

## **NEW FACULTY APPOINTMENTS – APRIL, 2007**

### Pradip K. De, Ph.D.

Instructor of Pediatrics

Dr. De has been recruited to Emory as Instructor of Pediatrics. He received his B.Sc. and M.Sc. degrees in Physiology from Calcutta University, and his Ph.D. degree from All India Institute of Medical Sciences in New Delhi, both in India. Dr. De will provide basic science experience in the area of endothelial signaling research in the Division of Hematology/Oncology/Bone Marrow Transplant.

### Nandini Dey, Ph.D.

Instructor of Pediatrics

Dr. Dey has been recruited to Emory as Instructor of Pediatrics. She received her B.S. and M.S. degrees in Physiology from Calcutta University, and her Ph.D. degree in Chemical Biology from Jadavpur University, both in India. Dr. Dey will provide basic science experience in the area of Neuroblastoma research in the Division of Hematology/Oncology/Bone Marrow Transplant.

### Jeannette Guarner, M.D.

Associate Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine

Dr. Guarner has been recruited to Emory as Associate Professor in Pathology and Laboratory Medicine. With this appointment, Dr. Guarner will function as the Director of Clinical Pathology and Medical Director of the Clinical Laboratories of Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, with responsibility for laboratory services at both Egleston and Scottish Rite Hospitals. Dr. Guarner received her M.D. degree at LaSalle University in Mexico and then completed her residency in anatomic and clinical pathology, followed by a two-year fellowship in surgical pathology, at Emory. She worked for seven years at the Mexican National Cancer Institute, including several years as the Director of the Clinical Laboratories, before returning to Atlanta in 1997 to join the CDC as a staff pathologist in the infectious disease pathology group.

### Eve J. Higginbotham, M.D.

Professor of Ophthalmology

Dr. Higginbotham has been recruited to Emory as Professor of Ophthalmology. She received her M.D. degree from Harvard Medical School. She completed her fellowship at Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary and her residency at Louisiana State University. She is Dean and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs at the Morehouse School of Medicine as well as a Professor in the Department of Surgery. Dr. Higginbotham will provide patient care at the Emory Eye Center and participate in resident training at Grady Memorial Hospital.

Ann C. Mertens, Ph.D.  
Professor of Pediatrics

Dr. Mertens has been recruited to Emory as Professor of Pediatrics. She received her M.S. degree in Biostatistics and her Ph.D. in Epidemiology both from the University of Minnesota, School of Public Health. Dr. Mertens will perform epidemiological clinical research involving cancer outcomes, with specific emphasis on late effects/survivorship with the Department of Pediatrics in the Division of Hematology/Oncology/Bone Marrow Transplant.

Solomon F. Ofori-Acquah, Ph.D.  
Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

Dr. Ofori-Acquah has been recruited to Emory as Assistant Professor of Pediatrics. He received his Ph.D. in Molecular Genetics from the University of London. Honors awarded to Dr. Ofori-Acquah include the Carl Storm UN Fellowship sponsored by Gordon Research Conferences, NIH Comprehensive Sickle Cell Center Scholar, Sickle Cell Disease Association of America Postdoctoral Fellow and Wellcome Trust Traveling Research Fellow. He will play a major role in the research activities of the pediatric hematology and sickle cell disease program.

Amitabh Purohit, M.D.  
Instructor of Medicine

Dr. Purohit has been recruited to Emory as Instructor of Medicine. He received his M.D. degree from All India Institute of Medical Sciences. His post-graduate medical training includes an Internal Medicine Residency at Lincoln Medical and Mental Health Center in New York. He will provide service as a hospitalist at Cartersville Medical Center.

Gregory C. Robertson, M.D.  
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Dr. Robertson has been recruited to Emory as Assistant Professor of Medicine. He received his M.D. degree from the University of Alabama. His post-graduate medical training includes an Internal Medicine Internship, University of Virginia Medical Center, and a residency at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee. Dr. Robertson conducted his cardiology fellowships at Royal Sussex County Hospital in Brighton, England, and Georgetown University. He will provide outpatient office service, inpatient rounding, cardiac catheterizations, and echocardiography interpretations at Emory Johns Creek Hospital.