Dr. Raymond Schinazi receives IHV Lifetime Achievement Award

Dr. Raymond Schinazi, Frances Winship Walters Professor of Pediatrics, has been selected by the faculty of the Institute of Human Virology (IHV) at the University of Maryland School of Medicine as the recipient of the 2016 IHV Lifetime Achievement Award for Public Health. This award is given to individuals whose steadfast persistence and unwavering enthusiasm have contributed to major improvements in public health. The Lifetime Achievement Awards are presented during the IHV Annual Meeting, which will be held September 19-22 this year.

Thank you to the Pediatrics Research Administration Services (RAS) Unit for helping the Department of Pediatrics reach #6 in national NIH funding ranking in 2015!

The Pediatrics RAS unit has worked closely with the many researchers in the Department to get it to the #6 ranking nationally. Housed on the 2nd floor of the ECC (Emory Children’s Center) building, this dedicated group of professionals are always ready to help!

To learn more, visit the pediatric research website: http://www.pedsresearch.org/ or http://www.pedsresearch.org/news/new-website-launched
Dr. John Parks receives HGF Lifetime Achievement Award

John Parks, MD, PhD, Professor Emeritus, was recognized with the 2016 Lifetime Achievement Award by the Human Growth Foundation. For more than three decades Dr. John Parks has worked to help children enjoy full and healthy lives. After two years at NIH with Dr. Ira Pastan in the burgeoning field of bacterial genetics, he returned to Philadelphia to learn the art and science of pediatric endocrinology from Dr. Alfred Bongiovanni. While at Penn, he began his pioneering work on the use of molecular genetic techniques to understand the causes of human growth disorders. His more than 150 scientific articles, reviews and book chapters and scores of invited lectures focus on translating genetic discoveries into practical applications for the precise diagnosis and effective management of children and adults with growth problems. Dr. Parks has a long history of service to the pediatric endocrine community; he has mentored more than 30 clinical fellows over his long career. Many have gone on to outstanding careers in research, industry and clinical care.

Watch the video: https://m.facebook.com/EmoryDeptofPediatrics/

Read the full article: http://www.hgfgala.net/#honoree/c7eo

Dr. Claudia Morris elected to the Executive Committee of the AAP

Claudia Morris, MD, Associate Professor for Pediatrics and Emergency Medicine, was elected to the Executive Committee of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Section on Integrative Medicine. The Section on Integrative Medicine (SOIM) was established to develop and identify educational and policy strategies to advocate for research on complementary and alternative therapies used in pediatrics. The SOIM is governed by an executive committee of 6 member pediatricians.

Dr. Parminder Suchdev elected as SOICH Chairperson

Parminder Suchdev, MD, Associate Professor was elected to the position of Section on International Child Health (SOICH) Chairperson. The SOICH promotes and leads efforts to help children throughout the world attain optimal physical, mental and social health and well-being through high quality education and training, effective partnerships and collaborations, and staunch advocacy for the world's children. Dr. Suchdev was also selected as a participant in the Dannon Institute's 2016 Academic Mid-Career Nutrition Leadership Institute. The Dannon Institute Academic Mid-Career Nutrition Leadership Institute consists of an intensive three-day training program designed to provide an opportunity for participants to determine desirable characteristics of senior leaders and explore personal fit for the role of department chair, division chief or similar role in academic nutrition departments and schools.
Tom Caravieu among ASF Spring 2016 Grant Recipients
Under the mentorship of Dr. Lawrence Scahill and Dr. Alice Schillingburg we are pleased to announce that Tom Cariveau, (PhD expected in May, 2016) has received a fellowship from the Autism Science Foundation. In this one-year fellowship, he will conduct a pilot study entitled: *A new treatment for minimally verbal girls with ASD.* Fewer females than males are diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), and fewer females have been enrolled in treatment studies. As a result, it is not clear if commonly used interventions are equally effective for females. This study will examine the feasibility and preliminary efficacy of Social Engagement Therapy (SET) in a sample of minimally verbal girls with ASD. SET is a brief, structured behavioral intervention, based on applied behavior analysis, and is designed to increase social communication and social approach in minimally verbal children with ASD. The study will also explore the use of a new wearable technology worn by the therapist to examine orientation to social stimuli.

Goizueta Business School appointment for Dr. Lucky Jain
In recognition of his material support of the healthcare management initiatives of the Goizueta Business School and for his broader service to the school over the years, Dr. Lucky Jain has been appointed as Affiliated Professor of Business Administration. The appointment will be for two years, starting on September 01, 2016. Dr. Jain sits on the Goizueta MBA Healthcare Advisory Board and encourages faculty and staff interested in advanced business education to reach out to him.

Pediatric Presence at 2016 Medical Student Research Day
The Department of Pediatrics was well represented at the 2016 Medical Student Research Day on Thursday, April 21, 2016. Many pediatric faculty served as Discovery phase mentors and the following served as poster judges: Ginnie Abarbanell, Andres Camacho-Gonzalez, Lisa Cranmer, Megan Durham, Steve Goudy, Mike Greenwald, Lindsay Hatzenbuehler, Stacy Heilman, Matt Oster, Cynthia Wetmore, Jumi Yi. Kristin Partain, whose mentor is Dr. Mehul Raval, received one of three awards for an outstanding oral presentation of research. Three of eight outstanding research projects selected by the Medical Student Research Committee were mentored or co-mentored by pediatric faculty.
My Brother has Autism. And He's Awesome.

"Awesome" Dawson is a patient diagnosed with autism through our Forsyth County psychology team (the side of our first diagnostic device), and his family graciously agreed to share their story with us.

As part of Autism Awareness Month, this video was made: https://www.facebook.com/MarcusAutismCenter/videos/10153348327801612/. Posted on April 14, it quickly registered over 35,000 views! People in the highest positions of leadership in national advocacy organizations (Autism Science Foundation, Autism Speaks, ...) have been writing to me commending the center for such a delightful, positive message. We often state that we want to change the narrative of autism from one of disability to one of diversity. This video does that from the intimate viewpoint of a sibling. Just wonderful.

I would like to thank Veronica Smith, Kenny Hamilton, Meg Flynn and Chris Gunter for their work in this project.

Again, thank you!!

~Ami Klin

SCCM Nomination Committee selects Dr. Pradip Kamat as board member

Pradip Kamat, MD, Associate Professor, was selected by the Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM) Nomination Committee to serve as a board member to World Federation of Pediatric Intensive and Critical Care Societies (WFPICCS). The WFPICCS is the leading organization advocating for the care of critically ill and injured children worldwide.

Jain's Healthy Corner – Wellness Tidbit of the Month

There is a lot written about wellness and what it means to different people. The UC Davis website for its students and faculty has a nice description worth browsing through.

"Wellness is the optimal state of health of individuals and groups. There are two focal concerns: the realization of the fullest potential of an individual physically, psychologically, socially, spiritually and economically, and the fulfillment of one's role expectations in the family, community, place of worship, workplace and other settings." - The World Health Organization.

Wellness has also been defined as "a conscious, self-directed and evolving process of achieving full potential."

- The National Wellness Institute

Wellness is more than being free from illness, it is a dynamic process of change and growth.

https://shcs.ucdavis.edu/wellness/
More Accomplishments, Honors, Awards and Rankings in Pediatrics

Dr. Bill Woods received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Atlanta Business Chronicle. The award includes a feature article in a special section of the Atlanta Business Chronicle’s May 13 issue. Children’s had finalists in three other categories:

- **Community Outreach Category**: Richard Lamphier, for the work he leads as clinical program manager of Project S.A.V.E., the training program provided in schools throughout Georgia to ensure access and training for AEDs.

- **Physician Category**: Nitika Gupta, M.D., who began Children’s adolescent transplant transition clinic that eases the transition from pediatric care to adult care.

- **Rising Star Category**: Erin Eggebrecht, physical therapist, Children’s Center for Advanced Technology & Robotic Rehabilitation, who championed the robotic rehab center at Children’s.

Rene Romero, M.D., Professor, was named Chief of Solid Organ Transplant Services for Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.

Nael McCarty, PhD, Professor was named Director of the Laney Graduate School’s Graduate Division of Biological and Biomedical Sciences.

Children's Physician Group (CPG) ranked #4 by Atlanta Business Chronicle.

Raymond Schinazi, PhD, Professor was named to the Editorial Board of *Pathogens and Immunity*. Dr. Schinazi was also appointed to the Global Virus Network (GVN) Executive Committee.

Our Pediatric Residents had a 100% pass rate on the Pediatric Board Exams – for the 3rd year in a row!

Karen Bearss, PhD, Assistant Professor and Larry Scahill, PhD, Professor were authors on a paper selected by the advocacy organization, Autism Speaks, as one of the top 10 autism research papers of 2015. Published in the Journal of the American Medical Association, "Effect of parent training vs. parent education on behavioral problems in children with autism spectrum disorder."

Mireille El Bejjani, MD, Fellow, Division of Pediatric Endocrinology was awarded a research grant from the Pediatric Endocrine Society, one of only three fellows in the country to receive this award, titled “The role of soluble lipid transport proteins in modulating the metabolic effects of LRH-1.”

Bonney Reed-Knight, PhD, Assistant Professor, is the recipient of the American Psychological Association’s 2016 Early Career Achievement Award.

Children's ranks #1 in the country for pediatric kidney transplant volume in 2015.

The 785-DOCS service is off to a great start! This is a service that allows physicians (internal and from outside connect with physicians and with other services).

Community Benefit Programs and Activities

Nael McCarty, PhD, Professor, and Director of the Emory-Children's Cystic Fibrosis Center of Excellence, discusses cystic fibrosis, new treatments targeting a defective protein and innovative research [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zA7Q1Rfug-8&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zA7Q1Rfug-8&feature=youtu.be)

From Donna Hyland: What's On My Mind

You did it! The Joint Commission surveyors arrived Monday and you were ready, confidently responding to every inquiry they had. We knew you would be great and do well because we know how amazing you are.

These folks -- some of the most qualified judges in the country -- agreed. They had some great things to say about Children's:

“Thank you for being the premier pediatric center in the southeast.”

“When you as an organization decide you are going to do something, there are no gaps.”

“I wish we had more time. We could learn so much from you.”

But they also shared with me comments specifically about you:

“You have a very happy staff.”

“Truly impressed with the level of preparation and staff engagement.”

“Staff have a level of maturity we don’t often see.”

Like you, our Joint Commission survey results were exceptional. You deserve many thanks for your remarkable work. On behalf of our families, our Board and our executive team: thank you.

~Donna
**New Faculty/Staff**

The division of General Pediatrics at Hughes Spalding would like to welcome **Dr. David O'Banion**. Dr. O'Banion will be holding developmental and behavioral clinics at Hughes Spalding Children's Hospital. His email is david.obanion@emory.edu; please welcome him to Emory!

**Erik C. Michelfelder, M.D.**, joined Children's as Director of Fetal Cardiology for Sibley Heart Center Cardiology. Before coming to Children’s, he served as Director of the Fetal Heart Program and co-director of Cardiac Imaging Services for the Heart Institute at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center. He was also a Professor of Pediatrics with the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. Dr. Michelfelder will oversee the Children’s Fetal Cardiology Program.

**Reminder!**

**New Education Strategic Plan for Department of Pediatrics**
The new strategic plan will be conducted in partnership with Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta and the School of Medicine. You should have already received a survey to identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats to our educational programs and mission. Please remember to complete the survey at your earliest convenience, as Dr. Evans is interested in hearing from faculty, fellows, residents, and educational staff who are interested in participating on the strategic plan.

*To access the survey:* https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PediatricsStrategicPlanning

*For more information, feel free to contact Dr. Evans:* hughes.evans@emory.edu

**Links to more news and activities:**

*Updates and activities related to the Center for Clinical and Translational Research:* http://www.pedsresearch.org/uploads/blog/doc/Center_for_Clinical_and_Translational_Research_April_2016.pdf

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

**Recent and Upcoming Events**

Thanks to all who came out to support the 8th annual Indian Spring Fest that was held on Tuesday, April 26th! All Proceeds will benefit the Crohn’s and Colitis Foundation.

**May 5**

State of the Department Address and Staff Awards

To be held on Thursday, May 5th, 5:00p – 6:30p
Health Sciences Research Building
1760 Haygood Drive
Atlanta GA 30322

*For more details:* http://www.pediatrics.emory.edu/events/index.html?trumbaEventID%3D118938098%26view%3DEvent%26childview%3D

**Monthly Motivation**

Good, better, best. Never let it rest. ‘Til your good is better and your better is best.

~St Jerome