



FYI Fridays

October 10, 2014

Klasner named Pediatric Fellowship Director for the Department

Continuing with the education goals introduced last week in FYI Fridays, I am excited to announce that Dr. Ann Klasner has accepted our offer to be the Pediatric Fellowship Director for the Department effective January 1, 2015. In this position she will succeed David Kimberlin, MD who has served ably and has taken on a new role as Vice Chair for Clinical and Translational Research. David will continue to lead this important program over the next few months and will assist Ann with the transition after January 1. Ann will



work closely with Ronda Chandler who is the outstanding fellowship program coordinator for the DOP. Ann and Ronda are also committed to building on David and Ronda's success in assisting Divisional Fellowship coordinators to fulfill their educational and administrative missions.

There was great enthusiasm among the many stakeholders for Ann to take on these duties. She has distinguished herself by her passion for fellowship training and her success and experience as the fellowship director in Pediatric Emergency Medicine. In this new role, Ann will lead and mentor the divisional program directors, provide a core curriculum and mentorship for the DOP fellows, enhance fellowship training and academic development, and work towards achieving outcomes for fellows in the DOP comparable to the best fellowship training programs in the nation. I have asked her to help me evaluate the success of fellowship training by defined metrics, e.g., graduation rate, sub-board pass rate, publication record from work during fellowship, extramural funding and awards during fellowship and securing an initial appointment as an academic physician. I know that in addition, Ann will be an outstanding ambassador and recruiter for fellows and along with the divisional program directors, she will work to attract the best fellows in the country from the national talent pool. Please join me in congratulating Ann in her new role. - Mitch Cohen, M.D.

AMC21 Reload: Research Update

In follow up to Dean Vickers "AMC21 Reload: Research" presentation at the recent faculty meeting, 21 additional focus areas were recommended and the AMC21 Executive Research Steering Committee identified 5 potential focus areas for further consideration. These 5 themes will be presented to a broad group of faculty research leaders on Friday, October 17, from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. at The UAB Alumni House. The 5 potential focus areas are:

1. Fundamental Discovery Science
2. Inflammation, Infection, and Immunity
3. Population Health, Health Disparities and Outcomes and Effectives Research
4. Bioenergetic Health and Metabolism
5. Regenerative Medicine

In order to inform Dean Vickers in his decision for which 3 of these 5 will be selected as final focus areas, the presentations will address the following:

1. Introduction to the potential focus area
2. How UAB can be nationally prominent in this potential focus area
3. What are the opportunities for innovation in this potential focus area
4. What are the opportunities for the existing AMC21 pillars and themes and other potential focus area recommendations to be represented in this potential focus area
5. What are the specific opportunities for interaction with the CCTS and this potential focus area

This process is important to the future of UAB and the DOP. Please let [David Kimberlin](#) or [Rich Whitley](#) know if you have suggestions for how to better involve the DOP as this SOM-wide process continues.

[Benefits Open Enrollment](#)

Annual open enrollment for employees will end 5 p.m. October 20. Open enrollment information was mailed to employees and is available on the Benefits [website](#).

Improve Care Now (ICN) Network

COA has joined the Improve Care Now (ICN) network for pediatric Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD). This is a national network of over 60 hospitals focused on quality improvement for our pediatric IBD

Faculty

Workshops:

Maintenance of Certification
Michele Nichols MD
Wednesday, October 15th
Noon, Surgical Commons Library
Lunch Provided
Please reply to
annalise@uab.edu
by TODAY!

["The UAB Institute for Innovation and Entrepreneurship"](#)

patients. Dr. Traci Jester, Assistant Professor of Gastroenterology, is the Physician Leader for our team.



The team also includes Dr. Jeanine Maclin, Holly Bryan, CRNP, Trish Colvin, RN, Amy Morse, RD, and Meg Mosteller-Barnum is our research coordinator. ICN has improved the remission rate for children with IBD from 60% to 80% in the last four years. If you would like more information, contact [Dr. Jester](#) or visit the [Improve Care Now](#) website.

REQUIRED:
Faculty Corporate Compliance:
“Everything I Need to Know About Compliance I Learned in Kindergarten“
Presenters: Brian Bates
Chief Compliance Officer
Stephen A Stair, MD, FAAP
Where and When: Grand Rounds
Bradley Lecture Center
October 30, 2014, 12:00 PM

Important Integrated Research Administration Portal (IRAP) Announcements:

[SPIN SMARTS Sessions October 2014](#) - learn how to find funding opportunities using UAB's IRAP NEW SPIN/SMARTS tools

[IRAP Help Sessions](#), October 2014

Dr. Kathy Nugent
Assistant Professor, UAB School of Health Professions
Managing Director, UAB Institute for Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Noon, Thursday, October 16, 2014
(Lunch Provided)
The Atrium of The Edge of Chaos
(Fourth Floor of Lister Hill Library)

[“What the Center for Clinical and Translational Science \(CCTS\) Can Do For You”](#)

David D. Chaplin, MD, PhD
Professor of Microbiology, Co-Director, CCTS Training and Career Development
Associate Dean of Faculty Development, UAB School of Medicine

Noon, Wednesday, October 22, 2014
The Atrium of The Edge of Chaos
(Fourth Floor of Lister Hill Library)

Lunch provided –Please respond by October 17, 2014 to Dr. Chad Steele (chadsteele@uab.edu) or Marcy Ludorf (ludorf@uab.edu) to reserve lunch.

Grant Opportunities and Announcements

- NIH Operates Under a Continuing Resolution ([\(NOT-OD-15-001\)](#))
Office of the Director, NIH
- Use of New Inclusion Management System Required as of October 17, 2014 ([\(NOT-OD-15-005\)](#))
Office of the Director, NIH
- [NSF RFA for Major Research Instrumentation Program](#)

COA/UAB Speaker's Bureau

The COA CME program is recruiting faculty who are interested in joining the new COA/UAB Speaker's Bureau. The goal of the Speaker's Bureau is to provide a pool of experts among the Department of Pediatrics to speak to practitioners around the state on general pediatric and subspecialty topics. This is a great opportunity if you have programmatic or clinical content you would like to promote to referring physicians and have (or would like to develop) excellent speaking skills. Speaking opportunities range from the Alabama Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics conferences to outside hospital Grand Rounds to medical society meetings and would be no more than twice a year depending on interest. If you are interested in this opportunity, please email Dr. Krisztina Harsanyi-Jilling with topics you'd be willing to speak on. In addition, if you have any questions or comments about the CME program, please don't hesitate to contact me. Susan Walley, MD
CME Program Chair

Quality Corner

Exciting News! A Masters of Science Degree in Healthcare Quality and Safety has been approved. This program will begin in the Spring of 2015. Please note: those who have completed (or plan to complete) the Graduate Certificate Program in Healthcare Quality and Safety receive 15 graduate credits which will directly apply toward this new Masters Program. The remainder of this Masters Degree may be completed with the addition of just 5 or 6 more graduate courses (depending on the scope of the Non-thesis Project that is chosen by the student). Some examples

Upcoming Events:

National AAP in San Diego, CA

[Reception Invitation](#)

Oct. 11 - 14

[2014 Pediatric Cancer and Blood Disorders Symposium](#)

October 23 Bradley Lecture Center. [Download a brochure](#) and [register](#) for the symposium.

[Casino For a Cause](#)

November 5, 2014 from 6-9 pm.

Regions Field

[2014 Illuminations Ball benefiting Children's of Alabama](#)

November 14, 2014

Eleven Pediatric Hematology Oncology [Abstracts](#) accepted for the American Society of Hematology Annual Meeting

December 6-9, 2014 in San Francisco

Congratulations to our faculty members: David Askenazi, MD; Daniel Feig, MD; Jennifer Hamm, MD; Lee Hilliard, MD; Thomas H. Howard, MD; Frederick Goldman, MD; Matthew A. Kutny, MD; Jeffrey D. Lebensburger, DO; Christina J. Bemrich-Stolz, MD; Avi Madan-Swain PhD; and, Ana C. Xavier, MD, whose hard work will be recognized at the American Society of Hematology Annual Meeting in San Francisco in December.

Pediatric Policy Council (PPC) Advocacy Alert

The PPC has issued [advocacy alert language](#) requesting assistance from pediatricians in urging House members

of the newly developed courses available will be HQS 605 "Evaluating and Designing Quality Improvement Models" and HQS "collaborate Analytics for Quality and Safety Improvement. This is a truly wonderful and unique opportunity, to be considered by both faculty interested in developing detailed and practical skills in Quality Improvement Methodology, and fellows hoping to develop the skills they will need to become leaders in Healthcare Quality and Safety. Please contact [Leslie Hayes](#) for more information.

The deadline for submission of information for inclusion in the FYI Fridays newsletter is noon on the preceding Thursday.

to sign on to a bipartisan letter calling on the NIH to adequately track whether children are appropriately included in clinical research studies. For questions or concerns, contact [Ethan Jorgensen-Earp, MPA](#), Legislative Assistant, Department of Federal Affairs, American Academy of Pediatrics.



**President Ray Watts, M.D.
to present State of the
University address**

The UAB Faculty Senate will host the President's State of the University Address at 4 p.m. October 29 in the Alumni House.

All faculty are invited to hear President Ray Watts, M.D., share updates on our strategic priorities, the Campaign for UAB and the future of the university.

Free parking will be available in the Alumni House lot and in Lot 15D on 13th Street South. Refreshments will be served.

Publications

September - October 2014:

Many adolescent and young adult survivors of childhood cancer (ages 15-29) experience mental health problems that go untreated. Our study found that insurance problems and not having a primary care physician were barriers in using mental health services. This information will help survivorship programs identify survivors who need help and get them hooked up with community resources:

[Barriers to the Use of Psychosocial Support Services Among Adolescent and Young Adult Survivors of Pediatric Cancer.](#) Gardner MH, Barnes MJ, Bopanna S, Davis CS, Cotton PB, Heron BL, Henninger A,

Alva E, Gleason MW, Whelan KF, Madan-Swain A. J Adolesc Young Adult Oncol. 2014 Sep 1;3(3):112-116. PMID: 25276494 [PubMed]

This study demonstrates how the treatment of JIA has changed from 2005-2012 within one national insurance provider, with significantly increased use of TNF inhibitors, a smaller increase in methotrexate, and a decrease in prescription NSAIDs. It also shows that new TNF inhibitor initiation was associated with decreased use of prescription NSAIDs and steroids:

[Recent trends in medication usage for the treatment of juvenile idiopathic arthritis and the influence of tumor necrosis factor inhibitors.](#) Mannion ML, Xie F, Curtis JR, Beukelman T. J Rheumatol. 2014 Oct;41(10):2078-84.

This paper provides some assurance to parents regarding onset of puberty and menstruation in girls with Rett syndrome. In addition, these results indicate that a greater percentage appear to enter puberty prematurely but some also begin menses later:

[Pubertal Development in Rett Syndrome Deviates From Typical Females.](#) Killian JT, Lane JB, Cutter GR, Skinner SA, Kaufmann WE, Tarquinio DC, Glaze DG, Motil KJ, Neul JL, Percy AK. Pediatr Neurol. 2014 Aug 29. pii: S0887-8994(14)00519-0. doi: 10.1016/j.pediatrneurol.2014.08.013. [Epub ahead of print] PMID: 25283752.

[The modern Fontan operation shows no increase in mortality out to 20 years: A new paradigm.](#) Dabal RJ, Kirklin JK, Kukreja M, Brown RN, Cleveland DC, Eddins MC, Lau Y. J Thorac Cardiovasc Surg. 2014 Aug 4. pii: S0022-5223(14)01048-4. doi: 10.1016/j.jtcvs.2014.07.075. [Epub ahead of print] PMID: 25277471 [PubMed - as supplied by publisher]

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