



August 2010

## HOSPITAL NEWS

### Please Welcome New Members of Phoenix Children's Medical Staff:

**Michelle Jeffries, DO, Dermatology, PCMG**  
**Jennifer Matchey, MD, Critical Care, PCMG**  
**Micah Olson, MD, Endocrinology, PCMG**  
**Andrea Ramirez, MD, Rheumatology, PCMG**  
**Kristina Wilson, MD, Orthopaedic Surgery, PCMG**  
 Anne Beasley, MD, Hospitalist  
 Michael Beasley, MD, Hospitalist  
 Robert Fintelman, MD, Ophthalmology  
 Michael Levine, MD, Toxicology  
 John Lin, MD, Critical Care  
 Nathan Page, MD, Otolaryngology  
 Zachary Robbins, MD, Hospitalist  
 Kelly Roy, MD, OB/GYN  
 Petr Ruzicka, MD, Neurosurgery

### Two Phoenix Children's Physicians Earn Coveted Arizona Biomedical Research Commission Grants:

P. David Adelson, MD, FACS, FAAP, Director of the Hospital's Children's Neuroscience Institute, and Jeffrey Buchhalter, MD, PhD, Chief of the Division of Neurology, have earned grants from the Arizona Biomedical Research Commission. Dr. Adelson, in partnership with co-investigator Dr. Stephen Tillery of ASU, received \$457,000 over three years to support his study, "A Practical Brain-Computer Interface Based on Micro-ECOG Technology." This grant will support further development of computer technology that can help patients with neurological disorders use the power of their brain to create movement. Dr. Buchhalter's grant totals \$300,000 over three years to fund his study, "Implementation of a Research Patient Data Repository at PCH," on which he's partnered with co-investigators Robert Greenes, Bob Sarnecki, Douglas Fridsma, and Craig Parker. Congratulations Dr. Adelson and Dr. Buchhalter for landing these highly sought after grants.

### Phoenix Children's Emergency Department Notches Impressive Measurements in CHCA Benchmarking Collaborative:

According to data collected through a benchmarking collaborative with Child Health Corporation of America (CHCA), Phoenix Children's Emergency Department had the lowest percentage of walk-outs of all CHCA owner hospitals in June, and ranked second for shortest length of stay, which measures the amount of time between patient arrival at an ED to discharge. Only 0.15 percent of patients who entered Phoenix Children's ED in June "left without being seen." In the same month, the median length of stay for ED patients at the Hospital was 23 percent faster than the median reported by other participating CHCA Hospitals. Phoenix Children's ED had top quartile performance in five of the first six months of 2010 in the "left without being seen" measurement.

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### Be Sure to Vote to Protect Children's Healthcare:

The primary election is just around the corner. The government funding Phoenix Children's receives helps us offer unique programs that are unmatched anywhere in Arizona.

- Sign-up now to have your ballot mailed to your home for this election at <https://recorder.maricopa.gov/earlyvoteballotnet/vbrequest.aspx>.
- You can also sign-up for the Permanent Early Voting List at <https://recorder.maricopa.gov/earlyvoteballotnet/pevlookup.aspx>.

For more information and other voter resources, visit <http://www.phoenixchildrens.com/advocacy>.

**OptumHealth Has Named Phoenix Children's Hospital a Center of Excellence:** Phoenix Children's is pleased to announce the Hospital has been designated as a member of the OptumHealth Center of Excellence network in Neonatology, Pediatric Blood and Marrow Transplantation, and Pediatric Kidney Transplantation. Only those medical centers that meet OptumHealth's strict performance criteria, as determined through an initial and annual evaluation process, are considered for inclusion in a Center of Excellence network.

## EVENTS

- 6:** Trauma Grand Rounds: "Thoracic Trauma," Craig Egan, MD, Phoenix Children's Melvin L. Cohen Conference Center
- 10:** Grand Rounds: "Short Stature," Khalid Hasan, MD, Maricopa Medical Center Auditoriums 1 and 2
- 17:** Grand Rounds: "Why All the Hype About Vitamin D," Micah Olson, MD, Phoenix Children's Melvin L. Cohen Conference Center
- 24:** Grand Rounds: "Update in Critical Care," Heidi Dalton, MD, Phoenix Children's Melvin L. Cohen Conference Center
- 31:** Grand Rounds: "Clinical Pathologies Conference," Esteban Gomez, MD, Phoenix Children's Melvin L. Cohen Conference Center

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