What guides us

Mission

To ensure children and families have access to healing, service and innovation throughout their lifespan; and to provide training, education and opportunities to the next generation of pediatric healthcare leaders.

Vision

We are dedicated to creating a world in which all children, families and communities achieve their full potential.

Strategy

Department of Pediatrics Strategic Plan 2016 - 2020

Strategic Planning Priorities

Areas of Focus for 2016-2020

- Optimize clinical & subspecialty growth
- Prioritize business & governance development
- Leverage & grow research portfolio & programs
- Promote educational leadership
- Foster external strategic partnerships
- Impact population health programs through CHECK
- Build new centers in global health & technology innovation

Equity • Authenticity • Collaboration • Diversity • Innovation • Quality
Pediatric Leadership

Senior Leadership & Associate Heads

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Dear Supporters & Friends,

It is with celebration and appreciation that I share our 2017 annual report. Much of what you'll find inside is based on initiatives that were identified in our 2016 strategic plan, "Redefining Child Health for the 21st Century". Our goals are ambitious, but I hope you'll agree that we are making great strides in each of our priority issues. I've very proud of each and every one of our accomplishments, but here are just three highlights that I've chosen:

Our Outpatient Care Center became one of the first pediatric institutions in the region to accept all seven, newly-approved State of Illinois Medicaid managed care plans. This is particularly important considering our commitment to patient access and under-served populations, particularly those in our surrounding communities.

CHECK (Coordination of Healthcare for Complex Kids), our comprehensive care coordination model for Medicaid-eligible children and families living with Asthma, Diabetes, Sickle Cell & Prematurity, was recognized as the Most Innovative Best Practice for Child Health in the U.S. by the Institute for Medicaid Innovation.

Our education and research programs have continued to grow, with 39 Pediatric Residents, 16 Medicine/Pediatrics Residents and 14 Pediatrics Fellows (in Adolescent Medicine, Neonatology, Endocrinology and Hematology/Oncology), and $12.7 million in revenue from sponsored research activity in 2017.

It is the dedication of our trainees, the ingenuity of our faculty and researchers, and most importantly, the courage of our patients and families that motivates us to get closer to achieving our ultimate vision every day. With your partnership, we know that we can contribute to creating a world in which all children, families and communities achieve their full potential. Let's start with the children and families in our own neighborhoods, in Chicago and beyond.

Sincerely,

Benjamin W. Van Voorhees, MD, MPH
Department Head & Physician-in-Chief
A 90+ bed, 16-specialty, designated children's hospital, inclusive of a Level III NICU + pediatric emergency room; located within the University of Illinois Hospital, home to an additional 16 associated pediatric specialties.
Pediatric Patient Care in 2017

- **67,000+** unique child & adolescent encounters via the UI Health system (including Mile Square) in FY 2017
- **22,000+** unique child & adolescent encounters for inpatient care or outpatient procedures within our hospital in FY 2017
- **67,000+** unique child & adolescent encounters via the UI Health system (including Mile Square) in FY 2017
- **16,000+** unique child & adolescent encounters in our outpatient pediatric clinic in FY 2017, resulting in **42,000+** visits
- **7,000+** unique child & adolescent encounters in our pediatric emergency room in FY 2017
- **20,000+** unique child & adolescent encounters through our Mile Square Federally Qualified Health Centers in FY 2017

**Celebrating Our Patients & Families**

Eladio first came to our Children’s Hospital in 2005 when he was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor. After a successful neurosurgery, Eladio was under the care of our PICU and Hem/Onc teams and has since been carefully followed by our General Pediatrics and Nephrology teams. In 2017, Eladio celebrated being tumor free for 12 years! We will continue to work with this family in our Childhood Cancer Survivors Clinic.
Educational Excellence in 2017

Diverse Faculty
100+ Pediatrics Faculty
- 34% Caucasian
- 30% International
- 29% Asian/Pacific Islander
- 5% African American
- 2% Hispanic
- 62% Female
- 38% Male

Robust Residency
- 39 Pediatrics Residents
- 16 Medicine/Pediatrics Residents
- Community Advocacy Track
- Global Health Track
- Leadership Track
- 74% Female
- 26% Male

Four Fellowships
- 14 Fellows
- Adolescent Medicine Fellowship
- Pediatric Endocrinology Fellowship
- Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Fellowship
- Neonatal-Perinatal Fellowship

2017 UIC Pediatrics Residency Class - Program Year 1
NATIONAL RANKING
Ranked #47 in the NIH Blue Ridge rankings for pediatrics in 2017, up 12 spots from 2016

ACTIVE RESEARCH
Approximately 75 active research projects across basic science, translational, health services and community-based studies and clinical trials

RESEARCH FUNDING
Received $12.7 million in revenue from sponsored research activity in FY 2017, a $1.6 million increase from FY 2016

GLOBAL HEALTH
Established new global health partnerships in 2017, including a robust collaboration with the International Pediatric Specialists Alliance for the Children of Vietnam

TECHNOLOGY
CHECK was selected as a MATTER Chicago Innovation Mentors (CIM) Venture mentee

PUBLICATIONS
Pediatrics faculty were cited as authors on at least 145 publications (articles & books/chapters) in FY 2017

PROPOSALS
Faculty submitted 73 proposals for external funding in FY 2017

RECOGNITION
CHECK (Coordination of Healthcare for Complex Kids), our care coordination program, was recognized by the Institute for Medicaid Innovation as the Most Innovative Best Practice for Child Health in the U.S.
Community Engagement

CHECK’s Community Medical Neighborhood of 50+ partners (inclusive of community primary care providers, Federally Qualified Health Centers, community-based organizations and Managed Care Organizations) hosted and/or participated in 70+ community events in 2017.

Through an expanded partnership with the Mobile Care Foundation, Dr. Andrea Pappalardo (pictured) provides mobile asthma care weekly on the south and west sides of Chicago outside of schools, at no cost to families.

Our Donors

Donor Spotlight: Friends of UIC Pediatrics
In 2017, the Friends of UIC Pediatrics (pictured) funded the renovation of the inpatient Teen Room, a safe space where patients 12 and older spend time playing games, engaging in art activities, listening to music, watching movies, and doing homework. Teens are also able to work in this room one-on-one with the child life specialist, Chicago public school teachers, and Snow City Arts teaching artists. “I joined the Friends of UIC Pediatrics, a group of passionate community members, because I care deeply about children’s causes and access to healthcare for all. We are making a difference in the lives of young, vulnerable kids, many of whom are suffering from chronic diseases and a myriad of other health issues. It’s very important to us that no child is ever turned away due to lack of financial resources.”

- Ellen Duffy President, Friends of UIC Pediatrics

2017 Philanthropy Dollars

$676,281

269 Gifts + Grants
Envisioning Our Future

UIC Child Health Redefined, 2020 (From our pediatrics strategic plan)

EDUCATION
- Multi-site Residency
- 7 Fellowships
- Community Advocacy
- Health Literacy Integration
- Developmental Pediatrics
- Student Global Health
- Diverse Trainees & Faculty
- Comprehensive Mentoring

CLINICAL SERVICES
- >75,000 patients
- >30 Primary Care Practice
- 3 NICU, 1 PICU, 1 Ward
- Centralised Quality Initiatives
- 15 Subspecialties
- Additional Clinic Locations, City & Country-wide
- Developmental & Behavioural Health
- Expanded ENT, Ortho, Radiology & Toxicology
- Unified Care Management Software & EMR

POPULATION HEALTH
- CHECK Program expansion & replication
- Patient Quality of Life Initiatives
- Population Sciences Program Collaboration

RESEARCH
- Community-based Participatory & Health Disparities Research
- Research Education Core
- Clinical Research Core
- Integrative Biology & Laboratories Core
- Collaborative Citywide Academic Research Partnership

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS
- Illinois Medical District Hospitals
- U of I Health Science Network
- Managed Care Organisations
- FQHCs & PCPs
- Community & Faith Based Orgs