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NEW DOCTORS/SURGEONS JOIN CONNECTICUT CHILDREN’S MEDICAL CENTER

HARTFORD, Conn. — Connecticut Children’s Medical Center is proud to announce the appointments of three new doctors/surgeons.

Jonathan Martin, MD

Jonathan Martin, MD, of Simsbury, has joined the Department of Neurosurgery at Connecticut Children’s Medical Center. Dr. Martin comes to Connecticut Children’s from the Neurosurgery Service at the Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu, Hawaii, where he also served as chief of neurosurgery from 2005 to 2006. His military service included a deployment to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2007.

Dr. Martin received his bachelor’s degree from Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine, and his medical degree from the University of Vermont College of Medicine. Dr. Martin completed his general surgery internship and neurosurgery residency at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. He subsequently received fellowship training in pediatric neurosurgery at Children’s National Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

Martin has served as a consultant for the World Healing Institute, Operation Smile, and the Pacific Island Healthcare Project and is a member of numerous professional organizations including the Congress of Neurological Surgeons and the American Association of Neurological Surgeons. Dr. Martin’s clinical areas of special interest include neurotrauma and pediatric spinal deformity.

Tulio A. Valdez, MD

Tulio A. Valdez, MD, of Simsbury, has joined the Department of Otolaryngology at Connecticut Children’s Medical Center.

Dr. Valdez comes to Connecticut Children’s from Texas Children’s Hospital where he recently completed his fellowship in pediatric otolaryngology. He also was an assistant professor at the Baylor College of Medicine. Dr. Valdez received his medical degree from

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Pontificia Universidad Javeriana School of Medicine in Bogotá, Colombia. He also was a visiting medical student at the Brown University School of Medicine.

Dr. Valdez completed a research fellowship at the Otolaryngology Research Laboratory located at the New England Medical Center, Tufts University. He also was a visiting scientist at the George Harrison Spectroscopy Laboratory at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Dr. Valdez completed his surgical internship at the New England Medical Center, Tufts University, where he also completed a residency in otolaryngology, and head and neck surgery.

Dr. Valdez is a member of numerous professional organizations including the American Academy of Otolaryngology and the American Board of Otolaryngology. He has authored nine book chapters and 13 peer-reviewed publications in such subjects as nature, cancer and pediatrics. He also is a reviewer for the Otolaryngology and Head Neck Surgery Journal in the area of pediatric otolaryngology. Dr. Valdez’s special interests include obstructive sleep apnea, infectious diseases in pediatric otolaryngology, and endoscopic airway and sinus surgery.

**Anand Sekaran, MD**

Anand Sekaran, MD, of West Hartford, has joined Connecticut Children’s Medical Center as its new director of inpatient services.

Dr. Sekaran rejoins Connecticut Children’s from John Muir Medical Center in Walnut Creek, Calif, where he served as a neonatal and pediatric hospitalist coupled with a clinical appointment at Children’s Hospital Oakland. He first joined Connecticut Children’s in September 2000 as a staff physician in inpatient services, a role he maintained until December 2005 when he pursued the opportunity at John Muir Medical Center.

Dr. Sekaran received his bachelor’s degree in English Literature from the University of California and his medical degree from Tufts University School of Medicine in Boston. He completed a transitional internship at the Albert Einstein Medical Center and a one-year radiology residency at Massachusetts General Hospital before completing a pediatric residency at Children’s Hospital Oakland.

Dr. Sekaran’s areas of interest include neonatology, evidence based medicine and the implementation of clinical pathways. His overall goal is to continue to raise the level of quality in the inpatient setting. He is an assistant professor of pediatrics with the University of Connecticut School of Medicine and is board-certified in pediatrics. He is a member of the national pediatric committee for the Society of Hospital Medicine and is active with the Academy’s Section on Hospital Medicine.