Christopher G. Maloney, M.D., Ph.D., has been named Children’s chief medical officer (CMO). Previously, Dr. Maloney served as the chief medical officer at Intermountain Primary Children’s Hospital, a 289-bed children’s hospital in Salt Lake City. In addition to practicing as a pediatric critical care physician, he served as division chief for pediatric inpatient medicine at the University of Utah School of Medicine and as an adjunct professor in biomedical informatics at the University of Utah. Dr. Maloney holds a medical degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Medicine, and a doctorate degree in biomedical informatics from the University of Utah. He completed a critical care fellowship at the University of Utah and a research fellowship at the Nora Eccles Harris Cardiovascular Research Training Institute with an emphasis on molecular biology. He is board-certified in pediatrics and critical care medicine.

Fernando A. Ferrer, M.D., FAAP, FACS, has been named Children’s surgeon-in-chief. Previously, Dr. Ferrer served as the section chief of pediatric urology at Maria Fareri Children’s Hospital, an advanced care pediatric hospital serving New York’s Hudson Valley region and Fairfield County, Conn. Prior to that, he was chair of surgery and surgeon-in-chief at Connecticut Children’s Medical Center in Hartford, vice-chairman of surgery and professor of surgery, pediatrics and cell biology at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine. Dr. Ferrer holds a medical degree from Georgetown University School of Medicine in Washington, D.C. and completed a fellowship at The Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. He served as a diving medical officer in the U.S. Navy during Operation Desert Storm. He is board-certified in pediatric urology.

Dr. Ferrer and his wife, Selina, have three children—Max, who is a graduate of Bucknell University and an employee of the Neilson Company; Amanda, who attends the University of Miami Law School and Evan, a high school student who will be moving to Omaha with his parents.

“We are pleased to welcome these distinguished physicians to our staff and look forward to benefiting from the wide expertise and thoughtful care they bring to our patients,” said Richard G. Azizkhan M.D., president & CEO. “Their passion for pediatric medicine is a perfect match for Children’s, and we are delighted to add them to a team that is dedicated to making children’s lives better.”

Dr. Ferrer will begin his service with Children’s early this fall, and Dr. Maloney starts on Oct. 1.

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**MEDICAL/ALLIED HEALTH STAFF WELCOME BREAKFAST IS FRIDAY**

Please plan to attend a breakfast to welcome new members of the Medical/Allied Health staff on Friday, July 14 at 7:30 a.m. in Children’s boardroom, third floor pavilion, in the Administration office suite.
CHILDREN’S RANKED AS ONE OF THE NATION’S BEST FOR PEDIATRIC CARDIOLOGY & HEART SURGERY

U.S. News & World Report has ranked Children’s in its 2017-18 Best Children's Hospitals rankings in the specialty of pediatric cardiology and heart surgery.

“This recognition reflects our commitment to providing the highest caliber of cardiac care for the children and families we serve,” said Richard G. Azizkhan, M.D., president & CEO. “We are honored and humbled to be a part of this elite group, and we’ll continue to challenge ourselves to further innovate and improve care to benefit children from across the region and beyond.”

The 11th annual rankings recognize the top 50 pediatric facilities across the U.S. in 10 pediatric specialties. This year, U.S. News surveyed 187 pediatric centers; 82 were ranked among the top 50 in at least one specialty.

“The pediatric centers we rank in Best Children’s Hospitals deliver exceptionally high-quality care and deserve to be recognized for their dedication,” said U.S. News Health Rankings Editor Avery Comarow. “Children with life-threatening illnesses or rare conditions need the state-of-the-art services and expertise these hospitals provide every day.”

The U.S. News Best Children's Hospitals rankings rely on clinical data and on an annual survey of pediatric specialists. The rankings methodology considers clinical outcomes, such as mortality and infection rates, efficiency and coordination of care delivery and compliance with best practices.

Survival rates, adequacy of nurse staffing, procedure and patient volume, availability of programs for particular illnesses and conditions and much more can be viewed here.

This year’s rankings will be published in the U.S. News & World Report’s “Best Hospitals 2018” guidebook, available on newsstands Sept. 12.

OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE INITIATIVES UPDATE

In March, Children’s announced an operational excellence initiative designed to help offset unexpectedly challenging conditions in the health care environment. Since then, the organization has continued to see an increase in patients who rely on Medicaid – and a decrease in state and federal Medicaid funding – a set of circumstances that requires more diligence devoted to internal cost-saving efforts.

“We can’t control the changes to the external environment, but we can control how wisely we use our own resources,” said Kathy English, executive vice president and chief operating officer. “When we operate as efficiently as possible, we benefit patients and families who are experiencing ever-increasing, out-of-pocket expenses for
medical care, and we benefit Children’s as we direct our resources to new facilities, programs and services that will allow us to help more children."

To keep the organization’s expansion goals moving forward while helping keep costs manageable for patients and families requires a focus on cost savings. Consequently, policy changes regarding travel and catering are now in effect. Travel is limited to only that which is essential. This is travel needed to develop a new skill, program or service or required to maintain a certification or accreditation. All travel requests from hospital staff must be approved by a vice-president, and physician travel requests that are not contractual must be approved by the chief medical officer.

“We’ve also compared our catering policies to those at other hospitals in the community,” English said.

As a result, catering will be provided only for meetings that occur at routine meal times and involve outside guests or visitors. For other meetings, those attending should pick up something from the cafeteria or bring lunch from home. Also, department funds should no longer be used for items such as bottled water, water coolers, soda, coffee, tea or creamer. Standard break room items such as coffee, tea and creamer may be purchased through Food & Nutrition Services.

“The Operational Excellence Steering Committee continues to evaluate every idea submitted that may help eliminate waste or reduce efficiency or expense,” English said. “Meanwhile, we are doing everything we can to eliminate expenses that do not enhance the patient experience, and we ask that all employees contribute to the effort. Together, we can help Children’s – and children – thrive.”

TRAUMA AND NP-PA GRAND ROUNDS SCHEDULED FOR AUG. 2

Children’s is hosting a CME/CNE event combining Trauma and NP-PA Grand Rounds on Wednesday, Aug. 2. The presentation, “Update on Concussions and Sports Injuries” will be presented by Kody Moffatt, M.D., on Wednesday, August 2, 2017 from noon to 1 p.m. in the Glow Auditorium, third floor of Children’s.

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PROGRAM ASSISTS HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS

The Nebraska Department of Administrative Services has contracted with Best Care Employee Assistance Program to provide Nebraska Licensee Assistance Program (NE LAP) services specifically for Nebraska health and health-related service licensees, certificate holders and registrants (credential holders). A variety of professional alcohol/substance use disorder assistance services are available for all credential holders regulated by the State of Nebraska Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, Licensure Unit.

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