

NEW FACULTY FACES

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Letter from the Dean



Dear Colleague:

To keep you abreast of the latest physician additions at Albany Medical Center, I am pleased to introduce this first volume of our new quarterly newsletter, *New Faculty Faces*. In this issue, the Medical Center's Department of Pediatrics and Division of Pediatric Surgery proudly welcomes several new distinguished physicians to our staff. Each doctor and his or her areas of expertise are profiled and I would encourage you to feel free to contact them about a procedure or consultation if any of your pediatric patients is in need of specialized services.

We extend a special welcome to Christine Whyte, MD, FACS, who will serve as our new chief of the Division of Pediatric Surgery. One of only a handful of women nationwide to hold this prestigious post, Dr. Whyte is a nationally recognized surgeon who will lead a team of pediatric surgeons that specialize in minimally invasive surgery, including laparoscopy and thoracoscopy. In addition, we warmly welcome pediatrician Ingrid Allard, MD, who in addition to seeing patients will serve as our new associate dean for community outreach and medical education. As such, this talented leader will direct community outreach activities for medical students and oversee diversity, cultural competency, and inclusion initiatives that will aid in the recruitment of students and faculty. Others profiled include Dr. Stephen de Waal Malefyt, Dr. Anthony Georges, and Dr. Daniela Sima.

Our surgeons and pediatricians perform all inpatient procedures at the Children's Hospital at Albany Medical Center, the only children's hospital in northeastern New York. They are supported by a multidisciplinary team of clinical specialists with advanced training in pediatrics including nurses, anesthesiologists, perfusionists, child life specialists, pediatric radiologists, pediatric respiratory therapists, and other practitioners. They, of course, also provide outpatient care as part of our physicians' group practice while serving as faculty members of the Albany Medical College.

Albany Medical Center is committed to excellence in health care. These new physicians join us in our commitment to furthering innovative research and medical education, while improving health care for children in northeastern New York.

Sincerely,

Vincent P. Verdile, MD
Dean, Albany Medical College
Executive Vice President for Health Affairs, Albany Medical Center

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Christine Whyte, MD, FACS

Chief, Division of Pediatric Surgery

Pediatric general surgery; hernia; undescended testis; neonatal surgery; pediatric colorectal surgery including imperforate anus and Hirschsprung disease; pediatric minimally invasive surgery including gastroesophageal reflux, gall bladder surgery and pectus excavatum; splenectomy

Anthony Georges, MD, FACS

Pediatric general surgery; neonatology; pediatric oncological surgery; pediatric laparoscopy; pediatric trauma; Nissen fundoplication; single-port surgeries including 1-port appendectomies

Burton Harris, MD

Pediatric general surgery; hernias and anomalies of the inguinal canal; soft tissue lesions

Neil Devejian, MD

Chief, Division of Pediatric Cardiothoracic Surgery

Pediatric cardiothoracic surgery; congenital heart disease in children and adults

Christine Whyte, MD, FACS, FRCSI (Paed)



Chief of Pediatric Surgery,
Associate Professor of Surgery
Albany Medical College

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Anthony Georges, MD, FACS



Assistant Professor of Surgery
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Stephen K. de Waal Malefyt, MD



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General pediatrics; adolescent; primary
care; newborn care; childhood obesity;
developmental pediatrics

Melinda Clark, MD

General pediatric & adolescent primary care

Stephen K. de Waal Malefyt, MD

General pediatric & adolescent primary care

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General pediatrics; adolescent primary
care; pediatrics with GI concerns; GERD;
constipation; asthma; breast fed
infants

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Judith Lucas, MD

General pediatric & adolescent primary care

Daniela Sima, MD



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Linda Riddick, MD

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Pediatric endocrine disorders

Daniela Sima, MD

Pediatric endocrine disorders; including growth disorders; pituitary disorders; precocious and delayed puberty; diabetes; thyroid; adrenal and calcium disorders



Albany Medical Center is committed to providing the highest quality care possible. Quality means we aim to deliver the right care to the right patient at the right time, every time. We're measuring our quality performance everyday. The Quality initiatives taken in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) have had tremendous results:

- In 2009, we have not had a single central line associated bloodstream infection in the PICU. We're performing significantly better than the expected statewide average, which was 3.4% in 2008.¹
- Compared to the national average of 2.8-3.5%², our PICU mortality rates have remained at approximately 2% (ranging from 1.8% to 2.1%) for the last 9 years.

Our medical staff continually receives education on quality measures including new sterilization techniques and new precautionary measures to provide the best care possible.

¹New York State Department of Health, Summary of Hospital Acquired Infection Data: Table 13. Published May 1, 2008.

²Han, Y. Y., Carcillo, J. A., Venkataraman, S. T., Clark, R. S., Watson, R. S., Nguyen, T. C., Bayir, H., and Orr, R. A. Unexpected Increased Mortality After Implementation of a Commercially Sold Computerized Physician Order Entry System. *Pediatrics* 2005;116(6):1506-12.

To facilitate future referrals to our specialists, this information is available at www.amc.edu.

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