Remembering Leaders in Pediatric Medicine

David A. Draper, MD

David Adrian Draper, MD, Founder and former Director of the Cystic Fibrosis Center and longtime Professor of Pediatrics, died January 14.

Dr. Draper joined the Medical College of Virginia (MCV) faculty as an Instructor in Pediatrics in 1964 and was promoted to Professor of Pediatrics in 1978. During his career, Dr. Draper served as Director of Newborn Services and Chairman of the Medical Care Evaluation Committee at MCV Hospitals. He founded the Cystic Fibrosis Center and served as its director for many years. He was also an active participant in the founding of the Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Program and following his retirement volunteered for many years with various clinics in the Department of Pediatrics.

Throughout his career, Dr. Draper maintained a busy clinical practice of general pediatrics and provided care to thousands of patients. In 1995, he was honored by his peers with the distinguished award of MCV Clinician of the Year.

Walter E. Bundy, Jr., MD

Walter E. Bundy, Jr., MD, a member of the Medical College of Virginia (MCV) pediatric faculty and pediatric practice community for many years, died February 25.

Dr. Bundy was a graduate of MCV and was a pediatric resident finishing in 1952. He continued his association with the Department of Pediatrics and the School of Medicine by his service as an attending physician on the inpatient service as well as a teacher of medical students during their rotation through pediatrics.

Dr. Bundy received a lifetime achievement award from MCV and was honored by the establishment of the Walter E. Bundy Jr. Professorship in Community Pediatrics, which was started with seed money from a former student.

In 1952, Dr. Bundy started Pediatric Associates of Richmond. The practice continues 59 years later at two offices, on Three Chopt Road and on Atlee Road in Hanover County.

Drs. Bundy and Draper played a large role in the patient care, education and history of pediatric medicine in the Richmond community. These role models leave behind a legacy of compassionate care, educational leadership and inspiration.
Clinical Updates

New Pediatric Nephrology Chief

Timothy E. Bunchman, MD, Professor and Chief, Division of Pediatric Nephrology

Dr. Bunchman looks forward to re-energizing CHoR’s Division of Pediatric nephrology while serving the inpatient and outpatient nephrology needs of Central Virginia including renal transplant and dialysis services. He plans to expand the division to include a nurse practitioner, nurse educator, dietician, social worker, three physicians and a nephrology fellowship over time.

Dr. Bunchman is Board Certified in Pediatrics and Nephrology. He received his medical degree from Loyola-Stritch School of Medicine and completed a pediatric residency at St. Louis University, Cardinal Glennon Children’s Hospital. Dr. Bunchman continued his training with a nephrology fellowship at University of Minnesota. He is a member of numerous professional societies including the American Society of Nephrology, American Society of Pediatric Nephrology, Society of Critical Care Medicine and The International Pediatric Transplant Association.

Dr. Bunchman’s research interests include acute kidney failure and lupus. He has expertise in a full range of kidney and urinary tract disorders with particular interests in:

- Acute and chronic dialysis
- Congenital renal diseases
- Glomerulonephritis
- Hematuria
- Nephrotic syndrome
- Nutrition in renal disease
- Proteinuria
- Renal biopsies
- Transplantation
- Urinary tract infections
- Vasculitis (HSP, SLE, Wegener’s)
- Vesicoureteral reflux

Radiation Oncology Clinic Now More Family-Friendly

The radiation oncology clinic at VCU Massey Cancer Center is now more family-friendly with the opening of a waiting and recovery room designed for and dedicated to pediatric cancer patients and their families. Named Reese’s Room in honor of former pediatric brain cancer patient Reese Klauer, the room was made possible through generous donations from the ReeseStrong Foundation and local residents, businesses and charities.

Vibrantly decorated and outfitted with kid-sized furniture, toys, coloring books and children's movies, Reese's Room offers pediatric cancer patients and their families a private area where they can wait for and recover from radiation treatments away from the hustle and bustle of the adult waiting room. Since radiation delivery requires patients to be perfectly still—a challenge for most children—young patients generally receive anesthesia before each treatment, which can often occur every day for several weeks. “We wanted a comfortable, friendly, relaxing place where children can recover from the anesthesia with their families,” said Reese’s mother Sherry Klauer, who spearheaded the project.

“We’re very grateful to Sherry and everyone in the community who helped us to create a better experience for children and their families with the addition of this room,” said Dr. Mitchell Anscher, chair of the Department of Radiation Oncology at Massey.

Brain cancer survivors Reese Klauer, 8, and Wesley Berry, 16, in the new family-friendly radiation oncology waiting area. Photo courtesy of VCU Creative Services.
Surgical Update

Infant from Belize Receives Transformative Care at CHoR

When 1-month-old Devaan Casimiro arrived at CHoR on December 1, he was malnourished and battling multiple infections. His pain was obvious to nurses, as they observed Casimiro flinching in anticipation of being touched when they approached him. His body rejected attempts to provide him with nutrition, and Casimiro struggled to hold onto the life he’d just been given.

Today, though, Casimiro is a healthy 5-month-old with a charming smile who loves to be held. The transformation can be attributed to the young boy’s willingness to fight an aggressive illness and to the surgical and medical intervention of CHoR’s health care team.

Casimiro was born in his native Belize with an anorectal malformation and a congenital obstruction just beyond the stomach that prevented him from receiving any nutrition for almost a month. He experienced a range of problems associated with his condition from the start, including malnutrition and pervasive infection.

The Belizean pediatrician that initially cared for Casimiro was unable to identify the source of Casimiro’s illness and he reached out to Dr. David Lanning, surgeon-in-chief and associate professor of surgery and pediatrics. Lanning had spent a week in Belize in October providing surgical care to children through the World Pediatric Project — formerly known as International Hospital for Children.

Casimiro’s pediatrician sent Lanning the infant’s X-rays, and Lanning diagnosed the child. Plans were then made to transfer the child with his mother to CHoR.

Upon his arrival, Casimiro was admitted to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit where he immediately received care from multiple specialists in areas such as neonatology, cardiology, infectious disease, hematology, anesthesia and surgery.

Casimiro ultimately received months of medical care and nutritional support, and he underwent several operations to repair his intestinal obstruction and anorectal malformation. According to his mother, Elvira Lino, Casimiro is now thriving.

“When I look at him day by day, he is opening his eyes, being himself and that’s the one thing I know — that he will survive,” Lino said. “So that’s a miracle that he is here.”

During Casimiro’s stay, many members of the nursing staff, such as Kimberly Floyd, R.N., a nurse in the NICU, developed a fondness for the child and his mother.

“(Lino) was a part of our family,” Floyd said. “She came in and talked to us every day and we kind of adopted her and Devaan. She and her son meant so much to our unit.”

Casimiro’s story is only one of many like it that happen as the result of the dedicated care provided by the medical and surgical specialists at CHoR to children with conditions that cannot be treated adequately in many developing countries.

In addition, many CHoR specialists, including anesthesiologists, neurosurgeons, orthopedic surgeons and general/thoracic pediatric surgeons, have traveled to the Caribbean and Central and South America to provide life-saving care through organizations such as the World Pediatric Project and Children’s Medical Services International.

“What’s really gratifying to me is to have an institution such as Children’s Hospital of Richmond where we can bring these children in, which we’ve done a number of times before, that would otherwise die or languish in their own country, bring them here, fix their problem, comfort the parents and send them back healthy as can be,” Lanning said. “Fortunately for Devaan, he has an extremely good chance of having 80-plus years of life left to enjoy, so it’s great for the family, great for the team and all of the people involved in his care.” View video.
Welcome:
Demeatrice H. Thomas, MS, RN, Nurse Manager, Ambulatory Clinics, MCV Campus

Mrs. Thomas is a graduate of the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Nursing and has a Masters of Science in Primary Child Health. She brings a wealth of diverse pediatric experience having worked in CHoR’s NICU, PICU and Progressive Care Unit, as well as experience at Duke University Medical Center in pediatric stem cell transplant and supplemental nursing.

Mrs. Thomas has a true love for working with pediatric patients and their families and a passion for evidence-based practice and staff development. Mrs. Thomas looks forward to improving access to CHoR services, building community relationships and growing opportunities for pediatric nurses.

Publications


Presentations/Posters

Sara Elsea, PhD
“Common pathways for complex neurodevelopmental syndromes: where’s the connection?”
Department of Genetics, Emory University School of Medicine, February 2011.

“Smith-Magenis syndrome: a model of circadian influence on behavior, metabolism, and obesity.”
UCSD Center for Chronobiology Symposium, February 2011.

Debbie Shockey, CPNP
“Complement or detriment: The use of alternative therapy to manage symptoms in a dying child.”
Annual Assembly of AAHPM, Vancouver, February 2011.

Eugene Monasterio, MD, Amanda Pillis, DPT, Sandy Timok, BS, PT
“Developing a Model for an Equipment Clinic for a Pediatric LTC Facility.”
Navigating the Care of the Medically Fragile Child: An Educational Conference for Providers of Pediatric Residential Care, Boston, Massachusetts, April 2011.

Katie Bobbitt, MS, OTR/L, Michelle Lefebvre, BA, CTRS, Barbara Lent, MEd, CCC-SLP
“Providing Opportunities for Communicative Interaction in the Pediatric LTC Population or: Can’t talk? That’s okay you can still play.”
Navigating the Care of the Medically Fragile Child: An Educational Conference for Providers of Pediatric Residential Care, Boston, Massachusetts, April 2011.

Kristie Bullock, MSN, RN, CPN, Dina Schnurman, MSN/MBA, RN, CPN, CPON, Lori Wilkinson, RN CPN CPON
“Using Benner’s Novice to Expert Theory to Implement Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Education on a Multi-Specialty In-patient Unit.”
Association for Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nurses (APHON) Conference, Anaheim, California, September 2011.

Bruce Rubin, MEngr, MD, MBA, FRCPC
Keynote address to pulmonary section, 48th PEDIICON 2011, India Academy of Pediatrics, Jaipur, India, January 2011.

6th Irish CF Research Meeting, February 2011
University of Oklahoma Pediatric Grand Rounds and Resident Conference, Norman, Oklahoma, February 2011.

25th High Country Respiratory Care Meetings, Northwest AHEC, Boone, NC, February, 2011.

7th International Course on Pediatric Pulmonology, Istanbul, Turkey, March 2011.

Keynote address, 12th National Chinese Pediatric Pulmonary Conference, Kaohsiung Medical University and Chang Gung Children’s Hospital, Kaoshiung Taiwan, April 2011.
Kudos

Matt Bitsko, PhD, LCP, was selected to chair the review committee on Psychological Late Effects for the Long Term Follow Up Guidelines of the Children’s Oncology Group (COG). Debra Cohen, PNP and Robyn Dillon, MSW, LCSW, were also selected to assist in the review. COG updates its Long Term Follow Up Guidelines once every three years. The guidelines are used by over 210 hospitals across the world that treat childhood cancer.

Pediatric nurses, Suzanne Bona (January) and Jennifer Egland (December), were recently named employees of the month by VCU Health System (VCUHS) Human Resources. This is a tremendous kudo for these nurses and for CHoR, as VCUHS has over 8,600 employees.

Tegwyn Brickhouse, DDS, PhD, Associate Professor, Chair and Research Director of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry, and Lenore Buckley, MD, MPH, Professor of Internal Medicine and Pediatrics, were recently received the Annual Women in Science, Dentistry and Medicine (WISDM) Professional Achievement Award. The award, which is presented during the annual WISDM conference, recognizes women who have served as strong role models and mentors for the professional development of women faculty.

James C. Chan, MD, former Department of Pediatrics faculty member, is the 2011 recipient of The Henry L. Barnett award, the highest honor the American Academy of Pediatrics bestows on nephrology teaching and clinical care. The award will be presented at the Academy’s annual meeting in Denver, CO, May 2011. Currently, Dr. Chan is professor of pediatrics, Tufts University School of Medicine and director of research, The Barbara Bush Children’s Hospital, Maine Medical Center, Portland, Maine, USA.

CHoR’s Cystic Fibrosis Center was awarded a competitive clinical research grant by the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. This is the first year that the foundation has offered the grants to cystic fibrosis centers across the country. The CF Center is excited to be a part of the tremendous strides being made in CF management and to be able to offer CHoR patients the ability to participate in trials that could help both current patients and generations to come.

Sarah Elsea, PhD, was elected Chair of Parents and Researchers Interested in Smith-Magenis Syndrome (PRISMS). Dr. Elsea will serve a three year appointment. PRISMS is an international organization that provides education, information, and support to individuals and families affected by Smith-Magenis syndrome.

Sara E. Foughner, MSW, LCSW, and Candice Ratlidge, MSW, LCSW, passed the Licensed Clinical Social Worker examination. Ms. Foughner is a licensed clinical social worker in the Child Development Clinic. Mrs. Ratlidge is a licensed clinical social worker at the Brook Road Campus.

Ronzo Lee was voted the 2011 recipient of the Biosafety Laboratory Safety Award by the VCU Office of Environmental Health & Safety (OEHS). OEHS inspects approximately 1,600 laboratory facilities annually.

Gita Massey, MD, Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Division of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology, and Sue Sreedhar, MD, Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Chief, Division of Critical Care Medicine, are now certified with the subspecialty of Hospice and Palliative Medicine.

Medical-Legal Partnership of Richmond received the Opportunity Seal of Approval Award from the Virginia’s First Lady’s Opportunity Hall of Fame. The First Lady’s Initiatives Team Effort (FLITE) was created to recognize organizations, programs, activities or individuals who embody the ideal of getting involved and giving back.

Pediatric Specialty Clinic – MCV Campus and Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Clinic were recognized on Certified Nurses Day by VCU Medical Center for having the highest percentage of certified nurses (out of eligible nurses across the institution).

Top Docs 2011

Congratulations to the following CHoR physicians and surgeons recognized as ‘Top Docs’ in the April issue of Richmond Magazine.

Dr. Douglas Allen – Cardiology
Dr. Charles Bagwell – Surgery
Dr. Cheryl Al-Mateen – Psychiatry
Dr. Joann Bodurtha* – Surgery
Dr. Lenore Buckley* – Human Genetics
Dr. Kelley Dodson – Rheumatology
Dr. David Lanning – Surgery
Dr. David Leszczyszn* – Neurology
Dr. Thomas Loughran* – Orthopaedic Surgery
Dr. Anne-Marie Irani* – Allergy & Immunology
Dr. Victoria Kuester – Orthopaedic Surgery
Dr. Harry Koo* – Urology & Urological Surgery
Dr. Charles Johnson III – Otolaryngology
Dr. Bruce Rubin – Pulmonology
Dr. Jay Shapiro – Anesthesiology
Dr. Neil Sonenklar – Psychiatry
Dr. Bela Sood* – Psychiatry
Dr. Gary Tye – Neurosurgery
Dr. Ted Williams – Gastroenterology and Nutrition
Dr. John Ward – Neurosurgery
Dr. Gita Massey – Hematology
Dr. Sean McKenna* – General Pediatrics
Dr. Linda Meloy – General Pediatrics
Dr. Henry Rozyczki* – Neonatal & Perinatal Medicine
Dr. William Moskowitz* – Cardiology
Dr. Claudio Oiticica – Surgery
Dr. Arti Pandya – Human Genetics

*denotes top vote-getter in survey category
**Foundation News**

Children’s Hospital Foundation (CHF) has funded several CHoR Programs recently, including:

- $600,000 given to the Pediatric Surgery Program
- $302,000 given to the Pediatric Nephrology Program, as part of a continuing three year pledge of support
- $223,000 given to the Recreation Therapy Department on Brook Road, representing proceeds from the 2010 Junior Board of Children’s Hospital Foundation Ball
- $100,000 given to the Transitional Care Unit on Brook Road, from a donation by the Walmart Foundation
- $82,465 in a permanently endowed fund to benefit the Pediatric Plastic Surgery Program, from a donation by the Estate of Carolyn Walters Meadows

Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals recently awarded mini-grants to a number of programs including acute care inpatient pediatrics, craniofacial care, endocrinology, emergency medicine, hematology/oncology, HIV clinic, neonatology, pulmonology, and TEENS Weight Management Program.

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**Anthem LemonAid**

**July 15 to 17**

You have the opportunity to make a big difference by doing something very simple: setting up a lemonade stand to “put the squeeze” on childhood cancer by raising money for treatment and research. Every dollar raised supports the Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Clinic at CHoR. Children’s Miracle Network (CMN) invites children, families, businesses and other organizations to join in the 10th Annual Anthem LemonAid and make this a year to remember.

All registrants receive a FREE LemonAid kit complete with lemonade, cups, a pitcher, balloons, stickers and stand signage. CMN provides the supplies and you pick the spot, whether it’s a local business, neighborhood pool or your front yard.

In celebration of CMN’s 10th Anniversary, they are holding a T-Shirt Design Drawing Contest. The winning artwork will be featured on the Anniversary T-Shirt worn by Anthem LemonAid participants at their stands this year, and the original artwork will be donated to CHoR’s Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Clinic.

**On-line registration** is now open.

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**Save the date—October 8, 2011.**

American Family Fitness/Children’s Hospital Foundation 10k/5k!

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Spring Issue Fun Fact

Miss Iceis Augustino, TCU resident, was selected as Little Miss Wheelchair Virginia. In this role she will be an ambassador with Mrs. Wheelchair Virginia. Iceis and Mrs. Wheelchair Virginia recently attended Connections, a family resource fair for children with special needs, to show off their crowns!