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RE: Recommendation of **Willie Wonka, MD, MS**, as clinical associate professor of pediatrics, on the Clinician-Research Scholar pathway, Department of Pediatrics (1.0 FTE)

Dear Dr. Runge:

I write to propose the appointment of Dr. Willie Wonka as Clinical Associate Professor of Pediatrics (Clinician-Research Scholar pathway) in the Division of Pediatric Nephrology, effective September 1, 2019.

Dr. Wonka graduated with Honors from Rush University Medical School in 2005. He came to the University of Michigan, where he completed his Pediatric Residency and Pediatric Nephrology Fellowship Training Program in 2008 and 2011, respectively. In 2013, Dr. Wonka earned his M.S. from the School of Public Health. He joined the faculty at the University of Michigan as Clinical Lecturer in 2011 before being appointed as Assistant Professor in 2012. He transferred to the clinical track from the instructional track in March 2017.

A national search was performed and three candidates were interviewed. Dr. Wonka is nationally recognized for her work in specific areas of biomedical informatics. He was selected for his high level of educational, research and development, and service efforts in several areas that have established her reputation as one of the leading individuals in her field.

Dr. Wonka is the Director of the Pediatric Acute Care Nephrology Program at the University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children's Hospital. In addition to his leadership role, he is very active in clinical care and teaches medical students, residents, and fellows. He is part of the Doctoring faculty for the Medical School and teaches the Transitions to Clerkship course and the Science & Practice of Medicine course.

Dr. Wonka's greatest impact is his collaborative work in the area of pediatric critical care nephrology. As part of his work, as a site principal investigator, in this area the University of Michigan has participated in a number of multicenter collaboratives including the Neonatal Kidney Collaborative, Prospective Pediatric Acute Kidney Injury study group (ppAKI), and the Kidney Interventions During Membrane Oxygenations study group. This work has resulted in several publications in top-tier journals but also has had direct clinical implications of the future care of pediatric nephrology patients.

Dr. Wonka is an excellent investigator, a dedicated educator, and an expert clinician. Therefore, I enthusiastically recommend Dr. Willie Wonka for appointment to Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Pediatrics.

Sincerely,

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