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Message from Ralph V. Clayman, M.D., Dean, UC Irvine School of Medicine

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Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to share with you that Dan M. Cooper, M.D., has accepted the position of acting Chair of the Department of Pediatrics. Dr. Cooper has been with UC Irvine since 1997 and has made tremendous contributions to our pediatric programs and research efforts. His strong leadership, enthusiasm and vision have sparked the formation of exciting new endeavors at UC Irvine, most notably in the realm of translational research.

Dr. Cooper is the founder and director of the [Institute for Clinical and Translational Science](#) (ICTS) and the UC Irvine Pediatric Exercise Research Center, two centers that pull together all the components of translational research. Last year, thanks to the efforts of Dr. Cooper and his team, our campus was awarded a \$20 million grant from the National Institutes of Health. The grant supports ICTS's goal, which is to support innovation and take scientific discoveries from the laboratory to the patient.

Dr. Cooper is a professor of pediatrics and bioengineering, the Associate Dean for Clinical Translational Sciences at the School of Medicine and is board certified in the subspecialty of pediatric pulmonology. His research and practice have focused on identifying how exercise can best be used to prevent asthma and obesity in children and benefit children with chronic conditions like asthma, cystic fibrosis, heart disease and diabetes. Over the years, Dr. Cooper has concentrated on exploring new therapies that involve both pharmacologic and lifestyle interventions to help children. His laboratory group has been funded continuously for 24 years by the National Institutes of Health.



In addition, Dr. Cooper has played an integral role in developing and furthering the UC Irvine and CHOC Children's (Children's Hospital of Orange County) affiliation. He serves as a board member of the Pediatric Subspecialty Faculty at CHOC.

Dr. Cooper is an exemplary researcher that truly embodies our Discover. Teach. Heal. mission. He is passionate about encouraging medical discoveries and improving collaboration among our physicians and researchers. Our Department of Pediatrics will surely excel under his leadership.

Sincerely,

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