

****Sent on behalf of Dr. Steven Miller, Head, Department of Pediatrics, UBC & BCCH****



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Dear Colleagues:

Please join me in congratulating Dr. Laura Sauvé who will be taking on a new senior leadership position with us. Effective April 1 2024, Dr. Sauvé will assume the role of Assistant Head, Clinical Partnerships for the Department of Pediatrics. In her new appointment, she will be working closely with departmental leaders and faculty to create a provincial network to enhance clinical pediatric care in BC.

Dr. Sauvé will also work with health authority leadership and Child Health BC to support pediatric outreach programs with attention to underserved communities; she will liaise with relevant internal and external partners to foster provincial capacity and rigour in health data; and she will engage in efforts to foster and support international engagement and global health in the Department of Pediatrics to name a few.

Dr. Laura Sauvé is a pediatric infectious diseases specialist who completed her medical school and pediatrics residency at the University of Calgary; her infectious diseases fellowship at the Hospital for Sick Children in 2005; and her master's in public health at Johns Hopkins School of Public Health in 2006.

In her work as an infectious diseases specialist at the Oak Tree Clinic, she has been able to incorporate her public health and equity, diversity and inclusion learnings from her time studying public health and working in HIV care in Burkina Faso, in West Africa. She joined the department of pediatrics in 2007 and has had several roles, including Pediatrics residency program director, education pillar lead at the Center for International Child Health and PHSA and BC Children's and Women's Hospitals infection control medical lead. Through the pandemic, Dr. Sauvé provided tremendous leadership both in terms of infection control and pediatric infectious diseases care in BC, leading the BC clinical reference group developing pediatric guidelines around the COVID-19 pandemic, and nationally with the Canadian Pediatric Society.

Dr. Sauvé's research portfolio includes the impacts of HIV and other bloodborne infections on infants and children, since 2014 she has led national perinatal HIV infection surveillance. At the Oak Tree Clinic she is involved in knowledge translation and the syphilis outbreak response, engaging providers around the province in the response to syphilis and other perinatal infections.

We congratulate Dr. Laura Sauvé in her new role as Assistant Head, Clinical Partnerships with the Department of Pediatrics.

Dr. Sauvé joined the PHSA IPAC team in 2017, and served as the interim Medical Director, and IPAC Medical Lead for BC Children's and Women's Hospital. Dr. Sauvé brought a lens of cultural humility and safety, equity, diversity, and inclusion (DEI) to her work, and she championed for women and children's issues at provincial and national tables.

Notably, Laura provided strong leadership for the health authority as the Interim Medical Director for IPAC through the COVID-19 pandemic. She was an incredible leader, a lifelong educator and mentor to physicians and clinicians in British Columbia and across Canada.

We wish you well in your new role, and we thank you, for your contributions and lasting impact to the IPAC program and PHSA!

Thank you,

Dr. Titus Wong, Executive Medical Director, Ms. Mandy Solly, Director, Ms. Olga Pavlenko, Project Manager II, Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC), Provincial Health Services Authority

Dr. Sauvé is currently the Vice President of the Canadian Pediatric Society and was the Chair of the CPS Infectious Diseases and Immunization committee from 2020-2023. She has co-authored Canadian Pediatric Society position statements on Hepatitis C in children and infections in infants born to mothers who did not have prenatal care, in addition to leading all the COVID-19 related written guidance from the CPS during the pandemic and co-editing a special edition of Paediatrics and Child Health on the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on child health.

She is excited to take on the role of assistant department head and to work with partners engaged in child health in British Columbia and beyond, working to support equitable access to pediatric care.

Congratulations Dr. Sauvé!

With gratitude,



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