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Bert Davis pursued his medical degree at Dalhousie University. After receiving his MD in 1955, he established a general practice in Port au Port. In 1958, he continued his pediatrics training at the Hospital for Sick Children, followed by one year of specialized training at the Children's Hospital in Buffalo.

In 1962, he brought his skills home to Newfoundland and served as the Consultant Pediatrician at Western Memorial Hospital. Then, in 1969, he was asked by Dr. Ian Rusted to join the new medical school as one of three full-time pediatric faculty members. He relocated to St. John's and took up the position of Consultant Pediatrician at the Janeway.

Over the next 26 years, he rose through the ranks of the Faculty of Medicine. He also served as the Chief Examiner in pediatrics for the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada from 1976 to 1982. He was very involved with the Canadian Medical Association taking on many important roles. He was also a past Board and Executive Committee member of the Canadian Pediatric Society.

Bert played a key role in developing many new services for Newfoundland and Labrador. He was instrumental in establishing training sessions for parents and children with asthma through the auspices of the Newfoundland Tuberculosis and respiratory Disease Association. He also established and directed the first Diabetic Clinic for children at the Janeway from 1972 to 1987. He went on to establish and direct the province's Neonatal Inherited Metabolic Disease Program, as well as the Neonatal Transport Service.

Feeling that the Janeway was lacking proper gastroenterology and nutrition services, Dr. Davis returned to the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto in 1978 to complete a fellowship in gastroenterology. Recognizing the need for pediatrics to develop into subspecialties, he lobbied for the recruitment of pediatric subspecialists to the Janeway. He was a strong advocate of the Janeway's move to the Health Sciences Centre in 2001, which brought obstetrics and the children's hospital together.

During his career, Bert had extensive involvement in medical research, including participation in multiple clinical investigative drug trials and numerous articles published in peer-reviewed journals. He also wrote extensively on medical education and pediatric education.

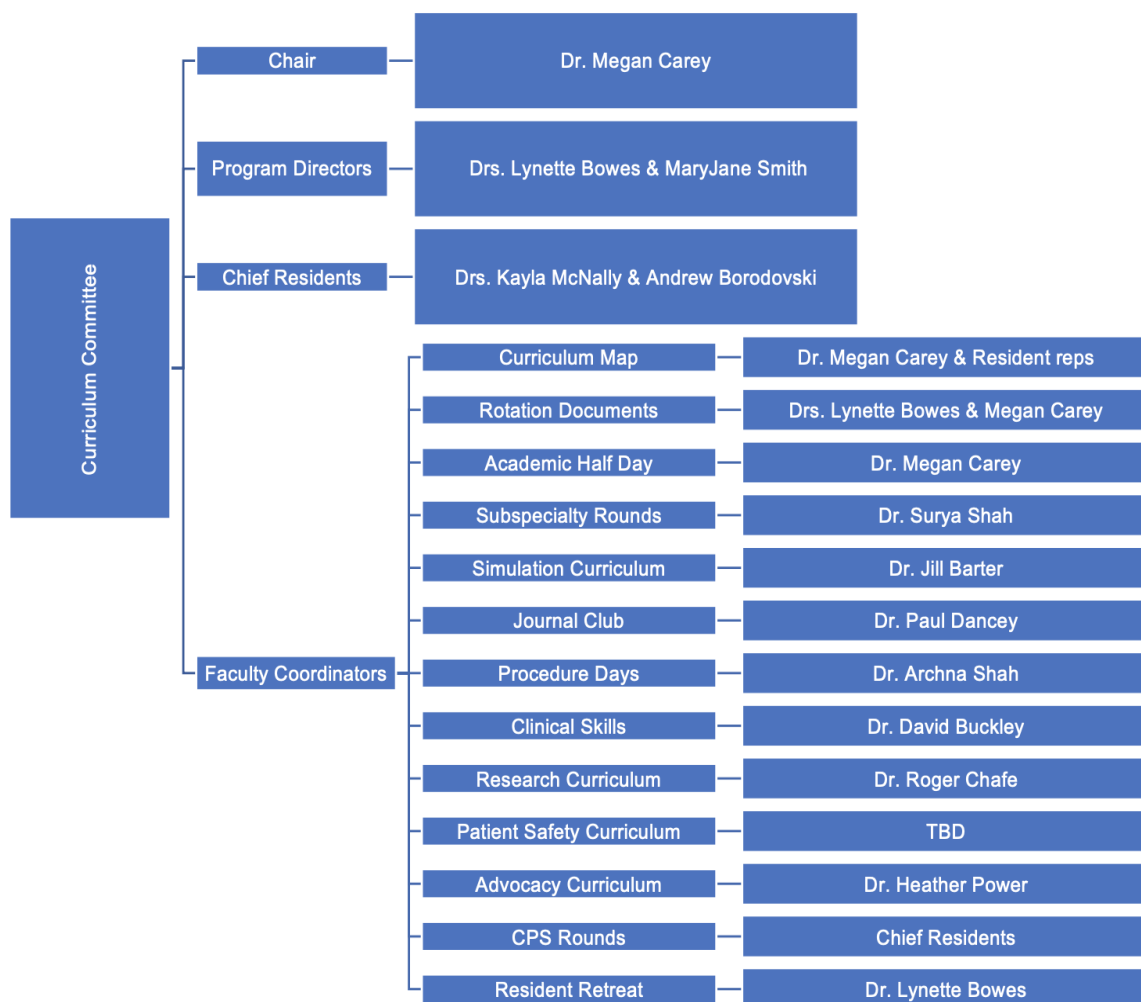
Dr. Davis passed away in October 2020 at the age of 89 years. We would like to thank him for his outstanding contribution to pediatric medical care in our province.

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MUN Pediatrics Curriculum Committee

- The Curriculum Committee is a sub-committee of the Residency Program Committee (RPC).
- The purpose of the Curriculum Committee is:
 - To oversee the organization, implementation and review of the academic curriculum of the Pediatrics Residency program.
 - To ensure postgraduate training meets the requirements of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.
- The Committee meets at a minimum of quarterly and reports to the RPC.
- The voting members of the Curriculum Committee are summarized below.



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Competence Corner



CBME is coming soon! We are getting things together to roll out our pilot in the near future. We are currently in the process of getting the [MUNCAT app](#) ready - if you have not already sent your info to Jackie, please do so as soon as possible. We will be starting out with a few focused EPAs to get everybody familiar with the process. There will be professional development opportunities for people over the coming months to get ready for CBME, not only introducing EPAs and milestones, but enhancing our feedback to residents, and updating how we evaluate them. Stay tuned! Thanks!

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A fabulously fun evening was had by all at the residency program welcome event held at Axtion on November 3rd. Staff and residents got to know each other better while racing go karts, jumping off towers and being flung upside down in the air!! Thank you to Dr. Heather Power for organizing this event!!



Thank you to everyone who submitted names for the pediatric residency program newsletter! The residency program committee voted and 'The J Files' was the winner! Congratulations to Dr. Sandra Luscombe for her winning submission!



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