

### 2009 Grads: Where are they now?

- Cecilia Albaro, M.D. – Pediatric Cardiology Fellowship  
University of Vancouver, British Columbia
- Jeremy Archer, M.D. – Pediatric Chief Resident  
University of Vermont  
(Pediatric Cardiology Fellowship in 2010)
- Matt Giefer, M.D. – Pediatric Gastroenterology Fellowship  
University of Washington, Seattle
- Ryan Plamann, M.D. – Pediatric Primary Care  
Virginia, Minnesota
- Joann Romano-Keeler, M.D. – Neonatology Fellowship  
Vanderbilt University, Tennessee



### Resident Research

#### Immunology Research in Progress

Look for resident Amy O'Connell, M.D., Ph.D.'s most recent paper, a study of immune response to helminth infection, in *Parasite Immunology*! She is currently collaborating with pediatrician-researcher Dr. Barry Finette and pediatric infectious disease specialist Dr. Bill Raszka to study the comparative immune response to immunization and infection.

#### Cardiology Research Presentation

2009 graduate Jeremy Archer, M.D. will be presenting his findings on congenital heart disease in very low birth weight infants at the National AAP meeting in October 2009. He collaborated with neonatologist Dr. Roger Soll and pediatric cardiologist Dr. Scott Yeager to use the international Vermont Oxford Network database for the research.



### Simulation Training

Thanks to pediatric intensivist Dr. Rich Salerno and neonatologist Dr. Bob Pfister, our residents practice resuscitation skills twice monthly in neonatal and pediatric mock codes. This year, collaboration with the University of Vermont College of Medicine's Simulation Center brings the use of high fidelity simulation mannequins to these valuable training sessions.

### Community Grants and Advocacy

#### AAP CATCH Grants Awarded

Three residents have been awarded prestigious American Academy of Pediatrics Community Access to Child Health (CATCH) grants:

Residents Jennie Soares, M.D. and Rebecca Goodman, M.D. were awarded funding to support a sexual health education program for teenage mothers, in cooperation with pediatrician Dr. Molly Rideout.

Resident Lauren Wilson, M.D. was awarded funding to form parenting support groups for Somali Bantu refugees using a behavioral therapy approach, with pediatrician Dr. Andrea Green.

#### Diabetes Mentorship

Resident Dan Shumer, M.D., in conjunction with pediatric endocrinologist Dr. P.J. Zimakas, is beginning a mentorship program that pairs teens with type I diabetes children with adult mentors with the disease. He was awarded funding from the Vermont Children's Miracle Network to support this project.

#### Community Advocacy

Our current residents are expressing their passion for pediatrics through a variety of advocacy work, including

- Family Centered Rounds QI Initiative
- Childhood Asthma Protocol for Community EDs
- Nursery Care Guidelines for Late Preterm Infants
- International Health Promotion Survey
- Oral Contraceptive Guidelines for Teens

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