Division News

The Division of Neonatology was presented with the first annual Outstanding Division Educator Award at the pediatric recognition banquet on June 7, 2013.

Former fellow and current faculty member Katie Pfister won the Margaret Kendrik Hostetter award for the best presentation at PRESS on April 22, 2013.

The ECMO center at the University of Minnesota Amplatz Children’s Hospital received the ELSO Award for Excellence in Life Support in 2013.

New Faculty Members

Katie Pfister, MD

University of Minnesota Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine Fellowship Program Graduate Katie Pfister joined the faculty in July, 2013. Katie works primarily at North Memorial Medical Center and Maple Grove Hospital.

Tate Gisslen, MD

Dr. Tate Gisslen also joined the faculty in July, 2013. Tate completed his fellowship training at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital. He works primarily at the University of Minnesota Amplatz Children’s Hospital.
Congratulations to our faculty members and program graduates who were selected by MSP Magazine as 2013 Top Docs:

**Faculty:**
- Dr. Cathy Bendel (UMACH)
- Dr. Michael Georgieff (UMACH)
- Dr. Ted Thompson (UMACH)—See memorial notice on page 3
- Dr. Cathie Gatto (Children’s, St. Paul)
- Dr. Mark Bergeron (Children’s, St. Paul)
- Dr. Michael Coleman (Children’s, St. Paul)
- Dr. Erik Hagen (Children’s, St. Paul)

**Program Graduates:**
- Dr. Ellen Bendel-Stenzel (Children’s, Minneapolis)
- Dr. Bonnie G. Landrum (Children’s Minneapolis)

For more information, please visit [http://mspmag.com/Health(Articles/Top-Doctors/Top-Doctors-2013/](http://mspmag.com/Health/Articles/Top-Doctors/Top-Doctors-2013/)

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**New Fellows**

**Nic Torbert, DO**

Nic attended the Des Moines University – Osteopathic Medical Center for medical school and completed his residency training at Creighton University. Nic started fellowship on July 1, 2013.

**Heidi Kamrath, DO**

Heidi also attended Des Moines University Osteopathic Medical Center for medical school and completed her residency training at the University of Minnesota. Heidi also completed one year as a pediatric Chief Resident. Heidi started fellowship on July 1, 2013.

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**Program Graduates**

Congratulations to Katie Pfister and Megan Linn on their completion of the Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine Fellowship Program at the University of Minnesota. Katie is now a faculty member at the University of Minnesota and Megan will be working as a neonatologist at St. Vincent Hospital in Green Bay, Wisconsin.
Remembering 
Dr. Theodore Thompson
(This letter was sent to all members of the AAP Perinatal Section, District 6)

Dear colleagues:

It is with a deep sense of sadness and loss that the Division of Neonatology at the University of Minnesota shares with you news of the sudden passing of Dr. Theodore (Ted) Thompson on 7/28/13 of a heart attack at age 70. With his passing, we all have lost a friend, a mentor and a vital part of our University of Minnesota Medical School family and the local and statewide pediatric family.

Ted joined the faculty in 1975 following medical school graduation from the University of Pennsylvania and the completion of his pediatric residency and neonatal-perinatal fellowship at the University of Minnesota. He was the Director of the Division of Neonatology at the University of Minnesota from 1977 to 1991 and remained a clinically active member of the division until his untimely death.

In the field of neonatology, Ted was a founding member who built the University of Minnesota neonatal program. Ted was recognized as a pioneer in the field of neonatal transport, in the promotion of physician extenders and advanced practice nurses, and in developing and maintaining relationships with community physicians throughout the state. It is hard to even begin to imagine the number of newborns and their families that Ted touched in his practice, and whose outcomes were made better over the many, many years in his roles as a neonatologist, in outreach development to optimize neonatal care and outcomes, and in the medical school training physicians practicing now around the state in pediatric and neonatal care. He was awarded the 2009 Distinguished Service Award by the Minnesota Chapter of the AAP recognizing a lifetime of achievement in pediatrics.

In the U of Minnesota Medical School, he made outstanding and timeless contributions on many fronts; he had served as Associate Dean for Students and was now serving as Community Faculty Liaison for Essentials of Clinical Medicine. He played a major role in advising medical students and working to promote professionalism in Medical Education. His legacy of medical education of medical students, residents and fellows is reflected in the number of providers across the state who learned from Ted. He developed a manual for neonatal care 30 years ago that also remains an important legacy. Many divisional members at the University of Minnesota pursued a career in neonatology because of Ted's inspiration with the obvious passion with which he practiced.

Our thoughts are with Ted's wife Lynette, their daughter Beth and her family at this unimaginably difficult time.

He will be forever missed.

Michael and Tom

Michael K. Georgieff MD
Head, Division of Neonatology

Thomas N. George, MD FAAP
Medical Director, NICU, University of Minnesota Amplatz Children's Hospital
2013 MWSPR Meeting

The 2013 meeting for the Midwest Society for Pediatric Research will be held on the Twin Cities Campus of the University of Minnesota in the brand new cardiovascular and cancer research building on October 10th and 11th. More details can be found here:
http://www.aps-spr.org/regional_societies/MWSPR/Meetings/AbstractCall.pdf

Recent Publications

Genotyping of Candida parapsilosis from three neonatal intensive care units (NICUs) using a panel of five multilocus microsatellite markers: broad genetic diversity and a cluster of related strains in one NICU.

Inadequate intake of nutrients essential for neurodevelopment in children with fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASD).

Iron deficiency with or without anemia impairs prepulse inhibition of the startle reflex

Maternal pregnancy events and exposures and risk of hepatoblastoma: a Children’s Oncology Group (COG) study.

Rax2 is important for directional establishment of growth sites, but not for reorientation of growth axes, during Candida albicans hyphal morphogenesis.

Rsr1 focuses Cdc42 activity at hyphal tips and promotes maintenance of hyphal development in Candida albicans.

Repeated exposure to intra-amniotic LPS partially protects against adverse effects of intravenous LPS in preterm lambs.

Modulation of Lipopolysaccharide-Induced Chorioamnionitis in Fetal Sheep by Maternal Betamethasone.

Modulation of lipopolysaccharide-induced chorioamnionitis by Ureaplasma parvum in sheep.

Research review: maternal prenatal distress and poor nutrition - mutually influencing risk factors affecting infant neurocognitive development.

Neonatal hyperglycemia and diminished long-term growth in very low birth weight preterm infants.