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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT



It is with great pleasure that we announce **Karen K. Mestan, MD** will be joining the Department of Pediatrics at UC San Diego and Rady Children's Hospital this fall as Division Chief of Neonatology.

Dr. Mestan is currently an attending neonatologist at Lurie Children's Hospital and Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. She is an active clinician, researcher and teacher. Her research focuses on identifying biochemical, environmental, and genetic markers for preterm birth and its complications. She is also interested in understanding perinatal factors that determine long term health.

Nationally recognized as a leader in the neonatal perinatal medical community, Dr. Mestan is a physician scientist with a high quality publication record, excellent trainee outcomes, and competitive extramural funding. She is a respected leader with an enthusiastic passion for providing outstanding care, commitment to enhancing a wide range of scholarly and educational opportunities with a desire to engage teams in an environment that supports diversity and inclusivity among faculty, trainees and staff.

As Division Chief, Dr. Mestan will oversee the Division of Neonatology to include direct oversight of faculty and accountability for the Division's clinical service and operational performance at all clinical sites as well as the growth and development of the division's academic performance and reputation.

The Division of Neonatology is currently ranked 4th nationally by US News and World Report with an outstanding group of talented clinician educators, translational investigators, and physician scientists. Clinical faculty members in the Division of Neonatology cover the 60-

bed tertiary Level IV NICU at Rady Children's Hospital, the 52-bed regional Level III NICU at UC San Diego Jacobs Medical Center, and both Level III and Level II UC San Diego and Rady Children's Hospital NICUs and other hospitals throughout San Diego and Riverside Counties.

The Department acknowledges Dr. Denise Suttner for her support and contributions as interim Division Chief for the Division of Neonatology.

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