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**University of Alabama
at Birmingham**

Pediatric Residency Program

**Recruiting Committee
2016-2017**

Pediatric Program Directors

Michele Holloway Nichols, M.D.

Professor of Pediatrics



An avid Auburn fan, I was first a Seminole--attending Florida State University as a dance major. I transferred to Auburn University, however, where I was in premed and graduated with a Chemistry degree. My medical school and residency years are some of my favorite years! I obtained my Medical Degree from the University of Alabama School of Medicine and completed my Pediatric Residency and Pediatric Emergency Medicine Fellowship at Children's Hospital Medical Center in Cincinnati, Ohio. I returned to the warm, sunny southeast and joined the faculty at the University of Alabama at Birmingham as a Pediatric Emergency Medicine Attending. I was fortunate to be selected to serve as one of the Directors of the Pediatric Residency Program. What an awesome honor to serve in this role--I especially enjoy the teaching and mentoring opportunities. I also served as the Pediatric Emergency Medicine Fellowship Director for many years. As one of the Medical Co-Directors of the Regional Poison Control Center and a Co-Director of the Injury/ Advocacy rotation, I have many opportunities to teach about things I am passionate about--toxicology, community outreach, education, and injury prevention. I continue to serve as an Attending in the Pediatric Emergency Department where I work with the most amazing colleagues. My family is a top priority--I love nothing more than time with them! In my free time you may find me running around Star Lake, playing tennis on the neighborhood courts, teaching the church Youth, baking goodies at home, cheering on the Auburn Tigers (yes, even this year!), or just out and about with the family!

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Nancy Tofil, M.D., MEd.

Professor of Pediatrics



After completing my medical school training at The Ohio State College of Medicine, I came to Birmingham with my husband Eric for residency in internal medicine/pediatrics. We did the couples match and he matched in internal medicine. Growing up in New York and Eric living his whole life in Ohio, we never anticipated staying in the south. After completing residency, Eric took a job at the VA hospital and I completed a fellowship in pediatric critical care medicine. Eighteen years later, we are very happily still living here. During my fellowship I obtained my Masters in Education. I currently am the associate pediatric program director and the medical director of the pediatric simulation center. When not teaching or taking care of patients, I often am playing or coaching my two children in soccer or basketball or my new favorite sport: slalom skiing.

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Candice Dye, M.D.

Assistant Professor of Pediatrics



Born and raised primarily in Arkansas I moved to Birmingham just over a year ago after my husband was recruited back from where he did his fellowship training. I went to undergrad at the University of Arkansas and then attended medical school at UAMS in Little Rock. I then stayed in Little Rock and completed my pediatric residency at UAMS/Arkansas Children's Hospital (ACH). My husband finished his fellowship at the same time I was finishing residency so after scoping out different places we both got offered jobs in Little Rock and were there for 5 years before "the call" from Birmingham came. I say "the call" because we always knew it would happen just didn't know when. I worked in the Emergency Department at ACH and then transitioned into a combination between hospitalist and outpatient pediatrics in which I served as co-director of the residency continuity clinic. After moving here I took on a similar academic clinical roll within the Division of General Pediatrics in which I am the Medical Director of our Primary Care Clinic (the resident's continuity clinic) and also attend on wards and in the newborn nursery. I was honored when Dr. Nichols came to me asking me to be one of the Assistant Program Directors. Working with the residents is my passion and I'm so glad to get to do that every day of my job! When not taking care of patients and working along side the residents, I enjoy spending time with husband and two girls. I also love watching Razorback football, being outdoors -especially if it involves a beach, spending time with my family back in Arkansas, and being involved with our church and Sunday School class.

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Lauren Nassetta, M.D.

Assistant Professor of Pediatrics



I grew up in Marietta, Georgia, but Birmingham is very much my home. I came initially to attend Birmingham-Southern College (GO PANTHERS!), where I met my husband. I stayed in Birmingham to attend Medical School at UAB, and I learned during those years that UAB's Pediatrics Residency was the only place for me. Fortunately, I was chosen to stay for residency and even allowed to stay for a 4th year as Co-Chief Resident! I then joined the faculty as a hospitalist, a job I LOVE because it gives me the opportunity to work with residents and students and care for a wide range of pediatric illnesses. My non-clinical duties include some quality improvement, including chairing the insulin safety task force and the unplanned transfers to a higher level of care committee, physician advocacy and input into our EMR, and teaching, of course. Helping to run the residency program has been my dream job since residency, and I am thrilled to be doing it now! Within the residency program, I am working on formalizing our mentoring program and developing a well-being curriculum and support program. I owe much of my own well-being to family: my husband, and two kids

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Program Directors



Jason Robert Hartig, M.D. (“J.R.”)

**Program Director, Combined Internal Medicine and Pediatrics Residency
Associate Professor of Internal Medicine and Pediatrics**

After completing my undergraduate and medical school training at the University of Missouri – Kansas City, I came to Birmingham for residency in 1996. Four years later, I joined the Departments of Medicine and Pediatrics as an Assistant Professor. Progressively over time I have assumed greater leadership roles with an intentional emphasis on educational endeavors. Currently, I am the Program Director for the Med-Peds Residency Program and an Assistant Program Director for the categorical programs. Within the School of Medicine I serve as the Chair of the Medical Education Committee overseeing the curriculum for the entire undergraduate program. I work on the Dean’s Council for Graduate Medical Education reviewing the ACGME-approved residency and fellowship programs at UAB. Beyond my administrative capacities described, I maintain an active clinical career precepting in the Pediatric and Internal Medicine clinics and regularly attending on both inpatient ward services. If not spinning-away on my elliptical machine watching sports, I can likely be found ‘playing’ with one of my many remote control ‘toys’ or model trains (which are clearly not toys).

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Erin Dunn Snyder, MD, FACP

**Associate Professor of Medicine,
Assistant Program Director, UAB Internal Medicine Residency Program
Medical Director, Internal Medicine IV Clinic (Resident continuity clinic)
Director, Internal Medicine Primary Care Track**

I grew up here in Birmingham and ran away from Alabama to Tallahassee for undergrad training at FSU. It’s true that absence makes the heart grow fonder, because once I left, I started figuring out how to get back to Birmingham. I was able to come to UAB for medical school and have since dug in my heels- staying for Internal Medicine Residency and joining the faculty in General Internal Medicine in 2006. I am an assistant program director for the Medicine residency program, and the Medical director for the Internal Medicine IV continuity clinic at The Kirklin Clinic. I am honored and excited to help with Medicine and Pediatrics interview season. I work closely with the Med/Peds residents in the clinic, and have grown to appreciate the “personality” of this amazing group of individuals. Outside of work, I am busy spending time with my husband and two children (4 and 7): we might be spending time outside, playing or watching a variety of sports, or traveling.

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Tony McGrath, M.D.

**Program Director, Child Neurology Residency and Fellowship
Associate Professor of Pediatric Neurology**

Dr. McGrath received his medical degree from the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine with additional training at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Dr. McGrath’s research areas of interest are stroke in children and pediatric epilepsy.

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Hussein Abdullatif, M.D.

Born in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

Grew up in Amman, Jordan

Professor of Pediatric Endocrinologist and Pediatric Clerkship Director

Languages: English, Arabic, and French with a touch of Spanish and Hebrew

Hobbies: Swimming and cooking middle-eastern food when desperately hungry for it



Ambika Ashraf, M.D.

Undergraduate: University of Calicut, India

Medical School: University of Calicut, India

Fellowship: University of Alabama at Birmingham

Associate Professor of Endocrinology, Pediatric Lipidologist

Faculty at UAB since 2006

Areas of Interest: Lipids, Bone metabolism, Insulin Resistance

Personal Life: Married with 2 daughters (17 and 13 years)

Hobbies: Hiking, gardening, Kathak dancing (Indian)



Stephanie Berger, M.D.

Undergraduate: University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill

Medical School: University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill

Residency: University of Alabama at Birmingham

Assistant Professor of Pediatric Hospital Medicine and Co-Director of Pediatrics Clerkship

Research Interests: Quality Improvement, addressing obesity in the inpatient setting

Personal Life: Married for 4 years, 1 dog and 2 daughters

Hobbies: Yoga, walking/running, home improvement, motorcycle trips, sailing



Santiago Borasino, M.D.

Medical School: Universidad Remona Cayetano

Residency: UAB

Fellowship: Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

Associate Professor of Cardiovascular Critical Care

Associate Medical Director, CVICU

Career Interests: Cardiac Intensive Care Outcomes/Morbidity Research; CVICU (AKI, cardiac arrest, steroids); PICU (HFOV and outcomes in PICU, cardiac arrest)

Personal Life: Married for 11 years with 3 children (David, 10; Nicolas, 7; Isabel, 2)

Hobbies: Running, basketball, surfing, politics (the best reality show there is)



Teresa Coco, M.D.

Undergraduate: Birmingham Southern College
Medical School: University of Alabama (UAB)
Associate Professor of Pediatric Emergency Medicine
Medical Director of After Hours Clinic, PALS course medical director, Associate Director of Peds Emergency Medicine Fellowship
Area of interest: childhood safety, injury prevention
Personal Life: Married 13 years, 8 year old daughter and 11 year old son, 2 stepdaughters, 2 grandchildren
Hobbies: Boating, fine foods, crossfit



Gregory Friedman, M.D.

Undergraduate: College of William & Mary
Medical School: Medical College of Georgia
Postgraduate Training: Pediatric Residency & Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Fellowship at UAB
Associate Professor of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology
Clinical & Research Experiences: Pediatric neuro-oncology, engineered oncolytic herpes virotherapy and other immunotherapies to treat brain tumors and brain tumor stem cells.
Community Interests: Camp Smile-A-Mile
Hobbies: Music, running, volleyball, tennis, playing Wii with his son and daughters



Randy Cron, M.D., PhD

Undergraduate: UC Riverside (varsity water polo captain)
Medical School: UCLA
PhD in Immunology: University of Chicago
Pediatric Residency: Stanford University
Peds Rheumatology Fellowship: University of Washington
Director of Pediatric Rheumatology since 2007
Research: CD4 T cell transcription (SLE and HIV), macrophage activation syndrome, TMJ arthritis
Personal Life: Married 23 years, 14 year old son, 11 year old daughter, 1 dog, 2 cats, tropical fish, and 4 horses
Hobbies: Travel, golf, water and snow skiing, rock n roll



David Galloway, M.D.

Undergraduate: Texas A&M University, College Station
Medical School: Texas A&M Health Science Center College of Medicine
Residency: Phoenix Children's Hospital/Maricopa Medical Center Residency Program, Phoenix, Arizona
Fellowship: Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center
Assistant Professor, Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition
Medical Director, Center for Advanced Intestinal Rehabilitation
Career Interests: disorders of intestinal failure, intestinal rehabilitation and nutrition, quality improvement and clinical research in small bowel bacterial overgrowth
Personal life: married 14 years, 5 children, 2 dogs
Hobbies: sports, woodworking, triathlons, movies



Wyn Hoover, M.D.

Medical School: LSU—New Orleans
Residency: University of Florida
Fellowship: Indiana University
Associate Professor of Pediatric Pulmonary Medicine
Associate Director, UAB Pediatric Cystic Fibrosis Center
Director, Pediatric Pulmonary Fellowship
Clinical Interests: Cystic Fibrosis, Ciliary Dyskinesia, asthma, and general pediatric pulmonary medicine
Personal Life: Married to Kim Hoover (UAB OBGyn) for 19 years, 2 sons (7 and 12)
Hobbies: Cooking, dining, running, working out



Scott H. James, M.D.

Undergraduate: University of Florida
Medical School: University of South Florida
Residency: University of South Florida
Fellowship: UAB (Pediatric Infectious Diseases)
Assistant Professor of Pediatric Infectious Diseases
Director, Pediatric Infectious Diseases Fellowship Program
Research Interests: Virology, Congenital & Perinatal Infections, Antiviral Resistance
Personal Life: Married to Jaime for 14 years; 4 children (11, 9, 7, and 5 years old)
Hobbies: Time with family, reading, writing, travel, coaching baseball



Nicole Jones, M.D.

Grew up in Nassau, Bahamas
Undergrad: Macalester College, St. Paul, MN
Medical School: Wake Forest University School of Medicine
Pediatric Residency: Florida State University
Pediatric Emergency Medicine Fellowship: UAB
Assistant Professor of Pediatric Emergency Medicine
Career Interests: Diversity in medicine, healthcare disparities, mentoring
Personal Life: married 10 years, 5 year old son
Hobbies: travelling, working out, spending time with family, scrapbooking



Ann Klasner, M.D., MPH

Medical School: University of Illinois College of Medicine
Pediatric Residency: University of Arkansas
Pediatric Emergency Medicine Fellowship: St. Louis University
Professor of Pediatric Emergency Medicine
Director, Pediatric Emergency Medicine Fellowship
Personal Life: Married, one cat that acts like a dog!
Hobbies: Running, cooking, knitting



Mark Law, M.D.

Undergraduate: Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology

Medical School: The Ohio State University

Residency: UAB (Internal Medicine/Pediatrics)

Fellowship: Texas Children's Hospital (Cardiology)

Associate Professor of Pediatric Cardiology

Personal Life: Married with 3 children

Hobbies: Running, family



David Lozano, M.D.

Medical School: University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston

Residency: University of Florida, Pensacola

Fellowship: UAB (Pulmonology)

Associate Professor of Pulmonology and Sleep Medicine; Co-Director, Home Ventilator Program; Medical Director, Sleep Disorders Center; Program Director, Sleep Fellowship Program; Medical Director, BPD Program

Career Interests: BPD, sleep, home ventilation, medically complex children

Hobbies: Triatholons, running, golf, hanging at the beach



Jeanine Maclin, M.D.

Undergraduate: UAB, B.S. Chemistry

Medical School: UAB, class of 2001

Residency: UAB Department of Pediatrics

Associate Professor of Pediatrics in Gastroenterology & Nutrition

Fellowship Director for Peds Gastroenterology

Personal Life: Married for 15 years, husband from Memphis, 10 year old daughter

Hobbies: Traveling, shopping, singing



Terri Magruder, M.D.

Medical School: UAB

Residency: UAB (General Pediatrics)

Associate Professor in Pediatric Pulmonology

Clinical Interest: coordination and optimization of care in patient populations with chronic respiratory disorders and/or technology dependence, development and execution of care programs for patients with uncontrolled asthma



Laurie Marzullo, M.D., MS

Undergraduate: Vassar College

Graduate: Albert Einstein College of Medicine

Residency: Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

Fellowship: UAB

Associate Professor of Pediatric Emergency Medicine

Personal: married (Nat Robin, MD, UAB Genetics) 28 years,
3 sons (18, 21, 24)

Hobbies: cooking, kid stuff, obsessive cat adopting



Janaina Nogueira, M.D.

Medical School: Universidade de Pernambuco, Brazil

Residency: UAB

Fellowship: Gastroenterology - UAB

Assistant professor of Pediatrics in Gastroenterology, Hepatology
and Nutrition

Clinical director of the Liver Transplant Service at Children's of
Alabama, co-director of the Hepato-Biliary Clinic.

Career Interests: Liver disease, Liver transplantation and devel-
opmental impact of liver transplantation in Children

Personal Life: Mother of a 7yo (Lucas) and a 11yo Pug (Bella).

Hobbies: 1st: Brazil, then traveling around the world, good eating
and good drinking.



Joe Philips, M.D.

Undergraduate: Washington & Lee University

Medical School: University of North Carolina

Residency: Mount Sinai/Duke

Fellowship: University of Florida

Professor of Neonatology since 1980

Personal Life: Married with 2 grown and married sons, 2
cats

Hobbies: Fishing, cooking, wine, sleeping



Priya Prabhakaran, M.D.

Medical School: Madaras Medical College—India

Residency: UAB

Fellowship: Baylor College of Medicine & UAB

Associate Professor, of Pediatric Critical Care

Career Interests: Biology of lung injury, mechanical ventila-
tion

Personal Life: Married to neonatologist, 1 daughter, 2 dogs

Hobbies: Reading, travel, international medicine



Robb Romp, M.D.

Undergraduate: Yale University

Medical School: Duke University

Residency: UAB

Fellowship: Duke University

Associate Professor of Pediatric Cardiology

Personal Life: Married 23 years, 2 daughters, 1 son, and a golden retriever

Hobbies: Gardening, trying to keep up with kids and dog



Chrystal Rutledge, M.D.

Undergraduate: Auburn University

Medical School: UAB

Residency: UNC-Chapel Hill

Assistant Professor of Pediatric Critical Care

Associate Medical Director, Pediatric Simulation Center

Hobbies: Concerts, traveling, playing with my 9yo dog Max

Research Interests: outreach simulation research, cardio-pulmonary resuscitation simulation research



Will Sasser, M.D.

Undergraduate: University of the South (Sewanee)

Medical School: Medical University of South Carolina

Residency: UAB

Fellowship: UAB (Critical Care)

Assistant Professor of Pediatric Critical Care

Clinical Interests: Medical Education

Personal Life: Married with 3 children, Bo (5yo), Stella (3yo), and Anne Carlyle (2yo)

Hobbies: Being outside, running, fishing, working in yard



Paul Scalici, M.D.

Undergraduate: Spring Hill College

Medical School: UAB

Residency: UAB

Assistant Professor of Pediatric Hospital Medicine

Personal Life: Grew up in Birmingham

Hobbies: Running, eating out, sports viewing (Roll Tide)



Justin Schwartz, M.D.

Undergraduate: Emory University

Medical School: UAB

Residency: UAB

Fellowship: Boston Children's Hospital (Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics)

Assistant Professor, Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics

Personal Life: Birmingham native

Hobbies: playing French horn, writing music, cooking, exercising, Roll Tide!



Brian Sims, M.D.

Undergraduate: UAB

Graduate/Medical School: UAB

Residency: Washington University St Louis

Fellowship: UAB

Current: Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Division of Neonatology

Personal Life: Married with 2 children

Hobbies: Music, community service, spending time with family, coaching lacrosse and basketball

Research Interests: Neonatal Brain Injury, Vitamin-D dependent neuroprotection, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome



Tina Simpson, M.D., MPH

Undergraduate: University of New Orleans

Medical School: UAB

Pediatric Residency: UAB

Fellowship: Adolescent Medicine at UAB

Associate Professor of Adolescent Medicine

Director, Adolescent Medicine Fellowship Program; Director Leadership Education in Adolescent Health

Research Interest: Prevention of high risk behaviors among adolescents

Hobbies: Checking things off my bucket list



Annalise Sorrentino, M.D.

Medical School: University of Missouri—Kansas City

Residency: UAB (best residency ever)

Fellowship: UAB, Emergency Medicine (best fellowship ever)

Professor of Pediatric Emergency Medicine

Likes: reading, watching crime dramas on TV, long walks on the beach, UAB basketball

Dislikes: Tardiness, Brussel sprouts, spiders



Michael Stalvey, M.D.

Undergraduate: University of Florida
Medical School: University of Florida
Residency: University of Florida
Current: Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Division of Pediatric Endocrinology
Personal Life: 2 children
Hobbies: Running, community service, spending time with family
Research Interests: Endocrine disorders associated with cystic fibrosis



Marsha Sturdevant, M.D.

Undergraduate: Linfield College, McMinnville, OR
Medical School: Oregon Health Science University
Professor of Pediatrics, UAB School of Medicine; Director, The William A Daniel, JR. Adolescent Health Center; Director, UAB Family Clinic at Children's of Alabama
I have specific interests in HIV prevention in adolescents and in family centered care for HIV infected women, children, and youth
Personal life: Married for 29 years (Troy) w/ 3 adult children
Hobbies: reading, Facebook, Twitter and tap dancing. Major UAB Blazer fan, especially volleyball and basketball, and soon the RETURN OF FOOTBALL. I'm also a novice organic gardener.



Brett Turner, M.D.

Undergraduate: Wake Forest University
Medical School: UAB
Residency/Fellowship: UAB
Assistant Professor of Pediatric Pulmonary & Sleep Medicine
Personal Life: Married with 2 children
Hobbies: Time with family, Alabama Football, Hispanic culture, my church, & Wake Forest sports
Research Interests: Primary Ciliary Dyskinesia, Long term pulmonary outcomes for infants with BPD, Quality improvement



Brad Troxler, M.D.

Undergraduate: Furman University
Medical School: University of Florida
Residency/Fellowship: UAB/UAB (Pulmonology)
Assistant Professor of Pediatric Pulmonology
Career Interests: Cystic Fibrosis, Neuromuscular Diseases, Transitions of Care
Personal Life: Married 13 years with 2 kids
Hobbies: Running, gardening, cooking



Terry Wall, MD

Medical School: Emory University

Professor of General Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine

Attends in Newborn Nursery, General Inpatient Pediatrics, and the residents' Primary Care Clinic; is also Medical Director of Clinical Informatics at Children's of Alabama

Personal Life: originally from GA; married for 30 plus years, 3 adult children

Hobbies: Photography, church choir, swimming, baking



Susan Walley, MD

Undergraduate: Duke University

Medical School: Medical College of Georgia

Residency: UAB

Associate Professor of Pediatric Hospital Medicine

Personal Life: Married with 3 children (13, 10, and 7 years)

Hobbies: Running, community service, spending time with family

Research Interests: Quality improvement and patient safety, reduction of youth tobacco use and exposure, inpatient asthma and bronchiolitis management



Margaret Winkler, MD

Undergraduate: Milligan College

Graduate School: University of South Carolina

Medical School: University of South Carolina

Residency: University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

Fellowship: UAB

Professor of Pediatric Critical Care

Division Director of Pediatric Critical Care Medicine since 2000

Research Interest: Education in pediatric critical care and patient safety

Personal Life: Single with two dogs

Hobbies: Cooking, hiking, reading, and walking my dogs