Congratulations to the winners of the 2018 Johns Hopkins Medicine Clinical Excellence Awards. The winners were announced at a Nov. 15 ceremony. Read more on their nominations here.

Victor McKay, M.D.—Physician of the Year
Kentlee Battick, M.S.N., R.N., CCRN, CNL, CNRN—Innovations in Clinical Care
Danilo Escoto, M.D.—Armstrong Award for Excellence in Quality & Safety
Benjamin Oshrine, M.D.—Excellence in Service & Professionalism
Amy Brassfield, R.N.—Clinical Collaboration & Teamwork
Alex Rottgers, M.D.—Best Consulting Physician
Pediatric Cancer Program Receives Excellent Outcome from COG

Our pediatric cancer program underwent a routine accreditation survey by the Children’s Oncology Group (COG) clinical research collaborative on November 30. This involved a comprehensive review of our site, patient records, clinical documents, inventory records and research documentation. The survey yielded an excellent outcome and the auditors were highly complimentary of our entire research and clinical teams. Congratulations to the Cancer & Blood Disorders Institute and Research teams for their continued commitment to excellence in patient care and research endeavors, and providing access to cutting-edge therapies.

Cleft and Craniofacial Program Receives 5-year Certification

The Johns Hopkins All Children’s Hospital Cleft and Craniofacial program received another 5-year certification from the American Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Association as a Cleft Palate Team (CPT) and Craniofacial Team (CFT). This certification of excellence signifies the program meets all standards for approval of cleft palate and craniofacial teams, including team composition and function, quality and best practices for patient care.

Required CME Course

Florida’s law on controlled substance prescribing requires each person registered with the DEA and authorized to prescribe controlled substances to take a board-approved, two-hour continuing education course on prescribing controlled substances. Each physician required to take the course must do so initially by Jan. 31, 2019 and then before each subsequent renewal. Registration fee of $5 includes program and lunch. Visit HopkinsAllChildrens.org/conferences to register.

January 4, 2019
12:30-2:30p.m.
Johns Hopkins All Children’s
Research and Education Building Auditorium
600 Fifth Street S.
Seventh Annual Practical Topics in Pediatric Medicine

The Seventh Annual Practical Topics in Pediatric Emergency Medicine will be a three-day live program held at the Research and Education Building. The conference will feature didactic presentations by faculty at Johns Hopkins All Children’s Hospital and Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and will also include a Friday pre-conference workshop focusing on infectious diseases. Conference highlights include child maltreatment, ENT emergencies, concussion, pediatric trauma, acute seizures, chest pain/syncope, hematologic emergencies and hands-on simulations. Register online.

February 22-24, 2019
Johns Hopkins All Children’s
Research and Education Building
600 Fifth Street S.
St. Petersburg, FL 33701

*This presentation will not be available online. In-person attendance is required.

December 21, 2018
Special Two-Hour Program
12:30–2:30 p.m.
Pursuing Diagnostic Excellence and Preventing Errors*
Dipti Amin, M.D.
Chief Medical Informatics Officer and Hospitalist
Johns Hopkins All Children’s Hospital
St. Petersburg
*This course meets the Medical Errors requirement for Florida licensure.

January 4, 2019
Special Two-Hour Program
12:30–2:30 p.m.
Prescribing Controlled Substances*
Joshua Lenchus, D.O., R.Ph., FACP, SFHM
President, Florida Osteopathic Medical Association
Speaker of the House, Florida Medical Association
*Required CME Course for physicians, podiatrists, dentists and optometrists registered with the DEA.

Registration is required for this course.

January 25, 2019
Special Two-Hour Program
12:30–2:30 p.m.
Domestic Violence and Abuse of Children*
Early bird registration deadline: December 31, 2018
*Register using discount code JHEmployee & Johns Hopkins email address for 20 percent off conference registration, this discount does not apply to Pre-Conference Workshop registration.
Hotel reservation cut-off: January 21, 2019

**Symposium Shares Research Innovation and Collaboration**

New and ongoing research on the origins and treatment of pediatric disease was the focus of the seventh-annual Johns Hopkins All Children’s Research Symposium, which was held in the Research and Education Building that is home to many of these investigations.

“This year’s symposium featured a record number of original research abstracts from Johns Hopkins All Children’s-based investigators and their collaborators, as well as a great breadth of invited research talks by faculty from both the St. Petersburg and Baltimore campuses of Johns Hopkins Medicine,” says Neil Goldenberg, M.D., Ph.D. Goldenberg is a Johns Hopkins University professor of pediatrics and medicine who founded the symposium in 2012 after joining Johns Hopkins All Children’s as director of research.

Presentations of research abstracts from faculty colleagues at the USF Health Morsani College of Medicine and Moffitt Cancer Center also highlighted the productivity of local collaborations in pediatric research.

George Dover, M.D., University Distinguished Service Professor of Pediatrics and former director of the Department of Pediatrics at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, has attended the symposium nearly every year. “Fulfilling the Johns Hopkins Medicine tripartite mission (clinical care, education and research), the symposium highlighted new innovations in quality improvements to clinical care, the outstanding efforts of the pediatric residency programs, and the expanding efforts in medical research now taking place on the Johns Hopkins All Children’s campus.”
Anne Murphy, M.D., professor of pediatrics and vice chair for translational and basic research in the Department of Pediatrics at Johns Hopkins University, appreciated hearing from a broad range of investigators, from medical students to senior tenured professors. “It is clear that there are many avenues for collaboration between Johns Hopkins All Children’s and the main campus of the Department of Pediatrics in Baltimore, particularly in regard to recent research efforts in metabolism, obesity, cancer and the microbiome.”

David Hackam, M.D., Ph.D., professor of surgery and pediatrics, and pediatric surgeon in chief and co-director of Johns Hopkins Children’s Center in Baltimore, presented a vision and update on pediatric surgical research on the Baltimore campus in multiple areas where collaborative opportunities exist or have already been seized. He also described his laboratory’s 15-year journey to develop a potential therapeutic molecule aimed at preventing necrotizing enterocolitis (NEC), a life-threatening disease in premature infants. This molecule was recently licensed by a company for further development.

“When we are ready to start clinical trials, we will be reaching out to colleagues at Johns Hopkins All Children’s,” Hackam says. “I am also tremendously excited by the influx of the very creative and talented basic scientists who have joined the faculty on the Johns Hopkins All Children’s campus, and who are already unlocking some of the key principles that drive inflammation, metabolism, and the development of cancer.”

Pediatric and adult congenital cardiologist Shelby Kutty, recently named the Helen B. Taussig Professor in the Division of Cardiology, Department of Pediatrics at Johns Hopkins University and director of the Taussig Heart Center in Baltimore, also anticipates new opportunities for collaboration across the Johns Hopkins Medicine campuses. “The symposium was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the science, get a nice overview of the breadth of work happening at Johns Hopkins All Children's spanning various research and educational disciplines, strengthen collaborations, and engage in friendship. Dynamic discussions surrounding the translational and clinical science presented at the symposium served as a conduit for exchanging ideas among investigators in various disciplines.”
Several of the speakers are members of the new Institute for Fundamental Biological Research launched at Johns Hopkins All Children’s in July 2018 to focus on basic science. The institute is uniquely aligned with other Johns Hopkins All Children’s institutes and departments.

“Establishing cross-disciplinary research groups that span basic to clinical/translational science, focused around pediatric diseases and conditions is a key priority,” Goldenberg explains.

Laszlo Nagy, M.D., Ph.D., co-director of the new institute, provided a preview of its role. “We recognize that this is the beginning of our journey as Johns Hopkins University basic scientists on the St. Petersburg campus, yet with the new Research and Education building, the establishment of the Institute for Fundamental Biomedical Research and the steady recruitment of basic and clinical scientists, Johns Hopkins All Children’s is poised to become a widely recognized leading pediatric academic health system with research as a core component of its mission.”