

Professional Staff News

News and information for the professional staff of
Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota

Professional Staff News is e-mailed monthly to the professional staff of Children's of Minnesota.

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Notes from Gigi Chawla, MD, Chief of Staff

Influenza and H1N1 vaccination is required

Influenza vaccination is required for all professional staff. By keeping ourselves immunized and healthy, we will ultimately keep our co-workers and patients healthier.

Influenza vaccination is available, free of charge, to all professional staff members at any of the Children's-sponsored employee vaccination "clinics." Vaccination information from these clinics will be automatically forwarded to Margo Dempsey. However, if you receive the vaccine off-site in your own office, at a community location, or another hospital site, please forward that information to Margo at margo.dempsey@childrensmn.org or (612) 813-6123. You can also log onto Children's professional staff portal at:

1. <https://web.childrensmn.org/Login/Login>
2. The page will open with a login box. Enter the following information using all lowercase letters:
User name: professional
Password: staff
3. Locate the influenza vaccine link on the right hand side and then enter your information.

Wall of Wine part of 60th Children's Hospital Association ball

On Nov. 21, Children's Hospital Association, which has been supporting programs at Children's for 76 years, is hosting its 60th annual ball.

I encourage all members of the professional staff to support this event and very valuable organization by sponsoring a table or donating one or more bottles of wine (minimal purchase price: \$25.00) for the event's "Wall of Wine" auction. Bottles of wine can be dropped off in Minneapolis with Margo Dempsey (MOB 318) or in St. Paul with Alyssa Harvey (GV 501). Donations received by Oct. 31 will be acknowledged in the event's program.

Further information on CHA's annual ball is available at www.cha-stpaul.org. You may also contact the CHA office at (651) 220-6175.



Delivering Next Generation Care

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

River Falls Medical Center looking for a primary care pediatrician

River Falls Medical Center, about 25 minutes east of St. Paul, is looking for a pediatrician, following the departure of a full-time pediatrician who left a busy practice to move out of the state.

The center is looking for either a full-time pediatrician or, in the interim, a one-day-a-week person to help them meet the needs of their practice. The center's staff believes a one-day-a-week schedule would offer a good consultative pediatric practice that is satisfying to both parties.

The center is part of a 16-physician group with internists, two surgeons, an OB/GYN, and family practice physicians. If you are interested, please contact me or contact the physician leader at River Falls Clinic, Rita Raverty, MD, at (715) 425-6701 or rraverty@rfmc.org. Please let others know who might be interested.

Latest "Reflections on Patient Safety"

Important recommendations for calling a code blue are the subject of *"Do Not Hesitate... To Call a Code Blue,"* the latest "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.

Children's - Minneapolis new emergency department opens this fall, hospital entrance to close

We are excited to announce that Children's new Emergency Department (ED) in Minneapolis is scheduled to open the end of October. Below is more detailed information about the new ED as well as information about the closure of the front entry of Children's - Minneapolis.

The Children's - Minneapolis Emergency Department (ED) is scheduled to open in the new location Oct. 28. All patients and families visiting the emergency department will need to go to the new entrance at the intersection of 25th Street and Elliot Avenue, one block east of Chicago Avenue. There will be emergency short-term parking and an entrance to the visitor parking ramp.

Children's new ED will feature a separate and enclosed ambulance entrance, rapid assessment rooms, and dedicated family parking. The new ED will expand to 26 patient rooms, which will offer more space, and as a result help to reduce wait times for patients and families.

Professional staff, employees, and EMS personnel are invited to an open house to tour the new ED Oct. 26 from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Children's - Minneapolis front entrance will be closed for remodeling around the same time as the new ED opens. As a result, families and visitors will need to enter the hospital through the first floor of Children's Specialty Center (CSC) or through one of the parking ramps. Drop off and pick up will also be at the turn-a-round outside of the CSC. Exterior signage will be up to direct families and visitors to the ED and to the CSC.

Our infection prevention department is preparing a packet of H1N1 information for professional staff with clinical information, and policies that should be mailed soon. Please take the time to review the materials.

Children's has taken a proactive role in responding to the H1N1 pandemic. Among the community service activities are providing bottles of hand sanitizer to all the classrooms in the Minneapolis and St. Paul public schools, creating a parent newsletter (with information on prevention, vaccination, and care), public service announcements on WCCO, web banners, and media stories to educate the public. We've posted many of these resources on our Web site on the [H1N1 page](#) for your use with your patients and families.

Programs and Services

October CPOE learning labs offered in Minneapolis and St. Paul

CPOE learning labs are offered to give you an opportunity to practice and gather information to improve your efficiency. CPOE support staff will be available to answer your questions in a no-pressure environment. Registration is not necessary. Simply show up to learn some helpful tips and tricks or get answers to any questions you may have.

Learning labs will be held at the following times and locations:

St. Paul campus

- Friday, Oct. 23, Med Ed Library from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Minneapolis campus

- Monday, Oct. 19, MOB 605B from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 26, MOB 605B from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Formulary control: The Committee approved the use of pop-up messages to alert prescribers when they are ordering certain, targeted, non-formulary medications. The messages are intended as a training tool to help prescribers to understand which drugs are not on the Children's formulary and which drugs are the preferred formulary alternative. Additionally, a "DAW" box will be added as an order entry field in Cerner for formulary overrides.

Formulary update: Laronidase (Aldurazyme), Galsulfase (Naglazyme), Budesonide/Formoterol inhalation aerosol (Symbicort), and beclomethasone dipropionate HFA inhalation aerosol (QVAR) were added to the Children's formulary. Piperacillin was deleted from the Children's formulary due to non-use, while piperacillin-tazobactam (Zosyn) will remain on the formulary.

TPN policy: The committee approved the transition of the pharmacy TPN policy to a system policy on Parenteral Nutrition Ordering, Preparation, and Quality Assurance. In addition to the existing language that describes a protocol by which pharmacists may adjust peripheral TPN osmolality to less than 1,000 mOsm/L to reduce the potential for line complications and extravasations, the new protocols will similarly allow pharmacists to adjust the TPN formulation:

- if the cumulative ordered ingredient volumes exceed the total fluid ordered,
- if calcium and phosphorus are predicted to precipitate in the ordered solution, or
- if peripheral TPN calcium or phosphorus exceed certain limits.

The prescriber must be consulted prior to adjusting TPN dextrose per protocol in patients who are on insulin. The policy also describes the use of light protection for neonatal TPNs. These new policy changes will be implemented after staff communication and training are conducted.

Please contact David Hoff, PharmD, clinical leader, critical care at Children's, at david.hoff@childrensmn.org if you have any questions.

Upcoming Events

Topics in Pediatric Emergency Medicine

*Perspectives in Pediatric
Trauma Management*
Friday, Feb. 26, 2010
7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Minnesota History Center
St. Paul, Minn.

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

Awards and Accolades

Bruce Bostrom, MD, et al.: "A comparison of neurocognitive functioning in children previously randomized to dexamethasone or prednisone in the treatment of childhood acute lymphoblastic leukemia. *Blood*. (Vol. 114, Issue 9, Aug. 2009, pps. 1746-52).

Bostrom: "Effective *Pneumocystis jiroveci* pneumonia prophylaxis with trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole once a day twice a week," *Pediatric Blood Cancer* (Vol. 53, Issue 2, Aug. 2009, pps. 239).

David Brown, MD, was the keynote speaker at the University of Minnesota Gorlin Lectureship on Sept. 1, 2009 and also spoke on Molecular Genomics at Grand Rounds, Sept. 2, 2009.

Children's Institute for Pain and Palliative Care (CIPPC) hosted the "North-American Pediatric Palliative Care Research Network," Minneapolis, Aug. 2009.

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Friedrichsdorf was elected into steering committee of the “North-American Pediatric Palliative Care Research Network.”

Virginia Hustead, MD, and Kendra Smith, MD, wrote the chapter on ECMO in “Neonatology, Management, Procedures, On-Call Problems, Diseases and Drugs,” 6th edition. Tricia Gomella, ed. Mc Graw Hill, 2009.

Kara Marriott, MSW, LICSW, was recently elected to the Board of Directors for the National Association of Perinatal Social Workers (NAPSW) for a two year term of service. She will also simultaneously hold the position of Minnesota state representative for NAPSW.

Mary Ella Pierpont, MD, was invited to speak on “The Heart in Noonan Syndrome: What We Know and Recommendations for Continuing Care,” at the National Noonan Syndrome Support Group meeting, Berkeley Calif., Aug. 2009.

Patsy Stinchfield, CPNP, et. al. contributed to an article on “Immunization Programs for Infants, Children, Adolescents, and Adults: Clinical Practice Guidelines by the Infectious Diseases Society of America” *Clinical Infectious Diseases* (Vol. 49, Issue 6, 2009, pps. 817–840).

Cystic Fibrosis team presenting at Cystic Fibrosis National Conference, Oct. 15 - 17, 2009 in Minneapolis.

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