

Professional Staff News

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



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Notes from Gigi Chawla, MD, Chief of Staff

Professional Executive Council membership update

Thank you to Charlie Baker, MD, for his two terms on the Professional Executive Council (PEC) as a member at large. His contributions and representation were extraordinary. Please welcome David Burnham, MD, our newest member at large. Dr. Burnham is a pediatrician with HealthEast. We look forward to his leadership.

Naomi Palmer, MD, with Partners in Pediatrics, was elected for a second term to the PEC as a member at large. Congratulations, Dr. Palmer.

Vote, please!

This month you will receive notification of changes to the Policy on Appointment, Reappointment and Clinical Privileges, the Policy on Peer Review, the Policy on Professional Staff Committees, and the Professional Staff Bylaws. Please vote on these changes.

H1N1 and seasonal influenza reminders

H1N1 and seasonal influenza vaccination is required for all professional staff. They will be offered as supplies and availability allow. Please do not forget to self report your vaccine status online. Call Margo Dempsey at (612) 813-6123 if you are having difficulties reporting your status.

Note: Wearing a mask is now required for all unvaccinated professional staff members working in patient care areas.



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

Tamara Pozos, MD,
published in *Science*
magazine

Congratulations to Tamara Pozos, MD, PhD, pediatric infectious diseases and immunology. Dr. Pozos was part of a team whose significant work was published in *Science* magazine in December. The article, "Tuberculous Granuloma Induction via Interaction of a Bacterial Secreted Protein with Host Epithelium," offers an overview of the team's exciting research regarding a host-targeting tuberculosis therapy.

The abstract and access to the full article can be found at:
www.sciencemag.org/scienceexpress/recent.dtl

Jane Van Roekel Deeb, MD

It is with great personal sadness that I acknowledge the passing of Jane Van Roekel Deeb, MD. Jane practiced pediatric medicine in Dakota County for more than 30 years at the Dakota Pediatric Clinic that she and her husband founded. Jane's patients and their families will remember her not only as a caring, compassionate, and exceptional doctor, but also as someone they viewed as a friend. Jane's affinity for Children's was reflected in the fact that her memorials were directed to Children's. She will be sorely missed by me, by Children's, and by our community.

Latest "Reflections on
Patient Safety"

Confusion regarding the use of the "<" and ">" symbols, for less than and greater than, when writing orders for base excess is the subject of "Base Excess or Deficit?" 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.

If you have feedback regarding this or any "Reflections on Patient Safety" story, or to recommend a story for inclusion in a future edition, please contact Pam Graves, RN, CNP, FHIMSS, clinical quality & safety improvement consultant, Center for Quality & Safety at pam.graves@childrensmn.org

Upcoming Events

4th Annual 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.

Spring Pediatric Update School failure: The role of primary care in promoting academic success

Thursday, May 13, 2010

John Nasseff Medical Center

255 North Smith Avenue

On the Children's - St. Paul campus

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

Awards and Accolades

Kent S. Wilson, MD, received the 2009 Shotwell Award at the Jan. 5, 2010 meeting of the Abbott Northwestern Medical Staff. The Shotwell Award is presented annually to a person within the state of Minnesota who has made significant contributions in the field of health care.

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