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We are pleased to announce that Dr. Lawrence Richer has been appointed Director of the Northern Alberta Clinical Trials and Research Centre (NACTRC) effective September 1, 2015. Lawrence did his MD and an MSc (Clinical Epidemiology) degrees at the University of Alberta and his Pediatric Neurology Residency Training at McGill University. He joined the University of Alberta Department of Pediatrics as an Assistant Professor and is presently an Associate Professor in that department. He is also affiliated with the Stollery Children's Hospital. Lawrence has been very active in the university and the health care system and is currently Associate Director of the Women and Children's Health Research Institute (WCHRI) and Associate Dean, Clinical and Translational Research, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry (FoMD) and serves on numerous important committees in the FoMD, Alberta Health Services (AHS) and Alberta Health involved with management of and access to patient health care information. He is presently a member of the NACTRC Management Board. We look forward to working with Lawrence as he brings his expertise and vision to the position of Director of NACTRC.

At this time, we would also like to extend our deepest appreciation to Dr. Richard Fedorak, founding NACTRC Director and current Dean of the FoMD. His foresight and dedication have resulted in NACTRC becoming an invaluable resource for clinical research and improved health care for Albertans.

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