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From the Desk of Professor & Chair

We in the TCOM Dept. of Pediatrics and Women's Health (PWH) are excited that the arrival of spring 2021 is bringing hope that the COVID-19 year-long pandemic may be coming under control. The introduction of effective vaccines and a steady increase in the number of people vaccinated are bringing a sense of optimism that the year ahead will permit some restoration of more normal activities and a return to the enriching environment of the UNTHSC Campus. However, we have learned that this virus is a formidable foe and that we must maintain vigilance and pay attention to ensure the safety of all. The past year has posed new and unexpected challenges, and in our last newsletter I highlighted many of the positive adaptations and innovations brought about by the extraordinary teamwork of the Dept. Of PWH faculty, staff, and many dedicated students. With spring also comes the prospect of change and renewal, and that is certainly the case for PWH in 2021. This will be my final Newsletter Introduction, as I am retiring from Chairmanship of PWH and from TCOM faculty effective March 31. These recent years beginning mid-2008, have been very challenging, rewarding, and fulfilling for me, a wonderful and climactic chapter in my 50 years in medicine. Yes, it was summer 1971 that I began my own clinical clerkship rotations as a third-year medical student.



W. Paul Bowman, MD

Incoming Interim Chair, Priya Bui, DO



Priya Bui, DO

I am excited to continue with the foundational work of our department and we are poised to build upon the legacy built in our department. I look forward to staying connected with you all thru this newsletter in the coming publications and will now share my words highlighting Dr. Bowman.

I first met Dr. Bowman as a medical student. At the time, I was not sure what I wanted to do. But, like many, 301 to be exact, my time on the pediatrics rotation made it abundantly clear that I wanted to be a pediatrician. Why? Mentorship. I knew after working with Dr. Bowman and seeing that passion, kindness and commitment with which he talked about patient care and passing that importance to students, that pediatrics was my calling. Returning to the place where I was inspired to continue this relationship of learning and training the next generations of students has been invaluable. My story, times many, is the impact of Dr. Bowman on generations of students who are inspired to care of children. Dr. Bowman has been a visionary leader bringing together community partnerships, research opportunities that are meaningful also for students and playing a role in education across campus. He will be missed, but there is a lasting legacy of his work in our department which will both continue on and make progress. I am happy for Dr. Bowman as well as his family in a well-deserved retirement and celebrate the beginning of the next chapter in his remarkable life.

As the incoming Interim Chair of the Department of Pediatrics and Women's Health and on behalf of the department we will dedicate today's newsletter to Dr. Paul Bowman in highlighting his legacy to patients, students, and the community. Our letter today will include messages and memories shared with you all honoring Dr. Bowman in celebrating his retirement.

Career Highlights, A Personal Perspective From W. Paul Bowman, MD. 1971-2021

1. Clinical Training and Early Career 1971-82: Inspired as medical student in Canada to care for children with leukemia; big move with wife and baby daughter to Memphis, TN 1976 for fellowship training and then a junior faculty position at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The privilege of caring for kids with blood cancer and leading a clinical trial with improved survival rates.
2. Pediatric Hematology-Oncology at Cook Children's in Fort Worth 1982-2008: Full-time clinical care of children with blood diseases and cancer. Medical Directorship for 18 years included growth in scope and size of services, introduction of clinical trials. First pediatric bone marrow transplant program in North Texas—1986. Recruitment of outstanding physicians and team members. Received Distinguished Physician Award 2003. Collaboration with St. Jude leads to best childhood leukemia survival rates to be reported—92.3 % (Pui et al: New Engl J Med 2009). Focus becomes long term survival follow-up and late effects surveillance. The beginning of opportunities for medical student rotations and clinical education.
3. An Academic Career at Last; Professor and Chair of Pediatrics at TCOM 2008—2021. Joined to lead a strong team of dedicated pediatricians and clinical educators. Built more opportunities for students to learn pediatrics and to be inspired for careers in health care of children. Strengthened academic collaboration with Cook Children's and other partners. Recruitment of excellent new clinical and research faculty while retaining many originals. Diversified Pediatric Dept. activities into translational and community health research. Collaborations in place with cancer researchers. Facilitated establishment of Pediatric Mobile Clinic. Developed research opportunities for medical students including summer Pediatric Research Program (PRP). Helped faculty to chart their course and become leaders in clinical care, medical education, and research. Over 330 TCOM graduates chose residency training in pediatric careers from classes of 2009-2021.
4. Growth and Transition 2017-2021: Pediatrics became Pediatrics and Women's Health (PWH) following the passing of OBGYN Chair, Dr. Ralph Anderson; we strive to honor his legacy. PWH added excellent former OBGYN research faculty and staff. New clinical leadership has improved HSC Clinical Practice Group pediatric services. HSC Valubility of the Year 2018 a tremendous honor. Growing number of PWH faculty impact TCOM pre-clinical education and enhance core clerkship and elective offerings. Addition of three OBGYN clinical faculty complements Women's Health component and opens new clinical services and academic activities. New faculty leaders emerging and successor to chair identified. PWH Engagement Team established to ensure good communication and teamwork across the diverse systems that comprise the TCOM Dept. Of PWH.
5. And Now—Time for Change: Grateful for the opportunities I have had and many cherished relationships with UNTHSC and TCOM Leadership, Faculty, Staff, and Students, I am excited to pass the torch to Priya Bui, DO, Interim Chair of PWH as of April 1, 2021. I am confident that she will provide outstanding leadership as she continues to grow professionally and that the excellent team in place will provide to her the same level of support and innovation that has led to our success and fulfillment during the years I have been honored to serve as TCOM Chair of Pediatrics and Women's Health.



Congratulations on Your Retirement Dr. Bowman!!!

Paul,

*I want to thank you for all the great years that we have spent together here at TCOM. You have been a true role model for our faculty and students and I will truly miss you. You have always kept TCOM grounded in its values. Your legacy will always be present within TCOM!!----**Frank Filippetto, DO, FACOFP***

Dr. Bowman it has been a pleasure working with you, and now it's time to celebrate your retirement. After 20 years and 3 months it will be different not having you for my boss. You have been such an inspiration to the students, your patients, faculty and staff that you have encountered over the years. Your leadership skills have been superb and I couldn't have asked for a better boss. You have been such an inspiration to me and my family and I can't thank you enough for being my leaning post while dealing with health issues and your friendship over the years. We have been through so many good times and a few bad days together but together we have withered the storm. Your career as a doctor has left the world a better place. Wishing you the best during your retirement years. You've given so much during your years as a doctor – Congratulations and God Bless You in Retirement. ----Linda Rider***



I want to thank Dr. Bowman for giving me the opportunity to join the Pediatrics Department. I could not have asked for a better mentor and department chair. I remember the evenings when I stayed late to finish charts, he would stop by my office before leaving to check in on me and make sure I was doing okay. Small gestures like this mean a lot. I will always remember his words of encouragement and guidance. I want to congratulate Dr. Bowman on his retirement. I know he will get to spend more time with family and do all the things he did not have time for before, but I will definitely miss working with him. ---- **Huong Pham, PA-C*

**Some of my favorite memories with Dr. Bowman have got to be our meetings. I still remember our first meeting, myself a nervous and first-time faculty member, and Dr. Bowman, with his ever-present smile. His kind words and naturally welcoming nature*

*instantly made me feel welcome and hopeful for my new position. How true that was, as almost eight years later, our meetings have remained my favorite times with Dr. Bowman. Even though we only had around 30 minutes each week, our conversation filled with laughter and music trivia and suggestions. My Tidal "Bowman's playlist" is quite large at this point, and I expect it to continue in the future! An incredible boss who always had time for me, a remarkable mentor who guided me through so many important decisions, and a wonderful friend, Dr. Bowman will always remain the best part of our department. I know his retirement will be filled with relaxation, time with his lovely wife and family, and plenty of well-deserved vacations. Congratulations Dr. Bowman! ----
Shane Fernando, PhD*



**I would like to extend my best wishes to W. Paul Bowman, MD on his retirement. The best treat in my life and career was his kind offer to join the HSC and working in this department. Dr. Bowman is a true leader and perfect example for HSC values. He is a great source of inspiration and a role model for many who are associated with him. People may know how to work on their own progress; but Dr. Bowman has the ability to make others prosper, which is a true sign of a good leader - as the old-saying goes "we rise when we lift others". I had a distinct pleasure and honor to work in his leadership and eventually attain the role of Vice Chair for Research position in the department. His gentle and kind personality, and agile treatment keeps his patients, students and colleagues healthful, peaceful and cheerful. Dr. Bowman's erudite and scrupulous guidance and mentorship cascaded the genesis of research experience to many TCOM students and supported several physicians and researchers. His wonderful networking and compassionate initiatives brought together regional institutions (e.g., Cook Children's, JPS, Medical City at Arlington, and Fit for Steps, etc.), and provided the opportunities to support TCOM students and faculty. His initiatives such as Pediatric Research Program and regional Adolescent and Young Adult Cancer Patients Registry are some of the milestones in his career at HSC. He will be missed a lot, but his legacy would persist in moving forward with the implementation of the successful programs initiated by him. May God continue to bless him and his family with peace and joy in his life and retired adventures. ----Riyaz Basha, PhD*



**Dr. Bowman thank you for your guidance and support over the years. we appreciate your leader ship. We just wish you the best with your retirement. You will be missed. ----Toyya Goodrich, DO*

**Dr. Bowman: Thank you for motivating us to do our best. You'll be missed. Best wishes for a well-deserved long, healthy, and happy retirement! Sincerely, Kori Wilson*

**I will forever be grateful to Dr. Bowman when he took us in to his Department after the passing of Dr. Ralph Anderson. Not only were our hearts broken, but we were concerned about our future. Thankfully, he gathered us in with open arms. Dr. Bowman always had the reputation of a kind and good man. Thanks to this experience I have always witnessed his humor and feisty side as well! Thank you, Dr. Bowman, it has been a great honor knowing you and working with you in the Department of Pediatrics AND Women's Health. I will sincerely miss your kindness, your guidance, and your humor.-----Amy Raines-Milenkov, Dr.PH*



**Thank you for everything you have done for me over the years and for the opportunity to work under your leadership. I would specially like to acknowledge your support and encouragement in my teaching and research activities, including the collaborative registry project with Cook Children's. I also enjoyed working with you in the admissions committee and will miss our Zoom meetings that often ended with a discussion of politics. Your kind words, guidance, and genuine interest in my career will always be appreciated. Congratulation and wish you a happy retirement. ----Umesh Sankpal, Ph.D.*

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**I thought you might like to know some of my thoughts of your journey here at HSC, travelling down the long and winding road of the Department of Pediatrics. Try to see it my way - we'd had so many years with an "Interim" prior to your arrival, that I wasn't sure what to expect, but you came speaking words of wisdom, and brought with you a passion for mentoring our students and your goal to get a pediatric residency started at Cook that served to excite and rejuvenate those of us who were here. Since that time, I have benefitted from your mentorship and guidance, and your support has been invaluable. Our students have benefitted from your presence and mentorship as well, and the increase in numbers of students going into pediatric residencies after your arrival is a testament to that fact. Your memory of students' names, faces and where they have gone after they left here never ceases to amaze me! We have had many pediatricians, PAs, and staff come and go through our doors before and after your arrival and many have left their mark with us. You will leave a permanent mark – in our reinvigorated purpose in teaching students and showing them the opportunities and rewards of this specialty, in the development of research opportunities, and in the pursuit of clinical excellence for our patients. You have survived the age of Zoom, (your lips are moving, I cannot hear) and the epic snowstorm of 2021, (as I write this I feel the ice is slowly melting) and are moving towards the day, when you say goodbye. You'll soon be free as a bird to do what you want to do and go where you're going to. Maybe picture yourself in a boat on a river, or take a walk beneath the blue suburban skies, enjoy a good day's sunshine, or just sit back and let the evening go. Whatever you choose, the future still looks good and I'm sure you'll work it on out. (Who knows, maybe you'll decide you want to be a paperback writer!) As we bid you adieu, I think we're gonna be sad, but we will work hard to continue on the path you have set us upon – I know I'm gonna try with a little help from my friends! (Not sure I did as good a job finding Beatle's lyrics as you would have, but I had fun doing it!) Happy Retirement! -----*

Sarah Matches, DO

It's hard to imagine the department of pediatric and women's health without you! You have been an incredible leader, visionary, proactive, and inspirational. You completely changed the outlook of the department with so much emphasis on teaching, research, faculty engagement and collaboration. You constantly introduced new ideas and innovative approaches to make us visible and successful, as a department. You have been a kind mentor who is always encouraging and appreciative of our strengths and who values good work. Dr. Bowman, you have a special talent to bring out the best from every one. You are the leader who created the sense of inclusiveness, equality and fairness, which now is the culture of our department. You are the team leader who knows each and every member of the team, and their families. You know our struggles and our achievements. You have been with us through all the thick's and thins in past 13 years. You will be missed each and every step of the way. I sincerely feel that this is still not your time to retire but I wish you a very peaceful and enjoyable time ahead. Please relax and spend time with you yourself, and family & fiends. Still hope to see you around for words of wisdom and guidance from you. Happy retirement! -----*Raheela Hafeez, MD**



I know I have been a part of this fine department for only a short while but coupled with being one of your students I know I am not alone when I say it is hard to imagine TCOM without the great Paul Bowman graciously leading us. (Pryia, you are going to be great!). Many of us have stories of your excellent teaching style and clinical skills, but I would like to make a few comments on your leadership style. I have rarely (if ever) been under someone who held their leadership position with such natural authority, and yet was so warm and approachable. You have clear vision and hope-filled aspirations yet practical solutions and a persistent tireless work ethic. As we reflect on who we have had the pleasure to work for, learn from, and be led by these past years we stop to stand and offer you an ovation. A wild applause of gratitude for your magnificent performance and to thank you. Thank you, Dr. Bowman----*Sam Selby, DO**

Thank you for your kindness and wonderful leadership!! I hope you truly enjoy your retirement!! Congratulations!!----*Joanna Garcia**

TCOM students are so fortunate to have such a wonderful professor, preceptor, mentor, and role model in Dr. Bowman. He has paved paths for many medical students to pursue their dreams, whether it is in pediatrics or other specialties. We would like to thank Dr. Bowman for all the dedication he put into teaching us hematology-oncology during our preclinical years. He not only was dedicated to helping students achieve academically, but he has also always been excited to help us outside of the classroom through the Pediatrics Club, Texas Pediatric Society, American Academy of Pediatrics, and countless other organizations. Thanks to Dr. Bowman, many TCOM students have had the opportunity to participate in clinical research through the Pediatric Research Program (PRP). Even though the coronavirus pandemic presented us new challenges, Dr. Bowman managed to adapt and enabled students to continue scholarly activity by developing a Virtual PRP. Students that have worked with him in a clinical setting can attest to his genuine and kind nature towards patients, students, colleagues, and everyone else on the team. Dr. Bowman's presence on campus will be dearly missed and never forgotten. We truly wish him a wonderful retirement filled with good health, relaxation, and fun!---*Students leaders PMHC**



Dr. Bowman it has been wonderful to start my career with a department that is so well organized and loving, which is a sure reflection of your leadership. Although I didn't get to witness all the big moments in your career here at HSC Pediatrics, I will forever feel the effects of all your efforts. Thank you for all you have done. Your impact has definitely left its mark and will continue to do so. -----*PA Osakwe**



Dr. Bowman has played a critical role in the sustainment of the Asthma 411 initiative. His vision of collaborative approaches to improve children's health, pediatric research, and student engagement are central to Asthma 411's continued development. Dr. Bowman's mentorship of students and faculty has firmly established his legacy of excellence in pediatric practice and commitment to the well-being of children. Thank you –*Leslie Allsop, PhD**



Welcome!

Education:

Bachelors of Science in Health Education, University of Florida
Bachelors of Science in Nursing, University of Texas at Arlington
Masters of Science in Nursing, University of Texas at Arlington
Post-Masters in Pediatric Acute Care, University of Texas at Arlington

Hobbies:

Watching and attending when possible University of Florida football games; reading; traveling; swimming

Family Life:

I met and married my husband at the University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida. We have 3 children, a son-in-law, and 2 grandchildren (soon to be 3). We enjoy spending time together as a family. Most of our trips, especially once our children became adults have been family trips.

Unique things:

My family is Jamaican. My parents, sister and myself, moved from Jamaica to the United States when I was 6 ½. Most of my family lives in the United States now, but I still have some family members that still live in Jamaica. Two of my 3 children followed me into healthcare. Even my son-in-law is in healthcare. My daughter and son-in-law are Physician Assistants. My younger son will be completing his medical studies and a Master's in Public Health this year and starting his residency in June-July. My son plans to follow me into pediatrics and then complete a fellowship in Hematology/Oncology.



Maureen Edwards, NP

Congratulations!

Valubility of the Month Leah Zimmerman!!!

Leah Zimmerman is supporting our faculty and TCOM students by helping them in writing/submitting IRB protocols and assisting the research program offered by our department benefiting over 200 TCOM students. When a student had an issue with his IRB, she acted quickly to help him so his abstract could be accepted for RAD. She worked diligently, contacting IRB personnel, student and supporting faculty, and finally submitted necessary paper work to fulfill the requirement on time.

Leah is one of the prime examples of collaboration in our Department. She continually seeks to improve herself while helping all of us coordinate and collaborate on a multitude of projects that we work on. Since the majority of our researchers have different research topics and fields, Leah has become a bedrock for us to build projects and endeavors together. Her kind personality, her enthusiasm and her hard work make her a joy to work with, and her dedication to the department and to the faculty and staff embody UNTHSC values.



Leah Zimmerman