

"The future ain't what it used to be."

Yogi Berra

"I accept chaos, I'm not sure whether it accepts me."

Bob Dylan

Hi Everyone,

I have been granted the honor by Michael of writing this week's DA with the caveat that I must use a "Dylanism" or a "Yogi-ism". The above quotes have strong emergency medicine allegorical meaning and it's the **Emergency Room staff** that is getting this week's acknowledgement..

I think of myself as an ideal individual to laud the exploits of the Emergency Department since I have had the privilege to have both an outsider's and an insider's perspective on the evolution of the ER over the past 15 years .

I was accepted on-board by the grace of the legendary David McGillivray, ex-chief and many would argue "grandfather" of the Division. Although not pediatric trained, I - along with my non-peds colleagues - were welcomed with respect as peers.

I had the honor of joining in the mentoring/training of many of the now local/national pillars of the specialty.

Although the specialty of Pediatric Emergency Medicine is really in the adolescent "stage of development" (vs other established disciplines), I have seen it evolve exponentially both symbolically and tangibly in medical academia. The respect shown to us by our peers in other disciplines in our interaction with them attests in part to this professional acknowledgement and is in large part due to the excellence in medical care (both nursing and medical) provided by the department.

As a long-time advocate and "student" of emergency medicine, I strongly believe that OUR emergency room has significantly contributed both nationally and internationally in the advancement and propagation of this incredibly challenging and rewarding field.

The administrative and academic leadership exhibited during the past decade and a half have also been exemplary. From Dominic Chalut to Harley Eisman to the core PEM faculty, all have contributed to not only elevating the Division to the ranks of other notable divisions but more importantly putting "MCH PEM" on the map nationally and internationally.

I encourage our entire Departmental community to celebrate and appreciate with pride the faculty of the Emergency Room.

Have a great weekend!

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