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DR. CHRISTINE FINCK NAMED AS ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF SURGERY AT CONNECTICUT CHILDREN'S MEDICAL CENTER

HARTFORD, Conn. — Christine Finck, MD, of Glastonbury, has been named as the associate director of the Division of Pediatric Surgery at Connecticut Children's Medical Center.

Dr. Finck joined Connecticut Children's in 2007 and most recently served as the associate director for



academic affairs for the Department of Pediatric Surgical Sub-specialties. Connecticut Children's Surgeon-in-Chief Fernando Ferrer, MD, FAAP FACS, said Dr. Finck will assume the role of director of the Division of Pediatric Surgery in 2010 and begin a recruitment process to identify new pediatric surgical faculty that will complement the department's current staff. Dr. Ferrer said the upcoming year will serve as a transition period during which Donald Hight, MD, the current director of General Surgery and president of the Medical Staff, will oversee a transfer of responsibilities.

“Dr Finck has played a critical role in the transformation of our department in which she assumed many new roles and responsibilities including that of associate director of academic affairs,” Dr. Ferrer said. “Her unique combination of leadership, surgical and academic skills position her to lead this important division into the future.”

Dr. Ferrer added that under Dr. Hight's leadership, the Division of Pediatric Surgery developed an outstanding balance of clinical expertise and clinical/basic research activity.

Dr. Finck's recent accomplishments include successfully creating a new educational curriculum for the surgical residents and she also co-developed, along with members of the Division of Endocrinology, a comprehensive program to treat teenage obesity. Additionally, she is directing the application for a fellowship program in pediatric surgery and the use of extracorporeal membrane oxygenation in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit.

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“The combination of Dr. Finck’s administrative skills and accomplishments are all the more impressive considering that she maintains an active basic science research laboratory at the University of Connecticut, investigating embryonic stem cells and their role toward the promulgation of fetal lung cells. This work has lead to several significant publications in the last year,” Dr. Ferrer said.

Prior to joining Connecticut Children’s, Dr. Finck was on the surgical staff at Saint Christopher’s Hospital for Children in Philadelphia. She received her bachelor’s degree in biology with a minor in business from Boston University, and her medical degree from the State University of New York Health Science Center in Syracuse where she also completed her surgical residency.

Dr. Finck completed her pediatric surgical fellowship at Arkansas Children’s Hospital, and she is an assistant professor of surgery, pediatrics, traumatology and emergency medicine with the University of Connecticut School of Medicine.