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Dear patients and families in the Rett Program at Children's Hospital:

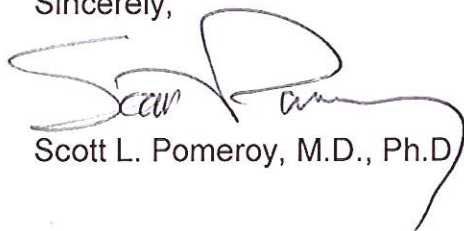
As many of you are aware, Dr. Omar Khwaja has been away for much of the last several months due to circumstances involving his family overseas. Dr. Khwaja has come to the conclusion that his family requires his complete and undivided support, and that it is in their best interest that he be with them at this time. He has come to the personally and professionally difficult decision to tender his resignation at Children's Hospital Boston, effective this month.

We are fortunate that Dr. Walter Kaufmann, an internationally recognized physician with clinical expertise in Rett syndrome, and a member of the IRSF Medical and Scientific Advisory Boards since 2009, will be joining us on March 1, 2012 to assume the position of Director of the Rett Syndrome program and Principal Investigator of the IGF-1 clinical trial. Prior to this, Dr. Kaufmann was at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and the Kennedy Krieger Institute, where he was Professor of Neurology, Pathology, Pediatrics, Psychiatry and Radiology.

Until Dr. Kaufmann is fully in place at Children's, the Rett Program will be supported and supervised by the senior faculty in the department, including Drs. David Urion, Director of Behavioral Neurology, and Sarah Spence, head of our autism programs. Mildred Mejia, RN, will continue to serve as nursing support for you and your family, and Molly Valle will continue as administrative and scheduling support.

I know you join us in hoping all the best for Dr. Khwaja and his family as they navigate a very difficult time. If there is anything we can do, or questions we can answer, please do not hesitate to call. Dr. Urion will be the faculty member likely to answer your calls and concerns over this period of transition; he can be reached through Molly Valle or Mildred Mejia over this time.

Sincerely,



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