Division Director of Infectious Diseases

POSITION SUMMARY
Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center is seeking a director for the Division of Infectious Diseases. The director will build on existing programs and drive innovations that accelerate excellence. They will set an innovative course for the long-term growth and fiscal vitality of the division. The director will lead and enable transformational clinical and research programs, recruit and retain exceptional and diverse faculty, identify emerging and new areas of emphasis and promise, and enable world-class clinical and educational programming. In addition, the director should have the ability to teach at a university level, prepare grants, contracts, conduct research, and publish in revered journals. The director must also have a comprehensive knowledge of principles and practices of pediatrics and pediatric infectious diseases, clinical, translational, and basic research, clinical fellowship programs, and knowledge of relevant federal and state laws and regulations; ability to plan, organize, administer, implement, and evaluate the interdisciplinary programs (research, clinical, education, service) within the Division of Infectious Diseases and Cincinnati Children’s. Excellent verbal, written, and interpersonal communication skills and the ability to work cooperatively and effectively with people at all levels of the medical center, as well as individuals nationally and internationally, is expected.

DIVISION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES
The division is internationally recognized for research, clinical, and educational excellence in vaccine development. The division is comprised of 20 primary faculty, 12 of whom are involved in patient care. The Division features outstanding programs in clinical care, education, service, and research. Historically, Cincinnati Children’s is well known for leading international efforts to develop vaccines for polio (Albert Sabin) and for rotavirus (David Bernstein, MD, MA and Richard Ward, PhD), setting a high bar for basic and translational research in infectious diseases. The division has built a strong program in transplant infectious diseases, led by Lara Danziger-Isakov, MD, MPH, and in antimicrobial stewardship, led by David Haslam, MD. For the past seven years, the division has been the leading research division at Cincinnati Children’s in terms of extramural funding with more than $22 million in total award dollars in fiscal year 2022. With continued expansion in areas such as transplant infectious diseases, vaccine research, and basic-to-translational research in infectious diseases, the division presents an outstanding base upon which a new leader can build.

CINCINNATI CHILDREN’S AND THE UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI
Cincinnati Children’s is a nonprofit, comprehensive pediatric health system that is one of the oldest and most distinguished in the United States, established in 1883. As a leader in research, education, patient care, advocacy and innovation, Cincinnati Children’s is ranked #1 in U.S. News & World Report’s 2023-2024 list of best children’s hospitals in the nation and is the #2 recipient of pediatric research grants from the National Institutes of Health. Cincinnati Children's is internationally recognized for improving child health and transforming delivery of
care. Through an academic affiliation dating to 1926, Cincinnati Children's comprises the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. Since then, the relationship has resulted in numerous joint endeavors, including the performance of basic and clinical research, collaboration in the care of patients, cooperation in education, and training of medical students, doctoral students, residents, and fellows, and arrangements for the joint use of facilities and equipment. The main Burnet campus is adjacent to the campus of the University of Cincinnati Medical Center, the country's first teaching hospital.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Required:
M.D. degree from an accredited school of medicine, or M.D./PhD.
Board Certification in Pediatric Infectious Diseases (ABP).
Have or be eligible to receive an active State of Ohio Medical Board license.
Extensive experience in pediatric infectious diseases, including working in an interdisciplinary setting, medical clinic facilities involving a culturally diverse population, university teaching, research, grantsmanship, and publications.
Prior experience in a leadership role.

Preferred:
Prior leadership experience in a complex academic medical setting.
Leads an active research program relevant to pediatric infectious disease, with a track record of extramural funding.
Involvement/leadership in relevant professional societies (IDSA, PIDS, SHEA, AAP, others)

The Director must be an effective communicator, collaborative in nature, and demonstrate systems leadership. Other key qualifications include:

- Eminent academic, clinical and research credentials with an established record in leadership.
- An uncompromising commitment to research and clinical excellence.
- Demonstrated commitment to valuing and experience championing diversity, equity, and inclusion.
- Ability to develop a collaborative vision, with a track record for successfully implementing new initiatives that meet the challenges of academic medicine and clinical care.
- Exceptional leadership, management, and financial budgeting experience, and skills in resource management, planning, and facilitation.
- Demonstrated experience in recruiting, retaining, and mentoring top faculty and/or students.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills to build and maintain trust and relationships with faculty, staff, administration, trainees, and all other stakeholders.
- Strong dedication and commitment to excellence in education.
- Genuine understanding and respect for the tradition of success and collaborative science at Cincinnati Children’s.

APPLICATION, INQUIRIES, AND NOMINATIONS
Confidential inquiries and nominations should be addressed to Kathryn Wikenheiser-Brokamp, MD, PhD, Kathryn.Wikenheiser-Brokamp@cchmc.org, and Michael Grimley, MD, Michael.Grimley@cchmc.org, Division Director Search Committee Co-Chairs.

To apply, submit CV along with a statement outlining your vision for research, clinical service, education, and diversity to Nathan Gohlke, Nathan.Gohlke@cchmc.org, Talent Acquisition Physician Faculty Recruiter.

Cincinnati Children’s is proud to be an Equal Opportunity Employer that values and treasures Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. We are committed to creating an environment of dignity and respect for all our employees, patients, and families (EEO/AA).