



# Departmental News

Department of Pediatrics ~ LSUMC New Orleans

## ATTENTION ALL CLINICAL FACULTY:

### BILLING AND CODING SEMINAR

Children's Hospital  
Center Tower  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
Monday, October 12, 2009  
9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Lunch will be provided.

As we no longer have support of the LSU Healthcare Network to address coding issues and concerns, the Department will host a day-long seminar that will focus on coding issues and questions. The morning session will be dedicated to general coding topics and the afternoon session will answer specific questions posed by our faculty. Please send Kelly Allerton (kslumb@lsuhsc.edu) the following information by **October 7:**

1. If you haven't done so already, please send your **divisional superbill**. If there are any general recommendations regarding individual superbills, these recommendations can be provided at the time of the seminar.
2. In addition, send any **specific questions** to Kelly. She will compile them and send them to the speaker in advance of the seminar so they can be reviewed and specific answers provided during the afternoon session.

## KUDOS CORNER



Jaime Morales, MD

**Jaime Morales, MD**, Assistant Professor in the Division of Hematology/Oncology, has been named the Co-Medical Director of Camp Challenge, a one-week overnight camp program for hematology/oncology patients. The camp is dedicated to giving ill children and their siblings a summer camp experience. It is free of charge and more importantly, free of hospitals and needles.

**Alice Farley, MD**, Assistant Professor, Ambulatory, will serve as Medical Director of the Kids First Pediatrics clinic on Louisa Street in the Ninth Ward. The recently opened clinic will fill a growing need for pediatric healthcare as the Desire neighborhood repopulates after Hurricane Katrina.

Congratulations to **Stuart Chalew, MD** and the Division of Endocrinology who have received the Lawson Wilkins Pediatric Endocrinology Society International Scholar 2009 Award to sponsor the visit of Dr. Marcela Molina-Paredes. The senior Pediatric Endocrinology Fellow from the Universidad Catolica de Chile and the Universidad de La Frontera (Temuco) Chile is currently visiting through the month of October. As part of the visit, Dr. Molina-Paredes also participated in the Global Meeting in New York and presented a poster.

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## PUBLICATIONS



A paper written by several faculty members and **Giddel Thom, MD**, former Hematology/Oncology fellow, has been accepted for publication by *The Journal of Pediatric Hematology and Oncology*. Along with Dr. Thom, Chandra Kallanagowdar, MD, Saika S. Somjee, MD, **Maria C. Velez, MD**, **Lolie C. Yu, MD** and **James M. Hempe, PhD** authored "Characterization of S-Glutathionyl Hemoglobin in Homozygous Sickle Cell Disease."

"An Unusual Phenotypic Presentation of Trisomy 18" by **Yves Lacassie, MD** has been accepted for publication by *The American Journal of Medical Genetics*.

## AND PRESENTATIONS



**Paul Hyman, MD** was an invited speaker at the American Academy of Pediatrics' Louisiana Chapter's Pediatric Potpourri XVII which was held on September 11-13 in Baton Rouge. Dr. Hyman's talk was titled "Understanding and Treating Childhood Bellyaches."

Residents **Jill Fitzpatrick, MD** and **Alberto Orioles, MD** also participated in Pediatric Potpourri with poster presentations. Dr. Fitzpatrick's poster was titled "Diabetic

Ketoacidosis Complicated by Cerebral Edema in a Toddler." Dr. Orioles' poster was titled "AIDS-related Lymphoma Presenting as Proptosis in a Previously Healthy Infant."

The Endocrinology Division presented several posters at the Lawson Wilkins Pediatric Endocrine Society/European Society for Pediatric Endocrinology's 8<sup>th</sup> Joint Meeting in New York City on September 9 -12:

"Selective Eating Disorder Masquerading as Primary Growth Hormone Insensitivity Syndrome", **Dania Felipe, MD**

"Simple Estimates of  $\beta$ -Cell Secretion Correlate With Glycemic Control At Onset But Not During Therapy In Pediatric Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus", **Pinar Gumus, MD**, **Ricardo Gomez, MD**, **Alfonso Vargas, MD** and **Stuart Chalew, MD**

"Virilizing Adrenocortical Adenoma Associated With Acquired Anhydrosis In An Adolescent Girl", **Pinar Gumus, MD**, Mark Luquette, MD, Marie Haymon, MD, Evans Valerie, MD, **Jaime Morales, MD** and **Alfonso Vargas, MD**

"The Metabolic Risk Status in Non-Obese Prepubertal Children Born Small For Gestational Age", **Pinar Gumus, MD**, Ayse Korkmaz, MD and Ayfer Alikasifoglu, MD

## WELCOME TO NEW FACULTY

**Thomas Newton, MD** joined the Hematology/Oncology Division in August as a Gratis Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatrics. Dr. Newton is the Chief of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology at Keesler Air Force Base Medical Center in Mississippi. He received his medical degree from Tufts University School of Medicine in Boston. Dr. Newton completed a San Antonio Military Pediatric Residency and did his fellowship in Pediatric Hem/Onc at the National Capital Consortium, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, MD. Welcome aboard, Dr. Newton!

## CME EVENT: FOURTH ANNUAL JEFFREY MODELL SYMPOSIUM



Dr. Sorensen and the Allergy/Immunology Division are looking forward to the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual JMF Symposium which will be held on Friday, **November 13, 2009** at Harrah's New Orleans Hotel (365 Canal Street). The topic of this year's meeting is Neonatal Screening and Molecular Diagnosis of Primary Immunodeficiencies. The event is free to all Pediatrics Faculty, Fellows and Residents and has been approved for 7 CME credits. To register, please contact Kelly Allerton at (504) 896-9800 or [kslumb@lsuhsc.edu](mailto:kslumb@lsuhsc.edu).

### AGENDA

- 7:30 am **Breakfast**
- 8:15 am Welcome and Introduction  
*Dr. Ricardo Sorensen*
- 8:20 am Experience with Neonatal Screening for PID in Wisconsin  
*Dr. Mei Baker*
- 9:00 am Advances in DNA Sequencing Technologies  
*Dr. Seth Pincus*
- 9:40 am Changing a Patient's Life Through Neonatal Screening  
*Dr. James Verbsky*
- 10:20 am **Break**
- 10:35 am Putting Neonatal Screening for PID in Perspective  
*Dr. Robert Vogt*
- 11:00 am Case Presentations  
*Dr. Kenneth Paris and A/I Fellows*
- 12:00 pm Jeffrey Modell Foundation Update  
*Fred Modell*
- 12:15 **Lunch**
- 1:15 pm Will Neonatal Screening Reveal Unexpected Pathologies?  
*Dr. James Verbsky*
- 2:05 pm From a Clinical Diagnosis to a New Gene Mutation: The Coronin Story  
*Dr. Kenneth Paris*
- 2:45 pm **Break**
- 3:00 pm Pros and Cons of Molecular Diagnosis of PIDs  
*Dr. Ricardo Sorensen*
- 3:40 pm Case Presentations and Discussion  
*Course Participants*
- 4:40 pm Discussion  
*CME Course Faculty*
- 5:00 pm **Adjourn**

## APA YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARDS

The Academic Pediatric Association announced the 2010 award cycle of the APA Young Investigator Awards Program. The program provides awards of up to \$10,000 or \$15,000 for research by fellows or junior faculty related to child health promotion, health services research, teaching, or patient care. Two-page initial proposals must be submitted by Sunday, **October 25, 2009**. For more information, visit [www.academicpeds.org](http://www.academicpeds.org).

## SOUTHERN REGIONAL MEETINGS 2010: CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The deadline to submit abstracts for the Southern Regional Meetings is **October 16, 2009**. The meetings will take place at the Hotel InterContinental on February 25-27, 2010. For more information on abstract submission, visit [www.afmr.org/sr.cgi](http://www.afmr.org/sr.cgi).

## SEPTEMBER 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](mailto:kslumb@lsuhsc.edu)).

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 12** Billing and Coding Seminar, Tower 2 Center
- October 16** Faculty Meeting, Auditorium
- November 13** 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Jeffrey Modell Foundation Symposium, Harrah's Hotel
- November 26** Thanksgiving
- December 11** Faculty Meeting, Tower 2 Center