

MEL BURMAN, MD

Chief of Pediatrics, East Bay Area



While I love my role as an administrator, I especially treasure caring for kids. When I think back to 1988 and my decision to become chief of Richmond's pediatric department, I can truly say 'the kids made me do it.'

My goal has always been to help create a service-oriented department where our patients would have the warmest, most personalized care possible.

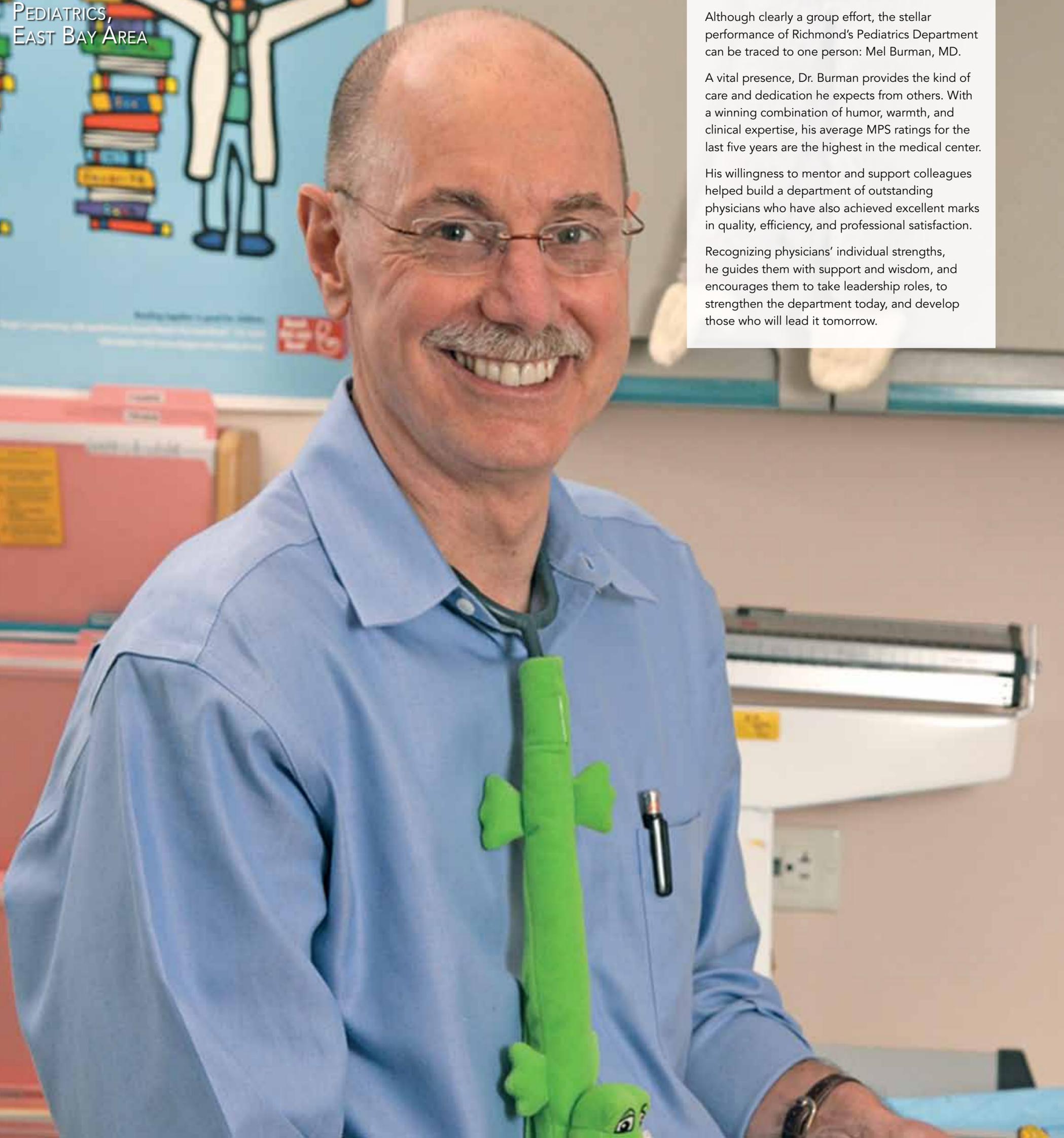
I believe in leading by example, so I try to be the kind of pediatrician I want others to be. That's easy because I thoroughly enjoy caring for kids, listening to them (and their parents!), and making sure they have what they need. It gives me great pleasure these days to see kids of the kids I once cared for.

Another perk to being chief is that I can hire superb pediatricians. We're not only providing great patient service and care today, but are also creating a service culture that will be carried forward through generations of kids who aren't even born yet.

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Although clearly a group effort, the stellar performance of Richmond's Pediatrics Department can be traced to one person: Mel Burman, MD.

A vital presence, Dr. Burman provides the kind of care and dedication he expects from others. With a winning combination of humor, warmth, and clinical expertise, his average MPS ratings for the last five years are the highest in the medical center.

His willingness to mentor and support colleagues helped build a department of outstanding physicians who have also achieved excellent marks in quality, efficiency, and professional satisfaction.

Recognizing physicians' individual strengths, he guides them with support and wisdom, and encourages them to take leadership roles, to strengthen the department today, and develop those who will lead it tomorrow.