**People in the News**

**Congratulations!**

**Trainee Awards**

Elizabeth Berger, MD (Academic General Paediatric Fellow), who is supervised by Dr. Adam Dubrowski, was awarded Restracomp funding.

Kawarsi Abdullah, MD (Research Fellow), who is supervised by Dr. Patricia Parkin, was awarded a Canadian Institutes of Health Research Frederick Banting and Charles Best Canada Graduate Scholarship. Kawarsi also received an RTC Trainee Travel Award.

Patricia Li, MD (Associate Staff/Locum), who was supervised by Dr. Astrid Guttmann, successfully defended her MSc thesis defense in clinical epidemiology, titled “Population-based study on the association of standardized protocols in the emergency department with childhood asthma outcomes in Ontario, Canada.” Patricia was also awarded Restracomp funding, supervised by Dr. Teresa To.

**Media Coverage:**

Jonathon Maguire, MD: **CNN – Doc talk can help get babies off bottle at 9 months, study says.**


CBC News – Parents heed MD advice on bottle weaning


CBC Radio 1 - Metro Morning with Jill Dempsey - **Bottle use RCT**

CBC Radio 1 - Ontario Today - **Bottle use RCT**

**Conferences: Workshops/Panels/Roundtables**

Members of the Division of Paediatric Medicine facilitated workshops, and participated as panel members in discussion groups/roundtables at various conferences – see below:

- **International Conference on Residency Education, Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, (Ottawa, Ont)**

  Atkinson AL, Hilliard RI, Jefferies AL: "Incorporating IMGs into a residency program."

  Atkinson AL, Hilliard RI, Shouldice M: "Residency Selection: How to navigate a changing landscape."

- **Other Conferences**

  Roth D: "Vitamin D supplementation and maternal-child health in 2010: The basics, the benefits, and the bluster."

  Pediatric Grand Rounds, Department of Pediatrics, University of Maryland, (Baltimore, USA)


  Rapoport A, Liben S, Vadeboncoeur C: "Why are we so hungry to feed?" (withholding artificial nutrition and hydration at the end-of-life) Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Conference, Ottawa, Ontario

  O’Brien H, Rapoport A: "Why did mommy die? How to respond to children’s questions about health, illness and death" 18th International Congress on Palliative Care, Montreal, Quebec

**“Ask a Scientist” – SickKids Website Homepage**

Dr. Miriam Weinstein, Division of Paediatric Medicine, Section of Dermatology: “What causes pimples and what are the best ways to remove or keep them down using natural remedies?"

Dr. Moshe Ipp, Division of Paediatric Medicine: "What is the cure for hiccups?"

Dr. Irene Lara-Corales, Division of Paediatric Medicine, Section of Dermatology: "Why do we itch?"

See answers to these questions and many more, [Questions and answers](#)

Beck CE, Boydell K, Breakey V, Birken CS, Stasiulis E, Blanchette VS, Llewellyn-Thomas H, Parkin PC: Exploring the experience of acute ITP through narratives of children with ITP, their parents, and health care professionals. (SMDM)

Benchimol E, To T, Guttmann A: The quality of methods used to identify patients within health administrative data: A systematic review and assessment of validation techniques using modified STARD criteria. (DUC)

Berger E, Kuper A, Albert M, Shouldice M: Trainee and faculty perspectives on the use of a CanMEDS portfolio in a pediatric fellowship program. (ICRE) (MHPE)

Bismilla Z, Amin H, Dubrowski A: Pediatric procedural skills: Re-evaluating the competencies (WCRD)

Coffey M, Espin S, Friedman JN, Hahmann T, Clairman H, Matlow A: Parents' needs around disclosure of adverse events: A qualitative study. (PSS) (CHSS)

Goldman R, Mounstephen B, Kirby M, Friedman JN: Randomized controlled trial of intravenous magnesium sulphate versus placebo in children with acute painful crises from sickle cell disease (SCD). (IPA) (WCISH)

Kuo DZ, Cohen E, Agrawal R, Berry J, Lal A, Casey PH: A profile of children who have complex and chronic medical care needs. (AACPDM)

Kuo DZ, Cohen E, Agrawal R, Berry J, Lal A, Casey PH: Caregiver burden and unmet needs for children who have complex and chronic medical care needs. (AACPDM)

Morantz G: Experiences of asylum seekers in Montreal: Need for childcare services. (MGCC)

Hawkes M, Schuh S, Ipp M, Bitnun SA, Richardson S, Parkin P, Tran D: Natural history of pandemic H1N1 2009 infection in healthy children in the outpatient setting. (IDSA)

Rapoport A: Addressing the ethical issues of pediatric palliative care research. (CHPCC) (ICPC)

Rapoport A, Newman C, Rugg M, Steele R: Parental perceptions of forgoing artificial delivery of nutrition and hydration during end-of-life care for their children. (ICPC - Awarded Best Poster-Pediatric Palliative Care) (CHPCC)


AACPDM: American Academy for Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine
CHPCC: Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Conference
CHSS: Canadian Healthcare Safety Symposium
DUC: Data Users Conference: Understanding Health Outcomes
ICPC: International Congress on Palliative Care
ICRE: International Conference on Residency Education
IDSA: Infectious Diseases Society of America
IPA: International Pediatric Association-Congress of Pediatrics 2010
MGCC: Migration and the Global City Conference
MHPE: Master of Health Professions Education Conference
PSS: Patient Safety Symposium-University of Toronto
SMDM: Society for Medical Decision Making
WCP: World Congress on Pain
WCISH: World Congress of the International Society of Hematology
WCRD: Wilson Center Research Day


**Reminders for the grant writing season** If you intend to submit a grant or award application to an external granting agency, please notify the Grants Management Office no later than six weeks prior to the granting agency deadline by completing a Notice of Application form. Read the full story at [http://riweb.sickkids.on.ca/riwebdb/article_singleshow.jsp?id=2109](http://riweb.sickkids.on.ca/riwebdb/article_singleshow.jsp?id=2109).
WELCOME!

Dr. Daniel Roth joins the Division of Paediatric Medicine as a Clinician Scientist.

After Dan’s MD at UBC he completed his paediatric residency at the University of Alberta and was chief resident in 05/06. He completed his MSc at U of A and has been doing his PhD since 2006 in the program in Human Nutrition at the Department of International Health at the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health. In addition, Dan has been a Research Fellow in the Child Health Unit at the International Centre for Diarrheal Disease Research in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

CONFERENCES

88th Canadian Paediatric Society Annual Conference: Highlights (June 15-18, 2011 – Quebec City)
Abstract Deadline: Dec 3/10 Submission details

Pediatric Academic Societies' Annual Meeting
(April 30 – May 3, 2011 – Denver, Colorado)

Pediatric Hospital Medicine Conference
(July 28-31, 2011 – Kansas City, MO)
Workshop Deadline: Dec 10/10 Submission details

Grant/Award Opportunities

CIHR Funding Opportunities

U of T Finding Funding Help
http://www.research.utoronto.ca/for-researchers-administrators/funding-sources/

NIH funding opportunities
http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/WeeklyIndex.cfm

Research Training Centre’s (RTC) Trainee Start-Up Fund (TSUF) Program
Program has expanded to allow for both clinical and basic research trainees access to these funds. Visit the RTC website for more information about this program and to download application forms.

Education Development Fund for Innovation in Education
The EDF is a seed fund designed to catalyze initiatives that immediately and directly impact University of Toronto Faculty of Medicine education and teaching programs through innovation and development. Funding is provided for the period of one year to a maximum of $10,000 per project. All applications must have secured 1:1 matched funding. The Centre for Faculty Development organizes two workshops to assist interested applicants with the development of their proposals. Monday November 29th from 9am-12pm AND Friday January 7 from 1-4pm. For more information regarding this funding opportunity visit: http://www.facmed.utoronto.ca/about/governance/council/edf.htm