

## Announcement Dr. Darrell Wilson

I write to inform you that on May 7<sup>th</sup> Dr. Darrell Wilson met informed me that, after 17 years, he wishes to set down as Division Chief of Pediatric Endocrinology effective June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015.

Darrell has been at Stanford since he obtained his medical degree at UCSD. He completed his pediatric residency and then an endocrinology fellowship training in 1984. He then joined the faculty and rose through the academic ranks to Professor in 2001. Our department, School of Medicine and the Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford has been fortunate to have Darrell lead the Division since March 1998. Under his leadership the division has grown to its current 11 faculty, one of the largest in the nation, augmented its fellowship program and achieved financial stability. The division is internationally recognized for its clinical research related to diabetes and bone health in addition to recent fundamental science discoveries regarding the hormonal modulation of mesenchymal stem cell differentiation into bone, muscle or adipose tissues. I would like to thank Dr. Wilson for all of these achievements as the Chief of the Division of Pediatric Endocrinology!

On a personal level Dr. Wilson has been very successful in his research program conducting research in a number of areas but with a specific emphasis on diabetes and also serves on the Steering Committees for both the NIH Type 1 Diabetes TrialNet Study and the NIH DirectNet Glucose Sensor Study. Together with his colleagues, he has published over 270 original peer – reviewed papers, 27 book chapters and other communications. He also serves the broader School of Medicine clinical research committee in his role Chair of one of its IRB committees.

There is no doubt that Darrell will continue to make major contributions to the clinical care of children with endocrinologic disorders, help train future scientists and clinicians and make major new insights into the fundamental mechanisms of these diseases.

I have asked, and Dr. Christy Sandborg, Associate Chair of Pediatrics and VPMA at LPCHS, has graciously accepted the role of Interim Division Chief of Endocrinology effective June 22, 2015 while the Department conducts a national search for Dr. Wilson's successor.

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