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When there is an important but difficult job to be done, there are a few people in the department to whom we all turn. One of these people is **Dr. Evelyn Constantin**. Evelyn has taken many important roles in the Dept. of Pediatrics and the FMHS in the 16 years since her appointment. She served as Pediatric Residency Program Co-Director from 2014-2016, then as Assistant Dean Post-Graduate Medical Education from 2016-2019. In July 2021, she stepped in as Interim Pediatric Residency Program Director, just as Competency-based Medical Education (CBME) was being fully implemented for the new R1s. Evelyn was just what the program needed. Her years of leadership experience in medical education paid off as she took the helm during this transitional time. The able assistance of Dr. Elisa Ruano-Ceo was also critical to the successful launch of CBME in Pediatrics.

Adding to the challenge of leading the training program were the complications associated with the COVID pandemic, with the Delta and Omicron waves putting large numbers of residents and faculty into isolation or quarantine. I can assure you that Evelyn did not have a very merry Christmas 2021 as she struggled to organize and reorganize the residents' schedules to ensure both high-quality patient care and that every individual resident's educational needs were met. Evelyn has been a tireless advocate and supporter of the residents, and her leadership through many challenging times was very reassuring to all.

Evelyn was also instrumental in making significant changes to the leadership model for Pediatric Residency Program. She put on her researcher hat and began gathering both qualitative and quantitative data on models used elsewhere to come up with a workable plan for a larger leadership team. True to her commitment to the success of the residency program, Evelyn has played a key role in crafting the job descriptions of the new Assistant Program Directors and in mentoring the new team. She will undoubtedly continue to serve as a valuable reference and resource and they find their feet in their new roles.

Please join me in thanking Evelyn for her incredible work, devotion, and vision as Interim Program Director for the past year. We definitely could not have managed without her!

It seems fitting to include in this message a shout out to all the **graduating residents and fellows**. This year, there are 36 residents completing their programs. Make sure to thank and congratulate them when you cross paths.

Graduating Residents and Fellows from General Pediatrics:

PGY3– General Pediatrics

Dr. Abdulrahman Al Ghamdi

Dr. Lara Berliner

PGY4– General Pediatrics

Dr. Nour Almoutairi

Dr. Wijdan Basfar

Dr. David D'Arienzo

Dr. Nehal Shata

Dr. Cassandre Tetu

Academic Pediatrics Fellowship

Dr. Kholoud Hothan

Dr. Laila Pinto Coehlo

Dr. Ebtehal Qulisy

Graduating Residents and Fellows in Pediatric Subspecialty Programs

Adolescent medicine

Dr. Mehrieh Rahimi

Allergy and Clinical Immunology

Dr. Sarife Saker

Emergency medicine

Dr. Sufyan Alrahbi

Dr. Chady El Tawil

Dr. Noah Marzook

Dr. Anfal Taher

Gastroenterology

Dr. Amna Al-Khuzaei

Hematology–oncology

Dr. Joanne Delaney

Dr. Monica Quiros Mata

Dr. Alexandra Zabeida

Infectious Disease

Dr. Ahmed Almadani

Dr. Maya Heledakiva

Neonatal and Perinatal Medicine

Dr. Keira Kilmartin

Neonatal and Perinatal Medicine Scholar Fellowship

Dr. Gabriela De Carvalho Nunes

Neonatal Follow–up Fellowship

Dr. Ariane Léveillé

Dr. Mariane Paquette

Neonatology Hemodynamics Clinical Research Fellowship

Dr. Shiran Sara Moore

Neurogenetic Fellowship

Dr. Ghadd Alhajaj

Neurology

Dr. Mohammed Ashour

Dr. Olivier Fortin

Pediatric Critical Care

Dr. Lama Alameddine

Dr. Guillaume Maitre

Dr. Marina Mir Parramon

Dr. Heraldo Rocha Valladao

Pediatric Interventional Cardiology Fellowship

Dr. Abdullah Alsheri

Rheumatology

Dr. Justine Turmel-Roy

Have a great weekend.

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