



# Departmental News

Department of Pediatrics ~ LSUMC New Orleans

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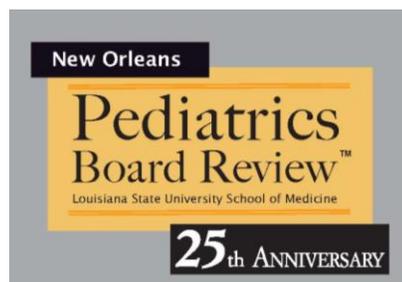


**Margaret Fanning**

After 44 years of service to LSUHSC and the Department of Pediatrics, **Margaret Fanning** will retire from her job as Student Coordinator on Friday, August 6. Margaret began working as a Research Associate in 1966 and became Coordinator of Student Teaching Programs in the late '80s. Her invaluable work ethic and outgoing personality will surely be missed! All are welcome to celebrate her career and retirement at a farewell reception on Thursday, August 5 from 3:00 – 5:00pm in Children's Hospital's Auditorium. Refreshments will be served. Please come by to wish Margaret a happy retirement!

The Department of Pediatrics and Division of Neonatology wish a fond farewell to **Dianne Albrecht, MD, Neva Seago, MD, and Claudia Schuth, MD**. Dr. Albrecht has begun work as a neonatologist and NICU medical director at Baton Rouge General Medical Center while Dr. Seago will begin work as a neonatologist at Lafayette Women's and Children's Hospital. Dr. Schuth has entered retirement after a distinguished career serving the infants and children of the metropolitan New Orleans area for over three decades. Dr. Schuth had the unique distinction of being board certified in Neonatology and Infectious Diseases. Best wishes to all three excellent physicians!

## BOARD REVIEW: 25<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY AUGUST 9<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010

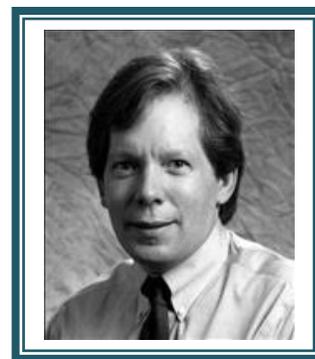


The Pediatrics Board Review is celebrating its silver anniversary this year! If you are nearing your recertification date by the American Board of Pediatrics and would like to brush up on pediatrics essentials for the Board Exam, it's not too late to sign up for the review. Pediatrics faculty will receive a reduced rate of attendance to the review which takes place August 9 - 14, 2010 at the Hotel Intercontinental.

On-site registration is \$975. The fee includes tuition, course handouts, two evening sessions, Radiology CD-ROM, continental breakfast and refreshments during breaks. Presenters at the Board Review will, as always, receive tuition free of charge. The 2010 brochure with registration information is posted on the department's website:

[www.medschool.lsuhschool.edu/pediatrics](http://www.medschool.lsuhschool.edu/pediatrics)

All are invited to attend the Fowler Memorial Lecture at the Board Review on Wednesday, August 11 at 4:15pm at the Hotel Intercontinental, 444 St. Charles Avenue. **Jay Kolls, MD** will present "Lung Disease in Pediatrics: Is It All in the Genes?" Dr. Kolls is Chairman of the Genetics Department at LSUHSC and has a background in Pediatric Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine. All faculty members are encouraged to attend the lecture. Hope to see you there!



**Jay Kolls, MD**

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## KUDOS KORNER

Residency Program Director **Bonnie Desselle, MD** received some great news this past month. The Residency Review Committee approved the Pediatrics Residency Program for a five-year cycle! The next survey date is not until July 1, 2015. Congratulations to Dr. Desselle and the Residency Program!

Kudos to **Kishor Bhende, MD** who received a \$40,000 grant from Hyundai to support his research of the role of dendritic cells in hematopoietic stem cell transplants. The Hematology/Oncology fellow was selected as a "Hyundai Scholar", an honor bestowed upon doctors who are just starting their careers in oncology research.



## WELCOME TO NEW FACULTY

Some familiar faces joined the department in July and August. Each new faculty member has either completed their residency or fellowship within the department.

**Gary Duhon, MD** returned to the department as an Associate Professor in the Division of Critical Care as of August 1<sup>st</sup>. Dr. Duhon spent the last few years as an Associate Professor of Pediatrics at Georgetown University in Washington, DC. There he served as a Faculty Associate at the Center for Clinical Bioethics and Director of Pediatrics Ethics Rounds which are monthly case-based multidisciplinary educational discussions. Glad to have you back, Dr. Duhon!

**Jamie Jackson, MD** is now an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics in the Forensic Medicine Division after finishing her fellowship in June. Dr. Jackson graduated from The American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine in 2005 and completed her residency in Pediatrics here in the department in 2009.

After completing his fellowship in June, the GI Division welcomed **Brent Keith, MD** as an

Assistant Professor of Pediatrics on July 20<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Keith received his MD from Ross University School of Medicine in Dominica in 2004. He went on to start his Pediatric Residency at LSU but transferred to the University of Texas Southwestern after Hurricane Katrina to complete his residency.



Derek Pepiak, MD

**Derek Pepiak, MD** joined the department in July as an Assistant Professor in the Division of Pulmonology. Dr. Pepiak joins us from the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston where he recently completed his Pediatric Pulmonary fellowship. His is a familiar face having completed his residency here in the department back in 2006.

Former Chief Resident **Melissa Roy, MD** joined the department this week as an Assistant Professor in the Hospitalist Division. She is a graduate of the LSU School of Medicine and Pediatric Residency Program. She recently completed her Chief Residency in June. Dr. Roy also welcomed a new baby girl in May.



Jeffrey Surcouf, MD

After completing his three-year Neonatology fellowship in June, **Jeffrey Surcouf, MD** is now an Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatrics. Dr. Surcouf attended LSU School of Medicine in Shreveport and, as many of you already know, completed his residency within the department in 2007.

The Genetics Division welcomed **Regina Zambrano, MD** as an Assistant Professor in July. Dr. Zambrano graduated from the Universidad del Norte School of Medicine in Barranquilla, Colombia and is also a graduate of LSU's Pediatric Residency Program. She completed a second residency in Genetic Medicine at Johns Hopkins Hospital in 2008 and went on to do a two-year Genetic Medicine fellowship at the same hospital.

## PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

The American Journal of Medical Genetics has accepted a paper written by **Robin McGoey, MD**, **Aditi Varma**, and **Yves Lacassie, MD** titled "Siblings With Phenotypic Overlap with Toriello-Carey Syndrome and Complex Cytogenetic Imbalances Including 3q29 microduplication and 6p25 microdeletion: Review of the Literature and Additional Evidence for Genetic Heterogeneity." Aditi Varma, a Senior Medical Student from Manipal University in India, recently completed a three-month rotation in the Division of Genetics.

**Dania Felipe, MD**, Endocrinology Fellow, presented a poster titled "Hemoglobin Glycation Index is Positively Associated with Skin Intrinsic Fluorescence" at the American Diabetes Association Meeting in Orlando, Florida held June 25-29, 2010. This project has been supported and supervised by **James Hempt, PhD**, **Shuqian Liu, MD** and **Stuart Chalew, MD**.

## INTRODUCING THE POST-IT AWARD

Starting in July, every month one faculty member will be honored with the "POST-IT Award" for the best noon conference as voted by the residents. The residents will write a number on a Post-it note® and stick it to the door on their way out of the conference signifying their rating based on this mnemonic:



### Evaluations

- P**ertinent and relevant to their training
- O**rganized and clear to understand
- S**olve cases: the lecture revolved around real clinical situations/scenarios
- T**ime: the faculty kept to allotted 45 minutes
- I**nteractive: the audience actively participated
- T**hink: the session was thought-provoking and stimulating.

*Scale of 1 - 5*

*5 = the BEST Post-it on door*

Congratulations to **Amy Creel, MD** who had the highest average score in July for her noon conference on DKA. She was the only faculty to score a perfect 5!

## RESIDENT MEETINGS

The Chief Residents would like all faculty to be aware that pediatric residents are now required to attend the monthly board review sessions, apart

from their continuity clinic. The meetings will be held from 12 – 1:30pm in Tower 2 Center. Even when rotating away from the hospital, the residents are required to attend. They will be finished by 1:30 and able to attend most of their afternoon duties. Med/Peds residents are not required to attend. 2010 dates include August 26 (Development), September 24, October 25, November 16, and December 16. The chiefs would also like to remind all faculty and fellows that they are invited to attend all morning reports. These are held daily (except on Wednesdays) from 8 - 9am in Tower 2 Center.

## HEALTH FAIR VOLUNTEERS

Dr. Desselle would like to acknowledge and thank all residents who helped out at last month's Health Fair held at Children's Hospital for adolescent sports physicals: **Anupa Kudva**, **Melanie Cooper**, **Catherine Durst**, **Aimee Morales**, **Hitesh Chheda**, **Leslie Kern**, **Simone Lawson**, **Dhiraj Singh**, **Stewart Hill**, **Kelley Hutchins**, and **Thara Raghuthaman**.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>August 20</b>	<b>Faculty Meeting, Auditorium</b>
<b>September 6</b>	<b>Labor Day Holiday</b>
<b>September 17</b>	<b>Faculty Meeting, Auditorium</b>
<b>October 15</b>	<b>Faculty Meeting, Tower 2</b>
<b>November 19</b>	<b>Jeffrey Modell Symposium, Loews Hotel</b>

## SEPTEMBER SUBMISSIONS

Please send your submissions for the next issue of the newsletter to Kelly Allerton. You can reach Kelly by telephone (896-9800), fax (896-2720), or email (kslumb@lsuhsc.edu).

## FACULTY DEVELOPMENT: **EFFECTIVE SIGN-OFFS**

By Bonnie Desselle, MD and Rachel Dawkins, MD

Among health care professionals effective communication is vital to achieve the best patient outcomes possible. “Sign-offs”, the mechanism of transferring information and responsibility from one set of care-givers to another has been under the spotlight as a potential area where miscommunication can occur. In residency training, this potential has increased with the greater number of transitions of care due to the ACGME duty hour restrictions. We have instituted training sessions on strategies to improve the sign-out process.

For the clinical faculty with inpatient services please re-enforce and model these important elements:

- PGY-1 should master the Essential Elements of Sign-out Giving:
  - Patient identification
  - Patient diagnosis/background
  - Current conditions or current physical exam
  - **Contingency plans\***
  - Overall general treatment plan



***\*Research has shown that the contingency plans are frequently lacking. Therefore it is imperative that during work rounds that the faculty supervisors discuss potential problems that may occur overnight and the necessary interventions.***

- PGY-2 should master the above *plus* the Essential Elements for Sign-out Receiving. They should be able to:
  - Read back and summarize each patient, a process called co-orientation
  - Ask for questions and clarifications
  - Solicit other overnight tasks for patient
- PGY-3, 4, and fellows have mastered giving and receiving sign-out and are working towards:
  - Collaborative cross check (A process performed by experts where decisions made by one's colleagues are verified. An Example: “Hey, are you sure that this is a viral pneumonia...the patient has a focal infiltrate with high fever?”)
  - Off topic discussion that includes teaching points

Please respect the timing of the residents' check-out (6:30 - 7:15am/pm) to minimize distractions and allow for the most effective exchange of information to occur.