



PIONEER WOMEN PHYSICIANS

Children's Hospital's
Celebration of Women in Medicine Month
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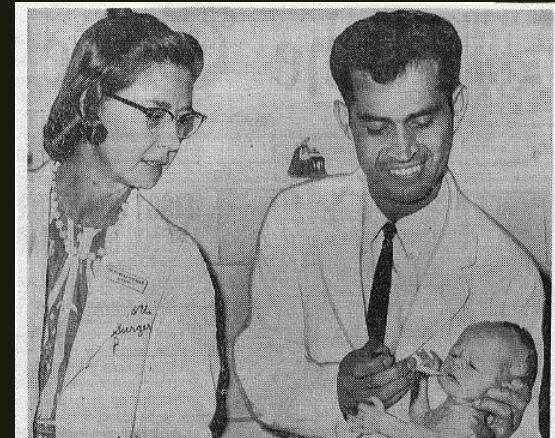
Dr. Bertha Wexler Goldstein



- Born in New Orleans in 1913, the youngest of 10 children.
- Attended college, medical school, residency in Pediatrics at **Tulane University**
- Treated thousands of children for almost **50 years** of practice.
- Well-rounded pediatrician as she cared for a large ambulatory population, rounded on hospitalized patients, and even made **house-calls**, accompanied by her husband, Nathan Goldstein, a General Internist.
- Work ethic above and beyond.
 - *“Bertha treated patients from **sun-up to sun-down and stopped only when the final patient was helped.**”*
- Treated “all comers with enthusiasm” with no disregard to race or class during a time of segregation in New Orleans.
- Particular love for disabled children. Because of her dedication, Bertha’s patients were extremely loyal.
- Passed away in 1986 and 30 years later her patients still sing her praise.
- Married for 48 years and had 2 children, her son of which is still a practicing General Pediatrician.
- Bertha’s career during her era of practice helped pave a way for all women in medicine, leaving a lasting impact that is still felt today.

Dr. Rowena Spencer Pediatric Surgeon

- Born 1922
- First female surgical resident, Johns Hopkins
- First women surgeon in Louisiana
- First Pediatric surgeon (male or female) in Louisiana
- First woman in LSU Department of Surgery
- Expert in conjoined twins



Dr. Caroline Duncan Professor of Pediatrics and Neurology



“Her clinical advice continues to be relevant in our practices today. Her thirst for knowledge and enthusiasm for teaching continues, bringing current articles in child neurology to discuss and share with us during our weekly conferences. “

- 1 of 5 women in her medical school class the University of Texas Medical Center Galveston
- Only woman during her Child Neurology Fellowship at Johns Hopkins
- Joined LSU in **1961**.
 - *started the pediatric neurology outpatient clinic at Charity Hospital*
- **First and Only** child neurologist in the state of Louisiana until 1975.
 - *Drove to various clinics and state hospitals to provide care for her patients that couldn't come to New Orleans*
- Began the **Section of Pediatric Neurology** as well as the child neurology residency, and was one of the founding members of the Southern Pediatric Neurology Society
 - ***Dr. Caroline Duncan Award** for the best presentation.*
- Published numerous articles and abstracts
 - *has been sentinel with describing familial neurological diseases in the area that has become a mainstay for current practicing child neurologists.*
- Taken care of multiple generations of the same families, has trained many child neurologists until her retirement in 2000.

Dr. Jody Gates, Pediatric Pulmonologist

- Joined Children's Hospital in **1976** as a pediatric pulmonologist
- Facilitated the start of pediatric residency training at Children's Hospital.
- Working with Dr. Judy Harris, federal grant funding was obtained to start a **home ventilator programs** for children, **one of the first three** in the United States.
- Jody was instrumental in the creation of the **PICU**, and also acted as the "hospitalist" for inpatients referred to the by LA physicians who had only outpatient practices



Dr. Judith Harris

Pediatric Pulmonary (1939- 2008)



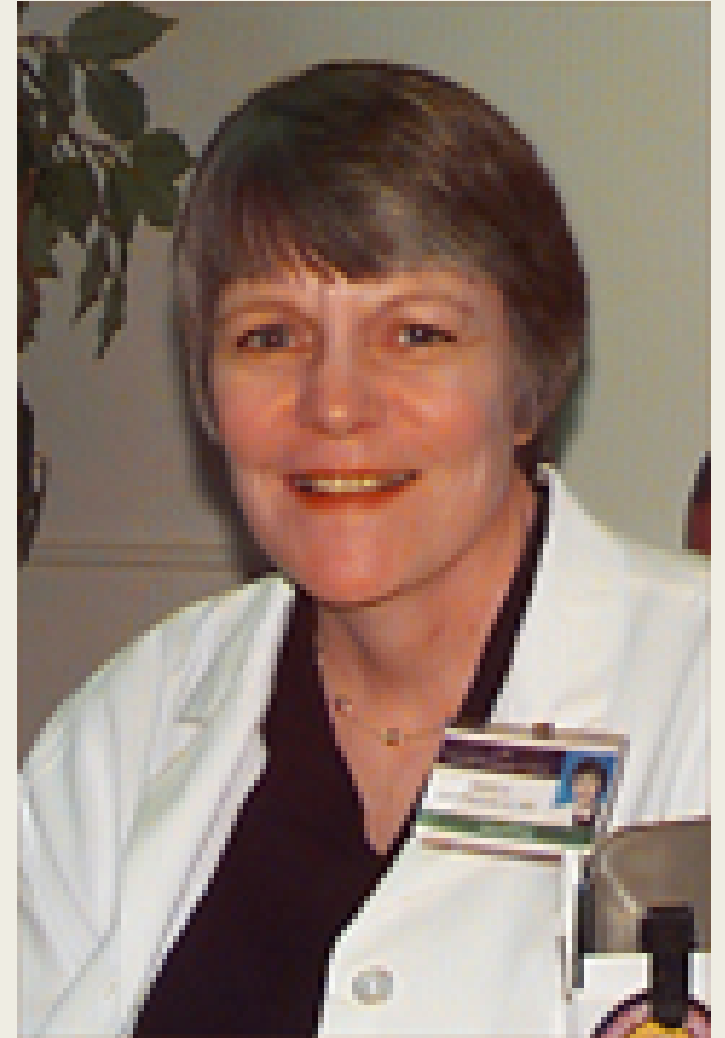
- Moved to New Orleans from her beloved Texas in 1961 to attend Tulane Medical School.
- New Orleans captured her heart and after graduation Judy trained as **Pediatric Pulmonologist**.
- Fiercely committed to her patients, caring for generations of New Orleans children.
- Train hundreds of pediatric physicians, ultimately serving as a member of the medical staff of **Children's Hospital** of New Orleans for **40 years**.
- Working with Dr. Jody Gates, she established both the hospital's **Home Ventilator-Assisted Program** and established its **first Pediatrics Intensive Care Unit**.
- Today the Home Ventilator program serves the entire state of LA, and the PICU cares for more than 1,000 critically ill children each year.

Dr. Sheila Gottschalk

Neonatologist

- Graduated LSU School of Medicine in 1969 as one of **only 12** women in a class of 121
- Pioneer in Neonatology in Louisiana, providing care to sick infants in at least 12 different hospitals including Children's Hospital over the course of her career
- **Medical Director** of NICU at Charity and University Hospital
- **Trained generation of Neonatologists**
 - *Sheila Gottschalk Professorship LSUHSC*
- Voice for medical ethics, fair pay for women physicians
- Mother of 5 children

“Her calm demeanor and nurturing methods live on in generations of current neonatologists”



Dr. Nell Pape Waring

Pediatric Allergy-Immunology



- One of New Orleans's earliest female physicians.
- Graduated from Tulane University School of medicine in **1951**
- Residency in pediatrics at **Johns Hopkins University**.
- Immeasurable devotion to her family, putting her medical **career on hold for two decades to raise her five sons**.
 - *Returned to medicine in 1974 and ultimately completed her pediatric residency as well as a fellowship in allergy and immunology at Tulane University.*
- Joined the allergy and immunology department at Children's Hospital

"She was loved by her many patients and contributed to the educational development of many residents and fellows."