Welcome from the Program Director and Section Chief

As I approach the end of my 15th year in the program director role, I have been reflecting on our Med-Peds program. I am grateful for the leadership and trainees who preceded me. I appreciate the opportunity to have worked with so many wonderful residents who have made and continue to make our program such a great success. I encourage you to think about your training and whether it was the global health elective, opportunity to be ACR or Chief Resident, the training that aided in securing your fellowship or first job or the comradery and Duke spirit – I hope you will also remember residency as a formative and exciting time! Thank you for all of your contributions to our program!

Suzanne Woods, MD
Program Director
Section Chief

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Featured Duke Med-Peds Alumnus:
Matthew Harbison, 2006

I was excited to be able to catch up with one of my classmates recently, Matthew Harbison. Cliché as it is, time flies but it’s amazing how fresh some memories are. I am proud to see and hear about the impact he is making in Houston!

—Jane Trinh

What are you doing now?

In my current role I am a practicing hospitalist and the Medical Director for the Medicine Hospitalist program at the McGovern Medical School at University of Texas in Houston in the Texas Medical Center. Recently I increased my role within the Memorial Hermann Health System and was named the Medical Director for the Memorial Hermann Accountable Care Organization Hospital Medicine Service Line. Each of the three roles allows me insight into health care from the bedside to population health based initiatives.

How did you get to where you are now?

After completion of Med-Peds residency at Duke, I became a Med-Peds hospitalist at the University of Michigan. I met my wife in Ann Arbor who was completing her Adult Endocrinology fellowship. We moved to Houston to escape the cold and for me to become an Associate Program Director (APD) for the Med-Peds program at the UT Houston Med-Peds Residency Program. During my time as APD, the Memorial Hermann Hospital in the Texas Medical Center, in coordination with the McGovern Medical School, started a Medicine Hospitalist Program and I was asked to lead those efforts, which led to my transition from education to administration. In November 2009 we started with four physicians and have subsequently grown to cover three campuses with 30 doctors. We provide teaching services to the IM residency program at UT Houston and support the Stroke Center, Texas Trauma Institute, and other surgical subspecialties. The Medicine Hospitalist Program was recognized by Memorial Hermann for the volume and the quality of our efforts which has subsequently led me to a larger and larger role at the system level. This summer I took a new position in the health system to standardize Hospitalist Medicine at the 14 different campuses across the health system, as Medical Director for the Memorial Hermann Accountable Care Organization Hospital Medicine Service Line.

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I move among various roles, campuses, and Departments. Clinically moving between disciplines has helped me maintain a more open approach to clinical scenarios.

What are your other non-clinical activities and how did you get involved in these things?

Early in the development of the Hospitalist Program, Dr. Jeffrey Katz, who is the CMO for Memorial Hermann Texas Medical Center, gave me the advice to go to as many meetings as I could and be quiet and watch to see how individuals react and watch to see how individuals react and navigate the issues presented. By learning lessons from watching, I was much better prepared to participate in committee discussions, and subsequently to lead clinical program committees.

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

For me it was simply the people. I remember my recruiting visit and in particular the dinner with the residents. Scott Robert was talking about the American Film Institute’s top 100 films, Jamie Fox, Anita Ying, and so many more were there. After I left, I realized that they were the

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Graduate and Faculty Updates

Jordan Awerbach (2014) will be returning to Duke in Summer 2017 for an Adult Congenital Heart Disease Fellowship.


Sima Pendharkar (2012) was elected to the National Council for Early Career Physicians for the American College of Physicians.

Shailesh Balasubramanian (2014) matched in Pulmonary & Critical Care Fellowship at the Cleveland Clinic.

Dean Miner was selected to be on the American Board of Pediatrics Informatics Task Force.

Ed Evans (2002) and Carolyn Avery (2013) were both promoted to Assistant Professors of Internal Medicine and Pediatrics at Duke!

Richard Chung (2009) was promoted to Associate Professor of Internal Medicine and Pediatrics at Duke.

Richard Chung (2009) received a Pediatric Gala Award on his project entitled, “Development of an Integrated Pediatric Complex Care Continuum.” These projects are specifically designed to enhance the existing care provided for our complex pediatric patients and their families.

Richard Chung (2009) joined the Board of Directors at Samaritan Health Center in Durham, NC.

Tim Mercer (2015) will be taking on a role as Assistant Professor in the Department of Population Health and Department of Internal Medicine at the University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School in Fall 2017.

Callen Wilson Feeney was born on November 30, 2016, to Colby (2015) and John Feeney and big brother Jack.

GOLDEN APPLE TEACHING AWARD to Aimee Chung (2009)—Annual Award to one faculty member for excellence in Clinical Teaching from the School of Medicine.

Aimee Chung (2009) has taken on a role as associate course director for the longitudinal year long course called Capstone for the fourth year med students at Duke.

Joel Boggan (2013) has been named the Associate Program Director for Quality and Safety for the Duke Internal Medicine Residency Program.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P8E0q6l3VKY&feature=youtu.be
Matthew Harbison, continued

Corey taught me as an intern what and how to do the things the right way. Dr. Tulsky taught me how to effectively navigate difficult conversations.

How do you think the Duke Med-Peds Residency Program helped you prepare for your career?

The expectations for high-level performance allowed me to practice the discipline and empathy required of a physician.

What do you like to do in your free time?

My free time is dedicated to raising my family. Rocio and I have 5 children which takes most of our time outside of work. That is a lot of soccer, tennis, dance, and meal preparation. My wife is from Puerto Rico so we get back to see her family as much as we can and let other people cook. Our children’s great grandparents are still alive and Abu makes the best Puerto Rican food.

Any other words of wisdom to current trainees?

The clinical knowledge will come naturally in training - pay attention to it - but the biggest opportunity for growth personally and professionally is in the people who surround you. Watch them. Learn from them. Incorporate as much of what they do well into your prac-

The Duke Med-Peds Residency 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.


Med-Peds current residents (Govind Krishnan, Katie Wood, Ashley Naughton) and former resident (now faculty Ann Marie Navar (2013)) advocating for vaccines in Raleigh, NC.

Our graduating med-peds class: Kully Woodruff, Liz Kotzen, Matthew Turissini, Amy Lee and Bimal Patel
Meet the Class of 2021: Welcome!

Margaret DeOliveira, MD
BS: Moravian College
MD: Cooper Medical School of Rowan University
Hometown: Berkeley Heights,

Ruchi Doshi, MD, MPH
BA: Rice University
MD/MPH: Johns Hopkins Univ.

Henry Foote, MD
BS: Yale University
MD: UNC - Chapel Hill

Claudia Leung, MD
BS: Northwestern University
MD: Northwestern University
Hometown: Voorhees, NJ

Monty Natour, MD
BA: Duke University
MD: Virginia Commonwealth University
Hometown: Lynchburg, VA

Austin Wesevich, MD, MPH
BA: Washington Univ. in St. Louis
MD/MPH: Washington Univ. in St. Louis
Hometown: San Antonio, TX

Liz Kotzen and Kully Woodruff at Mt. Kilimanjaro

Matthew Turissini teaching in Eldoret, Kenya

Amy Lee working in Bomet, Kenya
Trainee News

NC ACP Meeting, Durham, NC, February 24, 2017
Liz Kotzen and Alan Tesson. A Case of Edema Spiraling Out of Control.
Rebecca Ruf and Jane Trinh. Lactobacillus: Friend or Foe?
Irena Tan, Jared Lowe, Azalea Kim, Laura Miller, Ashley Hanlon, Manisha Bhattacharya, Lynn Bowlby, Lawrence Greenblatt. Identifying Patients Appropriate for Advance Care Planning in Primary Care: An Algorithmic Approach.

2nd place in clinical vignettes: John Paul Shoup, Dennis Abraham MD, Jane Trinh MD, and Terry Fortin MD. Cobalt Cardiomyopathy in a Young Woman.
3rd place in clinical vignettes: Courtney Lamberton, Ankeet S. Bhatt, MD, Amanda Boyd, MD, Peter Kussin, MD. Comfortably hypoxic.

APA Region IV Meeting, Charlottesville, VA, February 10-11, 2017

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Duke Health Patient Safety and Quality Conference, Durham, NC, March 23, 2017
Safety in Numbers: Using “Learning from Defects” to Enhance the Quality of M & M Rounds
FACILITATOR: Kyle Rehder, MD, FCCP, Physician Quality Officer, DUHS Patient Safety Center, Director, PCCM Fellowship, DUH; PRESENTERS: Ashley Hanlon, MD, Internal Medicine-Pediatrics, PGY-3 Resident, DUH; Vicky Parente, MD, Pediatric Hospitalist, DUH
John Paul Shoup, MD; Victoria Parente, MD/MPH; Reid Chamberlain, MD; Megan Traky, MHA; Laura Edwards, BSN/RN; Zachary Long, RN; Heather S McLean, MD. Multimodal Intervention Improves Inpatient Discharge Process.

Society of General Internal Medicine Meeting, Washington D.C., April 19-22, 2017

Med-Peds Program Directors Meeting, Anaheim, CA, April 4-5, 2017
Ashley Hanlon M.D., Laura Miller M.D., Jared Lowe M.D Azalea Kim M.D., Lynn Bowlby M.D., Jane Trinh M.D., Lawrence Greenblatt M.D. A Population-Health Based Approach to Advance Care Planning.

Duke Pediatric Research Retreat, Durham, NC, April 18, 2017
E Kotzen, G Hall, M Chryst-Ladd, G Wu, B Lane, S Nagaraj, J Foreman, M Randles, R Lennon, D Howell, R Gbadegesin. Basement membrane nephropathy like phenotype in a family with an ARHGAP24 mutation known to cause familial FSGS.

Fellowship Matches
Liz Kotzen — Combined Nephrology at UNC
Amy Lee— Hospice and Palliative Medicine at Duke