

# ENT News

## The UOA Hearing Aid Program at Riley Hospital Embraces First Steps Children

The University Otolaryngology Associates Hearing Aid Program announces an initiative to become the First Steps Provider of Choice for early amplification services!

The positive effects of universal early detection of hearing loss have never been more evident.

With the implementation of universal screening in Indiana, increasing numbers of young infants are referred for follow up after undergoing mandatory neonatal hearing screenings prior to hospital discharge. This is a good sign that more infants than ever will be identified with hearing loss at a very early age.

With early identification of hearing loss, followed by enrollment in the Indiana First Steps program and the early implementation of needed services, including amplification and speech and

language therapy, Indiana children have the potential for maximizing their ability to develop effective spoken language skills.

The UOA Hearing Aid Program is embracing the First Steps population like never before. Our vision is to provide state-of-the-art and science in early amplification in a timely manner; this in an easily accessible, continuous, comprehensive, and compassionate manner, statewide. Specifically, our mission is to continue offering excellence in clinical care to Indiana's **First Steps Children**; and to strengthen our partnership with **First Steps families** by introducing a stronger educational component, improving communications, and enriching the support we offer them. Our goal is to strengthen our partnership with

Indiana **First Steps' administrative office** by improving communications with service coordinators and introducing new efficiencies in applications for prior authorization for treatment, as well as billing.

Watch for the population of First Steps children who are serviced by the UOA Hearing Aid Program grow. Watch for their level of care to improve. Watch for these children to receive the kind of early intervention services we all want them to have!

Submitted by:  
Heidi Neuburger

### *~Dates to Remember~*

#### **1st North American Meeting on Sialoendoscopy and Lithotripsy**

June 10, 2006

Riley Outpatient Center

ROC Auditorium

#### **New Resident Orientation**

June 30, 2006

#### **Anatomy Course**

July 10–19, 2006

#### **Skull Base**

September 29, 2006

#### **Lingeman Lecture**

November 17, 2006

## EHDI Conference

The Indiana State Department of Health Early Hearing Detection & Intervention program sponsored a conference entitled; Optimizing Outcomes: Increasing Newborn Hearing Follow-up Rates on May 11 and 12, 2006 in Indianapolis. Molly Pope and Allan Diefendorf were on the conference planning committee for this event. Topics included the effects of early intervention, impact of EHDI on families, EHDI in Indiana and the web-based datamart, as well as

sessions on genetics of hearing loss, cochlear implants, Outreach Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and information on unilateral hearing loss, minimal hearing loss, hearing loss in special populations and pediatric amplification issues. Many of the clinical audiologists and research team members attended this conference.

Submitted by:

Molly Pope

## Course Hosted by Our Physicians

Drs. Chris Miyamoto, Jim Ulm, Bruce Matt, and Stacey Halum contributed to the course "Current Concepts in Pediatric Otolaryngology" that was held June 7, 2006 at Clarian North. The program focused on current concepts in the Ear, Nose, and Throat care of pediatric patients.

## Presenting . . .

~Dr. Ilka Naumann presented at The Mediterranean Society of Otolaryngology and Audiology May 18, 2006 in Dubrovnik, Croatia. Her paper was entitled "Magnetic Properties of Middle Ear and Stapes Implants in a 9.4 Tesla Magnetic Resonance Field." Co-authors were Dr. Michael Fritsch and Dr. JJ Gutt.

~Dr. Michael Fritsch gave a clinical

series paper at the Triological Society meeting May 20, 2006 titled, "Sialo-Endoscopic Intervention for Salivary Duct Obstructions: Strategies for Difficult and Staged Cases."

~Dr. Fritsch presented a research paper at the American Neuro-otologic Society meeting on May 21, 2006 titled, "Endoscopic Intervention for Intralabyrinthine

Lesions using Microendoscopes and Report of a Transscalar Cochlear Schwannoma Clinical Case."

~Drs. Fritsch, Naumann, and Gutt presented a research paper at the American Otologic Society meeting on May 21, 2006 titled, "Magnetic Properties of Middle Ear and Stapes Implants in a 9.4 Tesla Magnetic Resonance Field."

## Indianapolis Woman

Pick up a copy of Indianapolis Woman at your local store (it's free!!) The June issue includes a sinusitis article on pages 54 & 55 in which Dr. Cordes and Dr. Ulm are quoted and an advertisement for University Otolaryngology at Clarian North on page 66.

Dr. Ulm performed the first

balloon sinuplasties in the state successfully without complications. He was interviewed recently on Channel 13 regarding the procedure. He was also featured on Inside Indiana with Gerry Dick. You can see the press release at [www.insideindianabusiness.com](http://www.insideindianabusiness.com).

## A Round of Applause!!!

**Allan Diefendorf** has been voted as the Best Graduate Audiology Professor in SLHS. Congratulations, Allan!

**Dr. Stacey Halum** received the IU Biomedical Research Grant for over \$38,000 for her project "Treatment of Laryngeal Denervation with Injection of Autologous Myoblasts."

**Marcia Hay-McCutcheon** has been awarded a National Institutes of Health R03 grant to study the

benefits of using a hearing aid in the opposite ear from a cochlear implant. She will be looking at how the combined use of a hearing aid and a cochlear implant might help individuals recognize male and female voices and help them discriminate and identify talkers with different dialects.

**Angie Cooper, Steve Chin and Randy Richter** have been working hard in redesigning our new website, as one of the pilot projects for the IU School of Medicine's new

web implementation plan. The new site should go live sometime later this summer. It will be full of links to guide patients and contain general information about our department.



## Welcome . . .

~**Patti Safstrom** – Secretary to Drs. Ulm and Halum

~**Bethany Gehrlein** – Speech Language Pathologist

~**Chris Chacko** – GL1 Resident

~**David Sycamore** – GL1 Resident

~**Kelly Hiatt** – GL1 Resident

~**Patty Hancock** – part time LPN at Regenstrief

~**Kiesha Lewis** – Registration Specialist in Audiology and Speech

~**Baljit Rehal, AuD.** – Audiologist

~**Jamie Beck and Lauren Hendrickson**, Purdue University Doctor of Audiology students will be joining our audiologists for a twelve week session this summer. This is the beginning of a partnership with Purdue University's

AuD Program that will continue throughout the 2006-2007 academic year.



## Farewell to:

Graduating Residents

~Brad Bichey, MD

~Brendan Kluszynski, MD

~Steve Parsons, MD

## Births

Katherine Colden had a baby girl on May 13, 2006. Kate weighed in at 7 lb. 11 oz and was 20.5 inches long. Congratulations Katherine and Michael!!

## Don't forget!

Parking permits can be renewed on line by going to the IUPUI website and typing in Parking Services in the search box.

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*Many thanks to everyone who submitted information for this edition of ENT news!!! Our next newsletter will be published in September so be sure to keep me informed. Send your contributions to Jane Adamson, RR 132 or email [jaadamso@iupui.edu](mailto:jaadamso@iupui.edu)*

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