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I am pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Kanwaljeet J. S. (“Sunny”) Anand as the new Chief of the Division of Pediatric Critical Care at Stanford University School of Medicine effective October 1, 2015. Dr. Anand will replace Dr. Deborah Franzon who has been serving as the Interim Division Chief while the Department conducted its national search. Dr. Franzon will continue in her previous positions as Medical Director of the PICU and Fellowship Program Director. In addition to providing clinical and academic leadership for faculty whose primary activities take place at the Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital Stanford, he will also provide leadership to the pediatric critical care faculty located throughout Stanford Children’s Health, including John Muir Medical Center.

Dr. Anand is an outstanding clinician, teacher, and clinical researcher. He obtained his undergraduate and medical training at University of Indore (India) and then was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship at University of Oxford (U.K.) where he earned a Doctor of Philosophy (D.Phil.) degree. He then completed his post-doctoral fellowship in Anesthesiology at Harvard Medical School, followed by Pediatric Residency training at Boston Children’s Hospital and Pediatric Critical Care Fellowship training at Massachusetts General Hospital. Dr. Anand has received numerous national and international awards for his research on neonatal pain/stress, and was recently awarded the 2009 Nils Rosén von Rosenstein Medal from the Swedish Society of Medicine and Swedish Pediatric Society (the highest international award given to pediatricians every 5 years). For community service activities, he received the Father Joseph Biltz Award (2007) and the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. “Salute to Greatness” Individual Award (2008). He has published over 250 peer-reviewed articles, edited multiple books and journal issues on neonatal pain and stress, the long-term effects of early adverse experiences in infancy, and pain system development. Dr. Anand was the inaugural holder of the Morris & Hettie Oakley Chair in Critical Care Medicine at University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (2001-2009) and was the inaugural holder of the St. Jude Chair of Critical Care Medicine (2009-2014) at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis.

Please join me in congratulating Dr. Franzon on her achievements as Interim Division Chief, in particular the establishment of the community based PICU at John Muir, and to Dr. Anand as he begins his tenure as the leader of our outstanding group of pediatric critical care specialists.

Best wishes,

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