



Faculty Update

CRAIG ALBANESE, MD, recently completed his master's in business administration as valedictorian of his class at Santa Clara University's Leavey School of Business. In addition, he was elected into the prestigious Beta Gamma Sigma business school National Honor Society. Albanese was also recently awarded certification in Medical Quality Management by the American Board of Medical Quality.



David Stevenson, MD

WILLIAM BENITZ, MD, the Philip Sunshine, MD, Endowed Professor in Neonatology, has been named chair-elect of the American Board of Pediatrics' sub-board of neonatal-perinatal medicine. He will serve as chair for a two-year term in 2010 and 2011. Benitz, who is division chief of neonatology at Packard Children's, is interested in neonatology, pulmonary hypertension of the newborn, infant ventilation and neonatal clinical protocols and clinical pathways.

A research paper written by members of the Packard Children's high-risk obstetrics team—including **USHA CHITKARA, MD**; **MAURICE DRUZIN, MD**; **YASSER EL-SAYED, MD**; and **DEIRDRE LYELL, MD**—has been honored with the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology's 2008 Roy M. Pitkin Award. The award recognizes the top four papers published each year in *Obstetrics & Gynecology*, the college's research journal. The team's paper, titled "Maintenance nifedipine tocolysis compared with placebo: a randomized controlled trial," showed that a drug commonly prescribed for preventing repeat bouts of preterm labor worked no better than placebo in a group of 68 pregnant women whose initial bout of preterm labor had been halted.

CAROLYN RUSSO, MD, has been appointed associate professor of pediatrics in the division of pediatric hematology/oncology at Lucile



John Wachtel, MD

Packard Children's Hospital, as of January 1. She completed her fellowship in pediatric hematology/oncology at Stanford in 1990, and was previously on the medical faculty at both Stanford University and UCSF. She

plans to conduct research on innovative therapies for children with brain cancer, and engage in palliative care at Packard Children's.

JULIEN SAGE, PHD, assistant professor of pediatrics and genetics, has received a Scholar Award from the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The research grant of \$110,000 per year for five years will fund Sage's investigation of the relationship between stem cells and cancer in blood cancer.

DAVID STEVENSON, MD, vice dean and senior associate dean for academic affairs, the Harold K. Faber Professor of Pediatrics and professor, by courtesy, of obstetrics and gynecology, has received the 2009 WSPR Abbott Nutrition Joseph W. St. Geme, Jr. Education Award. The award is conferred biannually by the Western Society for Pediatric Research in recognition of outstanding achievement in pediatric education.

JOHN WACHTEL, MD, adjunct clinical professor in obstetrics and gynecology, recently traveled to Beijing and Shanghai to present two conferences for Chinese obstetric leaders on "Implementation of a patient safety system in obstetrics for China." Wachtel is the current chairman of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists' national Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Committee and serves as program director for the group's Voluntary Review of Quality Care program. He was recently appointed Patient Safety Officer for ACOG District 9 (California) and serves on the District 9 advisory council.

Publications

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