

UCLA welcomes Dr. Glen Van Arsdell as Chief of Congenital Cardiac Surgery

We are pleased to welcome Dr. Glen Van Arsdell, one of the world's leading congenital cardiac surgeons, as the Chief of Congenital Cardiac Surgery at UCLA. Dr. Van Arsdell previously served as the Chief of Cardiac Surgery at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, one of the largest congenital cardiac surgery programs in North America. His career began at Loma Linda University Medical Center, where he received his medical degree and completed his surgery residency and cardiothoracic surgery fellowship. He then moved to Toronto, completed additional training in congenital cardiac surgery before joining their surgical faculty in 1996. He quickly developed a reputation as an outstanding congenital cardiac surgeon, equally as adept at the complexities of cardiac surgery in newborns as he was in operating on the sickest adults with congenital heart disease. By 2001, he was Division Head of congenital heart surgery at the Hospital for Sick Children, later becoming University Division Chair. He has routinely been invited to speak at international meetings on ACHD and is recognized by his peers for his expertise in congenital cardiac surgery across the lifespan.

Dr. Van Arsdell's academic work is currently focused on developing patient specific precision surgery for Tetralogy of Fallot. Towards this end, he currently has two PhD candidates conducting research studies in Tetralogy including a global enrollment study. Dr. Van Arsdell has received several grants for his research endeavors and has co-authored over 200 peer-reviewed manuscripts on various aspects of congenital heart surgery. Dr. Van Arsdell is a master teacher, and he has spearheaded the use of 3D printing as a means of improving surgical training. He also has an interest in the development of event based databases for program management, and as a tool for determination of best clinical practices.

We are fortunate that Dr. Van Arsdell has returned to California as a Bruin! Please join us in welcoming Dr. Van Arsdell to UCLA; we look forward to working with him closely to continue to provide world class care to our ACHD patients.