

University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health: Renowned pediatric researcher, medical school educator named next dermatology chair

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MADISON, Wis. – Dr. Beth Drolet will become the next chair of the department of dermatology at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health.

Drolet, professor of dermatology and pediatrics and vice chair of the department of dermatology at the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, is also a prolific researcher in the study of birthmarks, PHACE syndrome and infantile hemangiomas. She is the chief experience officer and medical director of birthmarks and vascular anomalies at the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, also in Milwaukee.

“Dr. Drolet is a highly collaborative researcher, a compassionate clinician, and a national leader. She is a natural choice to lead our dermatology department,” said Dr. Robert Golden, dean, UW School of Medicine and Public Health.

Drolet earned her undergraduate degree from Michigan State University and her medical degree from Loyola University. After completing an internship in medicine at the University of Colorado, she moved to the Medical College of Wisconsin for her

residency in dermatology, as well as a fellowship in clinical research and pediatric dermatology.

Drolet's clinical and academic interests focus on hemangiomas and vascular anomalies in infants and children. She established the Birthmarks and Vascular Anomalies Center at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, which is nationally recognized. Drolet is past president of the Society for Pediatric Dermatology and the Hemangioma Investigator Group (HIG). Among recent honors, she was awarded the Women Pioneers in Research Award from the Medical College of Wisconsin. She is the principal investigator on several NIH-funded research projects that bridge basic genetics/genomics with translational investigations.

"We are excited to welcome Dr. Drolet and look forward to her leadership in advancing the missions of our department of dermatology and our school," Golden said.

Drolet begins her role as chair on March 1, 2019.

Founded in 2002, the dermatology department at the UW School of Medicine and Public Health has grown to 30 faculty, 12 residents and one fellow, and has become a leading center for dermatology research and training. It holds seven endowed professorships and two lectureships.