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Announcements

Congratulations to Dr. Cheryl Courtlandt! Dr. Courtlandt was the recipient of the First School Health "Community Partner of the Year Award". This is a great tribute to her hard work and dedication to school health education.

Congratulations to Dr. Kristin Rager! Dr. Rager was selected for the *Charlotte Business Journal's* "40 under 40". This award recognizes promising individuals under the age of 40 who have achieved notable success in business and community volunteer work.

Congratulations to Cynthia Conner! Cynthia was awarded the Outstanding Asthma Educator of the Year by the Association of Asthma Educators.



LCH Annual Report

The Levine Children's Hospital 2008 Annual Report will be available soon!

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

LCH Receives U.S. News Recognition for Treatment of Kidney Disorders

Levine Children's Hospital has been ranked 14th in the nation for kidney treatment, based on the *U.S. News & World Report* Media Group's 2009 edition of "America's Best Children's Hospitals". It validates the fact that world class physicians and caring and compassionate nurses and staff are working here.

The real winners, of course, are patients throughout the Carolinas, who can receive outstanding care close to home. We are very proud of our nephrology, dialysis and transplant teams, and the fact that they are capable of handling a full range of problems, from hypertension, kidney stones, urinary tract infections or acute and chronic kidney diseases to highly specialized procedures such as renal transplants or dialysis.

Welcome David Pubantz, MD and Jason Dranove, MD

David Pubantz, MD, who graduated from our residency program this year, joined the CHIPS Team on July 13th. Dr. Pubantz graduated from Duke University in May 2002 with a B.S. in Biology and a Minor in Chemistry and graduated from the University of North Carolina School of Medicine in May 2006.

Jason Dranove, MD joined Pediatric Gastroenterology on August 3rd. Dr. Dranove completed his Fellowship in Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology, and Nutrition in June 2009 at James Whitcomb Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis, IN. He completed his Residency at Cincinnati Children's Hospital.

LCH Medication Education

The Medication Error Prevention QI Team has been developing an educational tool designed to decrease medication errors. This educational tool consists of an AHEC Connect presentation, and associated test at the end of the presentation. The purpose of this tool is to increase awareness among the Levine Children's Hospital physicians and employees about the national prevalence of medication errors and near misses, to communicate the need for reporting of medication errors and near misses, to remove some common misconceptions regarding the ordering of medications and the dispensing of medications, and then by those means see a decrease in medication errors at Levine Children's Hospital. We hope to have this AHEC Connect presentation completed and available by the end of September. Once completed, there will be a web link. Dr. Feld has asked that all Levine Children's Hospital physicians, and the clinical staff, use this tool. We hope to have the presentation incorporated into the 2010 ACE Modules. We wish to thank Craig Reeder for his work on this project.

Residency Program Update

Congratulations to our 2009 graduates!

- Dr. Kristi Abbott - Center for Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine - Mooresville, NC
- Dr. Hong Bui - Palmetto Pediatrics - Rock Hill, SC
- Dr. Kelly Carney - Neonatal Follow-up Fellowship - Duke UMC
- Dr. Meghan Jackson - Pediatric Associates - Charlotte, NC
- Dr. Curtis McDonald - Robins Air Force Base - Warner-Robins, GA
- Dr. Hattina Osterberg - Rock Hill Pediatrics - Rock Hill, SC
- Dr. David Pubantz - Department of Pediatrics, CMC
- Dr. Kasey Scannell - Chief Resident, Pediatrics, CMC
- Dr. Erin Stubbs - Chief Resident, Pediatrics, CMC

We're off to a great start this academic year, with 32 residents across 3 classes. New this year:

- For the first time, we have 2 fourth year chief residents, Drs. Kasey Scannell and Erin Stubbs.
- We have our first resident doing his continuity clinic in a private office. Dr. Zach Schneider is working under the dual preceptorship of Drs. Rachel Wiese and Jodie Prosser at Charlotte Pediatric Clinic. This experience differs from the office-based preceptorship that most of our residents participate in in a number of practices in Charlotte in that his entire Continuity Clinic experience will take place at CPC (and his office-based preceptorship will be folded into that experience as well.)
- The new Quality curriculum has been rolled out for all of this year's residents. This is an extensive exposure and experience in Quality concepts and practices for our residents, under the leadership of Dr. Laura Noonan and the other physicians and staff of the Center for Advancing Pediatric Excellence.
- We will be gearing up for recruitment of interns again right after Labor Day, when we will recruit 12 new interns and round out our total residents to 36.

Congratulations to Dr. Curtis McDonald, a 2009 graduate of our program, who was the winner of the 2008 Valya Visser Pediatric Humanitarian Award.

CAPE

The Center for Advancing Pediatric Excellence (CAPE) recently implemented the QI Resident Curriculum and distributed faculty guides and mentor information to coincide with that curriculum. Overall, the curriculum appears to be well received as the residents have already begun fulfilling requirements, selecting faculty mentors and QI projects and meeting with the QI Coach for guidance on individual and hospital QI projects. Further QI support for residents will occur on August 25th and again on December 3rd at the noon conference - QI Didactics.

In addition to the curriculum implementation and tracking requirement completion, we have begun spreading QI and CAPE information around LCH through various facets. LCH QI Quarterly Forums continue to be one of the best venues for highlighting QI projects while the CAPE road shows and QI unit display boards have been established to promote the Center and offer useful tools and resources needed to initiate a QI project. The lchcape.org and Share point web-sites have also proven to be an excellent source for gathering QI information and allowing a glimpse into the resident QI program. While the lchcape.org site is open to the public, Share point is a secured site in which you must be granted access to be a user/contributor. If you have not already been granted access and would like to be added, please contact one of the site administrators, Adrienne Woods or Karen Catoe who will be happy to facilitate this.

Grand Rounds

September 2	Dept. Mtg./Subspecialty Conference - Pediatric ID
September 9	Birth Associated Injury or Physical Abuse
September 16	Patient Management Conference - Teen Health Connection
September 23	Eosinophilic Gastrointestinal Disorders
September 30	Adolescent Weight Management
October 7	TBD
October 14	Bruder Stapleton, MD Seattle Children's Hospital A New Approach for Improvements in an Academic Children's Hospital: Lessons from Toyota
October 21	Patient Management Conference - CMC General Pediatrics (Nursery)
October 28	TBD

Future goals for CAPE include exploring opportunities for transparency of LCH QI projects with patients and families, continuing the spread of QI throughout LCH and making appropriate modifications to the QI curriculum as we receive feedback from both residents and faculty. For further information or if you have questions regarding QI or CAPE, feel free to contact us at our new extension 704-381-CAPE (2273).