

# Professional Staff News

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Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota



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## Notes from Gigi Chawla, MD, Chief of Staff

### Asthma update

Over the past 4 months, the Pediatrics Division has examined the use of continuous albuterol nebulizations for treatment of status asthmaticus on the med/surg wards. We have learned that most children's hospitals do not use continuous nebulization unless patients are in the ICU or monitored bed. However, it is clear that our patients have not had negative outcomes from this practice, so far.

*In the future, if you accept a patient with status asthmaticus to the med/surg floor:*

- 1) consider an ICU admission instead
- 2) if not admitting to the ICU, obtain a pulmonary consult
- 3) re-evaluate often and transition to intermittent albuterol nebulizations when possible

### Joint Commission update

As we await the Requirements For Improvements (RFIs) from the Dec. 8 Joint Commission review, there are changes we can immediately make based on the findings of the Joint Commission reviewers:

- 1) Medicine reconciliation failures  
Please focus on this process at times of patient transfers.
- 2) Updating preoperative H&Ps prior to surgery occurred only 66 percent of the time  
The PEC is actively examining changes in bylaws to ensure compliance.
- 3) Orders written with unapproved abbreviations  
Orders such as QD, QOD, QID will no longer be accepted by HUCs.
- 4) Verbal orders not co-signed within 24 hours  
This is a requirement in Minnesota. Please sign your orders and your partner's orders.
- 5) PRN medicine orders written without indications  
Orders such as acetaminophen 160 mg PO q4 hr prn will not be accepted by HUCs unless the indication is also written (prn – fever/discomfort).

### CPOE update

Remember to register for CPOE training via Cerner by March 3 for Go Live on May 9.

### Chief of staff communication focus

In the next few years, in my role as Children's chief of staff, I will make every effort to promote communication within the organization and externally with referring physicians. Please feel free to contact me via my pager (612) 740-2868 or e-mail at [pamela.chawla@childrensmn.org](mailto:pamela.chawla@childrensmn.org) with any questions or suggestions regarding communications at Children's.



Delivering Next Generation Care

## Notes from Phillip M. Kibort, MD, Vice President of Medical Affairs and Chief Medical Officer

### Congratulations to Yoav Messenger, MD, and Nancy Mendelsohn, MD

Congratulations to Yoav Messenger, MD, and Nancy Mendelsohn, MD, for their recent *New England Journal of Medicine* article titled, "Elimination of Antibodies to Recombinant Enzyme in Pompe's Disease." The article explores their unique and original idea for the treatment of Pompe's disease.

Congratulations also to all of the physicians in clinics and the secretarial and nursing staff who assisted in the care of the patient described in the article. Please take time to congratulate those involved in the care of this child. They all deserve our great respect and admiration.

### Children's Vital Statistics 2008

I encourage all professional staff members to review Children's recently released 2008 Vital Statistics. The information in this report offers compelling evidence that Children's remains a growing and thriving organization. To view the 2008 Vital Statistics report click [here](#).

### Welcome to Dr. David Hirschman

It is my pleasure to welcome to David Hirschman, MD, as the new co-medical director for trauma in our emergency department. Dr. Hirschman comes to us from Hennepin County Medical Center where he worked as an intensivist as well as an ED physician. David has great trauma expertise and has a long history in the Twin Cities working for and developing the pediatric emergency department at Fairview Ridges. Children's will declare itself a Level III trauma center this month and is working toward becoming a Level I trauma center over the next five years.

### Revised bylaws and policy on professional staff committees

Children's Board of Directors has recently approved revisions to Children's bylaws and its policy on professional staff committees. These revised bylaws and policies can be found on the Professional Staff Portal.

### Credentials reminder

While we all like to teach and allow future students to experience the work we do at Children's, it is important to follow all requirements and procedures for such visits. It is the responsibility of professional staff members to be certain that any individual they bring into contact with patients has the appropriate credentials and, if the individual is a trainee, that they have been registered either in Medical Education (physicians/medical students) or CPDP (nurses, nurse practitioners, all non-MDs).

## Programs and Services

### Children's West to become Children's - Minnetonka

In early February, Children's West will become Children's - Minnetonka — a change that should help alleviate confusion about the outpatient center's location. The name change also applies to the McNeely Pediatric Diabetes Center and Children's developmental and rehabilitation services department.

Signage on the building was changed to the Children's of Minnesota logo, conveying that the center is a medical facility and part of the Children's system. Billboards in the west metro area and other marketing activities will introduce the new name to the public.

## Upcoming Events

### 3rd annual Topics in Pediatric Emergency Medicine Conference

February 27, 2009

Minnesota History Center, St. Paul  
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### Children's and the March of Dimes Neonatal Conference

March 31 and April 1, 2009

Como Conservatory, St. Paul

### 6th annual National Pediatric Telehealth Conference

Sept. 24-26, 2009

[www.cpnonline.org](http://www.cpnonline.org)

Information about these conferences and other upcoming events will be posted on Children's Web site, [www.childrensmn.org](http://www.childrensmn.org).

## Awards and Accolades

**Emily Chapman**, MD, presented "Pediatric Problems that Shouldn't Be Missed," at Augsburg College Physician Assistant Program Nov. 2008.

**Chapman** presented "Primary Care Pediatric Dermatology" at the Inaugural Pediatric Grand Rounds at St. Mary's Hospital in Duluth, Minn. Nov. 2008.

**Timothy Culbert**, MD, et al.: wrote a chapter in American Academy of Pediatrics, "Complementary and Alternative Medical Therapies," (Ch. 58, July 2008)

**Stefan Friedrichsdorf**, MD, **Stacy Remke**, MSW, LICSW, Jody Chrastek, MSN, CHPN, Peter Lund, MDiv.: "Providing Comfort to Seriously Ill Children: Pediatric Pain Management" The National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO) Audio Conference.

**Friedrichsdorf**: "Pediatric Pain Management - An Update," at the Collaborative Office Rounds - Pediatrics and Child Psychiatry, department of pediatrics, University of Minnesota.

**Friedrichsdorf**: "Pain Management in Pediatric Palliative Care," Children's Project on Palliative/Hospice Services (ChiPPS) Pediatric Care Newsletter 2008, (Issue 13, pps. 5-21).

**Jocelyn Gorlin**, RN, CNP, and **Casey Hooke**, RN, CNS, **Nicole Leonard** RN, BS worked with Children's Heart Clinic to present the poster: "Use of Emergency Medical Identification (EMI) in the pediatric hemophilia population: A national study," at the NHF Meeting in Denver, Nov. 2008.

**Carolyn Levitt**, MD, **Laurel Edinburgh**, RN, CNP, et al.: "Caring for young adolescent sexual abuse victims in a hospital based child advocacy center," Child Abuse and Neglect (Vol. 32, No. 12, Dec. 2008, pps. 1119-1126).

**Jack Priest**, MD, **Gretchen Williams**, BS, et al.: "Pulmonary Cysts in Early Childhood and the Risk of Malignancy," Pediatric Pulmonology (Vol. 44, No. 1, Jan. 2009, pps.14-30).

**Jawhar Rawwas**, MD, et al.: "Regulation of CRABP-II expression by MycN in Wilms tumor," Experimental Cell Research (Vol. 314, Dec. 2008, pps. 3663-3668).

The "Managing Pain in Infants, Children & Teens" conference was presented by the Pain and Palliative Care Program at Children's of Minnesota in the John Nassef Center Conference Hall, Nov. 2008. The following presentations were included in the conference:

**Cyndee Daughtry**, MSW, LICSW, **Christine Gibbon**, PhD, LP, Donna Eull, MA, RN, Karen Johnson, MPT, presented "Chronic Pain: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Pain Management."

**Debra Fitzgerald**, RN, CPNP, presented "Dilemmas in Pain Assessment."

**Maura Fitzgerald**, RN, CNS, presented "Integrative Options for Pain Management."

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**Stefan Friedrichsdorf**, MD, Stacy Remke, MSW, LICSW (Moderator), Barb Symalla, RN, CNS, Cyndee Daughtree, MSW, LICSW, presented "Challenges in Pain Management: Case Studies Panel Discussion."

**Friedrichsdorf**, presented: "Managing Acute Pain In Children: The Concept of Broad Band Analgesia," and "It Burns Like Fire: Management of Neuropathic Pain."

**Jill Maltrud**, BS, NCMBT, Barb Cant, RN, NCMBT, CHTP, Candace Linares, BA, CMT, presented "Massage and Healing Touch: Techniques You Can Use."

**Kaci Osenga**, MD, presented "Palliative Care: Managing Pain and Distress Symptoms at End of Life."

**Barb Symalla**, RN, CNS, presented "Patient Controlled Analgesia A-Z," and "Assessment and Management of Withdrawal."

**Judy Zier**, MD, presented "Nitrous Oxide: Not Just for Dentists Anymore."

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