



Dr. Joseph H. Laver

Dr. Laver Leads MCVH's Pediatrics Into the Future

As the new Chairman of Pediatrics of the VCU Health System, Dr. Joseph H. Laver will lead more than 50 physicians in 13 specialties—with nearly 30 specialty programs and clinics—in a department managing more than 45,000 outpatient visits each year. MCVH's doctors share their time and talents among nearly two dozen facilities around Richmond. Some are part of MCVH, like MCV Pediatrics at Stony Point and Meadowdale Primary Care, while others are partnerships allowing MCVH doctors to lend their expertise and support to community pediatricians. Telemedicine—like remote heart imaging via tele-echo—takes MCVH even farther.

It's no small task, but Dr. Laver is optimistic he'll succeed in taking MCVH Pediatrics to the next level.

"MCVH's department of Pediatrics

has a strong tradition of excellence," explains Dr. Laver. "All the pieces are in place to move forward into an exciting future that builds on that history: the presence of a cadre of talented doctors and nurses, quality clinical services, a strong research base, and the commitment to educating future generations of physicians."

Dr. Laver joins the health system from the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston, where he was a professor of pediatrics and Director of Hematology/Oncology and Pediatric Bone Marrow Transplantation for more than a decade. He previously served as assistant professor of pediatrics in the Bone Marrow Transplant Service at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center and Cornell University Medical College in New York. He has been a consultant to the Pediatrics department at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center since 1989.

Dr. Laver is certified by the American Board of Pediatrics and the American Board of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology. He plans to continue an active role in patient care in addition to fulfilling his vision for Pediatrics: strengthening the commitment to patient care, educating tomorrow's doctors, and expanding the health system's research base.

"Like no other type of healthcare sys-

tem," he says, "an academic medical center offers a unique opportunity to be on the leading edge of treatment and technology." The only academic healthcare system in Central Virginia, MCVH has been a global leader in healthcare and research since 1838.

Trigon & MCVH Are Looking for a Few Good Local CEOs

Competition in today's worldwide marketplace is intense, fueled by explosive technology, high-velocity communication, and the drive to be the best—to win. This fall in Richmond, MCVH takes local corporate competition to a new level: *fun*.

On September 23, MCVH will give local CEOs the chance for some spirited friendly competition during the CEO Challenge of its annual Trigon Gurney Tourney race. CEOs will suit up and strap onto decorated gurneys for this first-ever race within a race.

The 2000 Trigon Gurney Tourney benefits the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit of MCVH's Children's Medical Center—Central Virginia's largest NICU—as well as the Hospital Hospitality House, which serves MCVH and nine other area hospitals. For more about how you can be a part of the Gurney Tourney, call 828-3800.