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Provider Relations

Susan Gray-Madison, R.N., M.S., our provider relations manager, can help you access or coordinate clinical services, set up an OHSU Connect account so you can view your patient records online, and provide information about new programs and services. She is also available to arrange for office visits, case reviews or lectures with any of our specialists. Call Susan at 503 346-0644 or email graymadi@ohsu.edu.

Continuing Education

For more information about our upcoming grand rounds or CME opportunities, visit www.ohsудоernbecher.com/cme.

Save a tree, get Pediatric Partners

Would you like to receive this newsletter electronically? Call **503 418-5196** or email archere@ohsu.edu to join our email list.

Have you seen our new website?

Check out our new site with an entire section just for providers. www.ohsудоernbecher.com/provider

Recognition

OHSU Doernbecher Children's Hospital is a member of the National Association of Children's Hospitals and Related Institutions (NACHRI), and has been named one of the most admired companies in Oregon by the Portland Business Journal.

OHSU connects physicians

Jeremy Middleton, M.D., of Bend Memorial Pediatric Clinic, says, "My partner and I are impressed by how quickly OHSU Connect lets us access patient records. If a patient has tests run, we can see the results almost immediately." To learn more about OHSU Connect, visit www.ohsудоernbecher.com and click on "For Healthcare Providers."

Spring Pediatrics Update

Join OHSU Doernbecher physicians and guest speakers for the fifth annual Pediatric Review and Update on March 11-12 at the Governor Hotel, Portland, Oregon. Learn more and register at www.ohsu.edu/som/cme

We're Covered on All Insurance Plans

OHSU Doernbecher Children's Hospital participates with all insurance plans. If you have a question regarding your patients' coverage, please call us at **503 346-0644 or 888 346-0644**.

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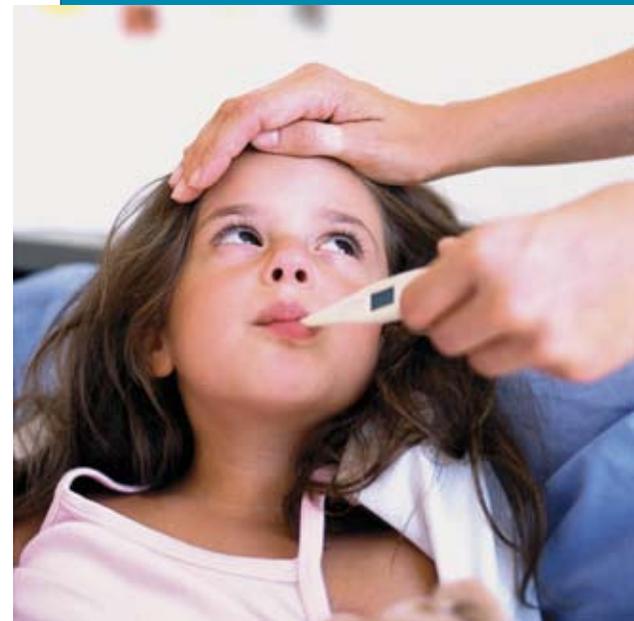
As flu season is upon us and H1N1 is spreading throughout the state, we recognize the additional stress and burden that has been put upon you as you manage your pediatric patients through a difficult flu season. We hope the following information will help:

H1N1 updates: As information on H1N1 changes daily, we recommend the CDC website for the most up-to-date information: www.flu.gov. For local information on vaccine availability or flu activity across the state, visit the Multnomah County website: www.mchealth.org/swineflu/providers.shtml

Grand rounds: Doernbecher hosted a live grand rounds event on the topic of H1N1 in pediatric patients. Pediatricians and hospitals throughout the state were able to participate. If you missed it, watch the lecture at www.ohsdoernbecher.com/provider.

Pediatric Emergency Department: For patients requiring emergency care, our pediatric emergency department is available 24-7. Our patients have immediate access to our pediatric emergency medicine providers as well as the full spectrum of Doernbecher trauma, surgical and medical specialists. There's never a need for us to refer emergency patients elsewhere for treatment.

Critical Care: For consultation with one of our pediatric intensivists, please call us at 503 346-0644 or 888 346-0644. Our certified pediatric intensivists are available 24 hours a day.



Welcome to *Pediatric Partners*. Our goal is to provide information and resources that will be useful to your practice. We're pleased to partner with you in providing the best healthcare to the children of Oregon and Southwest Washington.

For referrals, consultations or more information call
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Advocating for Children's Healthcare

From the Chair of Pediatrics, Doernbecher Physician-In-Chief, H. Stacy Nicholson



On August 4th, with the signing of House Bill 2116, the state of Oregon took the commendable step of expanding

health care coverage for children. The fact that the Governor and state legislature were able to pass the Healthy Kids bill during the greatest economic downturn since the Great Depression, underscores the importance that Oregon places on children's healthcare issues.

Indeed, expanding access to children is an integral and important part of reform. However, there is reason for caution since there is concern whether the coverage will translate into access to care. The reason is twofold.

One, there is a severe workforce shortage in pediatrics. According to the American Board of Pediatrics, there are 64.43 general pediatricians per 100,000 children in Oregon, compared to 69.21 across the entire country. The shortage is even more acute in the pediatric subspecialties. Adult medicine reports 36 specialists per 100,000 patients, but pediatrics only has 19 specialists per 100,000 children. Oregon, like the nation as a whole, is experiencing the greatest shortage with pediatric neurology and pediatric gastroenterology. As a



result of the shortages, the wait for an appointment is too long, and thus the delivery of care is not timely.

This is compounded by the fact that payment to children's healthcare providers is inadequate. While Medicaid is the single largest insurer of America's and Oregon's children, Medicaid reimbursement typically does not cover the full cost of care. In Oregon, Medicaid reimbursement for pediatric professional services is about 72% - 75% of Medicare. Unless the gap between Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement is addressed,

the 200,000 children anticipated to gain coverage by January 2010 may discover that it is difficult to find access to care, especially given the challenges many providers are facing in trying to maintain a viable practice.

Improving coverage for children in Oregon is an exceptional milestone. By taking the necessary steps to expand access, we will be able to enhance the health and well being of children in the region, and ultimately, to improve the quality of care and reduce costs associated with chronic health problems.

Doernbecher Welcomes New Faculty



**GREG BLASCHKE,
M.D., M.P.H., F.A.A.P.**
Chief, general pediatrics

Medical degree: Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Wis.

Residency: Pediatrics, Naval Hospital Oakland, Oakland, Calif.

Fellowship: Development and behavioral pediatrics, Harvard Medical School, Boston, Mass.

Special interests: Community pediatrics and advocacy, faculty and resident development.

Dr. Blaschke comes to OHSU from the Naval Medical Center in San Diego, California, where he directed numerous programs.



BARBARA LONG, M.D., M.P.H.
Adolescent medicine

Medical degree: Medical College of Ohio, Toledo, Ohio

Residency: Pediatrics, University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio, Texas; sports and exercise preventive medicine,

University of California, San Diego, San Diego, Calif.

Research interests: Young women's health, disordered eating in adolescent athletes, medical treatment of adolescent obesity.

Dr. Long comes to OHSU from the University of California, San Francisco, where she was Associate Clinical Professor in adolescent medicine.



KELVIN MACDONALD, M.D., R.R.T.
Pulmonology

Medical degree: University of Sint Eustatius, Syosset, N.Y.

Residency: Pediatrics, Children's Hospital Medical Center of Akron, Akron, Ohio

Fellowship: Pediatric pulmonology, Johns

Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md.

Research interests: Cystic fibrosis.

Dr. MacDonald comes to OHSU from Johns Hopkins, where he was a research associate in the Department of Pediatrics.



ELIZABETH SUPER, M.D.
Sleep medicine

Medical degree: University of Washington, Seattle, Wash.

Residency: Pediatrics, Oregon Health & Science University, Portland, Ore.

Fellowship: Sleep Medicine, Oregon Health & Science University, Portland, Ore.

Special interests: Behavioral sleep disorders in toddlers, treatment of sleep related breathing disorders in medically fragile children and melatonin.



TOM VALVANO, M.D., J.D.
Child abuse

Medical degree: University of Rochester, Rochester, N.Y.

Residency: Pediatrics, Children's Memorial Hospital, Chicago, Ill.

Fellowship: Protective Services Team, Children's Memorial Hospital, Chicago, Ill.

Special interests: Child abuse, child advocacy, legal issues in adolescent sexual and reproductive health.

Dr. Valvano comes to OHSU from the Medical College of Wisconsin and Children's Hospital of Wisconsin.



KATIE ZUCKERMAN, M.D., M.P.H.
General pediatrics feeding clinic

Medical degree: Harvard Medical School, Boston, Mass.

Residency: Pediatrics, Massachusetts General Hospital for Children, Boston, Mass.

Fellowship: Harvard Pediatric Health Services Research Fellowship, Boston, Mass.

Special interests: Child development, child advocacy, feeding problems in child development and rehabilitation.

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