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Chiefs' Notes

FALL 2007 NEWSLETTER TO PHYSICIANS

Introducing the MassGeneral Hospital for Children Access and New Appointment Center

Schedule appointments and facilitate registration with one simple phone call:

Physicians: 888-MGHfC11
888-644-3211

Patients: 888-MGHfC4U
888-644-3248

We are committed to improving access and communication for our referring physicians. Specially trained representatives staff the new MassGeneral Hospital for Children (MGHfC) Access Center. They link pediatricians, family practitioners, pediatric specialists and other healthcare providers to MGHfC's many programs and services.

Benefit to patients: Representatives are available to schedule appointments and facilitate registration in one simple phone call. They also work hard to match patient demographics with MGHfC satellite locations so appointments can be scheduled in the most convenient locations. **Patients should call 888-MGHfC4U (644-3248).**

Benefit to referring physicians: Representatives provide direct contact to MGHfC specialists when referring clinicians have questions, concerns or specific problems accessing or navigating through our services. **Referring physicians should call 888-MGHfC11 (644-3211).**

Donna Quinlan is the Access and New Appointment Center supervisor.

To reach Donna directly, call 617-724-3758. She can assist with any of the following access needs:

- Scheduling an appointment, follow-up services or ancillary testing at MGHfC
- Changing your contact information or the contact information for your practice



- Facilitating direct access to any physician, clinician or staff member at MGHfC
- Accepting your feedback regarding practice interactions, access and availability
- Requesting a MGHfC physician directory
- Problem solving if you have special requests or concerns

Julé Frechette is the new physician relations officer for MGHfC and Partners Pediatrics. Julé will take over many of the responsibilities John D'Angelo previously handled. Under the direction of Partners Pediatrics leadership and MGHfC leadership, she will work with physicians in the network and community, as well as hospitals, to enhance and develop relationships and improve access to MGHfC.



MassGeneral for Children™

Patient Appointments Available Within Two Weeks

In response to your needs, MGHfC has expanded capacity in the clinical areas listed below. We are committed to accommodating your patients within a two-week timeframe in Endocrinology and Diabetes, Nephrology and Hypertension, Gastroenterology & Nutrition, Pediatric Surgery, Cardiology, Pulmonology and Pediatric Urology. Medically-urgent patients in all specialties will be accommodated within 24 hours.

Areas of Expanded Capacity:

Endocrinology and Diabetes: Appointments are available at our locations in Boston, Newton-Wellesley Hospital and NSMC North Shore Children's Hospital.

Nephrology and Hypertension: Appointments are available at our locations in Boston, Newton-Wellesley Hospital, NSMC North Shore Children's Hospital and RCHI for Children in Forestdale (Sandwich), MA.

Gastroenterology & Nutrition: MGHfC has GI specialists in over 15 locations throughout Eastern Massachusetts and Southern New Hampshire.

Pediatric Surgery: Appointments are available at our locations in Boston, Newton-Wellesley Hospital and NSMC North Shore Children's Hospital.

Cardiology: Appointments are available at our locations in Boston; Newton-Wellesley Hospital; NSMC North Shore Children's Hospital; Emerson Hospital; RCHI for Children in Forestdale (Sandwich), MA; Pentucket Medical Associates in Haverhill, MA; and Lawrence General Hospital.

Pulmonology: Appointments are available at our locations in Boston, Newton-Wellesley Hospital, NSMC North Shore Children's Hospital and Framingham, MA.

Pediatric Urology: Appointments are available at our locations in Boston, Newton-Wellesley Hospital and NSMC North Shore Children's Hospital.

To refer a patient to any of the sub-specialties listed above, or any other MGHfC specialist, please call 888-MGHfC11.

New Physicians



Jeff L. Myers, MD, PhD

Chief, Pediatric Cardiac Surgery

Jeff L. Myers, MD, PhD, has joined MGHfC as the chief of pediatric cardiac surgery. Dr. Myers was previously the chief of pediatric cardiothoracic surgery at Le Bonheur Children's Medical Center in Memphis, TN. Prior to his time there, he was the chief of pediatric and congenital cardiac surgery at Tulane University School of Medicine. Dr. Myers' clinical interests include congenital cardiac surgery, heart transplantation, ventricular assist devices, pulmonary hypertension and adult congenital heart disease.



Craig Canapari, MD

Pulmonology and Sleep Disorders

Craig Canapari, MD, has joined MGHfC as the director of the Sleep Disorders Program. Dr. Canapari received his medical degree from the University of Connecticut in Farmington, CT. He completed his residency in pediatrics and his fellowship in pediatric pulmonology at MassGeneral Hospital for Children. Dr. Canapari is board certified in pediatrics.



Steven Chin, MD

Neonatology

Steven Chin, MD, has joined the MGHfC Neonatology Unit. Dr. Chin received his medical degree from Albany Medical College. He completed his residency in pediatrics at Rush University Medical Center and his clinical fellowship in neonatal-perinatal medicine at the Harvard Combined Newborn Medicine Fellowship Program. Dr. Chin is board certified in pediatrics and is board eligible in neonatal-perinatal medicine.



Alisa Muniz Crim, MD

Gastroenterology & Nutrition

Alisa Muniz Crim, MD, has joined MGHfC as a gastroenterologist. Dr. Muniz Crim received her medical degree from Georgetown University School of Medicine and her graduate degree from the Sackler School of Graduate Biomedical Sciences. She completed her residency in pediatrics at New England Medical Center/Floating Children's Hospital and her fellowships in pediatric gastroenterology and nutrition from NEMC/ Floating Children's Hospital, Children's Hospital Boston and MassGeneral Hospital for Children. Dr. Muniz Crim is board certified in pediatrics.



Anthea Resnick, DMD

Orthodontics

Anthea Resnick, DMD, has joined MGHfC as an orthodontist. Dr. Resnick received her doctor of medical dentistry degree at the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine. She completed her training in orthodontics & dentofacial orthopedics at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine in Boston. Dr. Resnick is board eligible in orthodontics.



Daniela Kroshinsky, MD

Pediatric Dermatology

Daniela Kroshinsky, MD, has joined MGHfC as a dermatologist. Dr. Kroshinsky received her medical degree from Northwestern University School of Medicine. She completed her residency at SUNY Downstate University in Brooklyn, NY.

To schedule an appointment, please call the MGHfC Access Center at 888-MGHfC11.

New Clinical Programs

Pediatric Stroke Service

The Pediatric Stroke Service offers a specialized team consisting of a stroke neurologist, a pediatric hematologist, pediatric neuroradiologists, pediatric intensivists and a stroke nurse who provide continuity of care. They follow a patient from admission to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit or Pediatric Intensive Care Unit through discharge. The Pediatric Stroke Service cares for premature infants, children and adolescents who have had ischemic or hemorrhagic strokes. They have expertise in:

- Acute stroke management in older children and adolescents
- Strokes in neonates and infants
- Neurocritical care
- Brain imaging evaluation of stroke and cervico-cranial vascular disorders
- Consultations for arterial dissections, vasculitis, Moya-moya disease, coagulation and hematological disorders, congenital or genetic causes of stroke, cardiogenic sources of embolism, and acute intra-arterial thrombolysis management
- Counseling families of children with thrombophilia or with a family history of stroke

To schedule an appointment with the Pediatric Stroke Service, please call 617-726-2737.

Pediatric Hypertension Clinic

The Pediatric Hypertension Clinic offers comprehensive evaluation and management of children with all causes of hypertension. They have a full consultative team including members of the Nephrology, Cardiology, Gastroenterology & Nutrition units.

Children with hypertension are more likely to have kidney conditions that cause high blood pressure. They need a more detailed diagnostic evaluation than adults in order to understand and treat their high blood pressure conditions. Unfortunately, obesity can also cause high blood pressure, and the growing number of children with obesity has led to a surge in the prevalence of pediatric hypertension.

Because of the association between long-term cardiovascular disease and hypertension, our approach to high blood pressure in children includes an evaluation of associated cardiovascular risk factors, such as:

- Hyperlipidemia
- Diabetes
- Obesity
- Family risk factors

To schedule an appointment with the Hypertension Clinic, please call the MGHfC Access Center at 888-MGHfC11.

Now Open: New Pediatric Intensive Care Unit

The new, state-of-the-art Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) is now open. The expanded facility has been designed to support our dedication to family-centered care. The new PICU offers more bed capacity, equipment upgrades and additional amenities for families and staff. All patient rooms are private and include sleep accommodations for family members, as well as TV/DVDs for patients and headphones and individual televisions for parents. The family area includes laptop computer hookups, internet access and a safe for valuables. Parents are invited to be with their child at any time during their stay in the PICU; there is no visiting hour policy in effect.

We look forward to caring for our patients in a new environment and to serving our referring physicians and families in a state-of-the-art manner.

Grand Rounds: Referring Physicians Welcome

MGHfC Grand Rounds are free of charge and open to all referring physicians. We invite you to join us every Tuesday beginning September 4, 2007. MGHfC Grand Rounds are held in the O'Keefe Auditorium on the main MGH campus from noon – 1 pm.

If you would like more information, please visit massgeneral.org/children/professionals/education/grandrounds-mgh.aspx. We welcome the opportunity to meet you.

Nursing Educational Events: Open to All

We invite all nurse practitioners and nurses to join us for our nursing educational events.

For a list of current events, please visit massgeneral.org/children/professionals/nursing/default.aspx

All nursing events are free for MGH employees and students. The fee is \$50 for Partners employees and \$100 for non-Partners employees.

Pediatric Transport – One Number

The MassGeneral Hospital for Children Transport Program has enhanced its accessibility to allow immediate access to its critical care physicians. You may now call one phone number for all your transport needs: 617-724-HELP. This line will connect you directly to the accepting physician in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) or Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). The PICU or NICU physician will help coordinate the transfer.

Conferences & CME Events

CONFERENCE

Telemedicine: Linking Our Pediatric Critical Care Services with Your Critically Ill Patient

MassGeneral Hospital for Children Telemedicine Workshop to be held in conjunction with the Center for Connected Health's Annual Symposium

Monday, October 22, 2007
11:15 am - 4:00 pm

The Conference Center at Harvard Medical
Room 214
77 Avenue Louis Pasteur, Boston, MA 02115

For more information, please visit
massgeneral.org/children/professionals/education/conferences.aspx

CONFERENCE

Dyslexia and ADHD

Saturday, October 20, 2007

8 am - 5 pm
O'Keeffe Auditorium
Massachusetts General Hospital

For information, please visit
www.massgeneral.org/neurology/childneurology or email LDMGH@partners.org

CME

Emergencies and Procedures in Pediatrics

November 30 - December 2, 2007

Marriott Cambridge Hotel
2 Cambridge Center, Cambridge, MA 02142

For more information or to register, visit
massgeneral.org/children/professionals/education/cme.aspx

CME

Primary Care Pediatrics

December 5 - 7, 2007

Westin Hotel
Copley Place, Boston, MA

For more information or to register, visit
massgeneral.org/children/professionals/education/cme.aspx

CME

Update in Pediatric Airway, Voice and Swallowing Disorders

April 12 - 13, 2008

Meltzer Auditorium, third floor
Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary

For more information or to register, visit
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