

**ANNUAL REVIEW 2009 - 2010**  
**DIVISION OF GENERAL ACADEMIC PEDIATRICS**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS**  
**RAINBOW BABIES & CHILDRENS HOSPITAL**  
**CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE**  
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The mission of the Division of General Academic Pediatrics (GAP) at Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital (RB&C) is to provide leadership and academic excellence in clinical care, education and scholarship within the broad scope of the discipline of general pediatrics. The Division of GAP represents one of the largest Divisions in the Department of Pediatrics of Case Western Reserve University (CWRU) at RB&C. RB&C is a 244 bed, nationally recognized tertiary pediatric academic center, and a unit of University Hospitals Case Medical Center (UHCMC).

The strength of the Division lies in the breath, depth and diversity of its faculty. The Division supports a large number of programs within the arenas of clinical care, medical education and scholarship. In addition to providing care to tens of thousands of patients yearly, the variety of Divisional programs and services include community pediatrics and urban health, inpatient medicine, consultative pediatrics, child protection, child advocacy, adolescent medicine, biomedical ethics, pediatric sports medicine, epidemiology, quality and safety, and palliative care.

The Division plays a central role in the education of residents and medical students at RB&C / CWRU. Division members are recognized year in and year out as among the most effective and enthusiastic educators at RB&C, receiving a disproportionately large share of teaching awards and advising and mentoring an abundance of pediatric residents and research projects annually. Physicians associated with the Division serve as Director of the CWRU Pediatric Core Clerkship, Associate Director of the Pediatric Residency Training Program, Associate Director of the Medicine – Pediatric Residency Training Program, Director of the Office Based Pediatric Resident Education Program, Director of the International Health Residency Track, Director of the CWRU Pediatric Physical Diagnosis course, and Director of Resident Continuity Clinic.

Members of the Division of GAP have, in recent years, been involved in numerous research and scholarship efforts, including support for and assessment of breastfeeding, central nervous system, neuropsychologic and pulmonary manifestations of sickle cell anemia, ADHD comorbidities, curriculum development, environmental health and sustainability, antibiotic use and resistance, health outcomes in clinical practice, parental health literacy and self-efficacy, quality and patient safety, assessments of educational interventions for medical students and pediatric residents, exercise physiology, pediatric ethics,

office-based clinical research and assessment of programs to advance adolescent health.

The Division is committed to an expanding role for the discipline of general pediatrics and supports the concept that patients and society are best served by addressing the needs of the whole child in the context of family and community.

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**SUMMARY OF PROGRAMS AND SERVICES:**

**Pediatric Practice at RB&C – A large on-site, thriving pediatric practice is supervised by faculty of the Division (approximately 32,000 patient visits per year). Emphasis is placed upon family-centered, comprehensive care provided in a dignified, respectful and compassionate manner. It is in this setting that pediatric house staff maintain weekly continuity clinics which allow residents to follow a cohort of patients over several years under the supervision of faculty. Faculty also provide direct patient care as well as supervising nurse practitioners. The Pediatric Practice is supported by a large staff of committed nurses, social workers, medical assistants and office personnel. Dr. Lazebnik serves as Medical Director.**

**Pediatric Consultation and Referral Service (PCRS) – PCRS provides hundreds of community based and Pediatric Practice physicians with immediate access to the comprehensive services at RB&C. PCRS accepts the referral of patients who require urgent hospitalization or timely ambulatory consultations within the broad scope of general pediatrics. Ongoing communication with referring physicians is among the highest of priorities. Community physicians access PCRS by simply calling 216/844-PEDS (24 hours a day). PCRS provided care to over 2400 in-patients during the last year, making PCRS the largest clinical service at RB&C. Drs. Al-Nimr, Berman, Dell, Strosaker, Lazebnik, Leonard, and Solomon participate in PCRS.**

**Adolescent Medicine Program – Dr. Lazebnik serves as Director of the Adolescent Medicine Program, which provides acute care and long term management of the broad gamut of health problems affecting teenagers, including reproductive health and sexually transmitted diseases. Patients are seen at the Teen Clinic at RB&C. Dr. Sara Lee serves as Associate Program Director and provides services to young adults at the CWRU Student Health Center. Drs. Lazebnik and Lee oversee an accredited adolescent medicine fellowship program.**

**Child Protection Program – Dr. McDavid serves as Director of the Child Protection Program at RB&C. This service provides medical and psychosocial assessment and management of children suspected of being physically and/or sexually abused. Patients are seen in an ambulatory based Care Clinic by a multi-disciplinary team including physician, nurse practitioner and social worker. In-patient consultations are also provided. Considerable professional education and consultation is provided to community based professionals and programs throughout the region.**

**Child Advocacy – Dr. McDavid serves as Medical Director of the Office of Child Advocacy at RB&C. This office promotes the global needs of children at a local and national level in cooperation with a vast network of community based organizations and governmental agencies.**

**The Pediatric Sports Medicine Program provides care for athletes at 8 locations on the east and west sides of Cleveland: Westlake, Strongsville, Green Road (South Euclid), Chagrin Highlands, Landerbrook, Mentor, Twinsburg and Bolwell. In addition, the sports medicine team provides care for several local high schools and colleges including CWRU. The program works closely with physical therapy, orthopedic surgery, cardiology, pulmonology, and behavioral pediatrics to provide a wide array of services from rehabilitation and guided return to play after injury to exercise testing, expedited surgical evaluation and acute treatment when needed. Research is an important part of the program and several investigative projects related to sports injuries and prevention are in progress. Drs. Weiss and Briskin oversee a newly accredited and thriving pediatric sports medicine fellowship program.**

**Medical Student Core Clerkship – Dr. Michael Dell serves as Director of the CWRU Medical Student Pediatric Core Clerkship and Acting Internships at RB&C. Students are assigned to both inpatient and ambulatory units during this rotation, in accordance with the newly introduced curriculum at CWRU. He also directs the Acting Internship program for 4<sup>th</sup> year students from CWRU and visiting student.**

**Sickle Cell Anemia Center – Dr. Berman, a board certified pediatric hematologist, founded the Sickle Cell Anemia Center at RB&C in 1989 – a comprehensive program providing holistic specialty medical care to over 300 families affected by hemoglobinopathy. The Center is the largest program in Ohio (and among the largest in the nation). The Center continues to participate in several NIH funded clinical research projects.**

**Rainbow Center for Pediatric Ethics – Under the leadership of Dr. Anne Lyren, the Center oversees numerous activities in the realm of clinical biomedical ethics,**

**professional education and scholarship. Dr. Lyren's scholarship focuses on health care provider response to bereavement, quality and patient safety.**

**Rainbow Office Based Clinical Research Network – The Network promotes opportunities for clinicians to participate in research by facilitating collaboration and assisting clinicians in overcoming traditional barriers to conducting clinical research. Conceived in 1999, the Network builds on the clinical faculty's strong affiliation with RB&C. The stated goals of the Network are to: 1) promote opportunities for pediatric clinical faculty to participate in practical and relevant clinical research, 2) facilitate and promote opportunities for full-time faculty to conduct office-based research, 3) increase collaboration among pediatric department faculty and clinical faculty. The Network is supported by the Clinical Translational Science Award at the Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine. Network research is currently exploring issues involved in implementation of developmental screening in the primary care setting.**

**Rainbow Quality Program - Lead by Dr. Anne Lyren, the Rainbow Quality Program has a mission to create an environment which delivers the safest and highest quality healthcare to children. The Program oversees quality assurance, quality improvement at Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital, as well as engages in state and national collaboratives designed to identify and implement improved health care practices for children.**

**Palliative Care Program – Dr. Lisa Humphrey is the Medical Director for the newly constituted Pediatric Palliative Care program. This comprehensive consultative team will provide staff, community, family and patient medical decision-making support, symptom management assistance, and psychosocial support for patients facing life-threatening illnesses.**

**Pediatric Resident Continuity Clinic – This program, overseen by Dr. Caserta, offers all house officers an opportunity to longitudinally follow a cohort of patients during their residency, with the intent of providing a strong practical educational base in primary care pediatrics.**

**Pediatric Physical Diagnosis Program, CWRU – Dr. Mireille Boutry oversees this core program for all preclinical Case medical students, offering a focused, “hands on” learning experience including patients from the newborn period through adolescence.**

**Medication Safety Practices – Dr. Leonard, whose primary appointment is in the Division of Pediatric Infectious Disease, directs a rigorous quality assurance - quality initiative structure around medication safety and assumes a leadership role in the Ohio Children's Hospital Collaborative efforts to eliminate serious harm from adverse medication events.**

**Office Based Resident Education – The Office Based Resident Education Program, directed by Dr. Furman, places pediatric residents in the offices of affiliated community practitioners for elective rotations, complementing their on-site experience in ambulatory pediatrics.**

Rainbow Parent Network – The Network, under the leadership of Dr. Mireille Boutry, is a parent support, peer-coached program promoting parental health literacy and self-efficacy. The program is funded by the Sisters of Charity of Cleveland partnering with the Cleveland Foundation.

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