Spotlight: Pediatrics Residency Program

It has been an exciting and busy year in the Residency program. With the implementation on the Next Accreditation System (NAS), new program requirements and the “Milestones Project” there have been multiple changes in the program. The overall goal has been to provide improved resident educational experiences, improved documentation of clinical competency as well as preparedness for independent practice. This is an evolving process with multiple changes to come.

There have been a couple new committees formed in response to the NAS. First is the Clinical Competency Committee (CCC) which evaluates each resident's progress on the Milestone every 6 month. I was fortunate to have 24 faculty volunteer to serve on this committee allowing us to share the work load. We are currently on our second round of the evaluation process and continue to make changes to improve the feedback that we provide our residents. This is still a time consuming process and has made us all aware of the need to improve and be more innovative in our evaluation system.

In response to the need for change and ACGME requirements the second committee has been formed which in the Program Evaluation Committee (PEC). This committee is responsible for reviewing the program and making changes and improvements where necessary. They have been working on the evaluations and we have implemented a few with more to follow. We are waiting on the result of our first CLER (Clinical Learning Environment Review) visit which is the new ACGME site visit. We will be utilizing the suggestions from this visit as well as the yearly ACGME program review to help make modifications in our curriculum.

Another big project is setting up longitudinal educational experiences for the new individual curriculum tracks. These tracks are in response to the new requirement of 6 month of individual educational experiences for the residents. The tracks are: Fellowship track, Global Health Track, General Pediatric Academic Track. Community General Pediatric Track and Rural Pediatric Track. In addition to these experiences we will be matching faculty mentors for each resident to help guide them to their career goals.
There are many other ongoing projects in the program and I cannot do this alone. We have three associate program directors (APD's) that help with various duties: Dr. Cristina Fernandez oversees quality improvement and research projects, Dr. Sheryl Pitner oversees didactics and Dr. Lisa Sieczkowski is the chair of our CCC and oversees transition of care. In addition the APD's are involved in multiple committees and activities pertaining to the program. In addition we have our coordinator Cindy Colpitts who most of you know can answer almost any question or find any resource for you. Our assistant coordinator Twyla Moore assists Cindy but also helps coordinate all didactics and resident presentation.

New Residency Program Committees

Listed below is our new committee member. I would like to thank all who are involved in resident education. If you would like to become involved in any of the activities or have other suggestions please feel free to contact us.

Clinical Competency Committee: Lisa Sieczkowski (Chair) (Chief Residents)

- Ann Anderson-Berry
- Don Coulter
- Pat Doherty
- Cristina Fernandez
- Suzanne Haney
- Kelly Kadlec
- Amy Lacroix
- Teri Mauch
- Jennifer Parker
- Sheryl Pitner
- Rueben Quiros
- Adam Reinhardt
- John Schmidt
- Kari Simonsen
- Sheilah Snyder
- John Sparks
- Robert Spicer
- Heather Thomas
- Terry Zach

Program Evaluation Committee:

- Chief residents
- Program Coordinators
- Nicole Birge
- Howard Hsu
- Pat Doherty
- Stefanie Lowas
- Sheryl Pitner
- John Sparks
- Jessica Snowden
2014 Match Results

We just finish our match process and have successfully recruited another great class. I would like to thank all that were involved with the process. Please congratulate those you know and welcome them into our program. The new residents are:

- Joshua Bies - University of Nebraska College of Medicine
- Anupama "Anu" Chundu - Creighton University School of Medicine
- Matthew Douglass - University of North Texas Health Science Center - Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Erin Fosnaugh - University of Nebraska College of Medicine
- Cody Heston - University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita
- Gregory Johnson - Loma Linda University School of Medicine
- Jon Kroenke - University of Nebraska College of Medicine
- Ashley Nelson - University of North Texas Health Science Center - Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Christopher Park - University of Nebraska College of Medicine
- Margaret "Maggie" Schellen - University of Nebraska College of Medicine
- Kortany Schultz - University of Nebraska College of Medicine
- Brenda Weidner - University of Nebraska College of Medicine

UNMC Med/Peds:

- Jessica Mucci - University of Oklahoma School of Medicine
- Karisa Hajek - University of Nebraska College of Medicine

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