



Department of Pediatrics and Child Health
Department Council Announcements
September 15, 2011

Upcoming Special Events / Lectures / Symposiums:

- Immediately following the **September 15, 2011** Department Council Meeting, you are invited to join us for our annual **Departmental Photo and Annual Coffee Party**. The Photo will be taken at 9:00am in the Brodie Atrium immediately following the Department Council meeting, then we will proceed to the Buhler Atrium for a light brunch.

- **Irene Uchida Lectureship**; Thursday, October 6, Theatre A, BSMB, 8:00 am – 9:00 am, at Pediatric Grand Rounds. This year's speaker is **Dr. Vaidutis Kucinskas**, who is the Head of the Department of Human Genetics at Vilnius University, Vilnius, Lithuania. The title of his presentation is: "The Genomic Origin of the Lithuanian Population & Deciphering the Genetics of Mental Retardation".

- **7th Annual Child Health Research Day**; Immediately following Pediatric Grand Rounds, (Irene Uchida Lectureship) Thursday, October 6th, 2011, Theatre A, BSMB. 7th Annual Child Health Research Days. Title: "EPIC" Epigenetics, Parents, Infants, Children. (attachment) Key Note Speakers: **Dr. Noralou Roos**; "Social Pediatrics and Epigenetics: What we know or might know using Manitoba Data". **Dr. Jim Davie**; Epigenetics and Histone Daecetylases (HDACs) For more information, please visit www.mich.ca (attachment)

- **Mini-Symposium on Respiratory Viral Infections in Infancy**; Thursday October 20, 2011, Theatre A, BMSB. Pediatric Grand Rounds; **Dr Jame Gern**; Professor of Pediatrics and Medicine, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Immediately following Grand Rounds (from 9:00 – 11:00am) will be a Continuing Medical Education Program in Paediatrics combined with the mini-symposium program for Medical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases and Immunology. Confirmed speakers: **Dr. Aaron Chiu** who will talk on the RSV prevention program, **Dr. Hans Pasterkamp** who will talk on long term outcomes following viral infections, and **Dr. Joanne Embree**, speaking on the science involved in infection prevention control of these infections.

- **Dr. J. M. Bowman Neonatal Research Symposium**; Thursday November 10, 2011, 8:00 – 4:00pm, Theatre A, BSMB. Pediatric Grand Rounds speaker: **Dr Bill Milsom**, Professor of Zoology, UBC. Theme: The Evolution of Control of Breathing". (attachment)

- **Manitoba Patient Access Network (MPAN) Health Innovation Conference**; Building a Better System for Manitobans, **November 21 – 22, 2011**, Winnipeg Convention Centre. Keynote Speaker: **Dr. Kenneth W. Kizer**, MD, MPH for more information, please go to: <http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/mpan>

Recruitment:

- Please join me in welcoming **Dr. Jeff Burzynski** who has officially joined the Department of Pediatrics and Child Health as a GFT Pediatric Intensivist on July 1, 2011.
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- Congratulations to **Dr. Cecilia de Cabo** and **Dr. Man (Ann) Yi** on their recent appointments as Neonatologists in our Department of Pediatrics and Child Health. Both are being promoted from their previous positions as House Medical Officers. Cecilia, has been providing clinical service as an attending Neonatologist, and will be expanding her role in the Newborn Follow-up Program. She will be taking over the position from Aaron Chiu as Assistant Director for the Newborn Follow-up program. Ann has a clinical service commitment as an attending Neonatologist and has also been awarded an MHRC research fellowship to pursue her research interests in chronic lung disease. We would like to thank Aaron for his past contributions in this role. Cecilia has started as an attending Neonatologist on August 26th, 2011 and Ann will commence work November 1st, 2011. Please join us in welcoming them and wishing them success in their new positions. We also welcome **Dr. Shannon Wires**, **Dr. Joanne Hamilton**, **Dr. Faisal Al-Somali** and **Dr. Sarah Goldner** to the Child Health Program and the Department of Pediatrics and Child Health.
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Awards:

- We are pleased to announce that the Pediatric Chairs of Canada (PCC) has awarded the **2011 Pediatric Academic Leadership Clinician Practitioner Award** to pediatric cardiologist **Dr. Reeni Soni**. PCC gives this award to a clinician whose clinical practice has provided an outstanding environment for the education of trainees and the advancement of practice through knowledge translation and dissemination and leadership within the discipline. Congratulations Dr. Soni!
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- Congratulations to **Dr. Allan Becker**, recipient of a \$20,000.00 Andison Foundation Award for the support of the study "Support for Canadian Healthy Infant Longitudinal Development (CHILD) Study".
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- Congratulations to **Dr. Fatemeh Kojori (Peds PGY4)** for being the **2011 recipient of the Alan Ross Fellowship Scholarship from the CPS**. The Alan Ross Fellowship Scholarship was established in 1992 in honor of Dr. Alan Ross, a distinguished former Professor and Chair of the Department of Pediatrics at McGill. This Fellowship provides for pediatricians in training who are intending to pursue academic careers in Pediatrics. The candidate will have completed 3 years of core training in Pediatrics and will undertake fellowship training in a pediatric specialty or subspecialty. The training will have a significant research component. Dr. Kojori's area of research is type II diabetes.
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- Congratulations to Pediatric resident **Dr. Guillaume Poliquin** who was awarded the **'Rising Research Star' Award** from the Canadian Child Health Clinician Scientist Program. The Rising Researcher Support Program aims to provide highly qualified individuals who are training towards certification as child health clinicians with an opportunity to engage in research career planning prior to application to the CCHCSP Predoctoral or Postdoctoral Training Programs.
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- The Manitoba Pediatric Society Annual dinner, chaired by Dr. Ruth Grimes, took place on June 20, 2011 and several members of the Department were recognized for their outstanding contributions over the past year. **Dr. David Connor** is the recipient of the 2011 "**Dr. Leighton N. Young Distinguished Pediatrician Award**" for his outstanding commitment to excellence in patient care, teaching, and community service. Dr. Diane Moddemann announced the awards for Best Resident Teacher - **Dr. Meghan Cranston**, Best GFT Teacher - **Dr. Abdalla Ali** and Best Community Teacher - **Dr. Marni Hanna**. The Residents' Teaching Awards were presented to **Dr. Wes Robinson** for Best Pediatric Community Teacher and Dr. **Darcy Beer** for Best Subspecialist Teacher. Congratulations to all the winners and a huge thank you to all members of the Department whose ongoing contributions support medical education in both the hospital and the community.
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- Congratulations to **Dr. Jocelyn Sylvester** who has received an HSC Medical Staff Resident Research Award.
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- **Dr. Allison Dart** was the recipient of a three year operating grant from the Canadian Diabetes Association for her research project entitled "The Improving Cardiovascular complications in youth with type 2 diabetes through Research (iCARE) prospective cohort study". Her co-investigators include **Dr. Jon McGavock, Dr. Brandy Wicklow, Dr. Tom Blydt-Hansen, Dr. Heather Dean, Dr. Elizabeth Sellers, and Dr. Patricia Martens.**
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- Manitoba Institute of Child Health (MICH) recently announced their 2011 Operating Grant awardees. These grants traditionally provide seed funding for one year in order to enhance opportunities to obtain national peer reviewed or industrial research support in the future. We would like to extend congratulations to the members of the Department of Pediatrics and Child Health who were awarded operating grants this year: **Dr. Ruben Alvaro, Dr. Richard Keijzer, Dr. Zhikang Peng, Dr. Robert Schroth, and Dr. Shayne Taback.**
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General Announcements:

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- **International Pediatric Congress 2016** - Deadline to submit letters of interest for the positions of President and co-Chair of the Scientific Program Committee of the 2016 International Pediatric Congress is September 15, 2011. For more information please visit: <http://www.cps.ca/English/IPC/index.htm>
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- **Canadian Pediatric Society Nominations** for co-chair position or membership on the 2016 scientific committee of the International Pediatric Association Congress of Pediatrics (IPA) being held in 2016 with the CPS in Vancouver. Please visit <http://www.cps.ca/english/IPC/index.htm> for more information. Deadline for nominations is September 15 2011.
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- Congratulations to **Dr. Joanne Embree** on her reappointment as Head, Department of Medical Microbiology, University of Manitoba. Congratulations also to **Dr. Maryanne Crockett**, new Section Head, Pediatric Infectious Disease and **Dr. Sergio Fanella**, new Subspecialty Director (Fellowship Program), Pediatric Infectious Disease.
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- On behalf of Dr. Eleanor MacDougall, the Pediatric Residency Program is proud to announce that all Pediatric residents completing their fourth year in General Pediatrics or their first year of Subspecialty training have been successful in their RCPSC final examinations. Our newest RCPSC certified pediatricians are: **Drs. Kristin Hamilton, Amie Kowalczyk, Trish Kutnikoff, Michelle Pinto, Anindita Tjahjadi, Shannon Wires, Scott Cameron and Anna Drewniak.** The Department is also very pleased to announce that **Dr. Faisal Al-Somali**, who has completed his Fellowship in Pediatric Respiriology, and Community Pediatrician **Dr. Jason Tapper** were successful in their RCRSC examinations. We wish everyone continued success in all future endeavours both here in Winnipeg or in training programs in other parts of the country!
 - We would also like to announce that three of our third year residents have been matched through the CaRMS Subspecialty Match for July 1, 2012 as follows: **Matthew Bradshaw** (PICU - McGill), **Fatemeh Kojori** (Endo - McGill), and **Naveen Sidhu** (PICU - Edmonton).
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- The Pediatric Undergraduate Program is pleased to announce that **Ms. Shelly Labossiere** has joined the program as the Education Assistant. Shelly will be providing much needed support for both the Pediatric Clerkship and Pre-Clerkship programs. Shelly can be reached in CK239 Children's Hospital. Please join me in welcoming Shelly to her new position.
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- The Pediatric Postgraduate Program is pleased to welcome **Ms. Rhonda Payne** as their replacement for Ms. Lisa Ferens who has retired after 22 ½ years of dedicated service. Rhonda's first day will be September 19, 2011.
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