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Immunology Clinic Opens

The Department of Pediatrics at Levine Children's Hospital is pleased to announce the opening of the new Immunology Clinic. Directed by Dr. Niraj Patel, Board Certified in Allergy and Immunology and Pediatric Infectious Diseases, the Immunology Clinic provides diagnosis and treatment for pediatric patients with recurrent infections and known or suspected primary and secondary immunodeficiencies. We care for children with antibody deficiencies, cellular immune defects, complement disorders including hereditary or acquired angioedema, chronic urticaria, and patients receiving antibody replacement such as IVIG or SQIG.

The Immunology Clinic is located in the Levine Children's Hospital Specialty Center-Medical Center Plaza, 1001 Blythe Blvd. Suite 200, Charlotte, NC 28203. To schedule an appointment, please call: 704-381-8840, referral fax: 704-381-8836.

Save the Dates

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| Mar 18 | Match Day |
| Apr 14 | Pediatric Faculty/Resident Annual Picture - 8:45 a.m. |
| June 4-6 | Third Annual Southeast Pediatric Board Review Course |
| June 19 | CHS Graduation Banquet |

If you have questions or ideas, please contact Dr. Feld or Sue Juerjens at 704-381-6802

New Pediatric Faculty

Mikelle Key-Solle, MD joined the CHIPS Team as a Hospitalist on November 16, 2009. She completed medical school in 2002 and residency in 2005 at UNC-Chapel Hill. Prior to coming to Charlotte, Dr. Key-Solle worked at UNC-Chapel Hill as a Hospitalist.



The CHIPS Team added another Hospitalist on January 4. Gurpreet Vidwan, MD came to us from a private hospitalist group serving Joe Dimaggio Children's Hospital and four additional community hospitals in Broward County, Florida. He received his medical degree from the University of Louisville School of Medicine and completed his residency training at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center.

Howard Grodman, MD joined the Blood and Marrow Transplant division on January 18. He was director of the Neely Pediatric Blood and Marrow Transplant unit at the Floating Hospital for Children at Tufts Medical Center in Boston. He comes with more than 17 years of experience in pediatric oncology and transplant. Dr. Grodman did his residency at the Women's and Children's Hospital in Buffalo, NY and his fellowship in Pediatric Hematology and Oncology at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City. He has research interest in transplant for brain tumors and in treatment of graft versus host disease.



Transplant Update

The Liver Transplant Program at CMC ranked the best in the state by the Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients. The Pediatric Liver Transplant Program performed seven liver transplants during 2009. Ten children have transitioned their ongoing transplant care to the LCH Liver Program. We are currently providing care for about 30 liver transplant recipients at LCH. The Pediatric Liver Transplant Program is now participating in a multi-center research study to evaluate family discharge readiness following liver transplant. The results from this very important study will allow us to identify areas that we might be able to improve in order to continue providing excellent transplant care.

The Pediatric Blood and Marrow Transplantation program completed its first year with a total of thirteen transplants. Survival at 100 days after transplant was 100%. One year survival is 86% for the seven patients transplanted > 1 year ago. Transplant-related mortality is 0%.

Four kidney transplants were performed in 2009 and care was assumed immediate post-transplant for two other patients. Nine patients are currently on the transplant waiting list.

Residency Program Update

We had a very busy fall and winter from an intern recruitment standpoint, interviewing 170 applicants for the 12 intern positions offered for July 2010. We will be entering our Match list in late February. Match Day is March 18, 2010.

The chief residents for 2010-2011 will be Kevin Carter, MD and Meera Gallagher, MD.

Congratulations to Meera and Matthew Gallagher on the birth of Max, a future member of the residency class of 2035, born January 29, 2010!

A highlight of residency training continues to be the office-based preceptorship. Residents spend a half day per week, most weeks, in a practice in Charlotte or the surrounding communities. We will begin placing our interns in offices over the next few months. **If you would like to learn more about participating in the office based preceptorship please contact Avis Grainger, Residency Coordinator, or Chuck McKay, Associate Program Director, at 704-381-6800.** Current preceptors for the PL2s and 3s include: Dr. Ellis Fisher (Gastonia Children's Clinic), Dr. Jamison Satterfield (Arboretum Pediatrics), Dr. P. Michael Giftos (Eastover Pediatrics), Dr. Paul Smolen (Providence Pediatrics), Dr. Linda Givens (Pediatric Associates of Charlotte), Dr. Stephanie Richter (Charlotte Pediatric Clinic), Dr. Susan Massengill (LCH Pediatric Nephrology), Dr. Arnold Snitz (Snitz Pediatrics), Dr. Nancy Hendrix (Shelby Children's Clinic), Dr. Gigi Madrid (Lake Norman Pediatrics), Dr. Art Spell (Charlotte Pediatric Clinic), Dr. Chris Cerjan (Shelby Children's Clinic), Dr. John Plonk (Providence Pediatrics), Dr. Kym Selden (Suburban Pediatrics), Dr. Andrew Gunter (University Pediatrics), and Dr. Sameena Evers (Dilworth Pediatrics).

Center for Advancing Pediatric Excellence (CAPE)

We are pleased to welcome two new members to the CAPE team: Sarah Mabus, MLA - Program Coordinator and Christina Svenson, MEd - Data Analyst. Fully staffed, CAPE is eager to support Quality Improvement (QI) projects throughout the Department of Pediatrics, and we invite and encourage you to make use of our resources.

CAPE can help you every step of the way as you develop your project and build your team's QI capacity. We will work with you to determine project aims, establish measures, plan implementation, and decide on revisions. We are also able to provide resource materials and QI tools, and coordinate efforts with other Levine QI projects. Please feel free to call 704-381-CAPE (2273) or stop by (MEB 416C) with questions or for more information.

On April 14, CAPE will host its spring Quarterly Forum from 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. in the Gorelick Auditorium with a light reception. The Quarterly Forum allows LCH staff to briefly present current QI projects with storyboards and receive feedback. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about QI methods, discover ongoing projects, and share ideas. CME / CEU credits are available. If you are interested in attending or have questions, please contact Sarah Mabus at sarah.mabus@carolinahhealthcare.org. Please join us!

CAPE's 2009 Annual Report (www.lchcape.org) is available on our website. Among the highlights, you will find information about CAPE's educational activities. For example, 358 members of LCH and the community have benefited from CAPE programming as of January 2010. Regional and national collaborations and scholarly activity are bringing CAPE-managed projects to a broad audience. We hope you will avail yourself of our services in the coming year!

Grand Rounds

February 17	Dr. Art Payne - The Case for Mother's Milk - Evidence: Promotion, Protection and Support of the Gold Standard
February 24	Dr. CeCe Carr (Resident) - From Cabbage Patch to Weed and Crack: An Overview of Substance Abuse in the Adolescent Population
March 3	Pediatric Department Meeting/Subspecialty Management Conference - Pediatric Rehabilitation
March 10	Kindermorn Panel
March 17	Patient Management Conference - Davidson Clinic
March 24	Dr. Nate Fergus (Resident) - Nutrition in the Young Competitive Athlete and Ergogenics
March 31	Dr. Gerald Berkowitz - Like Willie Nelson Sang...Mother's Don't Let Your Preemies Grow Up Without Breast Milk: Strategies to Maximize Use of Human Milk in Special Care Nurseries
April 7	Dr. Ricardo Caicedo - Suffering in the Bowels: Past, Present and Future of Celiac
April 14	Dr. Thomas Kueser, Dr. Tim Mitchell, Tracy Johnson NNP, Cindy Boylston IBCLC, and Suzanne Smith RD (Panel Discussion on Neonatal Breast Feeding) - Multi-disciplinary Collaboration to Support Evidence Based Practice: Human Milk as Medical Therapy for the Preterm Infant
April 21	Patient Management Conference - LCH Critical Care