

Le Bonheur hospitalist program gets growing

Le Bonheur is expanding the hospitalist program it started this fall.

By this summer, program leader Cynthia Cross, MD, hopes to have five physicians on staff. A nurse practitioner, Jessica Hudson, was added on Jan. 5.

Le Bonheur's hospitalist program helps provide continuity of care for patients who are hospitalized. It helps community physicians care for their patients when they are admitted to the hospital, and gives them one point of contact for all admissions.

Cross and Lakesha Tables, MD, have staffed the program since its inception in September. Cross says new physicians Florentina Letra, MD, and Fatima Shahbaz, MD, are both scheduled to start this summer, and the program is recruiting a fifth physician now.

Hospitalist physicians specialize in inpatient care and follow patients whose primary care providers enroll them in the program. They coordinate care with the patient's pediatrician and other primary care providers upon discharge. Medical staff physicians can enroll in the program by entering into a contract with UT Medical Group Inc. while physicians who are not on staff may use the free service on an as-needed basis. Those physicians can call the Le Bonheur Transfer Center at 1-866-899-9355 or 901-287-4408 for admissions and transfers.



Cynthia Cross, MD

Lynch tapped to lead transition to new Le Bonheur

Le Bonheur Children's has named Sheon Lynch the new administrative director of transition management, and tasked her with leading the move from the current hospital to the new Le Bonheur Children's.

For the next year and a half, Lynch will consume herself with details. Every piece of equipment and furniture must be inventoried and tagged, as she Lynch expects 70 percent of current equipment and furniture will move into the new hospital. She will be working on a checklist for every patient room.

"You have to think about everything. Like many other businesses, we can't close. We have to be open 24/7 because patients need us," Lynch said.

In her research, Lynch has studied how other children's hospitals, like The Children's Hospital in Denver, have moved into new facilities. She's found that a move of this scale should happen in a four-step process – planning, execution, control and close out. She'll have to consider budget, necessary resources and policies in order to provide quality care in a state of transition.

Once the building is complete, the hospital will be inspected to ensure it is compliant with infection control, state and national regulations. Lynch also expects to hold mock patient transports to ensure the actual move is seamless. After the big move happens and patients are settled in their new rooms, there's still more. Lynch will continue to plan for the West patient tower renovation and move.

"This is a once in a lifetime opportunity," Lynch said. "When I retire, I'll be able to say, 'I moved us into the new Le Bonheur,'" she said.



Sheon Lynch

igive4kids.org offers way to send Valentines to Le Bonheur patients

Le Bonheur has made it easy for anyone to give a Valentine to a child in the hospital.

Folks can now log onto igive4kids.org and send a Valentine by making a \$10 donation to an unspecified child. The Valentine's will be delivered to Le Bonheur patients Feb. 12-15.

Le Bonheur's new Web-based fundraising site, www.igive4kids.org, enables donors to purchase special items for the hospital with the click of a mouse. Users can browse a catalog of items needs by the hospital, add items to their cart and check out.

Donors can choose from everything from a bassinet and laptop computer to blankets and board games for children. The site enables users to search for a particular item, specific category, designated amount or age-appropriate gift.



Le Bonheur to host workshop on special education rights

Parents of children with special needs will have an opportunity this month to learn about rights and advocacy opportunities concerning their children's educational needs. A free workshop entitled "Basic Rights: A Parent's Introduction to Special Education" will be offered in the Le Bonheur auditorium on Friday, Feb. 6, from 9 a.m.-noon.

The workshop will help parents learn about their child's education needs and their rights as provided under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. The workshop will also help parents gain a working knowledge of special education laws – including their role in the development of an appropriate education program (IEP) – and tips to be an effective partner with their child's school team throughout the IEP process.

All materials used at the workshop have been developed by STEP, Inc. – Support and Training for Exceptional Parents. To register for the Basic Rights workshop, contact Gretchen Dickerson at 287-4503 or Megan Long at 327-2473.

Conference to address host of pediatric topics

Le Bonheur will co-host Challenges in Children's Health, combined with the Etteldorf Symposium on March 27-28. Challenges in Children's Health will feature updates on diagnostic dilemmas in pediatrics, care of long-term cancer survivors, ATV-related injuries in children, liver disease of obesity, preteen parenting approaches and increases in pediatric DVT.

The conference will also feature Etteldorf speaker Sergio Stagno, MD, who will present a lecture entitled "Congenital and Perinatal Viral Infections." Stagno is the Katharine Reynolds Ireland Professor and Chair of the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, The Children's Hospital at Alabama. Stagno will speak on Friday, March 27, at 1:15 p.m.

The seminar is being co-hosted by St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and the University of Tennessee Health Science Center. The two-day symposium will be held at St. Jude.

For more information or to register, visit www.cure4kids.org/cme/34.

The weekend will also feature the annual UT Alumni Duck Dinner, for pediatric and internal medicine alums. Invitations for the dinner, scheduled for March 27, will be sent.

Le Bonheur Educational Offerings

Presentation Title	Credit/Contact	Day, Date Time	Host Location	Presenter
Pediatric Grand Rounds: “Management of the Difficult Airway”	CME	Wednesday February 4, 2009 8:00 - 9:00 AM	Le Bonheur Auditorium	Jerome W. Thompson, M.D., MBA Chair, Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery University of Tennessee Health Science Center Memphis, TN
Speakers Bureau: “Non Traumatic Childhood Emergencies”	CME	Tuesday February 10 12:00 lunch 12:30 presentation	Classroom 1 Methodist Le Bonheur Hospital Germantown Campus Germantown, TN	Max Langham, M.D. Professor of Surgery Chief, Division of Pediatric Surgery University of Tennessee Health Science Center Memphis, TN
Lessons from Le Bonheur: “Safer Sex: The Conversation”	None	Tuesday February 10 6:00 p.m.	Regional Hospital of Jackson Jackson, TN (for more information contact Amy McLean at 731-984-9953)	Britten Bailey, Outreach Educator Community HIV Network Part of Le Bonheur Community Outreach
Pediatric Grand Rounds: “Tools for Medical Education”	CME	Wednesday February 11 8:00 – 9:00 AM	Le Bonheur Auditorium	H. Gail Beeman, M.D. Associate Professor of Pediatrics Division of Pediatrics University of Tennessee Health Science Center Memphis, TN
Pediatric Grand Rounds: “Research Activities at Le Bonheur Children’s Medical Center; an Overview of the University of Tennessee Health Science Center Clinical and Translational Research Program”	CME	Wednesday February 18 8:00 – 9:00 AM	Le Bonheur Auditorium	Dennis Black, M.D. and Michael Christensen, Ph.D. Children’s Foundation Research Center of Memphis at Le Bonheur Children’s Medical Center Memphis, TN
Pediatric Grand Rounds “Complementary and Alternative Treatments in Autism”	CME	Wednesday February 25 8:00 – 9:00 AM	Le Bonheur Auditorium	Susan L. Hyman, M.D. Assistant Professor of Pediatrics Division of Neurodevelopmental and Behavioral Pediatrics University of Rochester Medical Center Rochester, NY

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Hastings joins nephrology team



Colleen Hastings, MD

Colleen Hastings, MD, is the newest member of Le Bonheur's nephrology team.

She has joined UT Medical Group Inc. Her special interests include epidemiology and pediatric nephrology.

Hastings recently completed fellowships in pediatric nephrology and internal medicine nephrology at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center. She also completed her residency in internal medicine and pediatrics at UTHSC.

She is a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics, American College of Physicians, American Society of Pediatric Nephrology and American Society of Transplant Physicians.

Hastings also serves as an assistant professor at UTHSC.