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Kravis Children’s Hospital Ranks Among Nation’s Top Pediatric Centers

Kravis Children’s Hospital at Mount Sinai is nationally ranked in seven out of the ten pediatric specialties measured by U.S. News & World Report in its 2014-15 “Best Children’s Hospital” annual guidebook. Notably, for the first time, Kravis Children’s Hospital is ranked in neurology & neurosurgery, and neonatology.

The seven specialties are diabetes & endocrinology (No. 22), nephrology (No. 29), neurology & neurosurgery (No. 29), pulmonology (No. 30), gastroenterology & GI surgery (No. 40), neonatology (No. 49), and urology (No. 50). To develop the rankings, U.S. News & World Report surveyed 183 pediatric centers to obtain clinical data in each of the 10 specialties measured, and also asked 150 pediatric specialists in each specialty where they would refer their sickest patients.

“We are pleased with our rankings in seven specialties, and we are grateful for the recognition we received this year. We will continue to focus on providing the best care for our patients.” - Scott L. Friedman, MD

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Ian R. Holzman, MD, Chief of the Division of Newborn Medicine, with baby Fernando Perez-Rivera and his mother, Cecilia. Kravis Children’s Hospital is nationally ranked in seven specialties, including neonatology.

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Erik will be a leader in this ecosystem we have created to stimulate new ideas and to help translate innovation into commercial reality,” says Dr. Friedman. “He comes with an exceptional skill set for what is required for an academic institution to commercialize its discoveries.”

Prior to Mount Sinai, Dr. Lium, a two-time National Science Foundation grant recipient, served as Assistant Vice Chancellor for Innovation, Technology and Alliances at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), where he led an office recognized globally for excellence in academic-industry partnerships and licensing.

“We have a tremendous opportunity at Mount Sinai to accelerate the commercialization of new discoveries into products and services that have a positive impact on health, and to leverage the entire Mount Sinai Health System in this endeavor,” Dr. Lium says.

Most recently, Mount Sinai licensed an influenza vaccine technology, a potential cancer therapeutic, and ketamine for treatment-resistant depression.

To bolster Mount Sinai’s success, Dr. Lium, in collaboration with other key members of the Mount Sinai community, is building a robust infrastructure to support faculty scientists, clinicians, fellows, and students through training, mentorship, and targeted funding focused at the intersection of technological innovation and commercialization. In addition, MSIP is examining new technologies to increase transparency by enabling researchers to easily track the status of their technology and contracts.

During his tenure at UCSF, Dr. Lium served as the UCSF principal investigator for the National Science Foundation Bay Area Innovation Corps (I-Corps) Node, and served as the executive sponsor for a groundbreaking educational course on commercializing life science and health care discoveries.

Friends of Odysseus Hosts Mentoring Social

Faculty from throughout the Mount Sinai Health System joined residents, and medical and graduate students, at a recent social event sponsored by Friends of Odysseus, a black male mentoring program established in 2012 at the behest of Mount Sinai leadership to assist with the recruitment, retention, and promotion of black and Hispanic males in the sciences and medicine.

The event, held at Sylvia’s Also catering hall, was co-sponsored by the office of Kenneth L. Davis, MD, Chief Executive Officer and President of the Mount Sinai Health System, and the Center for Multicultural and Community Affairs (CMCA) at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai.

“The level of enthusiasm and engagement among the leaders of the mentoring program is impressive,” says Ian McNeill, MD, PGY-1 neurosurgery resident, who attended the social. “As someone at the beginning of this journey, I am excited to make the most of these relationships, both as a mentee and mentor.”

Co-hosts were Reginald W. Miller, DVM, DACLAM, Associate Professor and Director, Center for Comparative Medicine and Surgery, and Senior Associate Dean for Diversity Programs, Policy and Community Affairs; and Gary C. Butts, MD, Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer, Mount Sinai Health System, and Senior Associate Dean for Research Resources; and Gary C. Butts, MD, Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer, Mount Sinai Health System, and Senior Associate Dean for Diversity Programs, Policy and Community Affairs.
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year for our programs in neurology & neurosurgery, and neonatology—a division that now oversees the well-being of more than 18,000 newborns delivered each year in the Mount Sinai Health System,” says Kenneth L. Davis, MD, Chief Executive Officer and President, Mount Sinai Health System.

Kravis Children’s Hospital had more than 70,000 outpatient visits and 2,756 inpatient stays in 2013, according to David L. Reich, MD, President and Chief Operating Officer of The Mount Sinai Hospital. “While our pediatric divisions are busier than ever, we attained these rankings because our pediatric physicians, nurses, social workers, and staff continue to deliver the highest quality, most innovative and most compassionate care available,” says Dr. Reich.

Adds Dennis S. Charney, MD, Anne and Joel Ehrenkranz Dean, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai and President for Academic Affairs of the Mount Sinai Health System: “We continue to recruit world-class faculty to our pediatrics department who work in interdisciplinary teams to tailor treatments to the needs of the children and adolescents we serve. Our scientists and physicians work together on groundbreaking research that can benefit the lives of our patients.”

In addition to these clinical rankings, in 2013, the department was among the nation’s top ten pediatric departments in medical schools for National Institutes of Health research funding.

“Ultimately, our goal is to provide outstanding care in every discipline,” says Lisa M. Satlin, MD, the Herbert H. Lehman Professor and Chair of the Jack and Lucy Clark Department of Pediatrics, and Saadi Ghatan, MD, Director of the Division of Pediatric Neurosurgery.

Mount Sinai Doctors Among the Best in New York

The Mount Sinai Health System was highly represented in New York magazine’s recently released list of “Best Doctors in New York,” which named 227 physicians from all seven hospitals and 56 doctors from Mount Sinai’s affiliated hospitals. The 265 physicians represented 21 percent of the total 1,251 doctors on New York magazine’s 2014 list, which appeared online and in the June 9-15, 2014 print edition. The list covers physicians from throughout the New York metropolitan region, including Connecticut and New Jersey.

Mount Sinai physicians came from 59 out of the 64 specialties included in the list, in areas such as cardiovascular disease and interventional cardiology, endocrinology and diabetes, geriatrics, medical oncology, obstetrics and gynecology, surgery, and urology.

“Our integrated health care system provides exceptional medical care to all New Yorkers and that is reflected in the extraordinary results on the ‘Best Doctors’ list,” says Kenneth L. Davis, MD, Chief Executive Officer and President of the Mount Sinai Health System. “This tally shows that some of the world’s best physicians are drawn to Mount Sinai for its innovative research and clinical care.”

In total, 142 physicians were on staff at The Mount Sinai Hospital and Mount Sinai Queens; with 59 doctors from Mount Sinai Beth Israel; 26 from Mount Sinai Roosevelt; 16 from the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary of Mount Sinai; 5 from Mount Sinai St. Luke’s; and 1 from Mount Sinai Beth Israel Brooklyn. Within medicine, 48 full-time faculty and voluntary physicians in 15 specialties from Mount Sinai made the list.

Castle Connolly Medical Ltd., a New York City research and information firm, determines the rankings based on a regional peer-review survey that asks thousands of licensed physicians to nominate the physicians who, in their judgment, are the best in their field and related fields.

The top 10 percent of the region’s physicians are listed in Castle Connolly’s annual guidebook, Top Doctors: New York Metro Area. For the past 17 years, New York magazine has published a shorter version of Castle Connolly’s list.

From left to right: Walter J. Molofsky, MD, Director of the Division of Pediatric Neurology; Alejandro Berenstein, MD, Director, Hyman-Newman Institute for Neurology and Neurosurgery; Lisa M. Satlin, MD, the Herbert H. Lehman Professor and Chair of the Jack and Lucy Clark Department of Pediatrics; and Saadi Ghatan, MD, Director of the Division of Pediatric Neurosurgery.
Events

Weight Watchers at Work Program

Weight Watchers has a special offer this summer for current, past, and new Weight Watchers at Work members: a six-week summer program for $78, which includes eight weeks of free eTools. For more information, email alisa.melendez@mountsinai.org.

Tuesdays, 5 – 6 pm
July 22 – August 26

Laboratory Medicine Seminar Series

Marie Grace, PhD, Senior Scientist, Pathology, presents “Acid-Base and Critical Care Testing.” Approved for up to 1.0 credit per hour of Category 1 CME Credit.

Tuesday, July 15
8 – 9 am
The Mount Sinai Hospital Campus
Annenberg 15-65
Conference Room

Grand Rounds Medicine

Peter Kozuch, MD, Attending, Division of Hematology-Oncology, presents “Summer Research Series.”

Tuesday, July 22
8:30 – 9:30 am
Mount Sinai Beth Israel Campus
Podell Auditorium

Grand Rounds Neurosurgery

Errol Gordon, MD, Assistant Professor, Neurosurgery, presents “Performance Improvement Committee.”

Wednesday, July 23
8 – 9 am
The Mount Sinai Hospital Campus
Annenberg
Fifth Floor Board Room

Grand Rounds Emergency Medicine

Mount Sinai Health System Emergency Medicine departments present “The Sheldon Jacobson, MD, Memorial Lectureship Day.”

Wednesday, July 23
9 am – 12:30 pm
The Mount Sinai Hospital Campus
Hatch Auditorium

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Professor and Chair of the Jack and Lucy Clark Department of Pediatrics. “New faculty recruitments and renovations of the pediatric cancer center and neonatal intensive care unit (NICU), scheduled to be completed this year and next, will help us meet our commitment to our patients and their families throughout the Health System.”

The first phase of the NICU renovation will be completed this summer. “When we open this new area overlooking Central Park, we will have 10 ‘pods’ designed to provide a spacious and comfortable area for 20 to 40 babies, and adequate space for parents to stay by their newborn’s bedside, as well as to hold and feed their infant,” says Ian R. Holzman, MD, Chief of the Division of Newborn Medicine. This new space will also feature a family lounge, lobby, and work area for family members.

The new top 30 ranking for neurology & neurosurgery reflects, in part, an expansion of pediatric specialists and programs within the department.

Walter J. Molofsky, MD, Director of the Health System’s Division of Pediatric Neurology, is heading a team of 12 neurologists with expertise in areas that include epilepsy, headache, and hydrocephalus. Together with the Division of Pediatric Neurosurgery, under Director Saadi Ghatan, MD, and in collaboration with Alejandro Berenstein, MD, Director, Hyman-Newman Institute for Neurology and Neurosurgery, Mount Sinai has become world-renowned for epilepsy surgery and interventional neuroradiology techniques in children, and for advancing research into a number of common neurological conditions.

Announcements

Conference Center Requests

The Conference Center at The Mount Sinai Hospital campus will begin taking requests for the 2015 calendar year on Monday, July 14, starting with departmental grand rounds and medical student training rounds. On Monday, July 21, the Conference Center will begin taking all other requests. For an updated listing of rooms, visit http://intranet1.mountsinai.org.

“Recognition and Reporting of Child Abuse and Maltreatment” Course

The Department of Social Work and Home Care Services at Mount Sinai Beth Israel will offer a course approved by the New York State Department of Education: “Recognition and Reporting of Child Abuse and Maltreatment.” Participants get a certificate of completion for new or renewed license requirements. Advance registration is required. Fee for staff is $55. Contact Stella Barcia, Office Manager, at 212-420-2776.

Wednesday, July 23
2 – 4 pm
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