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Faculty Biographies

Julie C. Leonard, MD, MPH         Keynote Speaker

Dr. Julie Leonard is an associate professor of pediatrics at Nationwide Children's Hospital and the Ohio State University College of Medicine. She is a board certified pediatric emergency medicine subspecialist and practices medicine in the emergency department at Nationwide Children's Hospital. At Nationwide Children's Hospital Research Institute, she serves as the Director of clinical research for the Center for Injury Research and Policy and the Associate director for the Center for Pediatric Trauma Research. Over the course of her career, she has developed expertise in the emergency management of injured children. She has published extensively in the area of cervical spine injury management and is the recent recipient of an NIH grant aimed at laying the groundwork for the development and implementation of the Pediatric Cervical Spine Injury Risk Assessment Tool that will be for use by both prehospital and emergency department providers. She is also a research collaborator in the Pediatric Emergency Care Applied Research Network (PECARN).

Dawn M. Coleman, MD

Dr. Dawn M. Coleman is an Associate Professor of Surgery and Pediatrics & Communicable Disease at the University of Michigan where she serves as the Program Director for the Integrated Vascular Residency Program and Fellowship. She graduated with honors from the University of Cincinnati in 1999 and earned her medical degree from the University of Cincinnati's College of Medicine in 2003. She completed her general surgery residency at the University of Michigan in 2010 and then went on to complete a two-year vascular surgery fellowship at the same institution in 2012. Her clinical interests include the surgical and endovascular management of aneurysmal and occlusive thoracoabdominal aortic and mesenteric vascular disease and the surgical revascularization of pediatric aortic coarctation and renovascular hypertension. Her longstanding interest in the management of children with developmental aortic coarctation and renovascular hypertension has fueled ongoing translational research interests that focus on the genetic basis of pediatric renovascular hypertension resulting from developmental arterial dysplasia.
Marc Cullen, MD, MPH

Dr. Marc Cullen currently serves as the Surgeon-in-Chief at St. John Providence Children’s Hospital. He has extensive experience in general pediatric surgery with a special interest and expertise in skin and soft tissue disorders, congenital anomalies, vascular anomalies, burns, and trauma. He completed fellowships in surgical research, pediatric surgery, and burns. He is a Fellow of the Academy of the American College of Surgeons and board certified in General Surgery, Pediatric Surgery, and Surgical Critical Care. He received his ScB and MD from Brown University Alpert School of Medicine and his M.P.H. from the University of Michigan. He completed his general surgical training at Rush University Medical Center and his fellowship training at Wayne State University.

Michelle Davis, Mother of Trauma Survivor

Michelle Davis is the author of Finding Hope on Vegas, a memoir of her family’s experience after her son, Nathan, was trampled by a fifteen-hundred-pound bull. Michelle has a bachelor’s in computer science and is a wife and mother of 5. She home schools, is an active member in her church and a Boy Scout leader. Their story has been featured in Michigan Blood Magazine’s August edition and in Faith Magazine’s fall edition for the diocese of Saginaw. This traumatic event turns into a story of survival with a message of hope and to never give up.

Lydia Donoghue, MD FACS

Dr. Lydia Donoghue is the Trauma Medical Director at Children’s Hospital of Michigan and a member of Michigan Pediatric Surgery Associates, PC. Dr. Donoghue graduated from Wayne State University School of Medicine and currently sits as a clinical assistant professor. She has been published in the Journal of Pediatric Surgery and Journal of Trauma & Acute Care Surgery. Dr. Donoghue is board certified in general surgery, critical care, and pediatric surgery. Dr. Donoghue is an ATLS, ABLS and Stop the Bleed instructor. She serves as a reviewer for facilities seeking designation as level III and IV trauma centers in the State of Michigan. Her research interests include pediatric trauma with special interest in gun violence. Dr. Donoghue is actively involved with education in pediatric trauma throughout the State of Michigan. She travels annually on medical missions to Africa. Dr. Donoghue has a great love for the city of Detroit and is a strong advocate for the children of Detroit.
Bethany Folsom, MS, CCLS, CPST

Bethany Folsom is the Health Educator for the Pediatric Trauma Injury Prevention Program at C.S. Mott Children’s Hospital. Prior to her time in Ann Arbor, Bethany was a Certified Child Life Specialist, working with the developmental needs of children in the hospital setting. She also teaches graduate courses with child development-based curriculum at Western Michigan University and was key in creating a Child Life concentration in the Family and Consumer Sciences Department. Bethany graduated from Trinity International University with a degree in psychology and then went on to get a master’s degree in Child Life at Illinois State University.

Lindsey Jelsma DNP, RN, CPNP-PC

Dr. Lindsey Jelsma is a 3rd generation nurse. She graduated from Grand Valley State University with a BSN in 2003 and started working in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at Helen DeVos Children’s Hospital. Lindsey worked there as a RN for almost 10 years before transitioning to the pediatric trauma program as a Trauma Nurse Clinician while she finished up school to become a NP. She then transitioned to the Trauma Nurse Practitioner role for 2 years. During that time, she also served as an instructor for ATCN. She recently switched to work as an NP for the hospitalist group at HDVCH in January 2018.

Scott Langenburg, MD, FACS

Dr. Scott Langenburg attended the University of Michigan School of Medicine, did General Surgery at the University of Virginia, and completed a Fellowship at Children’s Hospital of Michigan where he is now the Pediatric Surgery Fellowship Program Director. Dr. Langenburg is board certified in general surgery and pediatric surgery. He is an ATLS instructor, ABLs Instructor, and is presently the Trauma Medical Director at Toledo Children’s Hospital. Dr. Langenburg has clinical interests in minimally invasive surgery, surgical oncology, and neonatal surgery. He has many publications in the Journal of American College of Surgeons, the Journal of Pediatric Surgery, the Journal of Trauma Acute Care Surgery, and is the associate editor of Advanced Surgical Recall. Dr. Langenburg is married to Lisa Langenburg, M.D., a family practitioner in Mount Clemens, and they have four children. His hobbies include Art, Squash, Rowing, and Piano.
Joel Maier, CCLS

Joel Maier is currently a Child Life Specialist at C.S. Mott Children’s Hospital, where he is also a proud certified handler of Denver — a 3-year-old golden retriever lab mix. Graduating from Concordia University in Ann Arbor in 2010, Joel has over seven years of experience as a child life specialist. He served two years in the Post Anesthesia Unit and has served the past five in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, where he still works today. During his time at Mott, Joel helped create the PAWS 4 Patients full-time therapy dog program that supports patients and families by providing comfort and healing in times of need. Outside of work, Joel enjoys volunteering with Make-A-Wish Michigan, brewing his own beer, cooking, running, and being outdoors. He was recently married to his fiancé, Shae, in May 2018.

Sheila Meshinski, BSN, RN, CEN

Sheila Meshinski has been a registered nurse for the past 41 years, specializing in emergency nursing since 1978. She is currently the emergency department (ED) nurse educator at Henry Ford Hospital-Macomb. Sheila is also a forensic sexual assault nurse examiner (SANE). As a SANE nurse, she became involved with the Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force 6 years ago. She was appointed by Governor Snyder in 2014 to serve on the State of Michigan Human Trafficking Task Health Advisory Board Force.

Tamara Phillips, JD

Tamara Phillips has worked for the Genesee County Prosecutor’s Office since March of 1997. She graduated cum laude from Thomas M. Cooley Law School in January of 1997 after receiving her Bachelor’s Degree from Michigan State University’s James Madison College in 1990. In May of 2017, she became Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney. Over the years, Ms. Phillips has specialized in Domestic Violence, Child Abuse and CSC prosecutions, most notably handling the prosecution of the mother of Dominick Calhoun and her boyfriend who were charged with torture and homicide relating to the 4-year olds’ death and Genesee County’s serial stabber who killed 7 people and stabbed 11 others. Teaching has always been a passion and she actively instructs for the Prosecuting Attorney’s Association of Michigan, The Mott Community College Police Academy, The Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Madonna University. Still living in her hometown of Davison, Michigan, she enjoys the outdoors, downhill skiing, cooking and re-learning French. She has been married to Randy for 27 years and they have one daughter, Olivia who is 25, and Spartacus, the dog, who is 5 (and gets far more attention that the other two).
Brian D. Purchase, DO, FACOEP, CAQ Sports Medicine

Dr. Brian Purchase is a board-certified emergency medicine and sports medicine physician who practices at Covenant HealthCare in Saginaw, Michigan. In 1994, he graduated from Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed an emergency medicine residency at POH Medical Center in Pontiac, Michigan and has practiced emergency medicine since 1998. Dr. Purchase also served as the Medical Director of the Covenant HealthCare Emergency Care Center from 2009-2014. In 2014, he completed a one-year Sports Medicine fellowship at Kettering Medical Center in Dayton, Ohio. He returned to Saginaw to develop a sports medicine program in cooperation with Covenant HealthCare. Dr. Purchase is the Medical Director of the Athletic Training Education Program at Saginaw Valley State University and is an Adjunct Assistant Professor with Central Michigan University’s College of Medicine.

Mary Smyth, MD, FAAP

Mary Smyth M.D. is the Medical Director of the Child Advocacy and Protection Team and the Director of Patient Legal Support at Beaumont Children’s Hospital. She is an Associate Professor of Pediatrics at Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine. Dr. Smyth received her medical degree from Wayne State University School of Medicine and completed residency training in pediatrics at Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak. She is board certified in Child Abuse Pediatrics as well as general Pediatrics. Dr. Smyth is a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics, and a member of the International Society for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children and the Ray E. Helfer Society, a national honor society for child abuse pediatricians. She also serves on several regional and local child advocacy boards and committees.