



Department of Pediatrics
PEDIATRIC FELLOWSHIP NEWSLETTER

Summer 2012

Welcome to Our New Fellows

ADOLESCENT MEDICINE

Laura Obijuru, MD, New York University School of Medicine (New York, NY)

CARDIOLOGY

Emily Langan, MD, University at Buffalo, State University of New York School of Medicine & Biomedical Sciences (Buffalo, NY)

CRITICAL CARE

Amanda Hall, MD, University of Rochester Medical Center (Rochester, NY)

DEVELOPMENTAL – BEHAVIORAL PEDIATRICS

Abigail Kroening, MD, University of Rochester Medical Center (Rochester, NY)
Stephanie Straka, DO, Geisinger Medical Center (Danville, PA)

GENERAL PEDIATRICS

Anne-Marie Conn, PhD, University of Rochester Medical Center (Rochester, NY)
Robert Nutt, MD, University of Rochester Medical Center (Rochester, NY)
Cammie Hilliard, MD, University of Rochester Medical Center (Rochester, NY)

HEMATOLOGY/ONCOLOGY

Bobby Gearing, MD, Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) Children's Hospital (Charleston, SC)

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Zachary Hoy, MD, Children's Hospital of Orange County (Orange, CA)
Brenda Tesini, MD, University of Rochester Medical Center (Rochester, NY)

NEONATOLOGY

Pratik Parikh, MBBS, Saint Peter's University Hospital (New Brunswick, NJ)
Srujana Rallabandi, MBBS, East Carolina University/Pitt County Memorial Hospital (Greenville, NC)

Congratulations to Our Graduating Fellows

ADOLESCENT MEDICINE

Taylor Starr, DO, MPH, joins the faculty of the Department of Pediatrics, University of Rochester Medical Center. Dr. Starr gave several presentations within the Department of Pediatrics including presenting her research at Pediatric Grand Rounds. She also presented to the Adolescent Unit of Rochester Institute of Technology's Physician Assistant training program. Dr. Starr published:

Kreipe RE, **Starr TB**, Simeone R. Chapter 39: Eating Disorders. *The Behavioral Science and Health Care*, 3rd Edition. Sahler OJ and Carr JE, Eds.

CARDIOLOGY

Amanda Hall, MD, continues her fellowship training in the Pediatric Critical Care Program at the University of Rochester Medical Center.

GENERAL PEDIATRICS

Kelly Brown, MD, joins the faculty of the Department of Pediatrics, University of Rochester Medical Center. Dr. Brown presented nationally at the Pediatric Academic Societies and Asian Society for Pediatric Research joint meeting, as well as the Academic Pediatric Association meetings, Regions II & III. Dr. Brown's publications include:

Brown KA, Turner RB. Strategies for Preventing the Common Cold: The Current Evidence. *The Journal of Respiratory Diseases*. 2009; 30.

Brown KA, Patel DR. Exploring the Use of Complementary and Alternative Medicine in Children with Developmental Disabilities. *Indian Journal of Pediatrics*. 72(11):949-52, Nov 2005.

HEMATOLOGY/ONCOLOGY

Amy-Lee Bredlau, MD, MS, is Director of the Pediatric Brain Tumor Program at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) Children's Hospital in Charleston, SC. Dr. Bredlau presented at Pediatric Grand Rounds and at national conferences such as the American Society for Experimental Neurotherapeutics (ASENT) and the American Society of Pediatric Hematology Oncology (ASPHO). She completed a Master of Science degree in Clinical Investigation during her fellowship. Dr. Bredlau published:

Bredlau AL, Constine LS, Silberstein HJ, Milano MT, Korones DN. Incidental Brain Lesions in Children: To Treat or Not to Treat? *Journal of NeuroOncology*, 2012 Feb;106(3):589-94.

Bredlau AL, Semple JW, Segel GB. Management of Immune Thrombocytopenic Purpura in Children: Potential Role of Novel Agents. *Pediatric Drugs*, 2011;13(4): pp. 213-223.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Mundeep Kainth, DO, MPH, earned her Master of Public Health degree during her fellowship and has presented her work at the NIH – NIAID/IDSA Research Careers Meeting. Dr. Kainth is in the process of interviewing for a career in Pediatric Infectious Diseases. Dr. Kainth published:

Kainth MK, Caserta, MT. Molecular Diagnostic Tests for Human Herpesvirus 6. *Pediatr Infect Dis J*. 2011 Jul;30(7):604-5.

Kainth MK, Krysan DJ. Age and Symptoms Affect the Prevalence of Group A Beta-Hemolytic Streptococcus in Pharyngeal Cultures of School Age Children. *J Pediatr* 2011;158(3):515-6.

Kainth, MK, D'Angio C. The University of Rochester Medical Center, Peri-FACTS Education Program. Article: Newborn Immunizations: The Hepatitis B Paradigm, Case #924. Rochester, NY: The University of Rochester (2010).

NEONATOLOGY

Rebecca Barnett, DO, joins Neonatal Associates of Central New York at Crouse Hospital in Syracuse as Attending Physician and Voluntary Faculty of Pediatrics. Dr. Barnett plans on remaining actively involved in clinical research, especially neonatal outcomes and neurodevelopment. Dr. Barnett has presented her research at Pediatric Grand Rounds and nationally at the American Academy of Pediatrics, Pediatric Academic Society, and the American Society of Gene & Cell Therapy meetings.

Yesef Antongiorgi, MD, MS, enters private practice at Kidz Medical Services in Coral Gables, FL. He completed his Master of Science degree in Medical Management from the Simon School of Business and his scholarly work served as his Master's thesis. Dr. Antongiorgi presented at Townsend Teaching Day at Rochester General Hospital.

Mazen Nayrouz, MBChB, presented nationally at the American Academy of Pediatrics and at Pediatric Academic Societies meetings. He is currently pursuing a career in Neonatology.

Achievements and Awards

The Department of Pediatrics offers research support to our fellows through highly-competitive pathways. Fellows are nominated by Pediatric Division Chiefs for the Bradford and Clausen Awards based on the merit of their research and proposed training plan. Fellows awarded the NIH T32 Pediatric Research grant "Bench to Bedside to Curbside" and appointed as Dean's Fellows are selected by Nina Schor, MD, PhD, Chair of the Department of Pediatrics. Selection is based on research merit and design, and potential to publish.

This year's Awardees are:

2012-2013 Bradford Fellows

Prita Mohanty, MBBS (Third Year, GI/Nutrition)

Dana Work, DO (Third Year, Nephrology)

2012-2013 Clausen Fellows

Melissa Cellini, MD (Third Year, General Pediatrics)

Kunal Gupta, MBBS (Second Year, Neonatology)

NIH T32 Pediatric Research grant "Bench to Bedside to Curbside" Fellows

Vibha Sood, MBBS (Second Year, GI/Nutrition) – Project: Study of Type Three Secretion System Mediated Pathogenesis of V. Cholera; Mentor, Michelle Dziejman, PhD

Syed Shah, MBBS (Second Year, Neonatology) – Project: Correlation of Cord Blood Regulatory T Cell Number and Function with Premature Birth and Severity of Lung Disease Prior to Discharge; Mentor, Gloria Pryhuber, MD

Dean's Fellows

Manvi Bansal, MBBS (Second Year, Pulmonology) – Project: Physiologic Mechanism of Feeding Desaturations in Preterm Infants; Mentor, Clement Ren, MD

Kunal Gupta, MBBS (Second Year, Neonatology) – Project: Cumulative Lipid Intake and Neonatal Cholestasis; Mentor, Sanjiv Amin, MBBS, MD, MS

Congratulations to...

Mohy Kotb, MD (Second Year, Cardiology) and his wife, Eman Aly, welcomed their son Adam on February 2nd at a healthy 8 lbs., 6 oz.

Abigail Kroening, MD (First Year, Developmental – Behavioral Pediatrics) and her husband, Daniel, welcomed their son Elijah Atkinson on May 20th. He weighed in at 8 lbs., 8 oz., and was 21¾ inches long.

Around Town

Clothesline Festival: September 8 & 9

The area surrounding University Avenue – “Neighborhood of the Arts” – is one of the most culture and art-rich sections of the city. Located here is the Memorial Art Gallery which hosts the annual Clothesline Arts Festival, a great place to enjoy free family art activities, and buy original artwork.

Finger Lakes Wine Country

Indulge in wine tours, peaceful views and unique experiences when you plan your visit to Finger Lakes Wine Country, New York, the most beautiful and affordable wine country destination in the world.

For You and Your Family

R.A.R.E.S

The University of Rochester is a member of RARES (Regional Area Recreation and Employee Service Association). RARES offers you a unique way to obtain significant discounts as a benefit of your employment.

The Children's School at URMC

On-site day care center open from 6:30 AM to 6:00 PM. The School provides service for UR employees only. It is accredited by NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children).

Useful Links

- <http://rochester.kidsoutandabout.com>
- <http://www.freetime.com>
- <http://www.rochestercitynewspaper.com>
- <http://www.democratandchronicle.com>