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I write to inform you that Dr. Ken Cox has asked to step down as the Department of Pediatrics Associate Chair Clinical - Networks effective June 30th, 2015. This parallels his decisions to step down as Senior Associate Dean last fall and as Chief Medical Officer of the Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford effective March 16, 2015. Ken wishes to devote his clinical and academic efforts to his other roles, including the Division Chief of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition and Medical Director of the Pediatric Transplant Center of Excellence.

Ken has served with great distinction as the Department's Associate Chair Clinical - Networks since my arrival in January 2008. Some of his major contributions include serving as the co-Chair of the Clinical Advisory Committee, helping to develop the new LPCHS Funds Flow with the LPCHS and the Department's new compensation program with the School of Medicine. In collaboration with Kim Roberts, he and other leaders have facilitated the development of subspecialty practices at outreach sites both within the Department and within the PCHA.

Ken received his B.S. from Seattle University and his M.D. from the University of Washington. He completed his pediatrics internship and residency at the University of Oregon, followed by a fellowship in pediatric gastroenterology and nutrition at the University of California, Los Angeles. Dr. Cox went on to hold faculty positions at the University of California, Davis, University of Pittsburgh, and California Pacific Medical Center, before joining the Stanford faculty in 1995 as a Professor of Pediatrics. As Division Chief of Gastroenterology) and Medical Director of the LPCHS Pediatric Transplant Center of Excellence he has helped create the nation's largest pediatric liver transplant program. He assumed the position of Chief Medical Officer at LPCHS in 1998 and worked with the LPCHS and Stanford School of Medicine leadership to establish the Pediatric and Obstetric Faculty Practice Organization in 2002. From 2006 to 2008, he served as interim chair of the Department of Pediatrics at Stanford University.

Dr. Cox is a fellow in the American Academy of Pediatrics, and a member of numerous professional societies including the Society for Pediatric Research, North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition, American Association for the Study of Liver Disease, International Pediatric Transplant Association, and the American Gastroenterology Association. He also serves as a reviewer for medical publications and was Associated Editor for the Journal of Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition from 2006 through 2011. Dr. Cox has published 18 book chapters and more than 136 peer-reviewed articles in pediatric gastroenterology, hepatology and liver transplantation. The focus of his research is pediatric liver transplantation, hepatology and inflammatory bowel disease. He has created the leading pediatric liver transplantation program in the United States as a result of an extensive outreach program at 14 children hospital sites in the Western US which has resulted one of the largest volume and best outcome programs.

Please join me in thanking Dr. Cox for his wonderful and major contributions as Associate Chair Clinical – Networks. We look forward to continuing to work with him as he continues his outstanding academic career here at Stanford Medicine.

Best wishes,



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