Pediatrics Education Strategic Plan Working Groups formed

Several working groups have been formed as part of the new Education Strategic Plan that is being implemented by Dr. Hughes Evans and the leaders of those groups have been identified:

**Education Innovation Working Group:** Kiran Hebbar  
**Research and Scholarship Working Group:** Nael McCarty  
**Clinical Care Working Group:** Anthony Cooley  
**Culture Working Group:** Veda Johnson and James Fortenberry  
**Faculty Working Group:** Michael Greenwald  
**Fellows Working Group:** Barry Warshaw  
**Resident Working Group:** Patrice Kruszewski  
**Student Working Group:** Leonidas Panagiotakopoulos  
**Resources and Space Working Group:** Liz McCarty and Kristine Rogers

Committees will meet over the rest of the summer to review the data obtained from the recent SWOT analysis and focus groups that were completed and to come up with recommendations for implementation or further study.

*Many thanks to everyone who participated in recent focus groups and surveys. If you are interested in working with either of these groups, please contact Hughes Evans, hughes.evans@emory.edu.*

McFadden receives Gretchen Hunsberger Medical Champion Achievement Award

Our beloved Medical Director, **Dr. Terri McFadden**, was presented with the Gretchen Hunsberger Medical Champion Achievement Award. This award, established in honor of our late colleague, honors a doctor or other medical provider who has been extraordinary as a trainer, clinician, and/or clinical director; one whose exemplary personal and professional medical leadership has helped to make delivery of the **Reach Out and Read** program model all it can be in pediatric primary care.
Children’s Concussion Program

Recognizing the rise of concussions in pediatric patients and the need to return young athletes safely to sports, Children’s launched the Concussion Program in 2011. The Concussion Program was developed by a multidisciplinary team who continues to work together to create evidence-based guidelines and tools for community providers, conduct research and provide care for patients with mild traumatic head injuries (mTBI). This multidisciplinary approach involving the Emergency Department, Neurology, Neuropsychology, Neurosurgery, Physiatry, Sports Medicine and Urgent Care gives the program unique perspective and expertise.

In addition to the collaborative team, one of the keys to the success of the Concussion Program has been the dedicated concussion nurse coordinator who helps each concussion patient navigate the pathway to recovery and directs them to specialists (if needed) to suit the needs of each child or teen. Community primary care providers also have access to the concussion nurse coordinator who can help guide their patients and answer questions. Using recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), American Academy of Neurology (AAN), American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM), the concussion team built a digital toolkit and video series accessible through Children's website. The toolkit helps physicians from diagnosis through patient education with assessment tools, return to school and activities guidelines and teaching sheets. The video series was designed to visually explain the process of patient care from diagnosis to treatment and includes prevention tips, as well as various concussion patient scenarios.

The Concussion Program is integrated into Children's electronic health record system, which allows for valuable data collection that can be used in research. The concussion team is dedicated to collecting data for analysis, outcomes reporting and research so that pathways can continue to evolve. With the continued evolution of the program and guidelines, the team hopes to promote concussion education and safety so that children and teens suffering from concussions receive the care they need to return safely to school and activities.

For more information about our concussion resources, please visit choa.org/concussionmodule. To refer a patient to our concussion program please visit choa.org/concussionreferral or call 404-785-DOCS (3627).

Jain’s Healthy Corner – Wellness Tidbit of the Month

Physician Wellness Wants Your Summer Vacation Photos

A recent study found that more than half of the American workforce did not take all of their vacation days in 2015. Taking vacation time correlates with lower levels of depression and increases life satisfaction. Submit your vacation photos to Kathleen Smith and Nikki Jackson we will feature them in a future article on the Children’s physician portal and in our newsletter. To learn about our Physician Wellness programs, check out the Physician Portal today.

Best wishes, Lucky
New Guidelines for Cash and Gift Card Patient Stipends

The Department of Pediatrics has created additional guidelines to accompany the existing Emory University Policy for managing cash and gift cards used for patient stipends. This is in response to previous misconduct within our department and was mandated by Emory Internal Audit. We anticipate that by providing more structure and resources, we will prevent any future issues. These guidelines apply to DOP faculty and staff, as well as any CHOA employees working with DOP faculty, who are involved in managing cash or gift cards given to patients for their participation in research.

Here are some of the major highlights:

- **Safe storage:** The location of where cash or gift cards are stored must be verified and approved. The Department also now has safes available to “check out” in the ECC-RU.
- **Ordering gift cards:** Purchasing of gift cards for stipends has been centralized, faculty and staff are no longer permitted to order their own through Emory Express.
- **Periodic auditing:** Department Administration will be conducting surprise audits to ensure proper storage and tracking of stipends.

The new guidelines, along with all needed instructions, forms and templates, can be found here: [http://www.pedsresearch.org/research/resources/clinical-research-resources/research-coordinator-resources/patient-stipend-funds/](http://www.pedsresearch.org/research/resources/clinical-research-resources/research-coordinator-resources/patient-stipend-funds/)

There will be a meeting with each research team to review their current process and discuss what changes may be needed to comply with the new guidelines. If your team has not met with us yet or you have any questions, please contact [DOPstipends@emory.edu](mailto:DOPstipends@emory.edu)
**Accomplishments, Honors, Awards and Rankings in Pediatrics**

The Department of Pediatrics ranked #6 in NIH funding for 2015

Amy Pattishall, MD, selected as Chair of Region VIII by the Academic Pediatric Association (APA). Dr. Pattishall’s selection as a Region Chair by peers acknowledges her accomplishments and leadership skills. The APA has expressed its appreciation for the contributions that Dr. Pattishall has made to the Association, its membership, and its mission.

Rana Chakraborty, MD, MSc, FRCPCH, DPhil, invited to serve on Faculty Committee on Appointments and Promotions – Clinical and Medical Educator and Service Tracks. This committee, consisting of senior faculty in the School of Medicine appointed by the Dean, reviews and makes recommendations for all faculty appointments and promotions at or above the Associate Professor level on the designated tracks.

Terri McFadden, MD, FAAP, is the new President Elect for the Georgia Chapter of the AAP. She will serve 2 years as Vice President before assuming her role as Chapter President.

Claudia Morris, MD, elected member Council of the Nitric Oxide Society. This organization promotes the advancement of basic and applied scientific research in all aspects of nitric oxide research, to disseminate important research results to the general public concerning nitric oxide, to develop and enhance the education and training of students and researchers in this field, to foster interdisciplinary communication.

Larry Schall, PhD, was named Teacher of the Year for 2015 by the Department of Psychiatry, Division of Child Psychiatry, Emory University School of Medicine.

Dana Zavatkay, PhD, BCBA-D, NCS, awarded the Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta Golden Apple Award for excellence in healthcare education. This was awarded in recognition of both community education (training future professionals to work with children with ASD and to teach social skill development) as well as patient education with a focus on social skill development.

Nitika Gupta, MD, DCH, DNB, MRCPCH, selected as Atlanta Business Chronicle’s 2016 Healthcare Heroes finalist for her work in the development of the Children’s Adolescent Transplant Transition Clinic. The Children’s Adolescent Transplant Program, helps ease the transition from pediatric care to adult care for post-transplant or waiting-for-transplant patients. In 2015, the Adolescent Transplant Program began at Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta, in partnership with specialists at Emory University Hospital.

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**Upcoming Events**

**Asthma Care and Education (ACE) Asthma Education Training**

**Date:** Friday, October 07, 2016  
**Time:** 7:30 - Noon  
**Location:**  
Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta Office Park  
1680 Tullie Circle NE, Classroom 5  
Atlanta, GA 30329

**Course Description**

This train-the-trainer program will provide the latest pediatric asthma information, including current National Institutes of Health (NIH) Guidelines for the diagnosis and management of asthma. All participants will receive the ACE flip chart, a teaching tool with color pictures for educating children, parents and staff about asthma management, and other educational resource materials.

**Target Audience**

This course is designed for physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, pediatric and school nurses, respiratory therapists and other health professionals.

**Registration Fee:**  
$40 Georgia Association of School Nurses (GASN) members  
$45 All others  
$55 after Sept. 23

Visit [https://www.choa.org/cmeevents](https://www.choa.org/cmeevents) to register or call 404-785-7833 if you are not able to register online

**Click here for the brochure**
Links to more news and activities:

Updates and activities related to the Center for Clinical and Translational Research:

Pediatric Research Administrative Services unit (RAS) website: [http://www.pedsresearch.org/](http://www.pedsresearch.org/)

HR Updates:

President Wagner: Steward of the Vision
President James W. Wagner concludes an extraordinary 13-year tenure characterized by an unwavering commitment to excellence. [Read more](#).

Learning and Organizational Development Announces Upcoming Course Schedule
Learning and Organizational Development's general enrollment class offerings for May through November 2016 have been announced. Participants can customize their professional development by choosing courses to meet their professional development needs and interests. A range of dynamic courses are offered. [View course schedule](#).

Emory HR Worklife:

Does your loved one want to stay in their home as long as possible? Are you concerned about safety issues? Would you like insight in making these decisions?

Learn more about the options to keep your loved one in their home. This workshop is essential for individuals concerned with planning for the care of a family member, as well as for any adult interested in being proactive about planning for his or her own future care needs. An expert panel will discuss the advantages and disadvantages of techniques, services, technologies and strategies for keeping your loved ones at home.

Register Here:

Change Your Home Not Your Address: How to Age in Place
Facilitators: Andrew Sever, Occupational Therapist and Katie Johnson, Founder of Beverly Parent Advocates
Goizueta Business School
Room 204
July 26, 2016
12:00PM-1:30PM

Don't forget our upcoming August and September workshops:

August 15, 2016: A, B, C, & D's of Medicare: Medicare Made Simple
September 27, 2016: Tick Tock: Caregivers Learn To Control The Clock

Please contact Mary Ellen Nessmith at 404-727-4177 if you have questions about the upcoming workshop, webinars or the Emory Caregiver Support Program.

Monthly Motivation
You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.
~CS Lewis