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We are pleased to announce the
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The 6th Cohort For the
Pediatric Leadership Development Program

Smita Bhatia, MD, MPH



Dr. Bhatia joined the University of Alabama at Birmingham in January 2015 to establish the Institute for Cancer Outcomes and Survivorship. She holds professorship in the Division of Pediatric Oncology and serves as the Vice Chair for Outcomes Research in the Department of Pediatrics. She also serves as the Associate Director for Outcomes Research at the UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center. She has served (or is currently serving) on the editorial boards of multiple journals including the *Journal of Clinical Oncology*, *Biology and Blood and Marrow Transplantation* and *Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers and Prevention*; additionally, she serves as the Section Editor for *Cancer*. Dr. Bhatia received her medical training from the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, India, and Blood Banking, Hematology/ Oncology and Bone Marrow transplantation training from the University of Minnesota, where she also received her Master's in Public Health in Epidemiology. She also did a post-doctoral fellowship with Dr. Les Robison at the University of Minnesota. She joined the Department of Pediatric Oncology at the City of Hope Comprehensive Cancer Center in 1996, where she developed her career as a physician scientist. In 2006, she established a new Department of Population Sciences at City of Hope, and served as chair of the department until 2014. An internationally renowned leader in cancer survivorship and outcomes research, she is the author of over 190 publications, and has been continually funded by the NIH and by the Leukemia Lymphoma Society since 2000. She is a past scholar of the Leukemia Lymphoma Society. She has also received funding from the Department of Defense, St. Baldrick's Foundation, V Foundation and the American Society of Clinical Oncology. Dr. Bhatia continues

to serve on several Study Sections for the National Cancer Institute. She serves on the scientific advisory board for several cancer centers. She was elected to membership in the American Society for Clinical Investigation and to the Association of American Physicians in recognition of meritorious and outstanding contributions as a physician scientist. She is the recipient of the Frank H. Oski Lectureship Award from the American Society of Pediatric Hematology Oncology to honor outstanding investigation in Pediatric Hematology/ Oncology. She also serves on the Board of Directors for the American Society of Clinical Oncology.

John G. Frohna, MD, MPH



Dr. Frohna is a Professor of Pediatrics and Medicine at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health (UWSMPH). Since 2007 he has been serving as the Director of the Pediatric Residency Program and Vice Chair for Education in the Department of Pediatrics. Dr. Frohna is a recipient of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education's "Courage to Teach" award, the organization's top award for program directors. Prior to his time at the UWSMPH, he was Program Director for the combined Medicine-Pediatrics Residency Program at the University of Michigan for 10 years.

In addition to teaching medical students, residents, fellows, and faculty, Dr. Frohna has been active nationally with numerous organizations. He was a member of the ACGME Review Committee for Internal Medicine for six years; he also chaired the Educational Innovation Program subcommittee for two years. In this latter role, he oversaw the activities of 19 selected programs as they collaborated on a variety of educational innovations. He is also a member of the Association of Pediatric Program Directors, where he serves on the Leadership in Educational Academic Development (LEAD) Council. Dr. Frohna also received the Holm Leadership Award from the APPD, an award for "extraordinary contribution in pediatric program director leadership and/or support of other directors as a mentor, advisor or role model." In 2016, he received the Med-Peds Program Director Association's Leadership in Med-Peds Award, "honoring a physician who has made significant contributions to Medicine-Pediatrics as a profession."

Dr. Frohna is also a member of the American Board of Pediatrics (ABP), where he is a member of the Credentials Committee and the Board of Directors. With the ABP, he has led the development of a guide for program directors on the teaching and assessment of professionalism.

Susan Furth, MD, PhD



Dr. Furth is a pediatric nephrologist and the Division Chief of Nephrology at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. She is also a Professor of Pediatrics and Epidemiology at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Susan Furth is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania [B.A. (1984) and MD (1988)]. She trained in Pediatrics at Johns Hopkins Hospital (1988-1991). From 1991-1993, she was a Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Public Health Service Pediatrician, at the Navajo Area Indian Health Service in Arizona. She did a Clinical and Research Fellowship in Pediatric Nephrology also at Johns Hopkins (1993-1996). From 1996-1997, Dr. Furth was an Instructor in Pediatric Nephrology at Johns Hopkins and in 1997, she was promoted to Assistant Professor in Pediatric Nephrology. In 1999, she received a Ph.D. in Clinical Investigation from the Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health (now the Bloomberg School of Public Health). In 2001, she was appointed Director of the Pediatric Nephrology Fellowship Program. Dr. Furth was promoted to Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Epidemiology at Johns Hopkins University in 2004. In 2009, she was promoted to Professor of Pediatrics and Epidemiology at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and the Bloomberg School of Public Health. In 2010 she was recruited to the University of Pennsylvania and Children's Hospital of Philadelphia to assume her present roles.

Dr. Furth continues to lead the CKiD cohort study which is now in its 14th year of funding. This is the largest multicenter prospective cohort study of children with chronic kidney disease ever conducted in North America. Approximately 900 children have been enrolled, roughly 70% with underlying urologic disease, and 30% with glomerular or underlying inherited causes of kidney disease. In an ancillary project to this study, Dr. Furth has studied cognition and blood flow to the brain in children with advanced kidney disease. She is a Standing Member of the NIH/NIDDK Scientific Review Group for Career Development Awards and Institutional Training Grants.

Dr. Furth has held a mid-career K24 award in mentoring patient oriented research for the last 8 years, and has mentored multiple junior faculty who have progressed to successful research oriented careers in nephrology, urology and rheumatology. In 2016 she was awarded the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Faculty mentor award.

Dr. Furth recently completed a year-long fellowship in the 2015-16 class of ELAM: Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine. She is the Associate Chair for Academic Affairs in the Department of Pediatrics and Chairs the Department's Committee on Appointments and Promotions. She has recently been appointed as a Co-editor of the American Journal of Kidney Diseases. She continues to be invited as a speaker internationally, having been invited to the Brazilian Congress of Pediatric Nephrology in Brazil in 2015, and to the International Pediatric Nephrology Association Meeting, also in Brazil in 2016.

Valera L. Hudson, MD



Dr. Hudson is Professor and Vice Chair, Chief of Division of Pediatric Pulmonology and Pediatric Residency Program Director in the Department of Pediatrics, Medical College of Georgia (MCG) at Augusta University. Dr. Hudson joined the faculty at MCG after completing fellowship training in pediatric pulmonology at the University of Minnesota. She helped establish the Division of Pediatric Pulmonology, expand the clinical services for children with pulmonary disease and now serves as Medical Director over all of Pediatric Ambulatory Services. Dr. Hudson is nationally recognized as a leader in medical education and is an active member of the Association of Pediatric Program Directors. Dr. Hudson is a strong advocate for the professional development of residents and junior faculty. She helped establish and now oversees the Pediatric Faculty Mentoring Program. Dr. Hudson was selected as one of ten inaugural inductees into the MCG Academy of Medical Educators.

Tammy I. Kang, MD, MSCE



Dr. Kang held academic, clinical and administrative appointments at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania before joining Texas Children's Hospital and Baylor College of Medicine as the inaugural Chief of Palliative Care and Associate Vice Chair for

Clinical Affairs in 2016. Dr. Kang received her undergraduate degree from Stanford University and medical degree from the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center. She completed pediatric residency and chief residency at the University of California San Francisco and a subspecialty fellowship in Pediatric Hematology/Oncology at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

She is board certified in Pediatric Hematology/Oncology and Hospice and Palliative Medicine and is a national expert in the field of Pediatric Palliative Care. While at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, she co-founded and led the hospital's first interdisciplinary palliative care program as well as served as the inaugural Fellowship Director in Hospice and Palliative Medicine. She was awarded numerous teaching and clinical awards including being selected in 2010 as a Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Master Clinician, an honor held by only six other physicians at that time. In 2012, she was elected to the prestigious academy of Master Clinicians for Penn Medicine, one of only a handful of pediatricians to have that honor.

Dr. Kang is a recognized leader nationally and internationally in pediatric palliative care. The advancement of this field has led to the important recognition of pediatric palliative care as integral to child and family health. Her leadership has resulted in demonstrable progress for the field of pediatric palliative care nationally. She held the inaugural Justin Michael Ingerman Chair in Pediatric Palliative Care at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Currently, she is Chair of the National Pediatric Hospice and Palliative Care Collaboration, is actively involved in the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine on several taskforce groups, and was selected to participate on the Advisory Panel for Advanced Certification in Palliative Care by the Joint Commission. She serves as a reviewer for all major pediatric and palliative medicine journals. She has published numerous peer reviewed articles, chapters and clinical reviews and has participated nationally in organizations dedicated to improving the care of children with serious illness.