



## Physician News



**Wendy Tcheng, MD**  
**Hematologist-  
Oncologist**

Dr. Tcheng joined Children's in May 2008 from Harbor-UCLA

Medical Center, UCLA School of Medicine where she was Assistant Professor. She completed her Pediatric Residency and Pediatric Hematology-Oncology Fellowship from UCLA Medical Center.



**Paul Bryan, MD**  
**Emergency  
Medicine**

Dr. Bryan joined Children's in May 2008 from Harbor-

UCLA Medical Center, UCLA School of Medicine where he was Assistant Professor. He completed his Pediatric Residency at UCLA School of Medicine and his Fellowship in Pediatric Emergency Medicine at Primary Children's Medical Center, University of Utah, Salt Lake City. Dr. Bryan is the son of Children's Emergency Physician Dr. Sylvester Bryan.



**Matthew Gollub, MD**  
**Intensivist**

Dr. Gollub joined Children's in April 2008 from the University of Arizona Health Science/

Steele Children's Research Center in Tucson, Arizona. He completed his Pediatric Residency and Critical Care Fellowship at Mattel Children's Hospital, UCLA Medical Center.

## Neurosurgical Expertise at Children's

Neurosurgeon Gary Magram, MD, joined Children's in 2007 as Medical Director of the Pediatric Neurosurgical Service. Since then, his partnership with neurosurgeon Dr. Meredith Woodward has raised patient volumes by over fifty percent, greatly improving access to care for the Valley's kids. The team provides the most advanced and complete treatment for more than a thousand children annually. Care is coordinated between the inpatient, outpatient and emergency room settings in Children's unique family friendly environment.

Neurosurgery is also part of several multidisciplinary teams at Children's. Children with brain and spinal tumors receive treatment in Children's Neuro-oncology program, and neurosurgeons work with the craniofacial program, the spina bifida clinic, the trauma service, spasticity clinic, and the epilepsy team.

The team performs more than three hundred surgical procedures annually in the largest pediatric surgical facility in Central California. The most common operations are for the treatment of hydrocephalus and include insertion or revisions of shunts and endoscopic third ventriculostomies. Other procedures include craniotomies for brain tumors and trauma, repair of congenital malformations, insertion of vagal nerve stimulators, insertions of intrathecal Baclofen infusion pumps, cranial reconstruction, and release of tethered cords.

Advanced equipment is always available. Children's recently installed an advanced 64-slice CT scanner and a new operating



microscope that can be guided by a frameless neuronavigation. The "Brain-Lab" system is being used for craniotomies, and lasers and endoscopes are available for minimally invasive neurosurgery. In addition, programmable valves and Siphon Regulatory Devices are utilized to treat hydrocephalus. The team has access to pediatric anesthesiologists for diagnostic and imaging tests if needed.

Diagnoses and conditions treated by Pediatric Neurosurgery include Neural Tube Defects like tethered cord syndrome, spina bifida, myelomeningoceles, lipomyelomeningoceles, dermal sinus tracts, split cord malformations, diastematomyelia, and encephaloceles.

The team treats disorders of the Cerebrospinal Fluid Circulation including hydrocephalus, CSF shunt malfunctions, syringomyelia, Chiari malformations, pseudotumor cerebri, aqueductal stenosis, and arachnoid cysts.

Head and spine deformities treated include positional molding of infancy, plagiocephaly, craniosynostosis, craniofacial anomalies, and macrocephaly. The team also treats central nervous system tumors, head and spine trauma, central nervous system vascular malformations, spasticity, and epilepsy. To contact the neurosurgery team at their office call 559-353-5598.

**For urgent referrals, or to transfer a patient, call our Transfer Center toll free at 866-353-KIDS (5437). Or go online to [childrenscentralcal.org](http://childrenscentralcal.org) for a complete list of physician office numbers and information.**

# Critical Care Air and Ground Transport

Children's Critical Care Transport program completes more than 1,500 transports annually, over 350 in our emergency transport helicopter "Air George". Our teams are staffed by dedicated Critical Care Registered Nurses and Respiratory Care Practitioners experienced in transporting pediatric and neonatal patients 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The teams are under the medical supervision of a board certified Pediatric Intensivist or Neonatologist.



If you have a patient requiring admission to Children's, call Children's Transfer Center at 1-866-353-KIDS. One call can provide:

- Consultation with a neonatologist or pediatric intensivist.
- Assistance with referral to Children's attending physician.
- Facilitation with the transport process including mode of transport best suited to your patient's needs.
- Evaluation, stabilization and transport of neonatal or pediatric patient from your facility to Children's.
- Follow-up information on your patient.

## Physician Focus

### Michael Allshouse, DO - Medical Director of Pediatric Surgery and Pediatric Trauma

Dr. Michael Allshouse returned to Children's Hospital Central California as the Medical Director of Pediatric Surgery and Pediatric Trauma in September 2007. He is a board certified surgeon with special qualifications in pediatric surgery and surgical critical care and is renowned for his work with children with biliary tract disorders and congenital anorectal malformations. He is a national expert in the care of children with Down syndrome, serving as the only

pediatric surgical member of the Down Syndrome Medical Interest Group. Dr. Allshouse has expertise in many aspects of pediatric and neonatal surgery, including traditional and minimally invasive surgical options for newborns, children, teens and young adults. Dr. Allshouse's free time is occupied by his wife Denise and their five children - all of whom have received world-class care at Children's.



## CME Highlights

### Risk Management Seminar "Under Oath: Testifying as a Fact Witness...and as an Expert Witness."

Matson Sewell, MS, MPH, CPHRM,  
of The Doctor's Company

June 18, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM,  
Children's Hospital  
conference room G150B

RSVP at 559-353-5045

The seminar will discuss distinctions between a fact witness and a medical expert witness, as well as factors to consider before offering services as a paid medical expert and recommendations for answering questions under oath.

Children's Hospital Central California is accredited by the Institute for Medical Quality/California Medical Association (IMQ/CMA) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

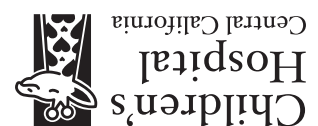
For a complete list of monthly CMEs visit [www.childrenscentralcal.org](http://www.childrenscentralcal.org)

**For questions about our CME program, contact Norma Barajas, PhD at 559-353-7230 or email [nbarajas@childrenscentralcal.org](mailto:nbarajas@childrenscentralcal.org)**

**Please note-** Children's soon begins its Magnet Nursing re-credentialing survey. Information on the survey can be found at [www.childrenscentralcal.org](http://www.childrenscentralcal.org)

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