



Departmental News

Department of Pediatrics ~ LSU-MC New Orleans

KUDOS CORNER

Dr. Duna Penn and research group presented the following posters at the meeting for the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB), April 28-May 2:

Anand V, McIlwain E, Debata C, Varner K, Penn D. Cardiovascular effects of carnitine deprivation and caffeine in the neonatal pig. SPR, Toronto, Ontario, Canada 2007.

Anand V, McIlwain E, Debata C, Varner K, Penn D. Carnitine deprivation impairs cardiac performance in the neonatal pig. Experimental Biology 2007 Washington DC, 2007.

Congratulations to **Dr. Charmaine Venters**, Pediatrics Clinic Director at the LSU/Earl K Long MidCity Clinic, for her recent inclusion in the 2007 Consumer Guide publication "Guide to America's Top Pediatricians". The publication is sponsored by the Consumers' Research Council of America, an independent research company based in Washington, D.C.

KUDOS to **June D'Angelo**, LSU graduate student in Dr. Bonny Dickinson's laboratory, Research Institute for Children, for her oral presentation at the LSUHSC Research Day on cholera toxin modulation of dendritic cell chemotaxis.

New Publications:

Tri Tran, MD, MPH, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics - Research has two recent publications:
Tran T, Le B, Longfellow L, et al. Sexually transmitted disease during pregnancy, Louisiana 1997-2004. LA Morbidity Report 17(4) 2006.

Pierce D, Chin A, Tran, T. Breastfeeding Trends in Louisiana. LA Morbidity Report 18(1) 2007.



WELCOME TO NEW INTERNS!

Introducing our newest crop of soon-to-be hard-working interns for the academic year 2007-2008:

Pediatrics Interns

Salomon Abitbol	U. Del Norte, Colombia
Mrunalini Chavarkar	Seth G.S. Medical College
Kristine Falcon	LSU New Orleans
Jill FitzPatrick	LSU New Orleans
L'Issa Gates	LSU New Orleans
Christy Gautier	U of S. Alabama
Jessica Gautreaux	LSU New Orleans
Danielle Giliberti	LSU New Orleans
Hina Patel	St. George's University
Julia Schweizer	U. of Texas, San Antonio
Karim Suazo	U of Sint Eustatius
Andrea Suen	American U. of Caribbean
Jason Turner	U. of Queensland
Sheela Vardey	St. George's University
Luke Wall	LSU New Orleans
Amy Zeringue	LSU New Orleans
StarRina Desmond	Kirksville Osteopathic Med (Keesler AFB)

Medicine/Pediatrics Interns

Salman Syed Ali	St. James School of Med.
Anthony Haase	LSU New Orleans
Shravan Narmala	Osmania Medical College
Monica Riojas	U de Monterrey, Mexico
Meagan Shepherd	Marshall U School Med
Andrea Venturini	U. San Martin De Porres
Gretchen Yandle	LSU New Orleans

OTHER NEW HIRES

Former fellow **Paulina Rojas, MD** rejoins the department as Assistant Professor, to staff our Well Baby Clinic at University Hospital, and both Tiger Care Clinics, downtown on Canal Street and the *Clinica Pediatrica Hispana* in Kenner.

Dr. Yanli Wang and **Dr. Chuanqi Cai** have both recently joined the Research Institute.

Ms. Tiffany Palmer, new Administrative Coordinator 3, is now processing travel, payroll, and leave requests (Telephone: 896-2777).

Ms. Karen Bowers, Coordinator of Academic Area, will coordinate our Fellowship Programs and assist with the Residency Program.

Incoming...

NEW HEMOPHILIA CLINIC TO OPEN

Dr. Tammy Singleton, Hematology/Oncology Division, will head a new Hemophilia Clinic in Baton Rouge sponsored by Children's Hospital. The Clinic will be designated as a Hemophilia Treatment Center by the National Hemophilia Foundation. Dr. Singleton said the clinic will provide patients and their families with an opportunity to be seen by a board certified pediatric hematologist/oncologist.

"Hemophilia patients are a part of a unique and challenging patient population that is best served by a comprehensive team that is dedicated specifically to this population. In our changing post-Katrina environment, it is critical that we reach out to the children of this state with hemophilia by providing this clinic," Singleton said. "Children's Hospital is dedicated to the general health and welfare of all children in the state of Louisiana. Because of this dedication, we are providing this service." The Hemophilia Clinic – to be held on the second Tuesday of each month at Children's Hospital's Outpatient Center of Baton Rouge, located at 720 Connells Park Lane – will promote the National Hemophilia Foundation's "Do the 5!" program to prevent or reduce the complications of bleeding disorders.

1. Get an annual comprehensive checkup at a hemophilia treatment center.
2. Get vaccinated—Hepatitis A and B are preventable.
3. Treat bleeds early and adequately.
4. Exercise and maintain a healthy weight to protect your joints.
5. Get tested regularly for blood-borne infections.

For more information, please call the Public Affairs Department at Children's Hospital at (504) 896-9373 or Children's Hospital's Outpatient Center of Baton Rouge at (225) 216-3047.

Submissions for the next issue of the newsletter must be given to Judith Rodriguez **NO LATER THAN** Friday, June 22. You can reach Judith by telephone (896-9263), FAX (896-2720), or e-mail (jrodri4@lsuhsc.edu). All information is subject to Dr. Sorensen's approval.

Please also remember to send any changes or updates for our Departmental Website to Judith. Previous issues of this newsletter can be found on the website: www.medschool.lsuhs.edu/pediatrics

NEW BABY!



Ariadne Dimitriades. Born Friday, April 27th, 6:15 pm. to proud parents Victora and Costa Dimitriades. Ariadne weighed in at 8 lbs and 4 1/2 ounces, and measured 20 inches long. Mom and baby are doing great.

And Outgoing...

ADIEU TO DR. RAJ WARRIER

After 24 years with LSU Pediatrics and Children's Hospital, Dr. Raj Warriar has left us to take up a new challenge as Vice Chancellor of Manipal University in Manipal, India. This University is located on the southwest coast of India and has 91,000 students across the globe. Dr. Warriar will continue to teach and have a consultation only clinic for pediatric hematology/oncology patients. The Manipal system has 10 hospitals and community hospitals and a private/public partnership program that runs "Charity type hospitals " with more than 9000 inpatient beds. Even with all of his new responsibilities, Dr. Warriar will remain with LSU as Professor Emeritus, collaborating on CME teaching and research projects. So we won't say goodbye yet, but will repeat Dr. Warriar's own parting words: "See you soon, and thanks for everything!"

