Dear Colleagues and Friends:

August and September were busy and impactful months. Here are some highlights:

**Invited Speakers:**

With the academic year back in full swing, we were honored to have a number of esteemed speakers.

- **Gunter Meister, PhD**, RNA Biology, Regensburg University, Regensburg, Germany
  Presentation: *RNA-binding proteins: managers of coding and non-coding*

- **Michelle Gornick, PhD, MA**, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan
  Presentation: *Realizing the promise of precision medicine from research to clinical care*

- **Susan Woolford, MD, MPH**, Medical Director of the Pediatric Comprehensive Weight Management Center, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
  Presentation: *Behavioral interventions in the clinical setting for the treatment of obesity in children*

- **Hiroto Inaba, MD, MPH**, Department of Oncology, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee
  Presentation: *Innovative approaches in acute lymphoblastic leukemia - for further improvement in survival and less toxicities*

**Education**

- Resident Recruitment season has begun. **Riad Rahhal** and **Amy Stier** met with me over the summer to refine our resident recruitment process. Resident recruitment will begin in October and continue through February. Interest in our program continues to grow and we are expecting another strong year. We are planning for the opportunity for residency applicants to tour parts of the new state-of-the-art Children’s Hospital which should be an added attraction to our training program.

- The first Academic Half Day for our residents took place in September and was very positively received by our residents. Thank you to all for making it possible to provide this opportunity for our learners to have time away from clinical duties for a half day of focused learning.

**New Faculty**

We welcomed a large number of wonderful new faculty this summer and held a reception for them in the East Room. In addition to new faculty we profiled in the June and July newsletters, here are the new faculty who arrived in August and September:
New Faculty - continued

Lindsay Harshman MD
Dr. Lyndsay Harshman joins the Stead Family Department of Pediatrics in the Division of Nephrology, Dialysis and Transplantation. She comes to the Department as faculty after completing her Residency and Fellowship at the University of Iowa Children's Hospital.

Bijoy Thattaliyath, MD
Dr. Bijoy Thattaliyath joins the Stead Family Department of Pediatrics in the Division of Cardiology. He comes to the Department from the University of Texas Children's Hospital, Houston, Texas.

Brady Thomas, MD
Dr. Brady Thomas joins the Stead Family Department of Pediatrics in the Division of Neonatology. She comes to the Department from Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Clinical Programs - continued

Renovation of the PSC is moving steadily along with the expected date of completion still a couple of years away. When the PSC renovation has been completed, we will have another state-of-the-art space available to us. In the meantime, the PSC has challenges as we proceed through the renovation in terms of rooms, staffing and workflow. Fortunately, the IRL site has opened IRL East, a beautiful new space attached to the present IRL via an enclosed walkway. I would like to encourage providers to consider seeing patients at IRL East. Providers holding clinics there and patients being seen there have been extremely pleased with the efficiency, free parking, and modern space. If you are interested in opening a clinic at the IRL, please let me know of your interest.

Rachel Kirchner has been hired as a new Children's Hospital Outreach Liaison. We are happy to have Rachel serving the interests of the Department in our outreach endeavors.

Children's Hospital

A number of new committees have been created under the new organizational structure of the Children's Hospital. Each of these subcommittees will report to the Children's Hospital Executive Committee which will have its inaugural meeting in the coming weeks. The following committees have been developed and the chair named:

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Special Events

State of the Department
My annual State of the Department address was presented on Friday, September 9th. I reviewed our strategic goals, our progress in achieving these goals, and discussed the exciting future in store for us. If you did not have the opportunity to attend, I encourage you to view it on our website: https://medicine.uicapture.uiowa.edu/Panopto/Pages/Viewer.aspx?id=76d47266-dbdc-4677-be14-63ba99fb3229
Special Events – continued

- Research for the Kids Check Presentation - On September 29th, Mariko Sato and I, along with Brittany Wellman, Assistant Director of Development, University of Iowa Foundation drove to Dubuque to receive a check in the amount of $209,468 to benefit brain tumor and heart research. This marks the eighth year of fundraising by Research for the Kids and a record amount was raised.

- Children's Hospital and Coach Ferentz Luncheon was held on August 31st and I was pleased to be present to hear Coach Ferentz, President Harreld, Dr. Robillard, Dr. Segar and a patient family addressed the gathering. All proceeds from this event support the Children's Hospital.

Department Website

Our Department’s website is undergoing an update. There will be time needed for replacing outdated information but we hope you will view the site and feel free to provide us with your feedback. In particular, we would like the "News and Events" page to be more active. You will note there are some current items on that page but need your help to advise us of news and events that are appropriate for posting. Please submit those to Vicky Curtis.

Final Thoughts

Orientation of staff, faculty, and trainees to the new hospital will take place in the coming weeks. Everyone will need to participate in the process so we are prepared to begin to live and work in our new, stunning Children's Hospital.

Remember to save the following dates on your calendar:

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