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Welcome from the Program Director

Hello from Durham! Spring is in full bloom here, and the season is not the only thing changing. We are excited about many upcoming transitions within the program, including our new interns, graduating senior residents, and welcoming not one, but two, new incredible APDs! We also want to thank Jane Trinh who has been a part of the program for more than 20 years— as a trainee, chief resident, APD, and program director. Her contributions to the program will continue to elevate Duke Med-Peds for years to come! She will continue to serve as core faculty and precept residents in clinic. Happy Spring, and we look forward to hearing of your exciting news as well!

-Colby Feeney, Program Director

Meet the new Duke Med-Peds Residency Associate Program (APDs) Directors!

We are thrilled to announce our new Associate Program Directors (APD) to the Duke Med-Peds Residency Program - Dr. Dana Clifton and Dr. Chris Prater. We are excited to grow our program leadership from one APD to two. Both Dr. Clifton and Dr. Prater have outstanding accomplishments and experience in leadership, mentorship, curriculum development, health equity, and quality improvement. We are fortunate to bring their knowledge and skills to our residency program.

Dr. Dana Clifton is a graduate of the Duke Med-Peds Residency Program in 2016. Dr. Clifton has held leadership roles including the Associate Director of Pediatric Undergraduate Medical Education, Pediatric Sub-Intern Director, and the Associate Medical Director of Quality of the Duke Hospital Medicine program. Dr. Clifton founded the Opioid Use Disorder consult service at DUH in 2019 and remains as co-medical director. She will remain clinically active as a med-peds hospitalist.

Our other APD will be Christopher Prater MD, MPH, a graduate of the Christiana Care Health System Med-Peds Residency Program in 2014. He is a Core Faculty Member in the Internal Medicine Residency Program at

Washington University in St. Louis. His clinical care has been in primary care physician to a refugee and immigrant population and at the St. Louis Health Department in the Tuberculosis Clinic. He created a Health Equity and Justice Curriculum for the Internal Medicine Residency Program. Chris will be joining Duke as a primary care faculty member in the Division of Med-Peds.

Some Q&A to get to know the new APDs:

Christopher Prater, MD, MPH

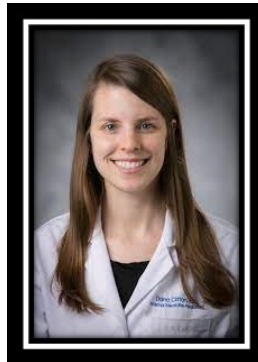
What excites you in starting in this new role with the Duke Med-Peds residency program?

I'm thrilled to be back in a med-peds family. There's something special about this career path, and I most enjoy being around colleagues and trainees that share that same enthusiasm. I'm most excited to be part of a med-peds clinic, where I can share my passion for primary care, and if we're lucky, some of my knowledge.

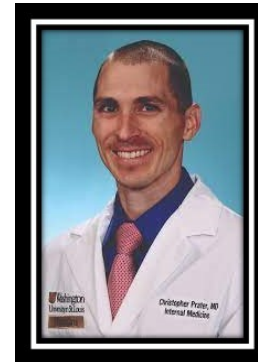
What had attracted you to Duke Med-Peds and/or Durham?

Duke has a rich med-peds history, and the triangle area has benefited by building a large med-peds community

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Dr. Dana Clifton



Dr. Chris Prater

New APDs, continued

over several decades. Coming from a city where med-peds is mostly unknown, this familiarity and value of med-peds was a critical attraction.

What are you doing now? How did you get to where you are now?

I am a primary care med-peds physician and have spent the last nine years specializing in immigrant and refugee care. My first job out of residency was at a federally-qualified health center in Baltimore (Baltimore Medical System) that served a large population of immigrants and refugees. I continued this niche care after moving to St. Louis in 2017 at another community health center (Affinia Healthcare). I also was a Tuberculosis physician at the City of St. Louis Department of Health. Before accepting the position of APD at Duke Med-Peds, I served as faculty lead of several health equity and community engagement initiatives at Washington University School of Medicine. I was a faculty coach for medical

students. I also secured funding for several small community-engaged research projects and served as faculty mentor of similarly-themed resident research projects.

What do you like to do in your free time?

I am a husband and father of three, and get the joy of those roles in my free time. When it's just me, I play hockey, watch soccer, waste hours streaming TV series, and dabble (mostly unsuccessfully) in gardening.

Any words of wisdom to current trainees?

Enjoy the journey. Residency is such a fun professional and learning experience. And take advantage of vacation! My wife and I got our SCUBA open-water certification in Thailand during one of my residency vacations.

Dana Clifton, MD

What excites you in starting in this new role with the Duke Med-Peds residency program?

I am very excited about working more closely with the Med-Peds residents and being more formally involved in the Med-Peds community at Duke. What I love most about being an educator is watching trainees grow and continue to become better physicians over time. I'm humbled by being able to play a small role in that growth, whether through mentoring and advising or direct patient care on the wards. I'm looking forward to being a formal mentor to the Med-Peds residents as an APD. I am also passionate about quality improvement and implementation work and am thrilled to mentor residents in their projects to improve patient care. As a former Duke Med-Peds resident, I was grateful to be part of such an incredible program that set me up for success in my career. I look for-



Holiday Party 2022!



Joseph Goddu, MP1 working with City of Medicine partners and staffing the career fair!



All 6 interns at Journal Club!



Fellowship Match Day!



Dr. Chris Prater and family

Graduate and Faculty Updates

Thomas Owens, MD, has been named executive vice president and chief operating officer of Duke University Health System (DUHS).

A Conversation with Neal deJong, MD, MPH (University of North Carolina Division of General Pediatrics) and **David Ming, MD** (Duke University Departments of Medicine, Pediatrics, and Population Health Sciences). Lessons in Humility: Building a Foundation for a Regional Network of Complex Care.

Jennifer Taylor Cousar, MD was named President of Medical Staff at National Jewish Health in Denver, Colorado.

Haley Hostetler, MD started a new position as a Clinical Allergist–Immunologist at Oregon Health and Science University.

Ashley Naughton, MD was named Pediatric Clerkship Director for the University of Nevada Reno School of Medicine.

2022 GIM Excellence Awards!

Educational Excellence Award - Colby Feeney, MD
Quality Improvement Award - Joel Boggan, MD



Jane Trinh ran into Bimal Patel in San Diego over the holidays!

Annual Duke Health Quality and Patient Safety Conference, March 2023

- **Ruchi Doshi, MD MPH**; Philip Hinman, LCSW; **Colby Feeney, MD**. A quality improvement project to reduce readmissions to the Internal Medicine-Pediatrics specialty service line.
- **Colby Feeney, MD**. Identifying social drivers in pediatrics through Project SEEK (Social driver Evaluation and Engagement in Kids).
- Emily Greenwald MD, Tim Crittenden RN, MMCi, Cheryn Johnson, Sameer Kamath MD, MBBS, Janet Lee MD, Palen Mallory MD, William Adams MD, Michelle DeRusso MD, Alex Rotta MD, **Govind Krishnan MD**, Brad Taicher DO, MBA, and Emily Sterrett MD, MS . Endotracheal Excellence: Standardizing documentation to drive quality in airway rescue procedures across the Health System.



Strength, Hope and Caring Award
2022 award to Dan Ostrovsky,
MD and NDS clinical team.



Dean Miner left Duke Med-Peds after 17+ years—to become Ambulatory Associate Chief Medical Officer at Vidant Eastern Carolina University Health. CONGRATS! We will miss you!



Claudia Leung got married to Tucker King in December 2022. Best wishes. Claudia is working with AMPATH-Ghana now.

New APDs, continued

ward to continuing to build on that solid foundation to support our current and future Med-Peds residents.

What had attracted you to Duke Med-Peds and/or Durham?

I have been in the Triangle area for a long time. I am originally a Tar Heel, but now call Durham my home. I love the community here. Durham is a perfectly sized city -- there are plenty of things to do, but it does not feel overwhelming. The people and the caliber of training are really what drew me to the Duke Med-Peds program. Since I went to medical school at Duke, I had the opportunity to get to know some of the Duke Med-Peds residents and attendings and I always felt so inspired working with them. I knew that after graduating from Duke Med-Peds residency, I would be able to care for anyone who walked through my door.

What are you doing now? How did you get to where you are now?

I am now a Med-Peds hospitalist at Duke and split my time between the general medicine and

general pediatrics wards. I also round on the procedure service and opioid use disorder consult service. I was fortunate to get hired as a medicine hospitalist after residency, but it took some time after that before I was able to split my time between medicine and pediatrics. I have the best job and I love that my days are never the same.

In the education realm, I am the Associate Director for Undergraduate Medical Education in Pediatrics, which includes being the Pediatric Sub-I Director. With my background as a teaching attending on the wards and involvement in Med Ed scholarly work, I was fortunate to be chosen for the UME leadership role a couple of years into becoming faculty. Recently, I became a Capstone Coach for the 4th year medical students. Capstone is their last course of medical school and helps them build the knowledge and skills they need to start intern year.

In terms of QI work, I founded and now co-lead the opioid use disorder consult service line, which is known here as COMET. This idea developed from the goal of improving the care we provided to patients with injection drug use and opioid use disorder. We were fortunate enough to secure health system support and funding to launch Project COMET in

2019 and it is still going strong. I was selected to become the Associate Medical Director for Quality for Hospital Medicine. I really enjoy mentoring others in their QI projects and other academic scholarly work.

What do you like to do in your free time?

In my free time, I love spending time with family and friends. I enjoy being outdoors as much as possible with my spouse, Matt, and our 2 daughters, Madeleine (3 years) and Savannah (1 year), as well as our 2 dogs, Lyle and Tiger. I love to hike and travel. I have always enjoyed running and have just started to get back into it after having kids. I am currently training for the Tar Heel 10-Miler which goes through UNC Chapel Hill's campus.

Any words of wisdom to current trainees?

My 2 biggest pieces of advice would be: 1) Continue to seek opportunities that fulfill you and 2) find good mentors. I hope I can help with these endeavors in my future role as APD!

The Duke Med-Peds Residency Fund

This fund supports our current Med-Peds residents in a variety of educational experiences, including participation in research projects, attendance at national meetings, preparation and presentation of scholarly work, global health opportunities and involvement in community outreach programs.

Please consider making a contribution online at SupportMedTraining.duke.edu and write Combined Medicine-Pediatrics Residency Program in the note.



Dr. Dana Clifton and family

Meet the Class of 2027!



Madison Bagley
University of Utah



Andrew Grose
University of Chicago



Lauren Halsey
University of North Carolina



Joseph Locklear
University of North Carolina



Brandon Moritz
University of Oklahoma



Lara Scott
University of Tennessee



Meet the new addition to our extended Duke Med-Peds Family: Nora Moseley joined dad and mom Connor (MP class of 2023) and Celia, and sister Sofia on January 23, 2023



Journal Club led by MP3's

Trainee News

- **Lilianna (Lily) Suarez** was selected to attend the 2023 Frontiers in Science (FIS) Symposium in Clearwater, FL, hosted by Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairs, Inc, to support future clinician—scientists.

Academic Products

- **Karen Lin, MD**; Michelle J. White, MD, MPH; Katelyn M. Holliday, PhD; Lisa S. Parnell, MD, MPH; Victoria M. Parente, MD, MPH. Protective and Unequal? Caregiver Presence During Pediatric Hospitalizations; *Hosp Pediatr* (2023) 13 (1): e1–e5.
- **Muralidharan, Sriya**, et al. Assessment of Pathogenic Enteric Flora Contaminating Novel Duodenoscopes With Disposable Tips, Evaluation of Abbreviated HLD Protocols for Duodenoscopes With Disposable Tips, Impact of Time and Location of Diagnostic Paracentesis on Outcomes of Spontaneous Bacterial Peritonitis. October 25, 2022. American College of Gastroenterology Annual Meeting.
- **Sriya Muralidharan** received one of the inaugural Provenzale Research Awards for her project: Adenoma Detection Rate Target in Average Risk Patients Ages 45 to 49.



Equity & Inclusion session on anti-ableism and a visit to 321 Coffee in Durham, NC. 321 Coffee intentionally employs people with disabilities.



Mohamed Mohamed volunteering at Ronald McDonald House.

- **Lilianna Suarez, MD**; Rushina Cholera. Reducing Child Food Insecurity After COVID-19: Policy Innovations And Cross-Sector Partnerships. Health Affairs, June 2022.
- **Samantha Curtis** and Carolyn Avery. Tiny Teeth: A quality improvement project to improve connection of young children to local dentists. Video Abstract at the Duke Patient Safety Conference, March 2023.
- **Samantha Curtis'** project was voted best in class by her peers in the Comprehensive Introduction to Clinical Research Course
- **Noah Hellermann MD**, Samantha Garbers-Adams PhD, David Bell MD MPH. Discussing Intimate Partner Violence with Young Men: Barriers and Successful Questions. Feb 25, 2023. APA Region 4 Conference, Charlottesville, VA.

Congratulations to the Class of 2023

Sarah Dillon — Med-Peds Primary Care at Duke Primary Care, Brier Creek

Andrew Morgan — Adult Hospital Medicine at University of North Carolina

Connor Moseley — Adult Hospital Medicine

Sriya Muralidharan—Adult Gastroenterology Fellowship at University of Chicago

Benjamin Redpath—Adult and Pediatric Infectious Diseases Fellowship at University of California, San Diego

Emily Zalimeni—Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics Fellowship at Boston Children's



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