

14 years of Surgeon-in-chief comes to close
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December 1, 1981. Dr. Castaneda is named
officially as Surgeon-in-chief and I announced
this at Service meeting, also at Grand Rounds,
also at lab meeting and at final Steering
Committee of Staff exec. Now my Tuesday
afternoons are free for lab work!!
Announcement also in President's Report

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

(A monthly informational bulletin for
the trustees and medical staff of
the Children's Hospital Medical Center,
from David S. Weiner, President.)



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CASTANEDA NAMED SURGEON-IN-CHIEF

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Aldo Castaneda as Surgeon-in-Chief at Children's, effective December 1. After a lengthy search, an ad hoc committee composed of representatives of CHMC and Harvard Medical School recommended, and the Board of Trustees approved, the appointment of Dr. Castaneda. Dr. Castaneda left a post at the University of Minnesota Medical Center in 1972 to become Cardiovascular Surgeon-in-Chief at Children's. He is also the William E. Ladd Professor of Surgery at the medical school.

We at Children's often find ourselves describing the medical center and its people with words like "best," "first," or "foremost" in any number of areas. That is nowhere more true than in the case of Dr. Castaneda. He is internationally distinguished as a surgeon and a humanitarian. Patients come to him from all over the world, and he is respected and admired by his colleagues. In short, we believe he is "the best" at his art, and we expect that he will lend his considerable talents to the significant task of administering the Department of Surgery.

Dr. Castaneda succeeds Dr. Judah Folkman, about whom "the best" would also be an apt description. He has long been acknowledged as one of the foremost pediatric surgeons in the world, and his research laboratories are among the most productive and significant in the entire field of cancer biology. Dr. Folkman has served the Department of Surgery as chief since 1967. He officially resigned from the post last fall to devote more of his time to research and related patient care activities. He will remain as the Julia Dyckman Andrus Professor of Surgery at the medical school. I think I speak for everyone in saying how indebted we will always be to Judah for his leadership and commitment to the highest ideals of the medical center during the past 14 years.