Grand Rounds for Week of 10.23.11

OB-GYN:
Tues., 10/25/11
8 a.m. CSB 628
Topic: Perinatal Brain Damage: From Pathophysiology to Prevention
Speaker: Irina Burd, MD
Associate Professor, Johns Hopkins

PEDIATRICS:
Fri., 10/28/11
8 a.m. Storm Eye Auditorium
Topic: Exercise – It’s the “Smart” Thing to Do.
Speaker: Carly Scahill, MD and Katie King, MD
Pediatric Residents

Children’s Hospital Patient Satisfaction

MUSC CH sets a record!
For the first quarter in FY 12, overall Children’s Hospital was at the 99th percentile nationally for patient satisfaction in the Press Ganey database. Thanks to all of our nurses, physicians, staff of every make and model, for making this happen – it is a group effort that is really important for our small patients and their very nervous parents and family. So thank you all, and please congratulate each other.

Frontiers in Pediatrics

December 2-4, 2011, Francis Marion Hotel, Charleston, SC
The Division of General Pediatrics, MUSC - Department of Pediatrics, is pleased to present a three-day Continuing Medical Education (CME) Course designed to meet the needs of pediatric primary care practitioners, including Pediatricians, Family Physicians, and Nurse Practitioners. The course is organized to allow extensive discussion with the presenters, limiting pure lecture presentations. Get more information on topics, speakers, and register at:
http://academicdepartments.musc.edu/cme/index.htm

Research grants for Jackie Kraveka and Michelle Hudspeth

Hyundai Hope on Wheels Grant Winners - $100,000 and $30,000
Dr. Jackie Kraveka, from Pediatric Hematology-Oncology, has been awarded a $100,000 research grant from Hyundai Hope on Wheels for the second year in a row. The long-term goal of this proposal is to develop novel mechanism-based therapeutic strategies for the treatment of neuroblastoma, a childhood cancer affecting over 750 kids each year, most of whom are under 5 years of age. The title of the proposal was “Inhibition of Dihydroceramide Desaturase as a Novel Target for Neuroblastoma Therapy.” The goals of this proposal center on studying the regulation and function of the human dihydroceramide desaturase (DEGS-1) enzyme in neuroblastoma. This grant will support research on developing inhibitors to the dihydroceramide desaturase enzyme as a novel therapy for neuroblastoma. Dr. Michelle Hudspeth was also awarded a $30,000 grant to investigate immune system recovery and decrease infectious complications after stem cell transplants for cancer. The Medical University of South Carolina is one of 71 recipients of Hyundai Hope on Wheels’ 2011 Hope Grant program, in which $7.1 million was awarded to support research and programs in honor of National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in September.

Irish & American Paediatric Society (IAPS)

2013 meeting to be held in Charleston, SC
Dr. Jimmy McElligott and Dr. Rita Ryan will be hosting this meeting in September or October of 2013. If anyone would like to be part of the team to help plan this event, please contact Dr. Ryan at ryanr@musc.edu so we can put together a planning team. Other team members to date include Lori Upshur, Linda Howard, Sharon Kest and Philippe Gresle from the Pediatric Business Office. No need to be Irish!