

New hospitalist program begins this month

Le Bonheur launches a new hospitalist program this month to help provide continuity of care for patients who are hospitalized.

The hospitalist program will help community physicians care for their patients when they are admitted to the hospital. Those physicians can now have one point of contact for all their admissions and can work with hospitalists to ensure a strong continuum of care.

Hospitalist physicians, who specialize in inpatient care, will follow patients whose primary care providers enroll them in the program. They will coordinate care with the patient's pediatrician and other primary care providers upon discharge. In the beginning stages of the program, the service will be offered from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Once all physicians are added to the hospitalist program, it will serve patients around the clock.

Le Bonheur's efforts will be lead by Dr. Cynthia Cross. Cross, who grew up in Memphis, most recently worked with the Pediatric Emergency Department staff at Baptist Memorial Hospital. There, she also cared inpatients along with her pediatric emergency work. She also practiced general pediatrics with Health First Medical Group prior to her work at Baptist.

Medical staff physicians may use the hospitalist service by entering into a contract with UT Medical Group Inc. Call UTMG's Lexanne Horton at 901-287-6084 for more information about obtaining a contract. Once a physician contracts for the service, all of his or her admitted patients will be followed by the hospitalist group.

Physicians who are not on staff at Le Bonheur may use the free service on an as-needed basis, and are not required to enter into a contract. Those physicians may refer patients to the program by calling the Le Bonheur Referral and Resource Center at 1-866-870-5570 or 901-287-7337. Physicians can also refer by calling the Le Bonheur Transfer Center at 1-866-899-9355 or 901-287-4408.

Patients and families will be introduced to the hospitalist group on admission and will see the hospitalist exclusively during their hospitalization. Once the patient is discharged, he or she will return to their pediatrician or other primary care provider for follow-up care.

Audiologists offer testing, rehabilitation

Le Bonheur Children's now offers audiology testing for children.

Audiologists can perform first-time screenings for infants, audiograms, tympanometry measures and testing for auditory brainstem response (ABR) and otoacoustic emissions (OAE).

The hospital's audiologists also offer therapy services to children with hearing loss – and can work with children and parents to access needs.

Physicians can call Le Bonheur Centralized Scheduling at 901-287-6073 to make an appointment with an audiologist. An order for an "Audiological Evaluation" should be faxed to 901-937-3335 prior to the appointment. Le Bonheur audiologists can answer additional questions directly at 901-287-5241, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.



5-year-old Trindy Craft receives an audiogram test from Le Bonheur audiologists.

Builder Bulletin

Physicians can stay up to date on the new Le Bonheur with Le Bonheur Bulletin, a monthly feature that details what's happening at the construction site. The bulletin will also fill you in on some of the great features of the new facility. More details can be found at www.lebonheur.org/growingup.

Two 14-story tower cranes have joined the skyline of the Memphis medical district.

The cranes, which recently were installed at the new Le Bonheur construction site, will be used to construct the upper levels of the new hospital, and will remain on site until construction is complete.

The South crane, which is located on Washington Avenue, is 311 feet tall. The North crane, located on Poplar Avenue, is 260 feet tall. Both cranes will almost double in height before construction is complete.

When it opens in the summer of 2010, the new Le Bonheur will feature 12 floors and 610,000 square feet of space.



Two 14-story tower cranes frame the existing Le Bonheur Children's and the site where the new hospital is under construction.



Construction workers use a tower crane to carefully lower a wall into place on the site of the new Le Bonheur Children's.

CoverKids to enroll children



CoverKids will hold an enrollment event on Friday, Sept. 5, from 2-6 p.m. at Memphis' Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library, located at 3030 Poplar Ave.

CoverKids, a part of Cover Tennessee, provides free, comprehensive health insurance to qualifying children 18 and younger. Parents who want to enroll should bring income information and the Social Security number of every child who is enrolling in CoverKids.

The program is available to Tennessee children ages 18 and younger who are: U.S. citizens or qualified legal aliens; Tennessee residents; have been uninsured for at least three months; and live in a home with a annual household income of \$53,000 or less for a family of four.

For more information about CoverKids, visit www.CoverTn.gov or call 1-866-CoverTn.

Service line directors tapped

New service line directors have been named to lead Le Bonheur's Neuroscience, neonatology and surgery services.

Will Lowes has joined the Neuroscience team while Donna Vickery is settling into her new role as General Surgery service line director. Likewise, Terry Wildmon has been tapped as director for Neonatology services.

As service line directors, the three partner with physicians and operational leaders to provide planning, development and strategic execution for Le Bonheur's respective services.

Le Bonheur Educational Offerings

Presentation Title	Credit/Contact	Day, Date Time	Host Location Live/Satellite	Presenter
Pediatric Grand Rounds: "Human metapneumovirus - #2 but trying harder"	CME	Wednesday September 3 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.	Le Bonheur Auditorium	John V. Williams, M.D. Assistant Professor of Pediatrics Pediatric Infectious Diseases Microbiology and Immunology Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, Nashville, TN
Speakers Bureau: "An Approach to the Evaluation of Child Maltreatment"	CME	Thursday September 4 5:30 p.m.	Education Building Baptist Memorial Hospital – Union County New Albany, MS	Karen Lakin, M.D. Assistant Professor of Pediatrics University of Tennessee Health Science Center, Memphis, TN
Speakers Bureau: "Best Practice Mental Health Strategies for Children and Parents"	CME	Tuesday September 9 12:00 lunch 12:30 presentation	Classroom 1 Methodist Le Bonheur Hospital Germantown Campus Germantown, TN	Susan C. Steppe, LMSW, Program Director, Child Assessment Program, Le Bonheur Center for Children and Parents, Memphis, TN Crystal Schrum, Ph.D., Psychologist, UT Boling Center/ Le Bonheur Center for Children and Parents, Memphis, TN
Pediatric Grand Rounds: "Late Preterm Infant"	CME	Wednesday September 10 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.	Le Bonheur Auditorium	Ramasubbareddy Dhanireddy, M.D., Professor and Chief Sheldon Korones, M.D., Professor of Pediatrics Division of Neonatal and Perinatal Medicine University of Tennessee Health Science Center, Memphis, TN
Speakers Bureau: "TBA"	CME	Friday September 12 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.	Schoettle Auditorium Crittenden Memorial Hospital West Memphis, AR	TBA
Pediatric Grand Rounds: "Wilm's Tumor in the 3rd World – A Unique Perspective"	CME	Wednesday September 17 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.	Le Bonheur Auditorium	GP Hadley, M.B., Ch.B., FRCS Chief Specialist/Professor and Head Department of Pediatric Surgery Inkosi Albert Luthuli Central Hospital, University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban
Pediatric Grand Rounds: "Global Perspectives on the Obesity Epidemic"	CME	Wednesday September 24 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.	Le Bonheur Auditorium	Sarah Stender, M.D. Assistant Professor Pediatrics Division of Endocrinology and Metabolism University of Tennessee Health Science Center, Memphis, TN

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Hospital names chiefs of cardiothoracic surgery, maternal-fetal *New faces help Le Bonheur expand patient services*

Le Bonheur Children's has named two new division chiefs.

Christopher J. Knott-Craig, MD, is the hospital's new chief of the cardiothoracic surgery and co-director of the Heart Institute at Le Bonheur Children's. He comes to Le Bonheur from the University of Alabama Medical Center at Birmingham, where he served as chief of Pediatric Cardiothoracic Surgery.

A recognized authority in pediatric surgery, Knott-Craig has authored more than 80 publications, books, abstracts, chapters and manuscripts.

Giancarlo Mari, MD, has been named to lead Le Bonheur's new Maternal Fetal Medicine program. A pioneer in maternal fetal treatment therapies, he comes to Le Bonheur from Detroit's Wayne State University, where he serves as professor of obstetrics and gynecology.

Watch for future issues of Le Bonheur Children's *Pediatric Notes* to learn more about these doctors and the programs they lead.