

NEW FACULTY PHYSICIANS



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Medical Genetics

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MD Degree: University of Nebraska School of Medicine, Omaha, NE, 2000

Residency: Pediatrics, Creighton University/University of Nebraska, Omaha, NE; Genetics Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN

Fellowship: Biochemical Genetics, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN

Certifications: Pediatrics, 2003; Clinical Biochemical Genetics, 2006

Specialty Interests: Treatment of Inborn Errors of Metabolism, Newborn Screening



Shao Jiang, MD

Plastic and Craniofacial Surgery

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MD Degree: Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine, University Park, PA, 1999

Residency: General Surgery, Strong Memorial Hospital, University of Rochester, Rochester, NY;

Plastic Surgery, Strong Memorial Hospital, University of Rochester, Rochester, NY

Fellowship: Craniofacial Surgery, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Pittsburgh, PA; Craniofacial Surgery, Children's Hospital of Los Angeles, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

Certifications: Plastic Surgery

Specialty Interests: Cleft Lip/Palate, Speech Surgery, Pediatric Facial Trauma, Vascular Anomaly, Hemangioma, Congenital Nevi (Moles)



John Lantos, MD

Pediatric Bioethics

Professor of Pediatrics, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine

MD Degree: University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Pittsburgh, PA, 1981

Residency: Pediatrics, Children's Hospital National Medical Center, Washington, DC

Fellowship: Clinical Medical Ethics, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Certifications: Pediatrics, 1986

EDUCATION

2009 Immunization Symposium: On Track with Healthy People 2010

June 19, 2009

Ritz Charles Conference Center

Overland Park, Kansas

5th Annual Midwest Pediatric Dermatology Symposium

September 26, 2009

Children's Mercy Hospital - Auditorium

Kansas City, Missouri

Advanced Practice Nursing Conference

October 23, 2009

Ritz Charles Conference Center

Overland Park, Kansas

42nd Annual Clinical Advances in Pediatrics Symposium

November 18-20, 2009

Children's Mercy Hospital - Auditorium

Kansas City, Missouri

NEWS BRIEFS

Lantos to Head New Pediatric Bioethics Center

Nationally-known bioethicist John Lantos, MD, will join Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics as director of the hospital's new Children's Mercy Bioethics Center, effective Sept. 1, 2009. Dr. Lantos currently holds the John B. Francis Chair in Bioethics at the Center for Practical Bioethics in Kansas City, Missouri and is professor of pediatrics at the University of Chicago.

The new bioethics center at Children's Mercy will focus on issues related to clinical care of children and medical research in pediatrics. The center will develop educational programs for hospital staff and the community and will become a national center of excellence for pediatric bioethics.

KCALSI Awards \$150,000 Grant to Children's Mercy for New Pediatric Drug Reformulation Program

The Kansas City Area Life Sciences Institute has awarded a \$150,000 grant, provided by an anonymous donor, to Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics to support the development of leadership and operational activities of the Institute for Pediatric Innovation's (IPI) Pediatric Drug Reformulation Program led by Children's Mercy. The Pediatric Drug Reformulation program meets a significant need in the treatment of children due to the current lack of commercially available pediatric doses and forms of commonly used drugs. The program reformulates and develops existing medications to provide treatments that are in optimal forms and strengths for safe and effective use in infants, children and teens.

New MRI Suite Open

Children's Mercy Hospital has opened a new MRI suite featuring two new, highly advanced MRI units including 3 Tesla and 1.5 Tesla scanners that replace the previous 1.5T unit. The 1.5T unit at Children's Mercy South has also been upgraded.

With the 3T MRI, Children's Mercy is the only inpatient facility in the region capable of providing advanced pediatric neurological, orthopaedic, and cardiac procedures, and the only one providing a 3T MRI with pediatric radiologists and anesthesiologists. Adding an additional scanner has also increased appointment availability and significantly reduced wait times. To schedule an MRI procedure at any of the Children's Mercy MRI locations, please call (816) 234-3272.

Northland Extends Urgent Care Center Hours

Starting July 1, the Children's Mercy Northland Urgent Care Center will be open noon to 10 p.m., seven days a week. With great growth in both the northland community and the demand for our services, the hours of urgent care were increased to provide the best possible coverage. The Children's Mercy Northland Urgent Care Center had 19,177 patient visits in 2008. As always, patients are encouraged to contact their primary care provider before coming to the Urgent Care Center.

Neurology Leadership Change

Dr. Robert Cruse has been named interim section chief of neurology beginning June 1, 2009. Dr. Cruse joined us in 2008 from Baylor College of Medicine and the Texas Children's Hospital. Dr. William Graf will spend more time in research and education in the section of neurology. We will begin a national search for a neurology section chief to bring an expanded vision of the development of neurology that builds on the outstanding achievements of Dr. Graf.

Dr. Kearns to Present William B. Abrams Lecture in 2010

Greg Kearns, PharmD, PhD, Chair, Department of Medical Research, has been invited to give the prestigious William B. Abrams Lecture in 2010. The lecture is intended to be given by a distinguished scientist, or national or international caliber, who is at the cutting edge in advancing an area of seminal importance to clinical pharmacology or contemporary drug development. The lecture is presented to the Food and Drug Administration Center for Drug Evaluation and Research for the benefit of the drug development community in general.