

Teleradiology partnership to decrease turnaround times

A new teleradiology program has decreased the time it takes to have radiological images read at Le Bonheur Children's.

The hospital has partnered with Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, giving Le Bonheur access to an additional 28 pediatric radiologists, many of whom are subspecialists in their field. Referring physicians can expect scans to be read quicker, thanks to the partnership.

"We know this will advance our ability to serve patients and families, along with our physicians," said Geri Skelley, administrative director of Ambulatory Care. "Timely reports are critical to patient safety and quality patient care."

With the new partnership, both Le Bonheur and Cincinnati Children's radiologists will read scans. Those that are

sent to Cincinnati will be uploaded electronically, entered into a que, and then read based on when they arrived in the system. Cincinnati radiologists will then interpret the scans and send their reports back to Le Bonheur.

"Le Bonheur and Cincinnati Children's are also great teaching institutions, and we see this as a great academic collaboration between the two hospitals," Skelley added.



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Service offers second opinion, consultations

Providers in need of a second opinion or extended consultation from a general pediatrician can now call Le Bonheur's Pediatric Consultation Service.

The service provides general consultations for patients whose needs don't fit into one pediatric specialty. Physicians are able to provide extended outpatient consultation and assistance with conditions that may be difficult to diagnose or require a second opinion.

Patients, meanwhile, are able to get quick appointments and same-day testing while referring physicians receive prompt feedback from the service. Families also benefit from an improved understanding of their child's condition and a thorough diagnosis from physicians.

The service is led by Dr. John Hill, a general pediatrician and professor of Pediatrics with the University of Tennessee Health Science Center. He is also the current president of the Tennessee chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

To make an appointment with the Pediatric Consultation Service, contact Le Bonheur's Physician and Referral Resource Center at 1-866-870-5570 or 901-287-7337.

Nuclear Medicine team receives ACR accreditation

The team of certified nuclear medical technologists in the Radiology Department at Le Bonheur Children's recently received accreditation from the American College of Radiology (ACR).

Le Bonheur Children's is the first hospital in Memphis to achieve this honor, and one of only 29 facilities in Tennessee with ACR Nuclear Medicine accreditation. The accreditation, which took the team six months to achieve from start to finish, is another step in Le Bonheur's journey to become a top tier children's hospital.

"It's an honor to say that we're the first hospital in Memphis to receive this distinction," said Certified Nuclear Medical Technologist Ashley Serio, who spearheaded the team's efforts.



The Nuclear Medicine team at Le Bonheur recently received accreditation from the American College of Radiology. Pictured from left to right are CNMT Ashley Serio, Dr. H. Lynn Magill, CNMT Devonna Brooks, CNMT William B. Davis III, CNMT Kathy Sprau, Dr. Chandrea Smothers, CNMT Amy Burgess and Dr. Thomas Boulden.

Program helps moms provide colostrum to new babies

Mommy's Medicine, a new program at Le Bonheur Children's, is helping new moms give their premature babies the first lifesaving doses of breast milk.

The new program provides resources and expertise to moms so they can provide colostrum to new babies when they are transported to Le Bonheur's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

Le Bonheur's transport team, Pedi-flite, delivers instructions and materials to the mother when they pick up the baby. The birthing hospital's lactation consultant helps the mother collect the first few feedings, which are then delivered to baby in Le Bonheur's NICU. Also, one of Le Bonheur lactation consultants is available by phone to help facilitate the first feeds.

"We've seen a high incidence in gastric problems of the premature babies in our region. Mommy's Medicine is a way we can help reduce infection and pneumonia 20 percent," said Becky Sartini, Neonatal Services nursing director.

Audiology open house set for Nov. 18

Mark your calendars to attend Le Bonheur Children's Audiology Open House on Tuesday, Nov. 18, from 4-5 p.m.

Open House attendees will have the opportunity to tour Audiology, speak with Audiologists and enjoy light refreshments.

Le Bonheur audiologists can perform first-time screenings for infants, audiograms, tympanometry measures and testing for auditory brainstem response and otoacoustic emissions. The hospital's audiologists also offer services to children with hearing loss – and can work with children and parents to access needs.

The Audiology Department is located on the ground floor of Le Bonheur Children's, in between Radiology and the Emergency Department.

Le Bonheur Educational Offerings

Presentation Title	Credit/Contact	Day, Date Time	Host Location	Presenter
Pediatric Grand Rounds: “Blood Pressure: The Only Vital Sign”	CME	Wednesday November 5 8:00 - 9:00 AM	Le Bonheur Auditorium	Clarence E. Grim, M.D. Professor of Clinical Medicine and Epidemiology Division of Cardiology and Hypertension Department of Internal Medicine Medical College of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, WI
Conference: “Update in Acute & Emergency Care Pediatrics”	CME	Friday and Saturday November 7 -8	Doubletree Hotel Nashville, TN	A collaborative effort with Tennessee’s Comprehensive Regional Pediatric Centers Register online at www.vanderbiltchildrens.com/registration/pem
Speakers Bureau: Pediatric Urology	CME	Tuesday November 11 12:00 lunch 12:30 presentation	Classroom 1 Methodist Le Bonheur Hospital Germantown Campus Germantown, TN	Dana Giel, M.D. Private Practice Pediatric Urology and Surgery Memphis, TN
Pediatric Grand Rounds “Pediatric Hip Review”	CME	Wednesday November 12 8:00 – 9:00 AM	Le Bonheur Auditorium	William C. Warner, Jr., M.D. Associate Professor of Pediatrics Department of Orthopedic Surgery Campbell Clinic & University of Tennessee Health Science Center Memphis, TN
Pediatric Grand Rounds “Influence of Genetic Variation on the Severity of Lung Injury in Children”	CME	Wednesday November 19 8:00 – 9:00 AM	Le Bonheur Auditorium	Michael W. Quasney, M.D., Ph.D. Professor of Pediatrics The Division of Pediatric Critical Care Medical College of Wisconsin Milwaukee, WI
Speakers Bureau: Murmurs, Etc.	CME	Thursday November 20 5:30 PM	Union County Hospital Education Center New Albany, MS	Antontio G. Cabrera, M.D. Assistant Professor Cardiovascular Intensive Care Department of Pediatrics University of Tennessee Health Science Center Memphis, TN
Pediatric Grand Rounds: “Genetics”	CME	Wednesday November 26 8:00 – 9:00 AM	Le Bonheur Auditorium	TBA

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Shahs join physician team

Le Bonheur Children's has added two new physicians.

The couple, Drs. Namrata and Samir Shah come to Le Bonheur from Children's Hospital in Winnipeg, Canada.

Namrata Shah recently joined Le Bonheur's neurology team, bringing expertise in pediatric neuromuscular disorders. Her special interests include neuromuscular disorders, epilepsy and pediatric demyelinating disorders. In addition, she serves as an associate professor of Pediatrics at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center.

Samir Shah has joined Le Bonheur's critical care team, having served as director of the Pediatric Procedural Sedation Program at Children's Hospital in Winnipeg.

His special interests include pediatric procedural sedation and research in pediatric severe sepsis. He also serves as an associate professor of Pediatrics at UTHSC.



Namrata Shah, MD



Samir Shah, MD