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Other support staff: 1 NP, 2 RNs, 1 LICSW

Program Specifics:

3 year program, 1 fellow per year

Our Mission: To provide superb training in the field of pediatric rheumatology and to graduate pediatric rheumatology clinicians capable of providing excellent patient care and conducting high quality research

Clinical Training:

- Hands-on learning with individual fellow continuity clinics throughout all 3 years of fellowship ensures longitudinal care of patients
- Combined subspecialty clinics foster collaboration in care
- Robust didactic training with weekly pediatric rheumatology educational lectures, weekly combined grand rounds with adult rheumatology – prepares fellows for boards and clinical practice
- Combined fellows curriculum for all pediatric subspecialty fellows covering education, research, ethics, and clinical practice in medicine
- Fellows encouraged to take on leadership roles in clinical practice, research endeavors, and community outreach

Research:

- Multiple opportunities to pursue clinical or basic science/translational research through our division and Feinstein Institutes for Medical Research (<https://feinstein.northwell.edu/>)
- Active participation in:
 - CARRA (Childhood Arthritis and Rheumatology Research Alliance) - international research group
 - PR-COIN (Pediatric Rheumatology Care and Outcomes Improvement Network) - international quality improvement learning health system

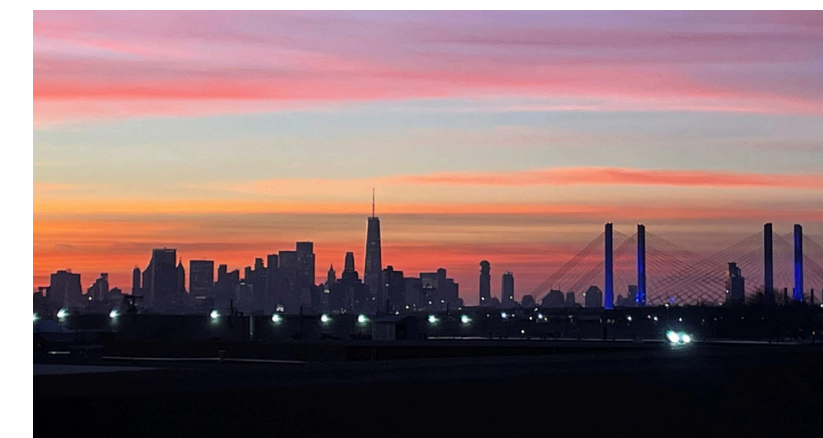
Our Center:

Our tertiary care children's hospital draws patients from the greater New York area, one of the most diverse areas in the world, allowing for broad exposure to a vast array of pediatric rheumatic diseases



Living in Long Island:

Enjoy the natural beauty of Long Island, as well as easy access to the vibrant city of New York with world-class dining and culture!

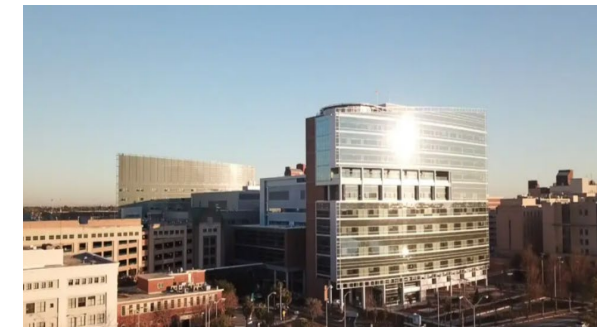


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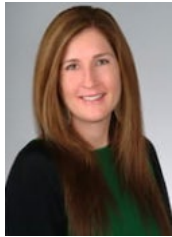
<https://professionals.northwell.edu/graduate-medical-education/fellowship-pediatric-rheumatology-cohen-children-medical-center>



Pediatric Rheumatology Fellowship



Pediatric Rheumatology Faculty



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Division Chief & Program
Director



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Ped Residency
Assistant Dean for Resident
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Emeritus Physicians



Murray Passo
Professor
Emeritus



Robert Warren
Professor
Emeritus

Pediatric Rheumatology Fellows



Aditi Shaily
Graduating Fellow



Chelsea Reynolds
Current Fellow



Sonal Patel
Current Fellow



Madeleine Ward
Incoming Fellow

Program Highlights

- First established Pediatric Rheumatology Program in the state of South Carolina
- 1 Med/Peds or 1 categorical pediatric fellowship position per year
- Cohesive/Strong relationship with Adult Rheumatology and Adult Rheumatology Fellowship Program-nationally recognized in med/peds fellowship training
- Awarded Highly competitive T32 training grant with Adult Rheumatology
- Two Emeritus Status Physicians who attend fellow's teaching didactic sessions and provide mentorship support
- Internationally/Nationally Recognized Research Programs – Lupus and Scleroderma
- Member of Pediatric Rheumatology Care and Outcomes Improvement Network
- Actively recruiting patients into Childhood Arthritis Rheumatology Research Alliance Registry

Training Areas

Training is provided in all areas of pediatric rheumatology including but not limited to:

- Acute Rheumatic Fever
- Fibromyalgia/Amplified Pain Syndromes
- Inflammatory Syndromes including Periodic Fever Syndromes
- Joint Hypermobility
- Juvenile Dermatomyositis
- Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis
- Localized Scleroderma/Morphea
- Reactive Arthritis
- Systemic Lupus Erythematosus
- Systemic Sclerosis
- Vasculitis

University of Alabama at Birmingham Heersink School of Medicine Pediatric Rheumatology Fellowship

Forbes 2021: UAB named America's No. 1 Best Large Employer, No. 4 for Diversity nationally

US News & World Report 2022: Children's of Alabama, #1 in the Southeast



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2021 Birmingham Jingle Bell Run Peds Rheum team (nurses, staff, & faculty★)

The Pediatric Rheumatology fellowship program at UAB was ACGME approved in 2009, two years after the Division of Pediatric Rheumatology was created in 2007. The faculty has grown to 5 board certified pediatric rheumatologists with 4 nurse practitioners, making it one of the largest programs in the southeastern United States. A generous donation/endowment allows us to accept 1 fellow every 3 years, but we are flexible to add more with grant funding from the Rheumatology Research Foundation, the Arthritis Foundation, and support from relevant (Rheumatology, Immunology) campus training grants. We practice and impart a reasoned early and aggressive approach to therapy for children with rheumatic diseases, employing a broad range of biologic therapies. A significant amount of "protected" research time (2 of the 3 years) is granted throughout the training period. Those fellows not working in a basic science laboratory are strongly encouraged to get an advanced degree at UAB in public health, clinical epidemiology, or a related field of interest. At graduation, our fellows are well prepared clinically and academically in all aspects of Pediatric Rheumatology. We are also welcome to training MED-PEDS rheumatology fellows in partnership with our adult rheumatology colleagues at UAB (top 10 nationally, US News & World Report). Explore more about our program at: <http://www.uab.edu/medicine/peds/rheum>

We welcome all inquiries.



Camp MASH

One week of patient fun in Mobile, AL



Dr. Rife

3rd yr fellow

