



Departmental News

Department of Pediatrics ~ LSUMC New Orleans

KUDOS CORNER



Kelly Kennett Lastrapes, MD



Gabby Lambert, MD

Bonnie Desselle, MD announced recently that **Kelly Kennett Lastrapes, MD** and **Gabby Lambert, MD** have been named Pediatric Chief Residents 2011-2012. Congratulations to both of you! The 2010-2011 chiefs are **Christy Mumphrey, MD** and **Luke Wall, MD**.



Ken Paris, MD and the Allergy/Immunology Fellowship Program were informed this month that the ACGME has re-accredited their program for a full five-year cycle. Most importantly, the LSU Residency Review Committee determined that the program received zero citations. Instead they received 3 commendations on the strength of the integrated Pediatrics/Medicine experience as well as the diversity of clinical practice sites. In addition, the program received recognition for the efforts of the A/I faculty who contribute to the educational component of the training program. Referring to the 7 citations the program received in previous cycles, **Charles Hilton, MD**, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, praised Dr. Paris for helping to make the most remarkable turnaround in a program since he joined the Dean's Office. Congratulations to A/I!

Kudos to **John Estrada, MD** and **Alfonso Vargas, MD** who organized March 20's "End of Life Revisited" Symposium. The Bioethics meeting was a huge success and received stellar reviews from attendees. The main objective of the CME meeting was for physicians, nurses and other health care providers to discuss ethical, moral, and legal concerns regarding the end of life and to develop skills to improve care and comfort for patients and their families. Everything from ethical and legal issues to natural and manmade emergencies and disasters were explored by an international panel of experts assembled at Children's Hospital Auditorium. Thanks to all Pediatrics Faculty, Fellows and Residents who participated in and attended this successful meeting.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL MEETINGS

The Southern Regional Meetings of academic medical societies were held on February 25-27. Several members of the department participated in the poster session which was jointly sponsored by several organizations including the Southern Society for Pediatric Research and the Ambulatory Pediatric Association. Contributions are listed below.

Panhypopituitarism Associated with Persistent Pulmonary Hypertension: Case Report J Surcouf, D Felipe, A Vargas and D Rivera

Fecal Microbiota in Infants With and Without Necrotizing Enterocolitis L Tran, M Ferris, U Pisharody and D Penn

Nosocomial Infection Rates Among Pediatric Oncology Patients: A Retrospective Study Examining The Efficacy Of Hibiclens® K Clay, C Velasco-Gonzalez, L Yu



OTHER PRESENTATIONS

Pediatric residents **Melissa Roy, Veronica Garabaldi, Hina Patel, Jane Chung, Hitesh Chheda, Kathy Ramsey, Chelsey Sandlin, and Julia Schweizer** recently represented the department at a panel discussion meeting of the LSUHSC Pediatric Interest Group. These residents were able to enlighten the medical students in attendance about life as a pediatric resident. This meeting was part of a series of meetings put on by the Pediatric Interest Group to foster the interest of medical students in pediatric careers.

Sue Berry, MD and **Arleen Williams, RN** presented a workshop at the Association of Maternal Child Health Programs Conference (AMCHP) on March 8. The workshop at the national public health conference was titled "Effectiveness of a Care Coordinator in Establishing a Pediatric Medical Home in Post-Katrina New Orleans."

Paul Hyman, MD traveled to Guadalajara Jalisco, Mexico last December where he was a special guest at the Mexican Gastroenterology Society meeting titled "National Gastroenterology Week, XI International Course of Pediatrics Gastroenterology and Nutrition." He lectured on the topic of Functional Constipation.

The Allergy/Immunology Division were active participants in the 2010 American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology National Meeting, held February 26 – March 2 here in New Orleans. Posters included:

Congenital NEMO Alteration at Position 223 causes Ectodermal Dysplasia and Immunodeficiency with Normogammaglobulinemia

G Karamchandani-Patel, RU Sorensen, J Orange

Diverse Clinical and Immunologic Phenotypes in Patients with Autosomal Recessive Hyper-IgM Syndrome Caused by Mutations in the AICDA Gene T Harvey and K Paris

Sensitivity to Fungal Allergens in Children Enrolled in the Post-Katrina HEAL Study JM El-Dahr, K Paris, MM Sikora, MY Lichtveld, R Cohn, S Kennedy, HE Mitchell

Ricardo Sorensen, MD and **Ken Paris, MD** were also invited faculty at the national meeting. Dr. Sorensen participated in a Pro-Con debate and took the Con side on "Primary Immunodeficiency Should be Diagnosed by Newborn Screening."

Dr. Paris led a seminar at the AAAI meeting entitled "Use of Pneumococcal Vaccination in Immunodeficiency Diagnosis and Management."

Dr. Paris has also been invited to the 2010 American Thoracic Society (ATS) International meeting here in New Orleans in May. He will participate as an expert panelist in the annual "Breathing Better with the ATS" patient/family forum. This year's event is being dubbed "Breathe Easy in the Big Easy" and the focus will be on lung and environmental health issues. He will present information regarding his participation in the Head Off Environmental Asthma in Louisiana, a research project with Tulane University, NIEHS and the City of New Orleans Health Department.



PUBLICATIONS

"Evaluation of Pregnancy Mortality in Louisiana Using Enhanced Linkage and Different Indicators Defined by WHO and CDC/ACOG: Challenging and Practical Issues" by **Tri Tran, MD, MPH** has been published in the *Maternal and Child Health Journal*.

Paul Hyman, MD and **Javier Monagas, MD**, Gastroenterology Fellow, contributed an editorial to the *Journal of Pediatrics*. "Rectal Perceptual Hypersensitivity: A Biomarker for Pediatric Irritable Bowel Syndrome" was published in January.

Yves Lacassie, MD was one of numerous contributors to a paper titled "A recurrent 16p12.1 Microdeletion Supports a Two-hit Model for Severe Developmental Delay." The article was published in *Nature Genetics* earlier this month.

Another paper by Dr. Lacassie has been accepted for publication. "Molecular and Functional Analysis of a Novel MEK2 Mutation in Cardio-facio-cutaneous Syndrome: Transmission through Four Generations" will run in *The American Journal of Medical Genetics*.

REMINDERS:

Teaching Excellence Workshop Series (TEWS)

Tower 2 Center
3:00pm – 5:00pm

April 13 - Writing Strategies for Abstracts and Papers

May 11 - Where's the Money? Grantsmanship 101

This will be an active case-based learning experience offered in collaboration with the Office of Medical Education Research and Development (OMERAD), as part of the Subspecialty Core Curriculum. Please save the date for these lively and informative workshops. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Faculty Credentialing Reminder:

Please send Kelly Allerton any

- **renewed licenses** (LA, CDS or DEA)
- **updated PPD/TB tests**
- **board certifications and recertifications**
- **CME**

that you receive over the course of the year. You can fax to 896-2720, scan/email to kslumb@lsuhsc.edu or place in Kelly's box in the LSU Administration office - RIC Room 4228. Thank you for your cooperation.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 2	Good Friday Holiday
April 16	Faculty Meeting, Auditorium
May 21	Faculty Meeting, Auditorium (side 2)
June 4	Research Day, Auditorium

APRIL SUBMISSIONS

Please send your submissions for the next issue of the newsletter to Kelly Allerton. You can reach Kelly by telephone (896-9800), fax (896-2720), or email (kslumb@lsuhsc.edu).

NEW ADDITION



Ariadne and Melina Dimitriades

Victoria and Costa Dimitriades, MD, along with big sister Ariadne, welcomed a new baby girl to their family on January 12 at 12:39p.m. Melina Dimitriades weighed 9 lbs, 3 oz. and measured 20.75 inches. Congratulations Dimitriades family!

MARATHON VOLUNTEERS



A group of residents and faculty worked one of the finish line medical tents for the Rock and Roll Mardi Gras Marathon in February. Dr Betty Lo served as "captain". Volunteers had a great day treating muscle cramps, blisters and exhaustion. The residents and faculty pictured are **Carolina Urbizo, Jane Chung, Joyce Varghese, Nicole Giambrone, Katie Brown, Hitesh Chheda, Betty Lo** and **Rachel Dawkins**.

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT: **FEEDBACK**

By Bonnie Desselle, MD and Rachel Dawkins, MD

What is feedback?

- Feedback refers to information describing students' or house officers' performance in a given activity.
- Key step in the acquisition of clinical skills¹
- Allows the learner to shape their future performance
- Provides the trainee with vital information on his or her performance, thereby setting the stage for improvement.

Is feedback different from the end of the month evaluation?

Yes. Though the terms are often used interchangeably, feedback and evaluation are different.²

Feedback	Evaluation
At time of observation	After the fact (like end of month)
Formative	Summative
Presents information to learner	Judgment of how well student met a given goal
Neutral- composed of verbs and nouns	Normative statement full of adjectives and adverbs

What's the best way to give feedback?

There is no “right way” to give feedback. Some people are cautious giving feedback because they think of “bad feedback” or “constructive criticism” as a judgment of the resident’s worth or ability. In truth, feedback should be an objective appraisal of performance and meant to further improve clinical skills.

One approach to giving feedback is the “Ask-Tell-Ask” method. This was presented by Dr. Robin English and Dr. Betty Lo at grand rounds two years ago.

Ask-Tell-Ask

Ask

Ask the trainee to assess his/her own performance
What went well? What areas need improvement?

Tell

Share your impression of positive behaviors and areas of concern
Provide suggestions for problem solving

Ask

Ask what areas could be improved
Allow the trainee to develop a specific plan for improvement

Add

Add any other things you think could be improved
Summarize the positives and areas for future growth

¹ Ende, JAMA 1983;250:777-781

² Hyman RT. Improving discussion leadership. New York: Teachers College Press, 1980.