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Michele Holloway Nichols, M.D.

Professor of Pediatrics

University of Alabama at Birmingham

An avid Auburn fan, I was first a Seminole--attending Florida State University as a dance major. I transferred to Auburn University, however, where I was in premed and graduated with a Chemistry degree. My medical school and residency years are some of my favorite years! I obtained my Medical Degree from the University of Alabama School of Medicine and completed my Pediatric Residency and Pediatric Emergency Medicine Fellowship at Children's Hospital Medical Center in Cincinnati, Ohio. I returned to the warm, sunny southeast and joined the faculty at the University of Alabama at Birmingham as a Pediatric Emergency Medicine Attending. I was fortunate to be selected to serve as one of the Directors of the Pediatric Residency Program. What an awesome honor to serve in this role--I especially enjoy the teaching and mentoring opportunities. I also served as the Pediatric Emergency Medicine Fellowship Director for many years. As one of the Medical Co-Directors of the Regional Poison Control Center and a Co-Director of the Injury/ Advocacy rotation, I have many opportunities to teach about things I am passionate about--toxicology, community outreach, education, and injury prevention. I continue to serve as an Attending in the Pediatric Emergency Department where I work with the most amazing colleagues. My family is a top priority--I love nothing more than time with them! In my free time you may find me running around Star Lake, playing tennis on the neighborhood courts, teaching the church Youth, baking goodies at home, cheering on the Auburn tigers (yes, a loyal fan!), or just out and about with my kiddos! Email: mnichols@peds.uab.edu



Nancy Tofil, M.D.

Associate Professor of Pediatrics

University of Alabama at Birmingham

After completing my medical school training at The Ohio State College of Medicine, I came to Birmingham with my husband Eric for residency in internal medicine/pediatrics. We did the couples match and he matched in internal medicine. Growing up in New York and Eric living his whole life in Ohio, we never anticipated staying in the south. After completing residency, Eric took a job at the VA hospital and I completed a fellowship in pediatric critical care medicine. Fifteen years later, we are very happily still living here. During my fellowship I obtained my Masters in Education. I currently am the associate pediatric program director and the medical director of the pediatric simulation center. When not teaching or taking care of patients, I often am playing or coaching my two children in soccer or basketball or my new favorite sport: slalom skiing. Email: ntofil@peds.uab.edu



Jason Robert Hartig, MD

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**Associate Professor of Internal Medicine and Pediatrics
University of Alabama at Birmingham**

After completing my undergraduate and medical school training at the University of Missouri – Kansas City, I came to Birmingham for residency in 1996. Four years later, I joined the Departments of Medicine and Pediatrics as an Assistant Professor. Progressively over time I have assumed greater leadership roles with an intentional emphasis on educational endeavors. Currently, I am the Program Director for the Med-Peds Residency Program and an Assistant Program Director for the categorical programs. Within the School of Medicine I serve as the Chair of the Clinical Subcommittee of the Medical Education Committee overseeing the third and fourth years of medical school. I work on the Dean's Council for Graduate Medical Education reviewing the ACGME-approved residency and fellowship programs at UAB. Beyond my administrative capacities described, I maintain an active clinical career precepting in the Pediatric and Internal Medicine clinics and regularly attending on both inpatient ward services. My wife and I have been married for 15 years – I remain her only child. If not working in our yard or spinning-away on my elliptical machine watching sports, I can likely be found ‘playing’ with one of my many remote control ‘toys’ or model trains (which are clearly not toys). Email: jhartig@uab.edu



Michael D. Barnett, MD, MS

**Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine & Pediatrics
University of Alabama at Birmingham**

It was on a trip to central Russia during college that I decided to pursue medicine. So, after graduating from the School of Engineering & Applied Science at the University of Virginia in 2002, I moved to Kentucky and joined a Rural Training Track at UK College of Medicine. Four years later, I came to UAB for residency, completed a year as Chief Resident of Med-Peds in 2010, and then moved to Pittsburgh for fellowship training in Hospice & Palliative Medicine at UPMC. I stayed on there to complete my Masters in Medical Education before coming back to Birmingham to join the faculty at the UAB Center for Palliative & Supportive Care in 2012. Currently, I am the Assistant Program Director for the Med-Peds Residency Program and Assistant Program Director for the Hospice & Palliative Medicine Fellowship Program. I attend on the Palliative Care consult services at UAB and Children's of Alabama and in the Palliative & Comfort Care Unit. My current interests are in the growing field of pediatric palliative care and in medical education, specifically curriculum development and interdisciplinary education in communication and palliative care. Outside of the hospital, I spend my time running in downtown Birmingham, reading the Church Fathers, eating BBQ, and listening to Americana music.

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Wyn Hoover, M.D.

Undergraduate: Millsaps College – Jackson, MS
 Medical School: LSUHSC – New Orleans, LA
 Residency: University of Florida – Pensacola, FL
 Fellowship: Indiana University – Indianapolis, IN
 Faculty Appointments: UAB, Associate Professor, Faculty
 Activities: Pediatric Pulmonary Medicine
 Associate Director, UAB Pediatric Cystic Fibrosis Center
 Director, UAB Pediatric Pulmonary Fellowship
 Director, UAB Pediatric Pulmonary Center
 Clinical Interests: Cystic Fibrosis, Asthma and General
 Pediatric Pulmonary Medicine.



Lauren Nassetta, M.D.

Undergraduate: Birmingham-Southern College
 Medical School: University of Alabama (UAB)
 Residency: Pediatrics at UAB
 Chief resident: 2009-2010
 Pediatric Hospitalist
 Research interests: Impacts of recent duty hour changes
 on resident education, patient care Standardizing hand-off
 of care between residents Diagnostic Error/Premature Cl
 sure



Gregory Friedman, MD.

Undergraduate: College of William & Mary
 Medical School: Medical College of Georgia
 Postdoctoral/Post Graduate Training: Pediatrics Internship,
 Pediatrics Residency, Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Fel-
 lowship – All at UAB
 Clinical and Research Experiences: Pediatric Neurooncology,
 brain tumor stem cells, engineered herpes simplex virus
 therapy to treat recurrent pediatric solid tumors and brain
 tumors.
 Academic Appointment/Title: Assistant Professor.
 Professional/Community Interests: Camp Smile-A-Mile



Ann Klasner, MD, MPH

Medical School – University of Illinois College of Medicine
 Residency (Pediatrics) – University of Arkansas , Little
 Rock, AR
 Fellowship (Pediatric Emergency Medicine) – St. Louis Uni-
 versity/Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital – St. Louis,
 MO
 Currently Pediatric Emergency Medicine Fellowship Direc-
 tor at UAB



Hussein Abdullatif, M.D.

Born Jedda, Saudi Arabia

Grew up In Amman, Jordan

Position: Pediatric Endocrinologist and Pediatric Clerkship Director

Languages: English, Arabic and French with a touch of Spanish and Hebrew



Amanda Soong, M.D.

Undergraduate: University of Alabama

Medical School: University of Alabama (UAB)

Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Division of General Pediatrics

Attends in the Residency Continuity Clinic and the Newborn Nursery



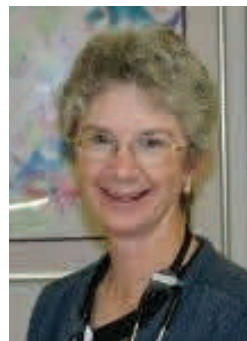
Annalise Sorrentino, M.D.

Medical School: University of Missouri – Kansas City

Residency: University of Alabama at Birmingham (best residency ever)

Fellowship (emergency medicine): University of Alabama at Birmingham (best fellowship ever)

Assistant Dean for Students at UASOM and love it!



Carolyn Ashworth, M.D.

Undergraduate: University of Georgia (Go Dawgs!)

Medical School: Medical College of Georgia

Residency: Medical College of Georgia

Chief Resident Year-Medical College of Georgia

Fellowship: General Academic Pediatrics-Duke University-Division Director, General Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine

Faculty at UAB since 1991



Ambika Ashraf, M.D.

Undergraduate: University of Calicut, India
 Medical School: University of Calicut, India
 Fellowship: University of Alabama at Birmingham
 Currently Associate Professor/ Pediatric Endocrinology
 Personal Life – Married for 16 years, two daughters (13 and 10 years) and one dog– Skittles



Kathy Monroe, M.D.

Medical school and Residency: University of Alabama at Birmingham
 Fellowship: University of Alabama at Birmingham Emergency Medicine
 Currently Attending in ED and research director and medical director for ED. Co-director of residency research committee.
 Interests: injury prevention; community activities. hobbies: music, running, eating!



Teresa Coco, M.D.

Undergraduate: Birmingham- Southern College
 Medical School: University of Alabama (UAB)
 Currently Associate Professor of Pediatric Emergency Medicine
 Medical Director of After Hours clinic, PALS course medical director, area of interest is childhood safety and injury prevention



Cason Benton, M.D.

Undergraduate and Graduate School: University of Massachusetts at Amherst and University of California at Berkeley
 Medical School: University of Alabama (UAB) and Pediatric Residency: University of Washington at Seattle
 Medical Director, Primary Care Clinic (pediatric, medicine pediatric and genetic pediatric outpatient continuity clinic) and Wards attending



Margaret Winkler, M.D.

Undergraduate: Milligan College
 Graduate School: University of South Carolina
 Medical School: University of South Carolina
 Residency: University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
 Fellowship: University of Alabama at Birmingham
 Previous employment: Faculty at University of Kentucky
 Current employment: Division director of Pediatric Critical Care Medicine since 2000
 Research Interest: Education in pediatric critical care and patient safety



Stephanie Berger, M.D.

Undergraduate: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
 Medical School: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
 Residency: University of Alabama at Birmingham
 Currently an Assistant Professor in Pediatric Hospital Medicine and Director of Pediatric Medical Grand Rounds
 Research Interests: Quality Improvement



Randy Cron, M.D., Ph.D.

Undergraduate: UC Riverside (captain varsity water polo team)
 Medical School: UCLA
 PhD in Immunology: University of Chicago
 Pediatrics Residency: Stanford University
 Pediatric Rheumatology Fellowship: University of Washington
 UAB: Director of Pediatric Rheumatology since 2007
 Research: CD4 T cell transcription (SLE and HIV), macrophage activation syndrome, TMJ arthritis



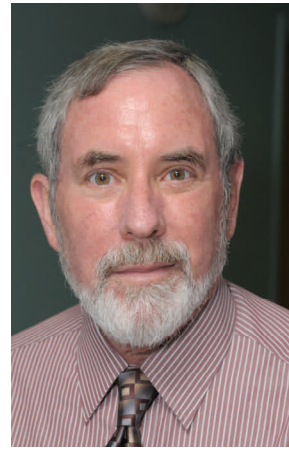
Raymond Watts, M.D.

Undergraduate: University of Louisiana-Monroe
 Medical School: Louisiana State University–Shreveport
 Residency: Arkansas Children's Hospital
 Military Service: USAF stationed in Grand Forks, ND
 Fellowship: University of Alabama at Birmingham in Hematology/Oncology
 Current employment: Division Director of Pediatric Hematology Oncology
 Research Interest: Clinical outcomes and innovative therapies for post transplant lymphoproliferative disorder and hemophilia clinical research



Robb Romp, M.D.

Undergraduate: Yale University
Medical School: Duke University
Residency: University of Alabama at Birmingham
Fellowship: Duke University
Current: Associate Professor in Pediatric Cardiology



Joe Philips, M.D.

Undergrad – Washington & Lee University
Medical School – University of North Carolina
Residency – Mt Sinai (NYC)/Duke
Fellowship – University of Florida
UAB Faculty – Professor in Neonatology from 1980-Present



Jeanine Maclin, M.D.

Undergraduate: UAB, B.S. Chemistry
Med School: UAB, graduated in 2001
Residency: UAB Department of Pediatrics
Assistant Professor of Pediatrics in the Department of GI and Nutrition since 2007
Fellowship Director for Peds GI



Will Sasser, M.D.

Undergraduate: University of the South (Sewanee)
Medical School: Medical University of South Carolina
Residency: University of Alabama at Birmingham
Fellowship: University of Alabama at Birmingham, Critical Care
Current: Assistant Professor - Pediatric Critical Care
Clinical Interest: Pediatric Cardiac Critical Care



Terry Wall, M.D.

Undergraduate: Emory University
 Medical School: Emory University
 Professor of Pediatrics, General Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine
 Attends in Newborn Nursery, General Inpatient Pediatrics, Pediatric Hypertension Clinic, and the residents' Primary Care Clinic; is also very involved in development of the electronic health record at Children's of Alabama



Susan Walley, M.D.

Undergraduate: Duke University
 Medical School: Medical College of Georgia
 Residency: University of Alabama at Birmingham
 Current Position: Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Division of Hospital Medicine
 Personal Life – Married with 3 children.
 Hobbies – Running, community service, spending time with family
 Research Interests- Quality Improvement, patient identification, inpatient asthma care, childhood Tobacco Smoke Exposure



Santiago Borasino, M.D.

Medical School: Universidad Remona Cayetano
 Residency: University of Alabama (UAB)
 Fellowship: Children's Hospital of Philadelphia 2004-2007
 Title: Assistant Professor, Division of Critical Care
 Career Interests: Cardiac Intensive Care Outcomes/ Morbidity Research (Chylothorax, Peritoneal Dialysis, Steroids Post Op, HLHS pre op feeding); PICU multicenter trial Research (Sedation for patients with ALI and mechanical ventilation, biomarkers and genetic markers of ALI, hypothermia after cardiac arrest)



Marsha Sturdevant, M.D.

Undergraduate: Linfield College, McMinnville, OR
 Medical School: Oregon Health and Science University
 Currently, Professor of Pediatrics, UAB School of Medicine, Director, The William A Daniel, Jr. Adolescent Health Center and Director, UAB Adolescent Medicine Fellowship Program
 I have specific interests in HIV prevention in adolescents and in family centered care for HIV infected women, children, and youth.



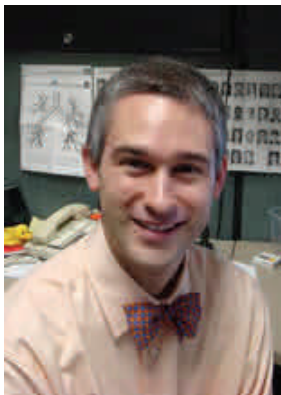
Laurie Marzullo, M.D., M.S.

Undergraduate: Vassar College (Poughkeepsie, NY)
 Graduate: Albert Einstein College of Medicine (Bronx, NY)
 Residency: Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (Phila. PA)
 Fellowship: UAB (Birmingham, AL)
 Current: Assistant Professor, Pediatrics, Pediatric Emergency Medicine



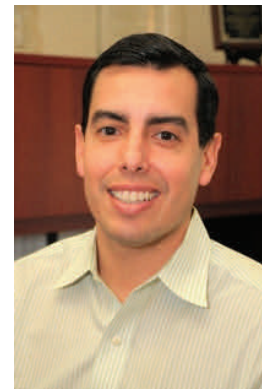
Paul Scalici, M.D.

Undergraduate: Spring Hill College
 Medical School: University of Alabama at Birmingham
 Residency: University of Alabama at Birmingham
 Current: Assistant Professor Division of Pediatric Hospital Medicine



Brad Troxler, M.D.

Undergraduate: Furman University
 Medical School: University of Florida
 Residency: University of Alabama at Birmingham
 Fellowship: University of Alabama at Birmingham in Pulmonology
 Current; Assistant Professor Division of Pulmonology
 Career Interests: Cystic Fibrosis, Neuromuscular Diseases, Transition of Care



David Lozano, M.D.

Undergraduate: University of Texas
 Medical School: University of Texas Medical Branch - Galveston
 Residency: University of Florida-Pensacola
 Fellowship: University of Alabama at Birmingham in Pulmonology
 Current: Associate Professor Division of Pulmonology
 Career Interests: BPD



Janaina Nogueira, M.D.

Medical School: School of Medicine Science (University of Pernambuco, Brazil)

Residency and Fellowship: University of Alabama at Birmingham in Gastroenterology

Current: Assistant Professor, Division of Gastroenterology and Nutrition

Career Interests: Liver Diseases



Priya Prabhakaran, M.D.

Medical School: Madaras Medical College - India

Residency: University of Alabama (UAB)

Fellowship: Baylor college of Medicine (1999-2000), UAB (2000-2002)

Title: Associate Professor, Division of Critical Care

Career Interests: Biology of lung injury, Mechanical Ventilation



Tina Simpson, M.D., MPH

Undergraduate: University of New Orleans

Medical School: UAB

Residency: Pediatrics at UAB

Fellowship: Adolescent Medicine at UAB

Faculty Activities: Director, Adolescent Medicine Fellowship Program; Co-director Leadership Education in Adolescent Health

Research Interest: Prevention of high risk behaviors among adolescents



Nicole Jones, M.D.

Grew up – Nassau, Bahamas

Undergrad – Macalester College, St. Paul, MN

Medical school – Wake Forest University School of Medicine, Winston Salem, NC

Pediatric residency – Florida State University, Pensacola, FL

Pediatric Emergency medicine fellowship – UAB, Birmingham, AL)

Current – Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, division of pediatric emergency medicine

Career interests – pediatric violence prevention, healthcare disparities, diversity and multiculturalism in medicine



Mark Law, M.D.

Undergraduate: Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
 Medical School: The Ohio State University
 Residency: UAB (Internal medicine/Pediatrics)
 Fellowship: Texas Children's Hospital (Cardiology)
 Faculty: Pediatric Cardiology



Mary Lauren Scott, M.D.

Undergraduate: Birmingham-Southern College
 Medical School: Louisiana State University-New Orleans
 Residency: UAB (Internal medicine/Pediatrics)
 Fellowship: UAB Pediatric Endocrinology
 Faculty: Pediatric Endocrinology
 Clinical interest: Type 1 Diabetes, Type 2 Diabetes and obesity prevention, General Pediatric Endocrinology
 Research interest: Type 1 Diabetes, Growth Hormone deficiency and lipid profiles in children, congenital adrenal hyperplasia screening in the newborn period.



Terri Magruder, M.D.

Medical School: University of Alabama-Birmingham
 Residency: University of Alabama-Birmingham (General Pediatrics)
 Faculty: Associate Professor in Pediatric Pulmonology
 Clinical interest: coordination and optimization of care in patient populations with chronic respiratory disorders and/or technology dependence, development and execution of care programs for patients with uncontrolled asthma.



Kimberly Jackson, M.D.

Undergraduate: Queens College, Biochemistry
 Medical School: East Carolina University
 Residency: Internal Medicine and Pediatrics, Chief Resident, UAB
 Fellowship: Pediatric Cardiology, Medical University of South Carolina
 Fellowship: Cardiac Critical Care, UAB
 Faculty Appointments: Assistant Professor, Pediatric Critical Care, Section of Cardiac Critical Care



Stephen Russell, M.D.

Medical School: University of South Alabama

Residency: University of Cincinnati (Internal medicine/ Pediatrics)

Faculty: General Internal Medicine and Pediatrics at Moody Clinic

Clinical interests: Primary Care for Adults and Children, Preventive care for adults, Well-baby check-ups, Breast feeding, Annual physicals, Vaccinations, Management of chronic conditions such as high blood pressure, diabetes, asthma, etc. ,Urgent care for illnesses such as flu or upper respiratory infections, etc.



Brooks Vaughn, M.D.

Medical School: University of Alabama at Birmingham

Residency: University of Minnesota (Internal medicine/ Pediatrics)

Fellowship: University of Alabama at Birmingham (Endocrinology)

Faculty: Associate Professor Medicine and Pediatrics

Clinical Interests: Adult and pediatric diabetes, pituitary disease, thyroid disease and thyroid cancer.

Research Interests: Pituitary diseases and diabetes



Ashley Nichols, M.D.

Birthplace: Texas! (once a Texan, always a Texan! but UAB is kind of awesome, so I'm staying here)

Undergrad: Baylor University (and yes, I finally have a football team to root for!)

Medical School: UT Southwestern

Residency: Internal Medicine-Pediatrics @ UAB

Fellowship: Combined Adult and Pediatric Hospice & Palliative Medicine

Current Job: Palliative Medicine faculty at UAB and COA, Medical Director of Inpatient Palliative Services @ UAB

Work Interests: education on palliative care, integrating palliative care in chronic pediatric illness

Hobbies: Camp Doc for Muscular Dystrophy Camp, singing, baking, enjoying Birmingham (Broadway series, ridiculous local restaurants and festivals)

Thing that made me (in)famous: dancing and singing with giant, animated uterus all across Parkland Hospital for our Senior Film in medical school



Marc Cribbs, MD

After growing up and attending medical school in North Carolina, I left the state and completed residency in internal medicine/ pediatrics at the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas. It was there that I met my wife, Sarah, who trained with me in Med/ Peds. We had our first child in Houston (Emmy Grace) and moved to Nashville, Tennessee where I trained in Pediatric Cardiology. Our second child, Luke, was born at Vanderbilt at the end of my first year. I knew early on in training that I wanted to pursue adult congenital cardiology and I was later accepted into a 2-year fellowship at The Ohio State University and Nationwide Children's. Having spent time with one of the country's foremost experts in ACHD, Dr. Curt Daniels, I chose to pursue opportunities after fellowship that would allow me an opportunity to build an adult congenital heart disease program. I am now an assistant professor of internal medicine and pediatrics and the director of the Alabama Adult Congenital Heart Program here at UAB and Children's of Atlanta. In case you're wondering, we did have a third child (Noah) in Columbus, Ohio. All told, that makes 3 children born in 3 states and the Cribbs family having lived in 4 states in the past 5 years. Crazy.. Email: mcgcribbs@uabmc.edu