What’s Happening in the Division of General Pediatrics?

The Division of General Pediatrics is composed of several clinical sections and a research network. In this Facts FAX, we highlight three different activities in the Division.

New Faculty Member: Christine SanGiovanni, MD, MSCR has joined us as a new faculty member in General Pediatrics, and she has become a provider for MUSC’s Comprehensive Pediatric Weight Management Program, Heart Health. She is researching ways to assist primary care providers with the management of obesity and its co-morbidities using smartphone apps and telehealth. She is currently interviewing adolescents to find out what weight management apps they prefer to use so that providers can make appropriate recommendations for app resources.

Fellowship Activities: The Division of General Pediatrics at MUSC has trained fellows for academic practice since 1997. To date, the fellowship has trained almost 40 graduates, 75% of whom are in academic medical centers in 9 different states. The Division is currently recruiting one position per year in the Pediatric Hospital Medicine Fellowship but also recruits fellowship candidates for Academic Generalist positions. Follow the links below to find out more about these fellowship opportunities, and please share them with any residents you may know who want to pursue academic practice in either Hospital Medicine or Outpatient General Pediatrics.

Hospitalist - http://academicdepartments.musc.edu/pediatrics/fellowships/hospitalist/index.html
Outpatient - http://academicdepartments.musc.edu/pediatrics/fellowships/generalist/index.html

MEET OUR CURRENT FELLOWS:

Shannon Leung, MD – Joined us from Floating Hospital for Children (Tufts Medical Center). She has an interest in physician and student communication with parents and transition of patients to adult providers.

Kari Phang, MD – Joined us from Nationwide Children’s Hospital (Ohio State). She has an interest in safe prescribing practices, including outpatient opioid and hospital-based drug prescribing.

The South Carolina Pediatric Practice Research Network (SCPPRN) held its semi-annual meeting October 20, 2017 from 12-5 pm at MUSC. SCPPRN currently consists of 17 practices across South Carolina that have a shared interest in discovery and improving care for children. Participation in the research network is free, and practices participate in research activities at the level at which they are comfortable. Topics discussed at the October meeting included an update on the results of a survey on arm/shoulder overuse injury in young athletes and a new exciting project that is being implemented across SCPPRN called “TRANSFORM”, the purpose of which is to bring research opportunities across SC to Pediatric Practices. Finally, we heard from investigators in the Department of Public Health Sciences at Clemson (https://www.clemson.edu/cbshs/departments/public-health/) about a statewide initiative to improve OUTPATIENT care for newborns experiencing Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome.

If your practice is not a member of SCPPRN and you’d like to know how you can become involved, contact Dr. James Roberts, Director at 843-876-8512 robertsj@musc.edu or Beth O’Brien, BSN, RN Network Coordinator at 843-876-0219 obriene@musc.edu or go to http://www.musckids.org/pediatrics/research/scpprn/