Division Spotlight: Allergy & Immunology

The Division of Allergy and Immunology is the newest division in the Department of Pediatrics and was established in February 2015. Allergy and Immunology faculty evaluate and treat patients for a variety of conditions including asthma, allergic and chronic rhinosinusitis, food allergy, atopic dermatitis, and primary immunodeficiency. Additional services available include allergy testing, allergen immunotherapy, pulmonary function testing, food and antibiotic challenges, drug desensitization, and inpatient consultation.

Allergy & Immunology Faculty and Staff

Faculty

- Hana Niebur, MD, Assistant Professor, Pediatrics
- Russell Hopp, DO, Clinical Professor of Pediatrics and Otolaryngology

Health Care Staff

- Christi Thompson, RN, BSN, CPN
- Diane Workman, RN, BSN
- Michelle Scholten, RN, BSN
- Kristie Schwab, RN, CPN
- Sue McCanville, RN, BSN, CPN
- Mary Ann Kaipust, RN, BSN, CPN
- Pat Stevens, RRT
- Heather Clancy, RRT, AE-C
- Ruth Schake, RRT
- Trisha Chandler, RRT- NPS
- Winnie Dupree, RRT
- Chelsey Andrews, RRT
- Kris Foley, MS, RD, LMNT
- Shana Romero, LCSW, LMHP

Administrative Staff

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Upcoming Events

Sept 24 | 12:00 PM
Pediatric General Faculty Meeting
UNMC Private Dining Rm

Sept 9 | 12:00 PM
Dr. Ashley Nelson
University Tower 7412

Sept 8 | 8:00 AM
Dr. Kristina Raiser-Foltz
University Tower 7412

Sept 15 | 8:00 AM
Dr. Teresa Loden
University Tower 7412

Sept 22 | 8:00 AM
Dr. Erin Schmitz
University Tower 7412

Sept 29 | 8:00 AM
Dr. Jessica Upchurch
University Tower 7412
Tina Mace, Administrative Lead  
Jeannie Fields, Medical Secretary II  
Patty Heaston, Secretary  
Mary Siebels, Patient Scheduler

Allergy & Immunology Clinics

Children's Specialty Pediatric Center, 2nd floor  
84th and Dodge Streets, Omaha, Nebraska  
Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Contact Number: 402-955-5570

Allergy & Immunology Programs

Food Hypersensitivity Clinic
The Food Hypersensitivity Clinic specializes in diagnosing and treating children with eosinophilic gastrointestinal diseases through a multidisciplinary approach. The team has a number of highly trained pediatric professionals including a gastroenterologist, a dietitian, and an allergist.

Newborn Screening for SCID
Newborn screening for Severe Combined Immunodeficiency (SCID) in Nebraska started in October 2014. Early diagnosis of SCID allows for intervention prior to development of infections, which adversely affect survival. The Division of Allergy and Immunology is actively involved with the evaluation of infants with positive screening tests for immune deficiency.

Allergy & Immunology Community Involvement

IDF Walk for PI
The Immune Deficiency Foundation (IDF) is a national non-profit patient organization dedicated to improving the diagnosis, treatment and quality of life of persons with primary immunodeficiency (PI) through advocacy, education and research. The IDF Walk for PI is the IDF’s signature fundraising and awareness program, and Omaha has been selected as one of the first cities to host a community walk on September 27, 2015 at Miller's Landing. Funds raised through IDF Walk for Primary Immunodeficiency will be used by IDF to support its mission. The Division of Allergy and Immunology is proud to participate in the first IDF Walk for PI in Omaha and to promote advocacy for patients with PI.

Allergy & Immunology Education Programs
The Division of Allergy and Immunology now offers a senior elective and has revised the pediatric resident elective. These electives have been designed to expose students and residents to the practice of Allergy and Immunology through clinical practice, inpatient consultation, didactics, and academic projects geared towards the individual learner's needs and
interests.