

Medical Institute Speakers

Deborah A. Borchers

Deborah Borchers, M.D, F.A.A.P., is currently a pediatrician specializing in adoption and foster care medicine at the Southern Ohio Health Service Network. Ms. Borchers is a founding member of the American Academy of Pediatrics Section on Adoption and Foster Care. She is the mother of three internationally adopted daughters.

Dana Johnson

Dana E. Johnson, MD, Ph.D., is a professor in the Division of Neonatology. He earned his MD, and a Ph.D. in Anatomy, served his internship and residency, and completed his neonatology fellowship at the University of Minnesota. Dr. Johnson co-founded the International Adoption Clinic in 1986. His research interests include the effects of early institutionalization on growth and development and the outcomes of internationally adopted children. Dr. Johnson has been published extensively, is a worldwide speaker, and is often sought by the media for comment (most recently by *People* magazine). Highly regarded in the international adoption community, he has been awarded the prestigious Harry Hold Award from Holt International Family Services, Friend of Children Award from the North American Council on Adoptable Children and Service Award from Joint Council on International Children's Services. Dr. Johnson is Director of Orphan Medicine. His son was adopted from India.

Judith Eckerle Kang

Judith Eckerle Kang, MD, completed a post-doctoral research fellowship through the Center For Neurobehavioral Development at the University of Minnesota. She completed her residency in Pediatrics at New York Presbyterian Hospital Cornell in New York, NY. Dr. Kang's main research interest is determining factors that can predict decreased cognitive or psychological functioning in international adoptees, including Fetal Alcohol System Disorder (FASD) spectrum issues. In addition to her research and clinic responsibilities, Dr. Kang participates in resident education. She was adopted from South Korea when she was five months old.

Julie Keck

Dr. Julie Keck obtained her medical degree from Indiana University. She completed her internship and residency at the former UCLA Medical Center (now called Mattel Children's Hospital) and her Neurodevelopmental Disabilities fellowship at Riley Hospital for Children. She has been on staff in the Section of Developmental Pediatrics for five years and Medical Director for the International Adoption Clinic for nearly four years. The International Adoption Clinic at Riley is a multidisciplinary clinic consisting of Developmental Pediatrics, Pediatric Infectious Disease, Child Psychology, Speech Therapy, Nutrition and Family Support Coordination.

Dr. Keck also started a campus-wide think tank that links professionals from Riley Hospital for Children, Clarian Health and Indiana University-Purdue University of Indianapolis who are interested in the care of children who have been adopted or are in foster care. The group is called AFFIRM- Adoption and Foster Families; Integration, Resources and Medicine. Currently the group is conducting research, offering conferences on foster care and adoption and working on grants for improving the health of children in foster care. Dr. Keck has been interested in international adoption since her residency, when close friends of hers adopted a child who was developmentally delayed. As she watched the baby grow and progress to an age-appropriate level, she was fascinated by the effect that a change in environment from an orphanage to a home could have on development. This interest turned into professional passion.

Dr. Edward Kolb

Dr. Edward Kolb is the Medical Director of the International Adoption Clinic at Boys Town National Research Hospital in Omaha, Nebraska. He also currently serves as Medical Director of the Boys Town National Research Hospital – West and as Director of the Craniofacial Cleft Palate Clinic for Boys Town National Research Hospital.

Dr. Kolb is a California native, having graduated from UCLA School of Medicine, with Residencies and Board Certification in Pediatrics and Anesthesiology. He has been involved in the practice of Adoption Medicine since 1999. Dr. Kolb is a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics and a founding member of the Academy's Section on Adoption and Foster Care. Currently, he is serving a two-year term on the Executive Board for the Nebraska Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics and is a past president of the Nebraska Society of Anesthesiologists.

Paul Lee

Paul J. Lee, MD is an attending in the division of Pediatric Infectious Diseases at Winthrop-University Hospital in Mineola, NY. He received his MD degree from New York Medical College in 1989, and went on to do his internship and residency in internal medicine and pediatrics at New York Hospital-Weill Medical Center in New York, NY in 1993. He then completed a fellowship in pediatric infectious diseases at Columbia University/ Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital of New York in 1998.

Dr. Lee has been at Winthrop-University Hospital since 1998, where he spends a majority of his time working with adopted children and their families. He is a Fellow of both the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Infectious Disease of America, and a member of the Pediatric Infectious Disease Society. He is also a member of the AAP's section on Adoption and Foster Care, and has just been elected to the section's Executive Committee from 2008 to 2011. Dr. Lee and the Winthrop-University Hospital International Adoption Program are proud to be a longstanding member of the Joint Council on International Children's Services since 2002.

Dr. Lee is an experienced figure in international adoption and has spoken widely on the subject of medical issues in international adoptions to local parent groups, adoption agencies, adoption meetings, hospitals and physicians and is actively involved in both research and publications in medical journals on internationally adopted children. Dr. Lee is also a member of the AAP section on International Child Health, and is on the executive committee of Pediatricians for Central America's Children, a non-profit volunteer organization of healthcare professionals dedicated to improving the healthcare of children in Latin America by working with local agencies and groups. He is cited in the Consumers' Research Council of America's "Guide to America's Top Pediatricians."

Laurie Miller

Dr. Miller has spent the last 19 years serving as director of the International Adoption clinic at the Floating Hospital for Children, Tufts Medical Center. It is one of two clinics specializing in the evaluation of internationally adopted children. She has extensive experience as a pediatrician in Egypt, China, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bosnia. She has authored many articles on the topics of international child health and international adoption. Dr. Miller is also a member of the International Child Health subcommittee of the American Academy of Pediatrics and is chairperson of its task force on institutionalized children.

Heike Minnich

Dr. Heike Minnich has worked as a psychologist in two countries. She graduated as a Dipl.-Psych. (psychologist) with specializations in Clinical and Health Psychology/Behavioral Medicine from Johannes Gutenberg University in Mainz, Germany. She then received her doctorate degree with honors in Clinical Psychology with a concentration area of Child and Adolescent Psychology from University of Indianapolis in Indiana. Dr. Minnich has had extensive opportunities to work with children in foster and adoptive care in both countries as an educator, clinician and consultant. As a faculty member at University of Indianapolis, she was an external consultant for a statewide outcomes evaluation project of children in out-of-home placements. Since 2004, she has been a staff psychologist and adjunct faculty member at Indiana University School of Medicine. In this capacity she founded and directs the newly established Parent-Child Clinic, which provides psychological services for the Section of Developmental Pediatrics and the International Adoption Program. She is involved in resident training, clinical supervision of doctoral psychology students and some research activities. Dr. Minnich's interests are in early childhood mental health, early trauma, cultural implications of adoption and foster care, and developmental psychopathology.

Todd Ochs

Dr. Todd Ochs has been a general pediatrician in Chicago since 1984. He lives in the Ravenswood neighborhood, with his wife, five daughters, and dog. He began working with adoptive families in 1997, during the adoption of his first of four Chinese daughters. Since then he has seen over a thousand internationally adopted children in his practice and adoption clinic, completed thousands more referral reviews, spoken to thousands of adoptive parents, and has adopted three more special needs Chinese daughters. For their work on comprehensive examinations of foster children after placement, Dr. Ochs' office is recognized as a "Center of Excellence" by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. He is also the pediatrician for an adolescent group home.

Dr. Ochs has written adoption medicine articles for several adoption publications including the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Illinois Chapter Newsletter and for the Child Doctor of Children's Memorial Hospital. In 2001 he spoke on international adoption at the International Pediatric Association in Beijing. Since then, other speaking sessions included at the Coalition of Adoption and Foster Family Agencies (CAFFA), the Midwest Adoption conferences, and to hundreds of adoptive parents at annually arranged agency education sessions.

Dr. Ochs is a founding member of the American Academy of Pediatrics' Section on Adoption and Foster Care, and served on its executive committee for six years. He has advocated with both public and private schools for adopted and fostered children with adoption and mental health issues, including fetal alcohol syndrome disorder (FASD). Dr. Ochs is also an advisory board member of Illinois National Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (NOFAS).

Joyce Maguire Pavao

Dr. Joyce Maguire Pavao is the Founder and CEO of the Center for Family Connections (CFFC) in Cambridge, MA, and in New York. She is also an adjunct faculty member at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Pavao has developed models for treatment and training using systemic, intergenerational, developmental framework for her "brief-long-term therapy" model. She has done extensive training and consultation, both nationally and internationally, on issues concerning adoption, complex families and child welfare. Dr. Pavao, an adoptee, is the author of *The Family of Adoption*, Beacon Press 1998 and 2005.

Karyn Purvis

Dr. Karyn Purvis is the Director of the Institute of Child Development at Texas Christian University (TCU) in Fort Worth, Texas. During the past decade, she and her colleagues at the Institute have invested their efforts toward developing research-based interventions for at-risk children. Throughout her life, Dr. Purvis' personal and professional calling has been to create a welcoming, loving environment for children who come from "hard places." Foster and adoption issues have always been at the heart of her work, and when her own children were small, she was a foster mother to many children. She serves as expert witness in court cases of child abuse, testifies for state and national legislation and frequently speaks to national and international groups. Recent trips have taken her to varied national groups from training judges and CPS workers to training international parents and professionals in England, Iceland, Scotland, Romania, Ethiopia and Rwanda.

Dr. Purvis received her undergraduate degree at TCU and continued on to receive her masters and doctorate in Developmental Psychology from TCU as well. During her time at TCU, Dr. Purvis developed and directed (1999 – present) the Hope Connection, a research and intervention summer day camp for adopted children. She continued her work with this population as the director of the Adoption Project from 2003 to 2006. Work from these projects has been featured in *NBC Dateline*, *Fort Worth Weekly*, *Newsweek*, *Parents Magazine*, and other popular parent magazines. She and her colleague, Dr. David Cross, write for scientific journals, parents' magazines and have co-authored a feature book for McGraw-Hill titled, *The Connected Child: Bringing Hope and Healing to your Adoptive Family*, which was released Spring 2007. Within six months of publication, *The Connected Child* has earned rank as a best-seller in adoption books. Dr. Purvis and Dr. Cross were recently honored with the Dallas business journal Heroes of Healthcare Award. In January 2008, Dr. Purvis was awarded the T. Berry Brazelton M.D. Infant Mental Health Advocacy Award, a statewide award for child advocacy. Also, in June 2008 Dr. Purvis was awarded the Distinguished Fellow in Adoption and Child Development award by the National Council for Adoption.

Elaine Schulte

Elaine E. Schulte, MD, MPH, a native Clevelander, joined the Staff of Cleveland Clinic Children's Hospital in 2007. She is Chair of the Department of General Pediatrics, and Medical Director for the International Adoption Program, which provides comprehensive care – including pre-adoption consultation through eClevelandClinic (<http://eclevelandclinic.org/adoption>), post-adoption evaluation, ongoing primary care and multidisciplinary evaluation – to internationally adopted children and their families. Dr. Schulte has cared for hundreds of children from more than a dozen countries, including China, Russia and Guatemala. Dr. Schulte founded and directed a nationally recognized International Adoption Program in New York, where she was a Professor of Pediatrics at Albany Medical College. She is the adoptive parent of two daughters from China.

Dr. Schulte currently serves on the Executive Committee of the Section on Adoption and Foster Care for the American Academy of Pediatrics and is also a member of the Joint Council on International Children's Services. She is a board-certified pediatrician who has been in practice for nearly 20 years. She has given dozens of workshop and poster presentations at pediatric academic meetings. In addition to international adoption medicine, Dr. Schulte has interests in learning disabilities, ADHD/ADD, immunizations and residency education.

Linda Tirella

Linda Tirella has served as a developmental therapist at the International Adoption Clinic New England Medical Center since 2001. Prior to this position, she worked as an occupational therapist for 30 years at various Massachusetts facilities. This timeframe included 16 years as

the Head Occupational Therapist for the Burlington Public Schools, LABBB Collaborative. Having presented more than a dozen lectures since 1988, Ms. Tirella has recently focused on discussing sensory integration and oral motor dysfunction in the post-adopted child. She has completed the Comprehensive Program in Sensory Integration and received certification for the Sensory Integration Praxis Test (SIPT) (2005 certificate # 2238).