Division Introduction

The Division of Pediatric Nephrology at UT Southwestern provides care for children with kidney disease and hypertension. The division is among the largest pediatric nephrology programs in the United States and consistently the second highest ranking medical service according to U.S. News and World Report at Children’s Health™. The faculty are not only devoted to patient care but also to improving the lives of children with renal disease by performing cutting edge research.

Michel Baum, M.D., who is a widely respected scientist, heads the Division. Dr. Baum serves as the Editor-in-Chief of *Pediatric Nephrology*, the journal of the specialty.

The clinical service of the Division consists of the following components: hemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis, inpatient services, clinic services and testing services. Each of these services is coordinated to provide outstanding care for children who have kidney disease and/or hypertension.

Faculty

There are seven pediatric nephrologists in the Division, each with a special area of expertise, including renal development, chronic and congenital kidney disease, X-linked hypophosphatemia, bone disease, nephrotic syndrome, hypertension, and renal tubular disorders.

Honors / Awards

Michel Baum

- Best Doctors in America
- Best Pediatric Specialists in Dallas, *D Magazine*
- Texas Super Doctors, *Texas Monthly Magazine*

Jyothsna Gattineni

- Promotion to Associate Professor

Raymond Quigley

- Best Pediatric Specialists in Dallas, *D Magazine*

Mouin Seikaly

- Best Pediatric Specialists in Dallas, *D Magazine*
- Texas Super Doctors, *Texas Monthly Magazine*

Matthias Wolf

- Junior Investigator Research Award, Children’s Clinical Research Advisory Committee, Children’s Medical Center
Invited Lectures

Michel Baum

- Speaker, International Pediatric Nephrology Association, Iguacu, Brazil, September 2016
  - “Inherited & Structural Diseases: Disorders of Tubular Transport”
- Research Methods Lecture, International Pediatric Nephrology Association, Iguacu, Brazil, September 2016
  - “Getting Published”

Jyothsna Gattineni

- International Pediatric Nephrology Association, Iguacu, Brazil, September 2016
  - “X-Linked Hypophosphataemia and Inherited Disorders of FGF23 Production and Metabolism”

Raymond Quigley

- Department of Pediatrics Grand Rounds, Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York, NY, May 2016
  - “Renal Tubular Acidosis in the 21st Century”
  - “Using Dialysis Quality Projects as Research Tools”

Matthias Wolf

- International Pediatric Nephrology Association, Iguacu, Brazil, September 2016
  - “Hypomagnesemic Syndromes”

Conference Presentations

Mansuri A, Scott J, Seikaly M.

Poster, Pediatric Academic Society/Society of Pediatric Research, Baltimore, MD, May 2016
“The Effect of Growth Hormone (rhGH0 Therapy on Children with X-Linked Hypophosphatemic (XLH) Rickets on Body Proportion and Sitting Height”

Education and Training

The Division of Pediatric Nephrology is one of a hand full of Nephrology Programs to be funded by an NIH T32 grant. This grant has funded the training of some of the most successful and productive pediatric nephrologists in the country. There are four trainees in the ACGME training program. They spend a total of 12 months on inpatient clinical service during the three years of training. All fellows spend one day a week seeing outpatients in the nephrology clinic. They also spend time in the metabolic bone clinic at Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children. The rest of their training is devoted to clinical or basic research. The trainees may go into one of the Division’s basic science laboratories or one of the laboratories of others on campus who study renal disease. Some trainees have elected to spend a fourth year of training in renal transplantation.

Senior Fellow Research Day, May 2016
Dr. Asif Mansuri
“Transient Exposure of Enalapril Normalizes Prenatal Programming of Hypertension and Urinary Angiotensinogen Excretion”
Research Activities

The Division of Pediatric Nephrology has three basic research laboratories devoted to research into clinically important issues.

Baum Laboratory

The laboratory has published more than 140 research papers and 60 reviews in chapters in areas related to understanding of how ions are transported across the renal epithelia in both children and adults. The Baum laboratory has been funded by the NIH for more than 25 years and investigated the regulation of salt transport by the neonatal and adult kidney as well as the transporters involved in salt transport. The laboratory has shown that some of the mechanisms involved in both active and passive salt transport are different in neonates than adults. Recently the laboratory has focused on the mechanism of hypertension with prenatal programming. Small for gestational age infants and very premature infants develop hypertension and chronic kidney disease. The Baum laboratory uses a rat model to explore the pathophysiology for the increase in blood pressure and kidney injury with programming. Most recently they have made significant discoveries that have shown that hypertension and kidney injury can be prevented by changes in the postnatal environment.

Gattineni Laboratory

FGF23 is a phosphaturic hormone that is elevated in many metabolic bone diseases. It is the first hormone to increase in the blood in patients with chronic kidney disease and the levels increase progressively as renal disease worsens. The Gattineni laboratory has characterized the receptors for this hormone, and in so doing, has generated a mouse that has a 50-fold increase in FGF23 levels. Dr. Gattineni is using this mouse to determine if FGF23 contributes to the bone, vascular and cardiac disease seen in patients with chronic kidney disease.

Wolf Laboratory

The Wolf laboratory studies the mechanism and regulation of magnesium and calcium transport. Calcium and magnesium are transported in the distal tubule by channels. This laboratory has made seminal contributions showing how these channels traffic to and stay in the membrane to transport calcium and magnesium. Several diseases, including diabetes, have dysregulated magnesium transport that can make the disease much worse. Dr. Wolf is examining why there is dysregulation of magnesium transport in diabetes and if there are factors that can normalize magnesium transport and improve the outcome of patients with diabetes.

Clinical Research

Pediatric Nephrology faculty members perform clinical research to study the pathogenesis and therapy for children with chronic kidney disease, end stage renal disease, hypertension, and transplantation. Patients with end stage renal disease are at risk for developing metabolic bone disease and opportunistic infections. The Division has made significant contributions examining therapy for these complications. Faculty also care for a large number of children with metabolic bone disease and have made significant strides in improving the care and outcome for patients with X-linked hypophosphatemic rickets.

Clinical Activities

Dialysis

The Division of Pediatric Nephrology cares for 60-70 patients with end stage renal disease, which places it among the three largest providers of such care for children in the United States. Approximately half of these
patients are treated with peritoneal dialysis and half with hemodialysis. Under the direction of Dr. Raymond Quigley, the Dialysis Program has met all of the federal and state requirements necessary to provide services for the children under its care. The Division provides 24 hour/day and seven day/week on call services for emergency dialysis to support children with acute kidney injury hospitalized at Children’s.

**Inpatient Services**

The Division provides care to all hospitalized children with hypertension and renal disease at Children’s. The average inpatient census is ten patients. In addition, most of the rheumatology patients that receive intravenous immunosuppressive medication are admitted to the Nephrology service. The division also provides inpatient consultation and manages acute dialysis and continuous renal replacement therapy for the ICU. There is an Attending Physician on call for consultation 24 hours/day and seven days/week. All consults are provided within 24 hours of the time requested.

In addition to providing inpatient services for patients with chronic kidney disease and dialysis requiring hospitalization, the Division also admits and cares for patients who have received renal transplants. This includes patients who have new renal transplants and those who have complications from a transplant such as rejection or opportunistic infection.

**Clinic Services**

Division faculty provide outpatient treatment for children with kidney disease and hypertension in Dallas and surrounding areas. An Attending Physician staffs clinics five days/week. The division also provides outpatient care for those patients who have received renal transplants in the Solid Organ Transplant Program clinic.

**Testing Services**

The Division provides testing services for children with chronic kidney disease and disorders of bone and mineral metabolism. These services are directed by Dr. Mouin Seikaly and include:

- **Blood Pressure**
  - Measurement of blood pressure in an outpatient and inpatient setting has been found to be unreliable to assess whether or not the patient has hypertension. The Division offers 24-hour blood pressure monitoring, which is the gold standard for assessment of hypertension.

- **Bone Mineral Density**
  - The Division oversees a service dedicated to the quantification of bone mineral density. Many patients suffering from endocrine, rheumatologic, orthopedic and kidney diseases have decreased bone mineral density, which may require therapy to improve bone strength.

- **Renal Function**
  - Renal function has traditionally been assessed using serum creatinine levels. Unfortunately, serum creatinine has been found to be an inaccurate measure of renal function in children. Creatinine levels not only reflect renal function but also muscle mass which can be quite low in children with chronic disease. To circumvent this limitation, the Division has been providing an accurate measure of renal function using the Glofil technique, which is the gold standard for assessment of glomerular filtration rate in children.

**Metabolic Bone Disease**

Dr. Mouin Seikaly runs the Metabolic Bone disease clinic at Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children and consults for disorders of metabolic bone disease at Children’s Medical Center. Metabolic bone disease comprises a number of inherited disorders which can often be treated. Dr. Seikaly is a world’s expert on the diagnosis and treatment of metabolic bone disease and has made research discoveries that have translated to improved patient care.
2016 Patient Statistics

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Current Grant Support

Michel Baum

Grantor: NIH Training Grant T32 DK07257  
Title of Project: Renal Control of Body Composition and Blood Pressure  
Role: Co-Director with Orson Moe  
Dates: 2012 – 2017  

Grantor: UT Southwestern O’Brian Kidney Research Core P30DK079328  
Title of Project: Core B - Physiology  
Role: Co-Principal Investigator with Chou-Long Huang  
Dates: 2012 – 2017  

Jyothsna Gattineni

Grantor: K08, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases  
Title of Project: FGF23 and its Receptors, R03DK105298  
Role: Principal Investigator  
Dates: 2015 – 2017  

Grantor: Mark and Marcia King Foundation  
Title of Project: FGF23: Friend, Foe or Innocent Bystander  
Role: Principal Investigator  

Raymond Quigley

Grantor: Abbvie  
Title of Project: A Phase 3, Open-Label, Multicenter Study to Evaluate the Safety of Paricalcitol Capsules in Pediatric Subjects Ages 10 to 16 with Stage 5 Chronic Kidney Disease Receiving Peritoneal Dialysis or Hemodialysis  
Role: Site Investigator  
Dates: 2012 – Current
Grantor: North American Pediatric Renal Transplant
Title of Project: An Open-label, Single-arm Study to Assess the Safety and Tolerability of Cinacalcet HCl in Addition to Standard of Care in Pediatric Subjects Age 28 Days to < 6 Years with Chronic Kidney Disease and Secondary Hyperparathyroidism Receiving Dialysis
Role: Site Investigator
Dates: 2013 – Current

Mouin Seikaly

Grantor: NIH
Title of Project: Chronic Kidney Disease in Children Prospective Cohort Study (CKID)
Role: Site Investigator
Dates: 2014 – Current

Matthias Wolf

Grantor: NIH, K08 DK095995-03
Title of Project: Role of Uromodulin in Regulation of Renal Calcium Channel TRPV5
Role: Principal Investigator

Grantor: Carl W. Gottschalk Research Scholar Grant, American Society for Nephrology
Title of Project: The Role of Mucin 1 in Protection against Nephrolithiasis by Regulation of the Renal Calcium Channel TRPV5
Role: Principal Investigator

Peer-Reviewed Publications


Book Sections


