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Lurie Children's opening June 2012 on the campus of Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine

Heliport approval for Lurie Children's

On October 15, the Illinois Department of Transportation issued its final approval to operate the rooftop heliport at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, the new facility Children's Memorial is building on the campus of Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. This review completes the regulatory approvals for heliport operations to begin when Lurie Children's opens in June of 2012.

"I want to thank the Illinois Department of Transportation for its thorough review and analysis, the more than 20,000 individuals who sent letters of support or testified at public hearings, and the dedicated aviation and pediatric transport experts who helped us design and plan the safest possible heliport," says Patrick Magoon, President and CEO of Children's Memorial Hospital.

To learn more about Lurie Children's, visit childrensmemorial.org/NewHospital.

Children's Memorial named Top Performer in children's asthma care

Children's Memorial is among only 3 children's hospitals to be named as the nation's Top Performers on Key Quality Measures, a new program from the Joint Commission, the leading accreditor of healthcare organizations in the U.S. Four-hundred-five hospitals made the list for their quality care in conditions such as heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia and surgical care. Children's hospitals were ranked only on quality of their children's asthma programs.

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Professional honors for faculty

Douglas Nordli, Jr., MD, Director of the Epilepsy Center at Children's Memorial, was elected President of the American Clinical Neurophysiology Society. Nordli is Professor of Pediatrics and Neurology at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, the Lorna S. and James P. Langdon Chair in Pediatric Neurology, and a member of the Clinical and Translational Research Program of Children's Memorial Research Center.

Stanford Shulman, MD, Head of Infectious Disease at Children's Memorial, has been chosen to be a co-recipient of the 2011 American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Section on Infectious Diseases Award for Lifetime Contribution to Infectious Diseases Education. The award was presented at the 2011 AAP National Conference and Exhibition in Boston October 17. Shulman is the Virginia H. Rogers Professor of Pediatric Infectious Disease and a Professor of Pediatrics at the Feinberg School.

Tadanori Tomita, MD, Yeager Professor of Pediatric Neurosurgery, has been named President-Elect of the International Society for Pediatric Neurosurgery. Tomita is Head of Neurosurgery and Medical Director of the Falk Brain Tumor Center at Children's Memorial, Professor of Neurological Surgery at the Feinberg School, and a member of the Cancer Biology and Epigenomics Program of the research center.

Tetsu (Butch) Uejima, MD, CPHRM (Certified Professional in Healthcare Risk Management), was recently appointed to the Affiliate Advisory Council, representing the Anesthesia Patient Safety Foundation, for a new organization called SmartTots (Strategies for Mitigating Anesthesia-Related Neurotoxicity in Tots). It is a private-public partnership that includes the FDA to study the long-term effects of anesthesia on young children. Uejima is the Director of Liver/Intestinal Transplant Anesthesia and Medical Director of Risk Management at Children's Memorial. He is an Associate Professor of Anesthesiology at the Feinberg School and a member of the Clinical and Translational Research Program of the research center.

New CME Webinar Series

Children's Memorial recently launched free Pediatric Pearls Webinar Series that offers easy access to learn about advances in pediatrics, as well as opportunities to interact with peers and hospital specialists. After a webinar is broadcast live, it will be available on demand within 48 hours.

UPCOMING WEBINARS

What's New in the World of Vaccines?

January 12, 2012, Noon

Sports Concussion in the Pediatric and Adolescent Athlete

February 8, 2012, 8 am

Malabsorption & Celiac Disease

March 8, 2012, Noon

Why Is This Eye Red?

April 11, 2012, Noon

ADHD: Keeping the Patient in your Practice

May 16, 2012, 8 am

Live webinar sessions will have spots for only 30 participants, so early registration is recommended. For more information, visit childrensmemorialhosp.webex.com or contact Claudia Pinto-Cooper at 773.880.6772.

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