Update on Division of Pediatric Pulmonology and Sleep Medicine

We have some exciting news! We have two new pulmonology faculty joining us this summer! Welcome Dr. Szentpetery and Dr. Lee!

Dr. Sylvia Szentpetery (pronounced Saint-Petereny) is a pediatric pulmonologist who comes to MUSC from Pittsburgh. She will serve as Associate Director of the Pediatric Cystic Fibrosis center. Dr. Szentpetery completed both her undergraduate and medical education in New Orleans, Louisiana. She received her Bachelor’s degree from Tulane University in 2007 followed by her medical degree at the Tulane University School of Medicine in 2011. She went on to complete her Pediatrics residency at the University of Virginia followed by her pediatric pulmonology fellowship at Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC. Her clinical interests include cystic fibrosis, asthma and chronic cough. Dr. Szentpetery is excited to spend her time outside of work exploring Charleston’s food, culture and outdoor offerings with her husband and two dogs.

Dr. Chung Lee joins us from St. Louis, MO having just finished his fellowship training in pediatric pulmonology at the Washington University School of Medicine, where he also completed his MD/PhD and residency training. His clinical interests include severe asthma and management of complex airways and end stage lung diseases. During his time in St. Louis Dr. Lee was greatly involved with CF care and lung transplantation. As he starts at MUSC, Dr. Lee plans to establish a severe asthma clinic as well as to develop further the existing telemedicine infrastructure for use in the division. Outside of work, Dr. Lee spends time chasing after his 7-year old son, playing ultimate Frisbee, and trying new restaurants (more than enough to calorically negate the former two interests).

Due to a better alignment, Dr. Maria Riva will be moving officially to the MUSC Department of Psychiatry, but will continue to provide all pediatric sleep services including reading sleep studies and providing sleep clinics. Dr. Riva was the first and remains the only pediatric sleep medicine physician and we will continue to gain from her expertise in this area.