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Robert L. Chevalier was born in Chicago but was raised in Europe. He earned his BS and MD degrees from the University of Chicago, completed pediatric residency and renal physiology fellowship at UNC Chapel Hill, then clinical pediatric nephrology fellowship at the University of Colorado. He joined the faculty of the University of Virginia in 1978, where he established the Division of Pediatric Nephrology. The Division grew steadily, with additional faculty and expanding clinical, research, and fellowship programs. In 1997 he was appointed Chair of Pediatrics, a position he held until 2010, when he returned to his laboratory full-time. This is his 36th year at the University of Virginia, during which he has been continuously funded by the NIH. He is author of over 200 research papers and chapters.

Dr. Chevalier served as a member of the American Board of Pediatrics, Sub-board of Pediatric Nephrology, councilor and president of ASPN, and councilor of IPNA. He continues to go back to his European roots, having returned to the University of Lausanne, Switzerland, as a medical student, resident, fellow, and visiting professor (sabbatical year). In addition to the United States, he has colleagues across Europe, Latin America, Asia, and Australia.

His other interests relate to natural history and the history of pediatrics and nephrology. He collects antiquarian books on these subjects, and enjoys classical music, which he shares with Janis, his wife of 43 years. She, in turn, has broadened his interest in art, and influenced their daughter, Juline, who is Curator of Education at the Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University.
Dr. Geary attended medical school at University College in Dublin, Ireland. Following an internship in Dublin, he specialized in Pediatrics at the University of Tennessee, and Cork University Hospital and in Pediatric Nephrology at the University of Florida, Guy’s Hospital in London, and the Hospital for Sick Children in London. Dr. Geary’s first academic position was at the University of Toronto and The Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto and he has remained there throughout his career. He is currently a Professor of Paediatrics at the University of Toronto.

Dr. Geary served as Chief of Pediatric Nephrology from 1997 to 2009 at the Hospital for Sick Children. He has also been the Chairman of the Patient Care Committee, Director of the Hemodialysis Program, and Medical Director of the Medical Day Care Unit. Dr. Geary is currently the Medical Director of the Hamad Medical Corporation (Qatar)/Sick Kid’s International Partnership program. In 2002, Dr. Geary received the Richard Rowe Award for Clinical Excellence in Pediatric Medical Care, an award given to a senior physician in the Department of Pediatrics who has demonstrated excellence in the delivery of medical care over a significant period of time. In addition, Dr. Geary is a former President of the Canadian Association of Pediatric Nephrologists and helped found the Midwest Pediatric Nephrology Consortium.

Dr. Geary has engaged in important clinical research throughout his career and has published more than 100 peer reviewed articles and book chapters. He has drawn attention to the inadequacy of standard three times weekly hemodialysis and championed the use of various forms of intensive hemodialysis in order to improve the care of children with end stage renal disease. He has been an invited speaker on this topic and many others across the world. Dr. Geary has great passion for teaching and mentorship. For several years he was training program director at the Hospital for Sick Children, in which role he helped train and mentor pediatric nephrology fellows from Canada and many other countries. He has received teaching awards from trainees at the University of Toronto School of Medicine. He co–edits the textbook “Comprehensive Pediatric Nephrology,” which is used by pediatric nephrologists worldwide.
I was born in Peoria, Illinois. My family (parents are Lebanese) moved to Lebanon when I was 4 years old and lived there until I graduated high school. After high school, I moved back to the US and went to the University of Iowa where I completed my undergraduate degree (BS in Biochemistry). During the spring semester of my junior year in college, I had my first basic science laboratory experience, which I enjoyed and went on to complete the MSTP program at the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine. After graduation, I moved to St. Louis where I did my Pediatrics residency training and am currently completing my Pediatric Nephrology Fellowship training at Washington University.
Dr. Neil Paloian graduated with a BS in Bioengineering and minor in Chemistry from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign in 2002. While at the U of I he participated in research doing data analysis for NAPRTCS and interned at Baxter Healthcare, and was also inducted into the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and the Golden Key National Honors Society. Following his 2006 graduation from the Chicago Medical School, he completed his pediatric residency at the University of Minnesota, Amplatz Children's Hospital in 2009. While at CMS he worked on a bench research project involving the role of molecular therapy as a treatment for diabetic nephropathy. After residency Neil worked for one year as a pediatric hospitalist at Holy Redeemer Hospital in Jenkintown, PA followed by two years of BMT hospitalist work at the University of Minnesota Children's Hospital. He is currently in the second year of his Pediatric Nephrology Fellowship at Seattle Children's Hospital. He is working in the lab of Dr. Cecilia Giachelli at the University of Washington. His research focuses on the mechanisms of vascular calcification in chronic kidney disease.
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