



The Specialist Newsletter is a quarterly publication from Rady Children's Specialists of San Diego, a Medical Practice Foundation. Here we share with you the latest news about pediatric care in the community.

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Top Story

Rady Children's Among the Nation's Best

U.S. News & World Report announced the results of its annual survey to identify the top children's hospitals in the country.



These rankings are deserving recognition of the extraordinary work done each and every day for the children and families of our community.



Why your kids likely won't get flu spray this year

Pediatricians across San Diego County and the United States are likely changing their orders of flu vaccine after federal immunization experts recommend this week that they stop using popular nasal spray product.

"It's a complex and significant development", said **Dr. Mark Sawyer**, an infectious disease expert who treats patients at Rady Children's Hospital.



Dr. Mark Sawyer

To see the full story, [click here](#).

In The News is a digital newsletter featuring recent news coverage of Rady Children's Hospital, internally produced videos and highlights from social media. To see the latest issue, [click here](#).

Rady Children's Financial Assistant Program

We have recently implemented an updated organizational policy for Financial Assistance and as a valued community partner, we wanted to be sure that you were aware of our Financial Assistance Program and where to direct patients and families to receive more information.



What is the Financial Assistance Program?: The Financial Assistance Program allows patients to receive medically necessary services at no charge or at a reduced charge when they meet certain eligibility requirements.

Who is eligible?: Financial Assistance Program participants must meet certain income and resource requirements. If a family's income is below 450% of Federal Poverty Level (FPL), they may qualify for charity care to reduce their bill.

Where can families receive more information?: Families can contact our Financial Counselor team at 858-966-4005 for additional information or to receive a free copy of the policy via mail. Rady Children's FAP is available in Spanish, Arabic, Vietnamese and Tagalog. It may also access our website at: <http://www.rchsd.org/patients-visitors/financial-assistance/> for additional information and an application for patient financial assistance.

Updated RCSSD Payer Matrix

In an ongoing effort to improve the process of sending referrals to Rady Children's Specialists, we have updated the **RCSSD Payer Matrix** to reflect the changes to the specialty physician visit referral requirement for PPO insurances. As you may recall, the **RCSSD Payer Matrix** for medical services was created to help you identify referral and authorization requirements by payer. [Click Here](#) to see the latest Payer Matrix.



We have also included several documents you received in 2015:

[Click Here](#) for the Referral Process Form

[Click Here](#) for the Referral FAQs

[Click Here](#) for the Incomplete Referral Form.

For more information please contact the Central Authorization Provider Line at 858-966-7546.

Vaccines and Febrile Seizures: Quantifying the Risk

[Click here](#) for an AAP Publication on *Vaccines and Febrile Seizures: Quantifying the Risk*. Published by Mark H. Sawyer, MD; Geoff Simon, MD and Carrie Byington, MD.



Scripps Mercy Hospital join Rady Children's NICU Programs

The two newest members of our Rady Children's NICU family opened in early April, adding 19 NICU beds at the San Diego unit and 10 NICU beds at the Chula Vista unit - all for Rady Children's tiniest patients.



Scripps Health and Rady Children's have a 20-year history of program collaboration. The latest venture continues the tradition of excellence for both institutions and brings Rady Children's special brand of care to these hospitals.

360 Sports Medicine CME/CEU - Keeping Young Athletes in the Game

When: Saturday, July 23, 2016

Where: Atkinson Hall - UCSD

Time: 7:00 am - 1:30 pm (Registration & Breakfast: 7:00 am, Program begins at 8:00 am)

Topics presenting at this CME/CEU:

- *Managing and Preventing Ankle Injuries*
- *Zika and the Olympics*
- *Use of Ultrasound in Pediatric Ortho Injuries*
- *Adolescent Gynecology*
- *From and Athlete's Perspective and Overcoming Injuries*



For more information and how to register, [Click Here](#).

Changes in RCHSD Executive Leadership

It is seldom that one person can work at many levels of an organization and continuously contribute in significant and meaningful ways. Our Rady Children's Family is fortunate to have two of its longest tenured executives transitioning into new positions where they will continue to help us fulfill our mission to care for the children entrusted to us.



**Dr. Irvin
"Buzz"
Kaufman**

Dr. Irvin "Buzz" Kaufman has transitioned into the position of *Senior Vice President of Health Affairs* and **Dr. Gail Knight** has assumed the responsibilities of *Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer*.

Please join us in congratulating Drs. Kaufman and Knight on their new positions!



Dr. Gail Knight

New GME Director



Dr. Heather Pierce

Congratulations to **Dr. Heather Pierce** for taking on the role as the Graduate Medical Education Director. Dr. Pierce joined Rady Children's in 2008 as a fellow in pediatric hospital medicine. She joined the faculty in 2009 and has academic interests in quality improvement and patient safety education. Her projects include primary care communication as well as pathway development and review. She is currently the associate director of the INQUIRY training program which provides structured quality improvement education/training to pediatric trainees. Clinical research interests have focused on bronchiolitis looking at predictors of heliox failure and decreasing variability in critical care resource utilization and management. She also serves as co-chair of the family centered rounds steering committee with a focus on inpatient family centered care and faculty education.

Congratulations Dr. Pierce on your new role!

Welcome the Newest Leadership Members of the Rady Children's Institute of Genomic Medicine

The Rady Children's Institute of Genomic Medicine has recently recruited **Todd Laird** as Chief Operating Officer and **Dr. David Dimmock** as the Medical Director.

Todd Laird has over 30 years of leadership experience in the life sciences industry working with startups and Fortune 100 companies. He has held a variety of global operations and commercial roles with companies including American Hospital Supply, Baxter International, GE Healthcare and Life Technologies. During his career he has built and managed global brands, guided new product and applications development, led commercialization of innovative technologies and driven operations and facility growth strategy.

Dr. David Dimmock is a nationally-renowned pediatric geneticist who has been on the forefront of clinical application of genome sequencing. He was the clinician primarily responsible for the first use of exome sequencing to change the medical management of a child. Dr. Dimmock was the geneticist involved in the case which was the subject of Pulitzer Prize winning articles and the book, *One in a Billion: The Story of Nic Volker and the Dawn of Genomic Medicine*.

Please help us welcome them!



New President and CEO for Rady Children's Physician Management Services

We are pleased to announce that Reggie Roman has accepted the position of President and CEO for Rady Children's Physician Management Services (RCPMS).

Reggie joined RCPMS 13 years ago as Chief Financial Officer. In that role, he has been responsible for the financial well-being of the organization. Reggie has been a strong partner with RCSSD, CPCMG, CPMG, UCSD, as well as RCHSD, making him an invaluable resource for all of us.



Reggie Roman

Known by those he works with for his easy going nature and understated leadership style, Reggie is a highly experienced leader who we know will lead RCPMS to continued success. Please join us in congratulating Reggie on his selection as President and CEO of RCPMS.

Congratulations Reggie on your new role!

Physician Honors

Rady Children's Pediatric Surgery Team wins the M. Judah Folkman Memorial Award

The American Pediatric Surgery Association recently held its annual meeting here in San Diego. It is the largest international meeting of Pediatric Surgeons. The Rady Children's Pediatric Surgery Team presented their research on the usage of a blood test (D-dimer) to decrease the need for CT scans and thus lower patients exposure to radiation. It is with great excitement that resident Simone Langness and the Rady Children's Pediatric Surgery Division won the M. Judah Folkman Memorial Award. The award is given for outstanding research presentation. This is a huge accomplishment since there are presentations from every major children's hospital in the US and abroad.



From left to right: Drs. Stephen Bickler, Timothy Fairbanks, Karen Kling, Katherine Davenport, Mary Hilfiker, Nicholas Saenz.

"This is a home grown Rady award. This research was started years ago by Dr. Brad Peterson in the PICU. We have collaborated with the Trauma department, PICU and ER. This project will move forward and lead to better clinical care for the children of San Diego and elsewhere," said Dr. Timothy Fairbanks, Pediatric Surgery Division Chief.

Please join us in congratulating the Pediatric Surgery team on this outstanding accomplishment!

Congratulations to members of the Rady Children's Orthopedic Team!



Dr. Dennis Wenger

The *Pediatric Orthopedic Society of North America* (POSNA) recognized two of our Orthopedic physicians.

Dr. Dennis Wenger earned the 2016 Distinguished Achievement Award, given to a surgeon who has made important contributions to the field of children's orthopedics.



Dr. Salil Upasani

Dr. Salil Upasani received the Giles Young Investigators Award, given to a leading young researcher in the field of pediatric orthopedics.

Please join us in congratulating Drs. Wenger and Upasani in their achievements!

Congratulations Dr. Stephen Kingsmore and Team!

Researchers from San Diego and Kansas City have achieved genetic diagnosis in just 26 hours-a new Guinness World Record! On April 25, [National DNA Day](#), **Dr. Stephen Kingsmore**, president and CEO of the Rady Children's Institute for Genomic Medicine, along with collaborators from Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City and San Diego-based Illumina and Edico Genome, celebrated their world record at Rady Children's Hospital. But the achievement means far more than international bragging rights.



Dr. Stephen Kingsmore

"Diagnosing acutely ill babies is a race against the clock, which is why it's so essential for physicians to have access to technology that will provide answers faster and help set the course of treatment," said Kingsmore a few days before the ceremony.

To see the full story, [click here](#).

Congratulations to Dr. Doris Trauner!

Congratulations to **Dr. Doris Trauner**, Distinguished Professor in the departments of Neurosciences and Pediatrics, who received the *2016 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Child Neurology Society*. The award recognizes Dr. Trauner's outstanding commitment to humanism in medicine, leadership and service to the Society and her life-long career devoted to child neurology as an advocate for the principles of the Society.



Dr. Doris Trauner

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Trauner!



About Rady Children's Specialists of San Diego

We are committed not only to offering the most advanced diagnostic and therapeutic options, but also to providing responsive customer and patient service. RCSSD's physicians are pleased to provide health services ranging from one-time consultation to comprehensive treatment and follow-up, and are committed to maintaining effective communication to provide the best care.

Our Mission

To provide specialty services that are state of the art, comprehensive and family-centered in order to improve the health and well-being of infants, children, adolescents and mothers with high-risk pregnancies.

Our Vision

To be the premier provider of healthcare to infants, children, adolescents and mothers with high-risk pregnancies, through excellence in clinical care, research, teaching and advocacy.

