



Departmental News

Department of Pediatrics ~ LSUMC New Orleans

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Pinki Prasad, MD, MPH

Congratulations to **Pinki Prasad, MD, MPH** for being selected as a winner of the 2014 Southern Society of Pediatric Research Young Faculty Award for her abstract titled "Psychological and Neurocognitive Outcomes in Survivors Diagnosed with Cancer as AYA: A Report from the Childhood Cancer Survivor Study". She will receive the award at the SSPR Plenary Session on the morning of Friday, February 21, 2014.

Paul Hyman, MD was named the Eberhard Schmidt-Sommerfeld, MD Endowed Chair for Pediatric Gastroenterology last July. He is the first holder of the chair which was donated by the family of the late Dr. Eberhard Schmidt-Sommerfeld to honor the life and work of a great pediatric gastroenterologist and to support and improve the quality of training for the LSUHSC Fellowship in Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition.

Joy Osofsky, PhD, Professor of pediatrics, psychiatry and public health has been appointed by Governor Bobby Jindal to the Children's Cabinet Advisory Board. The panel, with 40 to 42 members, advises the governor on policy, planning and budgeting affecting programs and services for children and their families.

Michael Lan, PhD has received research support for a project studying cancer gene therapy from the Diana Helis Henry Medical Research Foundation through its direct engagement in the continuous active conduct of medical research in conjunction with Children's Hospital.

Michael Ferris, PhD is working with the UT Health Sciences Center at Houston on a NIH grant titled "Safety and effect of L. Reuteri on biomarkers of inflammation in healthy infants".

Hong Xin, MD, PhD received a NIH R03 grant titled "Synthetic glycopeptide vaccines that enhance resistance to candidiasis."

Numerous Pediatrics faculty members were listed as Top Doctors in New Orleans Magazine's annual list of best local physicians:

Robert Ascutto, MD
Diego Aviles, MD
Brian Barkemeyer, MD
Rodolfo Bégué, MD
Raynorda Brown, MD
Stuart Chalew, MD
Bonnie Desselle, MD
Gary Duhon, MD
Renee Gardner, MD
Abraham Gedalia, MD
Ricardo Gomez, MD
Michael Marble, MD
Jaime Morales, MD
Staci Olistter, MD
Kenneth Paris, MD
Duna Penn, MD
Dana Rivera, MD
Ernest Siwik, MD
Ricardo Sorensen, MD
Sarah Stender, MD
Aluizio Stopa, MD
V. Matti Vehaskari, MD
Maria Velez, MD
Lolie Yu, MD

PRESENTATIONS

Sarah Stender, MD will travel to Austin to present “Vis Medicatrix Naturae: How Being in Nature Heals” for the National Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine meeting in March. Her talk will also feature Richard Wahl, MD of the University of Arizona.

Rachel Dawkins, MD, Bonnie Desselle, MD and Julie Gallois, MD will travel to Vancouver in May 2014 to present a workshop titled “To Post or Not to Post: the Challenge of Professionalism in the Age of Social Media” at the 2014 Pediatric Academic Societies annual meeting.

Third-year resident **Brittany Andry, MD** gave an oral presentation titled Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal Infections (PANDAS) at the Louisiana Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics’ Annual Potpourri on the Bayou in Lafayette recently. Several other residents presented posters:

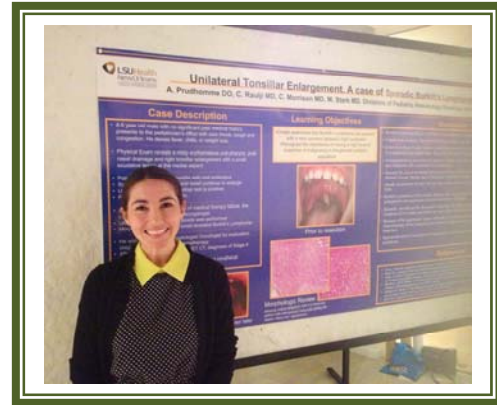


Greg Burg, MD presented a poster titled Minor procedure, major complications. First, do no harm. Other authors included **Katie Brown, MD, George Hescocock, MD** and **Melissa Roy, MD**.



Katie Spinks, MD presented a poster titled Myopericarditis in a Type 1 Diabetic with Hyperglycemia. Other authors included **Evan**

Atkinson, MD, Jerussa Aita-Levy, MD and Ernest Siwik, MD.



Amy Prudhomme, MD presented a poster titled Unilateral Tonsillar Enlargement. A Case of Sporadic Burkitt's Lymphoma. Other authors included **Chittal Raulji, MD, Cori Morrison, MD,** and Matthew Stark, MD.

PUBLICATIONS

Marble M. Albinism, lysosomal storage diseases, neuronal ceroid lipofuscinoses and other metabolic conditions. In: Hartnett ME, Trese M, Capone A, Keats BJB, Caputo G, eds. Pediatric Retina. Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, Wolters Kluwer, 2014:173-190, Chapter 17

Rossi JL, Todd T, Bazan NG, Belayev L. Inhibition of Myosin Light-Chain Kinase Attenuates Cerebral Edema after Traumatic Brain Injury in Postnatal Mice. Journal of Neurotrauma. 2013 October.

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Lacassie Y, Casci I, Accousti W. Unexpected exome sequencing result: *De novo* trichorhinophalangeal syndrome type I (TRPS I) mutation in an infant with congenital scoliosis, mild developmental delay, and history of consanguinity. A clinical diagnostic problem solved by this new technique. 2013 Annual Meeting European Society of Human Genetics, Paris, France, June 8-11.

Lacassie Y and Narayanan M. Maternal Uniparental Disomy 16 in an infant with intrauterine growth retardation, dysmorphic features, multiple congenital anomalies and dermatoglyphics features

suggestive of chromosomal abnormalities: A neglected consideration. 63rd Annual Meeting of the American Society of Human Genetics, Boston, MA, October 22-26, 2013.

Lacassie Y. CLOVE Syndrome: Case Report Illustrating Genetic and Non-Genetic Issues in the Practice of Clinical Genetics. 2014 Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting ACMG / 45th Annual March of Dimes Clinical Genetics Conference, Nashville, TN, March 25-29.

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Qu H, Tong S, **Song K,** Ma H, Bao G, **Pincus S,** Zhou W, O'Connor C. Controllable in situ synthesis of magnetite coated silica-core water-dispersible hybrid nanomaterials. Langmuir. 2013 Aug 20;29(33):10573-8.

CODING TIPS

There are several factors that affect code selection for an office visit. The note must clearly match the billed level. Thus the ROS and PFSH sections are to be completed or noted reviewed from prior visit. There are 5 levels for office visits. The more risk and workup indicated in the medical records will substantiate the code. However, if a patient is seen who is stable with no complaints, there is nothing to back up a high level being billed. The highest level will rarely be found unless the patient is in a critical state, pending admission to the hospital or extensive time is clearly documented. Auditors for insurance carriers review the charts based on published guidelines. Should a particular item not be found in the medical record, the claim will be considered over coded. The rule still applies: not documented, not done.

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NEW ARRIVALS



Dania Felipe, MD and her husband Ryan welcomed a handsome baby boy to their family on August 1st. Henry James Fitzmorris weighed 8 lbs, 14 oz and measured 22½ inches.



Heena Shah, MD, Allergy/Immunology Fellow, and her husband Ankit welcomed a beautiful baby girl on September 3rd. Nola Patel weighed 5 lbs, 11 oz and measured 18 inches.

DEPARTMENT CALENDAR

December 20	Holiday Party Tower 2 Conference Center
December 24- January 1	Christmas and New Year's Holidays
January 20	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday



Happy Holidays!

