



Departmental News

Department of Pediatrics ~ LSUMC New Orleans

WELCOME TO NEW FACULTY



R. Adam Noel, MD

The Gastroenterology Division welcomed **R. Adam Noel, MD** as Associate Professor of Clinical Pediatrics in October. Dr. Noel comes to us most recently from Texas A&M Scott and White Children's Hospital, but formerly served as Section Chief for Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition at Tulane University School of Medicine here in New Orleans.

KUDOS KORNER

Kudos go to Hematology-Oncology Division Head **Lolie Yu, MD** and the hard-working members of her Children's Oncology Group (COG) for earning the highest marks during its November audit in twenty-three years of COG membership. "COG is a national, collaborative pediatric cancer research organization, sponsored by the National Cancer Institute at the National Institutes of Health (NCI, NIH). Over 90 percent of children who are diagnosed with cancer in the United States, Canada and other countries throughout the world are enrolled in protocols for therapeutic, cancer control, epidemiology or biology trials through COG". — *From 2009 Cancer Program Annual Report*

NEWS FROM RESIDENCY:

MONTHLY BOARD REVIEW SESSIONS

Residents' monthly board review sessions have been greatly facilitated by new electronic software kindly provided by **Rodolfo Begue, MD**. The review is led by Chief Residents **Luke Wall, MD** and **Christy Mumphrey, MD**, and an electronic quiz is given during each session.

In September the Gold Team (**Courtney Austin, MD, Stewart Hill, MD, and Jessica Steinkampf, MD**) scored highest on the September Board Review on Endocrine. Their score was a 97%.

The team with the highest score for the Genetics board review in October was the Silver team: **Catherine Broussard, MD, Amar Dave, MD, and Sarah Syed, MD**. Their average score was 8.6.

In November Urology was reviewed and the highest score was earned by the Silver team - **Katie Brown, MD and Jessica Steinkampf, MD**, with an average of 9.

POST-IT AWARD



For new readers: Each noon conference given by faculty is rated by the residents and students on a scale of excellence from 1 to 5.

The Post-it Award for October went to **Stephen Deputy, MD** of Pediatric Neurology, who was the only faculty to score a perfect 5 for his lecture on Headache given at Noon Conference.

The winner of the November Post-It Award was **Ann Tilton, MD**, Director of Child Neurology, with her Neuromuscular lecture, which also garnered a perfect score of 5.

2011 SOUTHERN REGIONAL MEETINGS

It's that time again! The Southern Regional Meetings of academic medical societies will meet in New Orleans February 17-19, 2011. Program and Registration information is available at the following website: <http://www.afmr.org/sr.cgi>. Several members of the Department of Pediatrics are already scheduled to give presentations to the Southern Society for Pediatric Research (SSPR); their contributions are listed below :

Oral Presentations:

Vitamin D insufficiency: racial disparities in a high risk population. **Stender S, Wilson J, Chalew S, Gumus P, Burghen G**

Complete cytogenetic remission after treatment with Dasatinib in a pediatric patient with T-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia and ABL1 amplification. **Crombet O, Lastrapes K, Morales-Arias J, Zieske A**

Determination of risk factors, characteristics, and treatment efficacy for post-transplant lymphoproliferative disorder (PTLD) in pediatric patients at Children's Hospital, New Orleans. **Nguyen N, Gardner R**

Differential PBSC Graft Compositions between healthy donors and malignant solid tumor patients with prior chemotherapy. **Bhende K, Cui Y, Cruz V and Yu LC**

Daily Bathing with Chlorhexidine and its Effects on Nosocomial Infection Rates In Pediatric Oncology Patients. **Clay K, Cruz V, and Yu LC.**

Poster Presentations:

Adrenal hypoplasia congenita and hypogonadotropic hypogonadism in three brothers. **Gumus P, Gomez R, Vargas A**

Chronic hypoplastic bone marrow in a healthy patient with parvovirus B19 infection. **Crombet O, Morales-Arias J**

Recurrent isolated extramedullary relapse after stem cell transplant in a patient with juvenile myelomonocytic leukemia. **Crombet O, Yu L, Craver R**

Clinical pharmacy faculty interventions in a pediatric intensive care unit. **LaRochelle J, Creel A.**

Poster Presentations (Cont'd):

An Unusual Case of Malnutrition in a Patient with Chronic Renal Failure. **Mumphrey C, Ramsey K, Straatmann C, Aviles D**

Seckel-like phenotype due to deletion 8p23-8p22: Further evidence of genetic heterogeneity. **Steinkampf J**

AWARD

Congratulations to **Kishor Bhende, MD**, 3rd year Hematology/Oncology fellow selected as presenting author (see opposite column) for a Trainee Research Award to be presented at the Southern Regional Meetings in February.



Kishor Bhende, MD

PUBLICATIONS

Rosenfeld J, Lacassie Y, El-Khechen D, Escobar L, et. al. New cases and refinement of the critical region in the 1q41q42 microdeletion syndrome. *European Journal of Medical Genetics*, Oct. 2010.

Aradhya, S., Smaoui, N., Marble, M., Lacassie, Y. De novo duplication 11p13 involving the PAX6 gene in a patient with neonatal seizures, hypotonia, microcephaly, developmental disability and minor ocular manifestations. *Am J Med Genet Part A* (in press).

Harville E, Tran T, Xiong X, and Buekens P. Population changes, racial/ethnic disparities, and birth outcomes in Louisiana after Hurricane Katrina. *Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness* 2010 v. 4, p. Supp. 1, 39-S45.

JEFFREY MODELL SYMPOSIUM



The 5th Annual JMF Symposium, held on November 19th was a great success, with sixty participants meeting at the Loews Hotel in New Orleans. The topic of this year's meeting was Gastrointestinal Manifestations of Primary Immunodeficiency Diseases, and presenters from the Pediatrics Department were **Ricardo Sorensen, MD, Victoria Dimitriadis, MD, Ken Paris, MD** and the Allergy/Immunology fellows, **Tammy Harvey, MD, Karen Kaufman, MD** and **Erin Pratt, MD**.

In addition, a CME Workshop on Infection, Inflammation, and Primary Immunodeficiency in the Gut was held on November 18th at the Audubon Center for Research of Endangered Species on River Road in New Orleans. The half-day workshop included presentations by Pediatrics faculty **Ricardo Sorensen, MD, and Seth Pincus, MD**

WELCOME TO NEW HIRES

Lauren Granen Scogin, MPH will work with Dr. Susan Berry as a Research Assistant 3 in the Louisiana Birth Defects Monitoring System.

Lanette Carroll has joined the Department's Administrative Staff as the new Student Coordinator replacing Margaret Fanning, who retired in August.



Lanette Carroll

NEW ARRIVALS



Noah Reid Wall

Congratulations to Chief Resident **Luke Wall, MD** and to new Mom, **Dania Nicole** on the birth of their son Noah, born September 19th. The new addition to the Wall family weighed in at 6 lbs 10 oz, and measured 19 ½ inches.

Alexander Jose Monagas joined the family of **Javier Monagas, MD**, 3rd year Pediatrics GI fellow on December 2nd. At birth he weighed 7 lbs 4 oz with a length of 21". 'Mom and baby are healthy and happy', reported the proud father.



Alexander Jose Monagas

JANUARY 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).

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 17 Faculty Meeting, Tower 2

December 23 - 31 Christmas Holidays



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

SBAR Communications

Bonnie Desselle, MD

Among health care professionals effective communication is vital to achieve the best patient outcomes possible. Improving communication and other teamwork skills will result in improved performance. During emergencies and critical situations, communication among all health care team members is of utmost importance. A framework for team members to effectively communicate information to one another was developed by TeamSteps*. The mnemonic SBAR stands for:

- Situation
- Background
- Assessment
- Recommendation

An example:

- SITUATION
 - "I am calling you about a patient who is having a seizure".
- BACKGROUND
 - "He is KL, the CP child we admitted earlier with pneumonia and known seizure disorder. He is having generalized rhythmic movements of his upper and lower extremities and difficulty breathing."
- ASSESSMENT
 - "I think he is having a seizure and respiratory distress."
- RECOMMENDATION
 - "We should give him some Ativan and oxygen and I would like you to come and help me."

It is recommended that all members of the health care team communicate in this manner. Good modeling of communication by the faculty should result in improved communication skills of our trainees and ultimately improved patient outcomes.

*TeamSTEPS (Team strategies and tools to enhance performance and patient safety) is a training curriculum created by the Department of Health and Human Services' Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality and the Department of Defense to teach health care professionals techniques that were first developed to improve aviation flight crews' coordination.