Co-Director **Jackie Grupp-Phelan, MD, MPH**, **CCHMC**, who set off in May on a new career journey, took a few minutes to share her Acute Care Research Council (ACRC) experience with us and the exciting opportunities that await following her cross-country trek.

**Tell us about your new adventure.**

I have accepted a position as Chief of Pediatric Emergency Medicine and Vice Chair of Emergency Medicine at UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital.  I am planning to begin my work in San Francisco full-time June 1st.

**What excites you about this opportunity?**

The footprint of Pediatric Emergency Medicine in the Bay area is still in the developmental stage.  It will be a fun challenge to educate families and the community about the advantages of seeking care at a hospital with this expertise.  In addition, we have an opportunity to standardize emergency care and training across the two Benioff Children’s Hospitals (SF and Oakland) and that really excites me.

**What is difficult for you to leave behind?**

Everything!!  I love the people at CCHMC, the division of emergency medicine and my colleagues at UCCOM.  The vast resources and talent at Cincinnati Children’s will be very difficult to leave.  I am quintessentially Midwestern so I will miss being in this friendly and open environment.

**Any parting 'words of wisdom' for the ACRC as we seek to    ‘ . . . become a nationally-acclaimed best practice program recognized for its unparalleled advancement of acute care research’?**

I am so impressed with what we have accomplished in just a year with the ACRC.  We are bridging the UC College of Medicine and CCHMC community of acute care researchers, bringing down barriers to doing research collaboratively and learning as we solve problems.  There is no question that we are stronger together.

Jackie, we thank you for your significant contributions to the ACRC and wish you the best of everything in your new adventure!

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