CEO Donna Hyland announced initial plans for a new Children's hospital at the northeastern corner of North Druid Hills Road and I-85. The hospital will allow Children's to continue to deliver on the Every Child Deserves Children's strategy by expanding to meet Georgia’s pediatric population growth through 2026 and beyond.

Specific timelines have not been developed, but it may take as long as eight years to plan, permit, design and build a new free-standing pediatric hospital. After construction of the new hospital at North Druid Hills is complete, Egleston will no longer serve as an inpatient facility. Future plans for the use of the 7.5-acre Egleston campus have not been determined.

In addition to the hospital, the North Druid Hills Campus will be home to the Center for Advanced Pediatrics. The hospital footprint is anticipated to utilize much of the existing office space at the North Druid Hills Campus, so a plan will be developed for new support staff offices as well. The 45-acre campus will give Children's the space and flexibility needed to grow and better coordinate services for patients and their families for decades to come.

Outside of the North Druid Hills Campus, Children's is investing in its facilities across its system. Additional 2017 initiatives include 60 new beds at Scottish Rite in 2017, Expansion of the ED at Hughes Spalding by summer 2017, planning for additional beds at Egleston, construction of the Center for Advanced Pediatrics, construction of an outpatient facility at Town Center, Addition of a new urgent care center in Hamilton Creek in 2017, expansion of specialty services and urgent care at Hudson Bridge, expansion of specialty services in Cherokee, and construction of a new urgent care in the Chamblee/Brookhaven area.

Children’s has launched www.choabreakingnewground.org to share a special video message from Donna and more details on what is planned.

*Excerpt taken from CHOA CareForce Connection page 2/9/17*
Dr. Jasmine Weiss named 2017 New Century Scholar

Dr. Jasmine Weiss, a resident in our pediatric residency program, has been selected as one of the Academic Pediatric Association's 2017 New Century Scholars. The New Century Scholars Program was developed to encourage under-represented minority pediatric trainees to consider careers in academic medicine. Scholars are matched with mentors who are nationally recognized leaders in academic pediatrics, specifically within the areas of health and health care disparities, social determinants of health, minority child health, and cultural competency. The program also provides ongoing career counseling to the Scholars.

AAP Section on Pediatric Trainees elects Dr Anisha Bhatia

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Section on Pediatric Trainees (SOPT) elected Anisha Bhatia, MD to the position of Clinical Case Program Co-chair for 2017-2019. This is a two-year position, where residents help to facilitate the Section's annual clinical case competition. This is quite an accomplishment and honor for residents, as well as a great reflection of Emory Pediatrics’ training program. This opportunity provides a wealth of great rewards for residents that include networking with AAP leadership, attendance at the AAP National Conference and Exhibition, and the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of medical students, residents and fellowship trainees through the AAP resolution process. They will also have immediate access to the latest in AAP grants, scholarships and awards, as well as information on career planning and local and national advocacy efforts.

Aflac Cancer Center selected for membership in national cooperative group

The Pediatric Brain Tumor Consortium (PBTC), formed by the NCI in 1999 to improve the treatment of primary brain tumors in children, is a national cooperative group that is limited to only 10 member institutions which specialize in the care of brain cancer. The PBTC has a goal of rapidly conducting novel phase I and II trials of new drugs and technologies for children with brain cancer. Membership in this consortium is highly selective. In order to be picked for membership, you have to out compete one of the existing members during their period of competitive renewal. Current members of this consortium include the very best programs in the country such as CHLA, Children's Hospital of Chicago, Stanford, Memorial Sloan Kettering, NIH-Pediatric Oncology Branch, St Jude, and Texas Children's Hospital. The Aflac Cancer Center will now be part of this consortium due to the increasing national presence of our brain tumor program under Tobey MacDonald’s leadership and Cindy Wetmore’s expertise in phase I and II clinical trials.

Congratulations to Tobey and Cindy for submitting an outstanding application to the PBTC! This helps promote our overall goal of being a regional and national leader in the care of children with cancer and blood disorders.

Dr Raymond Schinazi to serve as Co-Director of Emory’s Global Virus Network Center of Excellence

Raymond Schinazi, PhD, DSc, and Carlos del Rio, MD will serve as co-directors of Emory’s Global Virus Network Center of Excellence. Dr. Schinazi serves as Professor of Pediatrics, Frances Winship Walters Professor of Pediatrics and director of the Laboratory of Biochemical Pharmacology. Dr. del Rio serves as the Hubert Professor and Chair of the Department of Global Health at the Rollins School of Public Health, Professor of Medicine in the Division of Infectious Diseases at Emory University School of Medicine, and co-director of the Emory Center for AIDS Research (CFAR).

Jain’s Healthy Corner – Wellness Tidbit of the Month

From The New York Times:

When people get up and move, they tend to be happier, research indicates

The New York Times (1/25, Reynolds, Subscription Publication) reports in Well that “when people get up and move, even a little, they tend to be happier than when they are still,” researchers found in a large study after using “cellphone data to track activities and moods.” Overall, investigators found that “people who move are more content than people who sit.” The Times also points out, “Epidemiological studies have found that people who exercise or otherwise are active typically are less prone to depression and anxiety than sedentary people.” The findings were published online on Jan. 4 in PLOS One.

Keep an Eye out for the Burnout Survey

On Feb. 20, The Advisory Board, on behalf of Children’s, emailed the Children’s Medical Staff a five-minute survey on Physician Wellness. Responses will help Children’s physician leaders collect baseline data to better understand Physician Burnout among our community as a beginning to implementing real solutions. All responses are confidential and only will be reported in aggregate. Medical Staff are encouraged to participate to provide as representative a sample as possible.

Contact Physician.Communications@choa.org with questions.

Education News

Dr. Samuel Fernandez-Carriba taught several courses including: Cognitively Based Compassion Training foundation course for teachers at Drew Charter School (Sep. 16, 2016 to Dec. 12, 2016) as well as monthly guided compassion meditation sessions and classes at Drepung Loseling Monastery; a Center part of the Emory-Tibet initiative under the patronage of His Holiness the Dalai Lama (Dec. 15, 2016).

Dr. Jennifer Stapel-Wax gave 2 large scale trainings on Language Nutrition and Talk With Me Baby at Technical College System of Georgia on November 10 and Columbus District of Public Health on December 5. Dr. Lindsey Burrell gave an invited presentation titled “Identification and treatment of food refusal and food selectivity in young children.” Georgia Telehealth Distance Learning Series at the Marcus Autism Center, Atlanta, GA (October 2016).

Dr. Celine Saulnier gave multiple lectures:


Dr. Cheryl Klaiman gave a Grand Rounds at the Montreal Jewish General Hospital, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, entitled “Early Screening and Diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder: Insights from Clinical and Research Perspectives.” December 18th, 2016
What’s New in Pediatrics Research?

Pedsresearch.org: Short Cuts for Starting the Research Administration Process
In response to user feedback, we have added short cuts on the Research Administration home page that will take you directly to the Intent to Submit Forms page. These short cuts and links can also be found on the new "Getting Started" option in the drop down tab. Please let us know if you have other ideas or ways that we can enhance your pediatric research experience: amcook@emory.edu

Effective 1/18/17: New ClinicalTrials.gov FDA Regulation and NIH Policy
Below are highlights from OCR summary of changes. To view the full article click here: https://scholarblogs.emory.edu/ranews/2017/01/26/new-clinicaltrials-gov-fda-regulation-and-nih-policy/

Major Additions to the FDA Final Rule impacting ClinicalTrials.gov include the following:

- Additional data elements are required for registration and results reporting. Some data elements that are currently optional when submitting information will now be required, and some new data elements will also be required.
- The full protocol and statistical analysis plan (if separate from the protocol) will also be required with results reporting.
- Results reporting is required for all applicable clinical trials that are required to register. The deadline for results information submission is no later than one year after final data collection.
- Some data elements must be updated more frequently than the standard 12 months (e.g., 30 days, 15 days).
- Corrections to submitted information will be required within 15 days for registration information and 25 days for results information.

New ClinicalTrials.gov NIH Policy Requirements require the following:

- The final NIH Policy complements the FDA final rule in that the NIH Policy applies to all clinical trials funded in whole or in part by NIH, regardless of study phase, type of intervention, or whether they are subject to the final rule. The NIH Policy applies to clinical trials which are defined as “a research study in which one or more human subjects are prospectively assigned to one or more interventions (which may include placebo or other control) to evaluate the effects of those interventions on health-related biomedical or behavioral outcomes.”
- Applicants for NIH funding are required to submit a plan outlining how they will comply with the clinical trial information dissemination expectations of the policy. A template on behalf of Emory is available on the OCR website under “ClinicalTrials.gov”.

For questions or more information, please contact the Office for Clinical Research at ocr@emory.edu or 404-778-4960
Accomplishments, Honors, Awards and Rankings in Pediatrics

Cynthia Wetmore, MD, PhD, has been selected as a fellow in the Woodruff Leadership Academy Class of 2017. Click here to read about the program and to see a complete list of all the new fellows.

Raymond F Schinazi, PhD, DSc, was the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award at the 12th Annual Scrip Awards, which was held on 30 November, 2016, in London. Click here to read the full article.

Ritu Sachdeva, MD, was appointed by the American College of Cardiology as Co-Chair of the writing committee for the Appropriate Use Criteria for Multimodality Imaging in Congenital Heart Disease.

Timothy Slesnick, was elected to serve on the Executive Committee of the Pediatric/Congenital Council for the Society of Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance.

Timotheus Watson, received the 2016 Sibley Heart Center Citizenship Award.

Celine Saulnier was invited to be a Program Committee Member and a Topic Review Co-Chair for Diagnostic, Behavioral, and Intellectual Assessment submissions for the International Meeting for Autism Research.

Dr. Shannon Gourley was appointed to the training faculty for the graduate program in Molecular and Systems Pharmacology at Emory. She was also appointed to the Curriculum Committee for the Graduate Training Program in Neuroscience at Emory.

Dr. Chris Gunter will serve as the Chair, Big Data for Better Care 2017, Southeastern Pediatric Research Conference, Atlanta. Her co-chairs are Dr. Stacy Heilman and Dr. Greg Gibson.

Dr. Sarah Shultz received a secondary appointment as an Assistant Professor in Neuroscience at Emory University.

Dr. Chris Gunter was appointed to the National Human Genome Research Institute’s Public Engagement Working Group for the Genomic Literacy, Education, and Engagement (GLEE) Initiative.

The Emory School of Medicine recently celebrated Faculty Recognition Week and a few of our own faculty were highlighted:

- Gordon Ramsay, PhD was appointed to the Scientific Advisory Board, International Children’s’ Advisory Network
- Nathan Call, PhD was promoted to Associate Professor

In the News:
The press release for our publication "Mechanisms of Diminished Attention to Eyes in Autism" was the fourth most-read story for Emory in 2016! http://news.emory.edu/stories/2016/12/er_2016_most_read/campus.html

Raymond Schinazi, PhD, DSc, continued to serve as the Frances Winship Walters Professor of Pediatrics, Director of the Laboratory of Pharmacology, and co-Director of CFAR’s HIV Cure Scientific Working Group. In addition, Dr. Schinazi is currently a Governing Trustee for the Foundation for AIDS Research (amfAR) and a Board member for the International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children (ICMEC). Dr. Schinazi was appointed to the Global Virus Network (GVN) Executive Committee in 2016. GVN is an international coalition comprised of virologists spanning more than 20 countries worldwide, all working to advance knowledge about how viruses make us sick and to develop drugs that treat or cure infections and vaccines to prevent illnesses and death. He also served as VAMC Senior Research Career Scientist until February 1, 2016 when he retired. In 2015, Dr. Schinazi received the Middleton Award, the highest research honor in the Veterans Affairs system. In 2016, Dr. Schinazi received the Institute of Human Virology’s Lifetime Achievement Award for Public Service and 2016 Scrip Lifetime Achievement Award. He was also recognized by Emory University as a Millipub Club Inductee.

Baek Kim, PhD, serves as the director for the Emory University Pediatric Center for Drug Discovery. Dr. Jan Mead continues to serve as the Chair of the Veterans Affairs IACUC.

James Kohler, PhD, continues to serve as Assistant Director of CFAR’s HIV Cure Scientific Working Group.

Selwyn Hurwitz, PhD, continues to serve as a Committee Member for “Stand up to Cancer” through the American Association for Cancer Research.
More Accomplishments, Honors, Awards and Rankings in Pediatrics

The following Aflac, Hem-Onc faculty presented at the December 2016 American Society of Hematology Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA:

- **Sharon Castellino and Frank Keller** - **Poster**: "Approach and Feasibility of Patient-Reported Outcomes (PROs) in a Phase III clinical trial for advanced stage classical Hodgkin Lymphoma (cHL) in children and adolescents"
- **Hyacinth I. Hyacinth** - **Oral** presentation “Association of sickle cell trait with coronary heart disease in African Americans”.
- **Caroline Hansen (Lam lab)** - **Oral** presentation: “Leveraging the Contractile Force of Platelets for Targeted Factor VIII Delivery in Hemophilia with Inhibitors”
- **Kirshma Khemani** - **Poster**: “Experiences and Decision Making for Bone Marrow Transplant in Sickle Cell Disease: Patients and Caregivers Perspective”
- **Muna Qayed and John Horan** - **Poster**: “Influence of Age on Risk for Acute and Chronic Graft Versus Host Disease in Children Receiving HLA Identical Sibling Bone Marrow Transplantation”
- **Katherine Minson and Madeline Huey (Graham lab)** - **Poster**: “Bone Marrow Stromal Cell Mediated Resistance to Mertk Inhibition in Acute Leukemia”
- **Staci Arnold** - **Poster**: “Role of Donor Source on Clinical Outcomes and Inpatient Resource Utilization for Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation in Children with Acute Leukemia”
- **Wei Deng** - **Oral**: "A short N-terminal fragment in front of the A1 domain of von Willebrand Factor prevents the A1 from binding the platelet by masking a region clustered by type 2B VWD mutations"
- **Jordan Ciciliano (Lam lab)** - **Oral**: “A Microengineered Matrix to Decouple the Biophysical and Biochemical Mechanisms of Blood Cell Interactions with Thrombi and Vascular Wall Matrices”
- **Christopher Porter** - Two **Oral** presentations - 25min talk as part of the Education Program. “Germline Mutations Associated with Leukemias”
- **Nitya Bakshi** - **Poster**: "Shared Decision Making or Physician Advocate for a Particular Treatment Option: A Spectrum of Approaches to Decision Making about Disease Modifying Therapies in Sickle Cell Disease”
- **Glaivy Batsuli, W. Hunter Baldwin, Pete Lollar, Shannon L. Meeks** - **Poster**: “Factor VIII C2 Domain Epitopes Recognized By Classical and Non-Classical Anti-C2 Domain Monoclonal Antibodies Help Mediate FVIII Uptake By Dendritic Cells”
- **Pete Lollar** - **Poster**: “Characterization of Factor VIII Immune Complexes by Analytical Ultracentrifugation”
- **Jasmine Ito, Rylee Mercer, Hunter Baldwin, Glaivy Batsuli, Shannon Meeks** - **Poster**: “Very High Dose Factor VIII Needed to Prevent Bleeding in the Presence of a Low Titer Anti-C1 Domain Antibody”
- **Patricia Zerra** - **Poster**: "Marginal zone B cells regulate RBC alloimmunization toward distinct RBC alloantigens"
- **Marianne Yee** - **Poster**: "Hemoglobin Α Clearance Is Associated with RBC Antibodies in Chronically Transfused Children with Sickle Cell Anemia”

Dr. Parminder Suchdev - Appointed as Associate Director, Emory Global Health Institute
Dr. Parminder Suchdev - Nominated for CDC Shepard Science Award for one of 11 top papers
Dr. Joseph Snitzer – Lifetime Achievement Award GA AAP
Dr. Joseph Snitzer – Lifetime Achievement Award CHOA
Dr. Joseph Snitzer – Department Lifetime Teaching Award
Dr. Parminder Suchdev - Selected 6th cohort of Emory Department of Pediatrics Global Health Track residents
Nga Pham, MD, was co-author of two articles in The New England Journal of Medicine: “Therapeutic Hypothermia after In-Hospital Cardiac Arrest in Children” Read the full article: http://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMoa1610493
“Tight Glycemic Control in Critically Ill Children” Read the full article: http://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMoa1612348


Save the Date!

Upcoming Events

Emory Pediatrics Thursday Grand Rounds at HSRB

Dates: March 02, 09
Time: 8a – 9a
Location:
Emory Health Sciences Research Building (HSRB)
1760 Haygood Drive
Atlanta 30322

Annual State of the DOP

Date: April 06
Time: 11:30a – 1:30p
Location:
Emory Health Sciences Research Building (HSRB)
1760 Haygood Drive
Atlanta 30322
(telecast to Grady and SRH)
Links to more news and activities:
Updates and activities related to the Center for Clinical and Translational Research:
http://www.pedsresearch.org/news-events/newsletters/

Pediatrics Research: http://www.pedsresearch.org/

Pediatric Research Administrative Services unit (RAS) website:
http://ras.emory.edu/ras-units/ras-pediatrics/index.html

The Department of Pediatrics Holiday Mixer 2016
It was wonderful to see so many faculty and staff attend this warm holiday event!

Monthly Motivation

Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Willing is not enough; we must do.
~Johann Wolfgang von Goethe