New Facilities Support Growing Demand for Services

Children’s Surgery experienced a record number of cases in 2015 – up 13 percent from the previous year. To help meet growing demand for its surgical services, Children’s opened the Outpatient Surgery Center at Village Pointe earlier this year. The center is already easing the hospital’s case load. Since its official opening on May 2, surgical volumes have been ahead of projections, according to Alan Tingley, M.D., MBA, Children’s Specialty Physicians and medical director of the center. “ENT, Ophthalmology, Pediatric Dentistry and Urology have been the busiest so far,” he said.

Mohanad Shukry, M.D., Children’s Specialty Physicians, Anesthesiology clinical service chief, adds that many patient families prefer the accessibility of the west Omaha location, at 110 North 178th Street, knowing they will receive the same high quality service they would receive at the hospital.

The 10,000 square-foot, state-of-the-art facility includes three operating rooms (with room to build a fourth), 18 pre- and post-surgery rooms and three consultation rooms, as well as an attractive waiting area with TV monitors, Wi-Fi and electronic device plug-in stations.

Another facility, Children’s Hospital & Medical Center at Spring Ridge, opened in June at Spring Ridge, 17819 Pierce Plaza, to serve as an additional home for Children’s Rehab Services department and select outpatient specialty clinics, providing easier access to care for families living in west Omaha. Outpatient specialty clinics at Spring Ridge serve patients on a rotating schedule. They include the Sleep, Allergy, Pulmonology, Rheumatology and Gastroenterology Clinics. The Spring Ridge facility also serves as the home for Children’s Sports Physical Therapy Clinic.

New Physicians

Sarika Aggarwal, M.D., Gastroenterology
Dr. Aggarwal has joined Children’s Specialty Physicians as a gastroenterologist. Dr. Aggarwal received her medical degree from Kasturba Medical College in Mangalore, India. She completed her Pediatrics residency at Indiana University – Purdue University Indianapolis and her Gastroenterology fellowship at the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. Prior to joining Children’s, Dr. Aggarwal was assistant professor at the University of New Mexico. Dr. Aggarwal is assistant professor of Pediatrics-Gastroenterology at UNMC College of Medicine.

Jason Burrows, M.D., Hospitalist
Dr. Burrows has joined Children’s Specialty Physicians as a hospitalist. Dr. Burrows received his medical degree from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston. He completed his Pediatrics residency at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. He is assistant professor of Pediatrics-Hospitalist at UNMC College of Medicine.

Joshua Euteneuer, M.D., Neonatology
Dr. Euteneuer has joined Children’s Specialty Physicians in Neonatology. Dr. Euteneuer received his medical degree from the UNMC College of Medicine. He completed his Pediatrics residency at Washington University School of Medicine-St. Louis Children’s Hospital. He completed his fellowship in Pediatric Clinical and Developmental Pharmacology at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center. He is assistant professor of Pediatrics-Neonatology at UNMC College of Medicine.

Megan Fuller, M.D., Pediatric Surgery
Dr. Fuller has joined Children’s Specialty Physicians in Pediatric Surgery. Dr. Fuller received her medical degree from Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. She

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completed a General Surgery residency at the University of North Carolina Hospital in Chapel Hill, N.C., and her Pediatric Surgery fellowship at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Dr. Fuller is assistant professor of Surgery at UNMC College of Medicine.

Nate Goodrich, M.D., Hospitalist
Dr. Goodrich has joined Children's Specialty Physicians as a hospitalist. Dr. Goodrich received his medical degree from the UNMC College of Medicine, where he also completed his Pediatrics residency. He is assistant professor of Pediatrics-Hospitalist at UNMC College of Medicine.

Andrew Huang, Gastroenterology
Dr. Huang has joined Children's Specialty Physicians in Gastroenterology. Dr. Huang received his medical degree from Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons in New York. He completed residencies in Surgery and Thoracic Surgery at New York Presbyterian Hospital – Columbia. Dr. Huang completed his fellowship in Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition at UNMC College of Medicine. He is assistant professor of Pediatrics-Gastroenterology at UNMC College of Medicine.

Ali Ibrahimiye, M.D., Cardiothoracic Surgery
Dr. Ibrahimiye has joined Children's Specialty Physicians in Cardiothoracic Surgery. Dr. Ibrahimiye received his medical degree from Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons in New York. He completed residencies in Surgery and Thoracic Surgery at New York Presbyterian Hospital – Columbia. Dr. Ibrahimiye completed his fellowship in Congenital Surgery at Stanford University. He is assistant professor of Surgery-Pediatrics at UNMC College of Medicine.

Nishanthi "Nisha" Kandiah, M.D., Anesthesiology
Dr. Kandiah has joined Children's Specialty Physicians in Anesthesiology. Dr. Kandiah received her medical degree from Jefferson Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, where she also completed her Anesthesiology residency. Dr. Kandiah completed her Pediatric Anesthesiology fellowship at Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh and her Pediatric Regional Anesthesia and Pain Medicine at Boston Children’s Hospital. Prior to joining Children’s, she was pediatric anesthesiologist at Seattle Children’s Hospital. She is assistant professor of Anesthesiology-Pediatrics at UNMC College of Medicine.

Alison Miller, M.D., Critical Care
Dr. Miller has joined Children’s Specialty Physicians in Critical Care. Dr. Miller received her medical degree from Chicago Medical School at Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science. Dr. Miller completed her Pediatrics residency at Stanford Hospital and Clinics/Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital and a fellowship in Pediatric Critical Care at the University of Utah/Primary Children’s Hospital. Dr. Miller is assistant professor of Pediatrics-Critical Care at UNMC College of Medicine.

Sachit Patel, M.D., Hematology/Oncology
Dr. Patel has joined Children's Specialty Physicians in Hematology/Oncology. Dr. Patel received his medical degree from the UNMC College of Medicine, where he also completed his Pediatrics residency. He completed his fellowship in Pediatric Hematology/Oncology and Blood and Marrow Transplantation at Duke University Medical Center. He is assistant professor of Pediatrics-Hematology/Oncology at UNMC College of Medicine.

Eric Peeples, M.D., Neonatology
Dr. Peeples has joined Children's Specialty Physicians as a neonatologist. Dr. Peeples received his medical degree from Creighton University School of Medicine. He completed his Pediatrics residency at Phoenix Children’s Hospital/ Maricopa Medical Center, and a fellowship in Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine at the University of Washington Medical Center in Seattle. His research centers around neonatal brain injury and methods of neuroprotection. Dr. Peeples is assistant professor of Pediatrics-Newborn Medicine at UNMC College of Medicine.

Emille Reyes-Santiago, M.D., Gastroenterology
Dr. Reyes-Santiago has joined Children’s Specialty Physicians in Gastroenterology. Dr. Reyes-Santiago received her medical degree from the Universidad Iberoamericana in Santo Domingo, DR. She completed her Pediatrics residency at San Juan City Hospital in San Juan, PR. Dr. Reyes-Santiago completed her Pediatric Gastroenterology fellowship at UNMC College of Medicine and a fellowship in Pediatric Transplant Hepatology at Emory University/Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta. She is assistant professor of Pediatrics-Gastroenterology at UNMC College of Medicine.

Mary Rickard, M.D., Neurology
Dr. Rickard has joined Children’s Specialty Physicians in Neurology. Dr. Rickard received her medical degree from the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine in Iowa City. She completed her Pediatrics and Neurology residencies, as well as her Child Neurology fellowship at Cardinal Glennon Children’s Hospital/St. Louis University Hospital. Prior to joining Children’s, Dr. Rickard was pediatric neurologist and assistant professor of Pediatrics at Cardinal Glennon Children’s Hospital. Dr. Rickard is assistant professor of Pediatrics-Neurology at UNMC College of Medicine.

Kathryn “Karisa” Walker M.D., Anesthesiology
Dr. Walker has joined Children's Specialty Physicians in Anesthesiology. Dr. Walker received her medical degree from Jefferson Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia. She completed her Anesthesiology residency at Yale University School of Medicine and her Pediatric Anesthesiology residency at Boston Children’s Hospital. Prior to joining Children’s, she was pediatric anesthesiologist at Seattle Children’s Hospital. She is assistant professor of Anesthesiology-Pediatrics at UNMC College of Medicine.

Meaghann Weaver, M.D., MPH, Palliative Care
Dr. Weaver has joined Children's in Palliative Care Pediatric Oncology. Dr. Weaver received her medical degree from UNMC College of Medicine and completed her Pediatrics residency at Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters in Norfolk, Va. She completed fellowships in Hematology/Oncology at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn., and Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C. She also completed a Palliative Care, Hospice, and Pain fellowship at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md. Dr. Weaver serves as chair of the Pediatric Palliative Care Working Group for the International Society of Pediatric Oncology, as Principal Investigator of a national patient reported outcome protocol, and has authored over 25 peer-reviewed palliative care papers. She is co-authoring global palliative care guidelines for low-income settings for the World Health Organization. Dr. Weaver is assistant professor of Pediatrics at UNMC College of Medicine.

Mary Rickard, M.D., Neurology
Dr. Rickard has joined Children’s Specialty Physicians in Neurology. Dr. Rickard received her medical degree from the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine in Iowa City. She completed her Pediatrics and Neurology residencies, as well as her Child Neurology fellowship at Cardinal Glennon Children’s Hospital/St. Louis University Hospital. Prior to joining Children’s, Dr. Rickard was pediatric neurologist and assistant professor of Pediatrics at Cardinal Glennon Children’s Hospital. Dr. Rickard is assistant professor of Pediatrics-Neurology at UNMC College of Medicine.

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