

Pediatrics 2017 Annual Report – Division Highlights

Pulmonology & Sleep Medicine

DIVISION DESCRIPTION

The Division of Pediatric Pulmonology and Sleep Medicine provides interdisciplinary family-centered care for children with respiratory disorders, including asthma, cystic fibrosis, sleep disorders, neuromuscular disorders, and chronic lung disease.

The division continues to build upon leading-edge clinical research into the early diagnosis and epidemiology of cystic fibrosis with new investigations into the disease's microbiome. Additional clinical research focuses on environment-disease interactions in asthma, pulmonary management of children with neuromuscular disorders, education and effect of sleep disorders in children. The division also has an active translational research program that is investigating the role of stem and progenitor cells in newborn lung disease. Finally, we host one of two pediatric sleep medicine programs in Wisconsin.

2017 HIGHLIGHTS

- Division Chief **Vivek Balasubramaniam, MD**, received the [2017 Thomas A. Hazinski Distinguished Service Award from the Society for Pediatric Research \(SPR\) \(link to YIR story on faculty awards\)](#). Dr. Balasubramaniam was selected in recognition of his multiple contributions to SPR, including co-chairing its advocacy committee and presenting as part of SPR's first congressional briefing in Washington, DC, on the critical importance of research funding.
- The University of Wisconsin/American Family Children's Hospital received a three-year, \$60,000 award from the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) as one of the centers in the MDA's Care Center Network. The award will support the multidisciplinary MDA Care Center at American Family Children's Hospital, led by **Mary Schroth, MD**.

Dr. Schroth, along with UW colleagues Mei Baker, MD, and Meredith Schultz, MD, and Children's Hospital of Wisconsin colleague Matthew Harmelink, MD, nominated spinal muscular atrophy (SMA) as a disease to be included in the Department of Health Services (DHS) Newborn Screening Program in December 2017. Their nomination was approved by the DHS Secretary's Advisory Committee on Newborn Screening in January 2018. The group is now awaiting approval to implement SMA screening statewide.

- In 2017, *U.S. News and World Report* ranked American Family Children's Hospital (AFCH) among the top 50 children's hospitals for pulmonology (<https://www.uwhealthkids.org/news-and-events/american-family-childrens-hospital-ranks-among-us-news-world-report-best-hospitals/51058>).
- **HuiChan Lai, PhD, RD**, continued to explore the impact of nutrition in lung function in infants with cystic fibrosis with Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Therapeutics award to correlate quantitative radiologic and lung function measurements. She and **Philip Farrell, MD, PhD**, were also awarded a Legacy of Angels Foundation grant to support the first whole genome sequencing project of infants enrolled in the FIRST study. ([Read related story \[link to YIR item on CF\]](#)).
- The UW Pediatric Pulmonary Center was the "host" center for the annual Maternal and Child Health Bureau Annual Pediatric Pulmonary center meeting in Washington, DC. The focus of this meeting was using social media in the recruitment and training of the next generation of pediatric pulmonary interdisciplinary professionals.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

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GRANT SUPPORT

| Faculty/Role | Funding Agency | Title |
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| Farrell, Philip M (PI) | Cystic Fibrosis Foundation | Parental reactions to potential policies on the disclosure of incidental results in newborn screening for cystic fibrosis |
| Farrell, Philip (co-PI) with Baker, Mei Wang (co-PI) and Lai, Huichuan J (co-I) | Legacy of Angels | Assessing the added value of whole genome sequencing in cystic fibrosis newborn screening |
| Farrell, Philip (co-PI) with Baker, Mei Wang (co-PI) | Legacy of Angels | A prospective study of newborn screening for cystic fibrosis using a novel IRT/next generation sequencing method |
| Lai, Huichuan J (PI) with Farrell, Philip M (co-I) | Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Therapeutics | Feeding infants right...from the start (FIRST) study |
| Lai, Huichuan J (PI) with Farrell, Philip M and Rock, Michael J (co-Is) | Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Therapeutics | Impact of early malnutrition on lung disease development in cystic fibrosis |
| Lai, Huichuan J (PI) with Farrell, Philip M and Rock, Michael J (co-Is) | Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Therapeutics | Early childhood diet, growth, gut microbiome and lung health in cystic fibrosis |
| Lai, Huichuan J (PI) with Farrell, Philip M and Rock, Michael J (co-Is) | DHHS, PHS, National Institutes of Health | Early childhood diet, growth, gut microbiome and lung health in cystic fibrosis |
| Lai, Huichuan J (PI) with Farrell, Philip M (co-I) | DHHS, PHS, National Institutes of Health | Newborn screening, malnutrition and lung disease in children with cystic fibrosis |
| Lai, Huichuan J (PI) | Emory University | Method development for survival dynamic regression in chronic disease research |

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| Lai, Huichuan J (PI) | Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation | Travel grant |
| Matthews, Camilla B (co-I) with Jones, Stephanie (PI) | NIH/NICHD | Local sleep loss and neurobehavioral function in pediatric sleep-disordered breathing: a high density EEG investigation |
| Rock, Michael J (PI) | Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center | EPIC-002 |
| Rock, Michael J (PI) | Cystic Fibrosis Foundation | CF center |
| Rock, Michael J (PI) | Cystic Fibrosis Foundation | CF Center, FY17 |
| Rock, Michael J (PI) | Cystic Fibrosis Foundation | CFF clinical fellowship (C. Barreda) |
| Rock, Michael J (PI) | Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Therapeutics | Additional research coordinator (ARC) award |
| Rock, Michael J (PI) | Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Therapeutics | CF therapeutic network CY17 |
| Rock, Michael J (PI) | Legacy of Angels | A multi-center study of a new method of sweat testing: the CF quantum sweat test |
| Rock, Michael J (PI) | Seattle Children's Hospital | AquADEKs-2-IP-12 |
| Rock, Michael J (PI) | Seattle Children's Hospital | CFFC-OB-11 |
| Rock, Michael J (PI) | Seattle Children's Hospital | Optimizing treatment for early pseudomonas aeruginosa infection in cystic fibrosis: the OPTIMIZE multicenter randomized trial |
| Rock, Michael J (PI) | Seattle Children's Hospital | SHIP (saline hypertonic in preschoolers) study - planning grant |
| Rock, Michael J (PI) | Vertex Pharmaceuticals Inc | A phase 3, 2-arm, open-label study to evaluate the safety and pharmacodynamics of long-term ivacaftor treatment in subjects with cystic fibrosis who are less than 24 months of age at treatment initiation and have a CFTR gating mutation |
| Rock, Michael J (PI) | Vertex Pharmaceuticals Inc | A phase 3, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, crossover study to evaluate the efficacy and safety of Ivacaftor and VX-661 in combination with Ivacaftor in subjects aged 12 years and older with cystic fibrosis, heterozygous for the F508del-CFTR mutation, and a second allele with a CFTR mutation predicted to have residual function |
| Rock, Michael J (PI) | Vertex Pharmaceuticals Inc | A phase 3, rollover study to evaluate the safety and efficacy of long-term treatment with Lumacaftor in combination with Ivacaftor in subjects aged 6 years and older with cystic fibrosis, homozygous for the F508del-CFTR mutation |
| Rock, Michael J (PI) | Vertex Pharmaceuticals Inc | A phase III, 2-part, open-label study to evaluate the safety, pharmacokinetics, |

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| | | and pharmacodynamics of ivacaftor in subjects with cystic fibrosis who are less than 24 months of age at treatment initiation and have a CFTR gating mutation |
| Rock, Michael J (PI) | Vertex Pharmaceuticals Inc | A phase III, double-blind, placebo-controlled, parallel-group study to evaluate the efficacy and safety of lumacaftor in combination with ivacaftor in subjects aged 6-11 years with cystic fibrosis, homozygous for the F508del-CFTR mutation |
| Rock, Michael J (PI) | Wisconsin Dept of Health Services | Congenital disorders |
| Schroth, Mary K (PI) | DHHS, PHS, Health Resources and Services Administration | MCHB University of Wisconsin pediatric pulmonary center |
| Schroth, Mary K (PI) with Matthews Camilla B and Rock Michael J (faculty) | DHHS, PHS, Health Resources and Services Administration | Pediatric Pulmonary Center (PPC) Training Grant |
| Schroth, Mary K (PI) | Muscular Dystrophy Association, Inc | MDA-sponsored clinic |