



# UI HEALTH PEDIATRICS

## OCTOBER 2020 CELEBRATION NEWSLETTER

### News Briefs

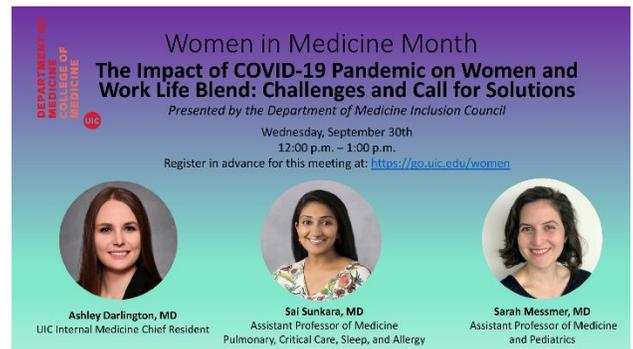
#### UIC Center for Global Health Features Pediatrics Faculty



**Dr. Jonathan Klein** gave a talk on a webinar on 9.21.20 sponsored by the Coalition of Centres in Global Child Health, which is an international network of individuals and institutions. The title of the webinar was “Adolescent Health and Gender Equality: Implications of Covid-19,” and subjects included educational opportunities, empowerment collective participation, and sexual and reproductive health and health behaviors. Dr. Klein spoke on: “Risky and Healthy Behaviors for Adolescent Health in the Context of Covid-19.”

#### Dr. Messmer Is “Women in Medicine Month” Panelist

In September, the Department of Pediatrics (DOP) was proud to celebrate “Women in Medicine Month” by honoring the awesome women on our team. An example of our participation was **Dr. Sarah Messmer**, Assistant Professor of Medicine and Pediatrics, who was a presenter on 9.30.20 on the topic of: “The Impact of Covid-19 Pandemic on Women and Work Life Blend: Challenges and Call for Solutions.” The panel discussion was hosted by the Department of Medicine Inclusion Council. All DOP women have our respect and thanks.



#### Global Health Newsletter Features Pediatrics Faculty



An article in the September 2020 edition of “The Global Health Desk” published by the UIC Center for Global Health (CGH) featured the role of **Dr. Lewis Hsu** and others at the UIC Comprehensive Sickle Cell Center. The Center is partnering on the care of sickle cell disease (SCD) with the University of Ibadan in Nigeria and the Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood. Nigeria has the largest population with SCD in the world, and this partnership has resulted in Doris Duke Foundation funding, five papers, and a clinical trial.

The CGH Newsletter also included an article written by **Dr. Sarah Messmer** on forced sterilization within medicine that focused on detained settings, as well as an update from Dr. Greg Klazura who is on 2-year research sabbatical as the Global Surgery Fellow in the Department of Pediatric Surgery at UIC.

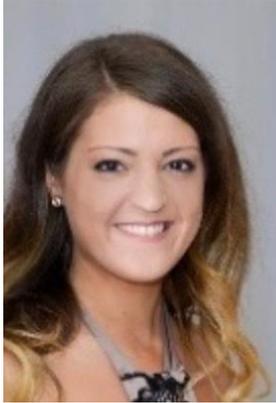


## Pediatrics GI Team Manuscript To Be Published

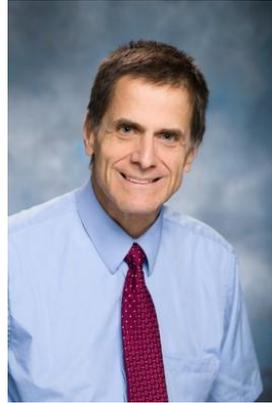
An article entitled “Esophageal Strictures in Pediatric Patients with Eosinophilic Esophagitis (EoE): Short Segment Stricture Vs. Narrow Caliber Esophagus” has been accepted by the *Journal of Hepatology and Gastroenterology*. Authors are V. Kory, V. Gunasekaran, A. Schwartz, J. Berman, and T. Gunasekaran.



### **Introductions and Anticipated Arrivals**



**MONICA CELLA, LCSW**  
Director of Clinical Operations,  
CHECK Program



**PHILIP GIAMPIETRO, MD, PhD**  
Professor, Section of Pediatric Genetics  
(starting late 2020)



**LILY LOU, MD**  
Professor, Section of Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine;  
Director, Government Relations for Pediatrics



**CRISTIANA HENTEA, MD**  
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**MEGHAN HARDING, DO**  
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**RENEE KATSINIS, APN**  
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**STEVEN MARDJETKO, MD**  
Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery



**DANIEL MASS, MD**  
Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery



**Anticipated Retirement:** ARVIND SHUKLA, MD, FRCPC, who started his training as a neonatology fellow at UIC in 1980, intends to retire on 12.31.20. However, he plans to continue his longstanding association with UIC by involvement with residents and global health.



## Recent Grant Awards

### 1- Songs of Love



**Title:** Songs of Love Referral Grant

**Dates:** 9/1/20-8/31/21

**Amount:** \$5,000

**Funder:** The Songs of Love Foundation

**PI:** Kathleen Breen, APRN;

in collaboration with Zayda Stewart, LCSW, and Dana Thornquist, MS, CCLS

**Summary:** The Songs of Love Foundation is a national nonprofit organization that creates free, personalized, uplifting songs. Each week 6-8 children and teens who are receiving treatment at UI Health will be referred. UIC Pediatrics will also receive an award to be used for activities or items to improve the lives of sick children, such as support for a child life specialist.

### 2- Genetics counseling and care



**Title:** Regionalized Care in the Treatment of Biochemical Genetic Diseases Detected from State of Illinois Newborn Screening

**Dates:** 7/1/20-6/30/21

**Amount:** \$200,000

**Funder:** Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH)

**PI:** George Hoganson, MD

**Summary:** The UIC Biochemical Genetic Diseases Program provides diagnostic evaluations and ongoing treatment of patients who receive a positive test result for any of the biochemical disorders identified through the expanded state newborn screening program. Support is also provided to local pediatricians or any primary care provider seeking information related to biochemical disorders.

### 3- Dr. Reddy Lab Research



**Title:** Fra 1 A20 Signaling and Resolution of Pneumonia Induced Sepsis

**Dates:** 5/1/2020 to 4/31/21

**Amount:** \$35,178

**Funder:** NIH/NIGMS

**PI:** Sekhar Reddy, PhD

**Summary:** This grant funded the purchase of an Upright & Inverted Capability Bright-field and Fluorescence Microscope Revolve4 (RVL-100-M). Dr. Reddy and others in his lab/cell culture room are using this microscope on research studies related to deadly bacterial and viral infections and their interactions with lung cell types. The goal is to define mechanisms involved in lung repair and reduce poor outcomes.

## Upcoming Event

### Department of Pediatrics Plans its First Diversity Week

Twenty-twenty has been an interesting (yet tumultuous) year. We have celebrated life, mourned death, felt isolation, and witnessed injustice. Throughout these experiences, many of us are left with the question: How can we survive this year and still work towards change? October marks the 10th month of the year, the 8th month of the pandemic, the beginning of a new season, and the last month before the election. In the spirit of what has happened and what is yet to come, the Department of Pediatrics has planned its first ever DIVERSITY WEEK! As many of us know, steps towards change involve celebrating who we are, unifying around common goals, and advocating for the change we want to see. Every day starting 10.26.20 will be a theme-based celebration: a representation of our diversity, a celebration of our unity, and a chance to advocate for change. We hope this week will be not only a time to reflect on this year but also a time to celebrate what makes us diverse and uniquely equipped to change the world! [#UIHealthPedsStrong](#)



# UI Health Pediatrics Celebrates Diversity Week 2020

Brought to you by the Pediatric Diversity and Inclusion Task Force



**Mon  
10/26**

## Let's celebrate diversity in education

We will use this day to represent diversity in our own, our families, or our children's education.

Wear something that represents your grammar school, jr/high school, college, grad school, med school, neighborhood school or any educational system you support INCLUDING our own University of Illinois--Chicago campus.



**Tues  
10/27**

## Let's celebrate cultural heritage

Cultural heritage is an expression of your cultural community including a representation of your customs, your cultural expressions, and even your cultural heroes! Let's be creative with this one! Remember the goal is to show how uniquely diverse we all are.



**Wed  
10/28**

## Let's unify for a cause and "Wear Pink"

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month a perfect time for our dept to raise awareness to this health disparity which affects many of our families and communities.



**Thurs  
10/29**

## Let's advocate for change--"Rock the Vote"

Election Day is Tuesday 11/3, UIC DOP has decided to close to clinic to ensure we have an opportunity to have our votes counted! Wear something supporting our right to VOTE and let's make our voices heard.

\*\*When you vote please save your "I voted" sticker or wrist band--this will enter you in a raffle to win a copy of our diversity cookbook/pamphlet!



**Fri  
10/30**

## Let's celebrate ...Halloween!

With a twist... instead of your "usual" candy and treats let's bring a shareable treat that represents your culture and your community to share with others!

Individualized items ONLY to avoid food sharing during covid times.



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