

Division of Plastic Surgery

DIVISION PROFILE

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| Number of Faculty | 5 |
| Number of Other Students (full and part-time) | 2 |
| Number of Support Personnel | 6 |
| Patient Encounters | |
| Outpatient | 3,328 |

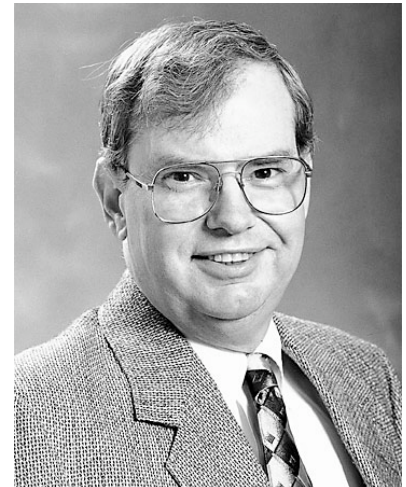
FACULTY LISTING

David A. Billmire, MD, Associate Professor of Surgery, Director, Pediatric Plastic Surgery
Christopher B. Gordon, MD, Assistant Professor of Surgery
W. John Kitzmiller, MD, Associate Professor of Surgery
Kevin Yakuboff, MD, Associate Professor of Surgery
Anu Bajaj, MD, Assistant Professor of Surgery

OVERVIEW

The Division of Pediatric Plastic Surgery at Children's Hospital Medical Center is staffed by five full-time faculty members of the University of Cincinnati. Of these faculty members, three have practices which are primarily pediatric. Dr. Billmire, the division director, has a practice which is almost exclusively pediatric with a heavy concentration on cleft lip and palate and craniofacial disorders. Dr. Yakuboff, who is director of Plastic Surgery at the Shriners' Burns Institute here in Cincinnati has a primary interest in pediatric burns, brachial plexus injury and pediatric congenital hand anomalies. He is fellowship trained in hand and microsurgery. He manages the more complex congenital hand anomalies and participates in the CHMC brachio-plexus reconstruction program. Dr. Gordon's clinical interests are in craniofacial surgery and facial distraction.

Dr. W. John Kitzmiller is the Division Director at the Department at the University of Cincinnati. Although Dr. Kitzmiller's practice is primarily adult, he has a special interest in facial animation and has established a program both at the Shriners' Hospital and Children's Hospital in microsurgical reconstruction of facial paralysis.



D. Billmire

The research efforts of the division are led by Dr. Christopher Gordon. Dr. Gordon's research interests and projects include generation of de novo human islets from epithelial cells, and chaperonins in congenital malformations of the craniofacial skeleton. Dr. Billmire's research focus is in genomics of craniosynostosis and mandibular distraction.

The division is heavily involved in teaching, operating a residency training program. We are one of the first programs in the country to establish a six year integrated plastic surgery residency. We provide lecture programs for the Department of Pediatrics, as well as joint programs with the Department of Otolaryngology and provide numerous programs for other divisions and departments.

HIGHLIGHTS

Clinical program development and growth continue to drive the highlights for the division. Key programs in congenital hand anomalies, brachial plexus reconstruction, and craniofacial anomalies continue to grow in volume and notoriety. Dr. Gordon continued his research and data collection with plans for NIH grant submissions in the coming year.