Cancer Program **Family Update**

Monday, March 31 - Sunday, April 13, 2014

Cincinnati Children's
Cancer & Blood Diseases Institute

Meet Rachana Shah, MD

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The Cancer and Blood Diseases Institute welcomes Rachana Shah, MD. Dr. Shah comes to us from Children's Hospital Los Angeles, where she completed a fellowship in pediatric hematology-oncology. Her new position as an academic clinical faculty member in the Division of Oncology draws upon her years of experience treating cancer patients in New York as well as California before coming to Cincinnati.

Like all CBDI physicians, Dr. Shah is a member of our team of physicians and scientists conducting research with the goal of bringing discoveries in the lab to patients. Dr. Shah is part of the neuroblastoma program, led by Dr. Brian Weiss. She is continuing her studies of the genetics and new treatments for neuroblastoma, an area of expertise she has developed over her career.

Dr. Shah is a member of the New Approaches to Neuroblastoma Therapy (NANT) consortium, which is a national organization coordinating research on neuroblastoma. She recently designed an experimental treatment which NANT will use at one of its trainings.

Should you meet Dr. Shah, please welcome her and feel free to ask about her research. We are very happy to have her as part of our team.

To learn more about the cancer program, cancer research at Cincinnati Children's, or to make a contribution, please contact: John Perentesis, MD, Director of the Division of Oncology, at (513) 636-8241 or cancer@cchmc.org

There's a Monkey in my Chair!

Monkey in My Chair is a program of the Cure Starts Now Foundation for children ages 4-11 who are away from school because of a cancer diagnosis. The goal is to keep these children connected to their school and classmates. Each child's school is provided with a "Monkey Kit" which includes a large stuffed monkey that takes the child's place in school when the child is unable to attend. The monkey wears a backpack to keep messages from friends in a safe place.

The kit also includes a book for teachers to read to their students to help explain the situation that their classmate is facing. It also provides teachers with a guide to help incorporate this program into their classroom.

In addition to the "Monkey Kit" that the school receives, each child is given a companion monkey to help maintain a connection with their classmates. The child also has access to Monkey Message, which allows online sharing of pictures and documents with their classmates.

For more information visit http://www.monkeyinmychair.org or talk to a social worker. They can submit a referral so this program can be implemented in a child's school.

Events and Activities on A5

Monday, March 31	Craft of the Day: Sand Art in the Activity Center	Contact: Your Child Life Specialist
Tuesday, April 1	Craft of the Day: Spring Ornaments in the Activity Center	Contact: Your Child Life Specialist
Wednesday, April 2	Craft of the Day: Handprint Flowers in the Activity Center	Contact: Your Child Life Specialist
	Lunch with Dr. Perentesis - For All CBDI Parents and Caregivers 12:00 am - 1:00 pm in A5-440	Contact: Your Social Worker
Thursday, April 3	Craft of the Day: Paper Roll Trees in the Activity Center	Contact: Your Child Life Specialist
	Let's Chat - For All BMT Caregivers 1:00 - 2:00 pm in A5 South Parent Room	Contact: Your Social Worker
Friday, April 4	Craft of the Day: Wooden Photo Frames in the Activity Center	Contact: Your Child Life Specialist
Monday, April 7	Craft of the Day: Paper Cup Flowers and Vases in the Activity Center	Contact: Your Child Life Specialist
Tuesday, April 8	Craft of the Day: Bunny Headbands and Whiskers in the Activity Center	Contact: Your Child Life Specialist
	Flashes of Hope Photography - For CBDI Families 5:00 - 8:00 pm in the A5C Activity Center - *By Appointment Only*	Contact: Your Social Worker
Wednesday, April 9	Craft of the Day: Toy Animal Hospital in the Activity Center	Contact: Your Child Life Specialist
Thursday, April 10	Craft of the Day: Paper Plate Chicks in the Activity Center	Contact: Your Child Life Specialist
Friday, April 11	Craft of the Day: Beading in the Activity Center	Contact: Your Child Life Specialist
	Munch and Mingle - For All CBDI Parents and Caregivers 11:30 am - 12:30 pm in A5-440	Contact: Your Social Worker

Attending Physicians

Monday, March 31 to Sunday, April 6

Karen Burns, MD
Leuk/Lymph/Vascular
Attending Physician

Brian Turpin, DO
Solid Tumor/Neuro-Onc
Attending Physician

Monday, April 7 to Sunday, April 13

Christine Phillips, MD
Leuk/Lymph/Vascular
Attending Physician

Brian Weiss, MD
Solid Tumor/Neuro-Onc
Attending Physician

Clinical Hematology/Oncology Fellows

Lynn Lee, MD
Clinical Fellow

Kiersten Ricci, MD
Clinical Fellow

Beverly Schaefer, MD
Clinical Fellow

Complimentary Breakfast for all families available weekdays 8:00 - 9:00 AM in the Parent Lounge, A5S.
Please help yourself. Provided by the Katie Linz Foundation.

DAILY ROUNDS

8:15 - 9:00 AM **Chemotherapy Rounds** for scheduled chemotherapy admissions

9:00 - 11:00 AM **Acute Rounds** for new and ill patients