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KEYNOTERS

Diane Treadwell-Deering, M.D.
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Texas Children’s Hospital

Address title – Role of Psychotropic Medications in the Care of Children and Adolescents with Autism Spectrum Disorders

Dr. Diane Treadwell-Deering is an autism expert with Baylor College of Medicine and Texas Children’s Hospital. She believes autism is caused mostly by genetics. "I think it can be very distressing and frightening with families when they see a study that they're not sure about -- Did I do the wrong thing?" Treadwell-Deering says. "Should I get my child vaccinated? Should I have had a c-section? Aught I be breastfeeding? "I agree there is much more evidence to support the benefits of breastfeeding and not really the evidence that breastfeeding would be a cause of autism." With hundreds of studies out about autism, this researcher suggests families find a medical adviser they know well and trust, to help separate fact from fiction.

Baylor College of Medicine is studying the genes of parents who have one child with autism.

Soo-Jeong Kim, M.D.
Assistant Professor in the Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at University of Florida
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Address title - Advances in the study of the genetics of autism and new neurobiology
Dr. Kim’s major clinical interest at the University Of Florida College Of Medicine is focused on comprehensive phenotypic assessment and treatment of autism spectrum disorders (ASD). Dr. Kim is also interested in assessment and treatment of maladaptive repetitive behaviors among individuals with Prader-Willi syndrome (PWS). Dr. Kim works with trainees and staffs from the Center for Autism and Related Disability (CARD) office in her clinics to provide children with developmental disorders comprehensive evaluation and medical treatment planning.

Dr. Soo-Jeong Kim, board certified in general psychiatry and in child and adolescent psychiatry, is an Assistant Professor in the Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at University of Florida. Dr. Kim graduated from Seoul National University College of Medicine and completed her residency program in general psychiatry at Seoul National University. Dr. Kim received postdoctoral training studying molecular genetic bases of childhood-onset psychiatric disorders with Dr. Edwin Cook at University of Chicago. Subsequently, Dr. Kim completed residency and the first year of child fellowship at University of Chicago, and the second year of fellowship at University of Illinois at Chicago. Dr. Kim received Daniel X. Freedman’s Fellowship during her postdoctoral training. She also received Chairman’s award from the Department of Psychiatry at University of Chicago, International Medical Graduate (IMG) Mentorship Program Fellowship from American Association of Directors of Psychiatric Residency Training (AADPRT), and APA/Lilly Research Award from American Psychiatric Association (APA) during her residency and fellowship training.

Presenters

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Workshop title **Representational Difficulties in Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders.**

Sharon Weiss-Kapp is an Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor in the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences at the MGH- Institute of Health Professions at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston Massachusetts and a Senior Clinical Associate in the Autism Language Program at Children’s Hospital Boston. She is co-author of the book **Visual Language in Autism.** Ms. Weiss-Kapp is the author of the **Kapp Reading Instruction**, a multisensory, structured phonics reading program that is used in grades 1-3 internationally, and a lead designer of educational software for Lexia Learning Systems. She is a founding member of the Hanson Initiative for Language and Literacy (HILL) which provides teacher training-outcomes based research, and develops literacy materials for schools.
Ms. Weiss-Kapp consults to numerous public and private schools and presents nationally and internationally on the topics of autism and literacy.

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Workshop title - *Hey, Look at This! Sharing the Lens of Behavior Analysis with Parents*

Dr. Christopher McGinnis currently serves as clinical director of the McGinnis Psychology Group in Fort Myers, Florida, which offers behavior-analytically based developmental-behavioral pediatric and family psychological services. He is a charter certificant of the Behavior Analysis Certification Board and is licensed in three states as a psychologist. He had the great fortune of training under the current president of the Association for Behavior Analysis International, Dr. Patrick Friman, at Boys Town in Omaha. Dr. McGinnis has co-authored over a dozen articles on behavioral pediatrics, motivation, classroom management, and intellectual giftedness in peer-reviewed professional journals, and assisted with the National Autism Center's *National Standards Project*, published in 2009, which provides evidence-based practice guidelines for the education and treatment of children with autism spectrum disorders. He was recently awarded the Community Service Award of Excellence for Best Health Information Program by the statewide Florida Medical Association Alliance with respect to the early warning signs of neurodevelopmental disorders. Dr. McGinnis has practiced in the Southwest Florida region since 1998 and has served as an adjunct faculty member in the College of Education at FGCU, consulting psychologist to an intermediate care facility, school psychologist with the public schools, and associate medical staff member with the Lee Memorial Health System in addition to being an internship and postdoctoral residency trainer. He has also served in various leadership positions within a number of community nonprofits and advisory committees. Dr. McGinnis is Dad to two young children who continue to educate him.

**Jose Colon, M.D., M.P.H.**  
American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, Diplomat  
American Academy of Sleep Medicine, Member  
Society of Behavioral Sleep Medicine, Founding Member

Neuroscience Center, Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida  
Pediatric Sleep Center, Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida

Workshop title - *The Neurological Work up of a Child with Autism*
Dr. Colon is Board certified in pediatric neurology and board eligible in sleep medicine. He earned his medical degree and completed a residency in pediatrics at the University of South Florida in Tampa, Florida. He completed a fellowship in pediatric neurology at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee. He is fluent in both English and Spanish. Areas of special interest include general pediatric neurology, management of epilepsy and its comorbidities, migraine, concussions, tics, spasticity, parasomnias, narcolepsy, sleep disorder breathing and sleep disorders in children with neurodevelopmental disabilities.

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Workshop title – **Aging with Autism and Caregiver Challenges**

Dr. Elizabeth Perkins is a Research Assistant Professor and Health Coordinator at the Florida Center for Inclusive Communities (FCIC)'s, University of South Florida's (USF) University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD). She has a PhD in Aging Studies and a BA in Psychology, both from USF. Dr. Perkins is also an RNMH, a registered nurse from Great Britain, who was trained specifically in the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). Her clinical experience was predominantly in the field of geriatric care. Her areas of interest include aging with IDD - particularly heath issues, and the challenges that older caregivers of adults with IDD experience.

Dr. Perkins has several leadership roles. At the national level, she is the current President of the Gerontology Division of the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD), and is Chair of AAIDD’s National Task Force on Aging and End of Life Issues. She is also the co-convener of the Formal Interest Group on Developmental Disabilities for the Gerontological Society of America. At the state level, she is FCIC’s representative for the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council, and a member of FDDC's Health Care and Prevention Task Force.

Dr. Perkins' work has been published in peer reviewed journals, including *JAMA*, *Journal of Policy and Practice in Intellectual Disabilities*, *Rehabilitation Psychology*, and *Clinical Gerontologist*. Along with her colleagues Drs. Saxon and Etten, she co-authored the recently published 5th edition of the widely respected textbook "Physical Changes and Aging: A Guide for the Helping Professions".