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New Editor-in-Chief Named for *Pediatric Critical Care Medicine* Journal

MOUNT PROSPECT, Ill, U.S. and GENEVA, Switzerland – [August 13, 2020] – *Pediatric Critical Care Medicine (PCCM)* has named Robert C. Tasker, MA, MBBS, MD, FRCP, FRCPCH, as its new editor-in-chief.

Dr. Tasker will become the second editor-in-chief of *PCCM*, taking over for Patrick M. Kochanek, MD, MCCM, who has served as editor-in-chief since 2000. Dr. Tasker's term will officially start October 1, 2020.

"Dr. Kochanek has performed an outstanding job bringing the journal into its current status as a premier monthly text for practitioners in pediatrics, and I am honored to follow in his footsteps," said Dr. Tasker.

PCCM is the official journal of the Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM) and the World Federation of Pediatric Intensive and Critical Care Societies (WFPICCS). The announcement comes after a lengthy selection process headed by both organizations. Dr. Tasker was selected based on his extensive editorial expertise and international experience. He has served as a senior associate editor for *PCCM* since 2018 and has been an associate editor since 2001. He has more than 20 years of experience as an editorial associate for other academic medical journals, including *Intensive Care Medicine*, *Archives of Disease in Childhood*, *Critical Care*, and *Current Opinion in Pediatrics*.

Dr. Tasker also is a leader in pediatric critical care. Currently, he serves as the founding chair in neurocritical care and senior associate staff physician in the Department of Anesthesiology, Critical Care and Pain Medicine at Boston Children's Hospital. As a clinical academic he is a professor of anesthesia (pediatrics) at Harvard Medical School, with a fellowship at Selwyn College, Cambridge (UK).

PCCM is the first scientific, peer-reviewed journal to focus exclusively on pediatric critical care and critical care neonatology. Launched in July 2000, each issue offers clinical papers and scientific investigations, solicited reviews, selected abstracts translated into six languages, and various CME

opportunities. Dr. Tasker will uphold the standards of *PCCM*, which recently reported an increased impact factor to 2.854 while also implementing new initiatives.

"My leadership of *PCCM* will be guided by a strategy and principles that I call the 5 Rs: Read, Rigor, Responsive, Relevant, and Reach," Dr. Tasker explained. "I will promote commentary that helps readers think and reflect (read), focus on new methodologies and analytic tools required for research (rigor), seek out content that offers innovative solutions and contributes to shared experiences of pediatric critical care practitioners (relevant), expedite information on new approaches or material (responsive), and focus on expanding our reach to low and middle income countries (reach)."

A longtime member of SCCM, starting after a pediatric critical care fellowship education at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Dr. Tasker has most recently served as an author on the Surviving Sepsis Campaign International Guidelines for the Management of Septic Shock and Sepsis-Associated Organ Dysfunction in Children, the first comprehensive recommendations of their kind, published in the February 2020 issue of *PCCM*. A member of SCCM's Pediatrics and Neuroscience specialty sections, Dr. Tasker received Presidential Citation Awards from SCCM in 2003, and 2017 to 2019. He also served as a WFPICCS board member from 2007 to 2011.

THE SOCIETY OF CRITICAL CARE MEDICINE

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