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CVDY will be partnering with the Children’s Cardiomyopathy Foundation (CCF) to develop Web-based materials on pediatric cardiomyopathy for the public. The Children’s Cardiomyopathy Foundation is a national public interest group dedicated to stimulating and supporting research and education on pediatric cardiomyopathy.

Spearheaded by CCF, the project will be managed by Dr. Paul Matherne, CVDY’s chair and professor of Pediatrics at the University of Virginia Health System. He will work with top specialists in the field to contribute their knowledge and expertise in developing this educational resource. The proposed online pamphlet will cover topics such as types of cardiomyopathy, causes, symptoms, diagnosis, genetics, treatment, research, glossary and resource listings, and will be made available in 2006.
The program committee has been very active finalizing the abstract sessions and speaker details for the 2005 Scientific Sessions. A total of 12,473 abstracts were submitted with 363 to the CVDY categories, including congenital and acquired heart disease 109, imaging 51, electrophysiology 32, interventional 26, surgery 67 and adult congenital heart disease 78. The acceptance rate was similar to previous years at approximately 28%. The oral and poster sessions are similar to last year with 4 all-day poster sessions and 7 oral sessions. The CVDY Outstanding Research Awards will follow the Nadas Lecture on Sunday afternoon. The featured abstract session regarding abstracts with results from multicenter studies will be Monday morning.

The CVDY posters were selected for the 2005 poster competition. Morning competitions will be held from 9:30 to 11:00 AM and afternoon from 3:00–4:30 PM. The top five from each session will be named finalists. The competitors will be scored on quality and originality of science (40%), rigor and sophistication of the methodology (20%), composition (20%) and oral communication/Q&A (20%). Winners will receive a certificate and color photo.

The program committee wishes to thank Drs. Colin Phoon and Bill Morrow who have completed their terms on the committee. We welcome Drs. William Mahle from Emory and Larry Rhodes from West Virginia University as the new representatives. Drs. Wolfgang Radtke, Stu Berger, and Scott Klewer remain on the committee for the 2006 Sessions. Dr. Seema Mital from Columbia was named co-chair for the 2006 and 2007 sessions. The program committee urges all members of CVDY to submit their suggestions for program topics and speakers. The success of the Scientific Sessions depends upon the ideas, recommendations, and feedback we get from you.
J O B O P P O R T U N I T I E S

CONNECTICUT

Director of Pediatric Cardiac Imaging. The Department of Pediatrics and the Section of Pediatric Cardiology at Yale University School of Medicine are seeking a faculty member in pediatric cardiology with training and expertise in echocardiography and cardiac imaging modalities to become director of Pediatric Cardiovascular Imaging. Candidates should have clinical expertise in the diagnosis and management of congenital heart disease and documented efforts in academic pursuits. Interest and experience in fetal echocardiography and/or congenital cardiac MR imaging is desirable for this position. The appointment will be at an assistant or associate professor level, depending on experience. Clinical activities will take place at Yale-New Haven Children’s Hospital and Yale satellite programs. Candidates should be board-certified or -eligible in Pediatric Cardiology. Competitive salary and benefit package available. Depending on experience, a joint appointment in the Departments of Pediatrics and Diagnostic Radiology is likely. Yale University is an equal opportunity affirmative action employer. Minority and female candidates are encouraged to apply.

Candidates should send a curriculum vitae and a list of professional references to: James C. Perry, MD, Department of Pediatrics, c/o Mary Fiasconaro, Yale University School of Medicine, 333 Cedar Street, PO Box 208064, New Haven, CT 06520-8064, E-mail: james.perry@yale.edu or mary.fiasconaro@yale.edu

FLORIDA

The Department of Pediatrics at the University of Florida Health Science Center/Jacksonville and Wolfson Children’s Hospital in Jacksonville are recruiting a full-time faculty member to the Division of Pediatric Cardiology (LP # 00020883). Candidates require an MD degree and Florida medical license eligibility. Applicants must be BE/BC in pediatric cardiology. A primary interest in echocardiography and noninvasive imaging is desirable. The appointment will be at the non-tenure accruing level of assistant professor/associate professor/professor depending upon experience.

Deadline for accepting applications will be Dec. 31, 2005 with an anticipated negotiable start date of Feb. 1, 2006. Academic rank and salary will be commensurate with qualifications.

Interested applicants should forward letter of intent, curriculum vitae, and three letters of recommendation to: Moeen R. Rathore, MD, Professor of Pediatrics, Search Committee chairman, Department of Pediatrics, University of Florida/Jacksonville, 653-1 West Eighth Street, Jacksonville, FL 32209, 904-244-3050 and/or fax 904-244-3028 and/or e-mail Moeen.Rathore@jax.ufl.edu.

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GEORGIA

Pediatric Cardiology Services is a private practice group that was established in 1997. The group provides the entire spectrum of noninvasive pediatric cardiology services including Fetal Echocardiography, exercise stress testing, tilt table studies, sedated echocardiograms, etc. We practice out of 4 locations that cover an extensive part of Atlanta and Greater Atlanta Metro area. Atlanta offers all the cultural amenities and educational institutions of a rapidly growing cosmopolitan city as well as an extremely favorable climate for outdoor activities in an extremely scenic suburbia. We are seeking a full-time physician and a part-time physician to continue to expand our services. Applicants should be board-eligible or -certified. Locum tenens is also available.

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ILLINOIS

Pediatric Electrophysiologist, Oak Lawn, III — Dynamic, well-established private practice seeks a pediatric electrophysiologist to join our team of physicians at The Heart Institute for Children at Hope Children’s Hospital. The Heart Institute for Children is located on the campus of Advocate Christ Medical Center/Hope Children’s Hospital in Oak Lawn, Ill. We are one of the largest pediatric cardiology programs in the Chicago metropolitan area with an academically-based program supported by six cardiac fellows. Our practice covers a wide geographic range in Chicago and Northwest Indiana, with multiple outreach sites. There are four research laboratories affiliated with us, including cardiac pathology, cardiac molecular biology, interventional cardiology, and electrophysiology. Salary is highly competitive and commensurate with experience, and we offer a comprehensive benefits package.

Please contact Robert Wesolowski, Administrator, at (708) 684-5580 or e-mail Robert@thic.com.
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IOWA

The University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine, Department of Pediatrics, is seeking a pediatric cardiologist with interest and skills in managing the medical care of pediatric cardiac transplant patients. This is a full-time position at the associate (non-tenure track), assistant or associate professor (tenure track or non-tenure track) level. Qualified applicants will be considered for director of the Pediatric Cardiac Transplant program. Applicants must be board-certified or -eligible in pediatrics and in cardiology. The applicant must also have interest in and skills in general pediatric cardiology. Candidates applying for a tenure track position must demonstrate evidence of scholarly investigation. All candidates should have a strong clinical background and strength in teaching.

The University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics and Iowa City combine to provide an optimal environment for the pursuit of academic medicine. The University is a strong research institution; the hospital complex is one of the nation’s largest university-owned teaching hospitals and most of its facilities have been constructed in the past ten years. Iowa City, with a population of approximately 90,000, is a university town of broadly diverse cultural and recreational activities, superb public schools, and safe, affordable residential neighborhoods.

Inquiries, including curriculum vitae, should be addressed to Jeanie Cromer, Human Resource Representative Department of Pediatrics, University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, 200 Hawkins Drive, Iowa City, IA 52242.

The University of Iowa is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer, and candidates who are women or members of minority groups are strongly encouraged to apply.

KENTUCKY

The Division of Pediatric Cardiology at the University of Kentucky College of Medicine and the UK Children’s Hospital is recruiting a faculty member to join a strong Pediatric clinical and research program. This position requires that the individual have expertise in pediatric echocardiography, strong clinical skills, a desire to teach and a strong commitment to research. The candidate will be joining a four-member division with individual’s expert in pediatric interventional catheterization, echocardiography and electrophysiology. Level of appointment is commensurate with experience. The University of Kentucky College of Medicine is committed to attract, develop and retain faculty who will develop strong clinical and research programs. Thus, competitive salaries, and benefits are available for qualified candidates.

Contact: Thomas G. Di Sessa, MD, director of Pediatric Cardiology at 859-323-5494 (UK e-mail address Thomas.Disessa@uky.edu) or send CV to 800 Rose Ave, MN 470, Lexington, KY 40536.

The University of Kentucky is an Equal Opportunity Employer and invites applications from all interested individuals. Dr. Di Sessa will be available at the AHA Scientific Sessions in November to discuss this opportunity with interested applicants.

NEW JERSEY

University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey — Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, Department of Pediatrics, Division of Pediatric Cardiology is recruiting a pediatric cardiologist to join the division of pediatric cardiology at the assistant or associate professor level. The cardiac program at the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and Bristol Myers Squibb Children’s Hospital is a growing, invasive program affiliated with Columbia University/Children’s Hospital of New York. Candidates should be board-certified or -eligible in pediatric cardiology. Responsibilities include medical student and housestaff education, clinical care and research in pediatric cardiology and related fields, including post-op critical care, fetal medicine, arrhythmia and echocardiography. UMDNJ offers a competitive salary and comprehensive benefits package.

Please e-mail: gaffnejw@umdnj.edu, phone: 732-235-7905 or send CV to: Joseph W. Gaffney, MD, Department of Pediatrics, UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, One Robert Wood Johnson Place, Suite C, New Brunswick, NJ 08903.

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NEW MEXICO

The University of New Mexico Children’s Hospital Heart Center is recruiting a fourth pediatric cardiologist. Minimum requirements include BE/BC in Pediatric Cardiology, be authorized to work in the U.S. and license eligibility in New Mexico. Rank is dependent on qualifications and experience. This School of Medicine faculty position involves inpatient and outpatient care and teaching. Special interest in pediatric diagnostic catheterization and simple interventions, demonstrated excellence as a general clinical pediatric cardiologist, and experience teaching are preferred.

For best consideration, applications must be submitted by Oct. 31, 2005; however, the position will remain open until filled. For more information, go to our Web site at http://hsc.unm.edu/facultyjobs
Inquire and/or send CV, a signed letter of interest, and three reference letters to: Robert M. Katz, MD, Chair, Department of Pediatrics
MSC10 5590, 1 University of New Mexico Albuquerque, NM 87131-0001
Telephone (505) 272-4842, fax (505) 272-3760, e-mail: rkatz@salud.unm.edu

For more information, contact: M. Beth Goens, MD, Interim Chief, Pediatric Cardiologist
Telephone 505-272-8780, e-mail: mbgoens@salud.unm.edu

New Mexico law requires all applicants working with children must be willing to have a criminal record check prior to acceptance of position. The University of New Mexico is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer and Educator.

DIVISION CHIEF — PEDIATRIC CARDIOLOGY. The Department of Pediatrics at the UNM Health Sciences Center and the UNM Children’s Hospital, Division of Pediatric Cardiology are recruiting for a pediatric cardiologist, Division Chief. We are offering a full-time position ideally suited to the BC/BE clinician who wishes to practice medicine in a clinical/academic climate. Join a congenial and dedicated team seeking a third cardiologist to round out a very busy practice. A good balance of clinical and instructional experience awaits the successful candidate in the tertiary care pediatric practice. Pediatric outreach is a large part of our program with clinics around the state. Special interest in pediatric catheterization/simple interventions and a strong interest in teaching are preferred.

The UNM Children’s Hospital combines multi-disciplinary care with academics in a family-oriented setting. Although opportunities for basic research are available, this position is best suited for someone interested in pursuing clinical problems. The UNM Health Sciences Center (HSC) is the only academic health center in the state and plans are underway for the construction of new Children’s Pavilion that will allow us to combine state of the art family center for children and the academic mission of a Health Sciences Center. UNM HSC is an integrated, academic 600-physician system offering 75 medical and surgical specialties and 24 residency and fellowship programs, including pediatrics, medicine, surgery and the surgical subspecialties. The Pediatric Training program has 33 positions and has consistently attracted excellent students from around the country.

The UNM Children’s Hospital, currently located within University Hospital, is a 100-bed tertiary Children’s Hospital containing a Level III NICU, a Level I Trauma Center, a Rehabilitation Hospital and a Research Center. The UNM HSC employs over 600 physicians with excellent salary and benefits programs in place, including full medical malpractice coverage. Our vision, to identify and solve the most important questions of our mission lies in the interdependence of our education, patient care and research resources. The University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center has earned an international reputation of incorporating these mission elements to address the unique health care needs of New Mexico’s urban and rural populations.

For complete information regarding position qualifications, duties and responsibilities, and conditions of employment, please see the listing in the Department of Pediatrics subheading at http://hsc.unm.edu/facultyjobs/

Rank and appointment are dependent upon qualifications and experience. Minimum requirements: Authorized to work in the United States, BC/BE in Pediatric Cardiology, and eligible to be licensed in the State of New Mexico. Preferences: Experience in pediatric diagnostic catheterization and simple interventions, demonstrated excellence as a general clinical pediatric cardiologist, and experience in teaching.

Interested individuals must send a CV documenting experience, a signed letter of interest, and three letters of recommendation. The position will remain open until filled. For best consideration, please submit by October 31, 2005.

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For more information, contact M. Beth Goens, MD, Interim Chief, Pediatric Cardiology. mbgoens@salud.unm.edu. 505-272-8780.

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NORTH CAROLINA

The Pediatric Cardiology section at Wake Forest University School of Medicine, Bowman Gray Campus is seeking an interventionalist to head our cath lab and expand services. This is a tenure track position (open rank) for a BC/BE pediatric cardiologist. The Pediatric Cardiology program at Wake Forest provides all services including interventional cath, ECMO, electrophysiology, transplant, Cardiac MRI, as well as fetal, intravascular and transesophageal echocardiography. We have a full-time congenital heart surgeon with excellent credentials and track record. He is supported by the Pediatric Cardiac Anesthesia Section, a Pediatric Cardiology Nurse Practitioner and Pediatric Critical Care Faculty. We are based at the new Brenner Children’s Hospital Tower within the North Carolina Baptist Hospital Complex.

Completed in 2002, this state-of-the-art
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Facility is not only attractive, but functional. We moved into our new Siemens flat panel biplane cath lab in December ’04. All of our facilities are cutting edge. We have an excellent support staff and pleasant working conditions. This is a unique opportunity in a very stable program that is expanding. The successful candidate will have strong clinical and management skills. The candidate will be responsible for teaching medical students from Wake Forest University School of Medicine and Pediatric residents at the Brenner Children’s Hospital in clinical settings. Protected research time is available based on the candidate’s interests and aptitude.

Salary/compensation is competitive and based on experience and productivity. Wake Forest University is in Winston-Salem, an attractive, medium-sized city located in the Piedmont section of North Carolina. The city is known for its cultural activities, colleges and universities and proximity to the Blue Ridge Mountains and ocean.

Interested candidates should apply to:

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PENNSYLVANIA

The Division of Pediatric Cardiology/Department of Pediatrics at The University of Pittsburgh seeks to hire an academically oriented pediatric cardiologist faculty member (at the assistant professor or associate professor level) to join our expanding Cardiac Imaging Laboratory at The Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh.

The Cardiac Imaging Laboratory performs over 7,700 echocardiograms a year. Faculty responsibilities will include shared clinical duties in the echocardiographic laboratory (reading TTE’s, TEE’s, fetal studies) and in general inpatient and outpatient pediatric cardiology services at The Children’s Hospital and at affiliated hospitals. Candidates with interests in all areas of clinical or basic science research in echocardiography are welcome. Candidates with an interest in MRI in addition to having echocardiographic experience are strongly encouraged to apply.

Interested parties should send or email (degroff@juno.com) a CV to:
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Director, Non-invasive Cardiac Imaging Program
Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh
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SOUTH CAROLINA

The Division of Pediatric Cardiology at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) Children’s Hospital in Charleston is recruiting an academic electrophysiologist at the assistant, associate or professor level. Candidates should be BC/BE in Pediatric Cardiology and have had at least one year of specialized training in electrophysiology and pacing. Research interests and experience are a plus. MUSC provides a full range of arrhythmia services to most of the state.

MUSC is the interventional center for the Children’s Heart Program of South Carolina, a collaboration of all the Pediatric Cardiology programs in the state of South Carolina. The center provides a full range of diagnostic and interventional services, and performs approximately 500 catheterization procedures/year. The center is an active participant in numerous clinical trials, and is one of the Clinical Centers in the Pediatric Heart Network, established by the National Institutes of Health.

Interested candidates should call or send an e-mail/letter with CV to:
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UTAH

The Division of Pediatric Cardiology at the University of Utah is recruiting a pediatric cardiologist with a major interest in echocardiography. The candidate should have a strong clinical background in all areas of pediatric cardiology with expertise in echocardiography including transthoracic echocardiography, transesophageal echocardiography, intracardiac echocardiography, and stress echocardiography. The candidate will be joining a 14-member Division of Pediatric Cardiology with 6 physicians currently dedicated to echocardiography and noninvasive imaging. The position is ideally suited for someone with primary interest in echocardiography, particularly someone with additional training in echocardiography. There will be protected time for clinical research with mentoring available within the division for clinical research studies.

The division has a very active clinical program performing over 8,000 echocardiograms a year. The division also has a very active clinical research program and is one of the participating centers in the Pediatric Heart Disease Clinical Research Network funded by the NIH. All subspecialties within pediatric cardiology are represented within the division by individuals with significant experience and expertise.

The successful candidate will receive a faculty appointment at the University of Utah School of Medicine. The Pediatric
Cardiology Division is based at Primary Children’s Medical Center, a tertiary referral center for a three-state area, which is located on the hills overlooking Salt Lake City. The area offers an excellent quality of life with immense cultural and recreational opportunities close and available. The University of Utah is an Equal Opportunity Employer and welcomes applications from minorities and women and provides reasonable accommodations to the known disabilities of applicants and employees.

Interested individuals should contact:
Robert E. Shaddy, Professor of Pediatrics, Division Chief of Pediatric Cardiology, University of Utah School of Medicine, 100 North Medical Drive, Salt Lake City, Utah 84113.
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VERMONT

Pediatric Cardiology. The Department of Pediatrics at the University of Vermont is seeking a physician at the assistant or associate professor level to join the pediatric cardiology program at the University of Vermont and Vermont Children’s Hospital at Fletcher Allen Health Care, the tertiary medical care center of Vermont and Northern New York State. Candidates should be board-certified or -eligible in pediatrics and pediatric cardiology. Responsibilities include providing subspecialty clinical care to infants, children and adolescents with known or suspected congenital or acquired heart disease. Proficiency in all aspects of noninvasive diagnosis and general cardiac management is required. Special expertise and experience in fetal echocardiography, trans-esophageal echocardiography and cardiac MRI is desirable. The position would include responsibilities for medical student, resident and postgraduate education. Candidates with an interest in research would have an opportunity to develop an active research program.

Vermont is a beautiful place to live and work. We aim to fill the position by July 1, 2006, and we encourage rapid reply to this announcement from interested applicants. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. If you are interested in this position, please send an e-mail with your current curriculum vitae with bibliography to Richard Colletti, MD, Vice Chair of the Department of Pediatrics, at Richard.Colletti@UVM.EDU or you can apply at www.uvmjobs.com.

The University of Vermont is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer and applications from minorities and women are strongly encouraged.

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VIRGINIA

The Division of Pediatric Cardiology at the University of Virginia Children’s Hospital is seeking to expand our current program of 9 cardiologists and 2 surgeons. A full range of services is provided including pediatric cardiac transplantation, a dedicated adult congenital heart disease program and full service interventional cardiology and electrophysiology programs. There are active NIH-funded research programs in the division and research opportunities within the department and the Cardiovascular Research Center. There is an active pediatric cardiology fellowship program funded by an NIH sponsored training grant. The division seeks to expand with the following faculty opportunity:

General Pediatric Cardiologist. The division seeks an academic minded pediatric cardiologist to attend on the inpatient cardiology service, participate in the noninvasive service and perform diagnostic catheterization. Skills in transthoracic, transesophageal and fetal echocardiography, and diagnostic catheterization are required. Academic duties will include teaching fellows, residents and medical students and an involvement in clinical research. Applicants should be board-eligible or -certified in pediatric cardiology. Faculty appointment will be at the assistant or associate professor level.

Interested persons should send a cover letter expressing their interest and qualifications along with a curriculum vita to:
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Division Head Pediatric Cardiology
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