Graduate Medical Education 2008 Annual Report

Children's Mercy Hospital
Dear Friends,

Children’s Mercy has a long and proud history as an academic medical center, training generations of new pediatricians and pediatric subspecialists over the years to provide outstanding medical and surgical care for the children of our region and our nation. Each year we add new programs and new enhancements to our graduate medical education program, and 2008 was no exception. We hope you will take a few moments to read this year’s GME annual report to learn more about the great strides we are making in preparing the physicians who will provide care for the children of tomorrow.

We are exceptionally proud of the care that is provided to patients by our residents and fellows every day here at Children’s Mercy, and of the high-quality care that is provided to children throughout our region and the nation by the pediatricians and subspecialists who received their training here. Our graduate medical education programs are committed to continuing that tradition of quality and excellence for the physicians and children of the future for many years to come.
message from GME Leadership

2008 was a very good year for Graduate Medical Education (GME) at Children’s Mercy. We welcomed several visiting professors. Dr. Michael Shannon from Boston Children’s Hospital in Toxicology came in January; Dr. Basil Zitelli from Pittsburgh Children’s Hospital in General Pediatrics was here in May; and Dr. Sheldon Kaplan from Texas Children’s Hospital in Infectious Disease came in September. In addition, Dr. Georges Bordage, one of the best known medical educators in the country, visited in June for Grand Rounds and the presentation of a faculty workshop. These visiting professors greatly contributed to improving the medical knowledge of our trainees and faculty, but also to creating a rich learning environment. Their visits are detailed inside.

GME grew in other ways as well. Inside you will learn about changes in leadership in our Pediatric Residency Program and the exciting accomplishments of our residents and faculty. We’ll profile what’s happening in our fellowship programs and the involvement of many of our faculty members in the new Teaching Scholars Program at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine.

Teresa Shepherd has joined us in GME as the new Manager of Continuing Medical Education for Children’s Mercy. Under Teresa’s leadership we expect our GME programs to flourish. Our goal is to have our teaching conferences such as Grand Rounds accessible to trainees, faculty and our community physicians from the convenience of their desk top computer.

It’s now easier than ever to learn about Children’s Mercy educational programs. From the public Web site click on the Medical Education button and you will be taken to a newly designed “landing page.” From there you can explore all that the world of GME has to offer. If you are alumni, be sure to visit our alumni center on the Children’s Mercy Web site. Lastly, please plan to join us for our annual Clinical Advances in Pediatrics (CAPS) Symposium in November.

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– Henry Brooks Adams

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Children’s Mercy continues enhancing its track record of attracting the best and brightest candidates committed to excelling in their chosen pediatric subspecialty by providing them experience in pediatric education, research, administration, and clinical care.

In 2008, Children’s Mercy had a total of 45 fellows enrolled in 23 out of the 25 fellowships programs. The diverse mix of fellows included physicians from as far away as Romania, as well as many from nearby medical schools.

This past year, 25 fellows graduated from the different programs, with 11 joining the Children’s Mercy faculty and the remainder pursuing additional training or private practice.

“The Children’s Mercy fellowship programs provide the opportunity to develop into a top-notch physician, with expertise in clinical care, academic teaching, and conducting research,” explains Dr. Jane Knapp, Associate Chair for Education, and Professor of Pediatrics, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine.

The hospital currently offers the following fellowship programs:

- Allergy/Asthma & Immunology
- Child Abuse & Neglect (Children at Risk)
- Child Neurology
- Clinical Pharmacology
- Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics
- Neonatal-Perinatal Pediatrics
- Pediatric Critical Care Medicine
- Pediatric Dentistry
- Pediatric Dermatology
- Pediatric Emergency Medicine
- Pediatric Endocrinology
- Pediatric Gastroenterology
- Pediatric Hematology/Oncology
- Pediatric Infectious Disease
- Pediatric Nephrology
- Pediatric Ophthalmology
- Pediatric Optometry
- Pediatric Otolaryngology
- Pediatric Pathology
- Pediatric Radiology
- Pediatric Rehabilitation
- Pediatric Surgery
- Plastic & Craniofacial Surgery
- Surgical Critical Care
- Surgical Scholars

“Our fellows experience a comprehensive program that encourages them to grow, thrive, and ultimately succeed in their chosen subspecialty. As future fellowship programs will be added, Children’s Mercy will continue to be on the forefront of providing superb training for the next generation of pediatric subspecialists,” says Dr. Knapp.

Dr. Chuck Gars, Senior Surgery Fellow (left), examines a patient with Dr. Whitfield Holcomb.
For over 50 years, the Allergy/Immunology Training Program has been a part of Children’s Mercy. With the field rapidly changing, the Allergy, Asthma & Immunology fellowship program has evolved as well. Research interests of our 10 faculty members vary from the genetics of asthma; latex, food and drug allergy; to the role of the environment in atopic diseases. The diverse experiences and excellent training continue to make our program highly sought after and deserving of its national reputation.

**Allergy/Immunology**

**Fellows 2007 – June 2008**  
Russell Perry 4  
Steve Handoyo 4

**Fellows 2008 – Present**  
Russell Perry 5  
Steve Handoyo 5  
Daniel Arnold 4  
Thomas Lupoli 4

**Graduates 2008:**  
- Julie McNairn – Private Practice, Cincinnati, Ohio  
- Greg Pendell – Private Practice, Virginia Beach, Virginia  
- Chrissy Ciaccio – Academic Practice, Children’s Mercy Hospitals and Clinics, Kansas City, Missouri

**2008 Publications**  

**2008 Presentations**  

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**Child Abuse Pediatrics**

The Child Abuse Pediatrics Fellowship Program at Children’s Mercy aims to produce clinicians, researchers and educators skilled in the forensic evaluation of suspected abuse. As members of a newly approved pediatric specialty, Child Abuse Pediatrics must master the existing necessary skills and knowledge, while at the same time forge a new frontier in medicine. Participating in this exciting process requires a broad set of diagnostic, administrative, research and communication skills. With a busy clinical practice, affiliations with local, regional and national organizations, and an active research program, the Child Abuse Pediatrics Fellowship Program prepares fellows for an effective, fulfilling career.

**Fellows 2008 – 2009**  
Angela Rabbit 5

**Graduates 2008:**  
- Julie McNairn – Private Practice, Cincinnati, Ohio  
- Greg Pendell – Private Practice, Virginia Beach, Virginia  
- Chrissy Ciaccio – Academic Practice, Children’s Mercy Hospitals and Clinics, Kansas City, Missouri

**2008 Publications**  

**2008 Presentations**  

**2008 Abstracts**  
Child Neurology

The field of child neurology is growing. New scientific discoveries are linking neurology, genetics, and other medical fields around the world. Both regional and national shortages of child neurologists prompted the Section of Child Neurology at Children’s Mercy to develop a fellowship program, which is the only child neurology fellowship between St. Louis and Denver. The Children’s Mercy Child Neurology Fellowship Program accepts one fellow each year.

In addition to their clinical training, fellows have the opportunity to participate in the Missouri Valley Child Neurology Colloquium, a single day meeting designed to provide child neurologists, neuro-developmental pediatricians, residents and fellows a forum for clinical presentations, current topic reviews, and networking in the Missouri Valley region.

Sponsorship of the colloquium rotates between Children’s Mercy, St. Louis University and Washington University. Children’s Mercy will serve as the event sponsor in 2010.

Fellows 2008 - Present
- Kadry Allaboun 5
- Mamon Maiteh 5
- Jennifer Yuen 3

Graduates 2008:
- Husam Kayyali – Currently completing a neurophysiology fellowship at the Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, Ohio

2008 Publications

2008 Presentations
- Kayyali HR, “A young child with pica and encephalitis” at the 2nd Annual Missouri Valley Child Neurology Colloquium, February 8, 2008.

Child Psychology

The Section of Developmental and Behavioral Sciences at Children’s Mercy sponsors the post-doctoral fellowship program in Clinical Child Psychology. This fellowship provides advanced training in clinical child psychology that allows the fellow to develop and hone a high level of skill in particular areas of interest. The fellow also develops administrative and supervision skills, as they will serve as mentors to the psychology internship class and directly supervise practicum students.

Fellows 2008 – 2009
- Matthew Wassom – Academic Practice, Children’s Mercy Hospitals and Clinics, Kansas City, Missouri

Graduates 2007:
- Leafar Espinoza – Enrolled in Masters of Public Health (MPH) Program at Johns Hopkins Hospital
The Children’s Mercy Craniomaxillofacial Surgery Fellowship Program in the section of Pediatric Plastic Surgery at Children’s Mercy provides comprehensive training in all aspects of this subspecialty including craniosynostosis, all types of craniofacial distraction, craniofacial reconstruction for variety of conditions, orthognathic surgery, and cleft lip and palate surgery. In addition to a very busy operating and clinic schedule, there is ample onsite opportunity to perform clinical and or basic research. Rotating plastic surgery residents from the University of Kansas and medical students from the University of Missouri-Kansas City add to the academic tone of this fellowship.”

Dr. Virender Singh, Pediatric Craniomaxillofacial Surgery Fellowship Program Director

The ability to deliver the promise of Personalized Medicine requires the involvement of physicians and biomedical scientists who have unique expertise in pharmacology, therapeutics and translational science. Since 1999, the Division of Pediatric Pharmacology and Medical Toxicology at Children’s Mercy has trained and educated eight postdoctoral fellows in Pediatric Clinical Pharmacology; three of whom have joined the faculty and are members of our new Center for Personalized Medicine and Therapeutic Innovation. The Pediatric Clinical Pharmacology Program at Children’s Mercy has distinguished itself by being the largest and only accredited (by the American Board of Clinical Pharmacology) program of its kind in the United States.

Dr. Gregory Kearns
Clinical Pharmacology Fellowship Program Director

Graduates 2008:
- Bridgette L. Jones – Academic Practice, Children’s Mercy Hospitals and Clinics, Kansas City, Missouri

2008 Publications

2008 Presentations:

2008 Abstracts

The Children’s Mercy Craniofacial Surgery Fellowship Program has recruited our first fellow who began in July 2009.

The one-year program will provide the fellow the skills to manage complicated pediatric craniofacial patients with a large interdisciplinary cleft-craniofacial team approach in a tertiary hospital setting. The fellow will have the opportunity to experience the preoperative evaluation, treatment planning, operative treatment, and postoperative management of patients with congenital and acquired craniofacial and pediatric plastic surgery diagnoses. The fellow will also participate in clinical research during this one year program.

Dr. Virender Singh, Pediatric Craniofacial Surgery Fellowship Program Director
**Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics**

We are immensely grateful to the Hall Family Foundation for their critical role in the initiation and development of the Developmental-Behavioral Fellowship Programs at both the Children’s Mercy Hospitals and Clinics and the University of Kansas Medical Center.

**Fellows 2007 - 2008**

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**Graduates 2008:**

- Sarah Nyp – Academic Practice, Children’s Mercy Hospitals and Clinics, Kansas City, Missouri

**2008 Presentations**


**Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics Fellowship Program Director**

Dr. Carol Garrison

It is estimated that up to 25 percent of children are affected by a developmental-behavioral concern. The focus of this field is on the cognitive, social, emotional, and behavioral well-being of all children. The field strives to appreciate and understand both normal and atypical development and behavior in the pediatric population.

The Developmental-Behavioral Pediatric Fellowship at Children’s Mercy was initiated in July 2000. Accredited in 2004, this three-year fellowship is designed to provide a comprehensive clinical, educational and research experience for the fellow. Through extensive clinical and didactic experiences, the fellow gains understanding and expertise in a variety of developmental-behavioral concerns such as cognitive/adaptive disabilities, language disorders, autism spectrum conditions, attention deficit disorders, and both internalizing and externalizing disorders. In this underserved field, the goal of this program is to train Developmental-Behavioral Pediatricians who will serve as future leaders in the field.

**Critical Care Medicine**

The Children’s Mercy Critical Care Medicine Fellowship Program was developed and accredited by the ACGME in 2008. Our first fellow started in July of 2009.

The three-year program will prepare the trainee and allow the development of a strong foundation of knowledge of critical care medicine, confidence in the proficiency for providing clinical care to critically ill children in a compassionate and ethical manner, and technical expertise with invasive diagnostic and therapeutic procedures necessary for providing critical care to children.

Additionally, the fellowship provides experience with administrative and management skills required to direct a Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) and Critical Care Program, to effectively teach the physicians, nurses and other allied health care workers, and the ability to effectively utilize the team approach to both clinical and academic critical care medicine and to recognize the importance of such an approach.

**Critical Care Medicine Fellowship Program Director**

Dr. Kelly Tieves

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Pediatric Dentistry

The Pediatric Dentistry Graduate program is sponsored by Children’s Mercy and is affiliated with the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Dentistry. The comprehensive health care environment provided by the hospital includes clinical services, research and teaching efforts that are designed to serve today’s and tomorrow’s children.

Likewise the mission of the Children’s Mercy Department of Dentistry is to provide patients and their families with the highest level of pediatric dentistry, technology, services, equipment, and facilities in promoting the health and well being of children in the greater Kansas City metropolitan area as well as numerous neighboring communities.

To that end, the current graduate program in pediatric dentistry offers emergency dental treatment to any child with an acute dental problem or a traumatic injury 24 hours a day, comprehensive dental care to normally developing children, medically compromised children and children with developmental disabilities, as well as preventive dental care and patient/parent education. Additionally, the program offers a dental center to which other health care providers can refer patients that need specialty-level care.

Fellows 2008 - 2009
- Emily Day 2
- Rachael Graue 2
- Travis Giese 1
- Tyler Shawcroft 1

Graduates 2008:
- Rachael Graue – Academic Practice, Children’s Mercy Hospitals and Clinics, Kansas City, Missouri
- Jaime (Jaax) Stinnett – Private Practice, Overland Park, Kansas
- Travis Olson – Private Practice, Fargo, North Dakota

2008 Publications and Presentations

Dr. Brenda Bohaty
Pediatric Dentistry Fellowship Program Director

Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine

The Neonatal-Perinatal (NPM) Fellowship training program at Children’s Mercy has been in existence since 1973. Trainees explore a variety of educational media in the scientific approach and clinical skills’ acquisition necessary for understanding and treating disorders of the fetus and newborn. By the end of the three-year NPM training, the trainee would have achieved proficiency in the clinical practice, teaching, research, and administration of health care delivery to the neonate. Fellows contribute to the curriculum design and development through their participation in quarterly meetings of the Fellowship Oversight Committee.

Fellows 2008 - 2009
- Candena Allenbrand PGY 4
- Christina Peacock PGY 4
- Danielle Reed PGY 4
- Julie Weiner PGY 5
- Dena Hubbard PGY 6
- Joshua Petrikin PGY 6

Graduates 2008:
- Lynn O’Hanlon – Private Practice, Omaha, Nebraska
- Shawn Sweeney – Private Practice, Portland, Oregon

2008 Publications
- Hubbard CK, Sandritter T, Ravey D, Harvey B, Paloski E. Safety of a low dose Naloxone infusion in NICU patients. Poster Presentation; May 3, 2009; Annual Meeting of the Pediatric Academic Societies, Baltimore, MD
- Petkine JE, Gaedigk R, Leoeder JS, Truong W. Developmental expression of toll-like receptors in human fetal lung tissue. Poster Presentation; May 4, 2009; Annual Meeting of the Pediatric Academic Societies, Baltimore, MD
- O’Hanlon L, Thornall K, Castrillón K, Killianie M. Long-term outcome of infants <501g BW compared to matched ELBW infants 601-800g BW. Poster Presentation; May 4, 2009; Annual Meeting of the Pediatric Academic Societies, Baltimore, MD

2008 Presentations-Abstracts/Manuscripts

Dr. Felix Okah
Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine Fellowship Program Director

Dr. Charisse Lachica
Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine Fellowship Assistant Program Director
Pediatric Emergency Medicine

Diversity in scholarly interests continues to be a mainstay of the fellowship. Fellows are currently working on projects that include: bedside ultrasound in the management of skin abscesses, nasal pupillometry to detect increased intracranial pressure, new techniques for digital nerve blocks, assessment of barriers and opportunities for pediatric trauma education in the community hospital, the effect of language on length of stay, difficult intravenous access in children, and understanding the 911 system with regard to Spanish-speaking families.

Dr. Chris Kennedy
Pediatric Emergency Medicine Fellowship Program Director

The Children’s Mercy Pediatric Emergency Medicine Fellowship Program celebrated 25 years of training in 2008. In order to continue to provide excellence in academic training, this year the program has added a small group web-based problem-based learning curriculum for toxicology. Additional refinements include increased high fidelity simulation team training and procedural skill assessment.

Dr. Joan Giovanni
Pediatric Emergency Medicine Fellowship Program Assistant Director

Graduates 2008:
• Maria Gales – Academic Practice, Methodist Children’s Hospital, San Antonio, Texas
• Joan Giovanni – Academic Practice, Children’s Mercy Hospitals and Clinics, Kansas City, Missouri
• Lina Patel – Academic Practice, Children’s Mercy Hospitals and Clinics, Kansas City, Missouri

2008 Presentations


Pediatric Dermatology

The Children’s Mercy Pediatric Dermatology Fellowship Program is one of only 20 programs accredited by the American Board of Dermatology in the country. We offer a one-year fellowship in the specialized field of Pediatric Dermatology. The fellow is mentored by physicians in the Section of Dermatology who are board certified in Pediatrics and/or Dermatology.

During training, fellows diagnose and manage dermatologic diseases for neonates, infants, children, and adolescents in the outpatient clinic setting and on the inpatient consultation service. They also participate in multidisciplinary clinics and procedural clinics including vascular and laser clinic and genetic skin disease clinic.

The fellows also teach medical students, residents, and other health care professionals how to care for pediatric patients with skin disorders. Fellows also participate in clinical research and have the opportunity to present their research at regional and national academic meetings.

Graduates 2008:
• Teresa Wright – Academic Practice, Texas Children’s Hospital, Houston, Texas

2008 Presentations
Wright T, Ineni KA, Jacobson J, Nopper AJ. “Albright’s hereditary osteodystrophy/pseudohypoparathyroidism type 1a presenting as subcutaneous calcification in an infant”, case report, Society for Pediatric Dermatology, 34th Annual Meeting in Snowbird, Utah, July 9-12, 2008.

The Children’s Mercy Pediatric Medicine Fellowship Program

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Fellows 2008 - Present

Greig Canty 6
Keren Cedillos 5
Tricia Falgana 5
Bernie Johnson 4
Michael Levias 4
Michael Riker 6
Shayna Smith 4
Jennifer Wang 5
Jennifer Watts 6

2008 Publications and Presentations


Pediatric Gastroenterology

The Pediatric Gastroenterology Fellowship Program is an ACGME accredited three-year program that leads to certification by the American Board of Pediatrics in Pediatric Gastroenterology. The program began in 2005 and accepts one fellow per year.

The fellowship program provides a wide variety of clinical experiences within the Children’s Mercy network. Expertise in gastrointestinal luminal disease including inflammatory bowel disease, liver disease, transplant hepatology, nutrition, and functional disease is expected during the program. The fellow gains clinical experience during the first year with advancement to research activities during the second and third year. Endoscopic procedures are learned throughout the fellowship and are considered an integral part of the program.

Upon completion of the fellowship the physician will be board eligible in Pediatric Gastroenterology and able to assume a faculty position in this subspecialty. Opportunities for research will enable the subspecialist to pursue further academic efforts if desired.

The broad clinical base and knowledgeable faculty provide the opportunity for excellence in training in Pediatric Gastroenterology.

Fellows 2008-2009

Christopher (Randy) Blue  5
Julia Broussand   6
Dee A. Spade   5

Graduates 2008:
• Amy VanMorlan – Academic practice, University of Missouri, Columbia
• Mark Clements – Academic practice, Children’s Mercy Hospitals and Clinics, Kansas City, Missouri

2008 Presentations


Pediatric Endocrinology

The Pediatric Endocrinology Fellowship Program at Children’s Mercy, in conjunction with the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine, creates and maintains an environment in which the trainees receive the highest possible quality of teaching in the scientific approach to the diagnosis and management of endocrine disorders. The mission of the program is, to further, identify and to teach fellows the skills that will allow them to contribute to the body of knowledge upon which advances in medical care are based. The endocrine fellowship program seeks to equip trainees with the skills and attitudes both to be life-long learners and to be teachers of families of their patients, of fellow physicians, and of professionals in allied health disciplines.

Fellows 2008-2009

PGY

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Julia Broussand   6
Dee A. Spade   5

Graduates 2008:
• Amy VanMorlan – Academic practice, University of Missouri, Columbia
• Mark Clements – Academic practice, Children’s Mercy Hospitals and Clinics, Kansas City, Missouri

2008 Presentations


The field of pediatric infectious diseases requires a passion for investigation, well developed critical thinking skills, and an interest in the microbiology involved in infectious processes. The Children’s Mercy Pediatric Infectious Diseases fellows are trained to evaluate each patient thoroughly with an emphasis on physical diagnostic skills, as well as complementary laboratory testing to confirm a diagnosis.

The Fellowship Program encourages pursuit of academic accomplishments outside of the Infectious Disease Section, and supports fellows whose initiative takes them to pursue an advanced degree or international patient care endeavors. The field of infectious diseases is unique in that it truly allows for patient care opportunities in every pediatric subspecialty.

### Fellows 2008

- **Christopher Day**
  - PGY: 4

### Graduates 2008:

- Angela L. Myers – Academic Practice, Children’s Mercy Hospitals and Clinics, Kansas City, Missouri

### 2008 Publications, Abstracts, and Presentations


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The Division of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology includes the Section of Hematology with a strong Sickle Cell Program that follows approximately 300 sickle cell patients, a Regional Hemophilia Treatment Center, and an active Coagulation/Thrombosis service.

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### Fellows 2008-2009

- **Marquelle Dean**
  - PGY: 4
- **Tristan Flatt**
  - PGY: 5
- **Kevin Ginn**
  - PGY: 4
- **Erin Guest**
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Pediatric Ophthalmology

Dr. Scott Olitsky
Pediatric Ophthalmology Fellowship Program Director

Regularly scheduled journal conferences and pediatric ophthalmology grand rounds are provided and research opportunities are available.

Fellows 2009:
• Don Sauberan

Graduates 2008
• Lee Woodward – Academic Practice, Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Center, Moshi, Tanzania

Pediatric Nephrology

Dr. Doug Blowey
Pediatric Nephrology Fellowship Program Director

Established in 1989, the ACGME accredited Pediatric Nephrology Fellowship Program at Children’s Mercy has had 17 trainees participate in the program. The fellowship is a three-year program that blends an in-depth clinical experience with opportunities for basic and clinical research.

The over 5,000 patients per year seen by the Nephrology section provides a practical experience in evaluating and managing a wide range of kidney disease. Included in the diverse experience is caring for the 15 kidney transplants performed each year, managing the 25 children receiving chronic dialysis each year, and having the opportunity to prescribe all forms of acute and chronic dialysis. An expanded education is available in one of the many specialty services provided by the diverse faculty including a bone-mineral metabolism clinic, hypertension clinic, lupus clinic, and the clinic for end-stage renal disease.

All fellows participate in one or more clinical or bench research projects based on their own interests. Over 50 publications have resulted directly from the research work of past fellows and several projects have been selected for awards and presentation at national meetings.

Fellows 2008
PGY
Basema Dibas 2
Judit Sebestyen 1

2008 Publications, Abstracts, and Presentations

2008 Publications, Abstracts, and Presentations

Dr. Scott Olitsky
Pediatric Ophthalmology Fellowship Program Director

The Children’s Mercy Pediatric Ophthalmology Fellowship Program is a one-year fellowship that is approved and accredited by the American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus (AAPOS). The fellowship provides a comprehensive experience in the field of pediatric ophthalmology and adult strabismus and will provide the graduating fellow with the experience necessary to enter either private practice or an academic career.

The fellow is exposed to every aspect of the field with a large number of complex strabismus cases, cataracts, glaucoma and retinopathy of prematurity (both screening and treatment). In addition to pediatric ophthalmologists, the fellow spends time and operates with glaucoma, retina, oculoplastic and ocular oncology surgeons on a regular basis. The fellow participates in both routine and complex strabismus and intraocular surgery as well as adult strabismus surgeries that take place at outside locations. The fellow can expect to participate in several hundred surgical cases during the year.

Fellows 2009:
• Don Sauberan

Graduates 2008
• Lee Woodward – Academic Practice, Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Center, Moshi, Tanzania

2008 Publications, Abstracts, and Presentations

2008 Publications, Abstracts, and Presentations
Pediatric Optometry

Dr. Tim Hug
Pediatric Optometry Fellowship Program Director

The Residency Program in Pediatric Optometry at Children’s Mercy provides qualified optometrists with advanced clinical education in the diagnosis and management of eye and vision problems encountered in pediatric eye care.

These include, but are not limited to: amblyopia, strabismus, ocular pathology, refractive errors, developmental delays and premature birth. In addition to the clinic duties, the resident is required to attend bi-monthly lectures, present journal articles at quarterly journal club, and participate in “residency days” at the University of Missouri-St. Louis (UMSL), with a case report presentation.

Fellows 2008
- Ghadeer Makoshi

Graduates for 2008
- Amy Langford – Academic Practice, Children’s Mercy Hospitals and Clinics, Kansas City, Missouri

Pediatric Otolaryngology

Dr. Pamela Nicklaus
Pediatric Otolaryngology Fellowship Program Director

“The Children’s Mercy Otorhinolaryngology Fellowship Program, sponsored by the hospital and in partnership with The University of Kansas Department of Otolaryngology, provides an equal balance of clinical, surgical, teaching, research and education. We’re pleased and excited that the program has matched outstanding fellows for 2009-2010 and 2010-2011.”

Dr. Pamela Nicklaus, Fellowship Director Associate Professor Department of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery, University of Kansas Medical School

The Children’s Mercy Otolaryngology Fellowship Program successfully matched our first fellow who began in July 2009 and the ACGME accreditation is in process.

The one-year program will provide the fellow the skills to manage complicated pediatric otolaryngology patients with a multidisciplinary approach in a tertiary hospital setting. The fellow will have opportunity in the clinical, operative and inpatient settings to evaluate and care for these patients and their families. The fellow will also participate in clinical research during this one year program. There will be an option for the fellow to participate in a medical mission trip at the end of their fellowship year.
Pediatric Pathology

The Children’s Mercy Pediatric Pathology and Lab Fellowship Program has been in existence since 2001. Training is for one year and the program is accredited by the ACGME. Training is designed to impart special knowledge and understanding of disease causality, natural history, and diagnostic, prognostic and monitoring techniques used in medical evaluations. Training is designed to lead to competence in applying and interpreting this knowledge as clinical circumstances warrant and in a fashion that expedites quality care in a cost effective manner.

There are comprehensive testing capabilities that trainees will be exposed to including immunohistochemistry, flow cytometry, toxicology, cytogenetics, F.1.S.H., and Microarrays for genomic hybridization. The department processes approximately 7,800 surgicals, 45 autopsies, and 4,000 cytogenetic samples per year and is staffed by 14 MDs and PhDs. Forensic and placental pathology rotations occur at two adjacent affiliated institutions including high-risk obstetrical services.

Fellows 2008
•  Sheelah Changho

Graduates 2008
•  Sultan Habeebu

“Children’s Mercy offers to its pathology trainees an amazing diversity of cases that range from uniquely exotic to the more common occurrences. The faculty and the resources within the department allow for a wholesome learning experience.”

Dr. Vivekanand Singh, Pediatric Pathology and Lab Fellowship Incoming Program Director

Pediatric Radiology

Pediatric Radiology is a specialty in growing demand across the country. The Pediatric Radiology Fellowship Program at Children’s Mercy is meeting this demand by offering up to three positions per year in a one-year (optional subspecialty second year) fellowship program, which is approved and accredited by the ACGME. The fellowship training meets or exceeds all requirements leading to CAQ (certificate of added qualification) offered through the American Board of Radiology.

Pediatric radiology fellows are given graded responsibility as they progress through curricula with specific goals and objectives in all imaging subspecialty areas including cross sectional imaging (US, MRI, CT), neuroradiology, interventional, fluoroscopy, nuclear medicine and general radiology (outpatient, intensive care). A core competency-based, organized program of training is planned for the fellows so that they will be successful in either a private practice or academic environment.

Fellows July 2008   PGY
Jeremy Fullingim  6

Dr. James Brown
Pediatric Radiology Fellowship Program Director

Dr. Kristen Fickenscher
Pediatric Radiology Fellowship Incoming Program Director

2008 Publications, Abstracts and Presentations


Dr. Robert Rinaldi
Pediatric Rehabilitation Medicine Fellowship Program

The Pediatric Rehabilitation Medicine Fellowship at Children’s Mercy is a two-year training program designed to develop advanced competency based proficiency, skills, and knowledge in the diagnosis and treatment of children with disabilities.

The clinical and didactic experiences are intended to expand the fellow’s knowledge of pediatric conditions resulting in disability, including traumatic brain injury, spinal cord injury, cerebral palsy, neuromuscular disease, neural tube defects, amputations and others, and will prepare them for a successful pediatric rehabilitation practice. It was the third pediatric rehabilitation medicine fellowship program in the country to receive national accreditation, and remains at the forefront of pediatric rehabilitation medicine training development and education.

Dr. George W. Holcomb III
Pediatric Surgery Fellowship Program Director

The Children’s Mercy ACGME-approved Pediatric Surgery Fellowship Program began in 1975. The nine pediatric surgeons who serve as the teaching staff for the training program include: George W. Holcomb, III, MD, MBA (Program Director), Ronald Sharp, MD, J Patrick Murphy, MD, Charles Snyder, MD, Walter Andrews, MD, John Gatti, MD, Daniel Ostlie, MD, Shawn St. Peter, MD, and Romano DeMarco, MD.

The pediatric surgical educational experience for the two residents includes didactic conferences, daily teaching rounds, outpatient and follow-up clinic evaluations, and one-on-one experience in the operating room. The scope of the educational program is broad, with active resident participation in all areas of pediatric surgery, including renal and liver transplantation and minimally invasive surgery.

Pediatric urology is an important part of the pediatric surgical experience since three of the faculty are board certified in pediatric urology. Seven of the nine faculty members practice the entire spectrum of pediatric urology as well as the more traditional pediatric surgical specialties. A major portion of the airway endoscopy and reconstruction cases are performed by the pediatric surgical service.

Graduates for 2008:
- Troy Spilde – General & Specialty Surgery Clinic, St. John’s Hospital, Springfield, Missouri

2008 Publications
The Surgical Critical Care fellowship is a one-year fellowship designed to train surgeons in the management of surgical critical care. The primary emphasis is on pediatric surgical critical care, however, the finishing fellow is eligible to sit for the Surgical Critical Care boards which is primarily adult critical care. The primary emphasis is on pediatric surgical critical care.

2008 Fellows
- John Cordova, July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009

2008 Fellowship Graduates
- Pablo Aguayo – Completed training in June 2008. Currently a Surgical Scholar fellow in the Department of Surgery.

2008 Publications


Surgical Scholars

2008 Publications


2008 Presentations


Hockler SJ, Yang VC, Holcomb JB III, Ostlie DJ, St. Peter SD: Contemporary Practice Patterns in the Surgical Management of Hirschsprung’s Disease American Academy of Pediatrics, Boston, Massachusetts, October, 2008

The Surgical Scholars Program at Children’s Mercy was established in 2005 for the purpose of providing clinical research opportunities for aspiring pediatric surgeons. This program was established shortly after the formation of the Center for Prospective Clinical Trials and builds on our interest in prospective clinical research.

Graduates for 2008:
- Scott Keckler – General Surgery Resident at University of Kansas Medical Center, Kansas City, Kansas
- Jeannie Yang – Currently on maternity leave but will begin training in the Pediatric Surgery Residency Training Program in Louisville, Kentucky (July 1, 2009)

Graduates for 2009:
- Pablo Aguayo – Current Surgical Scholar
- Jason Fraser – Current Surgical Scholar

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2008 Fellowship Graduates

ALLERGY/IMMUNOLOGY
Christina E. Ciacirio
Children’s Mercy Hospitals and Clinics

Julie D.K. McNairn
William J. Niemes, MD Inc

Gregory G. Pendell
Allergy & Asthma Specialists, Ltd

CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT
Kerri L. Meyer
planning to serve abused and high risk children in the Wichita, KS area

CHILD NEUROLOGY
Husam R. Kayyali
Cleveland Clinic Foundation Epilepsy Fellow

DERMATOLOGY
Teresa S. Wright
Children’s Mercy Hospitals and Clinics

DEVELOPMENTAL-BEHAVIORAL PEDIATRICS
Sarah S. Nyp
Children’s Mercy Hospitals and Clinics

NEONATAL-PERINATAL MEDICINE
Lynn D. O’Hanlon
Children’s Hospital of Omaha

Sean L. Sweeney
Northwest Newborn Specialists, PC.

OPHTHALMOLOGY
Donald P. Sauberan
Eye Surgical Associates

OPTOMETRY
Amy L. Langford
Children’s Mercy Hospitals and Clinics

PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY MEDICINE
Maria Suzanne Gales
Greater San Antonio Emergency Physicians at Methodist
Children’s Hospital

Joan Elizabeth Giovanni
Children’s Mercy Hospitals and Clinics

Lisa M. Patel
Children’s Mercy Pediatrics Assistant Professor

PEDIATRIC ENDOCRINOLOGY
Mark A. Clements
Children’s Mercy Hospitals and Clinics

Amie M. VanMorlan
University of Missouri (MU) Hospitals and Clinics

PEDIATRIC GASTROENTEROLOGY
Jennifer M. Colombo
National Naval Medical Center Assistant Professor

PEDIATRIC INFECTIOUS DISEASES
Angela Leigh Myers
Children’s Mercy Hospitals and Clinics

PEDIATRIC PATHOLOGY
Sahibu Sultan Murtaza Habeebu

PEDIATRIC RADIOLOGY
Brent Ellis Cully
Children’s Mercy Hospitals and Clinics

PEDIATRIC SURGERY
Troy L. Spilde
St. John’s Hospital Surgeon

SURGICAL CRITICAL CARE
Pablo Aguayo
Children’s Mercy Hospital Surgical Scholars Fellow

SURGICAL CRITICAL CARE
Jeannie C. Yang
St. Louis Children’s Hospital Trauma Fellow

SURGICAL SCHOLARS
Scott James Keckler
The University of Kansas Medical Center General Surgery Resident

2008 Fellow Teaching Award

Dr. Joan Giovanni
Pediatric Emergency Medicine
2008 Fellow Teaching Award Recipient

The Fellow Teaching Award acknowledges the outstanding education contribution that pediatric fellows make to the pediatric residency program. The award was established in 2006 in conjunction with the hospital’s commitment to training fellows to be teachers.
For close to 70 years, Children’s Mercy has offered a pediatrics residency program that trains physicians to provide excellent care to children.

“The Children’s Mercy pediatric residency program provides the building blocks for every resident to successfully learn. Our residents are exposed to the entire depth and breadth of pediatrics,” explains Dr. Denise Bratcher, Director, Pediatric Residency Program, Professor of Pediatrics, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine. “Residents are evaluated on the six core competencies required by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME).”

The six core competencies include:
• Patient Care
• Medical Knowledge
• Practice-Based Learning and Improvement
• Interpersonal and Communication Skills
• Professionalism
• Systems-Based Practice

WHAT’S NEW
2008 was a year of growth and evolution for the Children’s Mercy pediatric residency program. Key staffing changes occurred including the transition of Dr. Celeste Tarantino, Associate Professor of Pediatrics, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine, from Section Chief, Northland Urgent Care Center, to Associate Director of the Pediatric Residency Program.

Additionally two new Residency Program Coordinators, Miranda Handke and Pam West, joined the GME Department.

To enhance the role of the Chief Resident in education and administration skills, Children’s Mercy added another Chief Resident, taking the total to three. Dr. Mary Hamm, Dr. Cara Hoffart, and Dr. Cameron Swinton, served as Pediatric Co-Chief Residents.

The inpatient teams were restructured to ensure that residents’ workload provides safe, family-centered care while also allowing time for learning. An additional inpatient resident team is incorporated during busier winter months to assure a more even clinical experience for residents throughout the year.

Another year-round team offers a direct-care experience to senior level residents who work alongside an attending physician to enhance the development of independent, critical thinking skills.

With additional collective learning tools, including family-centered rounds, Children’s Mercy residents experience a well-rounded program that encourages their professional and personal growth.

“We continually strive for the Children’s Mercy pediatric residency program to be one of the very best, and I think our residents benefit from that philosophy,” says Dr. Bratcher.
Pediatric residents spend much of their time developing their clinical skills, expanding their medical knowledge, and honing their diagnostic reasoning. In addition, many residents wish to further their academic careers through research.

However, participating in a research project can be intimidating for some residents if they don’t know where to start or what to expect. For that very reason, BRainNSToRM (Building Residents New Skills through Research Mentoring) was initiated two years ago to better integrate pediatric residents into research projects.

“BRainNSToRM works because two respected and approachable faculty members help bridge the gap between the residents and those faculty members participating in research. They start by sharing information about ongoing projects and help pair a resident with an experienced mentor doing research in the resident’s field of interest,” explains Dr. Keith Mann, Vice Chair, Clinical Affairs, Associate Professor of Pediatrics, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine.

Thus, the BRainNSToRM Program provides skills that will contribute to the residents’ academic and professional development.

“The Children’s Mercy BRainNSToRM Program is successful because it is a ‘win-win’ situation— for the residents and the hospital. Residents receive mentoring in research, and the hospital gets recognized regionally and nationally, as these projects get presented and published,” says Mara Becker, MD, MSCE, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine.

Since its inception, 15 residents have participated in the BRainNSToRM program. Nine residents have IRB approved studies in progress. In addition, three have presented their work at national meetings.

“There is an increased emphasis on research with the BRNSTRM Program; however, there is also a strong focus on residents learning professional skills, such as networking within and outside of the hospital, developing a powerful CV, etc. This will help them with career advancement,” says Dr. Jason Newland, Director, Antibiotic Stewardship Program, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine.
Chief Residents

Dr. Mary Hamm

Dr. Cara Hoffart

Dr. Cameron Swinton

2008 Pediatric Residents

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Internal Medicine/Pediatrics

With the expansion from four to six residents in 2007, the University of Missouri-Kansas City Medicine/Pediatrics Residency Program now has two classes of six residents going through the program in addition to two classes of four residents. Additionally, there is ongoing recruitment among medical students for future residents to participate in the training program.

While pediatric residents are focused exclusively on caring for children, the goal of the Internal Medicine/Pediatrics program is to provide residents with the opportunity to take care of patients of all ages.

"In our four-year program, residents rotate every four months between general pediatrics and internal medicine, so ultimately they receive 24 months of training in both disciplines," explains Dr. Brenda Rogers, Director, Internal Medicine/Pediatrics Residency Program and Assistant Professor of Pediatrics/Internal Medicine, UMKC School of Medicine.

As part of their training, residents work half a day weekly at the Continuity Clinic located in Truman Medical Center (TMC), which treats both adult and pediatric patients. The clinic, a partnership between Children’s Mercy and TMC, is a resource to families in need of care. As a training ground for residents, it provides experience with simple to complex cases, interfacing with a range of age groups and backgrounds.

"The Continuity Clinic provides hands-on experience with neonates to the elderly. The benefit to families is that everyone can be treated at this one clinic and our residents get a wide spectrum of cases to learn from," says Dr. Rogers, adding, "It’s also the perfect place for teenagers and young adults to transition to another medical home."

In addition to gaining hands-on experience, residents are eligible to take the board exams for both general pediatrics and internal medicine, which can provide a variety of professional opportunities following the program.
Chief Residents

Dr. Chris Turner

Dr. Kay Willis

INTERNAL MEDICINE & PEDIATRIC RESIDENTS

Neal Anson  UMKC-RES 2
Sushma Banda  UMKC-RES 1
Angela Canady  UMKC-RES 3
Alan Chan  UMKC-RES 2
Adrian Chen  UMKC-RES 1
Viswanatha Chinta  UMKC-RES 1
Hon Dang  UMKC-RES 1
Jennifer Flint  UMKC-RES 3
Matthew Garrison  UMKC-RES 2
Chelesey Grimm  UMKC-RES 3
Samantha Hattfield  UMKC-RES 1
Seiji Ito  UMKC-RES 2
David McCrory  UMKC-RES 4
Thomas Nelson  UMKC-RES 3
Michael Nyp  UMKC-RES 4
Nicole Poppinga  UMKC-RES 2
Christopher Turner  UMKC-RES 4
Molly Uhlenhake  UMKC-RES 2
Elizabeth Willis  UMKC-RES 4
Heath Witt  UMKC-RES 1
INTERNATIONAL / PRELIMINARY PEDIATRICS

Christine Meade
Amy Martyanov
Jennifer Yuen

PEDIATRIC RESIDENT PHYSICIANS

Lisa Aaron
Jessica Bettenhausen
Julia M. Bracken
Marquelle Dean
Kate M. Dove
Mary Hamm
Cara Hoffart
Julie Hoffman
Bernadette Johnson
Michael Levas
Maia May
Shan Louwerse Naill
Stephanie A. Nightingale
Christina Peacock
Tamara L. Peterson
Jamie J. Quintana
Shayna A. Smith
Cameron Swinton

CHIEF PEDIATRIC RESIDENT PHYSICIANS

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Kristi M. Williams

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Child Neurology Program Coordinator

Jennifer Yuen  
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Amy Zimmermann  
Pediatric Rehabilitation Fellow

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Miranda Handke  
Celeste Tarantino  
Pam West

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Lorraine Brewer (Gen Peds)  
Ashley Daly (Hospitalist)  
Chitra Dinakar (Allergy)  
Maxine Heatherington (Hem/Onc)  
Kevin Kelly (Dept. of Peds)  
Mary Ann Queen (Hospitalist)  
Christine Robertesen (Neonatology)  
Catherine Simon (Cardio)  
Elizabeth Simpson (Gen Peds)  
Nasreen Taib (Student Educ)  
Celeste Tarantino (ED)  
Kirsti Williams (Gen Peds)

CHIEF RESIDENTS
Mary Hamm  
Cara Hoffart  
Cameron Swinton

PL-3 RESIDENTS
Lindsay Albenberg (chief-elect)  
Michael Bishop  
Nathan Cook  
Matt Johnson  
Sarah McCormick (chief-elect)  
Ross Newman (chief-elect)

PL-2 RESIDENTS
Barry Brosedeliman  
Janet Crane  
Carrie Dell  
Lori Falcone  
Grant Latta  
Jon Waggoner

PL-1 RESIDENTS
Christina Dalton  
Sarah Edwards  
Brian Harvey  
Andy Thill  
Raghu Varier
Medical Student Education

Dr. Nasreen Talib, Medical Student Program Director, watches as a medical student performs an ear exam.

In the Children’s Mercy Medical Student Education Program, the hospital focuses on ensuring that students learn the nuts and bolts of medicine, as well as the more interpersonal aspects of treating patients for a comprehensive, well-rounded experience.

“Students learn the science as well as the art of medicine during their rotation at Children’s Mercy. Emphasis is placed on technique of communication with the patients and their parents while obtaining pertinent information from them,” explains Dr. Nasreen Talib, Director, Medical Students, Associate Professor of Medicine, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine.

“Children Mercy ranks as the top medical student clerkship at the UMKC School of Medicine. Many students choose to do their electives in the NICU, PICU and other departments,” explains Dr. Talib.

PROVEN LEADERSHIP

Dr. Talib has been at the helm of the Children’s Mercy Medical Student Education for 10 years, providing consistent leadership and guidance. As the director of the Medical Student Education Program, Dr. Talib has overseen the entire student population that comes to Children’s Mercy and has greatly contributed to the success of the program.

WHAT’S NEW

In 2008, simulation technology training was incorporated into the core curriculum to help students increase and enhance their clinical skills.

“Simulation training provides a variety of learning experiences for the students. There are different scenarios where students can recognize a baby in distress, learn treatment protocols and master basic and procedural skills. This gives them the knowledge and confidence when interfacing with patients,” says Dr. Talib.

Along with gaining valuable experience, simulation training teaches solid clinical skills and prepares students to perform the best on the national boards’ clinical skills exam.

“Children’s Mercy is continually looking for ways to set our program apart—the simulation training is one way we are doing that. It’s a benefit to both our students and the hospital, as their board scores are a reflection of their training,” observes Dr. Talib.

The program also focused on students observing the multidisciplinary clinic team approach during the core required rotations.

“Students learn firsthand by watching the different therapists in action. This provides an interactive experience where they can watch, ask questions, and participate in the comprehensive approach to treating patients,” says Dr. Talib.

Increased interaction with the Chief Residents was another building block for the program in 2008. Their project on teaching and assessing written communication skills, which includes critical thinking and diagnostic reasoning was introduced this year and very well received by the medical students. Along with reviewing all the notes students documented in patient charts, Chief Residents were responsible for teaching critical thinking and diagnostic skills in individual and group sessions.

“From start to finish, we want our students to experience as much as they can while they are at Children’s Mercy. We’ll continue tweaking the program to ensure we have the best to offer,” says Dr. Talib.
“Children’s Mercy Hospitals and Clinics is a leader in medical education through innovative and comprehensive education of medical students, residents, and fellows in multiple medical, surgical, optometry, dental, and psychology pediatric disciplines. We take great pride in providing a well-rounded, robust education for students from the University Of Missouri Kansas City School Of Medicine and the Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences. This education has resulted in the majority of our trainees practicing medicine in our service area and becoming emerging leaders in the promotion of health and wellness for children locally and throughout the region. We look forward every day to the challenge of educating the next generation of physicians and clinical scientists who in turn will become the innovators of new and better methods of care.”
Approximately 60 students attended the Medical Student Regional Conference to learn from Children’s Mercy faculty through case based presentations, informative and interactive sessions, and hands-on practice with intubation. The conference was hosted by the Pediatric Interest Groups of the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine, the Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences, and Kansas University.

**MEDICAL STUDENT CONFERENCE FACULTY**
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- Maria Dycoco
- Marius Hubbell
- Mary Anne Jackson
- Jane Knapp
- Virginia Meade
- Kristen Moore
- Katie Mourning
- Lily Nguyen
- Doug Ricardo
- Lien Russell
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- Nasreen Talib

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- Andrew Lasky
- Terrence Carver
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The Visiting Professor program benefits the hospital, as well as students, according to Dr. Jane Knapp, Associate Chair for Education and Professor of Pediatrics, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine. “Featuring visiting professors broadens the exposure of our residents and faculty to nationally know educators, while raising our profile with national experts and introducing those leaders to our hospital. For many it is their first visit to Children’s Mercy and Kansas City,” says Dr. Knapp.

More than 500 physicians strong, Children’s Mercy has one of the largest pediatric faculties in the country. But even with that strong and diverse academic expertise in-house, there is much that can be learned from others.

The Visiting Professor program was launched in 2008 to provide opportunities for residents, fellows and students to learn from some of the leading pediatric experts from around the world.

“The one thing I like about the Visiting Professor Program is the ability to bring in a world renowned expert and open the residents’ eyes to the world of pediatrics outside of Children’s Mercy,” says Dr. Keith Mann, Associate Director of the Residency Program and Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine. “I love the idea of exposing the residents to some of the best educators in the country, whether they be from inside our institution or not.”

The program was started in April 2008, with Visiting Professor Dr. Basil Zitelli Professor of Pediatrics from the University of Pittsburgh and one of the editors of the Atlas of Physical Diagnosis, a textbook known by all pediatric residents.

Visiting professors do more than lecture and leave. Over the course of a couple of days, residents have lunch and dinner with the visiting professor, present cases to them, round with them, and go to continuity clinic with them. The visiting professor is immersed in the residents’ schedules for two full days.

Plans were to start simple with one visiting professor each year, according to Dr. Mann, although additional funding through grants enabled the hospital to bring in additional guests in 2008. Researcher Dr. Michael Shannon, toxicology expert and Chief of the Division of Emergency Medicine at Children’s Hospital of Boston; Dr. Georges Bordage, an internationally known educator from the University of Illinois at Chicago were brought in thanks to grant funding; and Dr. Sheldon Kaplan, co-editor of the Textbook of Pediatric Infectious Diseases 5th Edition, and Head of the Department of Medicine at Texas Children’s Hospitals was brought in thanks to a grant funding from Pfizer.

“We plan to schedule one visiting professor per year alternating a general pediatrician with a subspecialist every other year, so you get exposed to both generalists and subspecialists,” says Dr. Mann. “I hope we can continue to have someone else come in each year via grant funding.”

2008 Visiting Professors:
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Georges Bordage
Sheldon Kaplan
Basil Zitelli
New Faculty Teaching Scholars

**DR. JEAN CARSTENSEN**
Internal Medicine/Pediatrics

Dr. Jean Carstensen was thrilled at the chance to participate in the Teaching Scholars track on Curriculum Development and Evaluation. Prior to the course, she and Jennifer McBride, MD had already begun to develop and implement an integrated Internal Medicine-Pediatrics, case-oriented, evidence-based, ambulatory care curriculum and needed additional guidance in curriculum evaluation. Dr. Carstensen will continue in the Teaching Scholars program and plans to use the acquired skills in the educational research track to further refine the integrated Internal Medicine-Pediatrics ambulatory care curriculum. Additionally, Dr. Carstensen plans to apply the new skills to the outpatient pediatric medical student and resident experience.

**DR. JOSEPH CERNICH**
Endocrinology

Dr. Joseph Cernich was eager to participate in the Teaching Scholars Program because the program provided a unique opportunity to develop his skills as a teacher. These skills are often taken for granted, but the program teaches theory regarding medical education and practical recommendations as how to implement these changes. Dr. Cernich is currently using the information to make improvements to the month-long resident rotation in Pediatric Endocrinology. Additionally, Dr. Cernich is currently the Associate Director of the Pediatric Endocrinology Fellowship Program and he plans to implement changes in this role as well. Long term, Dr. Cernich would like to continue enhancing the medical education of our fellows.

**DR. DIANE PLANTZ**
Pediatric Emergency Medicine

When Dr. Diane Plantz came to Children’s Mercy four years ago after just completing a Masters in Bioethics, she knew she wanted to teach. Dr. Plantz started teaching the residents a few lectures a year; however, now she is teaching four to five lectures a year, a quarterly case conference, a master’s level course in Pediatrics Ethics at Kansas City University of Medicine and Bioscience, as well as lectures at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine in the Medical Humanities curriculum. Dr. Plantz started the Teaching Scholars Program in the fall with the goal of improving her teaching, evaluation, and research skills. With what she has learned as part of the Teaching Scholars Program, Dr. Plantz is developing an ethics curriculum for the Fellowship Programs at Children’s Mercy. The skills learned while participating in the Teaching Scholars Program will be tools that Dr. Plantz will use throughout her career.

**DR. SURAIYA SIMI RAHMAN**
General Pediatrics

Dr. Suraiya Simi Rahman joined the Teacher Scholars Program to learn skills to be utilized in her own teaching encounters to enhance the learning experience for residents and medical students. Through the program Dr. Rahman discovered the use of information technology to bring innovation to the design and delivery of medical education. To that end, Dr. Julia Simmons and Dr. Rahman are piloting a Faculty Development Curriculum for Pediatric Hospitalists using the Blackboard Academic Suite, an online teaching tool and resource. In the future, Dr. Rahman hopes to be a resource for education within the hospital, and help develop projects that will enhance the educational experience for teachers as well as their students.

**DR. KATHLEEN SENN**
General Pediatrics / Associate Director of Medical Student Education

Dr. Kathleen Senn’s interest in joining the Teaching Scholars Program focused on learning how to develop and evaluate the medical student curriculum. Dr. Senn studied improving the didactic lectures that are given to medical students during their core rotation and enhancing them to be more user-friendly. Her project involves transitioning some of the lectures from a lecture-based format to a problem or case-based format.

**DR. JULIA SIMMONS**
General Pediatrics / Hospitalist

Dr. Julia Simmons applied to the Teaching Scholars Program because of her passion for education. Dr. Simmons wanted to enhance her skills as a clinical educator so that she may provide excellent educational opportunities for residents and medical students. In conjunction with her colleague, Dr. Rahman, they have created a curriculum to teach hospitalist faculty physicians skills to become better educators. They are also in the process of creating a computer-based faculty development curriculum. In the future, Dr. Simmons would like to serve as a resource to promote excellence in clinical education.
Some of our faculty have taught their medical staff Pediatric Advanced Life Support, which is now a mandate at their hospital. Also some of our nurses are working with Guangzhou nurses to help them achieve Magnet status,” says Karen Cox, RN, PhD, CNAA, FAAN, Executive Vice President, Co-Chief Operating Officer at Children’s Mercy. “Our relationship is such a valuable teaching tool for all involved.”

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On August 22, 2008, Children’s Mercy, in partnership with the Missouri National Guard, signed an agreement to promote the educational exchange of residents, faculty and fellows with Hospital del Niño, the primary children’s hospital serving the country of Panama in South America.

The National Guard’s State Partnership Program was established in 1993 and links U.S. states with foreign nations to promote and enhance international relations. Staff from Children’s Mercy, Hospital del Niño, and Brigadier General John Owen, a family medicine physician based in Liberty, MO, collaborated to make the partnership a reality.

The signing of the agreement in Panama City was part of the ceremonies marking the 50th anniversary celebration of the Hospital del Niño. Members of the Children’s Mercy delegation included:

- Fred Burry, Executive Medical Director, Executive Vice President, Professor of Pediatrics, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine
- Jane Knapp, Associate Chair for Education, Professor of Pediatrics, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine
- Denise Bratcher, Director, Pediatric Residency Program, Professor of Pediatrics, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine
- Ravi Kallur, Administrative Director of Graduate Medical Education

Representatives of the Missouri National Guard were also on hand for the signing.

The first group from Panama, including a physician and fellow, arrived in February 2009, with the initial exchange of Children’s Mercy faculty headed to the Hospital del Niño planned for September 2009.
Dr. Cara Hoffart was voted by her peers and Children’s Mercy faculty as the 2008 recipient of the Darrow Award for Outstanding House Officer. She is the 35th physician to receive the award since its inception in 1974-1975.

The Darrow Award was established in honor of Daniel C. Darrow, MD, a former member of the Children’s Mercy medical staff and first-rate clinician, teacher, clinical investigator and well recognized contributor to the field of pediatrics. Dr. Darrow was known as a “teacher of teachers” and a leader in the concepts of body fluid physiology that are still regularly employed today. The award is coordinated by Stanley Hellerstein, MD, Pediatric Nephrologist, Ernest L. Glasscock Endowed Chair in Pediatric Research, Professor of Pediatrics at UMKC, and former fellow in Fluid and Electrolyte Metabolism under Dr. Darrow.
Every year residents honor a faculty member for his or her role in medical education by voting on the Daniel Scagliotti Educator of the Year award. Dr. Jason Newland was the residents’ choice for this distinction during the 2007-2008 academic year.

“Winning the Daniel Scagliotti Educator of the Year Award is a great honor especially since it is chosen by the resident. Educating residents is a fun and exciting part of my job and it is very special to know that they feel that I am helping in their pursuit of becoming a pediatrician.”

Dr. Jason Newland, Director, Antibiotic Stewardship Program, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine.
Outstanding Teaching Section Award

Critical Care Medicine Faculty: Dr. John Sommers, Dr. Christopher Hubble, Dr. Kelly Teves, Dr. Stephen Klem, Dr. Bradley Vaughan, and Dr. Patricia Webster. Not photographed: Dr. Geoffrey Allen, Dr. Bruce Berendt, and Dr. Erica Mekker-Kraech.

Critical Care Medicine

Voted by residents to honor a medical or surgical section for outstanding resident education and support.

Residents discuss a PICU patient’s care with Dr. Geoffrey Allen (bottom left).
Gold Humanism Award

Dr. Kate Dove
Children’s Mercy Hospital Inductee

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2008 Awards and Honors

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Chosen by the faculty in Developmental and Behavioral Sciences and presented to the resident who demonstrated exceptional enthusiasm and aptitude for this field of pediatric subspecialty

Malia May

CLARK W. SEELEY AWARD
The resident who serves as a role model of continuing care, demonstrated by good rapport with families and ancillary staff, continuity, and recruitment of new patients

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HEMATOLOGY AND ONCOLOGY AWARD
Chosen by the Hematology/Oncology attending staff and presented to the residents who demonstrated excellence in care of and compassion towards hematology/oncology patients

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DARROW AWARD
Chosen by fellow house officers and the faculty as outstanding house officer of the year

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MERCY AWARD
Presented to the 3rd year resident chosen by fellow residents as a role model

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PEDIATRIC CRITICAL CARE AWARD
The resident with the best performance during the PICU rotation as determined by a composite evaluation

Cara Hoffart

EMERGENCY MEDICINE AWARD
Chosen by the PEM attending staff, fellows, and charge nurses and presented to the residents who demonstrated excellent emergency medical care

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“We want to help close the professional practice gaps that can help physicians do a better job,” says Shepherd.

To that end, Shepherd has been charged with four key functions:

• Grand Rounds – Shepherd will focus on making sure the weekly Grand Rounds programs are scientific, evidence-based, and address real physician practice gaps as determined by a needs assessment.

• Online CME – As technology changes, learning no longer has to occur just in the classroom setting. Shepherd is working with the Child Health Corporation of America to offer online CME training not only for Children’s Mercy physicians, but doctors throughout the world.

• Conferences – Shepherd will help provide CME coordination to the numerous specialty conferences offered by the hospital to insures a consistent, high-level, educational experience.

• National Accreditation – The hospital’s programs are currently approved through the State of Missouri, but Shepherd hopes to attain national accreditation which will allow the hospital to provide CME to physicians throughout the country.

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For its 41st year, the annual Clinical Advances in Pediatrics (CAPS) Symposium at Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics had new leadership at the helm, with Dr. Jane Knapp transitioning the reins from Dr. Kurt Metzl.

"Children's Mercy was fortunate to have such solid leadership for CAPS the past 40 years—it gave us the foundation on which to continue building the hospital’s reputation for providing outstanding continuing medical education," says Jane Knapp, Associate Chair for Education, Professor of Pediatrics, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine.

To that end, the objective of the CAPS symposium is to provide the practicing pediatrician with the latest research-based evidence and clinical advances to improve the quality of children's health care. Physicians attending the event could earn up to 16 AMA PRA Category 1 credits™.

With a varied format that included short didactic presentations with question & answer sessions, in-depth symposiums on current advances in neonatology and infectious diseases, and special workshops providing interactive discussion of selected topics, the CAPS Symposium achieved its highest attendance ever.

The numbers tell the story, as more than 500 attendees participated in a variety of educational programs designed to maximize both information and interaction during the three-day symposium.

“It was important to ensure we provided education and the opportunity to ask questions, get clarification, network with other participants, etc. As critical as it was to have a thought-provoking program, it was equally important to have the chance to get to know other attendees, share perspectives, and utilize an audience response system that enhanced interaction,” explains Dr. Knapp.

While the majority of attendees were Children’s Mercy employees and residents, other participants came from Australia, California, Delaware, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, and Wisconsin.

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Clinical Advances in Pediatrics

Clinical Teacher Award

Dr. J Patrick Murphy

Given in recognition of superior teaching and support of the community pediatricians.

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Clinical Resident Award

Dr. Tracy G Hall

Awarded by Children’s Mercy Health Network and Children’s Mercy Hospital to the Year 2 Resident demonstrating superlative clinical skills, compassion, knowledge, and devoted service.
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