

## A Note From Brent Polk, MD, Chairman of Pediatrics

This month's newsletter boasts several reasons to note the good work we continue to accomplish together across campuses. The upcoming launch of the Academy of Pediatric Leaders in Education (APLE) is the exciting result of priorities identified through the Pediatric Roadmap 2020 and the dedication of faculty at CHLA and LAC+USC (see page three). The Pediatric Academic Societies (PAS) Annual Meeting will be held April 30 through May 3 in Baltimore, Maryland—the Department of Pediatrics at CHLA and LAC+USC will be well represented with over 100 faculty and trainees registered to attend, sixty of whom will be presenting abstracts. In conjunction with the conference, I am hosting the Alumni and Friends Annual Reception on Saturday, April 30 from 7:00 to 9:00pm at the Hilton Baltimore Hotel (see Save the Date flier, this page). I look forward to seeing everybody there and hope you will also join me to celebrate our shared achievements at my State of Pediatrics presentation on Friday, April 22 (see Events, page four).



Warmest wishes,

*Brent*

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**PAS Alumni and Friends Reception**  
(See last page for more events)



### CHLA Welcomes New Division Chief

**Douglas R. Nordli, Jr., MD**, joins CHLA this month as Chief of the Division of Pediatric Neurology and Co-Director of the Neurosciences Center. He has also been appointed Professor of Clinical Neurology and Pediatrics and will serve as a vice chair of neurology at the Keck School of Medicine (KSOM) of USC. Dr. Nordli most recently served as the Lorna S. and James P. Langdon Chair of Pediatric Epilepsy and Division Head of the Epilepsy Center at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, as well as a professor of Clinical Neurology and Clinical

Pediatrics at the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. Dr. Nordli completed his residency and fellowship at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center; he obtained his medical degree from Columbia University. As Co-Director of the Neurosciences Center, Dr. Nordli joins Mark Krieger, MD—Billy and Audrey Wilder Chair of the Division of Neurosurgery—in providing a comprehensive continuum of care that brings together services from neurology, neurosurgery, psychiatry, neuro-psychology, neuro-radiology, physical therapy, occupational therapy, dietetics and social work to support the care of children at CHLA.


# YOU'RE INVITED!

Join us for an alumni and friends reception at the annual meeting of the Pediatric Academic Societies.


**Saturday, April 30, 2016**  
**7 – 9 p.m.**

Hosted by  
Children's Hospital Los Angeles,  
The University of Southern  
California and Brent Polk, MD,  
Professor of Pediatrics and Vice Dean for  
Child Health, University of  
Southern California;  
Chairman, Department of Pediatrics  
Physician in Chief  
Vice President, Academic Affairs,  
Children's Hospital Los Angeles  
Director, The Saban Research Institute of  
Children's Hospital Los Angeles


**Where:**  
Hilton Baltimore Hotel  
Key Ballroom 12  
401 W Pratt St.  
Baltimore, MD 21201



RSVP by April 20 at [CHLA.org/PAS2016RSVP](http://CHLA.org/PAS2016RSVP)  
Contact Clare O'Mara at [comara@chla.usc.edu](mailto:comara@chla.usc.edu)  
or 323-361-2266 with any questions.



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## Welcome New Faculty!



**Brandy Hattendorf, MD**, was recruited from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) to the CHLA Division of Cardiology as a Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics (Clinician Educator). Dr. Hattendorf completed her medical degree at St. George's University School of Medicine, Grenada, her residency at the University of Nevada School of Medicine, and fellowship in Pediatric Cardiology at Riley Hospital for Children at Indiana University School of Medicine.



**Lindsey Miller, MD**, Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, attended medical school at KSOM and residency at LAC+USC. She was recruited to work in both Pediatric Cardiology and Outpatient Pediatrics at LAC+USC. She is actively teaching first year medical students in the Introduction to Clinical Medicine (ICM) course at KSOM.

## Promotions & Appointments

Congratulations to Cynthia Ho, MD, (pictured, right) in the Departments of Medicine and Pediatrics, Division of Hospital Medicine at LAC+USC, for her promotion to Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine and Pediatrics.



Congratulations also go to Michael Bryant, MD, (pictured, left) in the Division of Hospital Medicine, and Cheryl Lew, MD, (right) in the Division of Pulmonology, both of whom are now Clinical Professors of Pediatrics (Clinician-Educators) at CHLA. Kudos as well to Adler Salazar, MD, who was named LAC+USC Pediatric Residency Program Director.



## The Breathmobile Program at LAC+USC Sets High Standards

The Joint Commission conducted an unannounced disease-specific site visit last month and renewed certification for the LAC+USC Breathmobile Program, Pediatric Asthma Disease Management Program. The program was the first in the country to receive disease-specific certification of any type by the Joint Commission in 2002. The original and continued outcome standards set by the program inspired the disease-specific certification standards for other disease entities including inpatient asthma, outpatient asthma, and primary stroke certification programs by the Joint Commission. This is the 10th year and fifth review cycle in which the Breathmobile Program has received maximal accreditation with no recommendations for improvement under the leadership and direction of Lyne Scott, MD and Marilyn Li, MD. A very special thank you to Phillip Moore, MPA, Lyne Scott, MD, Marilyn Li, MD, Tania Kimia, MD, Kenny Kwong, MD, Yolanda Diaz, RN, and the Breathmobile staff for their continued service and commitment to excellence in improving the lives of children and families with asthma.

## Academy of Pediatric Leaders in Education (APLE) Launches in Summer 2016

We are excited to announce plans to launch the Department of Pediatrics Academy of Pediatric Leaders in Education (APLE) this summer. The Pediatric Roadmap 2020 process and its subsequent Education Task Force identified the creation of an education academy as a top departmental priority. APLE is designed to recognize excellence in education, build a community of educators, discover and disseminate best practices, and promote educational scholarship. Academy activities—workshops, conferences, and teaching consultations—will be open to all. Academy members will benefit from additional mentorship and career development, including peer and expert feedback on educational initiatives.

Strategic planning for APLE has been performed by the Guiding Coalition, a group of dedicated Department of Pediatrics faculty representing CHLA and LAC+USC. We would like to acknowledge the tremendous efforts of its members: Sarah Badran, MD; Manvi Bansal, MD; Todd Chang, MD, MACM; Christine Cho, MD, MPH, MeD; Grant Christman, MD; Kevan Craig, DO; Tanaz Danialifar, MD; Sylvia Del Castillo, MD; Rajesh Donthi, MD; Juan Espinoza, MD; Ronald Ferdman, MD; Yvonne Gutierrez, MD; Alan Hanft, MD; Thomas Hofstra, MD; Arshad Jiffry, MD; Nadine Khouzam, MD; Grace Kung, MD; Roshanak Monzavi, MD; Laura Piper, MD; Jaya Punati, MD; Michael Regalado, MD; Kiarash Sadrieh, MD; Adler Salazar, MD; Susanna Sorrentino, MD; Theodora Stavroudis, MD; Diane Tanaka, MD; Rukmani Vasan, MD; and Stephanie Zia, MD

Please be on the lookout for additional information as we roll out the Academy for Pediatric Leaders in Education. At CHLA, APLE will be the focus of the All Faculty meeting on June 3 and a Brown Bag session on July 14. Similar sessions will be held at LAC+USC with dates to be determined. In the meantime, please contact Jennifer Maniscalco ([jmaniscalco@chla.usc.edu](mailto:jmaniscalco@chla.usc.edu)), Marianne Ward ([MWard@chla.usc.edu](mailto:MWard@chla.usc.edu)), or any member of the Guiding Coalition for more details.

## The New Clinician-Educator Promotion Track

A new promotion track for Clinician-Educators was recently developed at KSOM. Faculty who spend 85% of their time in clinical or educational activities, including the administration of programs in either area and <15% of time in research, will be eligible for appointment to this track. New faculty may have received their initial appointment to this track and existing faculty members would be eligible if their profile of activities demonstrates a distribution consistent with the track requirements. Thus far, over 80 faculty members have switched to this track. In order to make such a switch, the Division Chief and faculty member must agree and sign a statement to that effect and submit the most recent CV and profile of activities through Academic Affairs. If review shows that the requirements are met, the application to switch tracks is sent to KSOM for approval. This new track enables faculty to be evaluated for promotion primarily on their educational and clinical accomplishments. A separate departmental Clinical Faculty Appointment and Promotions Committee (CFAPC) evaluates candidates for promotion on this new track and there is a new KSOM Promotions Committee for this track as well. Please contact Valerie Campana, MBA, ([vcampana@chla.usc.edu](mailto:vcampana@chla.usc.edu)) or Kathe Nelson, MD, ([kgnelson@chla.usc.edu](mailto:kgnelson@chla.usc.edu)) with any questions.

## Clinical Research Professionals Meeting

On March 10, the CHLA Clinical Research Support Office (CRSO) launched a new monthly meeting for Clinical Research Professionals, providing a forum for education and training as well as professional networking. There was a tremendous turnout at the first meeting, with approximately 60 research coordinators and other staff attending from throughout the institution. The next Clinical Research Professionals meeting will take place on Thursday, April 21 at 1:00pm in the Anderson Pavilion's John Stauffer Conference Room at CHLA. All CHLA staff who work as coordinators for clinical research projects are invited to attend. On Friday, May 20, the group will celebrate International Clinical Trials Day and recognize the many important contributions of CHLA's clinical research professionals. For more information, please contact Shannen Nelson, Director of Operations for the CRSO at 323-361-1547 or [shnelson@chla.usc.edu](mailto:shnelson@chla.usc.edu).

## Residency Programs Had a Successful Match Day in March

The Department of Pediatrics is proud to announce that each of its three Residency Programs had a successful Match Day on March 18, 2016. The Pediatric Residency Program at LAC+USC, led by Adler Salazar, MD, will welcome 11 pediatric interns for 2016-17; the Combined Internal Medicine-Pediatrics (Med-Peds) Residency Program at LAC+USC, led by Breck Nichols, MD, and Assistant Program Director Stephanie Zia, MD, will be joined by six new Med-Peds Residents, including 3 from KSOM; and the Pediatric Residency Program at CHLA, led by Eyal Ben-Isaac, MD, will next year welcome 32 new Pediatric Interns, including five from the Keck School of Medicine. Overall, thirteen Keck graduates are heading into Pediatrics and four into Med-Peds.



## Events

**CHLA Pediatric Grand Rounds, April 8, 2016, 8:00-9:00am, Anderson Pavilion's John Stauffer Conference Rooms A&B:** "Advances in Drug Development for Autoimmune and Autoinflammatory Disorders," Andreas Reiff, MD, Division Head of Rheumatology at CHLA and Professor of Pediatrics at KSOM.

**USC Retirement Plan Changes HelpDesk, April 11, 2016, 8:00am-3:00pm, Anderson Pavilion's John Stauffer Conference Room Lobby at CHLA:** Changes have been made to the USC retirement plan investment menu and participants need to take action before the end of April. A representative from TIAA-CREF, Fidelity, and Vanguard will be at CHLA to answer your questions regarding the change. Please come stop by with your questions and a representative will be available to assist. Complete information about the changes can be found at <https://benefits.usc.edu/uscretire>.

**Faculty Development Presentation, April 14, 2016, 12:00-1:00pm, GME Conference Room, LAC+USC Medical Center:** This presentation on Academic Promotion includes lunch. Please submit your RSVP to Cheryl Piazzola at [Cheryl.Piazzola@med.usc.edu](mailto:Cheryl.Piazzola@med.usc.edu).

**CHLA Pediatric Grand Rounds, April 15, 2016, 8:00-9:00am, Anderson Pavilion's John Stauffer Conference Rooms A&B:** Details to come as the date approaches.

**PAS Practice Show, April 15, 2016, 12:00-2:00pm, Anderson Pavilion's John Stauffer Conference Rooms A&B at CHLA:** If your abstract has been accepted for presentation at the 2016 PAS Annual Meeting in Baltimore and you would like the opportunity to showcase your work before a friendly peer audience who will be encouraged to provide constructive feedback, please RSVP by Friday, April 8, 2016 to Kimberly Flores at [kflores@chla.usc.edu](mailto:kflores@chla.usc.edu).

**Inaugural Conference on Integrative Health and Medicine, April 16, 2016, 8:00am-4:30pm, USC Health Sciences Campus, Keith Administration Building (KAM) in Mayer Auditorium:** Topics to be discussed include Acupuncture, Guided Imagery, Healing Enclaves, Mindfulness Meditation, Yoga, Tai Chi, and Herbs & Botanicals. Keynote Speakers are Victoria Maizes, MD, and Tobi Fishel, PhD. Online registration is available at [integrativehealth.usc.edu](http://integrativehealth.usc.edu).

**LAC+USC Pediatric Grand Rounds, April 19, 2016, 8:00-9:00am, Inpatient Tower Conference Room A:** Shoji Yano, MD, Associate Professor of Clinical Pediatrics, KSOM, will give a talk on "Recent Advances in Clinical Genetic Testing and Common Clinical Genetic Disorders."

**Call for Abstracts for the 21st Annual Poster Session, April 19, 2016 (Submission Deadline):** Join the CHLA research and clinical community for a day-long poster session showcasing our diverse areas of scientific inquiry. The poster session will take place on Tuesday, June 7, 2016 from 10am-5pm in the Anita S. Watson Courtyard of The Saban Research Institute. Please submit your abstract at <https://form.jotform.com/51607760935965>.

**The Saban Research Institute (TSRI) Research Seminar Series, April 20, 2016, 12:00-1:00pm, TSRI Auditorium:** "Regulation of Cardiomyocyte Proliferation After Birth" with Katherine E. Yutzey, PhD, Professor, Heart Institute, Cincinnati Children's Medical Center

**CHLA Pediatric Grand Rounds, April 22, 2016, 8:00-9:00am, Anderson Pavilion's John Stauffer Conference Rooms A&B:** Details to come as the date approaches.

**All Faculty Meeting, April 22, 2016, 12:00-1:00pm, TSRI Auditorium, CHLA:** The annual State of Pediatrics presentation is given by Brent Polk, MD, Chairman of Pediatrics, Physician-in-Chief, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Director of The Saban Research Institute at CHLA as well as Vice Dean for Child Health and Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at KSOM. Lunch will be provided.

**CHLA Pediatric Grand Rounds, April 29, 2016, 8:00-9:00am, Anderson Pavilion's John Stauffer Conference Rooms A&B:** Details to come as the date approaches.

**Alumni and Friends Reception at Pediatric Academic Societies Annual Meeting, April 30, 2016, 7:00-9:00pm, Hilton Baltimore Hotel, Key Ballroom 12, 401 W. Pratt St.:** Hosted by Brent Polk, MD, Chairman of Pediatrics, Physician-in-Chief, Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Director of The Saban Research Institute at CHLA as well as Vice Dean for Child Health and Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at KSOM. Contact Clare O'Mara at [comara@chla.usc.edu](mailto:comara@chla.usc.edu) or 323-361-2266 with any questions.