



EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS



Pediatric Residency Program 2016-17



CHIEF RESIDENTS

Left to right: Regina Toto, MD, Christine March, MD and Lorne Walker, MD

HOUSE STAFF

PL-1 RESIDENTS	MEDICAL SCHOOL
Sherwat Abdelrahman, MBBCH	Ain Shams University Faculty of Medicine
Chelsey Bayer, MD	Mercer University School of Medicine
Kate Belser, MD	Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine
Kristen Bennett, MD	University at Buffalo State University of New York School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences
James Bohnoff, MD	University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine
Danielle Browning, DO	West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine
Michael Certo, MD	Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons
Erin Cummings, MD	University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine
Andrea Davis, MD	University of Toledo College of Medicine
Benjamin Edmonds, MD	University of Central Florida College of Medicine
Megan Freeman, MD	Vanderbilt University School of Medicine
Kristina Gaietto, MD	University of Cincinnati College of Medicine
Shireen Ganapathi, MD	University of Toledo College of Medicine
Amita Ghuman, MD	Howard University College of Medicine
Katherine Gitz, MD	University of Cincinnati College of Medicine
Anna-Elisa Heipertz, MD	Universitätsmedizin der Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz
Aram Kim, MD	New York University School of Medicine
Katherine Kurzinski, MD	Drexel University College of Medicine
Elizabeth Landzberg, MD	Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons
Alison Mols, MD	West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine
Michelle Perry, MD	University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine
Lisa Plattenberger, MD	Baylor College of Medicine
Catherine Poholek, MD, PhD	University of Alabama School of Medicine
Anthony Pompa, MD	University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine
Erica Prochaska, MD	University of Michigan Medical School

(continued)

Jacquelin Rankine, MD	Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
Glenn Rapsinski, MD, PhD	Temple University School of Medicine
Kelsey Schweiberger, MD	Florida International University Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine
Dana Tlais, MD	American University of Beirut Faculty of Medicine
Allison Wise, MD	Georgetown University School of Medicine
Tiffany Yang, MD	Vanderbilt University School of Medicine

PL-2 RESIDENTS	MEDICAL SCHOOL
Caroline Albert, MD	Yale School of Medicine
Heather Bernard, MD	University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine
Alanna Boyajian, MD	Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons
Katherine Cobb-Pitstick, MD	University of Cincinnati College of Medicine
Elisabeth Cole, MD	Tulane University School of Medicine
Abbye Degan, MD (Floystad)	University of Miami Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine
Alexandra Dreyzin, MS, MD	University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine
Jeffrey Eugene, MD	Morehouse School of Medicine
Dailia Francis, MD, PhD	Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
Daniel Guillen, MD	Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia Facultad de Medicina
Joseph Langham, MD	Morehouse School of Medicine
Elise Lu, MD, PhD	Washington University in St. Louis School of Medicine
Benjamin Macadangdang, MD, PhD	Duke University School of Medicine
Jillian Mador, MD	George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences
Maanasi Mistry, MD	University of Virginia School of Medicine
Onome Oghifobibi, MBBS	University of Benin School of Medicine
Katrina O'Halloran, MBChB	University College Dublin School of Medicine and Medical Science
Aidan Porter, MD	Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University
Ronald Seese, MD, PhD	University of California, Irvine
Sara Serbin, MD	University of Cincinnati College of Medicine
Neema Shah, MD	University of Virginia School of Medicine
Emily Trauernicht, MD	University of Virginia School of Medicine
Mira Trivedi, MD	Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine
Desiree Wagner, MD	University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry
Maria Widmann, MD	Ohio State University College of Medicine
Allison Williams (Holder), MD	Florida International University Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine
Jessie Yester, MD, PhD	Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine

HOUSE STAFF *(continued)*

PL-3 RESIDENTS	MEDICAL SCHOOL
Anna Ahn, MD	Vanderbilt University School of Medicine
Elaine L. Chiang, MD	George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences
Dara I. Cohn, MD	Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine
Amy E. Collins, MD	Tulane University School of Medicine
Christine M. Crana, MD	State University of New York Upstate Medical University
Valerie L. Curren, MD	Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland School of Medicine
Megan M. Elbon, MD	Baylor College of Medicine
Rebecca A. Epperly, MD	University of Iowa Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine
Casey T. Goldman, MD	University of Florida College of Medicine
Lauren P. Jacobs, MD	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine
Liny V. John, MD	University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine
Lorraine A. Kiger, MD	Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine
Peter D. LaRossa, MD	University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine
Alison S. Levine, MD	University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine
Meghan C. McCormick, MD	Rutgers New Jersey Medical School
Francesca O. Okolie, DO	Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine
Elissa K. Ortolani, MD	University at Buffalo State University of New York School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences
Andrew D. Prigge, MD	University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry
Christian D. Pulcini, MD	Tufts University School of Medicine
Vikram K. Raghu, MD	University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine
Anthony J. Ross, MD	University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine
Kinsey M. Roth, MD	University of Colorado School of Medicine
Carly Safier, MD	University of Toledo College of Medicine
Eva K. Schwartz, MD	Chicago Medical School at Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science
Gina M. Sequeira, MD	Tulane University School of Medicine
Matthew E. Valente, MD	State University of New York Upstate Medical University
Michael C. Verre, MD	Washington University in St. Louis School of Medicine
Ashleigh M. Welko, MD	Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine
Laura J. West, MD	University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine
Tashya J. Whitehead, MD	University of Michigan Medical School

HOUSE STAFF *(continued)*

GRADUATING RESIDENTS	FELLOWSHIP / POSITION
Anna Ahn, MD	Hospitalist, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC
Elaine L. Chiang, MD	Hospitalist, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC
Katherine Cobb-Pistick, MD	Child Neurology Residency, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC
Dara I. Cohn, MD	Fellowship, Allergy/Immunology, Rush University
Amy E. Collins, MD	Fellowship, Adolescent Medicine, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC
Christine M. Crana, MD	Fellowship, Nephrology, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC
Valerie L. Curren, MD	Hospitalist, New York Presbyterian University Hospital of Columbia and Cornell
Megan M. Elbon, MD	Primary Care, PCP Peds (Georgia)
Rebecca A. Epperly, MD	Fellowship, Hematology/Oncology, St. Jude Children's Hospital
Casey T. Goldman, MD	Pediatrician, CHOA Urgent Care (Georgia)
Daniel Guillen, MD	Child Neurology Residency, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC
Lauren P. Jacobs, MD	TBD
Liny V. John, MD	Chief Resident, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC
Lorraine A. Kiger, MD	Primary Care, CCP South Hills
Peter D. LaRossa, MD	Fellowship, Cardiology, University of Michigan
Alison S. Levine, MD	Primary Care, CCP Bass Wolfson
Meghan C. McCormick, MD	Fellowship, Hematology/Oncology, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC
Onome Oghifobibi, MBBS	Fellowship, Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC
Francesca O. Okolie, DO	Fellowship, Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine, Columbia University Medical Center
Elissa K. Ortolani, MD	Child Neurology Residency, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC
Andrew D. Prigge, MD	Chief Resident, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC
Christian D. Pulcini, MD	Fellowship, Emergency Medicine, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
Vikram K. Raghu, MD	Fellowship, Gastroenterology, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC
Anthony J. Ross, MD	Fellowship, Hematology/Oncology, Emory University
Kinsey M. Roth, MD	Fellowship, Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC
Carly Safier, MD	Hospitalist, Akron Children's Hospital
Eva K. Schwartz, MD	Hospitalist, St. Clair Hospital
Ronald Seese, MD, PhD	Neurodevelopmental Disabilities Resident, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC
Gina M. Sequeira, MD	Fellowship, Adolescent Medicine, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC
Matthew E. Valente, MD	Chief Resident, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC
Michael C. Verre, MD	Hospitalist, Lurie Children's Hospital
Ashleigh M. Welko, MD	Attending Physician, IPC Health Peds East (Arizona)
Laura J. West, MD	Chief Resident, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC
Tashya J. Whitehead, MD	TBD
Jesse Yester, MD, PhD	Fellowship, Cardiology, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC

Resident Accomplishments 2016–17

NAME	PROJECT
Nicholas Stygles Med-Peds, PGY4	Stygles N et al. Response to the article: Palliative care interventions for patients with heart failure: A systematic review and meta-analysis. <i>Journal of Palliative Medicine</i> . 2017;20(6):582-3.
Lorrie Kiger Pediatric Residency Program, PGY3	Conference presentation: "Should Residency Programs Intervene to Promote Resident Health Maintenance?" Annual UPMC Graduate Medical Education (GME) Leadership Conference, Pittsburgh, Pa., February 2017
Laura West Pediatric Residency Program, PGY3	Conference presentation: "Infant and Young Child Peanut Challenges: A Clinical Application of the Learning Early About Peanut Allergy Study," American Academy of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology (AAAAI) meeting, Atlanta, Ga., March 2017
Christian Pulcini Pediatric Residency Program, PGY3	Pulcini CD et al. Poverty and trends in three common chronic disorders. <i>Pediatrics</i> . 2017;139(3). Pulcini CD et al. Refeeding syndrome. <i>Pediatrics in Review</i> . 2016;37(12). Conference presentation: "Impact of an Institution-Wide Mentoring Program on a Single-Class Cohort of Pediatric Residents," Pediatric Academic Societies meeting, San Francisco, Calif., May 2017
Liny John Pediatric Residency Program, PGY3	Conference presentation: "PRIME: Inaugural Years and Impact," University of Pittsburgh GME Leadership Conference, Pittsburgh, Pa., April 2017
Amy Collins Pediatric Residency Program, PGY3	Conference presentations: "Promoting Stakeholder Engagement in Health Surveillance Research of Marginalized Youth," Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh Adolescent and Young Adult Health Research Symposium, Pittsburgh, Pa., May 2017 "Promoting Stakeholder Engagement in Health Surveillance Research of Marginalized Youth," Society of Adolescent Health and Medicine annual meeting, New Orleans, La., March 2017
Gina Sequeira Pediatric Residency Program, PGY3	Conference presentation: "Impact of Gender Expression on Disordered Eating, Body Dissatisfaction, and BMI in a Cohort of Transgender Youth," Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine meeting, New Orleans, La., March 2017
Meghan McCormick Pediatric Residency Program, PGY3	Conference presentation: "Response to Intranasal Versus Intravenous Desmopressin for DDAVP Challenge Testing," ROAR Research Day, Pittsburgh, Pa., May 2017
Casey Sommerfeld Pediatric Residency Program, PGY3	Conference presentation: "Predictors of Oral Food Challenge Outcomes in Children With a Diagnosis of Food Allergy," AAAAI meeting, Atlanta, Ga., March 2017
Rebecca Epperly Pediatric Residency Program, PGY3	Conference presentation: "Treatment of Pediatric Plasma Cell Myeloma Type Post-Transplant Lymphoproliferative Disorder With Modern Risk-Directed Therapy Including Autologous Stem Cell Transplant," American Society of Pediatric Hematology and Oncology meeting, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, April 2017
Dara Cohn Pediatric Residency Program, PGY3	Conference presentation: "Eosinophilia in the Pediatric Allergy Clinic: Atopy, or Parasitic Infection?" 2016 Annual Scientific Meeting of the American College of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology, San Francisco, Calif., October 2016
Jessie Yester PedSDP, PGY2	Yester JW, Kuhn B. Mechanisms of cardiomyocyte proliferation and differentiation in development and regeneration. <i>Current Cardiology Reports</i> . 2017;19(2).
Maanasi Mistry Pediatric Residency Program, PGY2	Conference presentations: "Predictors of Poor Outcomes in Pediatric Patients Requiring VA ECMO," American Heart Association 26th Annual Fellows Research Day, Pittsburgh, Pa., January 2017 "Predictors of Poor Outcomes in Pediatric Patients Requiring VA ECMO," Cardiology 2017: 20th Annual Update on Pediatric and Congenital Cardiovascular Disease—Care at the Cutting Edge in a Cost-Conscious World, Orlando, Fla., February 2017
Abbye Degan, Pediatric Residency Program, PGY2	Conference presentation: "Transportation Characteristics Associated With Nonarrival to Scheduled Pediatric Clinic Appointments," Pediatric Academic Societies meeting, San Francisco, Calif., May 2017

Resident Accomplishments 2016–17 *(continued)*

NAME	PROJECT
Jeffrey Eugene PALS, PGY2	Conference presentation: "Using Community-Based Asset Mapping and Respondent-Driven Sampling to Support Recruitment and Retention for a Community-Based Sexual Violence Prevention Program," Society of Adolescent Health and Medicine annual meeting, New Orleans, La., March 2017
Elizabeth Cole Pediatric Residency Program, PGY2	Khan N et al. Segmental resection is a safe oncologic alternative to total proctocolectomy in elderly patients with ulcerative colitis and malignancy. <i>Colorectal Disease</i> . 2017. doi:10.1111/codi.13721
Alanna Boyajian Pediatric Residency Program, PGY2	Conference presentation: "The Proof Is in the Pudding," Pediatric Hospitalist Conference, Nashville, Tenn., July 2017
Onome Oghifobibi PedSDP, PGY2	Conference presentation: "Both Expressed and Donor Breast Milk Enhance the Proliferation of Human Intestinal Stem Cells," Eastern Society for Pediatric Research meeting, Philadelphia, Pa., March 2017
James Bohnhoff Pediatric Residency Program, PGY1	Bohnhoff JC et al. Treatment and follow-up of venous thrombosis in the neonatal intensive care unit: A retrospective study. 2017;37(3):306-10.
Jacquelin Rankine Pediatric Residency Program, PGY1	Rankine J et al. Language environment analysis (LENA) in Phelan-McDermid syndrome: Validity and suggestions for use in minimally verbal children with autism spectrum disorder. <i>Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders</i> . 2017;47(6):1605-17.
Elizabeth Landzberg Pediatric Residency Program, PGY1	Opotowsky AR et al. Design and implementation of a prospective adult congenital heart disease biobank. <i>World Journal for Pediatric and Congenital Heart Surgery</i> . 2016;7(6): 734-43. Opotowsky AR et al. Estimated glomerular filtration rate and urine biomarkers in patients with single-ventricle Fontan circulation. <i>Heart</i> . 2016;103(6):434-42.
Kristina Gaietto Pediatric Residency Program, PGY1	Shaffer RC et al. Brief report: Diminished gaze preference for dynamic social interaction scenes in youth with autism spectrum disorders. <i>Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders</i> . 2016;47(2):506-13. doi:10.1007/s10803-016-2975-2
Glenn Rapsinski PedSDP, PGY1	Rapsinski GJ et al. <i>Pseudomonas mendocina</i> native valve infective endocarditis: A case report. <i>Journal of Medical Case Reports</i> . 2016;10(1).

Pediatric Fellowship Programs 2016-17

NAME	SPECIALTY	MEDICAL SCHOOL	RESIDENCY LOCATION (noted if not pediatrics)
Alicia Boykin, MD	Adolescent medicine	University of Cincinnati College of Medicine	Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center
Jessica MacCormac, DO	Adolescent medicine	New York College of Osteopathic Medicine	University of Rochester
Merrian Brooks, DO	Adolescent medicine	Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine	Cooper University Hospitals
Orquidia Torres, MD	Adolescent medicine	State University of New York at Downstate	Stony Brook University
Jennifer Boeckman, DO	Allergy and immunology	Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine	University of Illinois (internal medicine)
Supriya Jain, MD	Allergy and immunology	Howard University College of Medicine	North Shore Long Island Jewish
Schweta Arakali, MD	Allergy and immunology	Thomas Jefferson University	Robert Wood Johnson Medical School (internal medicine)
Shaylar Padgett, MD	Allergy and immunology	Indiana University School of Medicine	Indiana University School of Medicine
Jessica Bivens, DO	Cardiology	Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine	Nationwide Children's Hospital
Elizabeth Caris, MD	Cardiology	Ohio State University College of Medicine	Nationwide Children's Hospital
Defne Magnetta, MD	Cardiology	Case Western Reserve University	Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC
Adam Christopher, MD	Cardiology	University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine	Yale New Haven Hospital
Rukmalee Vithana, MD	Cardiology	University of Arizona College of Medicine	Children's National Medical Center
Chris Follansbee, MD	Cardiology	University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine	Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC
Christopher Mercer, MD	Cardiology	West Virginia University School of Medicine	West Virginia University
Ugonna Nwankwo, MD	Cardiology	Wake Forest School of Medicine	Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC
Wilson Heredia, MD	Child neurology	Pontifica University Catolica Del Ecuador	Bronx Lebanon Hospital
Elissa Ortolani, MD	Child neurology	State University of New York at Buffalo	Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC
Vinod Valentine, MBBS	Child neurology	Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church Medical College, India	Texas Tech University
Stacey Elkhatib, MD	Child neurology	University of Virginia School of Medicine	Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC
Matthew Ginsberg, MD	Child neurology	Case Western Reserve University	Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC
William Welch, MD	Child neurology	University of Oklahoma College of Medicine	Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC
Adam Kney, MD	Child neurology	University of Illinois College of Medicine	Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC
Neil Munjal, MD	Child neurology	Washington University School of Medicine	Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC

Pediatric Fellowship Programs 2016–17 *(continued)*

NAME	SPECIALTY	MEDICAL SCHOOL	RESIDENCY LOCATION (noted if not pediatrics)
Levi Shelton, MD	Child neurology	University of Oklahoma College of Medicine	Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC
Katherine Anetakis, MD	Clinical neurophysiology	University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine	Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC
Alexis Franks, MD	Neurodevelopmental disabilities	University of Colorado School of Medicine	Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC
Jenna Gaesser, MD	Neurodevelopmental disabilities	State University of New York Upstate Medical University	Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC
Kathleen Noorbakhsh, MD	Emergency medicine	Eastern Virginia Medical School	Children's Hospital of the King's Daughter
Sriram Ramgopal, MD	Emergency medicine	Sri Ramachandra Medical College, India	Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC
Jane Soung, MD	Emergency medicine	Medical College of Wisconsin	Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC
Devora Azhdam, MD	Emergency medicine	Sackler School of Medicine, Israel	Northwell Health
Ashley Keilman, MD	Emergency medicine	Case Western Reserve University	Seattle Children's Hospital
Yesha Patel, MD	Emergency medicine	Marshall University	St. Christopher's Hospital for Children
Kim Horner, MD	Emergency medicine	Emory University School of Medicine	Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC
Jennifer Melvin, MD	Emergency medicine	State University of New York at Buffalo	Duke University
Nate Weberding, MD	Emergency medicine	Kansas City University School of Medicine	Children's Mercy Hospital and Clinic
Mohamed Saleh, MBBS	Endocrinology	Ain Shams University, Egypt	Flushing Hospital Medical Center
Marissa Avolio, MD	Endocrinology	Robert Wood Johnson Medical School	Baylor College of Medicine
Amr Morsi, MD	Endocrinology	University of Cairo Faculty of Medicine	Texas Tech University
Amy Kakkanatt, MD	Endocrinology	Albany Medical College of Union University	William Beaumont Hospital (medicine/pediatrics)
Pedro Pagan Banchs, MD	Endocrinology	University Central Del Caribe Escuela De Medicina	Miami Children's Hospital
Hilary Michel, MD	Gastroenterology	University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine	Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC
Angela Sandell, MD	Gastroenterology	State University of New York at Buffalo	Women and Children's Hospital of Buffalo
Kristen Critelli, MD	Gastroenterology	State University of New York Upstate Medical University	New York Presbyterian Hospital
Ellen Mitchell, MD	Gastroenterology	Robert Wood Johnson Medical School	Thomas Jefferson University
Lauren Mullinax, MD	Gastroenterology	University of South Florida College of Medicine	Miami Children's Hospital
Fateema Turay Rose, MD	Gastroenterology	Pennsylvania State University	University of South Florida

Pediatric Fellowship Programs 2016-17 (continued)

NAME	SPECIALTY	MEDICAL SCHOOL	RESIDENCY LOCATION (noted if not pediatrics)
Whitney Sunseri, MD	Gastroenterology	University of Illinois College of Medicine	Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC
Ahmad Alhariri, MD	Medical biochemical genetics	University of Damascus, Syria	University of Missouri (internal medicine)
Allison Close, MD	Hematology/oncology	Michigan State University College of Human Medicine	Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC
Lisa Maurer, MD	Hematology/oncology	University of Wisconsin	University of California, San Francisco
Deirdre Nolfi-Donagan, MD	Hematology/oncology	Robert Wood Johnson Medical School	Northwell Health
Kaitlin Stanley, MD	Hematology/oncology	State University of New York at Buffalo	New York University
Danielle Bell, MD	Hematology/oncology	Michigan State University College of Human Medicine	Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC
Brittani Seynaeve, MD	Hematology/oncology	West Virginia University School of Medicine	Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC
Michael Winstead, MD	Blood and marrow transplantation	University of Illinois College of Medicine	University of New Mexico
Timothy Onarecker, MD	Infectious diseases	University of Oklahoma College of Medicine	Arkansas Children's Hospital
Santiago Lopez, MD	Infectious diseases	University Del Salvadore, Argentina	Nationwide Children's Hospital
Masaki Yamada, MD	Infectious diseases	Kanazawa University, Japan	University of Iowa
Corinne Balint, DO	Neonatal/perinatal	Kirkville College of Osteopathic Medicine	Penn State Medical Center
Erin Bargerstock, MD	Neonatal/perinatal	Case Western Reserve University	Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC
Hannah Chalal, MD	Neonatal/perinatal	George Washington University School of Medicine	Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC
Anna Sedney, MD	Neonatal/perinatal	University of Virginia School of Medicine	Inova Children's Hospital
Nitin Arora, MD	Neonatal/perinatal	B.R. Ambedkar Medical College, India	West Virginia University Hospital
Kathleen Schwabenbauer, MD	Neonatal/perinatal	Pennsylvania State University	Thomas Jefferson University Hospital
Christine Yankowski, DO	Neonatal/perinatal	Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine	St. Christopher's Hospital for Children
Danielle Alfano, MD	Neonatal/perinatal	Washington University School of Medicine	Medical College of Wisconsin
Laura Jackson, MD	Neonatal/perinatal	Pennsylvania State University	Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC
Karena Lawrence, MD	Neonatal/perinatal	University of Connecticut School of Medicine	Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC
Courtney Kiser McLean, MD	Neonatal/perinatal	Marshall University	Jefferson Medical College
Jenny Zank, MD	Neonatal/perinatal	Loyola University of Chicago, Stritch School of Medicine	University of Michigan

Pediatric Fellowship Programs 2016–17 *(continued)*

NAME	SPECIALTY	MEDICAL SCHOOL	RESIDENCY LOCATION (noted if not pediatrics)
Cassandra Formeck, MD	Nephrology	Ohio State University College of Medicine	Nationwide Children's Hospital
Melissa Anslow, MD	Nephrology	Temple University School of Medicine	Cleveland Clinic Foundation
Caitlin Peterson, DO	Nephrology	Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine	Riley Children's Hospital
Paul Fadakar, MD	Nephrology	University of Connecticut School of Medicine	University of Connecticut
Emily Joyce, MD	Nephrology	Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine	Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC
Saif Al Qatarneh, MD	Pulmonology	University of Jordan Faculty of Medicine	St. Joseph Children's Hospital
Venkata Chamarthi, MBBS	Pulmonology	Andhra Medical College, India	Texas Tech University Health Science Center
Robert Abood, MD	Pulmonology	Drexel University School of Medicine	Riley Children's Hospital
Anjani Ravindra, MD	Pulmonology	University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine	Hershey Medical Center
Sylvia Szentpetery, MD	Pulmonology	Tulane University School of Medicine	University of Virginia
Sandeep Puranik, MD	Pulmonology	Karnataka Institute Medical Sciences, India	Flushing Hospital Medical Center
Paul Tsoukas, MBBCh	Rheumatology	Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland	Tufts University School of Medicine
Laura Tasan, MD	Rheumatology	Ross University School of Medicine	University of Kentucky
Emily Brunner, DO	Rheumatology	Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine	Geisinger Medical Center (medicine/pediatrics)
Brandi Eastman Stevens, MD	Rheumatology	Medical University of South Carolina	Eastern Virginia Medical School
Laura Tasan, MD	Rheumatology	Ross University School of Medicine	University of Kentucky
Emily Brunner, DO	Rheumatology	Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine	Geisinger Medical Center (medicine/pediatrics)
Deepika Singh, MD	Rheumatology	Maulana Azad Medical College	Albert Einstein Medical Center

Graduating Fellows 2016–17

NAME	SPECIALTY	CURRENT POSITION
Merrian Brooks, DO	Adolescent medicine	Global Health Fellow, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
Orquidia Torres, MD	Adolescent medicine	Attending, Children's Hospital at Montefiore, Bronx, N.Y.
Schweta Arakali, MD	Allergy and immunology	Private practice, Bergenfield, N.J.
Shaylar Padgett, MD	Allergy and immunology	Private practice, High Point, N.C.
Michael Winstead, MD	Blood marrow transplantation	Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, University of North Carolina
Christopher Follansbee, MD	Cardiology	Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, University of Pittsburgh
Christopher Mercer, MD	Cardiology	Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, West Virginia University
Ugonna Nwankwo, MD	Cardiology	Interventional Cardiology Fellow, Emory University
Adam Kney, MD	Child neurology	Clinical Neurophysiology Fellow, UPMC
Neil Munjal, MD	Child neurology	Pediatric Critical Care Fellow, UPMC
Levin Shelton, MD	Child neurology	Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, University of Pittsburgh
Jenna Gaesser, MD	Neurodevelopmental disabilities	Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, University of Pittsburgh
Kimberly Horner, MD	Emergency medicine	Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Orlando Children's Hospital
Jennifer Melvin, MD	Emergency medicine	Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Ohio State University
Nathaniel Weberding, DO	Emergency medicine	Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, University of Pittsburgh
Amy Kakkanatt, MD	Endocrinology	Taking year off for child care
Pedro Pagan Banchs, MD	Endocrinology	Attending, Nicklaus Children's Hospital, Miami, Fla.
Fateema Rose, MD	Gastroenterology	Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, University of Washington
Whitney Sunseri, MD	Gastroenterology	Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, University of Pittsburgh
Danielle Bell, MD	Hematology/oncology	Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, University of Michigan
Brittani Seynnaeve, MD	Hematology/oncology	Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, University of Pittsburgh
Masaki Yamada, MD	Infectious diseases	Advanced Transplant Infectious Diseases Fellow, UPMC
Ahmad Alhariri, MD	Medical biochemical genetics	Locum Tenens, UPMC Altoona
Danielle Alfano, MD	Neonatal-perinatal medicine	Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Washington University
Laura Jackson, MD	Neonatal-perinatal medicine	Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, University of Pittsburgh
Karena Lawrence, MD	Neonatal-perinatal medicine	Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, University of Pittsburgh
Courtney McLean, MD	Neonatal-perinatal medicine	Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, University of Nebraska
Jennifer Zank, MD	Neonatal-perinatal medicine	Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, University of Pittsburgh
Paul Fadakar, MD	Nephrology	Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, University of Pittsburgh
Emily Joyce, MD	Nephrology	Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, University of Pittsburgh
Sandeep Puranik, MD	Pulmonology	Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Indiana University (Riley Children's)
Sylvia Szentpetery, MD	Pulmonology	Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Medical University of South Carolina
Brandi Stevens, MD	Rheumatology	Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Indiana University (Riley Children's)

Lee W. Bass Community Preceptors 2016–17

MISSION

- Provide mentorship and role modeling for residents in the practice of primary care pediatrics in community settings
- Expose residents to a broad range of pediatric topics as well as aspects of practice management
- Enhance the connection between the community pediatricians and the residents, based on mutual understanding and respect

Lee W. Bass Community Preceptors

Alicia Hartung
 Art Kovel
 Barbara Ayers
 Brandon Reily
 Brian Czervionke
 Britta Kocak
 Elizabeth Masella
 Eric Friedlander
 Greg Anderson
 Hilary Garbon
 Jacqueline Saladino
 James Shaver
 James Tucker
 Jerome Gloster

Kate Williams
 Katie Cass
 Keith Pirl
 Kelly Heidenreich
 Kim Gordon
 Kochikar Pai
 Kochikar Pai
 Kristin Frederick
 Kristin Hanley
 Laura Voigt
 Leon Brostoff
 Lucas Godinez
 Marc Yester
 Marc Yester

Mary Pagnotto
 Meredith Kursmark
 Paul Rowland
 Rachel Pokorney
 Robert Breit
 Robert Breit
 Sarah Springer
 Stephanie Sterrett
 Stewart Schott
 Thomas Lynch
 William Varley
 Wilmarie Garcia

Pitt Medical Students Selecting Pediatrics

YEAR	PEDS	TOTAL	PERCENTAGE
FY06	18	131	13.7
FY07	13	143	9.1
FY08	18	139	12.9
FY09	10	140	7.1
FY10	10	121	8.3
FY11	21	149	14.1
FY12	18	152	11.8
FY13	22	140	15.7
FY14	14	148	9.5
FY15	19	132	14.4
FY16	23	132	17.4
FY17	19	158	12



Continuing Medical Education 2016–17

GRAND ROUNDS PROGRAM

Thursday, June 29, 2017

“From Wet Nurses to HMBANA: A History of Donor Breast Milk”

Jennifer L. Kloesz, MD
Associate Professor of Pediatrics, University of Pittsburgh
Medical Director, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, Magee-Womens Hospital of UPMC
Director, Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine Fellowship Program, UPMC

Thursday, June 22, 2017

“Emerging Challenges to Child Health in America: RX—Transformation”

Neal Halfon, MD, MPH
Professor of Pediatrics, Public Health, and Public Policy, University of California, Los Angeles
Director, Centers for Healthier Children, Families, and Communities

Thursday, June 15, 2017

“Recent Advances in Pediatric Pulmonary Hypertension”

Dunbar Ivy, MD
Selby’s Chair in Pediatric Cardiology, Children’s Hospital Heart Institute, Children’s Hospital of Colorado, University of Colorado School of Medicine

Thursday, June 8, 2017

Howard A. Mermelstein Memorial Lecture: “Pediatrics and PKU: It’s All in the Genes: A 40-Year Perspective”

Jane M. Breck, MD, FAAP
Clinical Director of Pediatrics, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine
Director, PKU Program and Medical Genetics Program, Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC

Thursday, June 1, 2017

“Healthcare Transformations of the 21st Century”

Terence S. Dermody, MD
Vira I. Heinz Professor and Chair, Department of Pediatrics
Professor of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine
Physician-in-Chief and Scientific Director, Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC

Thursday, May 25, 2017

“Our Kids Are NOT Broken: Fostering Resilience in Marginalized and Traumatized Youth”

Kenneth R. Ginsburg, MD, MEd
Professor of Pediatrics, Division of Adolescent Medicine, Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia
Professor of Pediatrics, Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia

Thursday, May 18, 2017

Annual Fetterman Lecture: “Placental Pathology and Its Implications for the Neonate”

Ona M. Faye-Petersen, MD
Immediate Past President, Society for Pediatric Pathology
Professor of Pathology and Obstetrics and Gynecology, Division of Anatomic Pathology/Department of Pathology, University of Alabama at Birmingham

Thursday, May 11, 2017

“Social Media Use in Depressed and Anxious Adolescents: A Two-Way Street”

Ana Radovic, MD, MSc
Assistant Professor of Pediatrics
PCOR K12 Scholar
Associate Fellowship Director, Division of Adolescent and Young Adult Medicine, Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh

Thursday, May 4, 2017

“Pediatric Obesity: Consequences and Causes”

Jack A Yanovski, MD, PhD
Chief, Section on Growth and Obesity, Division of Intramural Research, Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, National Institutes of Health, Hatfield Clinical Research Center, Bethesda, Md.

Thursday, April 27, 2017

“Bruising, History, and Psychosocial Characteristics Discriminate Abusive from Accidental Trauma in Young Children”

Mary Clyde-Pierce, MD
Professor of Pediatrics, Northwestern University, Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.

Thursday, April 13, 2017

“Targeting Leukemia-Associated Minor Histocompatibility Antigens With TCR-Transduced Memory CD8+ and CD4+ T Cells for Prevention of Post-Transplantation Relapse”

Marie Bleakley, MD, PhD, M.Msc

Associate Professor of Pediatrics, University of Washington

Associate Member, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center

Attending Physician, Pediatric BMT Service, Seattle Children’s Hospital, University of Washington

Thursday, April 6, 2017

Kenny-Drash Lecture: “Surprises Screening for Congenital Hypothyroidism”

Stephen H. LaFranchi, MD

Professor of Pediatrics, Oregon Health and Science University, Portland

Thursday, March 30, 2017

Demetrius Ellis Lecture: “Rebuilding a Kidney from Stem Cells: Are We Close?”

Samir S. El-Dahr, MD

Jane B. Aron Professor and Chair, Department of Pediatrics, Tulane University School of Medicine, New Orleans, La.

Thursday, March 23, 2017

James A. Kangos Memorial Lecture: “Treating Inflammatory Bowel Disease: The Expanding World of Biologics”

Maria Oliva-Hemker, MD

Stermer Family Professor of Pediatric IBD, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, Md.

Director, Division of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology, and Nutrition

Vice Chair for Faculty Development, Diversity, and Promotion

Thursday, March 16, 2017

Moira J. Whitehead Memorial Lecture: “Pennsylvania’s Response to the Opioid Crisis”

Rachel L. Levine, MD

Physician General of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Professor of Pediatrics and Psychiatry, Penn State College of Medicine, Harrisburg, Pa.

Thursday, March 9, 2017

“Gender Non-Conforming/Transgender Youth: Current Concepts, Management, and Barriers to Care”

Stephen M. Rosenthal, MD

Professor of Pediatrics, Division of Pediatric Endocrinology
Medical Director, Child and Adolescent Gender Center,
University of California, San Francisco

Thursday, March 2, 2017

“Vitamin D: Desirable Concentrations and Dietary Requirements in Children”

Kumaravel Rajakumar, MD, MS

Associate Professor of Pediatrics, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC

Thursday, February 23, 2017

“Big Data and Genomics in Precision Cancer Medicine”

Adrian V. Lee, PhD

Professor, Department of Pharmacology and Chemical Biology

Director, Women’s Cancer Research Center, University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute, Magee-Womens Research Institute

Thursday, February 9, 2017

“The Plain Communities Translation Medicine Program”

Gerald Vockley, MD, PhD

Cleveland Family Professor of Pediatric Research, University of Pittsburgh

Professor of Human Genetics, Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC

Chief of Medical Genetics

Director, Center for Rare Disease Therapy

Thursday, February 2, 2017

“Acute Ataxia in Childhood: Autoimmune and Other Etiologies”

Kavita Thakkar, MD

Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

Thursday, January 26, 2017

Donald N. Medearis Jr., MD, Memorial Lecture:

“Language Barriers in Health Care: How to Eliminate Them, and Key Ethical and Policy Issues”

Glenn Flores, MD, FAAP

Distinguished Chair of Health Policy Research, Media Research Institute

Affiliate Professor of Health Policy and Management, University of Minnesota School of Public Health

Thursday, January 19, 2017

“Center of Excellence for Pediatric Thyroid Disease”
Pushpa Viswanathan, MD
Assistant Professor, Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh
of UPMC

Thursday, January 12, 2017

“The ‘Other’ Scleroderma: Localized Scleroderma
(AKA Morphea) Recognition and Review of Clinical
Features for the Clinician”
Kathryn Torok, MD
Assistant Professor, Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh of
UPMC, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine
Assistant Professor of Clinical and Translational Science

Thursday, January 5, 2017

“Beginning at the Beginning: Addressing the Epidemic
of Chronic Disease Through Lifestyle Medicine”
Michael D. Parkinson, MD, MPH, FACPM
Senior Medical Director, Health and Productivity,
UPMC Health Plan and Work Partners

Thursday, December 15, 2016

John Caffey Endowed Lectureship: “Use of US Contrast
Agent in Children”
Kassa Darge, MD, PhD
Chair, Department of Radiology
Radiologist-in-Chief, Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia
Professor of Radiology, Perelman School of Medicine,
University of Pennsylvania

Thursday, December 1, 2016

“Youth Type 2 Diabetes: A Looming Crisis”
Silva Arslanian, MD
Director, Weight Management and Wellness Center
UPMC Richard L. Day Endowed Chair and Professor
of Pediatrics, University of Pittsburgh School of
Medicine, Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC
Director, Pediatric Clinical and Translational
Research Center

Thursday, November 17, 2016

“Outpatient Antimicrobial Stewardship”
Jeffrey S. Gerber, MD, PhD
Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, University of
Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Division of
Infectious Diseases, Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia

Thursday, November 10, 2016

“Phenylketonuria (PKU): A Paradigm of Translational
Medicine—What Will Be the Next Breakthrough?”
Uta Lichter-Konecki, MD, PhD
Clinical Professor of Pediatrics, University of Pittsburgh
School of Medicine
Director, Inborn Errors of Metabolism Clinic, Children’s
Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC

Thursday, November 3, 2016

“Finding Goldilocks: How Do We Screen Enough
Children for Physical Abuse Without Screening
Too Many?”
Rachel Berger, MD, MPH
Division Chief, Child Advocacy Center, Children’s
Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC
Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Clinical and
Translational Medicine, University of Pittsburgh
School of Medicine
Associate Director, Safar Center for Resuscitation
Medicine, University of Pittsburgh

Thursday, October 27, 2016

“Cybernetics in the ICU: Will Computers Take Over
Mechanical Ventilation?”
Robert Chatburn, MHHS, RRT-NPS
Adjunct Professor, Department of Medicine, Lerner
College of Medicine, Case Western Reserve University
Fellow, American Association for Respiratory Care
Clinical Research Manager, Section of Respiratory
Therapy, Cleveland Clinic
Editorial Board, *Respiratory Care*

Thursday, October 20, 2016

“The Journey Toward Zero Preventable Harm”
Richard E. McClead Jr., MD, MHA
Associate Chief Medical Officer, Nationwide
Children’s Hospital
Professor Emeritus, Pediatrics, Ohio State University
College of Medicine, Columbus

Thursday, October 13, 2016

33rd Annual Paul C. Gaffney Memorial Lecture:
“Precision Pediatric Oncology: Early Lessons and
Future Challenges”
Rajen Mody, MD, MS
David G. Dickinson Collegiate Professor of Pediatrics,
Division of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology,
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Thursday, October 06, 2016

“Emergency, Surgical, and Trauma Care for Children:
The State of the Union”

Mary E. Fallat, MD

Hirikati S. Nagaraj Professor of Surgery, Division
Director of Pediatric Surgery, Hiram C. Polk Jr.
Department of Surgery, University of Louisville
Surgeon-in-Chief, Kosair Children’s Hospital, Louisville, Ky.

Thursday, September 29, 2016

“Obesity in Congenital Heart Disease”

Meryl S. Cohen, MD

Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Perelman School of
Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, Children’s
Hospital of Philadelphia

Thursday, September 22, 2016

“The Role of the Pediatrician: Preventing Bullying
Through Science, Policy, and Practice”

Matthew Masiello, MD, MPH, FAAP

Chief Medical Officer

Medical Director, Care Coordination, Children’s
Institute of Pittsburgh

Thursday, September 15, 2016

“The State of the Department of Pediatrics at Children’s
Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC”

Terence S. Dermody, MD

Vira I. Heinz Professor and Chair, Department
of Pediatrics
Professor of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics,
University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine
Physician-in-Chief and Scientific Director, Children’s
Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC

Thursday, September 8, 2016

“Evaluation and Management of Aerodigestive Tract
Foreign Bodies”

Jeffrey Simmons, MD

Associate Professor, Department of Otolaryngology,
Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC,
University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

Thursday, July 28, 2016

“What We Have Learned From Registries: The Pediatric
Cardiomyopathy Registry”

Steven E. Lipshultz, MD, FAAP, FAHA

Department of Pediatrics, Wayne State University School
of Medicine, Children’s Hospital of Michigan

Thursday, July 21, 2016

“A Vision for Pediatrics at Children’s Hospital of
Pittsburgh”

Terence S. Dermody, MD

Vira I. Heinz Professor and Chair, Department
of Pediatrics
Professor of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics,
University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine
Physician-in-Chief and Scientific Director, Children’s
Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC

Thursday, July 7, 2016

“Metabolic Liver Disease”

Patrick J. McKiernan, MD

Professor of Pediatrics, University of Pittsburgh School
of Medicine
Director of Hepatology, Division of Gastroenterology,
Hepatology, and Nutrition, Children’s Hospital of
Pittsburgh of UPMC

Thursday, June 30, 2016

“Diversity and Inclusion at CHP: Past, Present, and Future”

Stephanie B. Dewar, MD

Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Children’s Hospital of
Pittsburgh of UPMC, University of Pittsburgh School
of Medicine

Thursday, June 23, 2016

“HOT Topics in Pediatric Hematology/Oncology”

Kim Ritchey, MD

Professor and Vice Chair for Clinical Affairs,
Department of Pediatrics, University of Pittsburgh
School of Medicine, Division of Hematology/
Oncology, Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC

Thursday, June 2, 2016

“Tourette Syndrome: Case Dissection”

Robyn A. Filipink, MD

Medical Director, Fragile X Center, Children’s Hospital
of Pittsburgh of UPMC
Director, Movement Disorders Clinic, Children’s
Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC
Clinical Associate Professor of Pediatrics, University
of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

MOLECULAR MEDICINE RESEARCH SEMINARS 2016–17

September 6, 2016

“Bacterial Adaptations During Chronic Infections Revealed by Evolutionary Genomics”

Vaughn Cooper, PhD

Associate Professor, Microbiology and Molecular Genetics, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

September 13, 2016

“Immunophenotyping Pediatric Scleroderma: A Focus on Active Disease”

Kathryn Torok, MD

Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatric Rheumatology, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

September 20, 2016

“MKRN3: A New Player in the Regulation of Human Puberty and Reproduction”

Ursula Kaiser, MD

Professor of Medicine and Chief, Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Hypertension, Harvard Medical School and Brigham and Women’s Hospital

September 27, 2016

“The Power of Statistics in Making Sense of Biomedical Omics Data”

Wei Chen, PhD

Assistant Professor, Division of Pulmonary Medicine, Allergy, and Immunology, Department of Pediatrics, Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC

October 4, 2016

“Control of Nephron Progenitor Cell Renewal: How Can We Obtain Enough Cells to Build New Kidney Tissue?”

Leif H. Oxburgh, DVM, PhD

Associate Professor, Cell, Molecular, and Developmental Biology, Tufts University School of Medicine, Maine Medical Center Research Institute

October 11, 2016

“The Nuclear Lamina in Disease and Development”

Quasar S. Padiath, MBBS, PhD

Assistant Professor, Department of Human Genetics, Graduate School of Public Health, University of Pittsburgh

October 18, 2016

“Type 1 Diabetes and the Developing Brain”

Tamara Hershey, PhD

Professor, Deputy Director, Neuroimaging Labs, Psychiatry, Neurology, Radiology, Psychological and Brain Sciences, Washington University School of Medicine

October 25, 2016

“Probing and Enhancing Tissue Regeneration”

Kenneth D. Poss, PhD

James B. Duke Professor, Department of Cell Biology, Duke University School of Medicine

November 1, 2016

“Growth Factor Signaling Pathways in Mouse Models of Lung Development and Cancer”

David Ornitz, MD, PhD

Alumni Endowed Professor, Department of Developmental Biology, Washington University School of Medicine

November 8, 2016

“The Need for Biomedical Research in Diverse Populations”

Esteban Burchard, MD, MPH

Professor, Department of Bioengineering and Therapeutic Sciences and Medicine; Vice Chair, Department of Bioengineering and Therapeutic Sciences; Director, Center for Genes, Environments, and Health, University of California, San Francisco

November 15, 2016

“Mitochondrial Dysfunction Contributes to the Pathogenesis of Inflammatory Bowel Disease”

Kevin Mollen, MD

Division of Pediatric General and Thoracic Surgery, Samuel P. Harbison Assistant Professor of Surgery, Department of Surgery, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

November 29, 2016

“GH/IGF-1/Insulin Axis and Cancer”

Derek LeRoith, MD, PhD

Professor of Medicine and Chief of Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Bone Disease; Director, Metabolism Institute; Director, Metabolic Mechanisms of Diabetes and Cancer Laboratory, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York

December 6, 2016

“Role of Memory T Cells in Transplant Rejection”
Fadi Lakkis, MD

Frank and Athena Sarris Chair in Transplantation
Biology; Professor of Surgery, Immunology and
Medicine; Scientific Director, Thomas E. Starzl
Transplantation Institute

December 13, 2016

“Renalase: A Novel Survival Factor—Roles in Health
and Disease”

Fred Gorelick, MD
Professor of Medicine (Digestive Diseases) and of Cell
Biology; Deputy Director, Yale MD, PhD Program,
Yale University

December 20, 2016

“Predicting Pandemic Influenza Viruses”

Seema S. Lakdawala, PhD
Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology and
Molecular Genetics, University of Pittsburgh School
of Medicine

January 3, 2017

“Cytokines in Systemic Inflammation: Following the
Monogenic Breadcrumbs Path”

Scott W. Canna, MD
Scholar, Richard King Mellon Foundation Institute for
Pediatric Research, University of Pittsburgh School of
Medicine

January 10, 2017

“What Causes Pancreatic Beta-Cell Failure in
Type 2 Diabetes?”

Henry Dong, PhD
Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Division of
Rheumatology, Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh
of UPMC

January 17, 2017

“Host Impairments in MDR *K. pneumoniae* Killing”

Janet Lee, MD
Associate Professor of Medicine, Division of Pulmonary,
Allergy, and Critical Care Medicine, UPMC
Montefiore Hospital

January 24, 2017

“Protecting Potassium at All Costs: Insights into the
Molecular Basis of Potassium Balance”

Paul A. Welling, MD
Professor of Physiology, Graduate Program Director,
University of Maryland School of Medicine

January 31, 2017

“Host Factors Required for Chikungunya
Virus Infection”

Terence Dermody, MD
Vira I. Heinz Professor and Chair, Department of Pediatrics
Professor of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics,
University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine
Physician-in-Chief and Scientific Director, Children’s
Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC

February 7, 2017

“Maintenance of the Host/Microbiome Relationship in
the Intestine”

Tim Hand, PhD
Assistant Professor, R.K. Mellon Institute for Pediatric
Research, Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC,
University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

February 14, 2017

“Moving Novel Therapies for Fatty Acid Oxidation
Disorders From the Lab to the Clinic”

Gerard Vockley, MD, PhD
Chief, Division of Medical Genetics; Director, Center
for Rare Disease Therapy; Professor of Pediatrics,
Professor of Human Genetics, University of Pittsburgh
School of Medicine; Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh
of UPMC

February 21, 2017

“Genomic Insights Into the Genetic Basis of Aging”

Andreas R. Pfenning, PhD
Assistant Professor, Department of Computational
Biology, School of Computer Science; Department
of Biological Sciences, Mellon College of Science;
Center for the Neural Basis of Cognition, Carnegie
Mellon University

February 28, 2017

“Lung Vaso-Occlusion in Sickle Cell Disease Mediated by Arteriolar Neutrophil-Platelet Micro-Emboli”

Prithu Sundd, PhD

Assistant Professor of Medicine and Bioengineering; Principal Investigator, Pittsburgh Heart, Lung, and Blood Vascular Medicine Institute; Division of Pulmonary, Allergy, and Critical Care Medicine, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

March 7, 2017

“Factors Modulating the Therapeutic Efficacy of Thioredoxin Reductase Inhibitors to Prevent Lung Injury”

Trent E. Tipple, MD

Associate Professor, Division of Neonatology, Redox Biology Laboratory, Department of Pediatrics, University of Alabama at Birmingham

March 14, 2017

“Mechanisms of Graft-Versus-Host Disease and Graft-Versus-Leukemia”

Warren D. Shlomchik, MD

Visiting Professor of Medicine, Department of Hematology-Oncology; Director, Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant and Cell Therapy, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

March 21, 2017

“Amino Acid Control of Gene Expression in Health and Disease”

Michael Kilberg, PhD

Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, University of Florida College of Medicine

March 28, 2017

“How Working on Metabolism Brought Us to the Mechanisms of Learning”

Kaveh Ashrafi, PhD

Associate Professor, Department of Physiology, University of California, San Francisco

April 4, 2017

“Airway Host Defense Defects in Cystic Fibrosis: Lessons From Animal Models”

Paul B. McCray Jr., MD

Departments of Pediatrics and Microbiology, University of Iowa

April 11, 2017

“Genes for Type 2 Diabetes From Genetic and Genomic Studies in Mice”

Alan D. Attie, PhD

Jack Gorski Professor of Biochemistry, University of Wisconsin–Madison

April 18, 2017

“The Role of the Paneth Cell in the Defense and Homeostasis of the Developing Small Intestinal Tract”

Steven McElroy, MD

Associate Professor, Division of Neonatology, Stead Family Department of Pediatrics, University of Iowa

April 25, 2017

“Sex Differences in UTI Pathogenesis”

David A. Hunstad, MD

Associate Professor, Pediatrics; Chief, Division of Infectious Diseases; Associate Professor, Molecular Microbiology, Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis

May 2, 2017

“Understanding CFTR: From Macromolecular Complexes to Personalized Medicine”

Anjaparavanda P. Naren, PhD

Professor, Department of Pediatrics; Codirector, Cystic Fibrosis Research Center; Thomas Boat Chair in Cystic Fibrosis Research, Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center

May 9, 2017

“Germinal Center–Derived IgM B Cells Are Rapid Responders to Infection”

Marion Pepper, PhD

Assistant Professor, Department of Immunology, University of Washington

May 16, 2017

“The Liver, Nutrient Excess, and Metabolic Dysregulation”

Robert M. O’Doherty, PhD

Professor of Medicine; Professor of Molecular Genetics and Biochemistry; Codirector, Center for Metabolism and Mitochondrial Medicine; Director, T32 Training Program in Diabetes, Endocrinology, and Metabolism, University of Pittsburgh

May 23, 2017

“Imaging Exit of Single Herpesvirus Particles From Living Cells”

Lynn W. Enquist, PhD

Henry L. Hillman Professor in Molecular Biology, Professor of Molecular Biology and the Princeton Neuroscience Institute, Princeton University

June 6, 2017

“Mechanisms of Tolerance Following HLA-Mismatched Cord Blood Grafts: A Journey Toward Tandem Cadaveric Organ + Marrow Transplantation”

Paul Szabolcs, MD

Professor of Pediatrics and Immunology, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine; Chief, Division of Blood and Marrow Transplantation, Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC

June 13, 2017

“Noonan Syndrome and Related Disorders: RAS-pY Voices Heard Along the Pathway”

Bruce Gelb, MD

Professor, Pediatric Cardiology, Mount Sinai Hospital

June 20, 2017

“Cancer as a Ribosomopathy”

Edward Prochownik, MD, PhD

Paul C. Gaffney Professor of Pediatrics and Professor of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics, Hematology/Oncology, Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC

June 27, 2017

“Allergic Asthma and Unfolded Protein Response (UPR)”

Vikas Anathy, PhD

Assistant Professor, Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, University of Vermont College of Medicine

June 11, 2017

“Mitochondrial Dysfunction and Phospholipid Signaling in Acute Brain Injury”

Hulya Bayir, MD

Professor, Department of Critical Care Medicine; Department of Environmental and Occupational Health; Director of Research, Pediatric Critical Care Medicine; Associate Director, Center for Free Radical and Antioxidant Health, Safar Center for Resuscitation Research

June 18, 2017

“Repurposing Pharmacologic Adjuvants to Overcome Brain Barriers”

Robert S. Clark, MD

Chief, Division of Pediatric Critical Care Medicine; Associate Director, Safar Center for Resuscitation Research, University of Pittsburgh Department of Critical Care Medicine

June 25, 2017

“Understanding the Underlying Mechanisms Involved in Energy Defects Associated With Overlapping Features”

Areeg El-Gharbawy, MD, DSc

Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Division of Medical Genetics, Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC

