Memorandum

From: The Association of Pediatric Medical School Department Chairs

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Announcing the Inaugural 2012 AMSPDC Pediatric Leadership Development Fellows

We are pleased to announce the acceptance of five outstanding individuals into the inaugural (2012) cohort of the AMSPDC Pediatric Leadership Development Program. This fellowship program aims to help develop the next generation of pediatric chairs in North America, ensuring that they will be well poised to lead our profession through the rapidly changing environment of academic medicine and health care in general.

Carrie L. Byington, MD

Dr. Byington is the HA and Edna Benning Presidential Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City, UT and Vice Chair of the Research Enterprise for the Department of Pediatrics. She also serves as the Associate Director for the University of Utah Center for Clinical and Translational Science (CCTS).

Michael D. Cabana, MD, MPH

Dr. Cabana is the Chief of General Pediatrics at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) and Professor of Pediatrics, Epidemiology and Biostatistics. He is also a member of the core faculty at the Philip R. Lee Institute for Health Policy Studies.
Marc H. Gorelick, MD

Dr. Gorelick is the Division Chief of Pediatric Emergency Medicine at the Medical College of Wisconsin, the Jon E. Vice Endowed Chair in Emergency Medicine and the Associate Director of Children’s Research Institute at the Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. He is also the Chief Executive Officer of Children’s Specialty Group, a 500-member pediatric specialty group practice that is a joint venture between the hospital and medical school.

Meredith Irwin, MD

Dr. Irwin is Associate Chair of Pediatrics for Research at the Hospital for Sick Children and Associate Professor at the University of Toronto. She is co-Director of the Neuroblastoma Program, and Section Head for the Solid Tumor Section in the Division of Hematology-Oncology.

Mary M. Lee, MD

Dr. Lee is the Division Chief of Pediatric Endocrinology and Vice-chair of Academic Affairs for the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Massachusetts Medical School and UMass Memorial Health Care in Worcester, MA.
About the AMSPDC Pediatric Leadership Development Program (PLDP).

The yearlong fellowship program consists of:

1. Formal Mentorship Program: This program is modeled similarly to a current mentorship program AMSPDC has developed for new chairs. It consists of matching the candidate to a chair who matches their leadership interests. The mentors are members of AMSPDC who meet the mentorship criteria set by the AMSPDC Leadership Committee. The mentor serves as support to the candidate during, and if desired by both parties, following the year-long fellowship program.

2. Peer-to-Peer Mentorship Program: This program connects all members of each year’s cohort to rely on each other for support and information and possibly to work in teams during the leadership program on their projects.

3. AAMC Emerging Leaders Seminar: This seminar, sponsored by the AAMC allows PLDP fellows to join attendees from other disciplines in leadership sessions.

4. Leadership Development Project: This involves development of projects of value to the home department of the candidate, done in conjunction with the home based Chair or immediate supervisor.

5. Attendance at Two Consecutive AMSPDC Annual Meetings: Fellows attend two Annual AMSPDC meetings, first as the incoming cohort of fellows then as the outgoing cohort as well as a meeting of the AMSPDC Board of Directors.

Nomination of women and underrepresented minorities is encouraged.