



Dr. Jan Friedman, MD, PhD, FAAP, FABMG, FCCMG, FRCPC
Acting Associate Dean, Research, Child & Family Research Institute
Acting Executive Director, Child & Family Research Institute



The University of British Columbia Faculty of Medicine is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Jan Friedman to Acting Associate Dean, Research, Child & Family Research Institute (CFRI) from February 1, 2010 extending to March 31, 2012.

Dr. Friedman received his MD and MS degrees from Tulane University and his PhD in Genetics from the University of Washington. He is certified by the American Board of Pediatrics, the American Board of Medical Genetics, the Canadian College of Medical Geneticists, and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. He is a Professor of Medical Genetics at UBC. From 1989-1999, he served as Head of this Department. He was the Founding President of the Association of Professors of Human Genetics and has served as President of the Canadian College of Medical Geneticists, President of the Teratology Society, and Treasurer of the American Society of Human Genetics. He is a member of the Advisory Board of the CIHR Institute of Genetics.

Dr. Friedman has authored more than 200 peer-reviewed papers and eight books. His current research focuses on the use of genomic technologies to identify causes of intellectual disability. He also studies the effects of various medications on human embryonic and fetal development and has made important contributions to the clinical and epidemiological understanding of neurofibromatosis, a genetic disorder that leads to the occurrence of many benign and malignant tumours.

In his new role, Dr. Friedman will work with senior leadership in the Faculty of Medicine and its research partners to define and facilitate a province-wide health research strategy for the Faculty. Dr. Friedman has also been appointed Acting Executive Director, CFRI, responsible for setting the health research agenda for the Institute in conjunction with senior leadership at the Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA). In these roles, Dr. Friedman will play a pivotal role in integrating the health research effort within PHSA, UBC Faculties and partner Universities.

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Friedman to this interim appointment.

Gavin C.E. Stuart, MD, FRCSC
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Faculty members, students, staff and alumni, in the Faculty of Medicine are actively engaged in innovative, leading edge research, education and community service on university and hospital campuses across the Province. Together we aim to create knowledge and advance learning that will make a vital contribution to the health of individuals and communities, locally, nationally, and internationally.