

Children's Hospital at Montefiore Pediatric Rheumatology Fellowship Program

Our Team



Holiday gatherings



Ultrasound teaching



Team building events



Emphasis on wellness

Program Highlights

The Pediatric Rheumatology fellowship at Children's Hospital at Montefiore (CHAM) and Albert Einstein College of Medicine is a three-year program with the goal of training physicians to become academic leaders in pediatric rheumatology. We are fortunate to serve a racially and economically diverse community in the Bronx/Westchester, providing trainees with exposure to a wide range of rheumatologic diseases, varying medical complexities and an understanding of the psychosocial and economic impact on physical illness.

The Pediatric Rheumatology fellowship training program has been accredited since July 2008. Trainees have been consistently recruited from top institutions across the US, with 100% board pass rate and 100% of fellows securing their top choice in faculty placement upon graduation.

Program Highlights:

- Our team: 4 board certified pediatric rheumatology faculty with expertise in JDM, SLE, Scleroderma, JIA, mental health, healthcare disparities and medical education; 4 fellows (including 1 Med/Peds position); 1 staff nurse; 1 research coordinator; administrative staff and social work support
- Clinical: Broad exposure to all aspects of pediatric rheumatic disease with a wide range of clinical presentations. Close interdisciplinary clinical involvement with adult rheumatology, dermatology, nephrology, immunology and ophthalmology.
- Education: Weekly didactic sessions with case based modules. Dedicated specialized curriculum for immunology, research methodology, quality improvement and MSK ultrasound. Educational opportunities exist for formal training in research methodology (MS, MPH).
- Research: Scholarly opportunities available in collaboration with other disciplines within the institution, nationally and internationally. Extensive involvement with research consortiums such as the Childhood Arthritis and Rheumatology Research Alliance (CARRA) and patient-focused foundations.

Environment



Children's Hospital at Montefiore



Close proximity to Manhattan



Bronx Zoo



Bronx Botanical Gardens



Click here to learn more: [CHAM fellowship tour](#)

MISSION: To develop physicians that are clinically competent in the diagnosis and management of children with rheumatic diseases and related conditions. Trainees will have acquired the skills and knowledge to succeed in an academic health care setting and possess habits of life-long learning to build upon their knowledge, skills and professionalism.

Our Team

- ❖ 7 faculty physicians
- ❖ 5 nurses, 2 medical assistants, social worker, research coordinator
- ❖ 1 fellowship coordinator, 1 practice manager, 3 administrative assistants

Didactic Sessions

- ❖ Weekly Clinical Care Conference
- ❖ Weekly Rheumatology Grand Rounds with Emory Adult Rheum friends
- ❖ Monthly musculoskeletal radiology rounds
- ❖ Monthly journal club with pediatric nephrology friends
- ❖ Monthly board review
- ❖ Various didactics throughout the year (rheum JC, QI projects, etc)

Highlights

- ❖ Attendance at **scientific meeting** each year of fellowship
- ❖ Opportunity to learn **musculoskeletal ultrasound**
 - 2 faculty are USSONAR certified
- ❖ Emory Department of Pediatrics fellow lecture series:
 - FiRST Research Course
 - Quality Improvement Course
 - Teaching Seminars
 - Ethics Seminars
- ❖ Department sponsored educational fund
- ❖ Multiple teaching opportunities with residents and medical students
- ❖ **Guaranteed funding for all 3 years of fellowship!**



Arthur M. Blank Hospital



Fellow Testimonials:

- The diversity of the Georgia population leads to a tremendous diversity in the rheumatology pathology that we see, which is critical for a great foundation of training.
- The fellowship program genuinely fosters what interests you - clinical, research, combination, etc. - which is unique as some programs gear you towards one track or the other.
- The faculty are exceptional and truly prioritize your growth as a Pediatric Rheumatologist and learning above all else.
- As a trainee at Emory/CHOA, I found the work environment to be incredibly supportive.
- Everyone is friendly and invested in helping fellows succeed in their own chosen path.
- Atlanta cuisine is AMAZING!

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Program Coordinator: maria.demery@emory.edu



Boston Children's Hospital



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TEACHING HOSPITAL

Program people

Section chief: **Mary Beth Son**



Fellowship director: **Mindy Lo**

Large faculty:

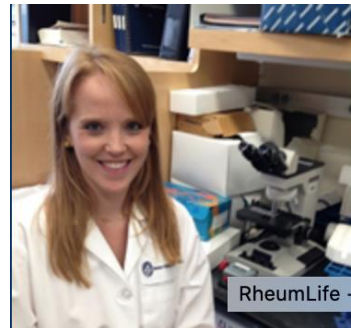
- 6 full time clinical
- 8 mostly research
- 3 med/peds
- 2 NPs, 1 PA
- 1 LICSW



Program specifics

- Clinical 1st year; 2nd two years are research
- Shared call and didactics with Allergy/Immunology
- High volume hospital with large international patient cohort
- Multidisciplinary clinics (lupus nephritis, rheum/derm, immune dysreg, uveitis)
- Access to basic science, translational, and clinical research mentors across Harvard

Lauren Henderson, MD, MMSc



Program Culture

- Supportive
- Collaborative
- Hard-working

Institution Culture

- High emphasis on teaching
- “Fellow-run” hospital
- Actively anti-racist

Boston/MA

- Diverse, progressive
- Great schools, great sports

Mia Chandler and Jeff Lo
(recent grads)



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PEDIATRIC RHEUMATOLOGY FELLOWSHIP

Sponsoring Institution



Visit our Website



Program Highlights

- Our mission is to recruit, train, and empower individuals with diverse interests and backgrounds to become leaders in pediatric rheumatology
- Involved in national mentoring initiatives (AMIGO) and community engagement
- Faculty and fellow leadership in AAP, ACR and CARRA
- CARRA and PR-COIN sites
- Involved in several drug trials
- Advanced degree opportunities
- Dedicated curriculum: Boot camp, Didactic Wednesdays, Board Review, MSK US curriculum
- Non medical drivers of health engagement opportunities
- Fellowship funding by Rheumatology Research and Arthritis Foundation
- TCH earned U.S. News & World Report Best Children's Hospitals Honor Roll status and was ranked #1 in Texas and the Southwest
- Located in the heart of the Texas Medical Center in Houston
- TCH has 4 hospitals and 8 satellite clinics
- Large pediatric rheumatology center (13 attendings, 2 advanced NPs, 8 fellows, 1 clinical care coord, 1 SW, 1 psychologist, 4 research coords, & dedicated nursing)
- The Dept of Pediatrics at BCM has the largest pediatric residency program in the U.S.

Top Medical Center

Training Site



Program Director: Andrea Ramirez, MD, MEd
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Program Coordinator: Luis Paxtor
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Faculty:

Heather Walters MD (Program Director)

Please contact me with any questions!

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Beth Gottlieb MD (Division Director)

Barbara Anne Eberhard MD

Joyce Hui-Yuen MD, MS, FACR, FAAP

Zanab Mian DO

Fellows:

Tatiana Borja, MD

Emily Masi, MD

Priya Shivraj, MD

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:

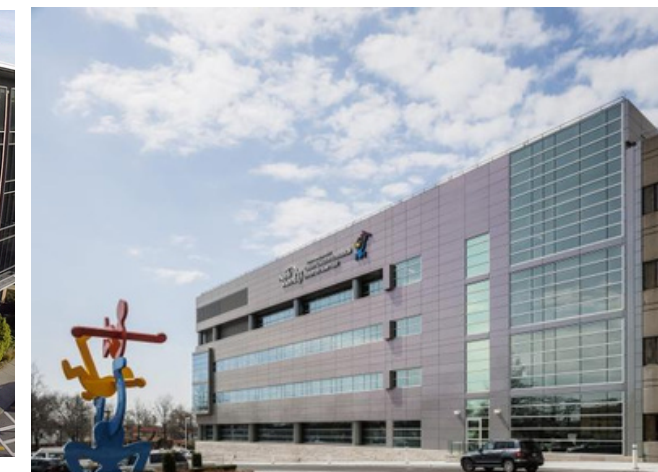
- Hands-on learning with individual fellow continuity clinics throughout all 3 years of fellowship ensures longitudinal care of patients
- Combined subspecialty clinics foster collaboration in care
- Robust didactic training with weekly pediatric rheumatology educational lectures, weekly combined grand 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

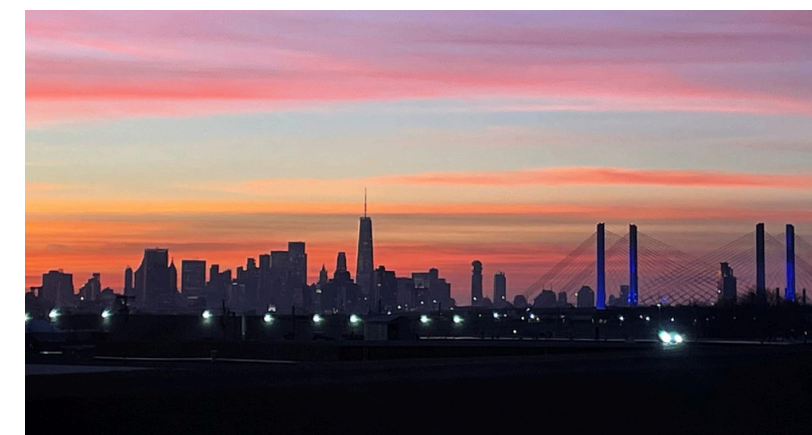


Living in Long Island:

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!

Learn more here!

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



University of Washington / Seattle Children's Hospital Pediatric Rheumatology Fellowship Program



Program Highlights:

- Long-standing fellowship program since 1972
- Center of Excellence for JDM and CRMO
- Large catchment area – WWAMI region (WA, WY, AK, MT, ID)
- Very diverse patient population
- Weekly didactics and protected time for 1st years to attend UW Adult Rheumatology weekly didactics
- Ability to learn musculoskeletal ultrasound
 - 8 USSONAR - certified faculty
 - 5 Ultrasound machines
 - Ultrasound Club for didactics and practice

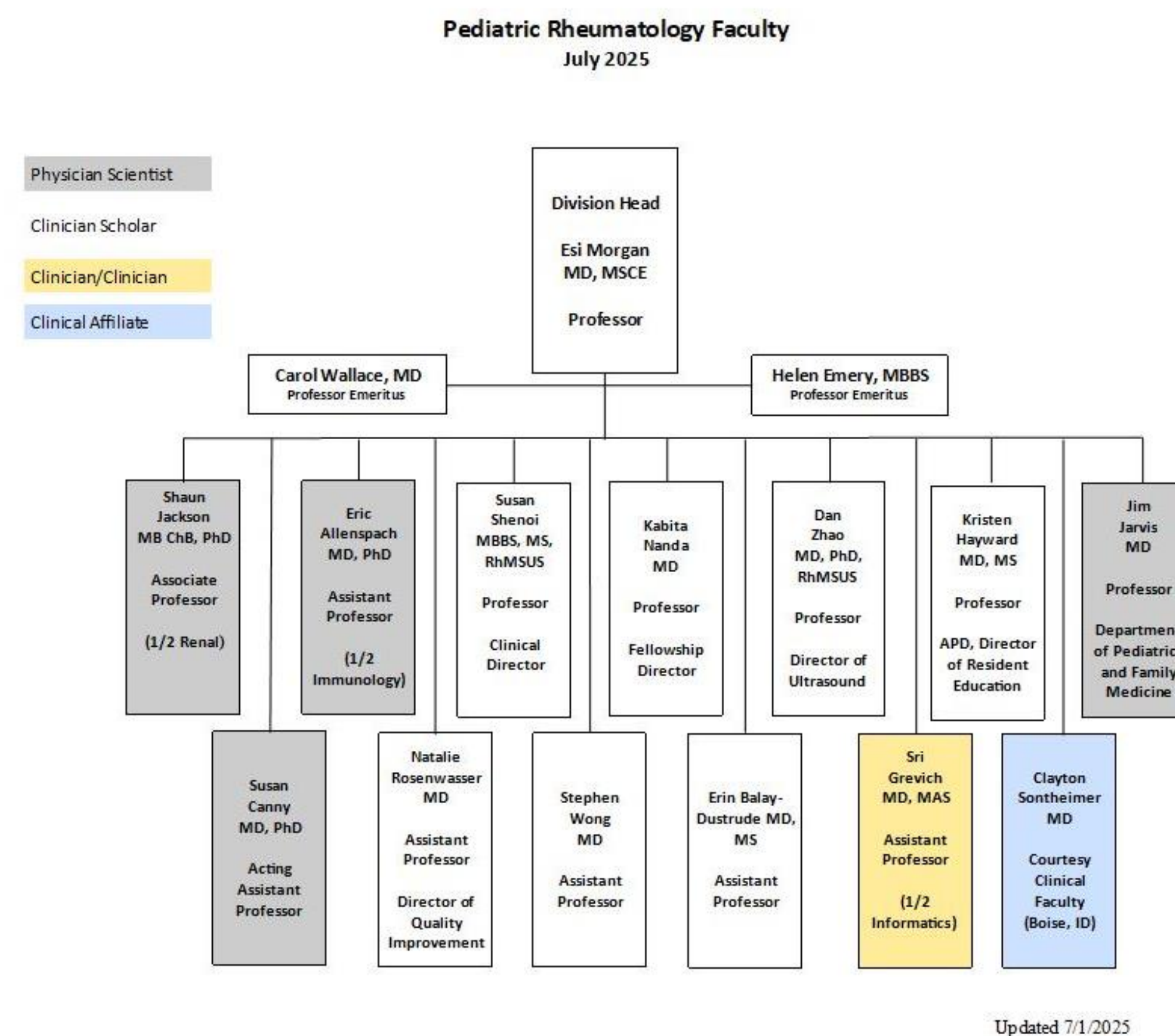
Program Specifics:

- 3 year program
 - 1st year dedicated to clinical education
 - 2nd and 3rd year protected for research
- 6 ACGME fellowship spots
- Recruiting for 2 fellows to start July 2025

What Our Program Offers:

- Clinical experience** - Superb clinical education with graduated responsibility
- Teaching** - Opportunities to enhance teachings skills from bedside teaching to large group didactics
- Academics** – Mentoring in research with opportunities to publish
- Coursework** - University of Washington, School of Public Health (Biostatistics, Epidemiology, Health Services)

Our faculty are leaders in pediatric rheumatology
 Great collaboration among staff (MDs, RNs, MAs, etc.)
 We support your educational goals
 Seattle is a wonderful location and hospital!



Our Fellows:

Natasha Moussouras, MD, PhD
 Nick Hasle, MD, PhD
 Hayley Lynch, MD
 Emily Schildt, MD
 Rina Ferguson, MD, MBA





University of Michigan Pediatric Rheumatology Fellowship

Our Mission

We strive to provide individualized, comprehensive clinical and research training and mentorship to train the next generation of pediatric rheumatologists to advance our field and deliver compassionate care of the highest quality

Our team



Nadine Saad, MD
Program Director



Meredith Riebschleger, MD
Associate Program Director

10 Faculty (including med/peds)
2 RNs
Prior authorization team

Current Fellows



High Quality Patient Centered Care:

- Diverse patient population with a wide range of pathology across the entire state of Michigan and beyond
- Multidisciplinary clinics: Juvenile Dermatomyositis, Rheumatology/Nephrology, Immuno-Hematology/Immune Dysregulation
- Multiple specialties in our combined clinics: Psychology, dermatology, genetics, infectious disease, allergy/immunology, PT, social work

Fellow-focused Educational Opportunities:

- Weekly educational didactics in pediatric rheumatology, adult rheumatology grand rounds, and adult rheumatology fellowship didactics
- Dedicated immunology curriculum
- Learn joint injections in clinic, the OR, and adult rheumatology joint clinics
- Training in ultrasound and video nailfold capillaroscopy
- Attend and present at conferences in the US and abroad
- Mentorship with local and national experts in a variety of career paths and subspecialties

Innovative Research:

- Opportunity for translational research in Dr. Janssen's and Dr. Turnier's labs
- CARRA Site and North American Immuno-Hematology Clinical Education and Research Consortium (NICER) site
- Numerous areas of clinical research
- Support from research coordinators and statisticians

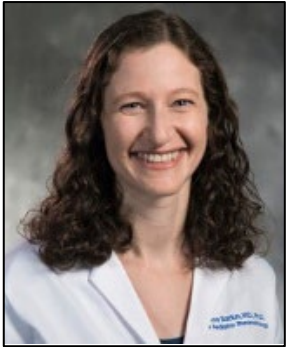


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2024 #1 Best Place to Live for Quality of Life



Duke Pediatric (& MedPeds) Rheumatology Fellowship



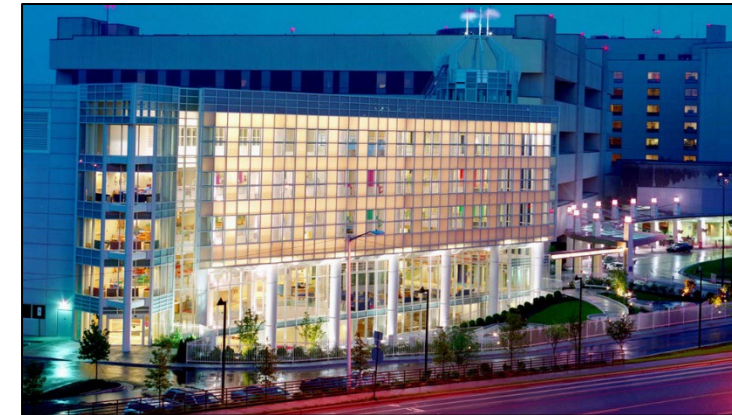
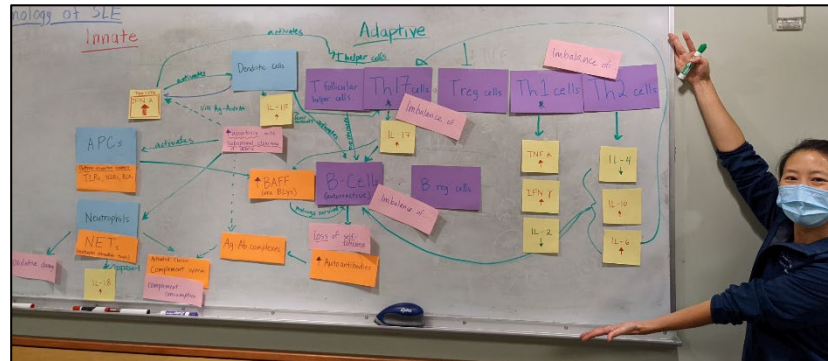
Rebecca Sadun (PD)



Mary Buckley (APD)

- **12 pediatric rheumatologists**
- **6 sub-specialty clinics**
 - Autoimmune brain disease
 - Dermatomyositis
 - Inflammatory eye disease
 - Injection
 - Lupus
 - Young adults (transition)
- **3-5 fellows**
 - Combined training opportunities (eg, MedPeds Rheum, AI/Rheum)

- **Fellow-focused curriculum**
 - Weekly thematic didactics
 - Weekly case conference
 - Twice monthly journal clubs
 - Monthly radiology rounds
 - Masters & T32 programs
 - Leadership programs (QI, MedEd)
 - Carolinas Fellows' Conference



- **Unified Medical Center**
 - 190 bed hospital (brand new)
 - Comprehensive outpt complex
- Competitive salary and benefits
- Beautiful campus and gardens
- Easy access to beach/mountains





Phoenix Children's®

The Phoenix Children's Rheumatology Fellowship Program

Discover the only pediatric rheumatology fellowship in Arizona, exclusively at Phoenix Children's!

Our program is passionate about transforming lives in underserved Southwest communities.

As a fellow, you'll gain unparalleled experience caring for children from diverse ethnic and social backgrounds, equipping you to make a profound, lasting difference in their lives and beyond.

Program Overview

1 Fellow Per Year – 3 Year Training Program
Pediatric Rheumatology Faculty with Diverse Research and Clinical Interests
Flexible Curriculum
Supportive and Uplifting Environment

Phoenix Children's

- 450+ bed free-standing children's hospital
- Our fellowship offers a robust educational series, featuring a structured curriculum in Research, Quality Improvement (QI), and Medical Education.
- Fellows can personalize their training by choosing specialized rotational experiences tailored to their unique interests.
- Through direct mentorship and collaboration, fellows engage with other fellows, residents, and medical students in both formal and informal learning settings.
- Residents hail from the Phoenix Children's Hospital Residency Program, while medical students come from esteemed institutions like the University of Arizona, Mayo Clinic, and Creighton University.

Program Leadership

- Kaleo Ede, MD – Program Director
- Michael Shishov, MD – Division Chief/Core Faculty
- Elisa Wershba, MD – Core Faculty
- Byrnadette Flores, MHA – GME Program Administrator



Brief Benefits Overview



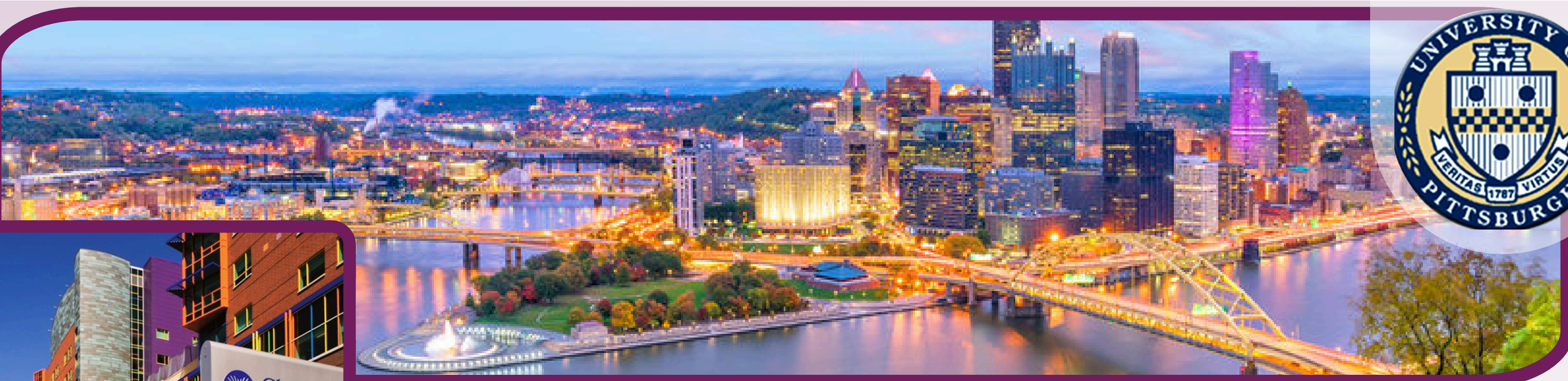
Education Assistance Program

Phoenix Children's Education Assistance Program provides eligible employees the opportunity to enhance their job skills and professional development through tuition reimbursement. \$5,250/year

Additional Benefits

- 3 wks of PTO/ 1 wk CME Time
- Free On-Site Parking
- Meal Funds (\$350/month)
- Reimbursed for Board Exam & Review Materials
- Conference travel allowance
- CME Funds- \$2500/year
- Parental Leave Benefit





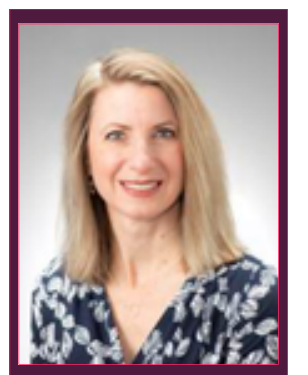
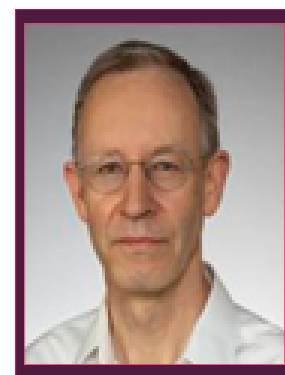
UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh Pediatric Rheumatology Fellowship

Empower the Future: Join Our Pediatric Rheumatology Fellowship!

Program Overview

- Three-year, ACGME-accredited fellowship.
- Comprehensive training in clinical and research aspects of rheumatology.
- **Clinical Training:**
 - First year focused on clinical training.
 - Exposure to diagnosis, treatment, and longitudinal evaluation of chronically ill children.
 - Participation in outpatient clinics and inpatient consultations.
- **Research Training:**
 - Second and third years focused on research.
 - Fellows work with a faculty mentor and establish a mentor committee.
 - Experience in grant writing and participation in didactic seminars.
- **Additional Training:**
 - Exposure to adult rheumatology and relevant subspecialties (ophthalmology, orthopaedics, radiology, nephrology).
 - Weekly continuity clinics for first, second, and third year.

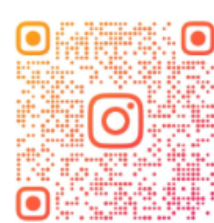
Our Amazing Faculty



2024-2025 Fellows



Check out what our current Fellows are doing and follow them on Instagram!



@RHEUMFELLOWSOFCHP

Meet our Fellowship Program Directors



Dr. Daniel Kietz,
Program Director



Dr. Elaine Cassidy,
Associate Program Director



Scan for additional information on
Programs and Events for
Rheumatology Patients!





Faculty

Tzielan Lee, MD
Joyce Hsu, MD, MS
Imelda Balboni, MD, PhD
Jennifer Frankovich, MD, MS
Rebecca Kunder, MD, PhD
Rajdeep Pooni, MD, MS
Uptej Khalsa, MD

- ## Clinical Experience
- 1st year primarily clinical - 20 weeks of service, 2-4 clinics per week, and 4 research weeks
 - 2nd & 3rd years primarily research - 8 weeks of service, 1-2 continuity clinics per week
 - Opportunity for combined Med/Peds fellowship!
 - Multidisciplinary clinics: Dermatology and Adolescent Medicine



Lucile Packard
Children's hospital



Golden Gate
Bridge



Stanford
Campus



1.5hr drive to
Napa/Sonoma!



Fellows

Amritha Yellamilli, MD, PhD
Arianna Peters, MD
Amanda Moyer, MD
Afshan Najafi, MD
Siva Kasinathan, MD, PhD

- ## Education
- Opportunity for Master of Science in Epidemiology & Clinical Research or Health Research Policy
 - Full didactic curriculum: weekly lectures and case discussions, regular radiology review

- ## Exposure
- Large catchment area: California, Oregon & Nevada, as well as international patients
 - Exposure to all major pediatric rheumatic diseases
 - “Fellows college” – offers unique continuing education resources, leadership development, career planning, teaching methods, research fundamentals and quality improvement
 - > 150 medical specialties



Join our
team!



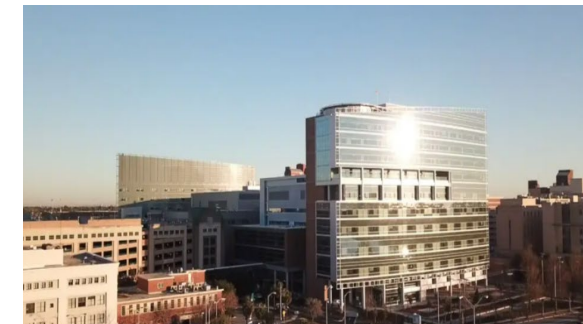
- ## Research
- Opportunities in basic, translation or clinical research
 - Departmental interests in: Lupus, juvenile idiopathic arthritis, chronic nonbacterial osteomyelitis, informatics, implementation science

We are the pediatric teaching hospital of **Stanford University School of Medicine**, the West Coast's first medical school and one of the **top-ranked academic medical institutions** in the country

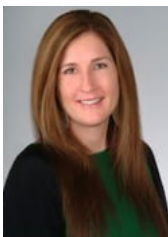


Stanford Children's Health offers access to some of the **best minds in medicine, science and innovation.**

Pediatric & MedPeds Rheumatology Fellowship



Pediatric Rheumatology Faculty



Natasha Ruth
Division Chief & Program
Director

Co-Director, Program on
Physician Well-Being
Assistant Dean for Resident
& Faculty Inclusion, COM



Mileka Gilbert
Director, DEI

Associate Program Director, Transition Clinic
Ped Residency



Kate Silver
Director,

Transition Clinic



Emily Vara
Co-Director,
Pediatric
Clerkship

Emeritus Physicians



Murray Passo
Professor
Emeritus

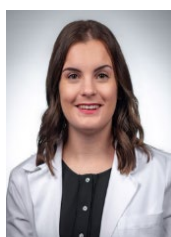


Robert Warren
Professor
Emeritus

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

Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University / Nemours Children's Health, Wilmington, DE

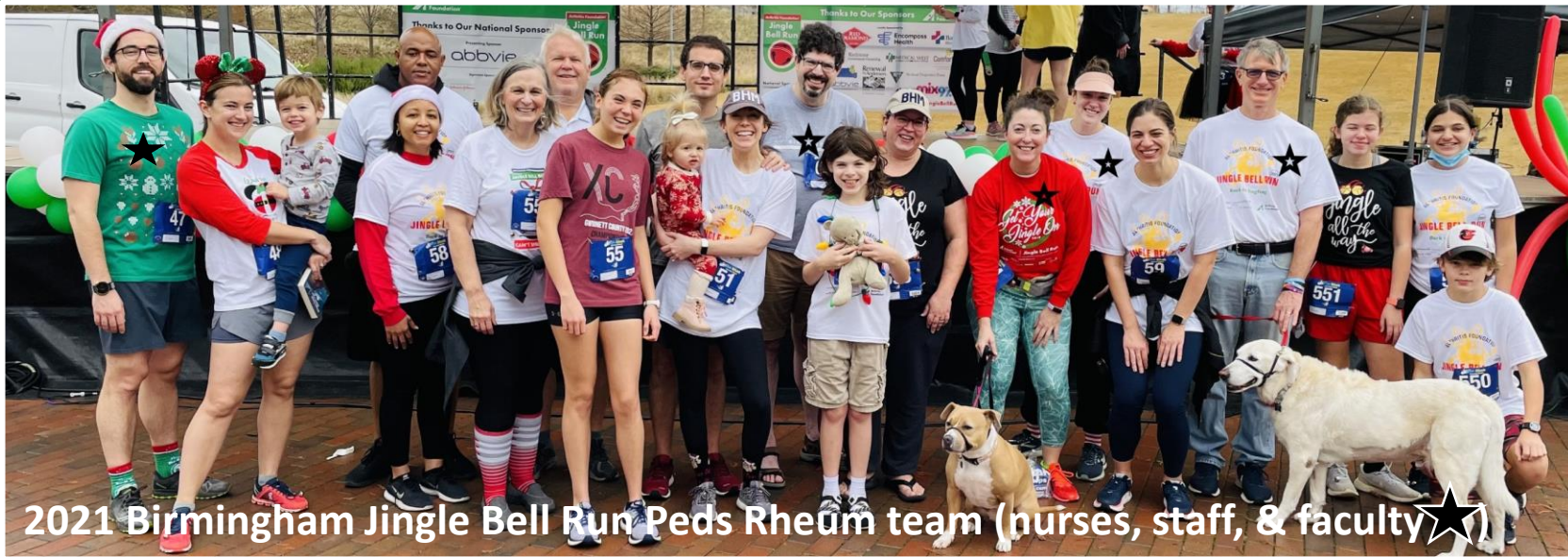
Pediatric Rheumatology Fellowship

- We are a small program in a free-standing children's hospital
 - individual attention to each fellow
 - rotate with world-renowned orthopedic/sports medicine specialists
 - rotate with interventional radiology for arthrocentesis
 - rotate with adult rheumatology
 - many opportunities to design individual research program
- Affiliated to Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University
- Nemours Children's Hospital, Wilmington Delaware Pediatric Residency Program (22 residents per year)
- Nemours Children's Hospital , Jefferson University Hospital and Christiana Hospital
 - 18 Pediatric Fellowship Programs
- Tertiary Hospital serving DE children and referrals from NJ, PA and MD



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



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



Our Team includes
7 faculty and 3 APPs

UT Southwestern Medical Center



Tracey Wright, MD
Program Director



MSK US Practice Session
in the Cadaver Lab



Fellow Cooking Class

Our Mission

Develop the next generation of Pediatric Rheumatology leaders who are committed to multidisciplinary, patient centered care, the discovery of new knowledge, and compassionate advocacy

Developing Leaders

- Foster excellence, innovation, teamwork, and compassion
- Empower fellows to pursue their passions to reach their goals
- Strong mentorship through the Division and throughout UT Southwestern

Patient Centered Care

- Large, diverse patient population at 2 unique hospitals in downtown Dallas
- Multidisciplinary clinic with PT/OT, psychology, dieticians, child life and social work
- Broad spectrum of pathology

Innovative Education

- Comprehensive MSK Ultrasound Curriculum
- Weekly Didactics and Board Review Sessions
- Advanced training in clinical research, public health and quality improvement

Discovery of New Knowledge

- Impactful quality improvement, clinical, and translational research studies
- CARRA site
- Comprehensive support from research coordinators and statisticians



Children's Health



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to learn more!**



Pediatric Rheumatology Fellowship

Kyla D. Driest, MD, MEd – Program Director
Melissa Argraves, MD, MEd – Associate Program Director
Sarah Jones, C-TAGME – Program Coordinator



Fellowship Overview

6 Rheumatology fellows (2 per year)
Additional grant-funded IM/Peds position for July 2025 start
ACGME accredited program
EPIC electronic medical record
10 Faculty members with diverse clinical and research interests
Stacy Ardoin, MD, MS – Division Chief and IM/Peds Rheumatologist
Culture of collegiality, respect, and camaraderie
Arthrocentesis experience with and without sedation/US
MSK US training available with opportunity for certification
Multidisciplinary clinics include psychology, neuropsychology, social work, specialty pharmacy, nephrology, pulmonary, radiology, and OT/PT



Nationwide Children's Hospital

3rd Largest children's hospital in America
New hospital tower opened in 2012; more expansion underway
Over 1.8 million outpatient visits per year
Over 6,000 Rheumatology outpatient visits each year
Four-time Magnet designation for nursing excellence
US News and World Report Honor Roll
Top 10 NIH pediatric research funding
Teaching facility for OSU College of Medicine
National leader in safety and quality research
Ranked as one of the best employers for diversity by Forbes
LGBTQ healthcare equality leader



Columbus

Capital of Ohio
14th Largest city in the US and growing
Over 2 million people in the metropolitan population
In the top 25 best cities for work-life balance
Cost of living is 8% below national average
Plentiful family-friendly attractions
Outdoor recreation opportunities and a robust system of metro parks
Wide variety of cultural and arts experiences
A foodie and microbrewery haven
Local sports teams include the Ohio State Buckeyes, the Blue Jackets (hockey), the Crew (soccer), and the Clippers (minor league baseball)



Clinical/Research Details

Consult-only service – average of 4-5 consults per week (see table)
1-2 continuity clinics per week – average of 4-5 patients per clinic
First year: primarily clinical with bulk of call assignments; fellow's own continuity clinic plus outpatient assignments when not on call
Senior Years: primarily research with lighter call assignments; fellow's own continuity clinic; more time for scholarly activity with option to obtain master's degree or MSK US certification

Typical Pediatric Fellow Call (Weeks)		
Year	Day	Night/Weekend
1	20	16
2	4	6
3	4	6
Total	28	28

Fellow Publication Highlights

Stojkic I, Rubin E, Lee J, Lee ASE, Ogbu EA. An unusual presentation of chronic recurrent multifocal osteomyelitis involving bones of the skull. *Int J Rheum Dis*. 2023 Aug;26(8):1579-1581. doi: 10.1111/1756-185X.14629. Epub 2023 Feb 26. PMID: 36843231.

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Benefits

Relocation Stipend
Reimbursement for Pediatric Board Exam
Ohio medical license reimbursement
Reimbursement for books and equipment
Health and dental insurance
3 weeks of vacation and holidays off when not on call (fellows cover 1-2 holidays per year)
Conference attendance
Paid memberships
Scholarships available for advanced degrees
Intramural grant funding available for scholarly projects
Participation in hospital-wide fellowship core curriculum
Many opportunities for collaboration with The Ohio State University, including clinical, research, medical education and scholarship

We have thirteen graduates from our program, including two Med/Peds fellows, distributed across eight states and Saudi Arabia

Faculty, Fellows and Staff

- 12 physicians, 3 nurse practitioners
- 6 fellows: 2 available positions per year
- 6 nurses, 3 med assistants, 3 research assts, pharmacist, pharm tech, social worker, family navigator, psychologist

Program Specifics

Clinical Sites

- [Children's Hospital Colorado](#)
- Pediatric rheumatology [clinic](#)
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Academic Sites & Oversight

- [Campus](#) with multiple professional schools & hospitals
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- ## Mountain West

- Denver & Aurora: restaurants, shows, nightlife, sports teams, new housing
- Colorado: hiking, biking, rafting camping, nature, MOUNTAINS!

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Pediatric Rheumatology Fellowship

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 - 5 attendings
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- **Program Specifics**
- **Clinical Sites**
 - Cleveland Clinic Children's main
 - Family Health Centers
 - Cleveland Clinic Children's Hospital for Rehabilitation
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 - Campus with multiple professional schools and large tertiary care hospital, committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion
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 - Large quaternary care referral center
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- **Geographic Area:**
 - Cleveland – urban/suburban low cost of living
 - Metroparks system
 - 4 season weather
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Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University / Nemours Children's Health, Wilmington, DE

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- We are a small program in a free-standing children's hospital
 - individual attention to each fellow
 - rotate with world-renowned orthopedic/sports medicine specialists
 - rotate with interventional radiology for arthrocentesis
 - rotate with adult rheumatology
 - many opportunities to design individual research program
- Affiliated to Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University
- Nemours Children's Hospital, Wilmington Delaware Pediatric Residency Program (22 residents per year)
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 - 18 Pediatric Fellowship Programs
- Tertiary Hospital serving DE children and referrals from NJ, PA and MD



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Program Highlights

- Our mission is to recruit, train, and empower individuals with diverse interests and backgrounds to become leaders in pediatric rheumatology
- Involved in national mentoring initiatives (AMIGO) and community engagement
- Faculty and fellow leadership in AAP, ACR and CARRA
- CARRA and PR-COIN sites
- Involved in several drug trials
- Advanced degree opportunities
- Dedicated curriculum: Boot camp, Didactic Wednesdays, Board Review, MSK US curriculum
- Non medical drivers of health engagement opportunities
- Fellowship funding by Rheumatology Research and Arthritis Foundation

Top Medical Center

- TCH earned U.S. News & World Report Best Children's Hospitals Honor Roll status and was ranked #1 in Texas and the Southwest
- Located in the heart of the Texas Medical Center in Houston
- TCH has 4 hospitals and 8 satellite clinics
- Large pediatric rheumatology center (13 attendings, 2 advanced NPs, 8 fellows, 1 clinical care coord, 1 SW, 1 psychologist, 4 research coords, & dedicated nursing)
- The Dept of Pediatrics at BCM has the largest pediatric residency program in the U.S.

Training Site



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