Division Spotlight: Pediatric Endocrinology

The Pediatric Endocrinology/Diabetes division is located at Children's Hospital & Medical Center with outreach clinics located in Lincoln NE, and Sioux City IA. The division is staffed by three pediatric endocrinologists, all board certified in pediatric endocrinology and five mid-level providers (three pediatric nurse practitioners and two physician assistants). The providers are supported by nine nurse educators who work in clinic, teach newly diagnosed diabetic patients, and triage patient care. There is also nutritional support with clinical nutritionists, and a medical social work team that is available when needed.

The division provides care for all pediatric endocrine disorders. The clinic is currently following over 3,600 children with growth problems, calcium disorders, pituitary disorders, thyroid disorders and cancer and disorders of adrenal function and sexual differentiations. In addition to endocrine patients, the clinic currently manages over 1200 children with diabetes mellitus. Patients come from a four state area. Our pediatric diabetes education program is the region's only pediatric program certified by the American Diabetes Association.

Also available is multidisciplinary care for complex disorders of sexual differentiation which includes genetics, pediatric surgery, and pediatric psychology. Work is also done with patients with hypoglycemia due to excessive production of insulin. A thyroid clinic, which involves pediatric surgery, head and neck surgery and endocrinology jointly addresses the more complex cases of thyroid disease.

The diabetes clinic provides comprehensive care with certified diabetes educators, medical social workers, and nutritionists. Diabetes education is provided for families, children, extended family and brush up courses. Nurse educators will also work closely with schools and school nurses in coordinating care for students with diabetes and endocrine issues. A diabetes focus clinic which is staffed by pediatric psychology, social work, and experienced providers is also available to assist children and families who are struggling with the multiple demands of diabetes.

Fellows, residents, medical students, nursing students as well as RA and NP students rotate through the clinics, and faculty are involved in lectures.
to residents as part of their core curriculum.

**Pediatric Palliative Care Faculty**

Kevin Corley MD  
Medical Director, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

Monina Cabrera, MD  
Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

Marisa Fisher, MD  
Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

**Pediatric Endocrinology Staff**

**Mid Level Practitioners**

- Earline Edwards MSN, APRN-CP, CPNP, CDE
- Christine Fast PA-C
- Alice Jardee MSN, APRN, CPNP
- Caitlin Rosenbaum APRN, FNP
- Peg Struebing PA-C

**Nursing Staff**

- Elizabeth Breunig RN, BSN
- Jessica Bullington RN, BSN
- Molly Fleck RN, BSN, CDE
- Amy Hayes RN, BSN
- Mary Ludwig RN, BSN, CDE
- Adam O'Neil RN, BSN
- Molly Paskach BSN, RN, CDE, CPN
- Bri Torres RN, BSN
- Alyssa Versendaal RN, BSN, CPN

**Medical Assistants**

- Gayle Brewer CMA
- Nicole M Dvorak CMA
- Camia Sellers CMA
Nutritional Staff

- Sue Getzlafl RD, CDE, LMNT
- Sue McLaughlin MOL, BS, RD, CDE, LMNT
- Marcia Nielsen RD, CDE, LMNT
- Cynthia Wilson MS, RD, CDE, LMNT

Social Work

- Jairren Flodine, LCSW
- Kathy Knowlton, LCSW, LMHP, CDE

Administrative

- Kathy O'Malley, RN, Nurse Manager
- Stephanie Hudson, RN, Nurse Manager
- Donna Kuntzelman, Clinic Coordinator
- Jennifer Davis, Administrative Assistant
- Tracey Mass, Secretary
- Deb Stephens, Secretary

Pediatric Endocrinology Patient Care

Children's Specialty Pediatric Clinic (Omaha-Hospital)
111 N 84th Street
Omaha NE, 68114
402-955-3871(P)  402-955-8738(F)
Monday - Friday: 8 am to 4:30 pm

Children's Specialty Pediatric Clinic Spring Ridge-Coming soon!
17819 Pierce Plaza
Omaha NE, 68130
402-955-3871(P) 402-955-8738(F)

Children's Specialty Pediatric Clinic (Lincoln)
4445 South 86th Street
Lincoln, NE 68526
402/486-1500(P)  402/955-8799 (F)
Wednesdays each month and alternating Tuesdays: 8:30 am to 4 pm

Prairie Pediatrics
1125 Pierce Street
Sioux City, IA  51105
402/955-3871 (P) 402/955-8738 (F)
Twice a month: 8:30 am to 4 pm

Pediatric Endocrinology Programs

- “A Phase 3, Open-Label, Randomized, Efficacy and Safety Study of Weekly MOD-4023 Compared to Daily R-HGH Replacement Therapy in Pre-Pubertal Growth Hormone Deficient Children
  - Sponsored by OPKO Biologics
    - A clinical trial sponsored by OPKO Biologics comparing the treatment of growth hormone replacement with daily injections to weekly injections of growth hormone for safety and efficacy.
"Collaborative CSGADP Project: Immune Factors Influencing the Development of Type 1 Diabetes, Type 11 Diabetes. Autoimmune Thyroiditis, and/or Celiac Disease in Humans; Cytokine Receptor Populations in Human Autoimmune Diabetes and Thyroiditis. Are IL-18 Receptor-Bearing T cells Pathogenic in Human Type 1 Diabetes? - Sponsored by NIH (PI Nora Sarvetnick, Ph.D.)

- The purpose of this study is to investigate critical factors contributing to the development of type 1 diabetes (T1D), type 2 diabetes (T2D), autoimmune thyroiditis, and/or celiac disease in humans, including the roles of lymphopenia, relevant B & T cell populations, and the presence of various cytokine receptors, particularly IL-21R and IL-18R. Changes in the relative levels of regulatory and effector T cell populations will also be evaluated.

- Trial Net - Trial Net is a network of clinical centers throughout the United States and overseas which is dedicated to the study, prevention and early treatment of Type 1 Diabetes. Sponsored in part by NIH and other major diabetes organizations

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