

Announcement: New Division of Immunology, Department of Pediatrics, UBC & BCCH

The Department of Pediatrics is pleased to announce the newly formed Division of Immunology.



The Division of Immunology is an internationally recognized center of excellence for Immunology clinical care, teaching, and research. Team members include Drs. Catherine Biggs, Kyla Hildebrand, Elliot James, and Stuart Turvey. In recent

years Immunology outpatient clinic visits at BC Children's Hospital have increased 10-fold, and inpatient consults have increased 8-fold. This team successfully advocated for newborn screening for Severe Combined Immune deficiency with a recent launch of the newborn screening program in 2022. Research conducted in the Division of Immunology is world leading, having identified many new immune system disorders and through its research program, the discovery of novel, patient-specific treatments.



Dr. Kyla Hildebrand has been appointed as the Interim Division Head. Dr. Hildebrand is a Pediatric Clinical Immunology and Allergy specialist and clinician educator at BC Children's Hospital, Department of Pediatrics, University of British Columbia. She brings over a decade of leadership experience in her education roles at UBC and has a strong track record of collaboration with several institutions and offices including the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI), the national Special Clinic Immunization Network, Child Health BC, UBC Continuing Professional Development and the UBC Office of Faculty Development. Dr. Hildebrand's scholarly work focuses on adverse events following immunization, inborn errors of immunity and implementation of intrinsic CanMEDS roles. Dr. Hildebrand has been recognized for excellence in teaching and medical education with several national awards including the Canadian Association for Medical Education Award of Merit, UBC Continuing Professional Development Award for Innovation in CPD/CME, and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada AMS Donald Richards Wilson Award for CanMEDS Integration.



Please join me in welcoming Dr. Hildebrand in her new role.

With this restructuring, I thank Dr. Edmond Chan for continuing to serve as Head of the Division of Allergy.

With Gratitude,

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