Le Bonheur lands craniofacial fellowship

Le Bonheur Children’s will host its first pediatric craniofacial plastic surgical fellowship beginning this summer.

The fellowship is one year in length, consisting of nine months at Le Bonheur and another three months in Paris, France, with the Craniofacial Unit at Hopital Necker Enfantes Malides under the direction of Dr. Eric Arnaud.

“The fellowship will combine both our pediatric plastic surgical and craniofacial services,” said Robert Wallace, associate professor and chairman of the Division of Plastic Surgery at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC). “This fellowship will allow us to develop new surgeons in the field of pediatric craniofacial surgery, as we expand our services.”

Le Bonheur’s craniofacial team specializes in a variety of craniofacial anomalies – including cleft lip and palate, craniosynostosis, congenital mandibular and maxillary deformities, as well other craniofacial syndromes.

In conjunction with UTHSC, Le Bonheur’s multidisciplinary team consists of a pediatric neurosurgeon, pediatric craniofacial plastic surgeon, pediatric dentists, orthodontists, therapists and other specialists.

Le Bonheur launches diabetes education classes

Diabetes education classes and individual consultations are now available for pediatric patients and families of children who have been newly diagnosed with Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes. Classes include general diabetes information and education including:

• What the diagnosis means for the child and family
• Discussion of treatment options and plan
• Medication information and guidelines for proper use
• Home treatment of symptoms
• Insulin management
• Nutritional education and planning

Classes are available Monday-Thursday at Le Bonheur Children’s and individual consultations are available as needed. All classes and consultations are led by certified diabetes educators.

For appointments, please call 901-287-6073. A physician referral is required. For more information on the classes, contact Cassandra Duckett, BSN, RN, CDE, at 257-5274 or by pager at 418-3177.
Le Bonheur to host Child Advocacy Forum

On Saturday, June 6, Le Bonheur Children’s will host the third annual Child Advocacy Forum from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Le Bonheur Auditorium, 50 N. Dunlap.

The Child Advocacy Forum – created to identify resources for children with special needs – serves to educate parents of children with special needs of the laws that pertain to their families. The forum also provides parents with an opportunity to meet and network with other parents of children with special needs and to connect with appropriate resources in the community.

To register for the forum, parents can log on to www.lebonheur.org/caf or call 901-287-6030. Applications are due by Friday, May 29, and registration is free for parents. Childcare will be available for the first 50 children registered. The forum will include several general education sessions and a number of break-out sessions. Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Transition teams begin to prepare for move

To help ensure full preparation for the move into the new hospital in fall 2010, Le Bonheur Children’s has assembled 11 transition teams comprised of more than 175 members who will work on the transition process throughout the next 18 months.

The transition teams, overseen by an executive steering committee with Administrative Director Sheon Lynch at the helm, will facilitate aspects of transition ranging from occupancy readiness and details of patient moves to public relations, orientation and staffing support. The structure even includes a team designated to oversee the process of soliciting, collecting and installing art work in the new hospital. These groups will work together in the coming months to develop a comprehensive budget, schedule and administrative plan for the transition into the new Le Bonheur next year.
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| **Pediatric Grand Rounds:** “Global Research in Sickle Cell Disease”               | CME            | Wednesday May 6, 8:00 - 9:00 AM                            | Le Bonheur Auditorium                             | Winfred Wang, M.D.  
Division of Hematology  
Director, St. Jude Comprehensive  
Sickle Cell Center  
St. Jude Children's Research  
Hospital  
Memphis, TN               |
| **Speakers Bureau:** “Newborn Screening”                                           | CME            | Tuesday May 12, Noon – lunch 12:30 - presentation          | Classroom 1  
Methodist Le Bonheur Hospital  
Germantown Campus  
Germantown, TN               | Jewell Ward, M.D., Ph.D.  
Professor of Pediatrics  
Department of Genetics  
University of Tennessee Health Science Center  
Memphis, TN               |
| **Pediatric Grand Rounds:** “Treatment of the Difficult Airway for Pierre Robin Syndrome with Mandibular Distraction” | CME            | Wednesday May 13, 8:00 - 9:00 AM                           | Le Bonheur Auditorium                             | Robert Wallace, M.D.  
Chairman  
Department of Plastic Surgery  
University of Tennessee Health Science Center  
Memphis, TN               |
| **Speakers Bureau:** Early Identification and Intervention of Hearing Loss in Children | CME            | Friday May 15, 12:15                                       | Crittenden Memorial Hospital  
Schoettle Medical Education Center  
West Memphis, AR               | Cindy Gore, MA, CCC-A  
Audiologist  
Le Bonheur Children’s Medical Center  
Memphis, TN               |
| **Pediatric Grand Rounds:** “Gene Therapy for X-linked Severe Combined Immunodeficiency” | CME            | Wednesday May 20, 8:00 – 9:00 AM                          | Le Bonheur Auditorium                             | Mary Ellen Conley, M.D.  
Professor of Pediatrics  
Department of Immunology  
St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital  
Memphis, TN               |
| **Speakers Bureau:** Apnea in Children                                             | CME            | Tuesday May 26, 12:15 PM                                  | Jackson-Madison County General Hospital  
Resident’s Conference Room  
Lower Level Food Court Area  
Jackson, TN               | Robert Schoumacher, M.D.  
Medical Director  
Sleep Disorders Center  
Le Bonheur Children’s  
University of Tennessee Health Science Center  
Memphis, TN               |
| **Pediatric Grand Rounds:** “The Heart of the RAS/Map K Family: Costello Syndrome, It’s Kissing Cousin Noonan Syndrome, and CFC Syndromes” | CME            | Wednesday May 27, 8:00 – 9:00 AM                          | Le Bonheur Auditorium                             | Angela E. Lin, M.D.  
Associate Clinical Professor of Pediatrics  
Division of Clinical Genetics  
Harvard Medical School  
Massachusetts General Hospital for Children  
Boston, MA               |
Le Bonheur remembers Dr. Shane Roy

Shane Roy, III, MD, passed away on March 28. Dr. Roy was a professor emeritus of Pediatrics Nephrology at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center and served as a nephrologist at Le Bonheur Children’s for many years.

A graduate of the University of Tennessee College of Medicine, Roy was a member of the Southern Society of Pediatric Research, the American Society of Nephrology, the American Society of Pediatric Nephrology, the International Pediatric Nephrology Association, the International Society of Nephrology, the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Pediatric Society.

“Shane was a role model for me and for pediatricians of my era – he showed us what a doctor should be,” said Memphis pediatrician Robert Riikola, MD. “He was one of a kind, and we will miss him greatly.”

Roy was on the Scientific Advisory Board of the National Kidney Foundation of West Tennessee, and served as Le Bonheur’s Chief of Medicine from 1985-1986, as the vice president of Le Bonheur Pediatric Specialty from 1993-1994 and on the Faculty Senate from 1994-1998.

He invented Chloride Deficient Infant Formula and received a White House invitation to the signing of the Infant Formula Act of 1980. In 1997, he received the Outstanding Alumni Award from the University of Tennessee, Memphis.

Roy’s continued dedication to caring for children helped shape the face of pediatrics in our community. He will be missed.