Children’s Hospital of Richmond (CHoR) is dedicated to recruiting and retaining nationally recognized clinicians, outstanding educators and innovative researchers.

Thirteen new physicians have been hired since Children’s Hospital and VCU Children’s Medical Center joined in July 2010 to create Children’s Hospital of Richmond. The five physicians below have been hired since August, 2011.

Be on the lookout for the November issue of *Early Edition* for full physician profiles.

**We’re Growing!**

**Alison K. Chapman, MD**
Assistant Professor of Pediatrics  
Division of Neonatal Medicine  
NICU: 804-828-9956

**Elena N. Kwon, MD**
Assistant Professor of Pediatrics  
Director of Non-Invasive Imaging  
Division of Cardiology  
Fetal Consults: 804-628-HRTS (4787)

**Clifton C. Lee, MD**
Associate Professor of Pediatrics  
Chief, Division of Hospital Medicine  
Office phone: 804-827-1186  
Admissions: 804-828-9111

**Megan M. Lo, MD**
Assistant Professor of Pediatrics  
Division of Nephrology  
Appointments: 804-628-7337 x6

**Larissa M. Saldana, MD**
Assistant Professor of Pediatrics  
Division of General Pediatrics  
Newborn Nursery: 804-828-6526.

The VCU Pediatric Dentistry Program has also grown with the addition of two new faculty members:
- Malinda Husson, DDS
- Patrice Wunsch, DDS

**Child Neurology** welcomes three new nurse practitioners:
- Martha Edwards Hart, PNP
- Debra K. Hearington, PNP
- Rachel Livingston, PNP
Clinical Updates and New Programs

Hospital Medicine Expands
- Dr. Clifton Lee

Pediatric hospitalists are pediatricians who specialize in non-intensive medical care of hospitalized children. They have extensive training and experience in providing care for infants and children with common as well as complex medical conditions. They provide comprehensive, family focused care from admission to discharge. The hospitalists work with the patient’s primary care physician by discussing diagnostic and treatment plans and ensuring appropriate follow-up care at discharge.

Because pediatric hospitalists only treat patients in the hospital setting, they have the ability to re-evaluate patients and offer updates to family members in a timely manner. They also work closely with the pediatric emergency department physicians as well as medical and surgical subspecialists to provide comprehensive and coordinated care. CHoR’s three hospitalists are also actively involved in medical student and resident teaching, as well as quality and delivery of care improvement initiatives.

CHoR’s pediatric hospitalists include Drs. Clifton Lee, David Friedel and Michael Ryan.

Read more about the team.

Vascular Malformation Clinic
- Dr. Claudio Oiticica

CHoR runs a comprehensive, multi-disciplinary Vascular Malformation Clinic to diagnose and treat children and adults with various types of vascular anomalies. This clinic has become one of the leading centers of its kind in Virginia. The clinic is staffed by a closely integrated multidisciplinary team of physician specialists and related support staff representing the pediatric disciplines of surgery, plastic surgery, interventional radiology, dermatology, general pediatrics, hematology and oncology, orthopedic surgery and psychology. Team members work together to provide state-of-the-art care plans for patients and families.

For more information please call 804-828-3042.

Craniofacial Care—Additional Clinic Location

The multidisciplinary Craniofacial Clinic has expanded to provide services on the Brook Road Campus every third Monday of the month from 8 to 11:30 a.m.

Appointments: 804-828-3042.

We’re ImPACT Certified!

Immediate Post-Concussion Assessment and Cognitive Testing (ImPACT) is the first, most-widely used, and most scientifically validated computerized concussion evaluation system. CHoR’s unique Concussion/TBI Clinic is now an ImPACT Certified Center.

ImPACT provides baseline testing and post-concussion testing. This type of concussion assessment can help to objectively evaluate the concussed athlete’s post-injury condition and track recovery for safe return to play, thus preventing the cumulative effects of concussion. It is used by numerous professional football teams, high schools, colleges and hospitals.

The clinic serves children who have been seen in the hospital, ER, or physician’s office for a concussion or brain injury. The comprehensive clinic helps children and families through every step of the recovery process, from the management of neurological symptoms to addressing school and social issues.

Appointments: 804-228-5818.
Check out the spring 2011 issue of Tid*Bits to learn more about concussions and CHoR’s unique clinic.

Division of Gastroenterology and Nutrition: We’ve Moved!

CHoR’s GI team has moved to VCU Medical Center at Stony Point. The consolidation of multiple GI clinics provides a designated comprehensive clinic for GI patients and their families. CHoR’s Division of Gastroenterology and Nutrition is Central Virginia’s most comprehensive GI service for children. The division manages the entire spectrum of pediatric gastrointestinal and nutritional disease and disorders—from premature infancy to 21 years-of-age. The team includes three Board Certified gastroenterologists, three nurse practitioners and dietary team members.

Appointments: 804-628-7337

Medical-Legal Partnership of Richmond (MLP-R) Update

MLP-R now offers CHoR families free legal resources related to immigration rights in partnership with Phil Story from the Charlottesville Legal Aid Justice Center.

Learn more about MLP-R.
See page 3 for a MLP-R success story!
MLP-R Family Success Story

- Baramon Kolb, MSW

When Children’s Hospital of Richmond patients and families need doctors and lawyers — Medical Legal Partnership Richmond (MLP-R) is here to help!

Client: Mom of a child who was injured during delivery.

Situation: Mom was told to “get a lawyer” when she asked for assistance with paperwork for the Birth-Related Neurological Injury Compensation Program.

Referral: Mom discussed her needs with a social worker during one of her child’s many hospitalizations. The social worker referred her to MLP-R.

Action: An attorney assessed the case, obtained necessary medical records, and drafted a petition with supporting documentation to help the family gain admission into the Birth-Related Neurological Injury Compensation Program.

Outcome: The family now receives the following benefits:

Medicaid Services:
- Daily in-home nursing care
- Durable medical equipment
- Hospital and physician care

Birth-Related Neurological Injury Compensation Program Services:
- Mom receives $10/hour, 40 hrs/week to care for child
- Therapeutic toy allowance
- Partial rent is paid
- Partial cell phone bill is paid
- Mileage reimbursement for travel related to child’s medical care
- One-time housing modification allowance (up to $175,000) to add a room, bathroom, and storage
- Full-size wheelchair accessible van
- Wage replacement for the child when she turns 18

More information: Baramon Kolb, LCSW at 804-628-1310

Community Comes Together to Supports Oncology Patients and Their Families

- Robyn Dillon, MSW, LCSW, Clin III

On October 1, over 30 children with cancer and their families enjoyed pumpkin picking, hayrides, pig races, and a scary fun barn at the 3rd Annual Childhood Cancer Community Consortium (C4) Family Fall Festival. The event was made possible by a Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals mini-grant and through the generosity of Chesterfield Berry Farm. Over 125 attendees enjoyed the educational and fun outdoor event. Patients, siblings and family members mingled with other families while gathering resource information from C4 member organization booths.

C4 was started in 2007 as a networking and services support group with the mission to unite the unique talents and skills of the various childhood cancer organizations in the Greater Richmond area. C4 member organizations collaborate to provide comprehensive care and resources for children with cancer and their families. C4 member organizations meet quarterly to identify gaps and overlaps in support services provided to Children’s Hospital of Richmond oncology patients and their families. C4 member organizations work collectively to provide a united service referral and delivery system as they realize no one organization can meet all patient and family needs.


Read more about C4.

Do you have news to share about your clinic or program?

Submit your news for the winter issue of the Department of Pediatrics e-newsletter.
Welcome New Residents!

PEDiATRIC RESiDENTS
Jessica Addison, MD
Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine
Gary Beasley, MD
Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine
Linden Foos, MD
Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine
Jennifer Fuchs, MD
Wake Forest University School of Medicine
Amanda Gerber, MD
Michigan State University College of Human Medicine
Edward Henderson, DO
Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine
Lori Hugg, MD
Saint George’s University
Sterling Jones, MD
Medical University of South Carolina College of Medicine
Tiffany Kimbrough, MD
University of Maryland School of Medicine
Khoa Luong, MD
New York Medical College
Nabihah Mahmood, MD
West Virginia University School of Medicine-Charleston
Stefanie Reed, DO
West Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine
Lillian Rogers, MD
Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University
Jessica Serrano, MD
University of Arizona College of Medicine-Tucson
Adam Szadkowski, MD
University of Wisconsin School of Medicine & Public Health

MEDiCiNE-PEdiATRICS
Morgan Cheatham, MD
Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine
Sara Mears, MD
Medical University of South Carolina College of Medicine
Shivani Shodhan, MD
Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine

Interested in pediatrics?
Pediatric Residency Program
Contact: Donna Barrett
Pediatric Fellowship Program
Contact: Jennifer Nelson-Dowdy
Faculty Recruitment
Contact: Julia Ayscue
Pediatric Update Seminar Series: 
Save the Date!

January 26, 2012
Cardiology

April 26, 2012
Endocrinology

The series is an opportunity to hear the latest in clinical interventions from an array of pediatric subspecialists. All events begin at 6 p.m. and include a light dinner and CME credit.

Children’s Hospital of Richmond - Brook Road Campus
2924 Brook Road, Richmond, VA 23220

Please e-mail Sherry Black to join the Pediatric Update Seminar Series mailing list.

In Memory

Dr. Gayle Arnold

- Dr. Barry V. Kirkpatrick, Professor and Vice Chairman, Department of Pediatrics

Dr. Gayle Arnold, Clinical Professor of Pediatrics died in early September after a period of declining health. Dr. Arnold was the first medical associate of the late Dr. Edwin Kendig in the private practice of pediatrics. Their offices were located on Grove Avenue in the near west end of Richmond. Dr. Arnold was the medical director of the Cerebral Palsy Center in Richmond and held that position for over thirty years. He was singled out by President George Bush as one of America’s Thousand Points of Light and received that award for his lifetime commitment of his work at the CP Center.

Dr. Arnold held a clinical appointment with the Department of Pediatrics and he enjoyed teaching medical students and residents over his many long years of practice.

The Department of Pediatrics sends its sincerest condolences to Dr. Arnold’s family and friends.

Rubin Lab

Sponsor: Fisher & Paykel
Title: The Effect of Humidification on Mucus Rheology Award: $74,748.00

Sponsor: McNeil
Title: An observational study to evaluate the relationship of nasal mucus properties and symptoms in acute rhinosinusitis. Award: $102,500.00

Sponsor: Glaxosmithkline
Title: A study of the effect of a novel macrolides as a potential immunomodulatory medication Amount: $206,425.00

Sponsor: Teleflex
Title: Construction of a Biomechanical Model to Study Intubation and Mucus Aspiration Amount: $65,000.00

Grand Total= $448,673.00

The Rubin Lab welcomes:
•  Chris Corday, PhD, from University of Western England
•  Shauna Webb-Parker, Biotechnology Intern, from Middle Tennessee State University

Elsea Lab

Sarah Elsea, PhD

Fondation Jerome Lejeune: Development and characterization of a neuronal model system for analysis of compounds to modulate RAI1 expression in Smith-Magenis syndrome Period: 9/1/11-8/31/13

Researchers find alterations of a single gene associated with intellectual disability, epilepsy and autistic features

Molecular findings may help improve diagnosis and screening in the future

VCU School of Medicine researchers, working with an international team of colleagues, have identified a gene that may play a role in causing a neurodevelopmental disorder that includes intellectual disability, seizures and autism spectrum disorder. Read more

Clinical Trials

Interested in learning more about pediatric clinical trials? Contact Jaime Petrasek, Administrative Director, Pediatric Research or search for current Department of Pediatrics clinical trials on the VCU Clinical Trials website.
OCTOBER

— 79 —
8th Annual Spirit of Advocacy Program & Awards
6:30 p.m., CHoR—Brook Road Campus Auditorium
Topic: Protecting children from brain injury
RSVP to Jenna Lear

NOVEMBER

— 5 —
29th Annual Teddy Bear Run
1:00 p.m., CHoR - Brook Road Campus
Sponsored by the Blue Knights VA III, the free event will bring a parade of motorcycles carrying teddy bears to patients in the Transitional Care Unit at Children’s Hospital of Richmond. Light refreshments will be served.
More information.

Family Kudos

Mom: Sharon Berg
Infant Services
Brook Road Campus

Berg’s daughter, Allison Sikes, a Saint Augustine’s College graduate and former basketball standout, has been selected as one of two Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) nominees for the 2011 NCAA Woman of the Year Award.

Mom: Jenna Lear
Administrative Support Services
Brook Road Campus

Alexa Rose Lear
May 14, 2011
8 lb

Dad: Mike Ryan, MD
Division of Hospital Medicine
MCV Campus

Maeve Emmeline Ryan
September 30, 2011
8 lb, 7 oz
Presentations

Richard Brookman, MD
“‘High’ Anxiety - When and How to Screen Adolescents for Substance Use and Abuse”
17th Teen Culture Conference
Virginia, October, 2011

Timothy Bunchman, MD
“Chronic Renal Disease”
“Dialysis Modalities”
Michigan Academy of Physician Assistants Meeting
Michigan, October, 2011

“Renal Transplant Therapy in the ICU”
American Academy of Pediatrics
Massachusetts, October 2011

“Critical Care Nephrology”
“Renal Replacement Therapy in the ICU”
“Nutritional Requirements in Acute Kidney Injury”
Turkish Critical Care Society
Turkey, October 2011

Tracy Lowerre, MS, RN, CPN
Lauren Goodloe, PhD, RN, NEA-BC
“Keeping Masters Prepared Nurses at the Bedside: A Feasibility Study”
UHC: University Healthsystem Consortium
Illinois, September, 2011

Note: The list of publications and presentations included in this e-newsletter does not represent the entire body of publications and presentations completed by the Department of Pediatrics. The list only includes items submitted by faculty/staff to the e-newsletter.

Kudos

Philip Kum-Nji, MD, Associate Professor, Division of General Pediatrics was promoted from Assistant Professor.

Bruce K. Rubin, MEng, MD, MBA, FRCP. Jessie Ball duPont Professor and Chair, Department of Pediatrics, Physician-in-Chief, Children’s Hospital of Richmond, received the 2011 Virginia Society for Respiratory Care Robert A. Bageant award for his contributions to respiratory care in the Commonwealth.

H. Joel Schmidt, MD, Professor and Interim Chief, Division of Pulmonology, was chosen to serve on the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Infection Control Guidelines Committee. Dr. Schmidt and his committee colleagues were charged with a two-year task to review the many studies performed throughout the world that have furthered our understanding of acquisition and transmission of CF pathogens, develop a guideline document for distribution to the CF community for comment before it is finalized and submitted for publication, address ways to improve implementation of infection control and overcome the barriers to implementation, and develop a ‘tool box’ to facilitate education and implementation of infection control by healthcare professionals, patients, and families.

Syndi Seinfeld, MD, former Child Neurology fellow, received the Outstanding Junior Member Award from the Child Neurology Society for her abstract “Emergency Management of Febrile Status Epilepticus: Results from the FEBSTAT study

Submit recent publications and national presentations for the next issue of the Department of Pediatrics e-newsletter!

CHoR Communications

Don’t forget to checkout the fall issue of Tid*Bits

Be on the lookout for the November issue of Early Edition featuring new physician profiles and spotlights on pediatric nephrology, the transfer center and cardiothoracic surgery.
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“Like” us on Facebook!

Fall Issue Fun Fact

Share in the conversation and Like Children’s Hospital of Richmond on Facebook! CHoR’s Facebook features news, events, photos, health tips and more!

Below are a few recent comments and mentions from CHoR Facebook and Twitter followers.

- Thank you so much to all the doctors, nurses, and child life specialists who have taken care of me! I am proud to say I am a kid of Children’s Hospital of Richmond!
- You guys are the very best!
- Loved the new Diabetes and Metabolism Center today. My daughter was equally impressed and can’t wait to come back!
- Thanks to Dr. Bagwell and his team for taking such GREAT care of my son...
- From the time we made the appt to when we checked in, to when we left- the entire staff at @childrensRVA was amazing. Best patient exp ever