



# UI HEALTH PEDIATRICS

## AUGUST 2020 CELEBRATION NEWSLETTER

### News Briefs

#### Dr. Barnes Is ICAAP Officer; Is Interviewed on Channel 7



**Dr. Michelle Barnes** is now the Secretary of the Illinois Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics (ICAAP), based on an election of the Executive Committee in which 25 percent of eligible voters participated.

On 8.2.20, **Dr. Barnes** was interviewed on Newsviews of ABC Channel 7 by Judy Hsu. Topics included the ways that pediatricians can support the physical and emotional health of children and families during the Covid-19 era. The importance was emphasized of maintaining well-child visits including immunizations, seeking prompt medical attention when children are sick or injured, and being a resource for other healthcare and developmental needs. The

interview can be accessed at <https://abc7chicago.com/health/newsviews-experts-worry-about-possible-drop-in-immunization-levels/6348948/> or by visiting our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ChildrensHospUIC>



#### Dr. Martin Is Career Award Winner



The American Public Health Association (APHA) Health Administration Section 2020 Research to Practice Award winner is **Dr. Molly Martin**. The Health Administration section of the APHA encourages nurturing, supporting, training, and exchanging information with public health practitioners, academic public health programs, and healthcare administrators of all disciplines, while publicly advocating for public health based on sound administrative and scientific principles. Dr. Martin's exemplary scientific and administrative record and dedication to these goals have been recognized by the prestigious 2020 Research to Practice Award.

### Departmental Updates

#### Appointments in Departmental Leadership

- **Co-Associate Heads for Faculty Affairs:**  
Drs. Claudia Boucher-Berry and Mary Lou Schmidt
- **Director of Strategic Planning:** Dr. Andrew Kreppel
- **Director of the Residency Program:** Dr. Michelle Barnes
- **Associate Director of the Residency Program:** Dr. Stacy Laurent
- **Assistant Directors of the Residency Program:**  
Drs. Meghan Harding and Daphne Vander Roest

#### New Section Chiefs Named

- **Interim Chief of the Section of Pediatric Nephrology** (effective 7.1.20):  
Dr. Kimberly Czech
- **Chief of the Section of Pediatric Genetics** (effective 12.1.20):  
Dr. Philip Giampietro



## 2019-2020 Promotion Cycle Results

- **Associate Professor (CT):**  
Dr. Reshma Shah
- **Professor of Clinical Pediatrics:**  
Dr. Edmundo Cortez
- **Associate Professor of Clinical Pediatrics:**  
Drs. Saba Ahmad and Andrew Kreppel



## **Recent Grant Awards**

### 1- COVID-19 program enhancement



**Title:** COVID-19 and Adolescent Depression Prevention (Enhancement to: “Primary Care and Community-Based Prevention of Mental Disorders in Adolescents”)

**Funder:** Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI)

**Dates:** 7/15/20-7/14/21

**Amount:** \$500,000

**PIs:** Benjamin Van Voorhees, Tracy Gladstone

**Summary:** The COVID-19 pandemic is disrupting the lives of adolescents nationwide. School closings and mandatory stay-at-home orders, adult unemployment, loss of regular routines, social isolation, and decreased social support from peers, teachers, and other trusted adults are increasing the likelihood of depressive and anxiety disorder episodes in adolescents. This enhancement proposes to add an additional 100 participants to the Path-2-Purpose trial, recruited in the “public health campaign model.”

### 2- COVID-19 supplement



**Title:** COVID19 - Community Intervention Modifications for Low-Income Urban Families after COVID-19

**Funder:** National Institutes of Health (NIDCR)

**Dates:** 9/1/2020-8/31/2021

**PI:** Molly Martin

**Other investigators:** Helen Lee, David Avenetti, Oksana Pugach

**Budget:** \$239,847 (total); \$149,998 (direct)

**Summary:** COVID-19 has brought new changes to household dynamics and unforeseen stressors to families already experiencing oral health disparities. The medical clinics and social service agencies that service these families have also been significantly affected. This study aims to determine specific intervention needs regarding dental care access, oral health behaviors, nutrition, and mental health for low-income urban families with young children following COVID-19.

### 3- International Pediatrics Association project



**Title:** Child and Adolescent Health and COVID-19 project

**Funder:** International Pediatric Association/UNICEF

**Dates:** 5/1/20-11/30/20

**PI:** Jonathan Klein

**Amount:** \$5000

**Summary:** UNICEF/WHO partnership addressing Child and Adolescent Health during COVID-19.

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