

December 6, 2021 - Department of Pediatrics Faculty Meeting Recap

Dr. Kim Boland | General Announcements and Chair Update

- Successful Snowball event last Saturday: the program focused on the Pediatric Hematology/Oncology team; thanks to Drs. Raj & Slone for their part in the presentation
- Congrats to Dr. Currie on being named Kosair Charities Endowed Chair in Pediatric Forensic Medicine
- Congrats to Dr. Morton on being named Division Chief, Pulmonary Medicine, Allergy & Immunology
- Congrats to Andrei Trocan on promotion to Executive Director of Finance & Operations, Pediatrics Chair Office
- Congrats on NIH grant funding received by Drs. J.Wise, L.Cai, J.Cai, and Y.Tan
- Congrats to faculty for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 & 45 years of service to UofL; special recognition to Schikler on 45
- Faculty encouraged to participate in the Department's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion 2022 Book Club, chaired by Dr. Porter; registration information will be posted
- Annual reviews due to chair office February 15, chiefs due January 10

Medical Education

- Dr. Sarah Korte – Clerkship Director
 - Keep look out for LCME required module coming from Peds News account, will take approximately 5 minutes to complete, encouraged faculty to complete prior to winter break
- Dr. Sara Multerer – Residency Program Director
 - Residents doing their annual tri-resident cup, focusing on food drive this year, run by PUSH, bring to OME by December 10
 - collecting shelf stable food focusing on protein such as dried pasta (no mac & cheese), sauce, beans, rice, canned fruit and vegetables, tuna, etc.
 - collecting new or gently used hats, jackets, scarves, gloves, underwear, socks, both adult and child size items
 - To replace bake sale, a candy-gram can be sent to faculty or residents, various prices get either candy cane, chocolate, or fruity candy, can Venmo naomiwarnic, will deliver on December 17, need to receive requests by December 10
 - She will check on drop off sites at Novak for non-heavy items

Research - Jan Sullivan | Research (see slides)

- Effective in January, the IRB will meet every other week
- Will be updating division scientific reviewer list with some changes in division leadership, will send out to chiefs to share with faculty, these are supposed to be confidential, no need to ever do a paper document, if the select appropriate reviewer, it should go electronically
- Institutions (NHC, ULH/UMC) must be listed on the IRB application initially otherwise it will slow the process down, had several recent incidences
- Change in accounting process at UofL, PIs will have to sign off monthly
- Pirates conferences, no December conference, one in January, encouraged all to attend
- UofL has secured institutional license to help get funding, will need to set up profile, info will come out in Peds Newsletter

Clinical

- Wins and Misses – Kerry Caperell
 - Win - Emergency department dealing with incredible volume during the pandemic, one day had 222 pts at NCH, are staffed and have physical plant for 150/160, many days have had over 200, are able to

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handle 180/190 properly even without being staffed properly, division has stepped up when community needed them

- Miss – wait times are thru the roof, NHC uses Press Ganey scores to review patient satisfaction, given staffing shortage and high volume, this is difficult, he is working to improve wait times, welcomes hearing from others on any suggestions to improve

Dr. Boland acknowledged that our department has been through a lot in last 3 years

- changes in leadership
- negotiating hospital partner agreements
- integration work and implementation in March of 2020
- pandemic, which continues
- unusual RSV patterns, COVID hitting kids
- general pediatrics and sub-specialty playing catch-up
- pediatric mental health crises
- national nursing shortage, 111 positions down at NHC, 30 are “hope to fill”, rest are replacements
- push to get patients through
- push to put thru academics
- all part of the ongoing stress
- good meeting with NHC leadership this morning
- Dr. Joe Flynn complimented the faculty on how resilient and committed faculty are to being the best pediatric academic physicians in the state, region
- your passion is noted, it is recognized that all have been through a lot of transition, everyone is tired
- with the upcoming holiday, take a little time with family and friends, don’t look at email etc. or be thinking about January, it will be there in January
- meditate, walk in park, do yoga, whatever helps you so you can come back refreshed, and we can continue the path to greatness
- thanks for all you do

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