A message from Team Director

At University Hospitals Rainbow Babies & Children’s Hospital our experienced, nationally accredited cleft and craniofacial team members are leaders in their respective specialties. Working together as one of the most comprehensive multidisciplinary teams in the country, we deliver compassionate, world-class, individualized care to our patients. In addition to excellence in clinical care, we pride ourselves on teaching others in our fields, and being at the forefront of research. In accordance with University Hospitals’ mission, our team is truly here, “To Heal. To Teach. To Discover.”

In this inaugural UH Rainbow Babies & Children’s Hospital Cleft & Craniofacial Center Newsletter, we are proud to announce our new team members, national recognitions, program and service developments, innovative research and team roster.

With warm regards,

Gregory E. Lakin, MD, and patient
The Cleft & Craniofacial Center welcomes our newest team members!

**Gregory E. Lakin, MD**
Chief, Division of Pediatric Plastic Surgery
Director, Cleft & Craniofacial Center

**Suzanne Debrosse, MD**
Genetics

**Rebecca Hazen, PhD**
Psychology

**Irene Link, MSSA, LSW**
Social Work

**Randi Leuchtag, RN, MSN, BSN**
Team Nurse Coordinator

**Todd Otteson, MD**
Chief, Division of Pediatric Otolaryngology

The Cleft & Craniofacial Center includes an interdisciplinary team of specialists.
Post-secondary education **scholarships** available!

UH Rainbow Babies & Children’s Hospitals Cleft & Craniofacial Center is looking for cleft and craniofacial patients who are starting a post-secondary education in the fall of 2013. The scholarship committee will review the applicants and award up to four scholarships of $2,500 each. If you have any questions regarding the program, please contact Randi Leuchtag-Neate, RN, BSN, at 216-844-6156.

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Bo the Take Care Bear, visits the clinic!

Bo the Take Care Bear made a special appearance at the craniofacial clinic to meet our patients and join us in celebrating the national accreditation of our cleft and craniofacial teams.

Bo the Take Care Bear has traveled from Care-a-lot, the Care Bears’ magical world in the clouds, to be the Bear-in-Residence at UH Rainbow Babies & Children’s Hospital. Bo serves as a familiar face to children and families. His sole mission is to soften the health care experience by helping children feel better by brightening their days.

**Look for Bo the Take Care Bear at UH Rainbow Babies & Children’s Hospital and special events in the community – and be sure to give him a hug!** Learn more about Bo at RainbowBabies.org/Bo.

Bo created and provided by American Greetings Properties.

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More upcoming events!

**Halloween:** Patients and team members dress up for Halloween. Children trick-or-treat for candy and then visit the dentist!

**Toy Drive:** The cleft and craniofacial team hosts a toy drive over the holidays. Toys are collected from team members and are given to children undergoing cleft and craniofacial surgeries at UH Rainbow Babies & Children’s Hospital.
New Craniofacial Orthodontic Clinic

The construction of the new craniofacial orthodontic clinic, designed to provide advanced care for patients affected by craniofacial anomalies, has been completed and is fully functional. The clinic is located on the third floor of Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine within the Department of Orthodontics. This state-of-the-art, three-chair facility has been named the Broadbent Institute for Craniofacial Care and Research (BICCR). Patients interested in seeking care at this facility may contact the clinic coordinator, Stephanie Leasure, at 216-368-4331 or by emailing Stephanie.Leasure@case.edu.

National Awards

The Commission on Approval of Teams (CAT) has voted to fully approve the application for the UH Rainbow Babies & Children’s Cleft and Craniofacial Clinic as a Cleft Palate and Craniofacial Team (CPT, CFT) for a period of four years beginning January 1, 2013. Approval assures patients and families that the teams to which they are referred meet the Standards for Cleft Palate and Craniofacial Teams as set forth by the American Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Association (ACPA) and Cleft Palate Foundation (CPF). The ACPA/CPF will only refer patients to nationally approved teams.

The Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association approved Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine to have the country’s first accredited Craniofacial, Surgical and Special Needs Orthodontic Fellowship. Carlos Caballero, DDS, MSD, the first Craniofacial, Surgical and Special Needs Orthodontist Fellow, began July 2012.

Innovative Research

UH Rainbow Babies & Children’s Hospital cleft and craniofacial team members presented their research on Le Fort II Osteotomy and Nasoalveolar Molding for infants with cleft lip and palate at the 12th International Congress on Cleft Lip/Palate and Related Craniofacial Anomalies in May 2013.

Patient Satisfaction Survey Results

Thanks to all the families that completed our patient satisfaction survey. Based on the results, we have changed the way our clinic operates. Patients and their families will now remain seated in one room during visits, while provider teams move from room to room. This differs from the previous format where patients moved from room to room and provider teams were stationary. Families surveyed cited increased efficiency and privacy as reasons that they preferred this format.
For the past two years, we’ve celebrated an evening of food, drinks, music and fashion to benefit Pediatric Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery at UH Rainbow Babies & Children’s Hospital.

Proceeds benefit research, programming and services for the families impacted by the Pediatric Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery programs at UH Rainbow Babies & Children’s Hospital.

This year, Save a Smile, Save a Child raised over $100,000, bringing the two-year total raised to $500,000!

For more information about the event, visit saveasmilesaveachild.com.

2013 Summer Picnic

Please join us for the Craniofacial Clinic Summer Picnic on Sunday, August 18, 2013, from 9 a.m. – noon at The Jump Yard in North Royalton, Ohio. This is an opportunity for UH Rainbow Babies & Children’s Hospital cleft-craniofacial families, children and team members to meet each other outside of the medical environment. The Jump Yard has graciously donated the use of their facility and will provide food, drinks, games, prizes and raffles. This will be fun for all ages and will be held indoors. Call 216-286-9009 to RSVP by Sunday, August 4.

The Jump Yard, 13700 York Road, North Royalton, Ohio 44133

Summer Camp Opportunities

Annual summer camps can help foster an exchange of ideas, information and contacts amongst cleft and craniofacial patients. These camps help patients and their families feel more connected within the larger community, encourage formation of family support groups, promote social development and help children integrate into society.

The following summer camp opportunities are available for cleft and craniofacial patients:

Camp Trailblazers – Toronto, Canada
Camp About Face – Indianapolis, IN
Camp Amigo – Dallas, TX
Camp Boggy Creek – Eustis, FL
Camp COURAGE – Winder, GA
Camp FACE – Whitehall, MD
Camp Holiday Trails – Charlottesville, VA
Camp Korey at Carnation Farm – Carnation, WA
Cher’s Family Retreat – Dallas, TX
Dell Children’s Cleft Lip/Palate Camp – Austin, TX
Dragonfly Forest, Inc – Conshohocken, PA
University of Florida, Craniofacial Camp – Gainesville, FL
Victory Junction – Randleman, NC
Helpful Information

Volunteering

Patients in our cleft and craniofacial program can volunteer through UH Rainbow Babies & Children’s Hospital to develop a stronger sense of community and their ability to contribute to society. Volunteerism can be directed to inpatient wards, craniofacial clinic or participation in annual events promoted by the cleft and craniofacial team. For more information, call 216-844-1504.

Parking Pass Waivers

Free parking passes are given to patient families when they come to UH Rainbow Babies & Children’s Hospital for their cleft and craniofacial team visit. These waivers are supported by the Save a Smile, Save a Child Fundraiser.

Request an Appointment

If you would like to schedule an appointment with the cleft and craniofacial center at UH Rainbow Babies & Children’s Hospital, please call Annette Gvora at 216-844-8539.

Support Groups

The craniofacial team will provide support services for patients and families from our craniofacial community. Our goal is for patients and families to find opportunities to meet, share experiences and exchange support. Families can choose to participate in support groups and/or family networking. Please contact Irene Link, LSW, social worker, at 216-844-8765 or by emailing Irene.Link@UHhospitals.org to express an interest in participating in a support group on behalf of you or your child.