

Professional Staff News

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Notes from Gigi Chawla, MD, Chief of Staff

Single Peer Review

After many months of discussion, we will be transitioning from three separate peer review committees (pediatrics, critical care, and surgery) to a new Single Peer Review Committee with members from each division. This change should help enhance dialogue between divisions and across campuses, offer more timely responses, standardize review/management, and decrease redundancies. HCMC has been successfully using this model for years.

Mike Shreve, MD, has accepted the position of chair of the Single Peer Review Committee. Mike has demonstrated his commitment to the peer review process and to quality health care at Children's. He is present on both campuses, provides care on all units, ERs, and ORs, has intimate knowledge of Children's most common diagnoses of asthma, bronchiolitis, and pneumonia, and is personally aware of roles as both a sub-specialist and primary attending.

I have no doubt that with Dr. Shreve's leadership this new process will set the standard for other children's hospitals. Please contact him directly with any peer review concerns at michael.shreve@childrensmn.org.

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

Board of Directors appreciates your efforts with CPOE

The Board of Directors, through chairman Eddie Phillips and the Board Quality Committee, extends its sincere gratitude and appreciation to all members of the professional staff for their participation, development, and leadership in working with the new CPOE system. The board members understand that CPOE represents a cultural change and knows it has been a burden for many of you — one that has temporarily resulted in decreased productivity. Your efforts and commitment to Children's are appreciated as we continue to move Children's into the next generation of care with electronic medical records.

Wash your hands — and cell phones

First it was our computer keyboards. Then it was our ties and artificial fingernails. And now, according to an article in the *Annals of Clinical Microbiology and Antimicrobials*, it's mobile phones. The article, "Are we aware how contaminated our mobile phones are with nosocomial pathogens?" (Fatma Ulger, et al.), shows that almost all mobile phones used by 200 hospital health care workers in a study were contaminated with bacteria, including nosocomial pathogens.

Half of the phones were contaminated with one bacterial species, 34 percent with two, and 11.5 percent of these phones with three or more bacteria. We conclude, once again, that we may be the cause of nosocomial infections — not only through our hands, but by what we carry with us. Please wash your hands and disinfect your phones.

Recent "Reflections on Patient Safety"

A 17 year-old with pressure sores is the subject of "[Sore Point](#)," a recent "Reflections on Patient Safety." Please review the most recent installment of this important patient-safety tool that is designed to help close the loop on lessons learned from Focused Event Reviews.

Thank you, Mary Braddock

As most of you know, Mary Braddock, MD, left her position as senior director of child health advocacy and policy to become medical director of patient outcomes at Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare.

In her 17 years at Children's, Mary has been a tireless and effective advocate for Children's and for the unique health care needs of children and adolescents. In her most recent role at Children's, she helped solidify Children's standing as a pediatric policy leader at all levels of government. She was instrumental in Children's ability to earn recent appropriations that will benefit countless patients and families.

Mary's contributions to Children's include developing and co-leading Children's community health function and assisting in the creation of an organizational approach to knowledge, measurement, and transparency. She co-developed the Center for Care Innovation and Research, and represented Children's in numerous public health and public policy forums.

On behalf of all those who have benefited from your commitment and dedication, Mary, thank you and good luck.

Programs and Services

Vascular access nurses PICC placement update

An update on the PICC placement aspect of the vascular access nurse's role can be found in the attached [FAQ PICC document](#). The vascular access registered nurses, Rachel Michalski, RN, (Children's - Minneapolis) and Robin Huneke, RN, (Children's - St. Paul) have finished the education and competencies in the Modified Seldinger Technique with Ultrasound for PICC placement. Thank you to the intensivists who have been their mentors. They are ready to take referrals for PICC line placement on both campuses. An order for a PICC will flag the provider to contact the vascular access nurses. They can be reached at:

Robin Huneke, RN: (612) 510-8932 in St. Paul, ext. 6-6048
Rachel Michalski, RN: (612) 510-5793 in Minneapolis, ext. 5-6048

Criteria for patients for whom a PICC line should be considered include:

- Long-term IV therapy such as antibiotics, chemotherapy
- Ongoing parenteral nutrition such as TPN
- For vesicant medications
- For patients with difficult IV access
- For those requiring multiple blood draws
- In certain diagnoses such as osteomyelitis, ruptured appendicitis, or leukemia

The vascular access nurses will place PICC's on children age 4 years and older and assess each patient for sedation needs, vascular access issues, etc. For those, by age or condition, that cannot be done by the vascular access nurses, the current process of going to IR in St. Paul and OR in Minneapolis will be arranged through the vascular access nurses.

In addition to placing PICC lines, the vascular access nurses are available, as needed, from 7:30 am to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday for:

- PIV placement
- Hickman Repair
- Lab drawing from Port/Hickman in lab/clinic
- Dressing changes as needed
- Consultation/education with staff regarding vascular access related issues
- Outreach regarding pediatric IV care
- Quality monitoring regarding IV issues
- Clinical Excellence Team Preparation - best practices, products, etc.

With additional questions, please contact Patsy Stinchfield, RN, CNP, director, ID/IC/Immunology/Rheumatology/Vascular Access, at (651) 245-7171.

FAQs regarding the hospitalist service for the care of inpatients

Several members of Children's professional staff have inquired about the impact of using the Children's hospitalist service for the care of their inpatients. Specifically, what impact does the use of the hospitalist service have on professional staff membership, clinical privileges, and the staff member's relationship to Children's?

The answers to these questions and more are addressed in a recently updated [FAQ Hospitalist Program document](#). In addition, a "[Professional Staff Benefits by Category](#)" document offers a helpful outline of the benefits of membership and the credentialing requirements by professional staff category. If you have further questions, please contact M. Chris Robison, MD, vice chief medical officer, at (612) 831-8484 or via pager at (612) 539-5342.

July P&T Committee update

The P&T Committee has made recommendations to update the Children's guidelines on palivizumab (Synagis) use across the system to more closely match recent changes by the AAP. A final version of the guidelines should be available after the August meeting.

The Committee added Lactinex granules and tablets to the Therapeutic Substitution policy to be automatically substituted to Culturelle (Lactobacillus GG). The Committee also added cefepime (Maxipime), tamsulosin (Flomax), and recombinant human hyaluronidase (Hylenex) to the formulary. It removed bovine and ovine hyaluronidase from the formulary. Cefepime (Maxipime) may only be ordered pursuant to an ID consultation.

Please contact David Hoff, PharmD, clinical leader - critical care, with any questions at (612) 813-6703.

Upcoming Events

6th Annual National Pediatric Telehealth Conference

Sept. 24 to 26, 2009
www.cpnonline.org

19th Annual Practical Pediatrics For the Primary Care Physician

Sept. 24 and 25, 2009
John Nasseff Medical Center
Conference Hall
Campus of Children's - St. Paul and
United Hospital, St. Paul, Minnesota

Children's Pediatric Wound Management Conference

Sept. 25 and 26, 2009
7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Sheraton Minneapolis Midtown

Information about these conferences and other upcoming events will be posted on Children's Web site, www.childrensmn.org.

Awards and Accolades

Andrea Lampland, MD, Mark Mammel, MD, et al. published "Observational study of humidified high-flow nasal cannula compared with nasal continuous positive airway pressure" (Journal of Pediatrics, Vol. 154, No. 2, pps. 177-182, Feb. 2009).

Lampland presented "Volume Guarantee Combined with Either Pressure Support Ventilation or Synchronized Intermittent Mandatory Ventilation in Extremely Low Birth Weight Infants" at the Western Society for Pediatric Research, Carmel, Calif., February 2009. Her mentors for the work were from the Infant Diagnostic and Research Center, Children's - St. Paul.

Mark Mammel, MD, served as course director for the American Academy of Pediatrics annual Workshop on Perinatal Practice; The light bulb moment: Embedding innovation in practice, Phoenix, Ariz., April 2009.

Mammel presented three topics 1) "The jet and the oscillator: twins separated at birth?" 2) "High flow nasal cannula for respiratory support: yes or no(se)?" 3) "Life vs work: the irresistible force and the immovable object" at the 17th Annual International Neonatal Conference, University of Durham, Stockton-on-Tees, United Kingdom, June 2009.

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Nina Perdue, MD, et al.: "The Association of Immunoreactive Trypsinogen with Necrotizing Enterocolitis and Intestinal Peforation in Infants Less Than 1800 Grams Birth Weight."

Kari Roberts, MD, Mark Mammel, MD, Andrea Lampland, MD, et al. presented "Laryngeal Mask Airway for Surfactant Administration in an Animal Model for Respiratory Distress Syndrome," at the Western Society for Pediatric Research, Carmel, Calif., Feb. 2009, and at the APS/SPR, Baltimore, Md., May 2009.

Karen Wills, PhD/LP, "Outside the norms: Neuropsychological evaluation of children with significantly atypical movement, communication, vision, hearing, intelligence, and self-regulation" at the three-hour Continuing Education Workshop presented at the American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology Annual Meeting, San Diego, Calif., June 2009.

Wills, et al. presented "Executive functions varies with nRBC in children with sickle cell disease" at the Third Annual Scientific Sessions of the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., February 18, 2009.

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