



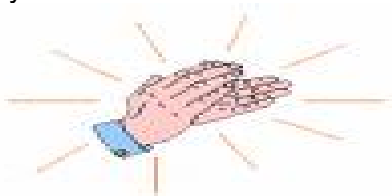
Departmental News

Department of Pediatrics ~ LSUMC New Orleans

NEW PUBLICATIONS

Congratulations to **Dr. Abraham Gedalia**, who contributed four chapters to the prestigious *Nelson Textbook of Pediatrics*, 18th Edition, 2007. The four chapters are: *Behçet Disease* (Chapter 160); *Sjögren Syndrome* (Chapter 161); *Hereditary Periodic Fever Syndromes* (Chapter 162); and *Amyloidosis* (Chapter 163). In addition, he also is the author of an article that appeared last month in yet another publication: *Kawasaki Disease: 40 years after the original report*. *Current Rheumatology Reports* 9(4) 2007.

Dr. Yves Lacassie, Professor of Pediatrics and Head of the Division of Genetics, is co-author of a case report, "17 β -hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase 3 deficiency in a male pseudohermaphrodite", now in press with *Fertility and Sterility*. This was a collaborative work with reproductive endocrinologist and former LSU Health Sciences Center Chancellor, **Dr. John A. Rock**, along with Drs. Lindsay M. Mains (main author), Babak Vakili, Stefan Andersson, and Annika Lindqvist. Dr. Mains, an Ob-Gyn, also worked for a time at Children's Hospital in New Orleans and is planning to return after completing her fellowship in Iowa City.



RECOGNITION

The LSU-Children's Hospital Neurofibromatosis Clinic (NF) has been accepted as one of the affiliate clinics of the Children's Tumor Foundation NF Clinic Network. This clinic was organized by **Dr. Lacassie** in March 1994. **Karen Weissbecker, Ph.D.**, who has been the Co-Director and Coordinator of this clinic since its inception, prepared the application required for acceptance into the Network. **Dr. Michael Marble** alternates with Dr. Lacassie in covering the Neurofibromatosis Clinic.



WELCOME TO NEW FACULTY!

Our warmest welcome to **Dr. Andrea Hauser**, who recently joined Drs. Robin English, Simone Fogarasi, and Jay Hescocock in the hospitalist group. Dr. Hauser just completed her residency and chief residency at Miami Children's Hospital.

ALL ABOUT OUR MED STUDENTS

Sixteen juniors took the National Board of Medical Examiners Shelf Exam in Pediatrics on Aug. 31st. On Sept. 4th, 13 seniors began Block III Pediatrics rotations, nine at Children's Hospital and four out of state. And on Sept. 28th, 22 students will complete Block I and take their National Board exam.

Junior Pediatrics Block 2 will begin Oct. 1st. Forty-two students will rotate through Children's Hospital during their third year Pediatrics clerkship from Oct. 1st through Dec. 21st.

A new senior block also will begin Oct. 1st. There are four acting interns. One student will rotate through the new NICU. One will take the Clinical Genetics and Metabolic Diseases elective. One student will take the new combined PER/Clinics elective. There will be one student in Lafayette and one in Baton Rouge. Five students will take electives out of state. In mid-October, a visiting student from LSU Shreveport will begin an acting internship.

Another student from Medical College of Virginia will do a clinics elective, beginning Oct. 22nd.

To date, 19 students have requested and received letters of recommendation from Dr. Ricardo Sorensen. Margaret Fanning, Coordinator of Student Teaching Programs, reports that this senior class shows great interest in Pediatrics and Internal Medicine/Pediatrics as careers.



JOIN US AT THE SYMPOSIUM!

Med students, residents, fellows, faculty—all are invited to attend a day-long workshop on Immunodeficiency Diseases on Friday, November 30th at the St. Charles Hilton Hotel, 333 St. Charles Ave. The second annual Primary Immunodeficiency Diseases for the General Practitioner Course will cover the following topics: (1) Autoimmunity in primary immunodeficiencies; (2) Memory B cells and the evaluation of antibody immunity; (3) New frontiers in antibody therapy; (4) Recurrent fever syndromes; (5) Radiosensitivity and DNA repair; (6) Pharmaceutical treatment of molecular defects; (7) The health impact of primary immunodeficiency diseases, plus (8) Five case reports related to the above topics. For details, contact Vicki Salloum-Holley at (504) 896-9800.



HAVING FUN AT THE ZOO

The second annual Kids' Day will be held on December 1st from 10am-3pm at the Audubon Zoo. This activity is sponsored by the Jeffrey Modell Foundation and corresponds with the workshop on Immunodeficiency Diseases, to be held on November 30th. Attendees will include patients with primary immune deficiencies and their families. Last year's event was attended by

patients from across Louisiana. Contact **Dr. Ken Paris** at (504) 896-9589 if you'd like more information. Strict handwashing after touching animals will be implemented!

BENEFITING THE CHILDREN

Our endocrinologists **Drs. Stuart Chalew, Alfonso Vargas and Ricardo Gomez** will soon participate in an international study of Exubera, an insulin that can be inhaled rather than injected. Dr. Chalew said that the inhaled insulin will reduce the number of insulin shots that diabetes patients have to take each day. This will make it easier for kids to take care of their diabetes. In October, the investigators will start recruiting children with Type I diabetes to participate in the study, sponsored by the research-based pharmaceutical company Pfizer. Participants will range from age six to 17. For further information please contact Joi Bacchus RN, at 504-894-5377.

ABSTRACT DEADLINE

The Southern Regional Meeting of the American Federation for Medical Research and Participating Societies will be held February 21-23, 2008, at the Hotel Inter-Continental in New Orleans. The abstract deadline is October 16th. You can register for the meetings and workshops online at www.cme.tulane.edu.

Due to the success of the SSCI Nephrology Young Investigator Forum and the SSCI Oncology Young Investigator Forum, both programs will be continued for trainees in 2008. The two forums will be at the Inter-Continental on Wednesday, February 20th (one day before the Southern Regional Meeting). These postgraduate competitions are designed to create a subspecialty forum for oral presentation for Nephrology and Oncology trainees (Fellows only). Go to www.sscweb.org if you'd like more information about both forums.

Submissions for the next issue of the newsletter must be given to Vicki Salloum-Holley **NO LATER THAN** October 20th. You can reach Vicki by telephone (504-896-9800), FAX (504-896-2720), or e-mail (vsallo@lsuhsc.edu). All information is subject to Dr. Sorensen's approval.

Also, remember to send any changes or updates for our Departmental Website to Vicki.