A Note From Brent Polk, MD, Chairman of Pediatrics

Following our participation in the international child research forum that was the Pediatric Academic Societies (PAS) Conference in Baltimore, Maryland last month, the Department of Pediatrics in May sees the launch of the Research Readiness series sponsored by the Pediatric Roadmap 2020. We’re also proud to announce the establishment of a CHLA Pediatric Residency Program Monthly Faculty Teaching Award as well as the latest accomplishment of our epilepsy program. I strongly encourage you all to attend one of President and CEO Paul Viviano’s Town Hall sessions this month and, looking ahead, mark your calendars for The Saban Research Institute 21st Annual Poster Session, an all-day event on Tuesday, June 7 which provides a fine opportunity to discover the rich scientific inquiries of our fellows, residents, students, postdocs, faculty and others.

Warmest wishes,

PAS A Great Success

The Department of Pediatrics at CHLA and LAC+USC Medical Center made quite an impact at this year’s Pediatric Academic Societies (PAS) Conference in Baltimore, Maryland through presentations and an exhibit. The PAS annual meeting is the largest and most prestigious international meeting focused on research in child health. The event was filled with unique learning, networking and professional growth opportunities for doctors in all career stages.

CHLA and LAC+USC were extremely well represented with over 100 faculty members and trainees in attendance and over 60 members facilitating or participating in posters, presentations, workshops and/or clubs. In conjunction with the conference, Brent Polk, MD, hosted a reception for more than 100 faculty, alumni and friends at the Hilton Baltimore Hotel on Saturday, April 29th. (Top photo, left to right: Steven Wassner, MD, and Robert Clemons, MD, who trained at CHLA decades ago, joined the reception; bottom photo, left to right: Philippe Friedlich, MD, Jennifer Maniscalco, MD, [with daughter], Christopher Russell, MD, and Manoj Biniwale, MD, at the CHLA booth).

If you plan to participate in the 2017 PAS Conference in San Francisco, please contact Valerie Campana (vcampana@chla.usc.edu).

SAVE THE DATE
Research Readiness Seminar
(See last page for more events)
Awards and Achievements

CHLA earned the highest possible accreditation as a Level 4 Epilepsy Center for 2016 and 2017 from the National Association of Epilepsy Centers (NAEC). Kudos to Deborah Holder, MD, (pictured), her team and colleagues in CHLA’s division of Neurology as well as the EEG Technologists and the faculty of the division of Neurosurgery for this achievement. Receiving the designation of a Level 4 center encompasses bringing together the training of epileptologists, nurse-clinicians, nurse-educators, psychologists, pharmacists, laboratory technicians and other specially-trained professionals to work as a team with patients and their families to provide the kind of services needed for optimal epilepsy care.

Promotions & Appointments

Congratulations to Mona Patel, MD, (pictured, left) and Cynthia Wong, MD, (right) in the Division of General Pediatrics at CHLA, both of whom were promoted on the new clinical track series. Dr. Patel is now a Clinical Associate Professor of Pediatrics (Clinician-Educator); Dr. Wong is a Clinical Associate Professor of Pediatrics (Clinician-Educator).

New CHLA Pediatric Residency Program Monthly Faculty Teaching Award

The CHLA pediatric residency program office would like to recognize faculty for their dedication to the complex task of teaching with the establishment of a CHLA Pediatric Residency Program Monthly Faculty Teaching Award. Starting July 2016, the house staff will be surveyed each month and asked to vote for a faculty member who demonstrates the educational attributes of effective medical teachers (Hatem CJ, et al. The educational attributes and responsibilities of effective medical educators. Academic Medicine 2011;86:474-480). These will include characteristics such as:

- passion for teaching
- kindness in all interactions
- stimulating curiosity
- functioning as an effective role model
- communicating knowledge effectively and making it relevant to the learner
- questioning, listening, and responding effectively
- giving praise as well as critical feedback in a manner acceptable to the learner
- promoting critical thinking and self-directed learning
- providing timely summative feedback and evaluation

All faculty except chief residents and program directors from the CHLA pediatric residency program office will be eligible for this recognition. The winner will also receive complimentary entrance to the CHLA Pediatric Residents' Annual Dinner Dance in June.
Events

Town Hall, May 12, 2016, 12:00-1:00pm, The Saban Research Building Auditorium
Speaker: Paul S. Viviano, CHLA President and Chief Executive Officer, shares news about plans for the rest of the fiscal year and farther into the future.

Pediatric Grand Rounds, May 13, 2016, 8:00-9:00am, Anderson Pavilion, John Stauffer Conference Rooms A&B
“Improving HPV vaccination rates”
Speaker: Peter G Szilagyi, MD, MPH, Professor and Vice Chair for Clinical Research, Mattel Children’s Hospital UCLA

All Faculty Meeting, May 13, 2016, 12:00-1:00pm, The Saban Research Building Auditorium
“TSRI Research Operations: Six Months Overview”
Speaker: Jodi Ogden, Vice President, Research Administration, The Saban Research Institute, Children’s Hospital Los Angeles

Town Hall, May 17, 2016, 5:00-6:00am, Executive inpatients rounds on night shift
Speaker: Paul S. Viviano, CHLA President and Chief Executive Officer, shares news about plans for the rest of the fiscal year and farther into the future.

Research Readiness Seminar, May 17, 2016, 12:00-1:00pm, The Saban Research Building Auditorium
“Clinical Research Navigation and Study Startup”
Presenter: Shannen Nelson, RN, MSN, CCRP, CCRC, Director of Operations, TSRI Clinical Research Support Office (CRSO)

SC CTSI Research Ethics Forum, May 17, 2016, 12:00-1:00pm, Aresty Conference Room LG 503-504 of the Norris Research Tower
“Should We Gather Data About Nonparticipants in Clinical Research Studies to Detect Whether Selection Bias Affects Research Results?”
Facilitator: Alexander M. Capron, LLB, Director of Ethics, SC CTSI Workforce Development, Professor of Law and Medicine, Keck School of Medicine

TSRI Research Seminar Series, May 18, 2016, 12:00-1:00pm, The Saban Research Building Auditorium
“Defining Inflammation in Human Obesity and Type 2 Diabetes”
Speaker: Barbara Nikolajczyk, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Microbiology, Boston University School of Medicine

Town Hall, May 19, 2016, 12:00-1:00pm, John Stauffer Conference Rooms A&B
Speaker: Paul S. Viviano, CHLA President and Chief Executive Officer, shares news about plans for the rest of the fiscal year and farther into the future.

Faculty Development Presentation, Pediatric Faculty Survey Results Series, May 19, 2016, 12:00-1:00pm, GME Conference Room, LAC+USC Medical Center
“Mentoring”
Speaker: Chuck Gomer, PhD, Vice Chair of Pediatrics for Faculty Affairs, CHLA

Pediatric Grand Rounds, May 20, 2016, 8:00-9:00am, John Stauffer Conference Rooms A&B
“Debriefing, social media, and emergency medicine modules: Innovations in medical education”
Speaker: Adriana Hernandez, MD, House Staff - PL-3, CHLA; Cindy Luu, MD, House Staff - PL-3, CHLA; Allyson McDermott, House Staff - PL-3, CHLA

TSRI Research Seminar Series, May 25, 2016, 12:00-1:00pm, The Saban Research Building Auditorium
“From Pathogenesis, to Predictions, to New Therapies—Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia: A Team Research & Clinical Care Model”
Speaker: Philippe S. Friedlich, MD, MS Epi, MBA, Interim Director & Division Chief, Center for Fetal and Neonatal Medicine, USC Division of Neonatal Medicine, CHLA

Pediatric Grand Rounds, May 27, 2016, 8:00-9:00am, John Stauffer Conference Rooms A&B
9th Annual Pediatric Resident Advocacy & Poster Session
Speaker: Susan Wu, MD, Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatrics, Keck School of Medicine, University of Southern California, Children’s Hospital Los Angeles

CHLA Faculty Development Series: Funding Opportunities and Application Process Workshop, May 27, 2016, 12:00-1:00pm, The Saban Research Building Auditorium
Presenter: Anna Weiser, Associate Vice President, Foundation Relations, Children’s Hospital Los Angeles