

## Faxnotes

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### MEDICAL UPDATE

#### *Office emergency preparedness*

Often children present to the pediatric healthcare provider's office for urgent/emergency care. Schweich, 1991 identified that 86% of pediatricians encountered emergencies in the office setting. For these instances, office settings need to be prepared to treat and manage acutely ill children until emergency medical services arrive.

It is essential for the pediatric provider to know how and when to access acute and critical care services for their patients. Calling 911 or poison control are two preferred options, and there are important steps that can be taken to stabilize a patient while awaiting emergency medical services.

Emergency readiness for the pediatrician includes the following:

- Training of front office staff to identify acutely ill children
- Training/triage of office staff to identify acute illness/injuries and provide initial stabilization until emergency medical services arrive
- Appropriated basic life support (BLS) equipment
- Established protocols for treatment for specific emergencies

In addition, all office personnel should maintain certification in BLS and ideally pediatric advanced life support (PALS). There should also be appropriate basic emergency equipment available and staff trained to use it as indicated. In addition to mock code training with the staff, hands-on skills of the emergency equipment available should be performed routinely.

There are many online resources available to assist the provider with education of their staff, and lists of basic equipment and emergency drugs necessary in the event of an office emergency. Some Web sites include: [www.ems-c.org](http://www.ems-c.org) and [www.aap.org](http://www.aap.org).

Dr. Maeve Sheehan, Intensivist and Medical Director for Transport Services, along with members of the Children's Transport team are available to assist the provider with these lists, or to visit with you and to provide further training and education. Arrangements can be made by contacting Carol Hasty, RN, MS at 214-456-2975. PALS is available at Children's, and those interested can register through [www.childrens.com](http://www.childrens.com).

### FACULTY UPDATE

#### *Sleep center medical director named*

Dr. S. Kamal Naqvi has been named Medical Director of Sleep Disorders at Children's. He also is an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at UT Southwestern.

Dr. Naqvi, a pediatric pulmonologist and pediatric sleep medicine specialist, will lead the nationally accredited Sleep Disorders center at Children's. With the addition of Dr. Naqvi, the Sleep Disorders center expands its diagnostic capabilities to include full-service treatment. Children's is the only facility in North Texas where pediatric patients with sleep disorders can receive full evaluation and treatment.

Dr. Naqvi is a graduate of Dow Medical College affiliated with the University of Karachi in Pakistan. His extensive training includes the completion of a three-year fellowship in pediatric pulmonology and a one-year fellowship in sleep medicine. For more information about sleep disorders at Children's, call 214-456-2793.

### PEDIATRIC GRAND ROUNDS

Wednesdays at 8 a.m. in the Children's auditorium. For CME information, contact the UT Southwestern office of continuing medical education at 214-648-3705.

**March 29** - "Abnormal Vaginal Bleeding," Ellen Wilson, M.D., Clinical Associate

Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, UT Southwestern Medical Center

**April 5 - FASHENA LECTURE**

*"Granulomatous Diseases: Taming the Granuloma"* Kathleen E. Sullivan, M.D.  
Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Pediatrics; Chief, Division of Allergy  
and Immunology, The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA.

**April 12 - "Red Book® Updated: A view of the future"** Larry K Pickering, M.D.,  
F.A.A.P., Senior Advisor to the Director of the National Immunization Program;  
Executive Secretary Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, Centers for  
Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, GA.

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