PAUL ESPOSITO, M.D., RECEIVES AAP DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Paul Esposito, M.D., FAAP, has received the 2017 Distinguished Service award for Orthopaedics from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). He was recognized at the AAP annual meeting in Chicago last week. The award recognizes an individual in the field of pediatric orthopaedics who has contributed to the AAP’s mission of excellence in patient care, research and teaching.

Dr. Esposito is chief of Orthopaedics at Children’s, and a professor of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation at UNMC College of Medicine. He is a member of the Council on Sports Medicine and Fitness, and the Section on Uniformed Services. Congratulations, Dr. Esposito!

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CHILDREN’S, NEBRASKA MEDICINE EARN ACCREDITATION FOR JOINT ADULT CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE (ACHD) PROGRAM

To recognize its expertise in serving adults with congenital heart disease (CHD), Children’s Hospital & Medical Center and Nebraska Medicine’s joint Adult Congenital Heart Disease program has received accreditation from the Adult Congenital Heart Association (ACHA), a nationwide organization focused on connecting patients, family members and health care providers to form a community of support and network of experts with knowledge of CHD. The program is one of the first in the U.S. to earn ACHA accreditation.

Individuals with CHD, the most common birth defect, diagnosed in one in 100 births, are living longer. There are now 1.4 million adults in the U.S. living with one of the many different types of congenital heart defects that range from simple to complex. The Children’s/Nebraska Medicine program annually treats around 1,500 ACHD patients from across the region at both institutions.

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WELCOME, DR. BALLWEG

Jean Ballweg, M.D., has joined Children’s Cardiology. Dr. Ballweg received her medical degree from the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, and completed her Pediatrics residency at Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin. Dr. Ballweg completed a fellowship in Pediatric Cardiology at C.S. Mott Children’s Hospital in Ann Arbor, Mich., and a Pediatric Cardiac Critical Care fellowship at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. She is an associate professor of Pediatrics at UNMC College of Medicine.

CHILDREN’S, UNMC CELEBRATE 10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF TRANSFORMATIONAL PARTNERSHIP

Ten years ago this month, leaders from Children’s Hospital & Medical Center and University of Nebraska Medical Center signed an affiliation agreement that has significantly improved the quality and accessibility of pediatric health care in Omaha, the region and beyond. In addition to greatly enriching clinical care for children, the partnership has offered collaboration and alignment of resources to enhance pediatric health care education and research opportunities.

The partnership has paved the way for transformational growth, including the following successes:

• The number of pediatric specialists caring for children in Omaha has doubled – from 90 in 2007 to more than 200 today – signaling the agreement’s impact on physician-faculty recruitment.
• Pediatric clinical research trials – the gateway to the newest and best therapies – have increased from seven in 2007 to 213 in 2016.
• Pediatric research funding has increased from $3 million in 2008 to $11 million in 2016.
• Children’s outpatient specialty clinic visits have skyrocketed from 35,000 in 2009 to more than 100,000 in 2016.
• Children’s/UNMC now have 15 fellows in nine approved programs; in 2007, there was one fellow.

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FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR DEBBIE ARNOW IS SEPT. 29

Please join others in wishing Debbie Arnow, DNP, RN, NE-BC, senior vice president, Patient Care Services & chief nursing officer (CNO), farewell at a reception in the hospital Atrium on Friday, Sept. 29, from 2 to 4 p.m. to thank her for her leadership, and celebrate her years of service at Children’s.

Kathy English, executive vice president & chief operating officer will serve as interim CNO during this transition. She will be supporting a very experienced group of nursing directors and leaders. Kathy has a nursing background, and started her career at Children’s as the CNO.

GRAND ROUNDS, CONTINUED

Sept. 29
Medical and Surgical Management of Short Bowel Syndrome
Brian Jones, M.D.
Children’s Specialty Physicians
Pediatric Surgery
Assistant Professor, Surgery
UNMC College of Medicine
&
Ruben Quiros, M.D.
Children’s Specialty Physicians
Clinical Service Chief
Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition
Professor, Pediatric Gastroenterology
UNMC College of Medicine

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CALENDAR

Sept. 29
Debbie Arnow Going-Away Reception
2 - 4 p.m.
Hospital Atrium

CLINICAL PATHWAYS

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

CLICK HERE to read this week’s Legislative Update. Contact Liz Lyons, 402.955.4139, with questions.

PULSE ARCHIVE ▶

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CHILDREN’S HONORED WITH INAUGURAL SAFETY CULTURE & TECHNOLOGY INNOVATOR AWARD

Children’s introduction of a organization-wide, automated hand hygiene monitoring system has been awarded the IHI/NPSF Lucian Leape Institute Medtronic Safety Culture & Technology Innovator Team Award. The program recognizes individuals and teams who use their organization’s safety culture—or who affect culture change—in implementing extraordinary and innovative technology that is effective and sustainable.

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PEDIATRIC RESIDENTS RECOGNIZE FACULTY

To honor select faculty members for their dedication to the Pediatric Residency Program, residents vote for one community and one academic faculty member who they felt went above and beyond expectations and for taking the extra time to improve residents’ education.

Honorees for August are Jason Burrows, M.D., (Academic Faculty – Hospital Medicine), and Fran Harrison, M.D., (Community Physician – Children’s Physicians, Val Verde). They each will receive a restaurant gift card. Congratulations, and thanks to these physicians for their commitment to the residency program and for working to improve the future physicians of our community.

INFLUENZA VACCINES NOW AVAILABLE

Influenza vaccines are available for the 2017-2018 immunization season for hospital and clinic patients. This year, the Pharmacy department is carrying Flulaval® quadrivalent influenza virus vaccine (inactive). All patients more than 6 months old receive a 0.5mL dose. Dosing frequency should be given based on the following table:

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Additionally, the hospital pharmacy carries routine immunizations for patients who may need to start or catch up on their routine childhood immunizations prior to discharge. While it is ideal for patients to receive these at their medical home, we still encourage providers to review all patients’ immunization status and take appropriate action when necessary. For more information contact Lisa Kwapiowski, Pharm.D., Pharmacy.

Children’s Physicians vaccinations officially start on Oct. 2, but will be offered to patients who have appointments, if appropriate. Scheduled vaccinations are available at the offices Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4 to 7 p.m. and walk-in flu clinics will be offered from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturdays.
NEW SMART SINKS RENDER CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE WASTE UNRECOVERABLE

Children’s inpatient areas and the Outpatient Surgery Center are now using the Cactus Smart Sink System, which renders controlled substance waste unrecoverable and unusable, meeting the standards of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA). Cactus helps reduce drug diversion, improves patient safety and provides a green solution for pharmaceutical narcotic waste. Two types of devices are in use – a large device, which handles narcotic tablets, liquids and patches – and a smaller device, which handles liquid only. The joint venture between Support Services and Pharmacy will continue to improve the quality of care for both patients and health care providers.

CHILDREN’S SPONSORS EXPANSION OF GONOODLE INTO LANCASTER COUNTY

Children’s and Kohl’s Department Stores are partnering to launch “GoNoodle Powered by Kohl’s and Children’s Hospital & Medical Center,” a program to help combat childhood obesity in the community. As of September 2017, GoNoodle will replace Healthy Kohl’s Kids as Children’s longtime partnership program with Kohl’s.

GoNoodle is a suite of online videos and games designed to bring movement and mindfulness into elementary classrooms and homes. With a grant awarded by Kohl’s, Children’s will expand GoNoodle into 76 Lancaster County elementary schools. Children’s sponsors GoNoodle, and in the current school year, students have achieved more than 17.5 million minutes of movement playing GoNoodle games and videos.

To support the program, anyone can purchase a $5 Kohl’s Cares® book or plush toy found at any Kohl’s location in the metro Omaha area.

WEST DODGE ROAD ENTRANCE/EXIT TO SPC PARKING GARAGE TO CLOSE ON OCT. 2

Starting on Oct. 2, the Specialty Pediatric Center (SPC) parking garage entrance and exit on West Dodge Road will be shut down for construction work in preparation for the new Hubbard Center for Children. This work is scheduled to last approximately 12 weeks. Access into and out of the garage will only be available through the 84th Street entry/exit. Please be aware that traffic may be slower during peak times at the 84th street garage entrance. Access to the elevators on the LL3 level of the parking garage will still be available during this time. However, certain parking stalls on LL3 will not be available for the duration of the work.