undergoing some restructuring of their clinics. Ongoing clinics include: Orthopedics Clinics (General, Assistive Technology, and Amputee), Nutrition Support Clinics (Feeding Clinic, Children and Youth with Eating and Drinking Difficulties, Clinic for Small Newborns, and Parenteral Nutrition), Spasticity, Spina Bifida, Neuromuscular and Spine. Assistive Technology Clinic will again have an Orthopedic Surgeon attending the Brandon Clinic which is held with the Nutrition Support Team. Dr. Lori Ann Archer and Dr. James McCammon are actively performing hip surveillance to meet the standards for care of children with CP. Dr. James McCammon and team are actively engaging in Bringing gait analysis in their clinics. Dr. Gina Rempel and team are spearheading a new initiative in the form of a Transition Clinic for children 15-21.
We hope to be partnering with some adult care providers to foster a smoother transition for youth with disabilities entering the adult care system.

Child Development Clinic and Rehabilitation Clinics are partnering in a new initiative which will be known as the Cerebral Palsy Program. We are trying to pull together resources and supports for children who have cerebral palsy, which is the largest group of children with mobility challenges seen at RCC.

Dr. Gina Rempel was asked by the American Society of Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine to participate in developing a pathway to optimize the care of children with cerebral palsy undergoing major surgery. After three years of work, this pathway, spearheaded by Dr. Jay Berry, renowned Complex Care pediatrician from Boston Children's Hospital, was presented by Dr. Berry and Dr. Rempel, as senior authors, at the AACPDM meeting in Anaheim last week to rave reviews. A formal launch of the pathway will occur in 2020.

SSCY Centre is also home to the Manitoba Home Nutrition Program. News from that program is that the Special Infant Formula program which began in 2008 will experience significant changes as of December 2019. As the cost of casein hydrolysate formulas (Nutramigen, Pregestimil and Alimentum) is now comparable to that of standard infant formula, the casein hydrolysate formulas no longer meet the Manitoba Health criteria for funding under the program. Pediatricians can still refer children requiring casein hydrolysate formulas to the program for dietitian support, but formula funding will no longer be available for new clients after December 1, 2019. Children who are enrolled in the program before that date will continue to receive the formula until their first birthday. Funding for amino-acid based products (and other specialty products) will continue, though the criteria for admission to the program to receive amino-acid based formulas will likely change. Further information will follow.

**St. Boniface - Dr. Wail Kassem**

St. Boniface ACF will be moving to 400 Tache Avenue in the next few months.

**IMG/PRA-SP - Dr. Abdalla Ali**

ACF Pediatrics at St. Boniface has been added as another site for outpatient rotation for IMG residents.

Dr. N. Afshar successfully completed Practice Ready Assessment in Pediatrics. She is now working as a pediatrician in Morden.

There is a new applicant for PRA-Pediatrics - we are in the process of arranging an interview.
The 15th Annual Child Health Research Days, Navigating the Information Avalanche is coming up at the RBC Convention Centre from October 22-24th. This is a very valuable event for clinicians and all are encouraged to attend the event.

Subspecialty Programs Committee - Dr. S. Fanella

Visa sponsored applicants applying to various Pediatric Subspecialty training programs at the University of Manitoba have a November 15th deadline for entry next July.

Pain Strategy: every child, every time - Dr. Kerstin Gerhold

This fall, the working group against needle pain under the leadership of Stasa Veroukis will rollout nursing initiated orders to prevent needle pain for kids admitted to the hospital; further areas including outpatient clinics will follow. Neonatology will start a separate working group against procedural pain in March 2020. A new working group to standardize management of acute pain under the leadership of Cindy Holland has just been established.

To increase transparency, Every Child, Every Time will send out a newsletter every three months.

Community Pediatrics - Dr. Janet Grabowski/Dr. A. Madison

Flu shots will be offered to patients and their families at their appointments at Manitoba Clinic. In addition, there will be some Saturday Flu Vaccination Clinics.