University of Alabama at Birmingham Pediatric Residency Recruiting Committee Informational Handout
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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
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

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. Email: mbarnett@peds.uab.edu
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 Fellowship – 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

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 Closure

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 University/Cardinal Glennon Children’s Hospital – St. Louis, MO
Currently Pediatric Emergency Medicine Fellowship Director 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

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

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

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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
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.

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)

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**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 of Alabama t 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 Brach - 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)
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
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

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

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.

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: mgcribbs@uabmc.edu