

# Pediatric Update

January 2010

## New Le Bonheur continues to take shape

With less than six months until its Grand Opening, the new Le Bonheur Children's looks more and more like a new hospital.

Elevators are now running inside the new hospital and the external elevators, or buck hoists, have been removed. In addition, the second tower crane has been taken down.

The sidewalk bordering Dunlap Street and Poplar Avenue will be under construction for at least two more weeks – weather controls when the workers can pour concrete.

To date, the new Le Bonheur has 2,200 doors on site, 700,000 bricks in place and 710 workers on the construction site.



*Le Bonheur will hold a Grand Opening for the new hospital on June 15, 2010.*



*The nearly-completed entrance to the new Le Bonheur's Emergency Department will be located near the corner of Poplar and Pauline.*

*Workers at the new Le Bonheur Children's construction site have moved inside to complete interior work on the new hospital.*



## Peer review launches for nursing, pharmacy

Le Bonheur Children's and Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare began a Peer Review Program for Nursing and Pharmacy Professionals on Jan. 1.

"Peer Review improves the quality of care by relying on professionals within a discipline to evaluate professional performance of individuals, including identification of opportunities to improve care," said Le Bonheur's Vice President of Patient Care and Chief Nursing Officer Kathie Krause. "By using those professionals with the appropriate subject matter expertise, we can more fairly and accurately evaluate the competency of clinical professionals rendering that care."

When an incident occurs that seems like a qualifying case for Peer Review, the case will be referred to the Clinical Peer Review Oversight Committee (CPROC). CPROC, chaired by Krause, will review each case and determine if it meets the criteria for Peer Review. If referred to Peer Review, the individual will meet with a committee of clinical professionals to discuss details of the situation. Peer Review Committees are made of licensed clinicians from each facility, as well as a licensed representative from another discipline.

"Professional accountability and peer review are the next logical steps as MLH continues to expand the self accountability and self governance of our clinicians," added Krause. "As an organization made up of many professions, we owe it to our patients and their families to make sure that, individually and collectively, we continue to provide the best patient care possible."

While Tennessee does not yet require Peer Review, a number of states already mandate that hospitals have Nursing Peer Review Committees to monitor the practice of the nursing professionals in their institution.

## Hospitalist program adds new faces

Le Bonheur Children's has added four new physicians and one nurse practitioner to its practice. Since the program began last year, hospitalists have cared for hundreds of children from more than 20 practices in Memphis and its surrounding areas. As the program receives more requests for services, the additional clinicians will allow hospitalists to continue to provide exceptional care to patients while they are hospitalized at Le Bonheur Children's.

The new team members include:

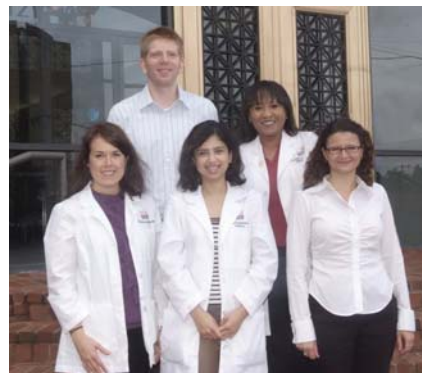
**Yaser Alsaek, MD**, comes to Le Bonheur as a part-time hospitalist from Crittenden Hospital in Arkansas, where he served as a primary care pediatrician. He holds a medical degree from Damascus University School of Medicine in Damascus, Syria.

**Fatima Shahbaz, MD**, recently completed her general pediatrics residency at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center.

**Florentina Litra, MD**, recently completed her general pediatrics residency at Michigan State University. She completed her medical training at Carol Davila University of Medicine and Pharmacy in Bucharest, Romania.

**Stephen Pishko, MD**, comes to Le Bonheur from Children's Medical Center at Dallas where he served as a pediatric hospitalist. He recently completed his pediatric residency and internship at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center.

**Jessica Hudson, PNP, BC**, is a pediatric nurse practitioner with the hospitalist program. She comes to Le Bonheur from the Emergency Department at Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, and recently completed her MSN program at Union University in Jackson, Tenn.



*Le Bonheur's expanded hospitalist program will allow it to care for more children. Pictured above, front row from left to right, are new additions Jessica Hudson, PNP, BC; Fatima Shahbaz, MD; and Florentina Litra, MD. Pictured on the back row are Stephen Pishko, MD; and Program Leader Cynthia Cross, MD.*

# Le Bonheur Educational Offerings

| Presentation Title                                                                | Credit/Contact                                                                                                             | Day, Date Time                                 | Host Location                                                                         | Presenter                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| <b>Pediatric Grand Rounds:</b><br>"TBA"                                           | CME                                                                                                                        | Wednesday<br>January 6<br>8:00 - 9:00 AM       | Le Bonheur Auditorium                                                                 | Barry Gilmore, M.D.<br>Director of Emergency Services<br>Le Bonheur Children's Medical Center<br>Memphis, TN                                                                                        |
| <b>Speakers Bureau:</b><br>"MRSA"                                                 | CME                                                                                                                        | Wednesday<br>January 6<br>Noon                 | Grenada Lakes Medical Center<br>Grenada, MS                                           | B. Keith English, M.D.<br>Professor of Pediatrics and Chief,<br>Division of Infectious Disease<br>University of Tennessee Health Science Center<br>Memphis, TN                                      |
| <b>Speakers Bureau:</b><br>"Pediatric Cardiology"                                 | CME                                                                                                                        | Wednesday<br>January 12<br>Noon                | Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare<br>Germantown Campus<br>Classroom I<br>Germantown, TN | TBA                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Pediatric Grand Rounds:</b><br>"Hypothermia for HIE – Is it Cool?"             | CME                                                                                                                        | Wednesday<br>January 13<br>8:00 - 9:00 AM      | Le Bonheur Auditorium                                                                 | Ajay J. Talati, M.D.<br>Associate Professor<br>Department of Pediatrics and OB/Gyn<br>Program Director, Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine<br>University of Tennessee Health Science Center<br>Memphis, TN |
| <b>Pediatric Grand Rounds:</b><br>"Life on the Pharm: I can't be Bought by a Pen" | CME                                                                                                                        | Wednesday<br>January 20<br>8:00 - 9:00 AM      | Le Bonheur Auditorium                                                                 | Haavi Morreim, JD, Ph.D<br>Professor, Department of Internal Medicine<br>The University of Tennessee Health Science Center<br>Memphis, TN                                                           |
| <b>Speakers Bureau:</b><br>"Pediatric Shunts"                                     | CME                                                                                                                        | Tuesday<br>January 21<br>5:30 p.m.             | Baptist Union County Hospital<br>New Albany, MS                                       | Robert A. Sanford, M.D.<br>Pediatric Neurosurgeon<br>Semmes Murphy Clinic<br>Le Bonheur Children's<br>Memphis, TN                                                                                   |
| <b>Pediatric Grand Rounds:</b><br>"Complications of Otitis Media"                 | CME                                                                                                                        | Wednesday<br>January 27<br>8:00 – 9:00 AM      | Le Bonheur Auditorium                                                                 | Jerome Thompson, M.D.<br>Chairman, Department of Otolaryngology<br>University of Tennessee Health Science Center<br>Chief, Pediatric Surgery<br>Le Bonheur Children's<br>Memphis, TN                |
| <b>Conference:</b><br><b>Mid South Seminar on the Care of the Complex Newborn</b> | CME<br>Designed for neonatologists, pediatricians, family physicians and other professionals involved in treating newborns | Friday<br>January 29<br>Saturday<br>January 30 | The Westin Memphis Beale Street<br>Memphis, TN                                        | For more information and/or to register:<br><a href="http://www.methodistmd.org">www.methodistmd.org</a><br>or call<br>901-516-8933                                                                 |

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## Make plans to attend neonatal conference

Save the date for the Sixth Annual Mid-South Seminar on the Care of the Complex Newborn.

The conference is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, Jan. 29-30, at the Westin Memphis Beale Street.

The annual conference is designed especially for neonatologists, pediatricians, family physicians, nurse practitioners and other healthcare providers that are involved in the care of newborns. Topics for the conference include pre-transport stabilization, post-discharge care of the high-risk infant, neonatal cardiovascular surgery and thermal management in delivery care. The conference will also feature nursing breakout sessions and a virtual tour of the new hospital.

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