We are pleased to announce that on June 30, 2010, Children's Hospital and Virginia Commonwealth University Children's Medical Center officially joined operations as Children's Hospital of Richmond of the VCU Health System, or CHoR. This provides a continuum of pediatric care built on a strong foundation of clinical and academic excellence under the VCU Health System umbrella. CHoR improves access to care for children throughout Central Virginia and increases opportunities for fundraising to benefit children's care and support physician recruitment and program development through Children's Hospital Foundation.

By bringing together Children's Hospital and VCU Children’s Medical Center, we create a platform for enhancing all aspects of pediatric medicine and for addressing the need to advance the specialty pediatric care available. CHoR is a robust, full-service children's hospital with 10 locations and a comprehensive scope of services including emergency, primary, secondary, advanced tertiary, rehabilitative and long-term care. Our affiliation enhances the opportunity to recruit and retain top pediatric specialists and sub-specialists, greatly increasing our ability to sustain pediatric education and research programs. With our combined resources we will recruit 30 new physician faculty – half of these over the next four years. We intend to recruit nationally recognized clinicians, outstanding educators and innovative investigators. As part of the VCU Health System, CHoR is the only training program in the Commonwealth of Virginia that educates medical, nursing and dental students, pediatric residents and subspecialty fellows, advanced practice nurses, pediatric psychologists, and pediatric therapists.

Existing services from both organizations remain intact, with plans to build upon those services and improve coordination of care and communication among providers, as our vast array of services is now unified as a continuum of pediatric care unparalleled in our geographic area.

With nearly 1,350 full-time and 1,200 part-time employees who provide nationally recognized care to children, CHoR has the largest number of pediatric specialists, therapists and nurses in Central Virginia, as well as the widest range of pediatric services – from well-child checkups to the only Level 1 Pediatric Intensive Care Unit in our area.

The value a children's hospital brings to a community is beyond measure. Our partnership brings together the commitment, focus, talent and expertise of two of Richmond's finest medical institutions to raise the bar of pediatric health care for all children. The joining of our skill sets positions CHoR as the destination of choice for pediatric health care by parents, physicians, care providers and community leaders – as well as for the practice and training of specialists and leaders in the field. We want to hear from all who need or use our services, and we will work toward having widespread community involvement, both within the medical community and the community at large, as we pursue our vision of advancing the level of care and services available to children and families.
2010 Graduates: Where are they now?

PEDIATRICS
Bay Ansari, MD
Pediatric hospitalist, Spotsylvania Regional Medical Center

Konye Allen, MD
Capitol Pediatrics, Richmond, VA

Carla Collado, MD
NICU fellowship, Vanderbilt University

Alyson Edmunds, MD
Pediatric ED, Chippenham Hospital

Alia Hamad, MD
Pediatric hospitalist, Spotsylvania Regional Medical Center

Sonia Jaffe, MD
Private practice after maternity leave

Jonathan Mason, MD
Adolescent Health Partners, Richmond, VA

Angie Maxwell-Horne, MD
General Pediatrics, CHoR

Lourdes Morales-Dopico, MD
Pediatric chief resident, CHoR

Sri Nair, MD
Pediatric hospitalist, Children’s National Medical Center

Porsche Roberson, MD
UVA Pediatrics, Orange County, VA

Ante Wind, MD
Pediatric chief resident, CHoR

Khaled Yassine, MD
Pediatric hematology/oncology fellowship, CHoR

Jeannie Zigler, DO
Private Practice, Alaska

MEDICINE-PEDIATRICS
Melanie Brown, MD
Primary care private practice, Newport News, VA

Scott Gyorog, MD
Hospitalist and private practice, Madison, WI

Pete Heyboer, MD
Private practice, Kalispell, MT

Trang Le, MD
Pediatric endocrinology fellowship, CHoR

Debo Odulana, MD
NRSA primary care research fellowship, UNC Chapel Hill

Ayesha Talbot, MD
Private practice, Bermuda

PMR
Jason Edinger, MD
Pediatric rehabilitation fellowship, Nationwide Children's Hospital

The Department of Pediatrics welcomes new residents!

PEDIATRICS
Mark Astoria, MD
Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine

Brooke Bavinger, MD
University of South Florida College of Medicine

Christina Ching, MD
Drexel University College of Medicine

Jeffrey Donowitz, MD
St. George's University

Luanne Yang Hale, MD
West Virginia University School of Medicine

Patrice Hicks, MD
University of North Texas Health Science Center - Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine

Monica Patel, DO
University of North Texas Health Science Center - Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine

Zarana Rawalji, MD
University of Illinois College of Medicine

Verne' Rochford, MD
University of Toledo College of Medicine

Matthew Schefft, MD
Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine

Mital Shah, MD, MD
Ross University School of Medicine

Cristin Wendel, MD
University of Texas School of Medicine at San Antonio

Courtney White, MD
Western Univ of Health Sciences/College of Osteopathic Med of the Pacific

MEDICINE-PEDIATRICS
Melissa Lau, MD
Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine

Sean Slusher, MD
University of Tennessee College of Medicine

Michael Zaplin, MD
Albany Medical College

Pediatric Residency Program Coordinator:
Donna Barrett
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Meet the 2010-2011 Chief Residents

Lourdes Morales-Dopico, MD

Medical Schools
Higher Institute of Medical Sciences of Havana
Central America Health Sciences University

Professional Interests
Hospitalist Medicine and Critical Care.

Ante Wind, MD

Medical School
University of Virginia School of Medicine

Professional Interests
Hospitalist Medicine and Critical Care

The chief residents’ goals for the 2010-2011 residency year are to:

• improve usage of Evidence Based Medicine
• improve Journal Club
• improve Morning Report participation and case discussions
• increase residency program satisfaction
• increase resident participation in advocacy efforts
• successfully transition to a separate Hematology/Oncology Team

The Department of Pediatrics welcomes seven new fellows...

Allergy/Immunology
Diane Sun, MD
Brant Ward, MD

Cardiology
Danel Eason, MD

Endocrinology
Trang Le, MD

Hematology/Oncology
Khaled Yassine, MD

Infectious Diseases
Michael Foxworth II, MD

Neonatal/Perinatal Medicine
Mohammad Tazaddin, MD

2010 Education Awards Day
The following awards were presented at the 2010 Department of Pediatrics Awards Day:

Endocrine Award
Asya Asghar, MD
Navita Kumar, MD

Radiology Award
Shadi Jurdi, MD

David Draper Award
Christyn Magill, MD

Louise Robertson Award
Asya Asghar, MD

Martin Hoffman Memorial Award
Adebowale Odulana, MD

Emily Gardner Memorial Award
Angela Maxwell-Horn, MD

Pediatrician Teaching Award
Valerie Bowman, MD, Community Pediatrician

Pediatric Faculty Teaching Award
David Friedel, MD, CHoR Faculty
Clinical Updates and New Programs

Children’s Hospital of Richmond
Surgeon-in-Chief Profile

Dr. David Lanning obtained his MD and PhD at VCU before completing his general surgical training in 2002, also at VCU. After completing a fellowship in pediatric surgery at the Children's Hospital of Michigan, he returned to VCU to join the faculty in 2004. Dr. Lanning currently practices general and thoracic pediatric surgery as an Associate Professor of Surgery and Pediatrics in the Department of Surgery.

Dr. Lanning is credited with introducing pediatric robotic surgery to Virginia and has been a robotic proctor for most of the surgeons at VCU Medical Center. He also introduced and expanded upon a variety of advanced minimally invasive surgical techniques for children in Central Virginia ranging from laparoscopic fundoplication to thoracoscopic PDA ligation. Dr. Lanning is also the Director of the Pediatric Trauma Program.

His research interests include designing and developing a handheld telemedicine device in conjunction with colleagues from the VCU School of Engineering. They were recently awarded a grant from the VCU Presidential Research Incentive Program that will evaluate how this technology can improve care for children with a variety of medical and surgical illnesses. He has also published and presented at national meetings on his wound healing research.

Lastly, Dr. Lanning is a volunteer surgeon and board member for the International Hospital for Children and was instrumental in developing a telemedicine program for St. Vincent and the Grenadines. He has traveled to Central America and the Caribbean over the last seven years on a number of mission trips as well as cared for many children from these regions that have been brought to Richmond by the International Hospital for Children for treatment of their complex surgical diseases.

Updates in Pediatric Surgery
The Division of General Pediatric Surgery is now enrolling patients in a multi-centered, prospective clinical trial designed to help determine the best treatment strategy for children with perforated appendicitis.

NEW! Preventative Pediatric Cardiology Clinic

Atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death in the adult population. Although the clinical manifestations of atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease seem to be in the distant future for children, there is good evidence that the pathological process begins in childhood. In an effort to identify those patients at risk for atherosclerotic disease and initiate multidisciplinary interventions to prevent its progression into adulthood, CHoR has developed a preventative pediatric cardiology clinic.

The target population for the clinic are children with:
- Dislipidemias
- Obesity
- Hypertension

Preventative Pediatric Cardiology Clinic Coordinator
Naomi Howard, CPNP
Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner
Division of Pediatric Cardiology

Clinic Locations and Hours
Nelson Clinic, 1st Floor
2nd and 4th Mondays of the month
9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

VCU Medical Center at Stony Point
3rd Monday of the month
9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Kudos

Avichal Aggarwal, MD
Awarded second place for his poster presentation at the VCU Medical Center Resident Research Day.

Gauri Gulati, MD, IBCLC
Named a “Breastfeeding Champion” by the Virginia Breastfeeding Advocates for 2010.

Angela Maxwell-Horn, MD
Received the 2010 Humanism and Excellence in Teaching Award from VCU School of Medicine through the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

William B. Moskowitz, MD, FAAP, FACC, FSCAI
Named President of the Virginia Chapter of the AAP, 2010-2012 term.

Kate Smith-Bowen, MSW, Clin. III
Received a Certificate of Appreciation Award from the Governor’s Advisory Board on Child Abuse and Neglect. This prestigious award is given to only a few select individuals in the state of Virginia who have made outstanding contributions in the area of child abuse and neglect.

Alyssa Wehrmeister, RD, CDE
Passed the Certified Diabetes Educator exam.

FACULTY PROMOTIONS
Beth Marshall, MD
Associate Professor, Division of Infectious Disease

Anil Kumar, MD
Associate Professor, Division of Endocrinology

Wei Zhao, MD
Associate Professor, Division of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology

Have you received an award or promotion?

We’d love to hear from you!

AUGUST

1-31: Borders Book Drive
9750 W. Broad Street location
Purchase a book at Borders to benefit Children’s Hospital of Richmond’s Arthur Ashe Reading Room.

21: Anthem Moonlight Ride
8 p.m., Sports Backers Stadium
Howl at the full moon and celebrate the joy of cycling at the Anthem Moonlight Ride. Let your wild side show by decorating your bike for the best bike costume award. The Anthem Moonlight Ride features a short "Half Moon" (8 miles) or a longer "Full Moon" (17 miles) route through the North side and near West End. After the ride, enjoy a free concert and post-race celebration. It's a great way to spend a summer evening!

Register on-line or contact Shira Cantor for more information.

SEPTEMBER
10: HOMEARAMA Charity House
September 17th - October 3rd, daily, noon–9 p.m.
101 great new home ideas to benefit Children’s Hospital Foundation. The home showcase will be held at Patriots Landing, a planned community near Interstates 64 and 295 in New Kent. The event will include a charity house benefiting Children’s Hospital Foundation, as well as a variety of design and functional elements to transform any living space.

For more information contact Stephanie Allan.

OCTOBER
9: 8th Annual American Family Fitness 5K/10K
8:30 a.m., Brook Road Hospital
The 8th Annual American Family Fitness 5k/10k Walk/Run and Kids Mascot Mile will benefit Children’s Hospital Foundation. The post-race includes a health fair, breakfast, kids festival, decorated stroller contest, live music and more.

Register on-line or contact Stephanie Allan for more information.
NIH RO1 Grant for CMV Vaccine Development
Drs. McVoy and Adler received a five year NIH RO1 grant to develop a new candidate cytomegalovirus vaccine. The project derives from recent findings by Drs. McVoy and Adler that sera from cytomegalovirus-infected individuals have high levels of antibodies that neutralize viral entry specifically into epithelial cells, whereas current candidate vaccines fail to elicit this high level of neutralizing activity. Hence, the primary focus of the project is to devise a novel vaccine approach that elicits neutralizing antibodies specific for epithelial cell entry with the goal of blocking virus entry at mucosal surfaces. In collaboration with the San Diego-based Vical Inc., the team will investigate the use of DNA vaccines, subunit proteins, and inactivated virions as potential vaccine immunogens. By the end of the grant period the team anticipates having a vaccine candidate ready for clinical development.

Pediatric Pain Module Website Grant
VCU has developed a pain education website with an online curriculum supported by the Virginia Department of Health Professions. The site’s eight modules cover topics in assessment and treatment as well as challenges and legal considerations. The newest module, Pediatric Pain Management, is supported by a grant from C-Change. CME credit is provided upon completion of the modules.

A recent study with medical students and pediatric residents revealed significant knowledge gains and improvements in confidence and attitudes as a result of completing the module.

Accessing the VCU Pain Management Education site:
*The site is available for use by all Virginia providers!
Go to paineducation.vcu.edu
Choose "Access Pain Curriculum"
Choose "Virginia Department of Health Professions"
Choose "Create account" on left blue bar
Follow instructions, enter license number
Choose "Pay by Access Code" Enter "Virginia Pain"
Once in, choose the HOME tab on the top left
Be sure to report time spent on each module after the post test as this selection determines the amount of credit you receive.

Questions? Contact the pain module website site creator and editor, Leanne Yanni, MD.