

# FYI Fridays

September 19, 2014



Children's  
of Alabama

## US News and World Report



At the upcoming faculty meeting on September 29 at noon, I will share goals for the DOP. This faculty meeting will be at a special day and time (12 noon) to allow Dean Vickers to attend and speak with us. I invite you to attend. One of the goals for FY 15 is to improve our (DOP-COA) rankings in the US News and World Report survey. I have started to meet with division leaders in each of the US News and World report specialty programs in order to identify gaps that we want to address. For example, lowering infections is clearly a gap we want to address. However, in most cases, increasing volume to score the maximum points is not a goal we will embrace. My first observation is that we are doing very well and that we are going to do even better this year. Being great means being willing to identify quality gaps and being the best at getting better. As a Department of Pediatrics, we cannot do this alone. I am very pleased with the partnership and analytics provided by Christi Napper, Director of Institutional Planning at COA. No one does it better. Christi is going to present an overview of what we are doing to prepare for the next survey at the faculty meeting. She will outline short term and long term plans at COA to address cross cutting (hospital wide) gaps. As we work on division and disease specific improvement opportunities, I am confident that we will be increasingly recognized as a high quality, high reliability organization. This will mean improved health for the children of Alabama and as a consequence, even better US News and World Report rankings. This is absolutely achievable and we will do it.

Mitch Cohen

## Upcoming Events

[AAP Meeting](#)  
Wynfrey Hotel, Birmingham, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> -28th

[2014 Pediatric Cancer and Blood Disorders Symposium](#)  
October 23

## Faculty Meeting Monday, September 29th

12:00-1:00 Bradley Lecture Center  
Dr. Selwyn Vickers, Dean of the SOM  
presenting

Lunch will be provided

**Have you responded??**  
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**REQUIRED:**  
**Faculty Corporate Compliance:**  
*“Everything I Need to Know About  
Compliance I Learned in  
Kindergarten”*

Presenters: Brian Bates  
Chief Compliance Officer  
Stephen A Stair, MD, FAAP  
Grand Rounds

Where: Bradley Lecture Center  
When: October 30, 2014, 12:00 PM

[Important UAB Benefit Changes for  
2015 and Beyond](#) - Dean Ray L. Watts



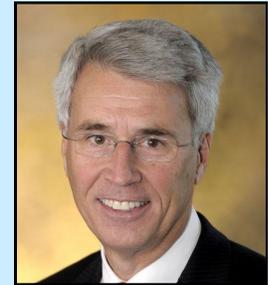
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles paid a recent visit to Children's of Alabama to visit with the kids and clean the windows. COWABUNGA DUDE! These Super Hero window washers are AWESOME! (Photos compliments of COA)

### A Powerful Partnership— Children's of Alabama supports the UAB Department of Pediatrics

UAB and Children's of Alabama are committed to providing a brighter future for the children of Birmingham, the state of Alabama, and beyond. This powerful alliance allows these two institutions to leverage their unique strengths and resources to pursue a joint mission—to offer world-class pediatric health services in an environment that fosters world-class research, excellence in medical education, and access to leading-edge treatments for pediatric illnesses and injuries. [Read more...](#)

### Mike Warren to be honored

[Mike Warren will be honored on October 2nd with the Birmingham Game Changer Award at The Vulcans.](#) The Vulcans, given by Vulcan Park & Museum, are a new award honoring Birmingham-area people in five categories: Newcomer, Hero, Servant Leadership, Game Changer



Mike Warren  
CEO of Children's  
of Alabama

### ~ Fellows ~

#### Apply for NIH Loan Repayment Program Awards

The National Institutes of Health Loan Repayment Programs (LRPs) repay the student loans of doctoral level, biomedical or behavioral scientists conducting research funded by nonprofit institutions. The application cycle opens on **September 1, 2014** and closes on **November 17, 2014**. You may be eligible to receive up to **\$70,000** of qualified educational debt repayment with a 2 year contract.

[Click for more information.](#)

### Website Tip of the Week:

Want to know the latest news? Check our Department Announcements, on the Pediatric Website!

The URL is:

[www.uab.edu/medicine/peds/announcements](http://www.uab.edu/medicine/peds/announcements)

### New Grant Awards This Week:

Dr. Monica Cramer, Pediatric Nephrology, awarded Alexion Pharmaceuticals, Inc. award. 5 year award totaling \$48,000.

## Attention Clinical Researchers and Administrators

### Sign Up for the CCTS Listserve!

Pediatric investigators are invited to [join the CCTS](#) as many solicitations are distributed through the CCTS listserve. In addition, *administrators* in pediatrics should subscribe to the UAB Research Admin listserve which is a critical resource for funding and policy updates. You may also wish to subscribe to [Extramural Nexus and Dr. Rockey's Rock Talk](#). Contact the CCTS Research Commons (ccts@uab.edu or 934.7442) to learn more. To learn more about how the CCTS works in Pediatrics, go to our [Child Health Research Unit website](#).

### Pre-Award Research Office Weekly News Links:

- [NIH eSubmission Items of Interest - 9/18/2014](#)
- [NIH eRA Items of Interest - September 2014](#)
- [New UAB OIRB Fee Effective 10/1/14](#)

## Current Grant Opportunities:

### Doris Duke Clinical Scientist Development Award

Provides grants to junior physician scientists to facilitate their transition to independent clinical research careers. The Clinical Scientist Development Award program aims to enable promising early career physician scientists to build successful careers in clinical research and attain independent research project grant funding. The 2015 Clinical Scientist Development Award consists of \$150,000 direct costs plus \$12,000 (8%) indirect costs per year for 3 years.

[View the Request for Applications & Application Instructions here](#)

## New Grant Funds Food Intolerance Research

Secure \$120,000 in basic or clinical research funding from the AGA Research Foundation by applying for the [AGA-Providence Food Intolerance Research Award](#). The deadline to submit applications for this new award is Oct. 17, 2014. Preference will be given to candidates in the beginning years of their careers.

## KPRI Application Process is open

Find KPRI Application information & instructions at: <http://www.uab.edu/medicine/peds/edu-research/research/pediatric-research/18-fac-staff/fac-dev/48-kpri-grant-info> (on our pediatric website).

## SSPR Call for Abstracts

The SSPR has announced its call for abstracts for the 2015 American Federation for Medical Research and Participating Societies Regional Meetings. Abstract deadline for Southern Region is October 10, 2014.

[Click here for announcement and details](#)

## [Pilot program to fund community-based research](#)

UAB's Center for the Study of Community Health will award many as three \$30,000 pilot grants for projects that address health issues affecting Birmingham communities.

*Researchers may wish to bookmark the direct link  
to our Research Website:*

<https://www.uab.edu/medicine/peds/edu-research/research>