Emory/Georgia Tech bid a fond farewell to Ravi Bellamkonda

Congratulations to Ravi Bellamkonda, chair of the Wallace H. Coulter Department of Biomedical Engineering at Georgia Institute of Technology and Emory University, on his appointment as the new Vinik Dean of the Pratt School of Engineering at Duke University, effective August 1. A graduate of Osmania University (India) who received his Ph.D. from Brown University and did post-doctoral training at MIT, Bellamkonda started his career at Case Western Reserve before moving to the Coulter Department of Biomedical Engineering in 2003. From 2010-2013, he served as Associate Vice President for Research at Georgia Tech, where he led programs to enhance translational research, technology transfer and programs that encourage innovation in research and education and faculty development. Bellamkonda is the president of the American Institute for Biological and Medical Engineering (AIMBE), a policy advocacy group, and is a frequent consultant on biomedical engineering research and education. He’s the recipient of numerous honors, including the Clemson Award for Applied Research from the Society for Biomaterials, the EUREKA award from the National Cancer Institute, a CAREER award from the National Science Foundation, and the best professor award from the Georgia Tech BME students.

Read the full article: https://www.bme.gatech.edu/bme/bme-chair-named-dean-engineering-duke-university

Aflac Cancer and Blood Disorders Center ranked #1 in the country

The Aflac Cancer and Blood Disorders Center is now the nation’s largest healthcare provider for pediatric hematologypatients, ranking number 1 in the country for sickle cell discharges and number 1 for hematologypatient discharges (PHIS 2015 Discharge Data). The pediatric cancer program is the second largest in the country, ranking number 2 for brain tumor patients, number 5 for stage III/IV neuroblastoma patients, number 4 for leukemia/lymphoma discharges (US News and World Report; PHIS 2015 Discharge Data). As part of the Children’s Oncology Group, the pediatric oncology program ranks third in the country out of more than 220 COG institutions for therapeutic enrollment in therapeutic cancer trials. The pediatric bone marrow transplant program ranks number 6 in the country based on BMT discharges (PHIS 2015 Data). When hematologypatient and oncology discharge data are combined, the Aflac Cancer and Blood Disorders Center is currently the largest pediatric hematologypatient/oncology program in the country (Total Hematologypatient/Oncology Discharges, PHIS 2015 Discharge Data).
**Aflac: New Dedicated Hematology and Oncology Docs on Call Model**

Effective Friday, July 5, 2016, the Aflac Cancer and Blood Disorders Center will transition to a new inpatient clinical model with dedicated inpatient Hematology and Oncology services. Each service will have its own physician on the Doc on Call schedule for Egleston and Scottish Rite to help optimize patient care on these campuses. The new model replaces the previous “inpatient” and “consult” services offered jointly by Hematology and Oncology.

Each service (Hematology or Oncology) will be responsible for:
- Established on-service inpatients
- Consults
- Emergency department consults and admissions
- Outside inquiries (via Transfer center, 785-DOCS, etc.)

Areas of clinical overlap may be managed jointly by Hematology and Oncology staff:
- **Oncology** – On-therapy established patients with an oncologic diagnosis; new tumors or masses; cytopenia(s) with confirmed leukemia; adenopathy with concern for malignancy; and histiocytosis.
- **Hematology** – Established patients with an acute or chronic hematologic diagnosis (examples – sickle cell; hemophilia; HLH; aplastic anemia); benign hematology; hematology consults including cytopenia(s) without confirmed leukemia, HLH, thrombosis, etc.

Send questions about this new model to: [Jeanne Boudreaux, M.D.](mailto:jeanne.boudreaux@bch.harvard.edu), [Tamara New, M.D.](mailto:tamara.new@bch.harvard.edu), or [Karen Wasilewski, M.D.](mailto:karen.wasilewski@bch.harvard.edu)

**Neonatology poster receives 1st place at the 2016 Emory Quality Conference**

A team at Emory University Hospital Midtown led by Angie Nnadi, a neonatal nurse, and Ravi Patel, a neonatologist and assistant professor in the Dept. of Pediatrics, was awarded 1st place at the 2016 Emory Quality Conference for their project focused on improving the care of feeding tubes in preterm infants. The quality improvement project is one of several ongoing initiatives focused on the global aim of reducing the necrotizing enterocolitis in preterm infants cared for at Emory University Hospital Midtown.
Graduating Fellows recognized at Fellowship End of Year Awards and Graduation event

For those of you who were unable to attend the Fellowship End of Year Awards and Graduation event, the placements in the two competitions and winners of Fellow Teacher of the Year were as follows:

**Research Competition**
1st Place ($500) – Katie Sutton, MD, Hem/Onc
2nd Place ($300) – Amelia Thompson, MD, MPH, Infectious Diseases
3rd Place ($200) – Sirish Palle, MD, Gastroenterology

**Teaching Competition**
1st Place ($500) – Lauren Middlebrooks, MD, Emergency Medicine
2nd Place ($300) – Amelia Thompson, MD, MPH, Infectious Diseases
3rd Place ($200) – Ali Hales-Kharazmi, MD, Cardiology

**Fellow Teacher of the Year Co-Winners**
Cortney Ballengee, MD, Gastroenterology
Alana Karp, MD, Nephrology

Every year, the fellows reflect on who they feel has served as an invaluable teacher and has contributed significantly to the professional development of the graduating class. This year, they have chosen Lawrence Scahill, PhD, Professor of Pediatrics at Emory University and Director of Clinical Trials at the Marcus Autism Center, as recipient of the 2016 CAP Teaching Award.

Congratulations to all of the above and to our graduating fellows who are moving on to other endeavors!
Barry Warshaw Fund Continues to Grow

The **Barry Warshaw Fund** for Pediatric Nephrology Fellow Education was created less than 2 years ago to honor the many contributions by Dr. Warshaw to resident and fellow education. Donations from colleagues have already passed the **$50,000** mark, making the fund an official endowment that will provide a yearly source of interest income to support education.

Simoneaux Named Chief of Radiology

**Stephen Simoneaux, M.D.** (right) was named **Chief of Radiology** at Children’s. Since 2000, Dr. Simoneaux has held joint appointments as Medical Director of Radiology at Egleston and Hughes Spalding, as well as Division Director, Pediatric Radiology at Emory University School of Medicine. In addition to his leadership in pediatric radiology at Children’s, Dr. Simoneaux has served on national committees for the Society for Pediatric Radiology, the American College of Radiology and the American Board of Radiology. He currently is president of the Society of Chairs of Radiology at Children’s Hospitals.

Jain’s Healthy Corner – Wellness Tidbit of the Month

Nearly one quarter of U.S. workers says work-life success has become more difficult in the past five years. They cite getting enough sleep and getting enough "me" time as two of their top five hurdles while trying to manage their personal and professional lives. It is important we strive towards work-life integration for our own health and happiness. Recently, the Physician Wellness team asked me how I manage this difficult balance in my own life. Though it is admittedly difficult, I share in this [video](#) how I fiercely protect my sacred "me" time one simple way each day. I encourage you to find a way to make time for yourself each day. For more tools on how to achieve good balance, visit the [physician portal](#).

Best wishes,

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What's New in Pediatrics Research

New Clinical Trial Weekly Status Report Available on pedsresearch.org

Located on the Research Administration page, there is now a weekly report that provides an update on the pre-award status for DOP industry sponsored clinical trials. The report lets you quickly know what steps are still needed to move your research forward, as well as the contact information of who can help. To find the report, go to pedsresearch.org, click on “Quick Links” in the top left corner and select Research Administration (see example top left).

And click on “Industry Clinical Trials Pre-Award Status Report” (see example right)

Upcoming 2-Day Workshop at FDA: “Pediatric Clinical Investigator Training”
The training course is intended to provide investigators with:
(1) a clear understanding of some of the challenges of studying products in the pediatric population, including:
Pediatric study design, neonates, biomarkers, endpoints, orphan drugs and rare disease trial design, formulations;
(2) an overview of extrapolation as it relates to the pediatric population; and
(3) an overview of ethically appropriate methods related to the design of clinical trials in the pediatric population.
The public workshop will be held on September 12 and 13, 2016, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the DoubleTree Bethesda, MD. Registration closes September 6, 2016. Those who are unable to attend the workshop in person can register to view a live Webcast of the workshop.

The link to register: Federal Register | Pediatric Clinical Investigator Training; Public Workshop

Congratulations to the 2016 Pediatric Research Center/Program Pilot Grant Awardees! Click here to see the full list of awardees.

Congratulations to the 2016 Southeastern Pediatric Research Innovation Conference poster award recipients!!!

1st Place: 50-Valent Inactivated Rhinovirus Vaccine is Broadly Immunogenic in Rhesus Macaques
Sunjin Lee, Min Trang Nguyen, Michael Currier, Joe Jenkins, Elizabeth Strobert, Adriana Kajon, Ranjna Madan-Lala, Yuriy Bochkov, James Gern, Krishnendu Roy, Xiaoyan Lu, Dean Erdman, Paul Spearman, Martin Moore

2nd Place: Organotypic Tumor Slice Culture for Evaluating Treatment of Medulloblastoma
James Felker, Abhinav Dey, Katie Metrock, Jingbo Liu, Tobey MacDonald, Anna Kenney

3rd Place: Valvular interstitial cells derived from iPSCs as a source for tissue engineered heart valves
Aline Yonezawa, Monalisa Singh David Safranski, Kenneth Dupont, Chunhui Xu, and Michael Davis
More Accomplishments, Honors, Awards and Rankings in Pediatrics


Larry Greenbaum, MD, PhD, Marcus Professor of Pediatrics Division of Pediatric Nephrology, recently began his two-year term as President of the American Society of Pediatric Nephrology (ASPN). He had previously served on the ASPN Council and as ASPN Secretary-Treasurer and President-elect. Dr. Greenbaum also currently serves as past-chair of the AAP Section of Nephrology and is on the Nephrology Subboard of the American Board of Pediatrics.

Rob Dixon named 2016 Teacher of the Year, Rebecca Philipsborn named 2016 Resident of the Year

Faculty of the year award this year (given by the graduating residents to the teacher they valued most in their training) went to Dr. Rob Dixon (left)

Resident of the year award (voted on by all of the residents) went to Rebecca Philipsborn (right)

Resident Research Day Finalists

Pediatric Resident Research Day was held this year on June 17th. During this event, our residents presented their completed or ongoing projects from the past year, covering such diverse topics as neonatal heart disease screening, post-transplant diabetes mellitus, sedation of pediatric patients using propofol and nitrous oxide, and the microbiology of atopic dermatitis. We want to extend a warm thank you to all of our resident presenters and their mentors who worked alongside them to develop these projects. Pictured below: (L-R) Drs. Nichole McCollum, Rob Gonsalves, Elan Jenkins, Sunita Ali-Hemani, Anisha Bhatia

Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta is once again ranked among the nation’s top pediatric hospitals by U.S. News & World Report. We are exceptionally proud Children’s had three specialty areas place in the top 10 of the U.S. News and World Report rankings for Best Children’s Hospitals, including: our Sibley Heart Center, which ranked as the No. 4 cardiac program; our nephrology program, which ranked No. 9; and our Aflac Cancer and Blood Disorders Center, which ranked as the No. 10 cancer program. In addition to Sibley Heart Center, nephrology and Aflac Cancer Center, we are proud that four additional programs ranked in the top 20 for their individual specialties: gastroenterology, orthopedics, neonatology and endocrinology.

Overall, the majority of our specialty areas improved in rank, and Children’s had seven specialty areas place in the top 20 of the U.S. News and World Report rankings for Best Children’s Hospitals, including:

- Our Sibley Heart Center, which ranked as the No. 4 cardiac program
- Our nephrology program, which ranked No. 9
- Our Aflac Cancer and Blood Disorders Center, which ranked as the No. 10 cancer program
- Our gastroenterology program, which ranked No. 11
- Our orthopaedics program, which ranked No. 12
- Our neonatology program, which ranked No. 16
- Our endocrinology program, which ranked No. 17

The report ranks hospitals for excellence in outcomes, program structure and national reputation in 10 pediatric specialty areas— with the survey questions created and refined by content experts in each field. Children’s ranked in each of the 10 specialty areas.

These rankings are featured on the magazine’s website, www.usnews.com/childrenshospitals, and will also be published by U.S. News in their annual guidebook, “Best Hospitals 2016,” due to be released later this summer.

This is a tremendous accomplishment for physicians and staff in these specialties, but it’s an achievement we can all take part in celebrating. The dedication all Children’s employees give makes these recognitions possible. Thank you for your continued work for the patients and families we serve.
Residents' Global Health Track

The Global Health Organization of Pediatrics at Emory (GHOPE) hosted its annual Global Health Celebration on June 22nd, 2016 to highlight the international and domestic global health work done by residents and students and to acknowledge the GHOPE faculty mentors. This year’s presenters included Dr. Becca Philipsborn, GHOPE’s 2016 graduating resident, who was recognized for her scholarly projects in Rwanda and her field elective work with the Children's Preparedness Unit and the DeKalb County Refugee Clinic. She was supported by her faculty mentor, Dr. Andi Shane. In addition to Dr. Philipsborn's presentation on global environment and child health, Dr. Mia Maamari talked about her work at the Bisate Clinic in Rwanda. Kate McGlamry, GHOPE’s student coordinator, presented her research on residents’ global health knowledge, while Dr. Asmaa Ferdjallah spoke about her work at the DeKalb County Board of Health Refugee Clinic with Dr. Susan Reines. The event also celebrated Drs. Parmi Suchdev and Joanne Mendoza for their hard work and dedication as the outgoing leaders of the global health program and welcomed in Dr. Lynn Gardner as the new Global Child Health Track Director.

Links to more news and activities:

Updates and activities related to the Center for Clinical and Translational Research: http://www.pedsresearch.org/research/centers/cctr/news-and-newsletters

Pediatric Research Administrative Services unit (RAS) website: 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.

Announcements:
We are excited to announce the opening of the next yoga session. Classes will run from July 21 thru September 22, and will be held every Thursday at either 11:00 AM or Noon. Most classes will be held in the HSRB Auditorium. If you are unable to enroll in Session III, you may want to consider classes offered at Blomyer: http://www.hr.emory.edu/blomeyer/ or SAAC: www.saac.emory.edu. Sparkfly offers discounts at many local gyms http://www.hr.emory.edu/eu/benefits/employeediscounts/discounts.html. The iTunes and Android stores also have many yoga apps that could be useful. (This is not an endorsement for any specific program.) Because space is limited, we ask each participant to commit to attend at least B of the 10 sessions. If you are unable to commit, please wait for a future offering. Mats will be available, or feel free to bring your own. All participants will be required to sign a medical release form.

To Register:
11:00 class http://apps.hr.emory.edu/register/details.jsp?event=712
Noon class http://apps.hr.emory.edu/register/details.jsp?event=713

Monthly Motivation
Accept the challenges so that you can feel the exhilaration of victory.
~George S. Patton