We are pleased to announce the Chancellor's John J. Conger Lectureship and Visiting Professorship, March 27, 2015, at Children's Hospital Colorado and the Anschutz Medical campus. The recipient of this prestigious Lectureship and Visiting Professorship is Dr. Judith Palfrey.

This lectureship is in honor of John J. Conger. Dr. Conger was a pioneer in developmental and clinical psychology and Acting Chancellor of the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, 1984-85. He was also the Dean of Medicine from 1963 until 1968. John was a child psychologist who had an enormous impact on child policy in the United States. He was a close advisor to the Kennedys when they created programs for children with disabilities and helped the McArthur Foundation develop their award grants.

Dr. Palfrey was invited by Stephen Berman M.D. FAAP. Dr. Berman is the Director of the Center for Global Health, School of Public Health, University of Colorado Denver, as well as Professor of Pediatrics, University of Colorado School of Medicine and Children's Hospital Endowed Chair of General Pediatrics.

Judith Palfrey, MD

Judith Palfrey is the T. Berry Brazelton Professor of Pediatrics at Harvard Medical School and a Senior Associate in Medicine at Boston Children’s Hospital. Dr. Palfrey received her MD from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. She did her residency training at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine and was a fellow in Community Child Health at Boston Children's Hospital. From 1986 to 2008, she served as the Chief of the Division of General Pediatrics at Boston Children's Hospital. She was the National Director of Building Bright Futures, the Director of the National Program Office of the Anne E. Dyson Pediatric Training in the Community Initiative and is a Past President of the Ambulatory Pediatrics Association and the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Dr. Palfrey has focused her career on developing innovative clinical programs that address the social determinants of child health. She has promoted community interventions such as home visiting, school based coordination for children with disabilities and early education. She has been active nationally in expanding training opportunities for physicians to learn how to integrate advocacy into their daily practice as well as into their overall career directions. Her book, Child Health in America, Making a Difference Through Advocacy, includes information on clinical, group, legislative and professional advocacy.

Dr. Palfrey’s primary research interest is in designing and evaluating programs for children with special health care needs. Her work is focused on the development of innovative systems of care and the assessment of the costs and benefits of such systems. Dr. Palfrey is a national leader in research on the medical home for children with special health care needs, having conducted the Pediatric Alliance for Coordinated Care, which established the feasibility of the medical home for CSHCN. Dr. Palfrey also founded Project School Care which produced guidelines for the safe inclusion of CSHCN in schools. She served as the Principal Investigator of the NIDDR grant, Opening Doors: The National Center for Children with Special Health Care Needs. This project was directed at improving access to early identification, community inclusion and effective transition services for children and youth from traditionally underserved communities. She and her colleagues are now exploring ways in which community health workers can help decrease health disparities for children with special health care needs.

She is currently the Director of the Global Pediatrics Program at Children’s Hospital, Boston and is working to establish training and service programs in international sites based on her experiences in the United States. Dr. Palfrey is working with an
interdisciplinary group of Chilean and American partners on Recupera Chile, a program of community reconstruction after the 2010 earthquake in the Bio Bio region of Chile. She worked closely with Dr. Stephen Berman and several international colleagues on their recently published new book entitled *Global Child Health Advocacy*.

**Chancellor’s John J. Conger Lectureship and Visiting Professorship at Pediatric Grand Rounds**

**Friday, March 27, 2015, 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

**Child Health Advocacy Presentation**

Judith Palfrey, MD, Director, Global Health Program, Boston Children’s Hospital and T. Berry Brazelton Professor of Pediatrics, Harvard Medical School

This presentation will review the four types of Child Health Advocacy: Clinical, Group, Legislative and Professional.

Children’s Hospital Colorado, 2nd Floor Conference and Education Center, Mt. Oxford Auditorium

1:30 p.m. Reception to follow in the Conference Center Lobby

For more information about the Chancellor’s John J. Conger Lectureship and Visiting Professorship, please call Bobbi Siegel at (720) 777-3936 or contact her via email: bobbi.siegel@childrenscolorado.org