Pediatric News
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Spotlight: General Pediatrics

Our focus in the Division of General Pediatrics is to provide outstanding education for medical students, residents and other learners, and prepare them for practice in the evolving outcomes-oriented healthcare environment of the future. We do this by teaching and modeling high quality, cost effective and patient centered care for our diverse and largely underserved patient population. Through our active involvement in community service, advocacy and scholarship we hope to instill these important values and attitudes in our trainees and students.

Arwa Nasir, M.D., MPH

The Division of General Pediatrics consists of 7 full time and 2 part time CSP Pediatricians, one full time Nurse Practitioner, and 4 Physician Assistants. Our clinical practice includes 3 busy outpatient clinics, an inpatient service, a hospital consultation service, and community outreach service. Our faculty are involved in professional organizations at the local, state and national level, and are active in research and innovation in medical education.

We have several areas of strength including Adolescent Medicine, Behavioral Health, Obesity, Integrative and Functional Medicine and Pediatric Pharmacology.

General Pediatrics Faculty & Staff

Faculty/Physicians:

• Arwa Nasir, MD, MPH
• John Walburn, MD
• David Finken, MD
• Sheryl Pitner, MD
• Amy Lacroix, MD
• Patricia Seivert, MD
• Tina Scott-Mordhorst, MD (Plattsmouth)
• Andrea Zimmer, MD (Plattsmouth)
• Susan Hollins, MD (Baker Place)

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Upcoming Events

March 6 | 5:00 PM
Clinical Service Chiefs & Division Chiefs
CHMC Board Room

March 17 | 12:00 PM
Writing Group
UNMC UT 5151

March 27 | 7:00 AM
Faculty Meeting
UNMC Priv Dining Rooms

Journal Club*
March 12 | 12:00 PM
A. Collard
C. Bloom

Patient Mgmt Conf.*
March 4 | 8:00 AM
K. Greenwood

March 11 | 8:00 AM
M. Ripp

March 18 | 8:00 AM
K. McKillip

March 25 | 8:00 AM
Pediatric Chief Residents

*Journal Club and Patient Mgmt Conf is teleconferenced from CHMC Glow Aud. to UNMC UT
Physician Assistants/Nurse Practitioners:

- Elizabeth Hastreiter, APRN
- Peggy Pelish, APRN
- Bonnie Shearer, PA
- Ann Thompson, PA
- Peg Schneider, PA
- Lynn Ashby, PA

Administrative Staff: Patty Davis
Clinic Manager: Lea Barajas-Deloa
Clinic Case Manager: Jessica Buseck

Clinic staff - Nurses:

- Mary Waller
- Kerri Adkins
- Bonnie Gengler
- Amanda Katz
- Julie Feller
- Julie Slizinski
- Demetria Larsen
- Debra Bolden
- Kara Bear
- Ileana Frantz
- Jessica Morrison
- Ellen Wilson

Front Desk:

- Carrie Grinnell
- Angela Taleno
- Judith Santos
- Cynthia Humphrey
- Emilee Kammerer
- Jessica Kumor
- Aldo Arciga Servin

General Pediatrics Outreach Activities

- **Dr. Amy Lacroix** is the medical director of the Douglas County Youth Center, and in that capacity provides medical care to all pediatric and adolescent detainees in the center in collaboration with Buffy Hastreiter. **Dr. Lacroix** also staffs the Douglas County STD clinic.
- We provide medical care to patients at the Ambassador Pediatric Skilled Nursing facility located on North 72nd St.
- **Dr. John Walburn** serves on the Board of Directors of "Healthy Kids Alliance" and is one of the grantees of a Kresge Foundation Grant for Housing Abatement to decrease childhood asthma re-admissions.
- **Dr. Lacroix** serves on the Omaha Public Schools Health Advisory Committee.

Grand Rounds
A complete schedule for the month is located at [www.unmc.edu/Pediatrics](http://www.unmc.edu/Pediatrics)

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- Dr. Sheryl Pitner serves on the Health Services Advisory Commission for OPS early Head Start

**General Pediatrics Educational Activities**

The division is heavily involved in undergraduate and graduate medical education at all levels, including:

**Medical student education:**

- M1 & M2: Integrated Clinical Experience, Longitudinal Clinical Experiences, and lectures
- M3: inpatient and outpatient rotations
- M4: inpatient elective, and "Pediatric Essentials" senior seminar

**Resident education:**

- Pediatric resident continuity clinics: Our clinic is home to 13 resident continuity clinics.
- General pediatric rotation for Pediatrics and Med/Peds residents
- General Pediatrics rotation for Dentistry, Psychiatry and Family Medicine residents
- Pediatrics Honors rotation for M4 students: Director: Dr. David Finken
- Adolescent Medicine rotation: Director: Dr. Amy Lacroix
- Community Medicine rotation: Director: Dr. Sheryl Pitner

Our clinic is also a training site for nursing students, PA and NP students year round.

**Conferences:** Morning report on Mondays and Thursdays

**Educational Projects:**

We are collaborating with the Pediatrics residency program, the Department of Psychiatry, section of Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics and MMI Psychology to develop an innovative training experience in behavioral pediatrics.

**General Pediatrics Research**

Faculty in the section are actively involved in research, some of which is grant supported. Topics include:

- Rural mental health (supported by a grant from BHECN)
- Early detection of infectious diseases among children in the Emergency Room (supported by a Lozier grant)
- Demographics of childhood illnesses presenting acutely
- Neonatal follow up in general pediatrics
- Adolescent smoking cessation
- Functional gastrointestinal disorders
- Global medical education and research
- International collaboration with the United Nations Relief and
General Pediatrics Patient Care

Our University-based outpatient clinic, Children's Physicians-UNMC clinic, is located on the first floor of the DOC, and provides comprehensive, full spectrum pediatric care for patients from birth to 21 years of age. We also provide general and preventive care for patients with chronic diseases, including transplant patients and other chronic diseases.

We also have 2 community based clinic locations including Children's Physicians-Plattsmouth Clinic and UNMC Baker Place Clinic.

We have a busy inpatient service, which receives patients from the Emergency Department, as well as other healthcare facilities throughout the State. We also provide inpatient consultations to other inpatient and outpatient services. Dr. Sheryl Pitner is Medical Director of the General Inpatient Units at The Nebraska Medical Center.

Clinic Location & Hours:

**Children's Physicians-UNMC**
Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, 8:30 a.m. - Noon

**Children's Physicians-Plattsmouth**
Monday, 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, 8:30 a.m. - Noon

**Baker Place**
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