Pediatric News
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Division Spotlight:  Hospitalist Service

The Hospitalist Service at Children's Hospital & Medical Center began in 2001 due to the vision of Drs. Bruce Buehler, Stephen Chartrand, and Steve Lazoritz. These physician leaders from three different institutions recognized that medicine was rapidly evolving and anticipated the benefits of having physicians dedicated to the care of the hospitalized child. They initiated the program just five years after the term "Hospitalist" was first used.

Jay Snow, M.D.

Initially, the Pediatric Inpatient Care Service was expected to manage an average daily census of 9 children and educate residents (~36/year) and medical students (~24/year). It was staffed by two part time physicians with tremendous support from pediatricians and pediatric subspecialists in the area. The Service has experienced tremendous growth over its 13½ years. Now known as the Hospitalist Service, it is the largest admitting service at Children's Hospital & Medical Center, managing more than 38 patients every day. It is the primary inpatient pediatric teaching service for more than 200 medical students and 72 residents. Its providers are educators of medical personnel at Children's Hospital & Medical Center and the region who also serve on multiple committees and work groups throughout the system.

Over the next five years, the Service anticipates continued clinical growth and continued focus on systems improvement particularly in the areas of safety and decreasing variability. It is anticipated that the Service will develop a larger role in research and publication and be integral in developing a population management program for children with complex medical needs. The Service looks forward to continued growth so that the system can ensure that all children may have a better chance to live.

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Upcoming Events

Jan 19 | 12:00 PM
Review of Pediatric Scholarship Session
University Tower 5151

Feb 12 | 7:00 AM
General Faculty Meeting
University Hospital Private Dining Room

Journal Club
Jan 14 | 12:00 PM
M. Ripp
University Tower 7412

Patient Mgmt Conf.*
Jan 6 | 8:00 AM
J. Upchurch
University Tower 7412

Jan 13 | 8:00 AM
A. Vaikom House
University Tower 7412

Jan 20 | 8:00 AM
M. Burton
University Tower 7412

Jan 27 | 8:00 AM
J. Pham
University Tower 7412

Grand Rounds
A complete schedule for the month is located at
• Joseph (Jay) Snow, M.D.; Assistant Professor and Clinical Service Chief
• Gary Lemer, M.D.; Associate Professor and Medical Director of Children's Developmental Clinic
• Sharon Stoolman, M.D.; Associate Professor
• Stephen Dolter, M.D.; Assistant Professor and Medical Informaticist
• Heidi Killefer, M.D.; Assistant Professor and Physician Director of Case Management
• Lauren Maskin, M.D.; Assistant Professor and Medical Director of Inpatient Medical-Surgical Services
• Allison Ramey, M.D.; Assistant Professor
• Sheila Snyder, M.D.; Assistant Professor and Clinical Documentation Integrity Lead Physician
• Lisa Sieczkowski, M.D.; Assistant Professor and Associate Residency Program Director

Health Care Staff

• Chelsea Atchison, APRN
• Jacque Hanks, APRN
• Trudie Owens, APRN
• Meghan Potthoff, APRN; Assistant Professor, Creighton University School of Nursing
• Jess Wollberg, APRN

Administrative Staff

• Lili Harris

Hospitalist Service Protocol Initiatives

Asthma Protocol: In the past year, with a philosophy of using and propagating the best clinical practices based on available evidence throughout the hospital system and region, the Service has initiated a new asthma protocol.

Diabetic Ketoacidosis: In conjunction with the Emergency Department and Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, it has clarified the management of diabetic ketoacidosis across the pre-hospital and hospital continuum.

Sedation: With the PICU, a new protocol was instituted to help wean sedatives across the hospital continuum.

Additionally, the Service has instituted new management flows for infants with failure to thrive and bronchiolitis.

Congratulations

In December, Dr. Ann Anderson-Berry received her Ph.D. in Medical Sciences - Medical Nutrition. Her dissertation is entitled "Randomized trial of two doses of Vitamin D in preterm infants <32 weeks: Dose
impact on achieving desired serum 25(OH)D in a NICU population."